

## Christmas Potluck Slated for December 4th Meeting



**T**he December SDFP meeting will take place at the Al Bahr Temple. As last year, the meeting will involve a potluck dinner. Bring some food to share. Unlike last year you may bring your own adult beverages if you wish (see page 3 for more details and map).

Greet the next president of the SDFP as well as the proposed cabinet and board members. Voting them in should be fast and easy. No confusing ballots to deal with. "Railroad job" comes to mind.

Chairperson Nancy Fletcher requests all to bring your best fishing pictures to share with all.

The final meeting of the year is always a fulfilled event. Hope to see all of you there.

## Time to Select 2001 SDFP Officers and Board of Directors

Ballots will be available at the December 4 Potluck Meeting  
Any questions, contact Patricia Case

### Proposed Slate of Officers:

President:	Jim Tenuto
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*Thank you.*  
*Rose and Roger Yamasaki*  
*--Editors--*

## The Final Message

Another year has about come and gone. I finished my season with three days of terrific king salmon and steelhead fishing in Michigan mid-October. The group also included **Heinz Hoenecke, Bernie Fink, and Rich Carlson**. We fished two days for king salmon on the Muskegon, where we caught 18 to 25 pound fish until our arms were tired. We then move to the Dowagiac River to try our luck with steelhead; however, it was the steelhead that had all the luck that day. We all got hookups, but nothing to the net. Both rivers were beautiful, and the foliage was at its peak—the very picture of what eastern rivers should look like in the Fall. And the weather could not have been better. What a great way to finish the year!

Looking back, I feel we managed to accomplish the goals I set out in January. We continued to have great programs this year, under the leadership of **Lane Pearson**; and Lane has booked some top notch programs for the beginning of next year. We managed to keep the budget under control, and **Warren Lew** projects we will be in the black at year's end. And our membership is healthy, with about 330 members on the roster!

Something new we added this year was the silent auctions for used books and fly tying materials throughout the year. This proved to be very popular, as well as a good way for members to get rid of their excess

books and a source of revenues for our conservation activities. These silent auctions raised a total of nearly \$500 for the club!



PATRICK CASE

One of my goals was to investigate the feasibility of a stream restoration project. However, no sooner had the year started than we lost **Donna Kelley**, our annual raffle chairperson, to Northern California. With no replacement for Donna, lofty ideas for new projects quickly went by the wayside, and just maintaining our basic activities suddenly took on a higher priority. That lesson demonstrated how vulnerable the activities of even a club of over 300 members can become to the loss of one or two key members.

While a possible stream restoration project was not initiated this year, the restoration of San Mateo Creek began in earnest. Although the number of bureaucracies involved is going to make this a slow and arduous project, SDFP is very much involved. Warren Lew and others are following this closely, and will be reporting the project's progress to the club.

I remind everyone that the December 4 meeting will be our annual Christmas Party. It will be at the Al Bahr Temple—look for directions and other details on page 3. This year there will be a \$5.00 per person charge at the door to defray the cost of renting the place for the evening (we did not pay rent to City Schools for the Sequoia Auditorium for December).

Included with your admission, you will receive a ticket for the beautiful door prize being prepared by **Nancy Fletcher**, and one of the first of the club's brand new lapel pins to wear on your fishing vest, hat, or, hell, even your lapel. The pin is a beautiful three color facsimile of the club's logo; and it will sell for \$4.00 after the first of the year.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Directors; the men and women that run the casting, fly tying and rod building clinics week in and week out; **Rose and Roger Yamasaki** and **Bob Wisner** for getting the *FINNY FACTS* out month after month; **Mona and Sam Morebello** and their volunteer hosts, and those that have helped with the monthly raffle, beverages, and video library, for another successful year.

I realize I didn't get as much done as some would have liked, and my way of doing things didn't always sit well with others. Personally, it has not been an easy year, and I would like to thank the membership at large for tolerating my frequently cathartic and probably too personal of monthly "President's Messages." However, the year has also been very rewarding, and I very much appreciate the "thanks" I have received from many of you over the months—especially the Point Loma Pat Case Fan Club.

This is a great club, and I whole-heartedly encourage you to get involved in its administration. I can assure you that there is no better way to meet and work with some of the best people in the sport. I hope you have a happy and safe holiday, and your best fishing in the year to come!



## No Wonder Fish Can Be Spooky

### Shielded Cells Help Fish Ignore Noise

Fish don't have to filter the chatter of cocktail parties to hear the latest about Al vs. W. but they do have to distinguish important ripples in water from noise. Now, researchers may have figured out how fish do it.



BOB WISNER

Fish pick up water movements—like the kicks of an insect just right for lunch or the whoosh of an incoming predator—through sensory cells called neuromasts.

