

AUGUST SPEAKER

Jeff Solis of the San Diego Fly Shop

Since 1995 Jeff has averaged 50 days a year fishing and guiding other fly fishers in Baja Mexico. Through his association with Baja on the Fly he has become one of the most experienced fly fishers in the East Cape region of Baja Mexico.

Jeff developed his guiding experience and passion for teaching fly fishing while working summers at Frying Pan Anglers in Basalt while attending college in Colorado from 1989 to 1994.

In July 1995 Jeff opened San Diego Fly Shop with a plan to become San Diego's premiere full service fly shop catering to all angles of fly fishing and specializing in the fast growing saltwater direction of the sport.

In 1999 Jeff sold his interest in San Diego Fly Shop to a group of Phoenix businessmen who also own a shop in Phoenix. As they move ahead to grow and expand the shop, Jeff and the new owners will continue to offer the finest fly fishing products, expert education and worldwide fishing travel packages.

REMINDER

Volunteer hosts for the
August meeting
(report at 6:15 PM):

**Jim Reeg &
Lasoya**

Thank you, Mona Morebello

Fly Fishing Fourth (of July)!

Sam and Mona Morebello Fish Battle Creek



Dutch Auction at August Meeting

Bill Schrader, who won the Fly-Tool Vise at the Annual Raffle, has donated his never-used Renzetti Travel Vise to the club for a Dutch Auction at the August meeting. In case you don't know how this works, the bidding starts with a HIGH \$\$\$ value, set by the auctioneer; and the bidding goes down from there. If no one accepts the opening value, the price is dropped by the auctioneer. The first person to accept the price at which the vise is offered is the winner.

The clear waters of Battle Creek flow out of Lassen Volcanic National Park. We were lucky enough to spend the long 4th of July weekend at the Oasis Springs Lodge, east of Red Bluff, fishing 6 miles of private waters. The South Fork of Battle Creek is a tributary of the Sacramento River and is home to countless wild trout.

You could see the trout stacked up like logs in the clear waters. Catching them was a real challenge. They were crafty and choosy, not to mention the fact that the evening hatch of PMDs and Caddis occurred 20 minutes before it was too dark to see your fly!

Nonetheless, it was sparkles and fireworks when you finally landed one. They fought hard and put on quite an aerial show, very exciting and challenging.

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, August 7, 2000
7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School
4690 Limerick Ave.
(See map on back page)



San Diego Fly Fishers

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Death, Divorce and Fishing Companions... that pretty much sums up the things I have pondered the most over the past couple of months. The first two are, of course, dreaded, but the third helps to put it all into focus. Recently, three people close to me were all diagnosed with cancer. And they are all close to my age—50-something-year-olds—which further serves to bring the idea of one's own mortality close to home. I don't think I will ever forget the day that Ben, a best friend and business colleague for over 20 years, called to tell me he had been diagnosed with liver cancer. That was one of the toughest conversations I have ever had. And after eight years, Patricia and I have finally decided that we have arrived at a point in our lives where we make much better friends than spouses, and have brought our marriage to an end.

Death and divorce are realities in life that we some more than others—have to deal with sooner or later, be it due to personal circumstances or that of friends or family. At times like these, often about the only thing you have to hang your hat on is optimism and gratitude...which brings me to fly fishing, as there is an abundance of both to be found in the lessons of fishing. To quote from *The Fisherman's Guide to Life*, "fishing is a sport built upon hope. Each cast is made into uncertain waters, and the final outcome remains in doubt until the quarry is safely in the boat. Some days the fish aren't biting, and no angler on earth can make them rise to the bait. During such times, an optimistic spirit is more valuable than a box full of high-priced tackle...the optimistic angler, believing in the inevitability of his success, keeps casting. Eventually the tide turns, and the fish begin to bite. In fishing, as in life, the size of the catch depends upon the size of one's hopes."

And fishing teaches us gratitude. "As trauma and change rock your soul, as you struggle...no matter where you are, you can always go fishing for something"—*Mark Strand*. Again borrowing from the same

book, "every day spent fishing should be a day of thanksgiving. Fishermen are surrounded by the beauty of nature, they experience the thrill of the catch, and they enjoy the companionship of fellow anglers." The last week of July, I and

three long time friends are going to the San Juan River for what has become an annual fishing ritual, a pilgrimage to the Mecca of fly fishing in the Southwest.

