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## March Speaker

### **Peter Bueshkins from Redfern Lodge, BC, to Speak at March Meeting**

**B**ritish Columbia has a long reputation for all kinds of fishing. Peter Bueshkins has been guiding in the interior and on the coast of the province for over ten years. He has had the good fortune to fish rivers and lakes throughout most of the region and is familiar with areas from the Fraser River Sturgeon and Steelhead hot spots right through to the north end of Tweedsmuir Park.

Peter was born in Vancouver and grew up fishing the local rivers before getting his hotel management diploma. As a tourism professional he had the advantage of relocating around the province while enjoying the combination of the hospitality and fishing industries.

Peter joined West Coast Resorts as the manager of Redfern Lodge last year and

has previously managed neighboring lodges in the area since 1993. The Redfern Lodge is located in a pristine two million acre Provincial Park called Tweedsmuir. Accessible only by floatplane or helicopter this beautiful park offers a unique fishing experience to only 14 guests at a time.

Peter will give an overview of flyfishing opportunities in general and then focus on the Cariboo-Chilcotin region where Tweedsmuir Park is located. Redfern Lodge rests on the shores of Eutsuk Lake, the largest natural lake in British Columbia. Eutsuk Lake offers you the opportunity to fish for wild rainbow trout in a majestic backdrop that will leave you in awe. Imagine flyfishing, hiking, boating, or flying in nature without seeing a single road. Now that's a real wilderness fishing experience.

Personally, I have never fished BC and am looking forward to this primer on the area. See you there!

—Marty Reed

## **REMINDER**

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

**Ed Velton and  
Joe Bain**

*Thank you, Mona Morebello*

## **MEETING NOTICE**

Monday, March 3rd, 2003  
7:30 PM

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

## **SDFF Annual Raffle Slated for June 2nd Monthly Meeting**

**T**he San Diego Flyfishers annual raffle is scheduled for the June 2nd monthly meeting. I urge all fellow club members to support this exciting raffle event by making contributions of gift certificates and donating a quality piece of pre-owned flyfishing gear.

In addition to providing an opportunity to win some great prizes, from quality rods, reels, and gear, to spectacular guide trips to quality waters, the proceeds from this raffle support your local, state, and national conservation programs. These conservation efforts protect our quality flyfishing waters and expand flyfishing opportunities for all.

You may make your contributions to the "Annual Raffle" at Stroud's Tackle or through a raffle committee member. We will arrange to pick up your gift at Stroud's or at an upcoming meeting.

Your past Club presidents Jim Tenuto and Jim Reeg have generously offered to assist me in this raffle effort. Through their past efforts, the Club has enjoyed very entertaining as well as successful raffles.

--Jim Castelluzzo  
*Annual Raffle Chair*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MARCH 2003

Tom Loe sure gave a great presentation last month, and I enjoyed seeing the nice fish that were caught by several of our members on the Lower Owens and Lake Crowley. After seeing the large fish that were caught, I wanted to get my equipment together and drive up to Bishop!

We can thank **Marty Reed** for the improvement in the quality of our programs. In response to your suggestions, he is requesting that all of our speakers give us tips on how we can become better fly fishers. We want to catch some of those big fish that we see on their slides!

**Jim Castelluzzo** is our Annual Raffle Chairperson this year, and please volunteer to help him. This is a very



**WARREN LEW**

enjoyable Club event, and all of the profits go to conservation. You'll have fun working with Jim and the rest of his committee.

Day at the Docks will be April 27<sup>th</sup> this year, and the Club will be represented there, with salt water fly tying demonstrations and Club members available to answer questions.

Here's another opportunity for you to meet other Club members... and see **Louie Zimm** tie some of his favorite patterns. Jim Castelluzzo is the contact person for this event, and you can

telephone him for more information at (858) 274-9162.

Last year, **Joe Bain** requested and received SDDF club funds to build an education kiosk at Chollas Lake. His goal was to encourage the boys and girls to obey the lake rules, promote good sportsmanship, and help them catch more fish! Although he received some help, it was essentially through his efforts and hard work that the kiosk was built and dedicated this month. You can read more about how this outstanding SDDF member made a difference in Ed Velton's article.

