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March Speaker

Cleaner Water. Brighter Streams. Better Fishing.

Andy Burke to Speak at the March Meeting

If you have been into Fly Fishing as long as I have you, most likely, have read every magazine on the sport you can get your hand on. The large national magazines are OK. They have pretty pictures of far away places that you may or may not get to in this life (or your next life for that matter). That is not the case with the *California Fly Fisher*. I eagerly wait for each quarterly edition to come out. Each issue is full of great articles on California fishing destinations that are no more than a day's drive away. The magazine is always full of relevant information that, likely, you will be able to use on one of your upcoming fishing trips.

Our February Speaker, **Andy Burke**, is one of the main contributing writers to the Magazine. Andy's "At the Vise" column is a must read for any serious fly tier. What makes his column so great is he not only provides the reader a great fly pattern, but also goes into great detail of how the fly should be fished in a variety of conditions. There are many good fly tiers, but the truly great tiers are also great fisherman. Jack Dennis, Dave Hughes,

Attention! Attention!

This is your last *FINNY FACTS* and membership in the San Diego Fly Fishers if you have not renewed your membership by our March 4th meeting. Please either mail in your renewal using the handy renewal form on page 3 or renew at the March 4th meeting.

*Membership Chairperson
Helen Grundler*

and the late Gary Lafontaine come to mind when you mention this class of fly fisherman/tiers. In my opinion you can put **Andy Burke** into this class also.

Andy's presentation will be about his home waters that range from North Tahoe/ Truckee in the summer to the Reno/ Redding area in the winter. One of his favorite lakes, Pyramid Lake, will, no doubt, be one of his favorite topics. Andy may also be giving us a fly tying demo starting an hour or two before the meeting, so come join us early.

Help Needed for New Fly Fishing Merit Badge

Joe Bain and Warren Lew Looking for Volunteers to Help Assist the Scouts

Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge by Susan Halblom, FFF VP of Education for the FFF ClubWire email newswire

The Boy Scout Badge in Fly Fishing is due out about March 2002. The FFF is recommending that clubs who want to be involved contact their local council (be aware they may not have all the details for a month or so). To get started in the meantime, use the NAFTTA book "Fly-Fishing Tactics" from North American Fly-Tackle Trade Association (PO Box 248, Eugene, OR. 97440 or at your local fly shop). Also helpful are FFF Booklets "Introduction to Fly Fishing," "Introduction to Fly Tying," "Introduction to Aquatic Insects," and "Catch and Release Guidelines." These are available from the FFF main office or on the web at www.fedflyfishers.org.

The Boy Scouts are very careful about the people they use as instructors so expect to fill out a form about your club and members. These should be available from your local Boy Scout leader.

Badge Criteria:

1. Discuss how to match a fly rod, line and leader to get a balanced system. Discuss several types of fly lines, and explain how and when each would be used. Review with your counselor how to care for this equipment.

REMINDER

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

**Lucky Ketchem &
Jim Castelluzzo**

Thank you, Mona Morebello

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, March 4th, 2002
7:30 PM

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

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Youth Shall Be Served. Reading about Isaak Walton, I learned that he started fishing at the age of 39, the same age I held a fly rod in my hand for the first time. Why did I wait 39 years? For starters I grew up in a decidedly urban Italian neighborhood in Chicago. Not only did my dad not fish, not many of the fathers

of my friends fished or hunted either. Ditto my grandfathers, first generation immigrants who worked hard to give their families a solid foundation in the New World.

I began as an armchair angler, "chewing paper" as *Zorba the Greek* describes it. I knew upon my first reading of Ernest Hemingway's "Big Two-Hearted River" that flyfishing was something I wanted to do. Some consider this one of the greatest short stories ever written and its pages have been dissected by more students, teachers, professors and casual readers than ever took a scalpel to the sophomore year frog in Biology class.

What I didn't know then, what I wouldn't discover until I read "Big Two-Hearted River" several years ago while on a fishing trip in Montana, was that Nick Adams was a bait fisherman. Yeah, he uses a fly rod, but there's a live grasshopper impaled on the hook.