One of my companions will be my best friend Patrick Miller, whom I have known for 22 years. We have done about everything of a non-sexual nature that two men can do together. We have been

married at the same time, and we have been divorced...and we have been married and divorced again. We have gotten drunk together, sailed together, dated the same women, and fished together—and the friendship has survived it all, and always will.

The second person is Mark Clements, whom I have known for about the same amount of time. In addition to being a best friend, we have shared the thrill of victory and, more often, the agony of defeat racing sail boats; and he was my business manager for many years before leaving the firm to pursue other ventures. Last but not least, the fourth member of the trip is Byron Shovlain, whom I have also known for a couple of decades. Our friendship is also based on years of sailing competitively, and more recently, fishing. Mark and Byron were both formerly Red Neck fisherman that I have managed to save, although neither has really learned how to cast a fly rod very well.


I believe this annual ritual started three years ago. And this trip is going to be about the same as the previous trips, except we are tacking on another day of fishing, and we will all be sharing a big cabin at Soaring Eagle Lodge instead of Abe's Motel. Other than that, we don't want it to change. It is a bit strange how

these sorts of things come about. You certainly don't sit down and say we are going to plan a fishing trip that we are going to repeat every year. It just happens. At some point in the journey back home from a fishing trip you collectively realize that this was so much fun you want to do the same thing next year...and a tradition is born.

And the tradition is based on friendships that run deeper than any river we will ever fish. As said best by John Ashley-Cooper, one thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions. None of us is going to divorce the other, not ever. And we are all going to show up for the trip to the San Juan each year, unless deathly ill...even then, we will probably just postpone the trip until the person is well or buried.

This club is rich in camaraderie, as well...over 300 members of it. You will find it at the meetings, and you will find it at the casting clinics at Lake Murray every Sunday morning. All you have to do is show up to feel it. I encourage you to take stock of your fishing companions, or maybe meet a new one. Invite someone new to the club on your next weekend outing. Who knows, that person standing next to you at the meeting may be your next best friend, fishing companion, and buddy for life.

How are my friend Ben and the others doing? I am pleased to report that all have had very successful surgeries, and are expected to have many years left in them—which makes them, their families, their friends and me very happy. As for myself, I will undoubtedly get married again one day, and Patricia and I will always be the best of friends. To turn the phrase, in life, as in fishing, the size of the catch depends upon the size of one's hopes. And in ponds, streams, rivers, lakes, oceans and personal relationships, the self-fulfilling prophesy is alive and well.

I leave you with one final thought: The gods do not deduct from a man's allotted span the hours spent in fishing (Babylonian Proverb)—grab a buddy and go fish! 



PATRICK CASE



Thank You!



Kim Jones

It was four years ago at the June Raffle that I officially joined SDFF. I had been attending meetings for a couple months before that to see if I would enjoy being a member. To say the least, joining SDFF has had a major impact on my life. That first June Raffle resulted in my winning a Sage 4-piece, 5-weight rod, which was the thrill of my life. I was so excited that night that I ended up lost down on Home Avenue trying to figure out how I missed the 805 transfer to Hwy 94 and not really caring as long as I got my new rod home safely, which I did. Since then I have enjoyed being a member of the board, attended the rod building class,

attended the fly tying class, chairperson for the monthly raffle, group trips to Bishop, and an honored member of the "Warm Water Bucket".

This June Raffle turned out to be the new highlight of my membership; I was truly surprised and honored to win the Winston 9' 5-weight rod. What a shock to have my named called and what an honor it is to use this fabulous rod. SDFF has been a wonderful addition to my life, not just in equipment but in the wonderful people who give of themselves to make the club what it is today.

