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January Meeting

Don't forget to sign up for the annual Stroud Banquet held on January 4, 2010

The Annual Stroud Banquet will be held at the Admiral Baker Golf Course clubhouse on January 4, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be served starting at 7:00 p.m. Come celebrate another successful year with us. Great door prizes and a special drawing for new club members. **There is still time to purchase tickets.**

A Thank You to the Jack Bentley's of the Club

By Lucky Ketcham

I woke up this morning at 3:30 AM, thinking that I should write a thank you note to **Jack Bentley** for the rods and reels he recently donated to the club and to our new member programs. In the past few weeks he has called me several times to pick up some fly tying materials, some of his 9 weight fly rods he used for salmon and a few days ago some little 4 and 7 weight rods. The rods were not expensive but you could tell they were used and had a history. I don't really like a rod with clean cork. Worse yet is a cork handle still wrapped in plastic. They have no history. Can you imagine the history of the petrified fish slime and river muds on Jack Bentley's fly rods. How many fish? How many states; and how many rivers have these rods seen?

I passed several of the rods and reels to younger members last night with the knowledge that the rods were freely given with the hope that they would enable more people to enjoy fly fishing. Fly rods are a gift that keeps on giving. This note is a thank you to Jack Bentley on behalf of our SDFF Mentor Program and the people his donations will help. Jack is having some health problems and his balance prevents him from wading and hiking to the rivers he loves. He has loved many rivers and lakes all over the



west and Alaska. The new members do not remember, Jack as the long term Travel Chairman of SDFF. He has introduced many members to the joys of the San Juan River in New Mexico, Lee's Ferry in Arizona, the Green River in Utah, the Saltery Lodge in Alaska, Mammoth Lakes in the Sierras, and many other locations.

He has an old notebook on how to plan and coordinate each trip, that I am tempted to borrow and take notes. Jack has been giving to our club for many, many years. It takes 5 people to do the job that Jack once did. I was going to write just a simple thank you, and then I started thinking of all the Jack Bentleys that have generously donated time and talent to me and others over the years. One of the best things about being the mem-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JANUARY 2010

As I write this last letter as your club president I would like to say that I have enjoyed my term as your club president. Despite a gloomy economic forecast for 2009, our club did very well. Thanks to members like you and your Officers and Board of Directors we can celebrate another successful year.



PAUL WOOLERY

Speaking of celebrating, the Stroud Banquet is just around the corner. Please join us at the Admiral Baker Golf Course clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. on January 4th. A buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. We will be

honoring those club members who have gone beyond the call of duty to serve the club. The Gordon Foster Memorial Award will be presented to a deserving club member. The presentation of the Stroud award will also be made. This award is to recognize individuals for life-long achievement in the sport of fishing or in conservation and environmental causes that benefit the sport of fishing.

Congratulations to the new officers and board members for 2010. Your new officers and board are as follows:

Larry Sorensen	President
Art Reifman	1st VP
Don Davis	2nd VP
Wayne Allen	Treasurer
Bob Stafford	Secretary
Gary Farrar	Director
Maria Goldmen	Director
Jon Hee	Director
Lee McElravy	Director
Bob Pharoah	Director
Gary Strawn	Director
Alan Thompson	Director
Paul Woolery	Director

I would like to remind everyone that your officers and board of directors are here to serve you. Should you have any concerns or suggestions please feel free to contact any of them.

Happy New Year

Thank You to Jack Bentley

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bership chair person is that I get to look over the long list of people past and present almost every day. Every time I play with the database and see a whole page of your interests and club history a mental picture pops into my head. I remember **John Kasten** helping me with a casting line problem on my first visit to Lake Murray 15 or 16 years ago. It was 5 years or more before I joined the club. I had read a magazine on how to make a loop connection by folding over the tip of the fly line and whip finishing the tag end. I now had a level 6 wt floating line with a heavy sinker on the end. I would cast it out and the leader would fall back on top of itself. I was very frustrated because I had fished many years without that problem and I thought I was just out of practice.

John came up, recognized the problem and told me "You need to cut that damn thing off your line or get a tapered fly line." John is a fine gentleman, but he tells it like it is. I went down to **Bill and Eileen** for a double tapered Cortland 333 fly line the next Tuesday. I have been going into Strouds since I moved to San Diego. If I was feeling homesick and missed my mother and father, I would visit Bill and Eileen. Fishing and talking about fishing with Bill and his customers is comforting to me. The Sunday Casting group has become a sanctuary for many members. **Ned, Ken, Marvin, Floyd, and Lee** have been wonderful instructors. I can remember Ken trying to change me from a gentle east coast "Fly Flicker" to a distance caster. I was working on

my double haul and it was still not going anywhere. Ken grabbed my arm and said: "Don't be afraid of it. Put some power into it!" He pushed my arm forward with enough force that I almost fell into the lake. The line went shooting out - 70 feet. That was 10 years ago, but I remember it like it was yesterday. I thank God for people like **Ken Armer, Tom Smith, Gary Hilbers, Larry Sorensen, Ned Sewell, Bob Pharoah, Paul Britting, Ed Velton, Al Venton, Louie and Gordie**; and almost everyone I have met in SDFF. You would not think a rough old Drill Sargent would be one of the most generous people in the world. Spend a summer with Bob Pharoah and Paul Britting if you want some memories. I thank all the Jack Bentley's in the club.