Dave Whitlock hadn't tied his first "Dave's Hopper" yet.

Lynn and I were in Sun Valley, Idaho and the choice was a simple one. Scott Hamilton or rainbow trout? We could go fly-fishing or watch the ice skating show at the Sun Valley Lodge. The fish won out.

We rented everything, waders, boots, rods, and reels and, with our guide, Jeff, headed to Warm Springs Creek. After a short casting lesson near the parking area we tossed nymphs and dry flies to circus trout. Two shows a day, at



JIM TENUTO

10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., all the stocked trout you could catch, and we caught a few. Even got to release a few myself. More than the trout were hooked that day.

I've been fishing ever since, though 2001, with the exception of the Alaska trip I took with my son, was rather barren. My son, Justin, has been my most

constant fishing companion. I have even adopted some of the philosophy he applies to angling. Catching a single fish is enough.

Which brings me, in a roundabout way, to my point. Kids and fishing. **Joe Bain** and **Warren Lew** have dedicated themselves to spreading the gospel according to Walton to the younger generation. By the time this reaches your mailbox our club would have participated in a fishing day sponsored by the San Diego Police Department at Chollas Lake. Joe, an older tiger with plenty left in the tank, took on this project himself. Warren is exploring how our club can assist the Boy Scouts and their new flyfishing merit badge. Both need help to continue this nearly missionary-type work. Volunteers are most welcome.

I love seeing younger anglers at our meetings. **Marty Reed's** daughter occasionally accompanies him to a meeting, while **Richard Louv** and young **Matthew** haven't missed a meeting in a good long while. And we had a pair of beautiful sisters who helped me pull a number of names out of the hat for our cash prize at last month's meeting.

Bring the kids.

Better yet, take them fishing.

Hugh weren't kidding. Ranger **Hugh Marks'** presentation about our alpine jewel, Lake Cuyamaca, packed the house. When I addressed the crowd at February's meeting I felt like the Richard Dreyfus character in *Jaws*. "We're going to need a bigger boat!" Well over 150 people attended Hugh's informative talk. He delivered a primer: where to fish, the species living in the lake, methods, gear and even fly selection, including Hugh's favorite the Olive Matuka.


We were pleased to have **Ned Sewell** not only introduce Hugh but also give him a check for \$500.00 and a number of fly rods to use for his children's program at Lake Cuyamaca.

The record turnout also meant a near record monthly raffle.

This month we have **Andy Burke**. Great programs, thanks to **Jim Reeg**.

Sometimes it doesn't take a lot to make a difference in another person's life. It could mean spending a morning with a youngster who wants to learn how to fish. It could mean signing off on a skill demonstrated by a Boy Scout. It could mean sharing your expertise up in the Sierras.

You're creating wonderful memories, for the children...and for yourself.

Get involved! 



San Diego Fly Fishers

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Dear Fellow Fly Fishers,

Greetings, from your membership chairperson! It's time to renew your membership in the San Diego Fly Fishers for 2002.

Membership fees remain the same and are for the calendar year January through December 2002. Singles are \$30.00 and Families are \$40.00.

Also, this year in recognition of the extreme amount of talent and experience among our members, we are providing a special opportunity for you to become more involved in your club. On the renewal form below please indicate the activities you desire to participate in. It's greatly appreciated.

You can mail your renewal or just drop it off at the membership table at our monthly meeting. Renewals not received by the March 2002 meeting will result in your removal from the membership roster and mailing list for our wonderful newsletter *FINNY FACTS*.

See you at our monthly meeting. I'll be at the membership table.

