

January Speaker

## Mas Okui Veteran of Hot Creek to Speak in January

Although fly fishing more often than not is a humbling experience, I pride myself on being pretty good at it. Usually after one or two visits to a fishing destination, I can read the water well enough to have a degree of success. With one exception, **Hot Creek**. I can always count on a day of fishing the Creek's meandering weed laden riffles, deep undercut banks and hard to read currents, for some of the most (if not the most) selective trout in the world, to bring me back down to earth in a hurry. It is beyond a doubt the consummate challenge for a trout fisher.

Our January speaker, **Mas Okui**, has fished Hot Creek up to 60 days a year since the late 1940's. Mas was featured in the February 2000 issue of the California Fly Fisher. Legend has it that he is on a first name basis with all the Hot Creek trout. Although Mas denies this (he says he only is on a first name basis with a few of the trout), there is no question that he is considered, by those who frequent the Creek, the premier Hot Creek angler.

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### REMINDER

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

**Joe Walter &  
Bob Wisner**

*Thank you, Mona Morebello*



## Rose and Roger Yamasaki Receive Gordon Foster Memorial Award

*"Believe me, it was a shock to both of us receiving this prestigious award."*

Over 90 club members and friends gathered together at the Al Bahr Shrine building in Kearny Mesa on Monday, December 3rd. This year's dinner meeting was different, as it was catered by Pat and Oscar's Restaurant. After dining on baked chicken, barbequed pork ribs and beans, and a delicious vegetable medley, President **Jim "Papa Doc" Tenuto**, **Bill and Eileen Stroud**, and **Tom Smith** presented the awards.

Last year's Gordon Foster Memorial Award recipient, Tom Smith, presented Rose and Roger Yamasaki with the award, recognizing their hard work as the editors of the *FINNY FACTS* for 7 years. Each month, they take the articles that you and I submit, make them better, and then prepare them to be published in the club newsletter.

It is time consuming, detailed work, and the San Diego Fly Fishers are extremely fortunate to have them perform this valuable service!

During the evening, President of the SDFP, Jim Tenuto, gave each 2001 board member a "coveted" club shirt, and introduced the new board for 2002. The 2002 Board of Directors are:

President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

**Jim Tenuto**  
**Warren Lew**  
**George Gates**  
**Art Reifman**  
**Nancy Fletcher**

Directors

**Joe Bain**  
**Sherry Brainerd**  
**David Collins**  
**Helen Grundler**  
**Marty Reed**  
**Jim Reeg**  
**Al Sorensen**  
**Louie Zimm**

Fly plates, containing the exceptionally beautiful salmon flies tied by **Doug**

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### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, January 7th, 2002  
7:30 PM  
Sequoia Elementary School  
4690 Limerick Ave.  
(See map on back page)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JANUARY 2002

*The Christmas Banquet Meeting was a rousing success.* As we used to say in the Navy, a good time was had by all. A tip of the bright red Santa hat to **Nancy Fletcher** who arranged for the rental of the Al Bahr Temple and lent her creative hand to the decorations. With her accomplice, **Helen Grundler**, she liberated

some greenery from the local shrubbery to enhance the center-pieces. The man responsible for the catering, **Jim Reeg**, attended despite spending the day in bed nursing an illness. He even had enough energy to collect the \$5.00 entry fee at the door.

The food was sensational. An enormous feedbag provided by **Pat & Oscar's**. Ribs, chicken, Greek salad, pasta salad, beans, cookies, brownies, and a mondo cheese and fruit plate. Truly a new meaning to all you can eat. Despite the fact that a few more brothers and sisters of the angle attended than we had planned for, we had enough food so that some folks could make up doggie bags to take home with them!

This meeting also gave us an opportunity to thank some of our members for their efforts during the year. Each member of the 2001 Board of Directors received a polo shirt with the San Diego Fly Fisher logo embroidered on it. I then had the pleasure to introduce **Bill & Eileen Stroud**. Bill announced the winners of his multitude of awards. A pair of \$100.00 gift certificates went to the members who caught the largest fresh and salt-water fish in local waters. The old salty dog **C.T. "Ted" Reinert** waded away with the salt-water honors. The fresh water award was reeled in by **Dennis Ditmars** for one of those "hawg" bass he's made a habit of catching in local lakes. (In fact, in the December 2001 issue of *California Fly Fisher*, Richard Alden Bean's article "Dixon Lake's Trophy Bass" prominently features Dennis.)

