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SDFF ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 2013

If you've dreamed of owning a pontoon boat, this is your year. You have two chances: you can win a 9' Tioga in the raffle; or you can buy a 9' Creek Company, including oars, anchor and electric motor, in the silent auction. Those and many, many other valuable items will be raffled and auctioned at the annual fundraiser. The event will again be held at beautiful Southwest Yacht Club. The date is Monday June 3, with social hour at 6 and the raffle at 7. Come early and enjoy dinner, a drink, and a few fish stories.

In the raffle, in addition to the GRAND PRIZE, a 6'6" 3/4 wt. two tip bamboo rod crafted by our own **Jon Holland**, we have five additional rods including a brand new 9' 4 wt. three piece traditional Winston, the perfect large spring creek rod. The other rods are all four piece airline friendly 5, 6, 7 & 8 wts. Don't forget, you have to be a member and be in attendance to win the GRAND PRIZE.

With luck, you could win a rod and a reel: there are seven

reels ranging in size from 5 wt. to 8 wt. Or, if you want to make it easy on yourself, just have the correct raffle ticket for one of the complete rod, reel & line outfits, a 9' 8 wt. four piece; and a 9' 6 wt. four piece, both by Cortland.

On the water you can wet wade, or you can win a certificate for a pair of chest high Gore Tex Simms Headwater waders, entitling you to any size, men's or women's waders. Just fill in the form and send it to Simms.

There are "ghost" type landing nets; fly lines; fly boxes stocked with flies; videos; chest packs; leaders; tippets; a Regal fly tying vice and a grizzly neck to get you started with your new vice.

In the silent auction, don't forget the second pontoon boat, and there's also a second **Jon Holland** bamboo rod. This one is a 7'6" three piece, two tip, 4/5 wt. These items should be subject to some aggressive bidding, but will nonetheless sell well below the retail value.

Also on the auction block will be a lovingly used 56"x 14" fly tying cabinet with 13 cedar lined drawers in a variety of sizes, and 48 thread posts. Set it on a table and you've got a perfect fly tying desk. Or, the cabinet folds into an easily storable box 28"x 14"x 8"

In addition to the above items, the auction will have works of art, books, trips, a stay at the Lake Crowley B&B Rainbow Tarns; guide services; and a beautiful bright pink lady's fishing vest (I think it's for a lady).

Please remember fellow Fly Fishers that this is the Club's only fundraiser. The raffle tickets you buy, and the money you spend at the silent auction go 100% after expenses to San Diego and California fly fishing and conservation causes. Join us at Southwest Yacht Club on June 3 for a very pleasurable and gratifying evening.

Jack Duncan
Chairman
2013 Fundraiser

It's all about the raffle...It's all about the raffle...It's all about the raffle...It's all about the raffle...

I could go on, channeling Jack Nicholson in *The Shining* and keep typing my version of "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" but I'll spare all of us that grim prospect.

But it is all about the raffle.

On **Monday, June 3rd** we will hold our Annual Fundraiser and silent auction at Southwestern Yacht Club. Come early to enjoy a fine dinner at the club's restaurant and perhaps imbibe in an adult beverage, especially if the combination of both makes you soporific and more inclined to purchase raffle tickets or bid on one of the many prizes on the auction table.

Jack Duncan has collected an impressive array of prizes. There are seven rods and seven reels, a fly tying vise, landing nets, fly tying material and a kit, gift certificates, fly boxes stuffed with flies, hats, and all the trappings you would need to make a splash at the river—not literally, but if you do then you'll be glad you won the Simms waders. And we have a couple of **Jon Holland** rods. One of the rods will be on the silent auction table and the other will be the final prize in the raffle. That is the only prize that comes with its own disclaimer:

you must be a member (and present) in order to win.

On the silent auction table we have a number of lodge packages, a Bob Berry sculpture, a 9-foot pontoon boat, the rumor of another watercraft, and a fly tying bench that Jack conservatively valued at over \$1,000.00. Bring your checkbook, your debit and credit cards, a bank line of credit, your home equity line, and all your spare change. It will be epic.

When our May speaker disappeared into the night, the resourceful and aforementioned Mr. Holland, in his role as Program Chair, brought in a movie. It was, to my recollection, the first San Diego Fly Fishers Movie Night. Hot buttered popcorn, sodas, water and our stout coffee rounded out the fare. Treasurer **Bruce Harris** turned into *MacGyver* and got the DVD humming.