I have listed "things" that the club has brought into my life, but the greatest gifts are the people themselves. First, the women who stepped up at those first few meetings and made me feel welcome, thanks Gretchen Yearous, Shelly Wagner, Patricia Case, Gordie Zimm, Jane Velton, Carrie Christianson, Sherry Brainerd and Mona Morebello, just to name a few. Second, thank you to the wonderful men who have extended not only friendship but camaraderie as well, thanks to Ed Velton, Joe Bain, Raymond Stillwell, Gary Hilbers, George Gates, Carl Stanzione, CT Reinert, Jim Reeg, Louie Zimm, John Kasten, Tom Smith and numerous other smiling faces.

Have you ever had people in your life that have had such an impact you are at a loss as to how to express your gratitude for their friendship? Bill & Eileen Stroud are just those people to me. I would not be the fisher person I am today, which really may not be much of a complement, if it wasn't for them. Their never ending patience and their always-kind advice has meant the world to me! SDFF would not be the same club it is today without them!

Last but not least my favorite fishing partner Fran Surber. If you have never fished with Fran you are truly missing a wonderful experience. She was not a flyfisher when I first met her, but had always had the desire to become one. For Fran, desire is all that is required. She is always willing to drive anywhere, hike anywhere to fish anywhere! You won't find a more intelligent, humorous and determined fishing partner! Fran you're the greatest.

SDFF has been and will continue to mean the world to me. I am deeply grateful for the existence of SDFF and just wanted to somehow express my gratitude. I hope I have been successful at some level. Thank you, thank you, thank you SDFF! 🐟

And The Winner Is...

Actually, there were a lot of winners in this year's Annual Raffle. However, the following people were not present to receive their prizes:

David Collins—Rainbow trout fly plate

Jim Murphy—Float tube

Scott Johnson—Box of 100 flies

John Grim—Binoculars

Steve Gregowski—Teeny gift certificate

Bill Schrader—Fly tying vise

Will the above people please pick up their prize at the office of

by July 31, 2000; the prizes will not be brought to any subsequent meetings.

After that date, all unclaimed prizes will be considered forfeited, and donated to the club for its use.

Calling for Video Donations

A number of us have fly fishing videos that we will rarely look at again.

Rather than letting them simply gather dust, please consider donating your videos to the club for the use of all the members. You will not only be sharing your videos with others, but saving the club the money it would otherwise have to spend improve and expanding its video library.





JACK BENTLEY

New Mexico on the Agenda for the Fall

San Juan River Trip October 8-13

This is a great trip, beautiful scenery, low water, easy wading, and everyone catches fish. **Reservations must be in prior to August 15th.** Contact Lynn Atnip the trip organizer for further details.

Baja Bonanza

by Tom Lucas

This is the story of Ted (C.T.) and Tom's terrific trip to Baja....with apologies to Mr. D. Weed. As some of you may know, we fish together a lot. Ted introduced me to surf fishing and I keep trying to make him a better trout fisherman! Anyway, enough of the frivolous stuff; let's set on with the story.

Ted and I went to the last Long Beach Show but Ted went with a definite plan. He wanted to find a good "deal" on a trip to Baja for blue-water fishing..look out Jack, you have a rival! We came home loaded with pamphlets and Ted picked Costa Mar Sportfishing and Loreto as the destination. Why he did we'll never know but he quickly twisted my arm and that of a company buddy, one Stan Nowacki.....alias Mr. D. Weed. Ted thought we should go down to Loreto right after Memorial Day for a 5 day/4 night stay and fish offshore in a super-panga for several days. It sounded good to me and it must have to Stan because he flew over from Detroit! If I lived in Detroit, I'd fly out on a regular basis, too. Right Stan? I don't think any of us knew much about Loreto, except that it was in B.C.S. (southern Baja) and was probably less frequented by "gringos" than places like San Felipe. The fishing was only rated "5 out of 10" by several books that I had and so we left Los Angeles on an ancient Aero

California MD-80 with few expectations and a sense of adventure.

The flight was notable for three things on both legs of the journey. ..1. a very loud intercom, 2. great drinks and, 3. pretty good airline food. Loreto was hot, dry and poor; typical of coastal Baja towns. However, we found all the officials and people to be very friendly and our hotel was an oasis in more ways than one. We highly recommend the place. You never need to go into town, such is the atmosphere, service and amenities. I believe the Oasis has been catering to fishermen since 1962 and I met one fellow who said he'd been there 27 years in a row! Did I mention it was a great place..?! Lunch and dinner always starts with chips and salsa, followed by a good soup, main course and dessert. Mariachis visit at dinner time and they're pretty good as well..\$5 gets you two songs.