Then the Stroud's awarded a pair of \$25.00 gift certificates to the winners of the best fresh water and salt water fly tied by an SDFP member. **Gary Farrar's** flashy fly took the salt-water honors while John Yamamoto took the fresh water



JIM TENUTO

honors. **Jim Reeg, Gary Hilbers & Tom Smith**, judged the contest. The same Tom Smith who won the fly filled Styrofoam fish! Ah, irony.

I then had the honor to thank some special members with fly plates. The flies are tied by master tier **Doug Joseph** and mounted by **Gary Hilbers**. Though I still have two plates to give away at our upcoming meeting, the following

eight were more than worthy recipients:

**Nancy & Jack Fletcher...**Nancy has been the secretary for two years, generously offered her house as a meeting place for our board meetings, and along with our "bonus" board member, Jack, has shamelessly hawked our apparel at every meeting.

**Helen Grundler...**who has managed our new membership responsibilities for two years. An enormous database, processing 50-60 new members each year, managing the mailing list.

**Warren Lew...**the treasurer for the last two years. By putting some of our funds in certificates of deposit he increased our interest income. He also helped out on the annual raffle.

**Buck Parker...**when **John Gauld** asked to retire from his duties as Captain Video, Buck was ready to accept the promotion.

**Ed Velton...**without his vision, persistence, talent and research we wouldn't have a wonderful club history. Now on sale!

**Dave Collins...**the Webmaster. 'Nuf said.

**Jim Reeg...**the only other Vice President who can hold a candle to Jim is Dick Cheney. Tireless, supportive, possessed of sound judgment, a voice of reason on the board. Thank you, Jim.

**Pat Case...**when I asked Pat delivered. When I didn't ask he volunteered. And as a member in good standing

of the "Ex-President Club" he kept me sane when I needed to blow off a little steam.

We then raffled off a beautiful print by Brett Smith, mounted along with a 29-cent Minnow Muddler stamp and a sample of the fly. **Paul Woolery** was our winner.

The highlight of the evening was the **Gordon Foster Memorial Award**. The award is given "For unselfish and outstanding service to the fly fishing community."

Turn to the second to last page of *Finny Facts* and take a moment to read the names of those who have won this prestigious award, first presented in 1991. The roster reads like a Who's Who of our club, a list of people who have given so much to this club that their contributions couldn't be mentioned if the editors gave me the whole issue. Last year's winner, **Tom Smith** gave a terrific speech and honored the **2001 Gordon Foster Memorial Award** winners, **Rose & Roger Yamasaki**.

They were the only two people amazed at the award. The rest of us sure weren't. Their selfless work in turning out every issue of *Finny Facts* is simply extraordinary. Our "modest" newsletter is better than some of the fishing magazines that I have subscriptions for. The Yamasaki's deserved the awards, despite their gracious protestations. Roger said that he never imagined to be honored with the award. "Maybe in 20 years we might have been nominated or considered," he said.

Rose and Roger, you deserve to be listed alongside those historic names. Tom and his selection committee did us all a great service with your selection.

*New Year's Resolution:* Somehow I spent more time in 2001 chasing birds than I did fly-fishing. I will rectify that in 2002 and I'm going on the record with that resolution. Not that I plan to stop chasing birds...in fact, I want to do more of that!...but instead, that I intend to spend a lot more time haunting rivers, creeks and lakes flailing away with my fly rod.

Happy New Year! 🐟



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## Awards Banquet

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**Joseph**, were awarded to **Warren Lew**, who served as the club treasurer. **Helen Grundler**, our memberships chairwoman, received a plate in appreciation for her efforts in obtaining memberships from visitors who really did not want to join. **Patrick Case**, chairman of the nominations committee, was awarded a plate for his success in recruiting members to serve on the 2002 Board of Directors. You know how difficult that job is! In addition, Webmaster **David Collins**, who developed and maintains our outstanding web site was awarded a plate.

SDFF Secretary, **Nancy Fletcher**, received a plate for taking the excellent minutes of our board meetings, and with her husband, **Jack**, purchasing club clothing and bringing them to every monthly meeting to make them available.