Rivers of a Lost Coast chronicled the demise of the steelhead and salmon fisheries on a number of Northern California rivers, specifically the Eel, Russian, and Smith River. I once had the opportunity to fish the Gualala, where a limited steelhead run brings out the crazies for close quarter fishing. Synchronized casting and woe to the rookie who can't put his fly where it is meant to land!



Russell Chatham and Lani Waller weighed in on the likes of legendary fishermen Bill Schaadt and Ted Lindner. Schaadt was a particularly intriguing character, single-minded in purpose, a man who left the world as we know and understand it to immerse himself into his single passion. Schaadt would trade a salmon for a tank of gas. He collected junk; his home would have been a likely candidate for the television show, *Hoarders*. Even his fishing gear—every rod, line, fly, piece of tippet, reel—was someone else's castaway junk. Overfishing, the excessive harvesting of timber, the catastrophic results of a 100-year storms, dams, and poor resource management combined to destroy this world-class fishery.

Great idea, great night. We drew a nice crowd, including a large number of first timers...some who promised to return.

But when it is all said and done...It's all about the raffle.



San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Fundraiser

Date: Monday June 3, 2013

Time: 6:00 PM chat, eat, drink

7:00 PM raffle & auction

location: Southwestern Yacht Club

(NOT Sierra Elementary!!! **See map below**)

SDFF Member Bruce Harris has arranged for us to again hold our annual raffle at the Southwestern Yacht Club. This year we'll be able to eat and drink in the Yacht Club's new dining facility as we schmooze prior to the start of the raffle and silent auction. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to local (city, county, and state) conservation organizations, so please join us and help us raise money for these worthwhile causes.

Along with our usual annual array of outstanding rods, reels, fly boxes, flies and gadgets, we have a number of special prizes both in the **general raffle** as well as the **silent auction table**.

Raffle prizes include:

- ☐ 9 ft. **Tioga Pontoon Boat**
- ☐ 9 ft. 4 wt. 3 pc. **Custom Traditional Winston Rod**
- ☐ 4/5 wt. **Ross Vexsis Reel**
- ☐ 4 wt **TFI reel**
- ☐ Two **Aspen Reels** (5/7 wt. & 7/9 wt.)
- ☐ **GorTex Simms Headwater Waders** (to fit you!)
- ☐ **Regal tying vise**

It's not too late to buy more tickets or donate a prize for the raffle or silent auction !!

Buy tickets at Stroud Tackle or at the Yacht Club on the night of the event.

If you have new or slightly used fly fishing gear to donate for the raffle or silent auction, contact raffle chair Jack Duncan at or one of the SDFF board members.

We also have a **very special grand raffle prize: A two tip**

7'6" bamboo fly rod crafted by our resident bamboo rodmaker, **Jon Holland**. Jon has asked that the rod be won by someone in the audience the evening of the fundraiser, and also that the winner be a member of San Diego Fly Fishers. You must be present to win this grand prize. If you are not a member you can join at the meeting.

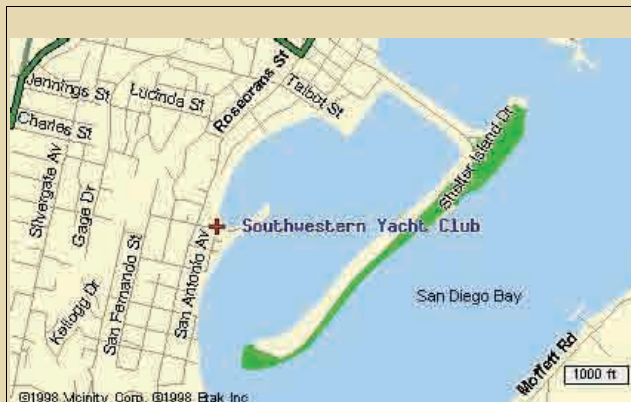
Silent Auction

- ☐ 9 ft Creek Company **Pontoon Boat** with oars, anchor and electric motor
- ☐ (another) **Jon Holland 7'6" two tip bamboo rod**
- ☐ 'Lovingly used' 56"x 14" **fly tying cabinet** with 13 cedar lined drawers
- ☐ More !!! art, books, trips, a stay at the Lake Crowley B&B Rainbow Tarns; guide services

Directions to SWYC from I8 West or I5 South

Exit Rosecrans West to Owen St.
Left on Owen 1 block to San Antonio
Left on San Antonio 2 blocks to Qualtrough
Right on Qualtrough & follow SWYC entry at end of street

Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough St.
San Diego, CA 92106
(619) 222-0438



MARCH ROD-BUILDING CLASS WITH JACK DUNCAN



We are all manly-men. We define concepts. We build things. We are at the top of our respective games. But for four weeks in March, Professor **Jack Duncan** reduced **Fred Gregory, Warren Lew, Steve Vissers** and yours truly to fumbling idiots.