The routine is this: get up at 0500 and eat a hearty American breakfast at 0530. By 0600, you are on your panga, have bait and are off on the 25-30 mi. trip offshore. You fish till midday and then run back in. Your fish (assuming you have amassed a few) are taken off the panga and cleaned, then frozen (you supply the ziplock baggies). After lunch a siesta is the order

of the day and then you might re-rig for the next day and take a dip in the pool or sink a few 'cold ones'. Of-course you can just swap lies with fellow fishermen! Dinner starts at 1830 and most people hit their beds soon after....0500 comes around pretty quick and fishing under a bright sun always saps your energy.

For those who wish to fish inshore, the trip is shorter and more northerly. The rest of us head straight east past the offshore island of Carmen. In the summer, Loreto is known primarily for dorado and marlin. Roosterfish, yellowtail, cabrilla and rockfish also abound. We arrived at the very start of the dorado/marlin season but this year the fish were in early (best fishing in last 3-4 years according to some). Although both Ted and I brought 12 wt. fly rods along, we were 'encouraged' to fish live bait on conventional 30-40 lb. baitcasting rods. I chose to fish 25 lb. line as I preferred a particular rod/reel combo. Anyway, it wasn't long after the 100 min. run out before we drifted sardine baits and I hooked up the first of 5 big dorado. Incidentally, the daily limit of dorado is 3/ person. Stan helped out by landing zero. Ted caught 3 dorado and each averaged around 20 lbs. We were both amazed at how well the dorado fought. They were very acrobatic and when they came to the boat, they had the habit of swimming in

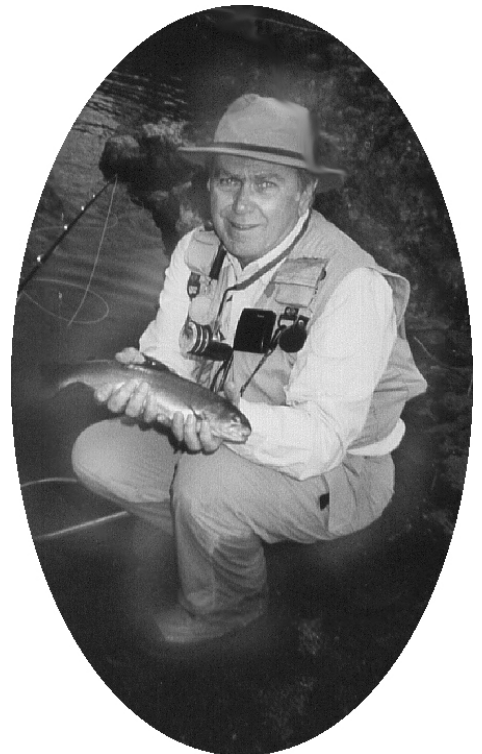
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Fly Fishing Fourth (of July)!

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Oasis Springs is an Orvis approved resort with all the amenities and charm of a country lodge. . . air conditioning, TV, pool, spa, tennis, fly shop, good food, and hospitality. The cookie jar was always full. Many anglers from the bay area are regular guests at Oasis.



FLY OF THE MONTH

MIKE'S MIDGE PUPA

Hook: Wide gap dry fly #18-#20
Thread: Grey 8/0
Abdomen: Olive goose biot
Thorax: Thin strip of black closed cell foam
Gills: White CDC feather



1. Wrap a thread base over hook shank back to the hook bend.
2. Tie in a goose biot by the tip at the bend of the hook. (To prevent the biot from breaking soak biots in water.)
3. Wrap the biot forward overlapping slightly. Wrap to the 1/3 point back from the eye. Secure the biot with thread and cut off the excess.
4. Tie in a thin strip of black closed cell foam on top of the last biot wrap. Make two or three wraps forming a small ball as a thorax. Tie off the foam and cut off the excess.
5. Tie in a CDC feather extending over the eye of the hook. The feather should extend approximately ½ the length of the hook shank.
6. Clip the excess feather. Whip finish

This fly was developed by Michael Heck who fishes the spring creeks of central Pennsylvania. I took the pattern from his article in the May 2000 issue of *Fly Fisherman*.