See you at the March meeting!



## San Diego Fly Fishers at Day on the Docks

**T**he San Diego Fly Fishers will have a table at this year's Day on the Docks to be held on Sunday, April 27th at Fisherman's Landing.

We hope to enlist the support of a few good saltwater fly tiers demonstrating some fly patterns for the bay and ocean and some fly casting experts who would be willing to run a casting clinic for kids.

If anyone would like to be a speaker on a related SDDF subject contact the Day on the Docks Committee Chair Jim Castelluzzo (see number below).

We also will be featuring club brochures and business cards and conservation program information.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the setup and tear down of the booth, that would be greatly appreciated.

The Club is looking to borrow the following equipment for the event:

---3 folding tables  
---6 folding chairs  
---10' x 10' canvas shade awning

For any of the above please contact me.

**Jim Castelluzzo**  
*Day on the Docks Committee*



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## FLUTTERING STONE

Hook: 2x or 3x long - size #4 - #8  
Thread: Orange - 6/0  
Body: Orange Polypropylene Yarn  
Wing: Light Elk Body Hair  
Hackle: Brown Saddle Hackle  
Antennae: Stripped Brown Hackle Stems



1. De-barb the hook and place it in the vice. Wrap a layer of thread from just behind the eye to a bit beyond the half way point. Cut a strip of yarn about 4 to 8 inches long. Twist the yarn tightly and double it in the center. The yarn will spiral, forming a neat body. Tie the body in at the point where you stopped wrapping the thread on the hook shank. Wrap the body forward to just behind the eye. Trim any excess body material. You will have formed an extended body and also a yarn foundation from the tie in point to just behind the eye.
2. Select a bunch of elk hair which when tied in just in front of the tie in point of the body will extend to the end of the extended body. Cut the excess and tie down the ends.
3. Select another bunch of elk hair the same size as the first bunch. Tie it in immediately in front of the other bunch of elk hair. This elk hair should extend to about three fourths the length of the first bunch of elk hair.
4. Tie in two to four saddle hackles which has fibers that are one and one half to two times the hook gap. The tie in should be immediately in front of the elk hair wing. The hackle will be wound to cover the front half of the hook shank densely.
5. Strip the fibers from two brown hackle feather stems. Tie them in, one on each side, extending forward beyond the eye of the hook forming the antennae.
6. Wind the hackles forward, one at a time, from the base of the wing to just behind the eye. Tie off and cut off the excess. Make a neat head and whip finish. Apply head cement. Trim the antennae to about the length of the hook shank.

The fluttering stone represents the adult stone fly and should be fished with a dead drift through areas which may hold fish, or through an area in which you may have seen a rise. If this does not result in some action try skittering the fly over the surface on the hackle tips.

Good Tying and Fishing - Tom Smith





JACK BENTLEY

**Any Questions?  
Call Jack Bentley at**

## Special 2 for 1 Offer for the Saltery Lodge

The Saltery Lake Lodge on Kodiak Island, Alaska, has offered our club another 2 for 1 opportunity for the week of 20-26 July, 2003. Total cost per person is \$2,325 estimating a \$600 purchase of this offer to benefit the San Diego Fly Fishers. A silent auction will be staged at the April 7th club meeting. More than 20 people have gone to this lodge and highly endorse this trip.

Contact Jack Bentley for more information.

## The Green River in the Spring

Start planning now for the most popular outing of the year. The Green River at the Flaming Gorge. May 12-17, 2003. Contact Jack Bentley for all the details at

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**REMINDER -- If you have not renewed your Sdff membership by the March meeting, you will no longer receive the *FINNY FACTS* newsletter.**

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San Diego Fly Fishers 2003 Membership Renewal

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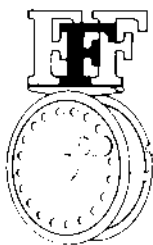
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San Diego, CA 92110  
ATTN: Membership renewal

Thank You





by Sheldon Seale of the Izaak Walton Fly Fishing Club in Ontario, Canada

## **Flyfishing - The Quiet, Contemplative Pastime**

**S**ome people never learn to shut up. They go through life incessantly chattering a lot of tripe. I, for one, have never been accused of being quiet. However, there are times and places for voice and there are times and places for quiet. Flyfishing is one of the latter. There is a specialness that comes when you're with a good fishing buddy and you're working a flow. You don't need words. You know what the next steps are. You take turns or you hunt for another location. You nod or exchange a quiet word or two. You hear the rushing water, the breezes in the trees, the birds singing, the insects chirping or humming and even the frogs have a lilt to add. This is quietude.

