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Monthly Meeting

California Department of Fish and Wildlife with Russ Barabe

Russ Barabe is an Environmental Scientist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Russ will be making a presentation on the DFW's interests in San Diego.



Ned S. Sewell

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MEETING NOTICE

Monday, October 7, 2013
7:30 PM

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

REMINDER

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

**Jim Castelluzo
and Bob Blazer**

Thank You from Lew Walsh

Bob Berry Receives World Show Lifetime Achievement Award



On May 10, 2013, the San Diego Fly Fishers own Bob Berry received the World Show Lifetime Achievement Award at the World Taxidermy and Fish Carving Championships awards banquet held in Springfield, Illinois. Bob was given the award for his influence on the modern taxidermy industry as well as for his creation of an entire wildlife art genre of fish carving.

I'm sure many of you have seen Bob's creations at the SDFF Annual Raffle. Besides the fish carvings, Bob is also adept at fish painting (*I have one of his trout prints-RY*).

There is just not enough space to list all of the accomplishments of this man.

Here are just some highlights: In the early 70's Bob transitioned from taxidermy to winning awards for decoy duck carvings. By the time he was in his mid-30s Bob had already won over 250 awards at major waterfowl competitions. Bob won Best in World at the first World Fish Carving Championships in 1985. In 1990 Bob was commissioned to sculpt seven life-size silver-back gorillas for the "Gorilla Tropics" exhibit at our San Diego Zoo.

Despite all of the accolades bestowed upon Bob, probably his greatest accomplishment is his contribution to the art through teaching and education of future carvers.

The talent within. A remembrance. A call to serve.

We have had amazing programs delivered by some of the biggest names in the world of fly-fishing. Just this year we brought in **Richard Alden Bean** and **A. K. Best**. The key to being a Program Chair is to mix the programs with a fine balance of local and "outside" talents, the BIG names and the names we know well, our friends within in the club. Over the years we have had outstanding programs delivered by club members, and last month's program, delivered by the peripatetic **Ted Kalli**, was no exception.

I met Ted years ago in the back of Stroud Tackle where we would pull up one of the decidedly uncomfortable chairs **Bill Stroud** kept on hand (though I am sure that his was quite comfy!) and begin spinning yarns, lies, pungent observations, or mere nonsense. Ted, a successful entrepreneur, is also an accomplished fly-fisher, who, along with wife Frankie, spends a good portion of his time on the stream on the streams of the North Island of New Zealand.

Fish porn (numerous photos of gigantic trout), helpful maps, gear recommendations, even suggestions for lodging, guides, and *après-fly-fishing* entertainments...it was all there and Ted delivered a turnkey

primer on fishing in an "exotic" location.

Ted is a friend who talked to his friends. Delightful program and a well deserved tip o' the fishing hat.

No sooner did we pause to consider the passing on one long-time San Diego Fly Fishers club member in **Jim Murphy**, then we learned of the passing of **Ned Sewell**.

For many of us, Ned was the first person in the club we ever knew. Decades of work, fifty weeks a year, at Lake Murray where he and his merry band of volunteers taught thousands of people how to cast a fly rod. He rarely missed a meeting (usually, only if he were fishing). We all have memories of Ned and one of my favorites is quite recent. **Jon Holland**, acting as wheelman, brought Ned out to our Annual Banquet. Ned, ever the sport, sat upwind of the cigar smoke, and regaled us with stories about his time in World War II, his work life, and a few fish tales.

We can't replace these men. Each was a treasure.

And that leads to my call to arms.

At our September board of directors meeting last year's president, **Lee McElravey**, was asked to form a nominating



committee for the 2014 officers and board of directors. We have "new blood" on the board. We also have more than a few of the "usual suspects," people who have given countless hours of time and work to making sure that our club survives and thrives.

You (yeah, you...the guy or lady reading this right now) need to get involved. After two plus years we need a new Program Director, we need new members for the board to replace those who will be leaving. You can start by volunteering to set-up before the meetings. You can join the board as a board member at-large. You can volunteer with our conservation and Wounded Warriors efforts.

So get off that part of the anatomy that is resting on one of the folding chairs at Sequoia Elementary and step-up. Rewarding, at times entertaining, a great group of people...that's the board and our volunteers.

We want you!



Chollas Lake



Annual Star/Pal Youth Fishing Derby



The San Diego Police Department is extremely grateful for the help provided by San Diego Fly Fishers and the volunteers who made the June 15th

fishing derby a success.