Also, honored with a fly plate, was **Ed Velton**. Ed is responsible for the outstanding book, "San Diego Fly Fishers History: 1945 – 2000". There is so much information about our club that would have undoubtedly been lost, if it were not for the hours and hours of work that Ed devoted to putting this book together.

For example, do you know when Glen Paul first became a Club president? Enough said... buy a history book and find out!

**Buck Parker**, who brings our resource library of videos and CDs to each monthly meeting, also, received a plate for his much appreciated effort. As most of you know, I think the resource library is one of the major benefits of being a SDFF member. Thanks, Buck!

**Jim Reeg** received a plate, although not quite as nice as what the rest of us received (but don't tell him), in appreciation for his work in bringing the outstanding speakers to our meetings through out the year. It is a job that requires a lot of attention, and he's doing a great job.

Bill and Eileen Stroud announced the winners of the Stoud Tackle fishing contest which they sponsored. The winner for the largest freshwater fish caught on a fly was **Dennis Ditmars**, with a 12 pound Lake Poway largemouth bass. In the saltwater category, **C.T. "Ted" Reinert** was the winner with a 23" halibut, which took a fly in the surf off of Dog Beach. In the

final category, for the best saltwater fly tied by a club member, **Gary Farrar** was the winner!

A beautiful framed fly fishing postal commemorative, personally selected by "Papa Doc", was raffled that evening, and the lucky person was **Paul Woolery**. I hope Paul is a member in "good standing", or we'll have to take it back.

Winning the Styrofoam fish, with an assortment of flies tied by club members was **Barbara Smith**, the wife of Tom Smith. Tom is lucky to have Barbara, and even more so, now that she has all of those nice flies!

It was a great evening of sharing fish stories, and honoring those people who have served the Club this past year. So, if you missed it this year, be sure to come next year. You might be the lucky winner of "The Fish" or a nice raffle prize.

Congratulations, Rose and Roger, on receiving the Gordon Foster Memorial Award, the highest award of the San Diego Fly Fishers!

---Warren Lew 🦋



*President Jim Tenuto and Eileen and Bill Stroud flank Barbara Smith, the winner of the styrofoam fish filled with flies.*



*Lucky raffle winner Paul Woolery with his framed fishing postal commemorative.*

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**More photos on the following 2 pages!**





# San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Awards Banquet



*Jim Reeg was the money man for the evening.*

*Good turnout of members and guests.*



*A special thanks goes to Helen Grundler (on left) and Nancy Fletcher and their respective husbands, Mike and Jack, who organized the 2001 annual awards banquet.*



*Past presidents Jim Tenuto (left) and Gary Hilbers. Jim is also our future SDDF president for 2002.*

*A few of the evening's revelers Ed and Jane Velton and Gordie Zimm.*



# San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Awards Banquet



*"Thanks to all of the board members for the truly wonderful surprise of the beautiful Fly Award presented to Jack and me! It has a place of honor in our den."  
--The Fletchers*



*Fly plates by Doug Joseph were awarded to those of meritorious service to the club. They are (starting at upper left and working left to right): Warren Lew, Buck Parker, Ed Velton, Jim Reeg, Nancy and Jack Fletcher, Helen Grundler, David Collins, and Patrick Case.*



## Glen Paul, Volunteer Needed, and Cloning

**A NOTE FROM GLEN PAUL** former President, now expatriate to Helena Montana. He had a good summer. Salmon fly fishing was pretty good on the Madison. The rainbows seem to be recovering from whirling disease, but the browns are a better fishery. The MO was really good, but there were few small fish in the upper 10 miles due to whirling disease in Prickly Pear Creek - the main spawning stream.



**BOB WISNER**

We mail nearly 400 copies with zips ranging from the U.S. and Canada and other countries. Locally, zip numbers range from 919 into 921.

Start labeling with 919— (Alpine and San Diego County). If you have 10 or more copies having the same 5-digit zip, bundle them separately and affix a RED-D to the lower left corner of the bundle. All other copies, not adding to 10 of the same 5 digits, are to

be gathered into a comfortable handful, wrapped with rubber bands and a GREEN-3 sticker affixed to the lower left corner. This is a bundle. The same procedure pertains to zip codes 920 and 921. As most of the RED-D bundles will occur in zips 920 and 921, it will pay (time wise) to scan through the sheets label and note the number of same 5-digit zips (La Jolla - 92037) will have the most - about 30 RED-D's. Record these on a separate sheet and glance at it occasionally. It will save laborious and error-prone searching of the label sheet.