Have you ever just sat down and listened.

The tap-tap-tapping of a woodpecker. The whirring of the wings of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird as it passes over your head. The haunting cry of a Loon in the twilight. That wondrous sound heard from an eagle. I can't call that a cry or scream. The scurry of a mouse at your feet and that startled look when it discovers your presence. Water dripping from the nose of a deer as it looks up from a drink. The bouncing through the bush as it mistakenly flees in fear with its white tail flashing. But you're not there to hunt deer now.

The whine of a mosquito in your ear. Pesky things but food for fish. The far off rise of a fish. The buzzing sound that bees make as they move from flower to flower. Have you ever heard the funny little

mewling or purring sounds of a contented beaver feeding next to you, totally unaware of your presence because you're quiet for a change?

Have you ever just sat there absorbing your surroundings? Have you ever noticed how acute your senses become? Hearing, eyesight, smell and taste all improve substantially, if you give them a chance. Your mind clears and your thinking gets deeper. Your thoughts broaden and you are much more forgiving of others. Communication occurs on a different frequency. Speech is unnecessary.

Don't you wish you could bring that back with you when you return to our "modern" world? 🐟

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### **Quotes**

"Snazzy coffee joints are popping up in some strange places here in Colorado as well as in Montana, and although I'm a old caffeine addict from way back and dearly love the good stuff, I know that gourmet coffee is one of the first two signs that a place is about to go in the crapper. The other sign is a fly shop."

— Standing in a River, Waving a Stick, John Gierach.

"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn".

— Chuck Clark, on Fly-fish

### **Angler Definitions:    Catch - and - Release**

One of three increasingly common forms of no-kill fishing practice by conservation minded anglers. The other two, in which fish are never actually caught in the first place, are known as "lose-and-lie" and "nibble-and-fib."



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## FFF CODE OF ANGLING ETHICS

Several years ago, an article published in one of the national sporting periodicals conveyed an interesting message about outdoor ethics. The author discussed his recent attendance at a national sporting society meeting where the issue of sporting ethics was on the agenda. Attendees generally agreed with the many views and positions expressed concerning ethics for the hunter. But, according to the author, when the topic changed to ethics for the angler, few views and positions were discussed and none agreed upon.

Since that time several articles about ethics have appeared in other sporting periodicals, some even addressing angling ethics. But these discussions seemed to lack a unifying theme or approach. The issue of angling ethics did seem to call out for examination by the Federation of Fly Fishers. During the Strategic Planning meeting held in conjunction with our 2001 annual show, those in attendance unanimously endorsed the concept that FFF needed to develop and promote a common angling ethic. A committee was chartered to research and develop a code.

The work of that committee resulted in the following FFF Code of Angling Ethics. The efforts of many went into this work, and several contributed more than their fair share. A special thank you is extended to Jim Boyd, Susan Halblom, Jerry McBride and Marty Sheldon; without their contributions the code would have been lacking.

As the reader will note, the Code expresses the belief that ethical behavior is a key component of the angling experience, and that anglers must behave ethically towards each other, non-anglers, and the environment. Ethical angling behavior is not a destination for one to boost about reaching. Rather, it is a continuous journey that will improve the overall angling experience.

(Gary Grant, FFF Treasurer)

### FFF's Code

The mission of the Federation of Fly Fishers is to lead activities that enhance and support the fly fishing experience for all anglers who fish with the artificial fly. As part of our efforts to educate through fly fishing, we believe that ethical behavior is a key component of the angling experience. While the need to preserve for all anglers the natural beauty and quality of fisheries for future generations is paramount, consideration for fellow anglers cannot be overlooked.