I like the pattern for several reasons. First I like tying with goose biots because they allow for a thin body and a natural segmentation. The foam thorax should make the fly float like a cork. A good midge emerger floats with the hook hanging straight down. I tossed the fly in a glass of water and it floats as I expected.

I have not fished the fly but it looks good to me. I suggest you try it when your fishing calls for using an emerging midge pupa.

Tom Smith



Seasonal Conditions and Stable Weather Are The Headline For This Update

Howdy friends and Sierra Drifters. Hope this report finds you and yours in good health and casting condition.

Normal weather patterns and typical water conditions are to be found in most areas of the Eastern Sierra. Run-off or snowmelt has abated and decreased in most areas leaving creeks and rivers in excellent shape for angling.

Daytime temps are mild with highs reaching 80ish in the high valleys and 90 in the lower valleys. Upper elevations have been dry throughout the period and temps are above freezing in most places. Crowds are moderate after a heavy holiday population of anglers visiting the high country. Most areas are fishing fair to good with Hot Creek being the King Pin as of late.

Hot Creek: Excellent

8,000 fish per mile, catch and release only, ideal flow rates = excellent fishing. We have seen some good days as of late here despite the heavy fishing pressure put on this area. Hoppers #8-14, Stimulators, (yellow bodied) #12-14, #18-22 dark caddis, olive scuds in #10-14, #18-20 olive caddis emergers, have been doing the trick for us here recently. The flows are ideal and the weeds are still under the surface allowing dry flies to be drifted along the channels between obstacles. Use a Stimulator/Hopper/caddis as an indicator, then hang a bead head crystal caddis or flashback birds nest tied to 6x fluorocarbon as tippet. 2' of dropper will suffice in most runs. Small dark caddis dries are excellent for surface activity. Crowds are heavy to moderate. Mid-day seems to be a good slack period. Please wade as little as possible here.

Crowley Lake: Fair-good

The algae bloom is heavy here. Finding clean water is tough. When we do get a spot of open water the fishing is good. The fish are averaging 16" and the word is out amongst the meat fisherman. This is putting a lot of pressure on open areas of the lake.

August 1st will start Crowley's second

season, which prohibits bait and barbed hooks. Tubing is tough; you need to move around a lot to find open water. I suggest a boat; it will give you more options. Chironomid patterns in #14-18 are my choice. Streamers are collecting a lot of green gunk while being retrieved. Stick to river and creek inlets when fishing here. The east winds have been putting the kibosh on afternoon angling as of late. Be careful if you have a small boat or tube. If you go in the drink here you will come out stained olive!

Bridgeport Reservoir: Fair

Heavy weed and algae bloom are causing problems for fly fishers here. Worm drowners are plucking some nice fish out. Fish the dam area along the east shoreline with damsel fly nymphs. Keep a clean fly.

Upper Owens River: Fair-good

Numbers are good here using caddis nymphs fished under an indicator in deeper pools, or a large dry fly in the riffle water. The size of the fish is not so impressive. We need to address this during the next Fish and Game hearing on this area. You can contact us at driftfish@qnet.com for

information on this issue. Crowds are light here and it is a great place to get away for some quiet time. There are some 10"-15" fish being fooled so stay sharp. A low profile approach and a good drag free drift will out fox these larger fish.

East Walker River: Fair-good

Flows are 241cfs as of this report. They had jumped to 275cfs recently, and this affected the fishing. These are not high flow rates by any means for this time of year. I expect some good reports as soon as they stabilize again. Caddis activity has been good this year, however it is spotty. Late day angling with the sun off the water is always best on the Walker. Exercise caution while wading at flows above 225cfs.