When all 919, 920 and 921 zips are handled, return to the labels with zips outside San Diego County and for other states or countries. Bundle these and affix a BROWN-MS (Mixed States) to the lower left corner.

It is of considerable aid to count the copies in each bundle, enter the number on a work sheet and on the lower right corner of the top copy of the bundle. This data is of value in final determination of number of copies mailed - the Post Office will need this data to calculate the cost of the mailing.

A Post Office form must be filled out (a copy will be provided). It is well for a

mailer to not attempt to calculate the cost of a mailing. The clerks usually prefer to do it themselves as they must check all calculations not made by them (some badly marked-up sheets can occur).

Please remember, the vast majority of postal clerks are very nice people and happy to help you. So, please try to have everything in proper order before presenting the mailing.

Bundles are to be placed in "trays" ( a small, square one and two (for 920 and 921 MM) plastic trays); cardboard "sleeves" are to be pulled over the loaded trays. Empties are in stacks on the Post Office bulk mailing dock. Identifying paper slips are to be inserted in proper receptacles on each tray.

**WARNING:** You, as mailer, must sign the form by you (with phone number). If a problem halts the mailing, you are called to resolve the problem - a very rare happening. As I said above, it is very easy, but it must be done "their" way. May it never happen to you. I'll be happy to train you so that it won't.

### **DOLLY WAS LUCKY, ARE EWE**

**NEXT?--**The cloning issue heats up, with threats of human action, but many scientists believe that cloning people is too dangerous. The stories of two sheep - one famous, one dead, illustrate the dream and the danger. Dolly has had a nice career, having given birth to five lambs and remaining in good health herself.

Less well known and without a cute public name, was a cloned ewe born shortly after Dolly. It had no obvious physical abnormalities at birth and was an active lamb, but it panted all the time. The panting was so severe that within a few months it was euthanized; the lungs had not developed properly.

Reports from cloning labs state that many

The Dearborn is not infected with whirling disease and the lower section is in good shape. Fish under 17 inches are rare in the upper 10 miles. Paul has been doing most of his fishing in the MO between Holter and Hansen Lakes. He took a 27-inch brown and many 24- to 25-inch rainbows. Almost all fish run 20 inches (must be lots of 20-20 club members up there).

They're in their third year of drought and low water. The Bighorn, Beaverhead, Jefferson and Red Rock were closed most of last season because of drought.

The Pauls won't come to the San Diego area this Christmas.

**POSITION AVAILABLE--**Volunteer: driving skills only requirement beyond normal brain power. Start before Christmas, if possible. I'll train you; you'll like it. I've had the job for many years and have decided to not hog the fun any longer. What is the position?

It is addressing and mailing copies of our fine newsletter, *The FINNY FACTS*. The main requirement is that you maintain the labeled copies in ascending zip code order (the labels will be printed in that order).





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Over the years Mas has developed unique techniques and specialized flies that have not only proven successful on Hot Creek, but are also effective on any trout stream. He has mastered the use of long leaders, delicate high floating dry flies that avoid weeds, and slow action rods that turn over long leaders with only a few feet of fly line. The main key to his Hot Creek success is his ability to achieve extremely long drag free drifts. Mas is also an accomplished fly tier and will demonstrate some of his own proven patterns, such as "The Killer". As a fly tier he emphasizes simplicity, economy and durability.

Mas spent his youth at the Manzanar internment Camp during WWII where he first developed his love of trout fishing. He is a retired History teacher who spends time supporting youth charities when he is not fishing. If you should see him stream-side, go up and say hello and don't be afraid to ask questions. Mas believes fly fishing is a never-ending quest for excellence and, as such, is an activity that should be shared by one and all.

