

# FINNY FACTS

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San Diego Fly Fishers

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## Annual Fly Fishers Banquet To Be Held on the USNS Mercy

**T**his year's annual banquet has the distinction of being held on the United States Navy Ship Mercy. Thanks to SDFF Club member Captain Al Larry Sorensen we will be able to board this floating hospital the primary mission being "To provide rapid, flexible, and mobile acute medical and surgical services to support Marine Corp/Ground Task Forces deployed ashore, Army and Air Force units deployed ashore, and naval amphibious task forces and battle forces afloat."

Those of you who have already signed up for the banquet are in for a treat. This is the event where we honor those who have distinguished themselves with the Club, fly plates will be presented, as well as the new board of directors and the new president and cabinet members.

Also of course, this year's recipient of the Gordon Foster Memorial award will be announced.

I hope you have already turned in your name to attend this event because this will be a most unique experience. Look forward to seeing you all there.

See page 3 for details on the parking location and schedule for shuttle bus to the ship.

## Soiree on the San Juan River

By Burl Stiffrod

**T**welve hearty soles traveled to the San Juan River again this October for another week of terrific Autumn fishing. Those seen in or on the water included Michel Paquet, Bernie Fink, Bob Miller, Ray Zivelonghi, Dave and Lynn Moon, and Len Rosen. Also spotted in fly fishing's finest attire were Malcolm "Mac" McCollan, Byron Shovlain, John Bowan, Helen Condict and Pat Case.

Undaunted by a huge Columbus Day crowd on the river, all the fly fishers appeared to have a great time, and some enjoyed the best fishing experience of their lives—though not in solitude. While Monday saw what appeared to be a near record number of people on the river

(according to 16 year veteran San Juan guide Mike Crowley), the week normalized to more typical overcrowding as the week went on.

The fishing was generally good, and the fish were as big and healthy as ever. As usual for this river, those who had the greatest success changed flies continuously in search of the ticket of the moment. Fish were caught on everything from small egg patterns and San Juan worms, to beaded zebra nymphs, disco midges and Pat Case's favorite "secret" weapon, a bare red anodized hook.

The trip had a little different format this year, as the group stayed at three different lodgings, including Soaring Eagle Lodge,

Haps Mobile Lodge, and Abe's. True to tradition, though, all 12 fly fishers managed to meet for an evening of eating, imbibing and story telling at the Sportsman restaurant—and there were plenty of stories to tell!



*Pat Case with a nice San Juan rainbow.*

## REMINDER

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

**Lasoya and Bob K.**

*Thank you, Mona Morebello*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: DECEMBER 2002

*A Valediction...* Thank you all for the privilege of serving as president of a truly great club. I would like to use most of this column, my last, to thank all of those who made 2002 such a memorable year. Once again we had a record setting Annual Raffle, bringing in close to **\$10,200**. We had over **\$7,000** to

distribute to various conservation groups. **Jim Reeg** was our raffle chair with help from **Warren Lew**, **George Gates**, **Joe Bain**, **Louie & Gordie Zimm** and **Sherry Brainerd**. Master of Ceremonies **Bill Stroud** kept a frantic pace as we went through the table full of gifts. **Eileen Stroud** worked the



**JIM TENUTO**

crowd, along with others, giving us raffle day ticket sales of nearly \$3,000. It's easy to take the Stroud's for granted. They are always there, supporting our club not only with their generous donations to the Annual Raffle (and the monthly affairs as well) but they also allow the club to use their shop as the mailing address for all our prizes and correspondence. Simply put, without them, our club would be quite different, and not for the better.

**Larry Sorensen**...Not only did he continue to do yeoman work for our monthly raffles (last month's included two rods and a V-boat!), but he "sailed" to the rescue when we were at a loss to secure a venue for our Annual Banquet.

**Tom Lucas** and **C.T. "Ted" Reinart** never miss a beat, working tirelessly each month to sell raffle tickets, and act as the club's unofficial greeters.