A special thank you to the following club members for giving of their time: *Sam and Mona Morebello, Louis and Gordie Zimm, Lew Walsh, Don Smith, Alan Thompson, Bruce Harris, Gary Strawn, Susan Trump, Bob Stafford, Paul Woolery, Lee McElravy, Barry Pechersky, Art Reifman, Joel Stewart* and his daughter *Morgan*, along with our unofficial member *Russ Barabe*.

The casting instructions for the kids was provided by *Bill vanWulvan "Barnacle Bill"* (an Honorary SDFP member) and the *Road Ranger Bass Club*.

Volunteers from the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego also provide assistance to make the fishing derby run smoothly.

California Fish and Wildlife set up training stations to instruct the kids on fishing rules, regulations and fish identification.

We can't forget to mention the culinary skills of the crew from *San Diego Fire Department Station 26* for roasting several hundred hot dogs for lunch.



Bob Stafford and Louis Zimm make rod and reel repairs at one of the repair stations.

Thank you for helping us learn a new way to Fish in Fresh water. Also thank you for the prizes for the cast game, where you cast into a hoola hoop!

Sincerely,
Kalea W.



Thank you for showing us a new way for fishing in fresh water. It was a fun experience

from
Pierce

Some "Thank You" letters from some of the kids participating in the Chollas Lake STAR/PAL fishing event.

Dear, Fly fishers. Thanks for Teaching us how To Fly Fish. It was fun to learn how to fly fish

from:
Trevor;

Dear people from Lake Choy,
Thanks for teaching how to fly fish. It's Really cool.

Thanks.
Island
Curry



FLY OF THE MONTH

CDC Parachute Midge Larva

Hook: Tiemco #2487 size#16-#24 (or any scud hook)
Thread: Rusty Dun 8/0
Body: Olive/Dun Goose Biot (from Stalcup Flies)
Hackle: 2 Natural color CDC feathers, type 1
Wing: White poly yarn
Thorax: Olive Superfine dubbing



Whenever I find myself in a discussion about "fancy-dress" salmon flies, super-realistic show piece flies and the like, I can't help but think about tiers like Shane Stalcup. In case you've not heard of him, he is a commercial tier/material supplier who has expanded his business to include a number of books and videos. I admire tiers like Shane who, in addition to designing some of the most effective dry flies I've ever used, is a low-key, soft spoken guy who keeps busy creating materials, flies and instructional material that is truly second to none. His flies are meant to catch fish, and they do that very well. I'd urge anyone looking to get some quality tying materials to give Shane a call..... A little over a year ago I bought one of his videos called "Tying with CDC." One of the patterns he demonstrated is the one featured here, the CDC Parachute Midge Larva. Having never used CDC in the manner demonstrated, I was anxious to give it a go. With some practice, it's actually pretty easy to do and very durable. I've fished this color (in a few sizes) to BWO, midge and caddis hatches with great success and substituted the olive-dun biot with other colors for even more variation. [O'Reilly's Fly Tying/Fly Tying Patterns/Tying Nymphs-Emergers/CDC Parachute Midge Larva](#)



With the hook in the vise, wind thread back well onto the bend. Pull a biot from the stem and moisten it. **Note:** pulling it off the stem gives you more length to work with and also reveals the natural "notch" at the base. Make sure this "notch" is facing down when you tie it in and begin wrapping it. Tie in the tip of the biot on the side of the hook shank facing you. Wind the thread forward and make one half-hitch knot to keep it from sliding towards the eye. Carefully make the first wrap of biot by hand as shown, this is so that you don't twist the biot.



Now, grasp the butt end of the biot with your rotating hackle pliers and begin wrapping it forward. When you're doing this, you'll notice that there is a fuzzy rib on the leading edge of the biot that gets covered with each forward wrap. When you're nearing the end, you'll be glad you have the extra length gained by pulling, rather than cutting the biot from the stem. Tie off, and trim the butt end of the biot. Make several tight thread wraps.