West Walker: Fair

Although the river is not flooding, it is still high and slightly off color. Fish the area near the Marine Corps training facility in the meadow section, or near the campground at Chris Flats located off Hwy.395. I like a San Juan Worm and a bead head birds nest or bead head prince nymph as a dropper fished under a strike indicator and properly weighted. It still amazes me to see the damage done to the streambed here from the last flood. Crowds are light to moderate and if you stick to the campground areas planted fish will be easy to fool.

Green Creek: Good

If you can manage a cast between swatting mosquitos, this is a good area to fish. Adams, humpies, small yellow stimulators and birds nest or light colored bead head hares ear patterns will work. The wild flowers are in bloom and that is worth the trip up the hill in itself. The fish are small here but lots of fun. Dynamo pond, located in the creeks lower section holds some nice browns and can provide some good late day dry fly action as well.

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TOM LOE



June Lake Loop/Rush Creek: Good

Troll olive and black streamer patterns in Silver Lake near the inlet to Rush Creek. Use a full or heavy sink tip tapered to 4x fluorocarbon. Aggressive planting in this entire area insures enough fish to go around. This is a heavily fished spot and you will not find much solitude. Rush Creek is running high but clear and is providing some good action on small browns late in the day on dries. Parachute Adams #16-20 will get results. This is a good place to collect leader material if you wish to do the work. Look in any stream-side bush or tree. I almost get confused into thinking it may be Christmas when I see the many colored little balls (power bait) hanging from the trees and brush. Bah, Humbug!

Mammoth Lakes basin: Fair-good

If you fish within a day or two of the hatchery or Alpers truck plantings, this is a good place. Some nice Alpers in the 5 lb. range are being caught in all the basin lakes. Lower Twin is still having a decent late afternoon/evening mayfly hatch #16-20. Troll olive or black streamer patterns with full or moderate sink tip lines. It has been windy in the afternoon...tubers, a.m. periods are best.

Bishop Creek/Sabrina: Good

Flows are moderate in the creek and the lakes are being planted weekly. Adams, humpies in olive, black and olive streamer patterns with some crystal flash on the sunny days for the lake will all get takes. Some nice browns are being caught in this area on trolled streamers. Use a full sink to get down quickly along the shoreline. Pleasant drive along the creek, lots of wildflowers in bloom. Bring skeeter repellent!

San Joaquin River/Sotcher Lake: Good-very good

The San Joaquin is fishing very good as of late. Flows are down and crowds are

moderate to light mid-week. Nymphing with bead head birds nests and San Juan worms will get takes. I like to use peacock herl bodied dry fly patterns, Coachman's, Renegades, etc... for surface action here. This is a good place to catch a trout grand slam- brown, rainbow, brook and golden all co-exist in this freestone river. Each trout species will fill its own particular niche. Look for the bows and goldens in more aerated water, the browns in the shadows, and along the cuts in the banks, brooks will be in the deeper pools.

Sotcher has been planted with Alpers and is fishing fair. Olive damsel fly imitations have worked well in sizes #10-14. Spruce flies trolled with a moderate sink tip along the shoreline are deadly on the Alpers in this area.

Guide tips, Nymphing

Mid-summer months provide many opportunities for utilizing weighted nymphs. The long daylight hours send fish deep to escape heat and full sun. Hatches occur during a.m. and evening hours commonly and this can make for tough fishing during the "off" periods. Properly weighting your nymph can be paramount to your success during this time.

A good rule of thumb is to set your lower or bottom fly, if you are utilizing a tandem rig, at 1 1/2 times the estimated depth of the water below your strike indicator. Example- water depth 3'. Set depth of indicator to 3' x 1.5=4.5' depending on the velocity or flow rate of the current you are fishing, weight your rig with lead, or non-toxic shot so that the indicator is displaying signs of the weight or lower fly "tickling" or bouncing lightly along the bottom. If you are not periodically bumping the bottom, you may not be deep enough to present a natural appearance of the imitation. Use only enough floatation for your strike indicator to do the job. Smaller is better. Easier to cast and less obvious to "Troutzilla". Dry flies make excellent indicators with small bead head

and lightly weighted nymphs. Not to mention, they can get bit!!! Poly yarn type indicators are good for quiet and softer water areas. Foam/rubber core models are easy to adjust depth and provide good floatation with heavier rigs.