I can't wait to try out his techniques! 🍷

## Bob Wisner

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cloned embryos develop so abnormally that they don't make it out of the petri dish. A researcher at Cornell University notes that about one-third of the cloned embryos that survive even the first month of a cow's normal 9-month gestation period, of nine that do, half die in the next month or two, apparently because of abnormal placental development; this die-off continues through birth. The placenta was not supplying food and the fetus starved. (Male genes are necessary for a functioning placenta.) The same pattern of spontaneous abortion holds researchers from cloning in other species. The losses are very large and happen at all stages of gestation. Making it to birth is no guarantee that a clone will survive. Newborn cloned calves frequently emerge in bad shape; some have skeletal abnormalities and suffer a variety of lung and heart problems; many die; 26 to 50% of calves will be deformed or oxygen deprived at birth.

Cloned sheep, cows, goats and mice also often display what's called the "large-offspring syndrome". Internal organs, limbs and overall body as oversized, and the newborns are sickly. The large fetuses can also place a mother at risk during delivery, but, an item in the San Diego

Union-Tribune reported that cloned cows have normal lives. When they reach adulthood, they show no signs of physical problems; 24 holsteins remained healthy for 1 to 4 years. Their immune systems were normal, they experienced puberty at the expected age, and two gave birth to apparently normal calves.

Six of the 24 calves died soon after birth, but those that survived were both healthy and showed normal social interaction and behavior. Another report states that it's group has cloned 170 cattle, 53 pigs and a sheep, and has found no abnormalities in adults related to the cloning process.

Whom do we believe? No doubt that money (income) is a factor to the highly successful cloning labs, so they must make appear successful. Uses of embryonic stem cells are vital to production of insulin-producing cells to fight diabetes or to help persons with Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease.

So far, no entire humans are reported cloned. Such action is forbidden in many states, including California. Most claimed successes have involved only very early life state (6-cell embryos).

--Bob Wisner 🍷

## Rod Building Class

### ATTENTION!

All Members Who Are Signed Up For The Rod Building Class

Class Begins: January 15, 2002  
Tuesday 6:45 PM

Place: San Carlos Recreation Center  
6445 Lake Badin Ave  
(see map on back page)

If you have questions please call  
Tom Smith

## New Regulations for Upper Owens

The California Fish and Game Commission adopted new regulations for the Upper Owens River. Effective for the 2002 fishing season, the area between Benton's Crossing and the Lake will be closed during the first three weeks and the last six weeks of the season.

This change is the culmination of efforts by many groups and concerned anglers who were concerned about the protection of wild rainbow trout who spawn during the spring and wild brown trout who spawn during the fall.

Cal Trout spearheaded the efforts and the SDFF supported Cal Trout by attending the recent hearing held in San Diego. The Club made a major contribution by presenting a petition supporting a change in the current regulations and by providing live commentary. Special thanks to Sam and Mona Morebello who set through hours of boring testimony before they had a chance to provide their forceful commentary.

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**JACK BENTLEY**  
**Any Questions?**  
**Call Jack Bentley at**

## It's Time to Plan for the Green River May 13-18, 2002

Sign up now for the annual trip to the Green River, Utah. This is one of our favorite trips with beautiful scenery, clean water, and lots of dry fly fishing. This is one trip you won't want to miss.

For those of you who may want to drive instead of fly, contact Jack well in advance to discuss this option.

Jack Bentley--

P.S. The **Lees Ferry** trip is all booked up. We told you to make your plans NOW! Don't let the Green River trip slip away. 🍀

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This regulation impacts all anglers the same. By making this small sacrifice, we will be improving the fishing for years to come. It is the hope of all who supported this change, that by protecting the trout that are particularly vulnerable during the spawn, the wild trout populations will start to grow again in Lake Crowley and it's tributaries.

Thanks to all the members who helped. Sometimes our voices are heard and our efforts bring results.

--Jim Reeg 🍀

*The section of the Upper Owens from Crowley Lake to the Benton Crossing bridge will be closed completely from opening day through May 27, 2002 and again from October 1st to November 15th. The California Fish and Game Commission extended the fishing season in the region by two weeks conforming with closing dates of general seasons throughout the state.*

*The compelling testimony of Jim Edmondson of Cal Trout was a major reason for the closure regulations on the Upper Owens.*

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## Sdff Members Make Difference in Change of Upper Owens Fishing Regulations

*I thought most of you, whether or not Club members, would be interested in this e-mail from Jim Edmondson of Cal Trout (see next page).*

*I guess a few voices can make a difference once in a while!*

*Thanks again to **Sam and Mona Morebello** for persevering through the hearing with me. I really feel that Mona put the fear of God into the Commission on this issue!*

*The next issue of major concern is the plan IntraWest (the new majority owner of Mammoth Mountain Resorts) has for deep wells to make snow and irrigate new golf courses. It could severely impact the ground water and the flows into the upper Owens and Hot Creek.*

*Stay tuned.*

--Jim Reeg 🍀

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## QUOTES

Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns men into philosophers. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary.  
-Patrick F. McManus

It is the constant--or inconstant--change, the infinite variety in fly fishing that binds us fast. It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days of the year.