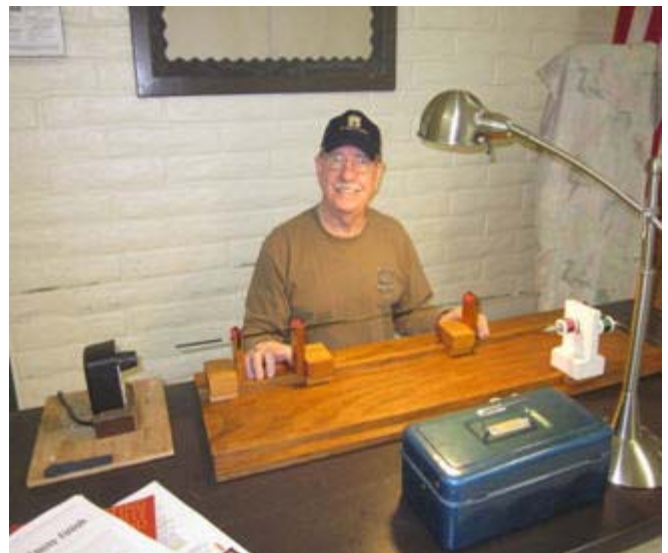
Rod building is not rocket science. However, (and that's a big however), without access to the twelve +/- "secret tips," what you end up with will likely not appear at the fine woodworking exhibit at the Del Mar Fair. Fortunately, through Jack's excellent tutelage, we did manage to avoid most of the pitfalls.

Like fly tying, I found the process to be as much fun as the final product. Jack was prepared at every step to share one or two nuggets of wisdom before moving on. In four weeks, I never heard one discouraging comment from him—even when the half finished product resembled something akin to a six grader's summer camp project. He never lost anyone's attention.

If you even suspect you might be interested in undertaking such a project next year, watch the *FINNY FACTS* for an announcement for Jack's next class. There is no tuition and with some careful shopping, you can collect the necessary tools and materials for a very modest sum and end up with a custom rod for a fraction of the retail price.

By the way, you will have the chance to win one of Jack's handcrafted custom Winston rods at the June Raffle. You do not want to miss this opportunity.

Lee McElravy



Seventh Annual Rush Creek Cleanup

Saturday, June 22nd, 2013
Rush Creek, Silver Lake Resort, June Lake Loop, CA



Trash, from monofilament to old bait containers, will be picked up from Rush Creek, Silver Lake and down the canyon as far as Grant Lake by member club representatives of the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) on Saturday, June 22nd. The Seventh Annual Rush Creek Cleanup is slated for 8 a.m.–noon, according to Joe Lemire, a member of the Streamborn Fly Fishing Club and SWC IFF representative. Silver Lake Resort in the June Lake loop will provide a free barbeque lunch following the cleanup. Volunteers will pick up and dispose of trash along an approximately five-mile stretch of the eastern Sierra along the shoreline of Silver Lake and Rush Creek from the power plant above Silver Lake down the canyon to Grant Lake. “We’ve previously filled as many as 60 trash bags on our Rush Creek cleanup; this year we expect to haul out 30 to 40,” Lemire said.

Club volunteers are expected to carry out coolers, sun glasses, broken bottles, automobile hub caps, hundreds of feet of fishing line, hooks, lures and bobbers that are a death trap to wildlife. If enough volunteers show up this year, the cleanup can continue up the canyon and impact the environment as far as the Gull Lake area. Anglers who will be in the area and want to volunteer should meet at the Silver Lake boat ramp at 8 a.m.; bring gloves, hat, sun screen, trash pick-up sticks, boots and waders if you have them. Trash bags will be provided by Silver Lake Resort. For information, contact Lemire at or phone

Interested members can coordinate with me, **Gary Strawn** via:



FLY OF THE MONTH

CDC Emerger Caddis - tan, size 14 (*Brachycentrus occidentalis*)

Hook: Dry Fly standard - TMC 100
Thread: Tan or gray 8/0
Tail: CDC tips
Body: CDC twisted
Wing: CDC tan or gray/tan
Head: Thread 8/0 tan or gray



Credit: <http://www.redsflyfishing.com/CDC-Emerger-Caddis-Tan-p/cdccaddis-tan.htm>

CDC is jokingly called Caddis Crack by a few of our guides, it is that good! It fishes extremely well as a dry fly but the cool thing about this bug is that it can be fished subsurface as well especially when the big trout get picky and want emerger patterns riding just under the surface tension. A wise move is to plan on fishing this fly behind an Elk Hair Caddis and use the front fly for visibility and the CDC to GET 'EM! Because this thing does get 'em. It's crazy.