Sincerely,
Helen Grundler

_____ Cut _____

San Diego Fly Fishers 2002 Membership Renewal

Please print your name: _____

Any change of address: _____

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I would like to participate in:

Membership _____ Mailings _____ Publications _____ Refreshments _____ Raffles _____
Programs _____ Conservation _____ Public Relations _____ Advertising _____ Video Library _____
Travel _____ Other _____

Enclose Check or Money Order payable to: San Diego Fly Fishers

Please indicate: Single \$30.00 _____ or Family \$40.00 _____

Thank You



Survival Training for Trout? and Some Fishing Truisms

TOO MUCH OF A BAD THING:

We've long known that a shield of aquatic plant growth is a boon to larval fishes. BUT, too much growth and shield can be bad. Researchers from Michigan State University made a research project of the problem. They sprayed four milfoil-choked lakes and monitored four other unsprayed lakes. They studied only largemouth bass populations in these lakes.

The four sprayed lakes had a 59% decrease in milfoil and in the unsprayed lakes, the milfoil increased by 9%. It is interesting that bass in the four sprayed lakes grew faster over the 3-year study period than did bass in the unsprayed lakes.

The researchers attributed the increased largemouth growth rates to a greater availability of bluegills and other baitfish. Milfoil provides a great deal of cover for prey species to hide from hungry bass.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: Survival training could save hatchery fish. In Edinburgh, Scotland a study suggests that survival training could be used to prepare hatchery-raised fish for life in the wild by learning to elude predators once they are stocked. A successful tactic has been to place hatchery fish in the same tank as wild fish, which can demonstrate the proper escape reaction to larger predators. By keeping predators behind a transparent screen, the hatchery fish learn to associate the sight and smell of a predator with danger. The goal of this research is to boost the survival instincts of hatchery fish so that a higher percentage of them will survive in the wild.



BOB WISNER

A SURPRISING FINDING, recently, in the southeastern states, is that the local economies have been boosted by markedly increased trout fishing. This accounts for 2,800 jobs throughout the southeast and a payroll of \$56 million -trout alone. All this comes from an initial investment of only \$2.1 million spent by the six national fish hatcheries to produce trout -many trout fisheries in the southeast are of recent vintage. Discharge from some of the large federal dams are now converted to cold-water, deep discharge trout fisheries.

PATENTED FISH: Genetically altered (transgenic) fish, have received a patent for a genetic modification technique that can create pen-raised salmon which grow eight times faster than normal. This has created a lot of objection and fear that such super sized fish will escape and in time do damage to wild fish populations.

PEOPLE, YES, BUT FISH? Coors, Golden Colorado, faces a lawsuit over a beer and wastewater spill into Clear Creek that killed more than 50,000 fish. The Creek has endured three fish kills over the past two years due to accidental oil, gasoline and beer spills.

SOME TRUISMS ON FISHING, excerpted from North American Fisherman:

Fishermen are born honest but they get over it.

Nothing in nature grows faster than a fish

between the time it strikes and the time it gets off the hook.

How much a fish grows depends on how long you listen to the fisherman.

Truth is when one fisherman calls another fisherman a liar.

Old fishermen never die, they just smell that way.

A fishing rod's arc is an old friend's smile.

The man who knows all about trout doesn't exist, but you've probably met him.

A man can't wait 10 seconds for a woman but can wait all day for a fish.

A problem with fishing is, it was better before you got there and after you left.

Is your fishing hole so secret the fish don't even know about it?

I just got a new boat for my wife. I think I got a good trade.

I like my fish like I like my men—all brawn and no brains.

I saw a hat with a picture of a dry fly and the inscription, The way to a man's heart is through his fly.

Men and fish are much alike - they both get in trouble when they open their mouths.

Gone fishin -be back about dark-thirty.

Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Bob Wisner



Merit Badge

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2. Demonstrate how to tie proper knots to prepare a fly rod for fishing:
 - a) Tie on backing to a fly reel spool using the arbor backing knot.
 - b) Attach backing to fly line using the nail knot.
 - c) Attach leader to fly line using the nail knot or a loop-to-loop connection.
 - d) Add a tippet to a leader using a double surgeon's loop or double surgeon's knot.
 - e) Tie a fly onto the terminal end of the leader using the improved clinch knot.
3. Explain how each of the following types of flies are used: dry flies, wet flies, nymphs, streamers, bass bugs and poppers. What does each imitate? Tie at least two types of the flies mentioned in this requirement.
4. Demonstrate the ability to cast a fly consistently and accurately using overhead and roll cast techniques.
5. Go to a suitable fishing location and make observations on the types of insects fish may be eating. Look for flying insects and some that may be on or beneath the water's surface. Look under rocks. Explain the importance of matching the hatch.
6. Explain to your counselor the injuries that could occur while fly-fishing and the proper treatment including cuts, scratches, puncture wounds, insect bites, hypothermia, and heat reactions. Explain how to remove a hook that has lodged in your arm. Name and explain five safety practices you should always follow while fly fishing.
7. Explain the importance of practicing "Leave No Trace" and how it positively affects fly-fishing resources.
8. Obtain a copy of the regulations affecting game fishing where you live. Explain why they were adopted and what you accomplish by following them.
9. Explain what good outdoor sportsman-like behavior is and how it relates to fisherman. Tell how the Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America relates to the fishing sportsman, including the aspects of littering, trespassing, courteous behavior, and obeying fishing regulations.
10. Catch two different kinds of fish using

Library Book Update

Several books have arrived from our \$500 donation to the county library system. It is interesting to note that several other branches added their own copies. I have noted these branches with their call numbers. You can reserve these books on-line www.sdcl.org or by phone e.g., El Cajon branch (619) 588-3718 and pick up the book at your local branch.

597.17609794 Madgic, Bob: *A guide to California's Fresh Water Fishes*
Also available in El Cajon, Bonita, Encinitas, Poway, Santee and Vista

688.79124 Leeson, Ted: *The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference To Techniques and Dressing Styles*
Also available in ElCajon and Poway

799.16663 Hanley, Ken: *Fly Fishing the Pacific Inshore*
Also available at El Cajon, Poway and Vista
Note: This one features our own PETER PICONI San Diego salt water fly fishing guide.

799.1757 La Fontaine, Gary: *Caddisflies*

799.1757 Linsenman, Bob: *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout*

B MIDDLETON: *The Earth is Enough : growing up in a world of flyfishing, trout, and old men. A biography.*

799.1 Traver, Robert: *Trout Magic*

799.12 Koch, Ed: *Fishing the Midge*

799.124 Morris, Skip : *Morris and Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes*
Also available at Vista library

the fly-fishing techniques learned above and identify them. Release at least one of them unharmed. Clean and cook another fish. 🐟

799.124 Wetherall, W.D.: *Upland Stream: Notes on the Fishing Passion*

799.1755 Leeson, Ted: *The Habit Of Rivers: Reflections on Trout Streams and Fly Fishing*

Also available at the Poway Branch

799.1758 Whitlock, Dave : *L.L. Bean Fly Fishing for Bass*

Also available at the Encinitas, Santee, and Vista branches

The library system will take donations of books that are in good condition if you have some that you no longer need.

Bob Miller 619-460-5943,
rgmiller05@cox.net if you have titles that you would like in the library. Next the city of San Diego system, I hope. 🐟

April Meeting The First Annual "Fly Market"

Don't forget our April meeting will be our first annual "Fly market".

This will be your chance to sell or buy fly tackle, fly tying equipment and material, and fishing apparel. For buyers it will be a great opportunity to find that back-up reel, spare spool, fly line, or fly tying vise. For sellers you have an opportunity to get ride of that extra stuff you don't use anymore and give you a great excuse to buy some new stuff!

All Club members may sell and buy amongst themselves. Non-members many buy only. All sales will be between members only; the Club will not be an intermediary.