Lucky





**San Diego Fly Fishers
Annual "STROUD" Banquet**

Monday January 4th 2010

6:30 to 9:00 PM

**Admiral Baker Clubhouse
U.S. Navy Recreation Center**

(just off Friars Road, approximately 1 mile east of Qualcomm Stadium)

**Come celebrate another successful year
for San Diego Fly Fishers.**

**The price is only \$25 per person for a great buffet dinner
in a beautiful and convenient setting.**

The \$25 price includes a door prize ticket!

**Sign-up at a meeting, at Stroud Tackle or mail to:
San Diego Fly Fishers, Attn Stroud Banquet**

**Please make your reservations prior to December 21
Spouses and guests are welcome!**



FLY OF THE MONTH

Skip Nymph - by Skip Morris, Best of a GRE and Pheasant tail



Hook: 14-10 nymph
Thread: 6/0 black
Tail: Pheasant tail fibers
Body: Rabbit antron dubbing
Ribbing: Copper wire
Shellback: Pheasant tail fibers
Thorax: Rabbit antron dubbing well picked out (legs of partridge optional)

1. Tie in pheasant tail fibers at bend of hook with several wraps of thread, and then pull butts back over tail and secure back with several more wraps of thread.
2. Tie in copper wire ribbing.
3. Dub antron dubbing on to thread and wrap forward about 3/4 the way up the hook shank.
4. Pull pheasant tail over body and secure with thread, do not trim butts, they will be used for wingcase.
5. Wrap copper wire over shellback and body and secure with thread and trim.
6. Pull the pheasant tail butts back and secure back with several wraps of thread.
7. Dub a generous amount of antron dubbing on to thread and wrap forward to eye. Make thorax thicker than abdomen.
8. Pull pheasant tail butts over thorax and secure with thread.
9. Trim, whip finish, and head cement

An alternative method is to tie the pheasant tail after the rib and body, then pull the wing case back to make the thorax.



We Are Now Collecting Membership Dues for 2010

The dues remain at \$35 single and \$45 family. Members do not need to file a renewal application, unless there are changes to their records. A single check made out to Sdff can be sent to

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or to the new club mail box.

Members can expect a regular annual billing sometime in October. There is a promotion to bring friends and family into the club. New member names will be added into a drawing for a rod and reel at the Stroud Banquet. The new member may provide the name of an existing member that recruited them or influenced them into joining the club. That name will be placed into a special drawing for \$50. Many of the newest members have not selected or provided a name for that special drawing. There may be a benefit for taking a new member under your wing. Take a friend fishing. Make new friends.

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Sdff Membership 2009 Trivia

Lucky thanks to all those that have paid their 2010 dues early; 48% of the memberships are in before Xmas. At this moment we have 365 members with 293 memberships for 2009/10. 57 of the memberships are for families of 2 to 4. Seventy one members are ladies making up one of the largest ladies fly fishing organizations around. We call them the "Irresistibles."

249 members have provided their ages to help understand our club member profile. The numbers have been extrapolated to give a better estimate. The average age of a Sdff member is 68 years young.

Estimated # in 365 members

Less than 18	=	5	2.0% Youth	7
18 to 30	=	6	2.4% Young Adults	9
31 to 50	=	24	9.6% Mid Adults	35
51 to 62	=	100	40.2% Boomers	146
63 to 75	=	92	36.9% Seniors	134
76 to 92	=	22	8.8% Sages	32

Annual Fly Fishers Trip to Bishop

Arrangements have been made with Tom Loe for three boats and four guides for the sixth of March 2010. Reservations for six rooms at the Elms Motel are also made.

For more information or to reserve a slot call or e-mail Dick Mount at



“How To”...SDFF Meeting Set-up and Breakdown 2010

SET UP

- Arrive by 6:30 PM
- Unlock SDFF cabinets (located on stage left) combination lock # 1-2-3
- Carry name-tag cases to back of auditorium. Cases are located adjacent to cabinets
- Someone is usually there by 6:00 PM to set up condiment table and start coffee
- Move salad bar tables flat against the wall (if they are set up)
- Set up tables next to back windows for name tag boxes
- Arrange table for raffle ticket sales
- Arrange 2-3 tables in front of stage steps for raffle items
- Set up club P.A. system (found in cabinets on stage)
- Set up slide projector (extension cord in cabinet) and pull down screen in back of stage
- Make sure faculty restrooms are unlocked and hall lights are on (see custodian)
- Check with custodian about heater for auditorium if needed
- Put out large trash cans and recycle bin (from teacher's lounge)
- **Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle)**

BREAKDOWN

- Be sure all chairs and tables are returned to original positions
- Check and clean up trash, spills, and crumbs
- Turn off and put away microphone, screen and projector
- Return coffee pot, condiment box, blue bin, and name tag boxes to cabinet. **LOCK CABINET!**
- Custodian is responsible for shutting down and locking up, but please double check any windows that may have been opened.