Notes by Lucky Ketcham, April 25, 2013

This is a simple one material dry fly. It will need no fly floatant or dry powder fly floatant.

Mount the fly and attach the thread to the hook with a jam knot behind the eye. Make a tight thread base to the bend, stopping just above the barb of the hook. Pick one or two select CDC plumes and match the square tips to make them equal. Pinch the bundle and size a very small tail, about $\frac{1}{2}$ the hook gap in length. Hold the bundle of CDC with your left hand over the hook shank and attach with two soft pinch wraps. Pull straight down or straight up to keep the fibers on the top of the hook. Make a three more tight wraps. Lift the front of the CDC bundle and make a few thread wraps tight up against the CDC. This is a trick to try to secure the slick fibers on top of the hook and keep it from moving around. I would make a half hitch

here.

Now advance the thread to about the $\frac{3}{4}$ hook shank location this will be where you end the body and add the wing.

Grab the butt ends of the CDC bundle and twist it into a loose rope. Wrap the rope forward in touching turns. Make sure you covered the thread wraps at the tail connection.

The CDC rope will give the impression of segmentation of the abdomen. Tie off the CDC at the $\frac{3}{4}$ shank mark and trim the excess butts.

Pick another select CDC plume for the wing. Gently stroke all the fibers toward the square

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Fly of the Month

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tip. We do not want to cut CDC fibers. Try to get the tips fairly even and pinch the bundle down at the length desired for the wing. Hold the feather bundle over the body to size the wing. It should extend just to hook bend. See the photo above.

The wing should not go to the end of the tail. Make some with even shorter wings. Emergers can have short crumpled wings. Tie down the wing just in front of the body, leaving room for a thread head. CDC fibers are soft and will compress easily. Trim the butts of the CDC feather leaving a short length that can be incorporated into the head. Tying through the excess feather butts will help keep the wing from pulling out.

Whip finish behind the hook eye. I rarely add head cement to dry flies.

Do not hesitate to fish the emerger patterns just under the surface. When there are thousands of adults on the surface the emerger or even the soft hackle caddis below might take more fish than the standard Elk Hair Caddis.

The distance between a two fly rig should vary with the speed of the current seams. Try 20 inches between flies in flat current seams and down to 6 inches in fast water. You do not want the flies to fight each other when you want a dead drift.



FREE CASTING LESSONS EVERY SUNDAY 9 AM--NOON

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at Lake Murray to cast or improve your skills. Free instruction is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors.

DIRECTIONS--Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Boulevard. Go north on Lake Murray Boulevard to Kiowa Drive. Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That's our bunch.

Annual Raffle is June 3rd

Buy Your Tickets Now!



In Memorium
Charles Grant “Mike” Bemis

passed away on April 27, 2013.
He was 72 years old.

East County YMCA, and the Lake
Cuyamaca Foundation.

Some excerpts from the San Diego
Union Tribune Obituary:

Mike loved to fish catch-and-
release in San Diego Bay and at
Lake Cuyamaca, and enjoyed fly
fishing expeditions to the Eastern
Pacific, Alaska, Colorado, Central
America, and Northern California.

Mike was born in Dubuque, Iowa
on July 13, 1940. He died at his La
Mesa home of metastatic brain
tumors with his wife Shannon
O’Dunn at his side.

He hunted deer, turkeys, pheas-
ants, and ducks, and he always had
a naturalists tale to bring home.
Mike grew vegetables, flowers,
and a small orchard of fruit trees.

Mike attended Helix High School
(‘58) and San Diego State Univer-
sity (BS Geology, ‘63). He worked
for 50 years as a geotechnical
professional, domestically and
overseas.

Contributions in Mike’s name may
be made to the Lake Cuyamaca
Foundation, P.O. Box 991, 15027,
Highway 79, Julian, CA 92036
(phone Georgia at

He served on many boards of
nonprofits, including the AWWA, the

HELP WANTED

The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC FFF) is in need of someone to coordinate some of our events. One of the purposes of the Council is to increase outreach to the general public. Some of these events include the Fred Hall Show in both Long Beach and Del Mar, Sport Chalet, Fly Fishing Film Tour and others that come our way throughout the year. The job would be to keep track of these events, decide how many and what type of volunteers are needed for each one and generally be the liaison between the Council and these groups.