If you plan on bringing items to sell, please contact Jim Reeg either by



FLY OF THE MONTH

LITTLE BROWN TROUT

Hook: Tiemco 300 size 8 or equivalent
Thread: Tan and Black 8/0 or 6/0 (Tan for the body -Black for the head)
Tail: Bright green buck tail, short and red buck tail, short, tied over the green
Body: Cream colored dubbing
Beard: Orange hackle fibers
Rib: Thin silver tinsel
Wing: Four hair layers tied sparse - 1st layer white buck tail
2nd layer orange buck tail
3rd layer green buck tail
4th layer Gray squirrel tail
Head: Black lacquer with painted eye white with black center



1. Wrap thread around hook shank - 2 eye widths behind the eye to the hook bend.
2. Tie on the green buck tail for the tail it should extend approximately 1 1/2 gap widths beyond the bend. Tie the red buck tail on top of the green. The tail consists of 1/2 green buck tail and 1/2 red buck tail.
3. Tie on the tinsel ribbing material and leave it hanging over the bend of the hook.
4. Dub a thin body from the tail to the original tie in point. Wrap the tinsel ribbing forward . There should be 7 or 9 turns of the ribbing.
5. Tie on the 1st layer for the wing - the white buck tail. It should extend back to the end of the tail. Each layer of the wing, which is tied on at the front end of the body, should be very sparse. Then tie on the orange buck tail. Then the green buck tail. The last layer is gray squirrel tail. Squirrel tail is a very slick material, and to keep it from pulling out I suggest you put some head cement on the material at the point where you cut it to length. After it is tied in let the head cement set up before you do any shaping of the wing. If you try to stroke the wing back before the head cement sets you are apt to pull the squirrel tail out.
6. Tie off and remove the tan thread. Now tie on the black thread and form a neat but large head. Large enough for a painted eye.
7. To finish the fly make a white eye with a black center on each side of the head. You will have to wait for the head cement to dry before applying the paint. I use a small wood dowel, which is carved down to the right size for the white eye. Dab it gently into the white paint and transfer it to the head of the fly. After the white paint has dried use a round tooth pick which has been cut off, and dab the black paint in the center of the white eye.

This is a fly, which Hugh Marx talked about in his GREAT presentation at our February meeting. I would rate Hugh's presentation as one the best we have had. I, being a fair weather fisherman, can hardly wait for warmer days so I can get back to Lake Cuyamaca.

I was not familiar with the "Little Brown Trout " fly, and could not find it in any of my books. I called Eileen Stroud and she was kind enough to supply me with the recipe and a fly for a sample.

It takes some time to do the eyes on this pattern and I'm not sure how effective the fly would be without the eyes. I do believe that eyes do sometimes trigger a strike. Not only that - they give the fly a finished touch. Remember that trout are predators and this fly represents a small minnow so the eyes could be the difference in catching and not catching. I plan to try this one during my next trip to Cuyamaca. If it works I'll let you know.

Keep smiling and good fishing - Tom Smith





by Colby Sorrells an FFF Certified Casting Instructor from Bourne, Texas

IN IT FOR THE SHORT HAUL

The Haul and Double Haul are worthy goals for every fly caster. A few easy tips may make your casting journey a little easier.

The Haul allows the rod tip to speed up faster than a cast without a haul. Many casters use a haul on the backcast to remove slack from the line and really don't haul at all. The haul should occur right as the rod tip is speeding up for the speed up and stop portion of the cast, at the last possible instant before the rod is brought to a stop.

Often casters start pulling down on the line hand as they start making a backcast with the rod hand. The haul works the same as the casting stroke itself. It starts off slowly and accelerates to a stop. If you start the haul too fast the line hand can never get fast enough to make a good haul right at the end of the cast.

Remove all slack from the line before you start the haul. The haul should start right at the time the rod hand accelerates to make the speed up and stop. The haul should be

only about 3 inches, not three feet. If you must remove slack from the line, leaving your line hand a distance longer than 12 inches from the reel, leave the line hand at that spot and make the haul. Make only a very short and very quick haul. Do not return the line hand up to the reel hand.

Leave the line hand down by your side as you start the forward cast. Again make a very short and very quick haul of 3 inches or less with the line hand by your side and the line will rapidly shoot out the rod tip. If you allow the line hand to move up toward the rod hand on either the backcast or the forward cast you'll put slack in the line that must be taken out by the rod hand.

One way to practice the shortest haul possible is to lay the line out in front of you and start moving the rod very slowly to the back. Move it painfully slow. Then at the last second make a quick speed up and stop with the rod hand and a very short, quick haul with the line hand. Allow the line to fall to the ground or water behind you. STOP. Think about what just

happened.