Thanks also to that quartet behind-the-scenes stalwarts, **Mona & Sam Morebello**, **Vernon Westcott** and **Buck Parker**. Sam and Mona coordinated the setting up and breaking down of our meeting spot. Vern brews up a mean pot of joe each month. Buck completed his second year maintaining our extensive video, CD and DVD library.

**Sherry Brainerd** will return next year as our Conservation chair. Her advice and counsel has proved invaluable.

**Jack Bentley** is our Pied Piper, leading overgrown children to such destinations at the Saltery Lodge, the Green River and Lee's Ferry.

**Tom Smith**, **Larry Sorensen** and **Gary Hilbers** haunt the Fly-Tying congress each week, both in formal classes and informal get-togethers.

**Rose & Roger Yamasaki**...2001's

Gordon Foster Memorial Award winners continue to produce an award winning newsletter.

**Ned Sewell**, **John Kasten** and their cast of casting thousands continue to be one of single greatest recruiters for new members.

**Helen Grundler** took care of new members as the Membership Chair. She is also responsible for maintaining our extensive database. She is also retiring from her post.

**Dave Collins**, the Web Master, not only "gets it" (one of those obnoxious Internet terms!) but he makes sure we get it.

**Jim Reeg** and **Marty Reed** were responsible for an interesting line-up of guest speakers. From Argentina to Hot Creek, from the Sacramento River to the salt waters just off San Diego bay.

**Art Reifman**, our treasurer, treats our money like it was his. He scrupulously watches and accounts for every dollar we spend.

More kudos: **Bob Miller** for his work selecting the Club's donation of **\$500.00** worth of books to the San Diego City Library System.

**Joe Bain** for reminding us about the children and his work with Chollas Lake.

**Louie Zimm** for stepping in as Club secretary.

**Gretchen Yearous** for coordinating our efforts with the International Women's Flyfishers festival.

**Carl Stanzione** for his generous donation of a bamboo fly rod for our Annual Raffle. And, of course, thanks to the many members who donated gifts and gift certificates to the raffle, making it the success that it was.

If I missed someone I should have thanked, forgive me. But those I have mentioned in this letter deserve your sincere thanks and gratitude. They have volunteered a most precious commodity, their own time, to our club.

*Our December meeting will be held on USNS Mercy.* I hope that you made plans to join us at our Annual Banquet. The last count I had showed over 150 people signed up to attend the event, held this year on the largest hospital in San Diego...*Mercy*.

By the time you receive this newsletter it will probably be too late to send in your \$5.00 to attend. The Navy asked us to have our final list by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Directions can be found in the pages of *Finny Facts* or on our Website, [www.sandiegoflyfishers.com](http://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com).

In addition to distributing fly plates to a few worthy individuals and naming the 2002 winner of the Gordon Foster Memorial award, we will all have the opportunity to tour the ship and tuck into a fabulous meal.

*Introducing our new president...Warren Lew...* Warren Lew is no stranger to those who read *Finny Facts*. Warren not only gets out to fish a lot, he also writes about his trips, takes a few photos, and submits them for all our approval.

It has been a pleasure serving on the board with Warren. He is a leader. He

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## DIRECTIONS TO 8th Street parking lot

December 2, 2002

### From the North on Highway 15 South:

- Naval Station San Diego is located at the end of 15 South.
- Go to Stop Light at the end of 15 South, and turn Slight Left onto 32<sup>nd</sup> Street South.
- Turn Left at Stop Light at the intersection of 32<sup>nd</sup> & Harbor Drive.
- Continue on Harbor drive until you reach 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn Left on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Turn Left into first parking lot on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.



### From the North on Interstate 5 South:

- Exit on 28<sup>th</sup> Street. (Stay to Left in fork of off-ramp).
- Turn Right onto 28<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed past Trolley tracks to Harbor Drive.
- Turn Left onto Harbor Drive and proceed to 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Turn Left on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Entrance to parking lot is immediately on your left.