FFF believes it essential that fly anglers in all waters embrace an ethic that embodies consideration for the environment and for others whether they are fishing or not. This Code of Angling Ethics complements the Catch and Release philosophy that is the hallmark of the Federation of Fly Fishers and reflects the importance of ethical behavior for all anglers. Moreover, it provides a framework for improving the angling experience by combining consideration of the fishery with respectful conduct towards fellow anglers. Overall, the policy denotes a journey in ethical behavior for fly anglers and not a destination.

Person-to-person and person-to-resource ethics go hand-in-hand. Fly anglers strive to understand and practice the land ethic of Aldo Leopold, which extends ethical consideration to the land, plants, animals, fish, and water that comprise the entire ecosystem. An important part of this land ethic is that fly anglers support those programs that sustain high species diversity, and do not support policies that could cause the premature extinction of another species. The Native Fish Policy of the Federation of Fly Fishers is based on this ethic of preventing fish species extinction.

### The following nine behaviors comprise the Federation of Fly Fishers' Code of Angling Ethics:

Angling ethics begin with understanding and obeying laws and regulations associated with the fishery. Fly anglers understand that their conduct relative to laws and regulations reflects on all anglers. Angling ethics begin with and transcend laws and regulations governing angling and the resources that sustain the sport.

\* The opportunity to participate in the sport of fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers respect private property and always ask permission before entering or fishing private property. They seek to understand and follow the local customs and practices associated with the fishery. They share the waters equally with others whether they are fishing or engaging in other outdoor activities.

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## FFF CODE OF ANGLING ETHICS

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- \* Fly fishers minimize their impact on the environment and fishery by adopting practices that do not degrade the quality of the banks, waters, and the overall watersheds upon which fisheries depend. These practices include avoiding the introduction of species not native to an ecosystem, and cleaning and drying fishing gear to prevent the inadvertent transport of invasive exotics that may threaten the integrity of an aquatic ecosystem. In simplest terms, fly anglers always leave the fishery better than when they found it.
- \* Fly anglers endeavor to conserve fisheries by understanding the importance of limiting their catch. “Catch and Release” is an important component of sustaining premium fisheries that are being over-harvested. Fly anglers release fish properly and with minimal harm. They promote the use of barbless hooks and angling practices that are more challenging but which help to sustain healthy fish populations.
- \* Fly anglers do not judge the methods of fellow anglers. Fly fishers share their knowledge of skills and techniques. They help others to understand that fly-fishing contributes to sound fisheries conservation practices.
- \* Fly anglers treat fellow anglers as they would expect to be treated. They do not impose themselves on or otherwise interfere with other anglers. They wait a polite time, and then, if necessary, request permission to fish through. They may invite other anglers to fish through their positions. Fly fishers when entering an occupied run or area always move in behind other anglers, not in front of them whether in a boat or wading.
- \* Fly anglers when sharing the water allow fellow anglers ample room so as not to disturb anyone’s fishing experience. They always fish in a manner that causes as little disturbance as practical to the water and fish. They take precautions to keep their shadow from falling across the water (walking a high bank).
- \* When fishing from watercraft fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft. They do not block entrances to bays or otherwise impede others. Fly anglers do not unnecessarily disturb the water by improperly lowering anchors or slapping the water with paddles or oars.
- \* Fly anglers always compliment other anglers and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to them whether they fish with a fly or not.

**The following is a shortened version suitable to be carried by the angler:**

- \* Fly anglers understand and obey laws and regulations associated with the fishery.
- \* Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility.
- \* Fly anglers conserve fisheries by limiting their catch.
- \* Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and treat them as they would expect to be treated.
- \* Fly anglers respect the waters occupied by other anglers so that fish are not disturbed
- \* When fishing from a watercraft, fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft or unnecessarily disturb the water.
- \* Fly anglers respect other angling methods and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to all anglers.

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### **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.

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#### **DIRECTIONS—**

Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Blvd. Go north on Lake Murray Blvd. to Kiowa Drive.

Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That’s our bunch.



*From the San Diego-Union Tribune, Sunday, February 9, 2003*

## Some streams, lakes may soon be out of stock

By Don Thompson  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — California fisheries managers may soon shift from a decades-old emphasis on stocking lakes and streams with hatchery raised trout and focus more on improving waterways that can sustain wild fish populations.