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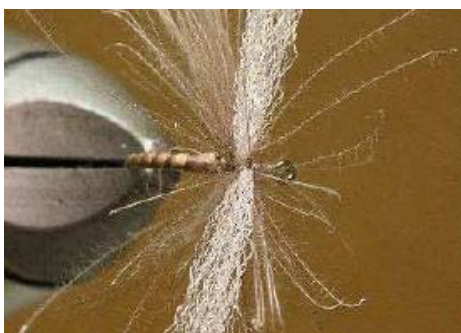
Align the stems of two type 1 CDC feathers and pinch the fluffy "marabou-like" fibers and pull them off. Switching hands, stroke the fibers from "tip to butt" so that they are more perpendicular to the stem. Holding the tips of the two feathers (still aligned) with your right hand, pinch the fibers on top and pull them from the stem. Turn the feathers over, pull your pinched fingers apart slightly and insert the remaining fibers. Pinch them, and remove them from the stem as well.



I'm gingerly opening my fingers to show you what it should look like, this is a risky move done for demonstration only. (risky only because it could mean having to repeat the step. Cut about a 2" length of poly yarn and separate it into about 4 equal strands. Stroke one of these tight, remove any fibers that don't want to play nice and insert them between your fingers against the CDC.



CAREFULLY grab this bunch keeping the poly yarn on top and tie it onto the hook as shown.



Make a few "figure 8" wraps behind, and in front of the CDC/poly bunch. It should now look like this, the CDC/poly bunch perpendicular to the hook shank. (Note the photo is top view)



Stroke the whole CDC/poly bunch up and make a few horizontal wraps of thread. (like wrapping hackle on a parachute post) Now, dub the thorax of the fly as shown. Tie off, add a drop of diluted head cement to secure the knot. Holding the poly up and tight, stroke the CDC fibers down. With all the CDC fiber now pointing down, cut them to one length. (I run the scissors just below the hook shank as shown) Pull the poly yarn up again, and cut to length. Your fly is done.



Lucky Ketcham





Raymond Sewell and
Ned Sewell



Ned receiving flyplate award from Lee
McElravy-2007.



Ned with wife Pauline at the 2006 Annual Banquet.



Ned Sewell

Lifetime Member of the San Diego Fly Fishers

First recipient of the Gordon Foster Memorial
Award-1991

International Game Fish Association World Record
for largemouth bass caught on a fly rod, 8 lb tip-
pet--13 lbs, 9 oz, Lake Morena, April 4, 1984

With John Kasten the dynamic duo in charge of the
Club's free fly casting lessons

All around nice guy

Ned doing what he loved to do the
best-teaching fly fishing.

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Ned presenting the Gordon Foster Memorial Award to his good friend John Kasten-2007.



Ned receiving flyplate award from Lee McElravy-2013.



I'm told that Ned was at first going to take this bass home and eat it when someone suggested he turn it in for record weighing.



Ned with his good friend and fellow fly casting instructor John Kasten.



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



Cutoff date for **November FINNY FACTS**
 articles---**Friday October 18th.**

Send articles to:
 Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

Thanks!!

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 or Club membership renewal to:**

Paul Woolery

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Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler (in memoriam), Hugh Marx, Bob Fletcher, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood, Mike Rivkin, Bill Van Wulven, Larry Botttroff, Aubrey Wendling

Recipients of the: GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service
 to the flyfishing community

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	

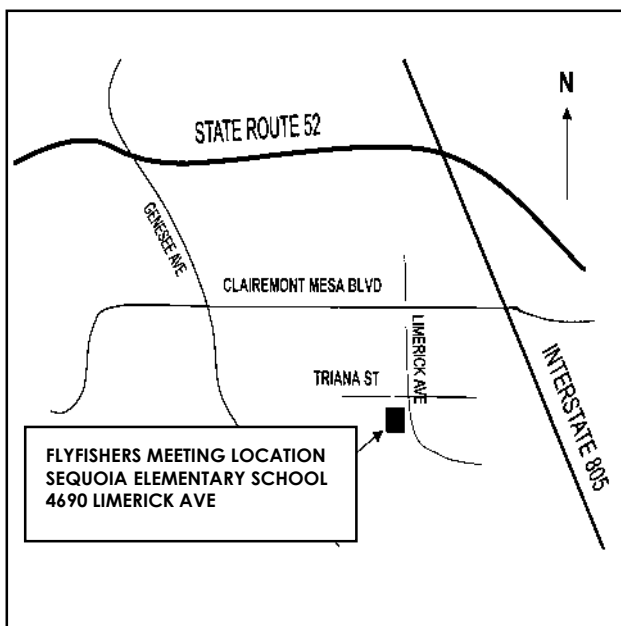


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San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 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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