### From the South on Interstate 5 North:

- Exit on Harbor Drive.
- Turn Right onto 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Entrance to parking lot will be to your immediate left.

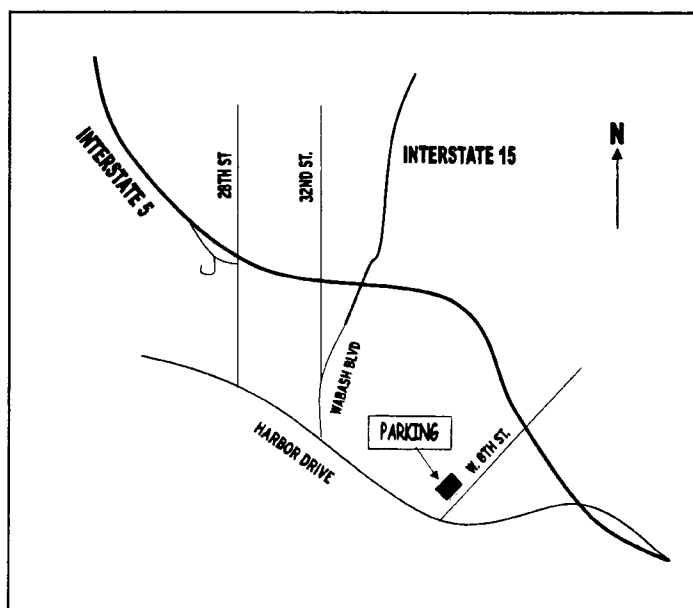
aboard the USNS Mercy

### Bus Pick-up Times from Parking Lot

6:00  
6:20  
6:40  
7:00

### Bus Departure Times from USNS MERCY

9:00  
9:20  
9:40  
10:00



# See You There!



## President's Message

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is also a tireless worker. His organization skills have helped us in the last two raffles. When I asked Warren to handle a task I never even had to ask him about the progress. He just did it.

You can help Warren.

You can also help this club.

You can do it by volunteering one of your most precious resources...a bit of time. Maybe it's an hour or two, maybe it's a day, but find something in our club that catches your fancy and volunteer that time. If we all did just one thing for this club it would be even better than it already is.

*Tight lines! 🍣*

## ERRATA

Here is a correction to Kent Brown's address which was incorrectly shown on last month's membership list:

## Soiree on the San Juan River

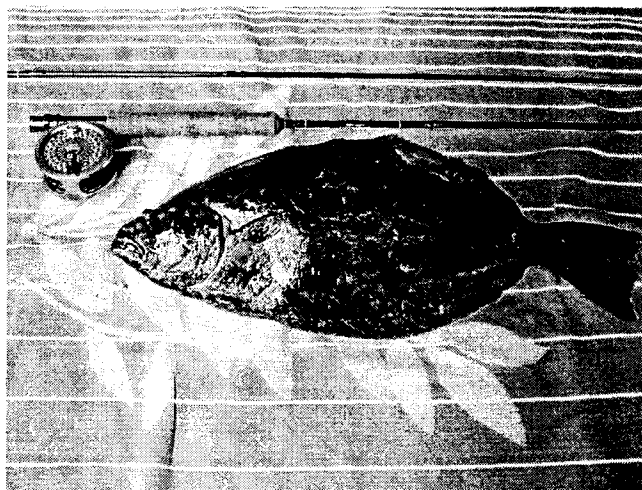
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Len Rosen and Ray Zivelonghi are reported to have had two *particularly* memorable days at "Beaver Flats," under the counsel of Mike Crowley. Michel Paquet also had a number of charmed days on the river. Bernie reported that Bob

Miller caught a very notable fish, speculated to be 22" to 24"; while Dave Moon caught a 26" rainbow (see photo), which guide Bear Goode taped out at 26" long, with a 14" girth! 🍣