The debate is being driven by catch-and-release fly fishermen who say the state has been too focused on supplying hatchery-raised fish to recreational anglers; by environmentalists who say artificially seeding mountain lakes with hatchery fish may be harming endangered frogs; and by California's record \$35 billion budget deficit.

The Department of Fish and Game is proposing to cut \$1.2 million from its popular urban fishing program, and \$1.5

million from what had been a \$20.5 million fish hatcheries budget.

But the philosophical evolution predates the budget crisis and should outlast it, said department officials and fishing advocates.

A 48-page draft strategic plan calling for a new "ecosystem approach" is being reviewed before its scheduled adoption this summer.

Organizations dominated by fly fishing enthusiasts say the state spends \$8.4 million on inland trout hatchery programs, but less than \$1 million on wild fish habitat protection.

"It's an amazing imbalance," said Brian Stranko, spokesman for California Trout a conservation organization. "It's especially inappropriate if your mission has anything to do with conservation, which theirs does."

But the balance perhaps should reflect the ratio of fly fishermen to bait-and-tackle anglers—something no one has a good way of judging, said Ed Pert, the department's fisheries programs chief.

The most recent estimates date from a 1988 California State University Chico study that found about 60 percent of state anglers fish for trout. The state sells about 2.2 million fishing licenses each year, but

doesn't keep track of who fishes for what, so Pert envisions some sort of survey.

The fishing world was "a lot different then than it is today," particularly after Robert Redford's 1992 movie, "A River Runs Through It," Pert said.

"Fly fishing is certainly more popular than it was in 1988." That certainly should be a factor in how we manage our fishery programs," Pert said. "This plan understands the changes in ecosystems and in societal preferences. That's not to say it's a gutting of the hatchery program—we're trying to find a balance."

Trout Unlimited, a conservation organization, sued the department a decade ago over a hatchery program it contended might be harming the environment and wild fish. The suit was dropped when the department agreed to study the impact.

Chuck Bonham, the group's California attorney, was encouraged by the draft plan but said it's too soon to say if the philosophical shift will translate into actual management changes.

Officials hope to soon include bait-and-lure fishermen in discussions—if only to minimize a split with anglers who have been used to taking hatchery-raised fish home to dinner. 🐟

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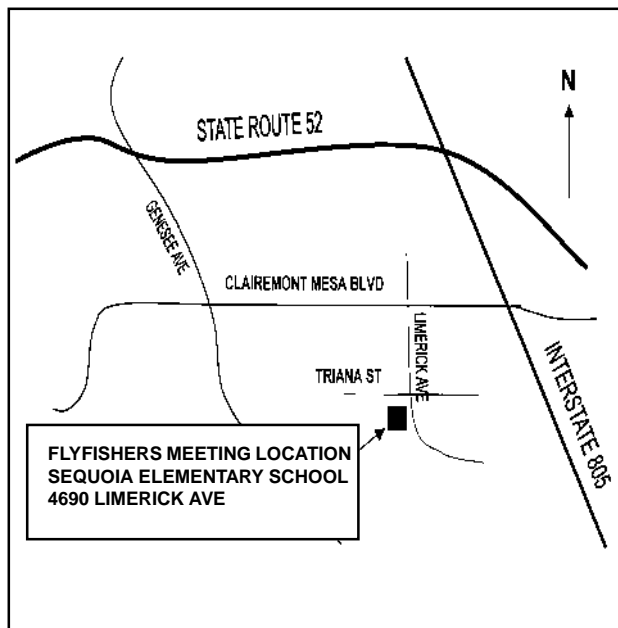
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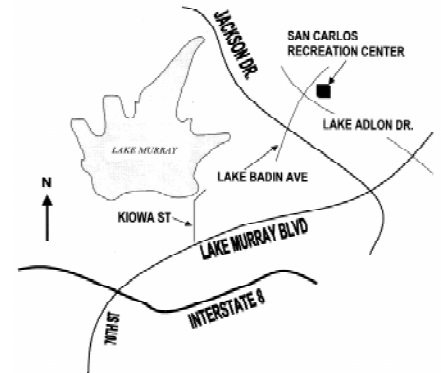
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