-Theodore Gordon (1914)

(From the Federation of Fly Fishers Club Wire News Service)





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Dear Friends:

I wanted to let each of you know how much CalTrout appreciated your support to change the sportfishing regulations on the Upper Owens River. Friday, December 7th, the California Fish and Game Commission adopted new regulations which will go into effect before the beginning of the 2002 trout season.

The change will protect the spawning runs of trout leaving Lake Crowley and concludes 17 years of efforts on their behalf. This would not have been possible without your active and enduring support.

The Commission adopted a fishing closure for the first three weeks, and last six weeks of the trout fishing season from Benton Crossing downstream to the Lake (actually the fishing monument which provides a clear designation between the Lake at full pool and the River). The closure equitably requires all anglers, regardless of their preferred fishing method, to share the responsibility to improve the Upper Owens wild trout fishery, while aiding in the wild trout contribution to Lake Crowley – wild fish represent ~20% of the Lake's fishery.

Now that this is done, we must now turn our collective attention to other issues facing the Upper Owens/Lake Crowley watershed. Seeking ways to achieve higher releases from the Mono Basin to the Upper Owens during July and August to minimize the adverse temperature impacts from Hot Creek; working cooperatively with the DFG, LADWP and livestock industry to explore ways to avoid the loss of juvenile trout in irrigation facilities; wild and scenic river designation for Big Springs, and the ongoing threat posed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes future water withdrawals all come immediately to mind.

It is very important for you to know some of the opponents to the Upper Owens River change have sought, and will continue to seek to divide the fishing community. I witnessed many unfounded and ugly comments by these people about fly fishing vs. bait fishing, throughout the Commission's public hearing process. These allegations are absolutely false, as CalTrout never has advocated flyfishing only regulations, and we worked to achieve the adopted regulations which do not discriminate against anyone or their fishing method.

I have copied many friends who have worked with me, or are known to me, to be friends of the Upper Owens. Congratulations to all.

Jim Edmondson



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## CHIRONOMIDS

Chironomids or midges are found throughout the world, in both lakes and streams. They are the predominate food source for trout found in the tailwaters San Diego Flyfishers frequent, such as Lee's Ferry, Green River, and the San Juan River. Chironomids are located in large numbers in most if not all of the lakes we fish. I was taught to believe that big fish were caught on big flies. That ain't necessarily so! Chironomids are small, very small.

Eric Schubert mentioned chironomid fishing in his presentation at our November meeting. The next day I received a couple of phone calls inquiring about chironomid fishing so I thought it may be a good subject for an article for the Finny Facts. I certainly don't want to come off as portraying myself as an expert on chironomids because I am not. Without a question the recognized expert is Brian Chan who has authored several articles and books on chironomids.

Several years ago while cruising around on Lake Crowley on my pontoon kick boat, and not having any luck, I observed a fisherman who was catching a fish on nearly every cast.

Naturally I was not only interested but somewhat envious. I spent some time trying to figure just what he was doing that made him so successful. He was the only fisherman using a floating line with a yarn strike indicator. That was my first observation. My fish finder indicated we were eight feet of water. The lucky fisherman was measuring the water by pushing his rod straight down into the water. He then would check his strike indicator, cast out, and wait. It wasn't long before the indicator disappeared and a fish was on. I was brazen enough to let my curiosity get the best of me and I ask him a few questions. Not being properly equipped I continued my normal moving about trying to find fish, with very little success.

Recently Bob Camp, Jack Bentley and I fished with Tom Loe from Sierra Drifters Guide Service on Lake Crowley. Tom had us fishing with floating lines, a strike indicator, and chironomid flies, little ones, like size 20 - 24s. We were using the identical method I had observed on the earlier trip.