## Ted "the Surf Man" Reinert Catches Beautiful Halibut



*Get a load of Ted Reinert's 24" halibut caught at Del Mar's dog beach at about 7:30 am. According to Ted it's about 5 pounds. The fly used was a 2" deceiver type of white and green.*

*"This is the biggest halibut that I have caught this season."*





**JACK BENTLEY**

**Any Questions?  
Call Jack Bentley at  
619-442-8385**

## 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 619-442-8385.



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San Diego Fly Fishers 2003 Membership Renewal

Please print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Any address change: \_\_\_\_\_

City & 9 digit ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number with area code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Bring form to meeting or mail to:

Stroud Tackle  
1457 Morena Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92110  
ATTN: Membership renewal

Thank You

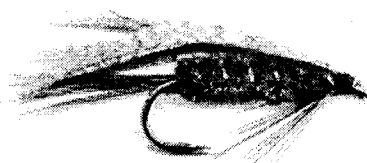


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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## STAYNER DUCKTAIL

Hook:	TMC 5263 or any 3x long nymph hook sizes #6 - #14
Thread:	Black 6/0
Tail:	Hot orange hackle fibers
Body:	Medium size dark olive chenille
Rib:	Small gold tinsel or mylar
Beard:	Hot orange hackle fibers
Wing:	Mallard flank feather - tied flat
Head:	Tying thread



1. De-barb the hook and place it in the vice. Wrap a layer of thread on the hook shank from just behind the eye to the bend of the hook.
2. Tie in the orange hackle fibers for the tail. It should be the length of the hook shank or a bit shorter. Tie in the ribbing material.
3. Strip about a quarter of an inch of the chenille material from the core thread of the chenille material. Tie the chenille in by this quarter inch. This will give you a smooth body when starting the body wrap forward. Wrap the chenille forward to just behind the eye, leaving just enough room for the head.
4. Wrap the ribbing forward over the body forming neat segmentation.
5. Tie on the beard. It should be tied so as to reach about half way to the hook point.
6. Tie on the wing at the front end of the body just behind the eye. It should lay flat over the body and extend back just to the end of the tail
7. Whip finish and apply head cement.

The Stayner Ducktail was first tied by the late Ruel Stayner who lived in Twin Falls, Idaho. Ruel had a fly shop in Twin Falls and was a master rod builder and an excellent tyer. The fly imitates a bait fish such as trout fry and should be fished with a rather fast and erratic retrieve. It will attract trout, blue gill, bass, white fish and any fish which feeds on bait fish. It works in still water using a sinking line or in a stream using a sink tip line. I have had the best luck fishing it in still water. I have not tried it in the local waters but see no reason why it won't work.

Note: I also like the pattern tied with a peacock herl body.

Tom Smith



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## Here's the Lineup for the SDFF Meeting Hosts

We appreciate your voluntary enlistment as a Fly Fishers Meeting Host! Enclosed is the schedule for the year together with a "How To" manual (see next page).

If you are unable to attend the meeting on your assigned date, it will be your responsibility to arrange for a substitute. You might try calling someone on this list to trade dates. We know it is hard to plan your schedule so far in advance.

The only reminder you will receive is a notice (the week before your turn) in the *FINNY FACTS* so you may want to mark your calendar today.

Thanks ..we value you as a volunteer!

January:	Lucky Ketcham, Jack Craven
February:	Les Schultz, Ron Larsen
March:	Ed Velton, Joe Bain
April:	Shelly Wagner, Louie & Gordie Zimm
May:	Dick Campbell, Gerald Brasell
June:	Rich Louv, Matthew Louv
July:	Bob Mosher, Frank Kawasaki
August:	Jack Bentley, Bob Miller
September:	Hal Herritt, Maria Goldman
October:	Paul Woolery, Art Dilley
November:	Brian Tone, Lasoya
December:	Dennis & Jane Ditmars, Jim Mann