Now reverse the process and make the forward cast. Again start as slow as possible. Remember to wait until the last second to make the very short haul on the forward cast. Again let the line fall to the ground or water.

Keep practicing letting the line fall to the ground. Concentrate on making the smallest, tightest loop you possibly can. When you've got a nice tight loop, false cast the line a couple of times. Don't open up the loop or rush the haul. If the loop starts to open up, return the line to the ground after each cast.

Remember, the rod hand makes the same movement whether you are using a haul or not. The line hand is where the change takes place and where the emphasis should be on casts with double hauls.

The best casts will have a very short haul with a lot of speed but not a lot of length. With enough practice you'll find your best casts are made with the short haul. 🦈

QUOTES

"Time flies so fast after youth is past that we cannot accomplish one-half the many things we have in mind, or indeed one-half our duties. The only safe and sensible plan is to make other things give way to the essentials, and the first of these is fly fishing."

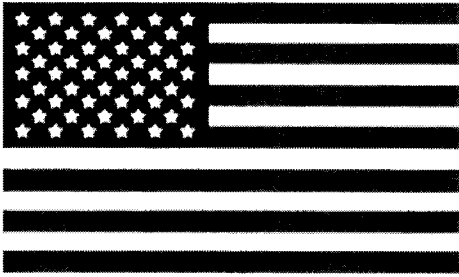
- Theodore Gordon

"I have a friend who's such a nut about fishing that he almost always manages to refer to the incidents in his life in angling terms of a sort. I met him for lunch the other day after a long, hard walk through a driving rain and arrived at the table with my hair all wet and my clothes in a pretty rough array. He took a prolonged look at me, searching for exactly the right phrase, shook his head in sympathy and said, "Gene, you look just like a badly tied fly."

- Gene Hill



Travel Tips For Surviving New Security Measures.



There are many things about life in this country that changed immediately following the events on September 11th. Some of these changes involved profound shifts in how we view our place in the world, and how we view our fellow man. Other changes occurred to more ordinary parts of our lives such as how we choose to travel, and where we go for fishing vacations.

As we all make an effort to return our lives to a more normal state many of us will continue with our fishing activity, which may include trips to remote locations. For me this occurred soon after the September 11th attacks as I had reservations for a trip to Chetmal Bay in Mexico beginning September 12th that I had been planning for some time. As you can imagine, my trip was delayed and the travel to and from my destination was much different than I thought it was going to be. In the end the air travel portion of my trip came and went without incident, and the fishing was good. But this travel experience along with some business travel after September 11th has taught me that you can still travel effectively with the new security measures, you just have to adapt to the new rules.

For those that have not had the pleasure of traveling in the past 4 months here are some of the obstacles you will face.

- Arrive at the airport at least 3 hours prior to departure. This is due to several factors including a search of your car and personal belongings prior to entering the parking garage and a much more complete search at the x-ray area.

- You are now only allowed one carry on bag plus a personal item. You will need to make some decisions on what you will trust to the baggage handling system.

- No pocketknives, nail clippers or cutting devices of any type or size are allowed past security. I have witnessed this situation at an airport recently and it is being taken very seriously.

- Certain airports in some countries will not allow you to carry batteries or devices with batteries in them on an airplane. This may change your packing strategy.

- If you elect to carry your fly rods on the aircraft be prepared to be stopped frequently in the airport. Long metal tubes do not put security personnel at ease.

- Don't plan on being able to carry a bag with your favorite flies or lures on board. Sharp metal objects covered in feathers and glue are still sharp metal objects. You won't get a break here.

While this seems like a bigger hassle than it used to be, most of the restrictions are designed for everyone's safety and were probably long overdue. There are ways to make things easier, and I would recommend the following strategies where appropriate:

- Consider sending your rods and other gear to your destination by UPS or FedEx if you can. It does not cost all that much and you don't have to carry all it around with you at the airport. Plus it will be at the fishing lodge before you are. Just remember to bring a shipping label with you so you can mail your belongings back to yourself.