On a later trip to Crowley with John Beckstrand, Bob Rubel, Paul Britting, Floyd Lee and Lee Anderson we made some inquiries at the Lake Crowley Marina and we were told just what we should do to be successful chironomid fishermen.

I'll do my best to explain the procedure. And by the way it worked!

First you need a floating line. Sinking lines and sink tips don't work. It is important that your float tube or boat be anchored. The life stages of the chironomid do not swim through the water. They rise from the bottom and emerge slowly to the surface. You need to get your fly down near the bottom. About eight to ten inches off the bottom. We used a lead sinker with a rubber core to reach the bottom. We hooked our fly to the rubber core and dropped it over the side, letting it sink to the bottom. Once we were sure the sinker was on the bottom we raised the fly about eight inches off the bottom and attached our strike indicator to the leader just at the water level. We then retrieved our fly, unhooked the sinker and cast the fly. If we did everything right our fly was eight to ten inches off the bottom be held in place by our floating strike indicator.

Once your fly is down near the bottom and your indicator is bobbing around you just wait for the take. Don't take your eyes off the indicator, as many times the take is very subtle.

It seems to be a pretty sure way to catch fish but after a time watching that indicator my eyes started to cross and I became bored. It reminded me of when I was just a sprout setting on the bank of the Teton River in Idaho fishing with a willow, worms and a cork bobber. (My grandfather who inspired my interest in fishing wasn't a fly fisherman)

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## Chironomids

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The Fly of the Month is the Chironomid of which there are a variety of species of sizes and colors. The instructions are for a Bead Head Pupa and the Yong Special. These are patterns that work. The Yong Special works well at the Green River. You should not go there without an array of these in your fly box. The Zebra Midge, another chironomid pattern, does the job at Lee's Ferry. This pattern is very similar to the Bead Head Pupa. It is tied without the white gills, has a silver bead head and a silver wire ribbing. Just remember to think small. San Diego Fly Fishers Video library has a video by Bob Newman, "Chironomid Patterns", which has a number of good patterns.

Tom Smith

### MAROON BEAD HEAD PUPA

Hook: TMC 2457(curved shrimp hook) Size 10 - 18  
Thread: Maroon 8/0 or 6/0  
Ribbing: Fine Copper Wire  
Body: Burgundy Super Floss  
Thorax: Peacock Herl (Collar)  
Head: Small Copper Bead  
Gills: White Antron Fibers



1. Tie in a short piece of white antron fibers, extending forward over the eye of the hook. Tie off at this point with a two-wrap whip finish and cut the thread.
2. Slide the copper bead forward pushing it over the tied down antron and forcing the bead up against the hook eye. Tie the thread back on behind the bead and wrap a taper behind the bead. Wrap a smooth wrap of thread back to the bend of the hook.
3. Tie in the copper wire ribbing. It should be tied in about 1/3 of the way around the bend.
4. Tie in the Super Floss at the same point you tied in the ribbing.
5. Wrap the super floss forward to right behind the bead and tie it off. Super floss is a stretchy material and you should stretch the material as you wrap it forward. Wrap the ribbing forward in approximately 5 wraps. The ribbing should be reverse wrapped in equally spaced turns creating segmentation.
6. Tie in one strand of peacock herl behind the bead. Wrap the herl around the thread creating a herl rope. Make 3 turns of this rope just behind the bead forming a collar.
7. Whip finish behind the bead.



### YONG SPECIAL

Hook: TMC 100 -Size 20 - 26  
Body: Coats and Clark "Summer Brown" color sewing thread twisted to create segmentation when wrapped.  
(Coats and Clark sewing thread is probably not available in your local fly shop - try a fabric store)  
Thorax: Flat black 8/0 tying thread (This will be lacquered over with head cement to create a glossy finish.  
I use black fingernail polish. Yes it comes in black.)