If you are the type to help us create a movement towards more fly anglers in SoCal and Southern Nevada, we want you.

This description makes it sound like a full time job. In reality, would only take a few hours each month. For more information, contact **Michael Schweit (818) 601 9702 or president@southwestcouncilfff.org**. Please join us in this quest to show everyone we have the greatest sport around.



Recipients of the
Stroud Award

2004-Jim Brown
2005-Allen Greenwood
2006- Hugh Marx
2007- Mike Rivkin
2008- Bill Van Wulven
2009- Larry Bottroff
2010- Gary Strawn
2011- Bob Fletcher
2012- Bill and Eileen Stroud



EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations are gratefully
accepted
Make checks payable to Eileen
Stroud Conservation Fund

Mail to:
Stroud Conservation Fund
1457 Morena Blvd
San Diego, CA 92110

All funds collected in Eileen's name will be donated to fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San Diego County.

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Gordon Foster (in memoriam), Bill and Eileen Stroud (in mem), Bernie Hammes (in mem), Hugh Turner (in mem), Nancy Pitts, Bob Wisner (in mem), Ken Armer, Glen Paul (in mem), Betty Coram, Ned Sewell, John Kasten (in mem), Leo Bergevin (in mem), George Beach (in mem), Bob Camp (in mem), Marvin Darling, Gene Jerzewski, Oz Osborn (in mem), Robbie Robinson (in mem), John Gauld (in mem), Lloyd Jefferies (in mem), Doug Joseph, Gary Hilbers, Tom Smith, Bud Olsen

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Cutoff date for **July FINNY FACTS**
articles---**Friday June 14th.**

Send articles to:
Rose and Roger Yamasaki,
E-mail at
Thanks!!

**Send change of address information,
signup for electronic version of newsletter,
or Club membership renewal to:**

Paul Woolery

Recipients of the: **GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD**

For unselfish and outstanding service
to the flyfishing community

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1991-Ned Sewell | 2004-Joe Bain |
| 1992-Bob Camp | 2005-Jim Reeg |
| 1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud | 2006-John Kasten |
| 1994-Ed Velton | 2007-Lucky Ketcham |
| 1995-Bob Wisner | 2008-Louie Zimm |
| 1996-Gary Hilbers | 2009-Warren Lew |
| 1997-Jack Bentley | 2010- Paul Woolery |
| 1998-Gordie Zimm | 2011-Gary Strawn |
| 1999-Gretchen Yearous | 2012-Lee McElravy |
| 2000-Tom Smith | |
| 2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki | |
| 2002-Larry Sorensen | |
| 2003-Jim Tenuto | |



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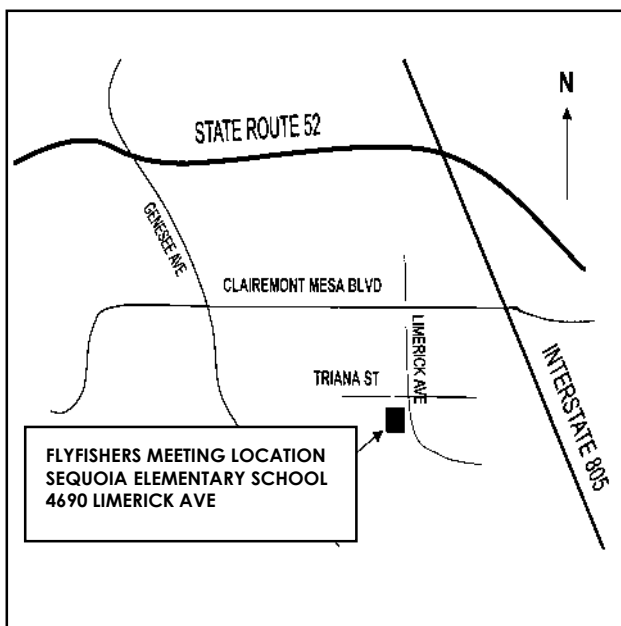
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www.sandiegoflyfishers.com

Meeting Place for Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 1.6 miles. When you come to Lake Adlon Drive, (first corner past Jackson Dr.) turn left. Go down three blocks and the recreation center will be on your right. It is on the corner of Lake Adlon and Lake Badin.



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