*Thank  
you*

**Mona Morebello**  
"Head Recruiter"



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

### **SET UP**

- Arrive by 6:15 PM
- Unlock SDFF cabinet (located on stage left) combination lock #1-2-3-4
- Carry locker contents and blue plastic bin (on floor next to cabinet) to back of auditorium
- Vernon Wescott is usually there by 6:00 PM to set up condiment table and start coffee
- Move salad bar tables flat against the wall (if they are set up)
- Set up tables next to back windows for name tag boxes
- Arrange 2 tables for raffle ticket sales
- Arrange 2-3 tables in front of stage steps for raffle items
- Set up slide projector (extension cord in cabinet) and pull down screen in back of stage
- Make sure faculty restrooms are unlocked and hall lights are on (see custodian)
- Check with custodian about heater for auditorium if needed
- Put out large trash cans and can recycle bin (from teacher's lounge)
- Set up 10 rows of 16 chairs (8 chairs on each side of aisle)

### **BREAKDOWN**

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

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

A copy of this memo will be posted on the inside of the cabinet door (however, you will need to memorize our tricky combination, 1-2-3-4)





### FLY CASTING AT LAKE MURRAY

The local trout season is here! Is flyfishing on your holiday list? Now would be a good time to learn to flycast or just improve your skills. Join the San Diego Fly Fishers every Sunday morning from 9 AM until noon.

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Cutoff date for *January FINNY FACTS*  
articles---Friday December 13th

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San Diego, CA 92117  
858-274-2712.

You can E-mail at [finnyfacts@lycos.com](mailto:finnyfacts@lycos.com) Thanks!!

Send change of address information or  
Club membership renewal to:

Helen Grundler

### LIFE MEMBERS

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

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler, Hugh Marx, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood

### Winners of the: GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service  
to the flyfishing community

- 1991-Ned Sewell
- 1992-Bob Camp
- 1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud
- 1994-Ed Velton
- 1995-Bob Wisner
- 1996-Gary Hilbers
- 1997-Jack Bentley
- 1998-Gordie Zimm
- 1999-Gretchen Yearous
- 2000-Tom Smith
- 2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki



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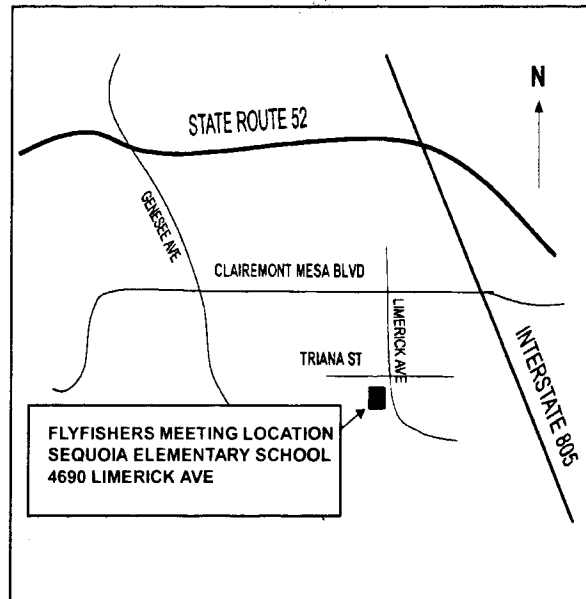
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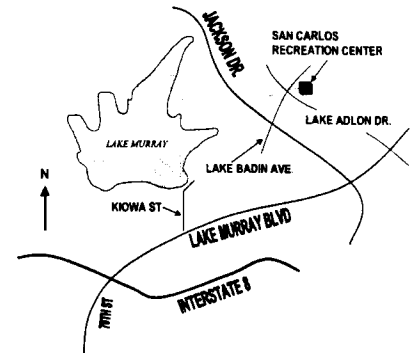


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Meeting Place for Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. (We no longer meet at the Lake Murray Water Training Facility at Lake Murray). The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 1.6 miles. When you come to Lake Adlon Drive, (first corner past Jackson Dr.) turn left. Go down three blocks and the recreation center will be on your right. It is on the corner of Lake Adlon and Lake Badin.



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