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## Yong Special

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1. Attach the thread at the  $\frac{1}{2}$  point leaving a long tag end. Leave the bobbin hanging and wrap the tag end up to about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an eye width behind the eye and back to the tie in point. Cut off the excess tag end.
2. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend, forming an underbody. Let the bobbin hang from the hook. Spin the bobbin clockwise tightly winding the thread.
3. Wrap the tightly wound thread forward with touching turns to the hook eye. Make a two-wrap whip finish. Cut off the thread.
4. Attach the black thread and build a large thread head a bit less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  the length of the hook shank
5. Whip finish and coat the black head for a shiny finish. 🪺

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Aloha,

*We had a great time fishing on Kaua'i!*

*Here is a picture of Gordie's best fish. The fishing was really good. We both caught about 30 Tucanari (Peacock Bass) each on both days. We also caught nice big Tilapia and some largemouth bass. The Tukes averaged about 1.5 lbs. and up to 4 lbs. They hit poppers and various sorts of heavily dressed streamers. Orange seemed to be a good color.*

*We were very lucky for the trade winds had faded for most of our stay. We might have been some of the first flyfishermen to hit a really good low wind day.*

*We flyfished from Leroi's bass boat as well as walked along the shore. I was able to stalk and sight fish to some of the Tukes!*



*In addition I found that one could flyfish to Tilapia in some of the streams. One would have to research private land access and be prepared to bushwack. There are also smallmouth bass.*

*Leroi Sakaguchi was one of the best guides we have ever had. He has private access to Waita Reservoir and his facility is top notch. He has a nice bass boat with a powerful trolling motor and easily fishes 2 people. We even had my nephew-in-law out with us the second day. He had a great time thanks to Leroi's skill and patience.*

*Leroi's address is [kauai\\_freshwater@hotmail.com](mailto:kauai_freshwater@hotmail.com) 808-245-7358*

*On the way over from the mainland we were pleased to see an in-flight video about Leroi's operation. So we were really primed for the fishing. We were not disappointed!*

*I think the freshwater fishing on Kauai is really under-rated. If I lived there I would be exploring the 100 reservoirs and many streams. As always local knowledge is the key with Leroi definitely being the source.*

*If you get Harvey over to fish with Leroi, I am sure he would love it. Definitely the fishing trip of a lifetime!*

Mahalo,  
Louie 🪺



## Fly Fishing Quiz

1. In a reach cast the rod is moved to the left or right
  - a) After the line hits the water
  - b) Before the power stroke, while the rod is moving
  - c) At the end of the power stroke, after the rod is stopped
  - d) None of the above
2. You are fishing in a light crosswind and your line keeps blowing into your rod. To alleviate this problem you:
  - a) Cast off vertical or horizontal
  - b) Overpower the cast
  - c) Increase your casting stroke
  - d) Go home
3. Casting different lengths of lines requires changing trajectory of the cast. Short lines have \_\_\_\_ backcasts; long lines have \_\_\_\_ backcasts.
  - a) Low; higher
  - b) High; lower
  - c) Low; lower
  - d) None of the above
4. The backcast should have \_\_\_\_ acceleration and speed when compared to the forward cast.
  - a) The same
  - b) Less
  - c) Slightly more
  - d) Much more

Answers 1.(c); 2.(a); 3.(b); 4.(a)

(by Liz Watson of the Northwest Women Flyfishers)

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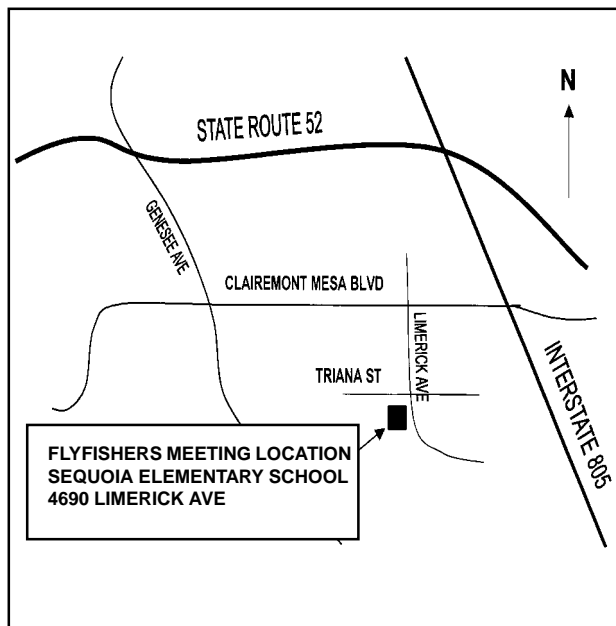
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