When adding weight to a rig... I will describe several methods. You can add split shot or non-toxic steel shot attached to a small dropper tied to the bottom nymph on a short tippet of smaller diameter. If the shot gets "snagged" or fouled on the bottom, the weighted dropper tippet only, will break (in theory). If you are using a tandem rig, attach the weight(s) between the lower flies. This allows both nymphs to be working near the bottom or strike zone. Space the weights out with a small gap between shot, if more than one, they will cast much better and not weaken the leader as much. If you tie your own flies, use tungsten beads. Lead wrapped and then inserted into the taper of a bead head works great on most sizes down to #18 also.

All this science is for not if we do not execute the most important factor of nymphing... a natural dead drift, with the imitation(s) moving at the same velocity as the water you are angling. Mending of the fly line, a book in its own right is crucial to achieving this easily said but seldom accomplished task. Keep as little fly line on the water as possible. Raise or lower your rod tip to accomplish this whenever possible.

Watch the strike indicator closely to see if it is dragging across the surface towards you. If it is, you can bet your nymph is acting in a devious manner below the surface and will not fool "Zilla".

I hope some of this will help you achieve a better "drift" this summer. Best Fishes to all.

Be the fly...Tom Loe, Sierra Drifters Guide Service
760-935-4250 🦈



Sierra Pacific FlyFisher's BBQ Fundraiser

SPFF's Annual BBQ & Conservation Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, September 10th from 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Andres Pico Adobe, 10940 Sepulveda Boulevard (at Brand Boulevard) in Mission Hills, Los Angeles County.

It's a family affair, so bring your husbands / wives / significant others / friends / children / grandchildren!

Club Conservation Efforts to Benefit

In keeping with the spirit and purpose of the Club, half of the BBQ's net proceeds are allocated to conservation programs. Some examples: A \$1,000 donation to CalTrout, a donation to FFF, general cleanup and maintenance of Piru Creek.

Cheap Tickets!

Ticket prices are

	<u>By 9/1</u>	<u>At the Door</u>
Adults	\$18.00	\$20.00
Kids 11-15	\$ 9.00	\$10.00
10 & Under	Free	Free

A NEW Menu!

Out Back Catering will provide a fabulous BBQ lunch. The menu: *Beef Tri-Tip, BBQ Chicken, Tossed Garden Salad, Ranch Pinto Beans, Red Potato Salad, Watermelon Wedges, and French Rolls*. Drinks include Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks and Bottled Water.

Entertainment and Games

Music will fill the park, with *Dan the Cartoon Man* to do your caricature. Enjoy casting games with VERY nice prizes, and classic picnic games: Sack races, egg-carries, water balloons, etc., also with great prizes!

Door Prize

A beautiful *Gift Basket* from Gelsons, stuffed with goodies!

Live Auction

The Live Auction will feature: Framed and signed "trout" prints, "fly plates", featuring flies tied by recent guest speakers.

TWO Super Raffles

Super Raffle #1 will be the traditional Hot Creek Ranch weekend, a \$450 dollar value. Tickets are \$5.00. Super Raffle #2 includes a Solitude Fly Jacket, a St. Croix 6-weight 4-piece travel rod, a Teton #5 reel, and a float tube/flippers combo from The Creek Co. The value of this combination prize is over \$750. Tickets will cost \$3.00.

Silent Auction

For the Silent Auction, there is an incredible selection of equipment, clothing, accessories, trips, etc. These are goodies you have always wanted, at discounts ranging from 30% to 60% off of retail. Some examples: rods, reels and waders, plus trips to the Green River, Lee's Ferry and other exotic destinations.

A New Way to Pay

Live and Silent Auction purchases can now be put on Visa or MasterCard, add 3% to cover the cost.



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The BIG Raffle

To top off the day, there is The BIG Raffle. When co-chairman Steve Esgate says BIG, he means GIGANTIC. He'll try to keep The BIG Raffle down to about an hour. But, with so many things to be given away, there's no guarantee. You'll see fly fishing equipment, clothing, gift certificates, and much, much more.