- Try to schedule your air travel very early in the morning (i.e. prior to 8:00am). This will usually ensure that you avoid the crowds and will reduce your time dealing with security.

- Have someone drop you off at the airport. This will avoid the whole car and belonging search process entirely and saves you some money on parking as well.

I should also mention that I found some advantages to traveling that did not exist previously. They are:

- The airports and airplanes are a lot less crowded. While this is for the wrong reason, it does make things easier once you clear security.

- With fewer passengers there is less baggage, so you get your baggage very fast upon arrival. Also, with increased security measures they are not losing luggage like they used to.

- Airfares to certain locations have been drastically reduced. If flying at the current time does not make you nervous, now is the time.

- The travel industry in general is reducing rates to induce customers to book trips. This not only includes airlines but hotels, rental cars, and similar services. You should keep an eye on rates for your favorite fishing lodges. If bookings stay low there might be some deals to be had as lodge owners try and keep their lodge full.

Whether or not you choose to travel at the present time is a matter of personal choice and comfort level. With the proper preparation the process is not really all that more difficult that it used to be. Just be ready to take some more time at the airport and endure a more extensive security check process. 🐟

(by Mike Geraci of the South Florida Fly Fishing Club)



The Bum

A bum, who obviously has seen more than his share of hard times, approaches a well dressed gentleman on the street. "Hey, Buddy, can you spare two dollars?"

The well-dressed gentleman responds, "You are not going to spend it on liquor are you?" "No, sir, I don't drink," retorts the bum.

"You are not going to throw it away in some crap game, are you?" asks the gentleman. "No way, I don't gamble," answers the bum.

"You wouldn't waste the money at a shop for a fly rod, would you?" asks the man. "Never," says the bum, "I don't fly fish."

The man asks the bum if he would like to come home with him for a home cooked meal. The bum accepts eagerly. While they are heading for the man's house, the bum's curiosity gets the better of him. "Isn't your wife going to be angry when she sees a guy like me at your table?"

"Probably," says the man, "but it will be worth it. I want her to see what happens to a guy who doesn't drink, gamble or fly fish."

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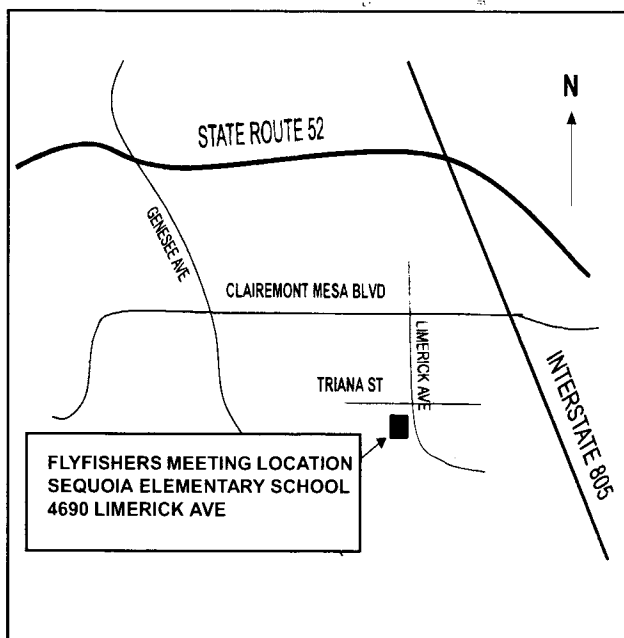
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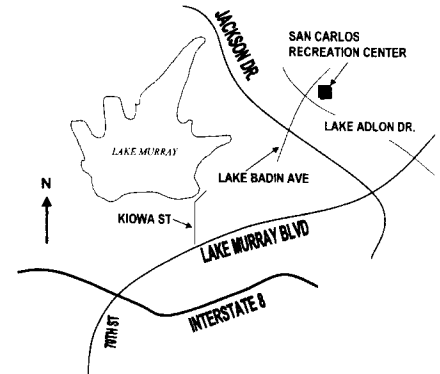
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