In rushing water, the neuromasts on a fish's skin get uselessly excited, say Horst Bleckmann and his colleagues at Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn in Germany. However, a second type of neuromast, protected in canals below the skin surface, can ignore the

chatter of rushing water and pick up more relevant vibrations, the researchers report in the Nov. 2 *NATURE*.

"We are the first to study this in flowing water," Bleckmann says. Previous experiments exposed fish to a vibrating object in still water, he explains. Those studies, he adds, didn't demonstrate the different real-world functions of the two kinds of neuromasts.


Neuromasts dot a fish's skin surface as well as a subsurface canal, called a lateral line, that runs along each fish's flank and branches across its head. The receptors pick up their information via tufts of hair covered by a gel-filled cap. Water sluicing by a fish presses against the cap and bends the hairs, triggering impulses in a nerve below.

Using goldfish, the researchers eavesdropped on the nerves connected to both

canal and skin-surface neuromasts. When the researchers jiggled a tiny sphere near the fish in otherwise quiet water, skin-surface neuromasts picked up vibrations.

When the researchers added a current of 10 centimeters per second in the fish's tank, however, these receptors got so stimulated they didn't sort out the sphere's vibrations. The canal neuromasts, on the other hand, didn't respond to the current but picked up the sphere.

"They're exquisitely sensitive," notes John C. Montgomery of the University of Auckland in New Zealand. He led research that in 1997 found that skin-surface neuromasts help fish figure out how to orient themselves in currents.

Fish species that live in relatively tranquil water have neuromast-rich skin surfaces, Montgomery notes. In contrast, dashing swimmers in rushing water carry most of their neuromasts in their lateral-line systems. 

*From Science News, November 4, 2000*

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

**PROGRAM MEETING-4th-Monday, 7:30 PM,** Holiday potluck at the Al Bahr Temple. Election of new officers.

**LEES FERRY TRIP-4th thru 8th-Monday thru Friday,** contact Jack for any last minute details.

**CUTOFF DATE FOR FINNY FACTS ARTICLES-15th-Friday,** Send articles to: Rose and Roger Yamasaki, 5415 Lodi Place, San Diego, CA 92117, . You can E-mail at Thanks!!

**BOARD MEETING-** Held the last Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the offices of Call Pat Case to make sure meeting hasn't been postponed. All are welcome.





JACK BENTLEY

Any Questions?  
Call Jack Bentley at

### Lees Ferry Trip Coming Up at the End of the Year

This is a nice trip for at least two to four people. But if you cannot get your own group together plan to go with the Club December 4-8th. Call Jack at for details.

### Green River Trip Slated for May 14-19, 2001

It's never too early to be thinking about next year. Especially when it comes to fishing. There should be no excuses for not being ready for this trip. Call Jack.

### Silver Salmon Trip to Alaska

There is still one opening left for a silver salmon trip to Alaska planned for September 7-16, 2001. Cost is \$4,500 for the absolute best silver salmon fishing experience.

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## Anheuser-Busch Pulls Its Cattle From Meadows Near Trout Habitat

By Brian Melley

ASSOCIATED PRESS

October 26, 2000 FRESNO — To the golden trout of the Sierra Nevada: This Bud's for you.

Facing pressure from environmentalists, Anheuser-Busch suspended grazing on fragile Sierra Nevada meadows that threatened the habitat of the state fish.

The controversy with the world's largest beer maker has been brewing for years in the Golden Trout Wilderness of Inyo National Forest, about 200 miles north of Los Angeles.

More than a century of grazing sheep and cattle high in the rugged mountains has trampled meadows, killed vegetation and muddied waters where the fish — prized for its brilliant colors and said to sparkle like a \$20 gold piece — once thrived.

"The fish are rare in one extreme, they spawn in degraded habitats," said Brett Matzke, public lands director for California Trout in Fresno. "Now almost the

entire river is spawning habitat so they're starving to death."

Two weeks ago Trout Unlimited, a conservation organization, filed a federal petition to list the troubled trout as an endangered species, citing grazing as one of the hazards to its health.

Earlier this summer, a number of environmental groups, including California Trout and the Sierra Club, threatened to boycott Anheuser-Busch products unless it removed its herd from the last natural habitat of the golden trout.

The company, which makes Budweiser beer, said it wasn't those threats that drove its herd from the hills. Anheuser-Busch spokesman Charles Poole said, "We thought it was the right thing to do for us at this time."

St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch has been in the cattle business in the Owens Valley since 1986. It bought the Cabin Bar Ranch in Olancha to lock up valuable ground-water rights in case it needs water for its Van Nuys brewery.

The company also benefited from the century-old ranching operation, cashing in on valuable permits to graze cattle on U.S. Forest Service land.