Pinatas

For youngsters and those still young at heart, we'll have the traditional pinatas. The kids' will be filled with candy. And fishing goodies, of course, for the adults.

It's Really Simple

For a 10% early-reservation discount, mail your check for \$18 for adults and \$9 for young people (11-15 years old, younger are free), by September 1st to co-chairman Howard Rosen, Tell him know how many are coming, and then pay (regular price!) at the door the day of the event.

Baja Bonanza

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circles....tough fish and probably wonderful on a fly rod.

On the second day out, I was first into another dorado, much to Ted's disgust. However, at the end of the day, he had 4 dorado and I, only 2. Stan landed 2 nice dorado but Ted had caught the whopper...almost 44 lbs. I had squandered valuable fishing time in hooking a large striped marlin of about 150 lbs., to which I stayed connected to for 1 hr. 52 mins...before his tail wore through my line. Stan was smarter and performed long distance releases on his fish. Marlin were never a target fish for us but we had three opportunities and they are very tough

gamefish to land. My hat is off to anyone who has taken one on 25 lb. or less.

In between and after our panga trips, Ted and I flyfished from shore and caught a few large trumpet fish. These fish are not unlike needlefish but they manage to swim backwards quite well when fly caught. We fished Puerto Escondido, a "developmentally stalled" deep-water port about 30 kms. south of Loreto. The water was beautiful and there were plenty of small fish around. However, we caught little. We caught nothing 75 kms. north of Loreto, either. I think the main problem was twofold...too early in the season and very shallow water at the shoreline...or

maybe it was the lack of food being tossed in their direction.

Anyhow, Ted and I highly recommend Loreto and in particular, both Costa Mar Sportfishing and the Oasis hotel. Don't try to undercut the hotel prices because you cannot beat the CMS deal. If you're on a "meat run", Loreto should be on your short list this year. Another good bet would be Punta Arenas where yellowtail, dorado, marlin, roosterfish and skipjack tuna were taken the same week. We had a hassle-free return to Los Angeles and did not have any trouble bringing in our frozen fish nor with our baggage, which was over the allowable limits. 

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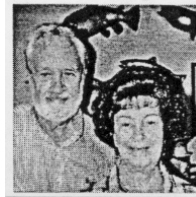
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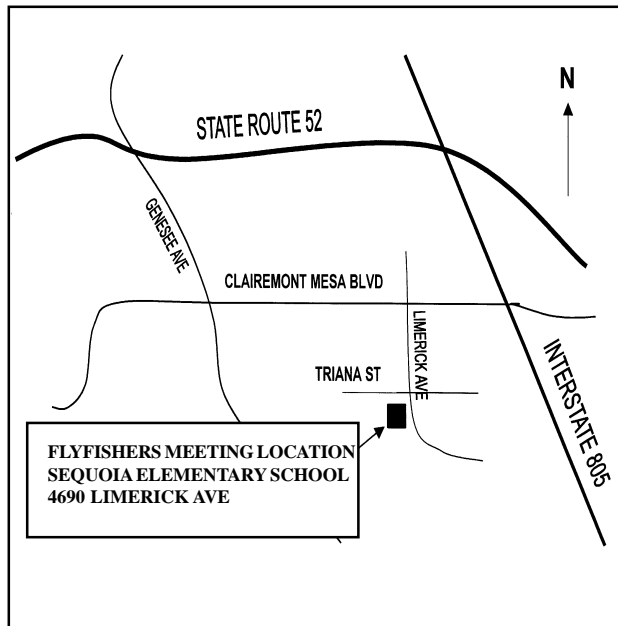
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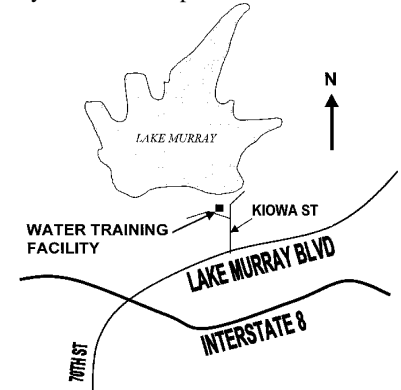
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