It is important that we return this room to the same order as we found it as the school uses this room first thing in the morning and they have no time to rearrange before the kids arrive.

A copy of this memo will be posted on the inside of the cabinet door (however, you will need to memorize our tricky combination, 1-2-3)

NOTE: The board wants to get a head count at our 2010 meetings. Please be exact in the number of chairs you set up. Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle).





FLYBUY, 2010



A Fundraiser for the SouthWest Council, Federation of Fly Fishers
And
An Opportunity for YOU to learn and improve in your Sport!

Join us for a day of fly tying, casting instruction and a chance to pick up some lightly used gear at a great price while helping the SWCFFF.

Date – February 20, 2010, Saturday 9-4

Place – Long Beach Casting Club

Cost – 10.00 includes BBQ burgers and dogs

RSVP – for casting, leader class and food – January 30, 2010

818.7573474 or secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org

GARAGE SALE

We need your members to donate items to be sold in a fishing garage sale. These can be rods, reels, lines, clothing, vests or accessories. We are going to lay it all out on a table or a tarp and take the best offer we can get. Anything not sold will be donated to **Project Healing Waters, Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club or as needed by the SWC member clubs**. Let's get items that are in working order and have a value of at least \$10. This not a swap meet – it is a HUGE YARD SALE. This is a great opportunity to get rid of extras, duplicates and unwanted gifts. Give any items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly.

CASTING

Want to be a better caster at the end of the day? Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from Certified Federation Instructors. For the nominal fee of \$1.00 per minute (15 minutes minimum), you will have your casting analyzed by one of our great instructors. Single handed, Spey, double-haul - whatever you need, we can provide. Lessons will be available from 11am until 3 pm. Advance reservations are necessary so that we will have enough instructors on hand. Please RSVP by January 30 of your interest and approximate time. We will take care of the rest.

FLY TYING

You may not be aware of this, but the SWC clubs have some of the most prominent and innovative tyers around. Many will be here for demonstrations of their techniques. And some of their special flies will be available for purchase. There will also be an auction for the really special one-of-a-kind flies by these tiers and clubs have donated flies for purchase.

In a related class, Mas Okui (Hot Creek Guru) will be teaching how to tie his freshwater leaders. The class is \$30.00 which goes to purchase the leader kit with enough material to create bunches of leaders that make the manufactured ones blush in shame. Limited to the first 20 people.



Recipients of the
Stroud Award
 2004-Jim Brown
 2005-Allen Greenwood
 2006- Hugh Marx
 2007- Mike Rivkin
 2008- Bill Van Wulven



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.

Cutoff date for February FINNY FACTS articles---Friday January 15th.

Send articles to:
 Rose and Roger Yamasaki,
 5415 Lodi Place
 San Diego, CA 92117
 858-274-2712.

You can E-mail at finnyfacts@gmail.com Thanks!!

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

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

HONORARY MEMBERS

Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler (in memoriam), Hugh Marx, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood, Mike Rivkin, Bill Van Wulven

Recipients of the: GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service
 to the flyfishing community

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



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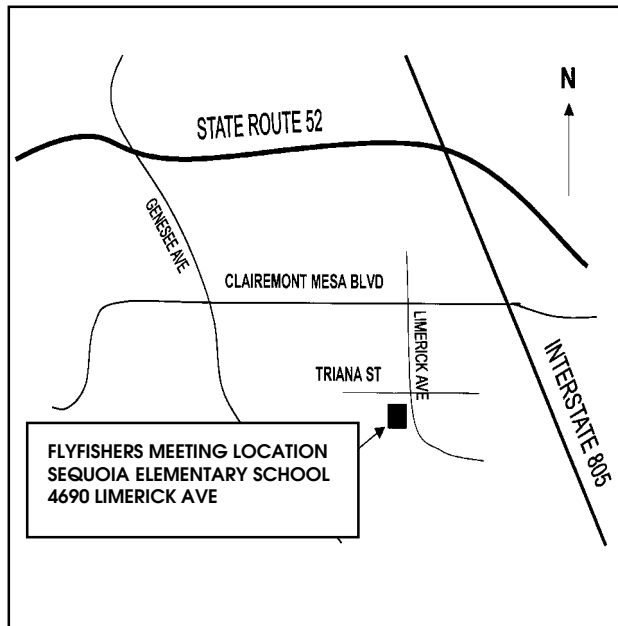
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Meeting Place for Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. (We no longer meet at the Lake Murray Water Training Facility at 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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