In the summer, the ranch drives 900 cows and their calves onto 100,000 acres in the mountains between 8,000 and 11,000 feet. The cost is about \$4,700 a year for the permits and the government picks up the tab of mending fences and other upkeep. A study by Inyo National Forest — home of Mount Whitney — found it spent about \$80,000 a year to restore resources, manage permits and monitor the area.

During the time Anheuser-Busch cows have grazed in the Golden Trout Wilderness, a forest service study found the meadows have continued to recover from degradation caused through the 1930s when grazing was poorly regulated. Improvements have occurred slowly and now the question is how fast recovery should take. ❖

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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## HOT CHOCOLATE (MODIFIED)



Hook: TMC 5263 Size 10  
Thread: Dark Brown or Black 6/0 or 8/0  
Weight: (Optional) 6 wraps of .025 lead (I usually do not weight this fly)  
Tail: Chocolate Brown Marabou with 4 strands of copper Crystal flash or copper lite brite or angel hair.  
Body: Chocolate and black variegated chenille or black and orange variegated chenille (I prefer the orange and black)  
Hackle: Dyed brown grizzly saddle hackle palmered .  
Wing: Copper lite brite – 8 to 10 strands (if you get to much you can always cut out a few strands)

1. Put a thread wrap on the hook from just behind the eye to the bend and return the thread to approximately the 2/3 point.
2. Select a soft bunch of chocolate brown marabou and tie it in securely at the 2/3 point and wrap back to the bend. The tail should be about the length of the hook shank and sparse. If you are weighting the hook the lead should be wrapped on the first ½ of the hook shank. The marabou tail should be tied on immediately behind the lead wraps forming a smooth body.
3. Tie in the hackle at the bend of the hook. Then tie in the chenille at the bend and wrap it forward to just behind the eye, leaving room to tie on the wing and form the head.
4. Palmer the hackle forward and tie it off. Remove the excess chenille and hackle.
5. Tie on the wing just behind the eye. The lite brite wing should lay back over the back and extend to the end of the tail.
6. Form a neat tapered head. Whip finish. Cement the head.

Fish the pattern with a sinking line. If I am fishing in 20 feet of water I count down about 30 seconds to 60 seconds and then start a slow strip. Kicking slowly as I strip. If that doesn't work speed it up – both the strip and the kick. You should fish it on or near the bottom. However, you can get a hit going down or stripping up.

This is a very good stillwater pattern. If you get it in front of the fish you'll get a hit so be ready!

Tom Smith





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

### **SET UP**

- Arrive by 6:15 PM
- Unlock SDFP 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
- Set up tables next to back windows for name tag boxes
- Arrange table for raffle ticket sales
- Arrange 2-3 tables in front of stage steps for raffle items
- Set up microphone (located in box next to power panel stage left, top level)
- Set up slide projector and screen (extension cord in cabinet)
- 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)
- Help enforce NO FOOD OR DRINK ON CARPETING

### **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 microphone, 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)

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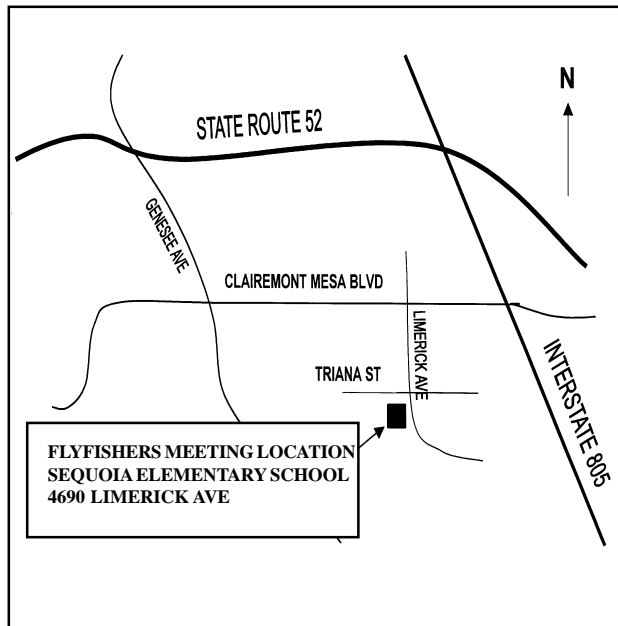
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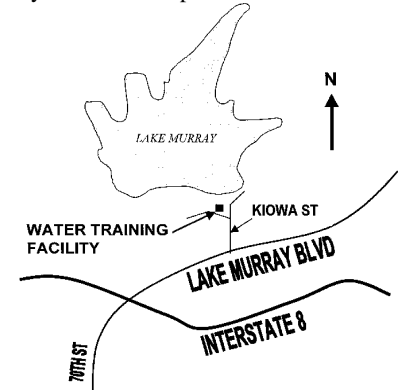
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