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Fly Fishers

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JANUARY 2012**

"I do not know what day I became a fly fisherman. It may have been the first time I saw someone casting a fly line or it may been the first day I stood knee deep in a river hoping for a fish to rise. I do know I have not been the same since."

Art Reifman, December 7, 2011

**A**s I sit down to write my last President's Message of my 2011 term I am reminded that 70 years ago today, December 7, 1941 the United States was cast into World War II by the attack on Pearl Harbor. The events of that day changed the course of history for



**ART REIFMAN**

this country and the world. Not all changes are brought on great events, most happen without much fanfare and with little notice. The events of our club this past year will be little noticed by the world beyond our membership but for myself this was an important and eventful year. During the year we enjoyed many interesting presentations at our monthly meetings. I particularly enjoyed Bob Berry's presentation in March that gave us a glimpse into the mind of an artist who brings a love of fishing to life through his remarkable fish carvings. Throughout the year many of our members

reached out and offered their services to our community through programs like Star Pal and Lend a Rod. Most memorable to me was our work with Project Healing Waters. The eight weeks we spent this past spring at the Naval Medical Center working

with wounded servicemen, and our May trip to Mammoth, watching those wounded servicemen fly fishing for their first time, on Tom Loe's pond, was for me the highlight of the entire year.

Most important to me, and what makes San Diego Fly Fishers special is its members and the effort they put forward each and every year. This past year our members reached out and introduced many to the sport of fly-fishing through fly-casting instruction and sharing their love of fly tying. They got together with one another to share

the joy of fly-fishing. This January 9th at our annual awards banquet we will be honoring a number of very deserving individuals. Unfortunately we cannot honor all the individuals who made this past year such a success. All of our members who helped with the various projects, when on the trips and outings, attended our monthly meetings, took part in the classes we offered, and supported our highly successful annual fundraiser, these individuals are the heart and soul of our Club. I want to apologize to all the members I will not be singling out during the banquet who have given so much of their time and effort to supporting the club's efforts. To all our members I want to give a sincere thank you for all you have done. A special thanks goes out to the member of this year's board of directors whose support and assistance made this year such a success. To everyone, thank you for making this year very special, one I will always remember.

*Art Reifman*

President, San Diego Fly Fishers

# SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS

Annual "STROUD" Banquet



**Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**6:30 to 9:00 PM**

**Admiral Baker Clubhouse**

**U.S. Navy Recreation Center**

**Come celebrate another successful year for  
San Diego Fly Fishers.**

**The price is only \$25 per person for a great buffet dinner in a  
beautiful and convenient setting.**

**Sign-up at a meeting, at Stroud's Tackle or mail check to Paul  
Woolery no later than  
December 23rd.**

# BISHOP FISHING TRIP 2012

**16  
MAX**



## DRIFT THE LOWER OWENS

**FEBRUARY 24TH-25TH**



**WARNING**  
BE PREPARED FOR  
BAD WEATHER. WE FISH RAIN,  
SLEET AND SNOW!

**GUIDE SERVICE**  
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**PAUL WOOLERY FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**



# Lost Fishing Areas and Access Reductions In San Diego County

Some notes by Louie Zimm to Lucky Ketcham and Steve Piper  
December 7, 2011

Steve Piper and I were writing back and forth about the areas around Scripps Pier that we will no longer be able to fish on January 1st, 2012. I knew I would no longer be able to fish south and north of the pier but I did not realize I would also lose the croaker hole at the bottom of the lifeguard access road, Black Gold Road.

Final for Blacks seems to be closed to all shore fishing up to 32 deg 53.0 min N, 117 deg 15.166min W (south boundary is at 32 deg 51.964 min N) Steve plotted the GPS point to be half way to the Glider Port "goat trail" and the black asphalt road to the beach. I have walked that road many, many times in the past 30 years. The big croaker hole at the bottom of the road has produced many of my legal surf halibut and hundreds of perch and yellow fin croaker. I will surely miss it.

Google maps puts that about 1/2 way between the Black Gold road (asphalt road to surf beach) and the Glider Port trail.

Louie Zimm clarifies many of the areas we will not be able to fish in 2012:

When the MLPA closures go into effect in January 1, 2012 the closure will be from Goldfish Point, Point La Jolla all the way to the North edge of UCSD land, which is

just south of the glider port trail.

Also from 2 blocks north of Crystal Pier to Palomar Street (Big Rock Reef). The only part of La Jolla that you will be able to beach fish in La Jolla will be from Palomar Street/ Big Rock Reef to Goldfish Point and from the glider port north.

I warned you all that it would be bad!

Already, one of the Mission Bay based Seaforth 1/2 day boats has moved to San Diego Bay in response. However, now we are faced with a \$30 dollar daily Mexican visa charge.



Let's see, since 9/11, we have lost:

- 30% of San Diego Bay,
- the 43 Fathom Bank,
- the 60 Mile Bank,
- much of San Clemente Island,
- 40% of the rocky coastal habitat in So Cal,
- the Cortez and Tanner Bank deeper then 20 Fathoms (120 feet)
- and perhaps access to Mexican waters
- plus much of the San Diego County surf fishing beaches including La Jolla Shores,
- Black's and Border Field,/Tijuana River-mouth.

Hmmm... think we have an access problem?

This could be the end of fishing in So Cal as we know it. 30% of San Diego Bay is off limits to fishing: Louie explains:

After 9/11 one cannot fish within 100 yards of any federal or navy installation. Thus we lost the whole coast of North Island, off all the navy involved shipyards, all of 32<sup>nd</sup> street naval base, all of the carrier pier area, all of the sub base, the bait barge, amphib base, off the seal training area, within 100 yards of the Coast Guard Base, also the Admiral Kidd club side of the entrance to NTC channel and the east side of the commercial basin. Also a large area in the ocean off the firing range south of North Island as well as any beach areas between

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## Lost Fishing Areas

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the Coronado Hotel and Imperial Beach.

Don't forget that one is prohibited from stopping or fishing with 75 feet of the Coronado Bridge. Also don't forget that one has always been prohibited from anchoring and/of fishing within the shipping channel. Also one cannot come within 100 yards of any cruise ship or naval vessel. See the DFG website for MLPA details <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/southcoast.asp>



Lucky Ketcham  
lketch@intrepid.warped.com

Steve Piper and I have been mourning the loss of some of our favorite surf fishing locations. MLPA goes into effect on January 1st. Join us as we pay tribute to the fish gods for all the joy these spots have given us and fish these two locations one last time. History is being made this year. Not all history is good .... but time will tell.

Even if you don't feel like fishing - it is a nice hike down to the beach. I prepared a list of areas we can no longer fish from notes Louie Zimm sent me. Sad but true.

Many thanks to Louie Zimm for representing us at the MLPA meetings and making efforts to reduce losses in other areas.

Last chance to fish these spots before the January 1 MLPA closure. On January 1, several of our local coastal fishing spots will be closed

## SDFF Day at the Bay--Saturday November 26--Tidelands Park (more to follow in future issues)



**Lee McElravy and Paul Woolery**

**Art Reifman**

indefinitely as part of the implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA). The closures will be reviewed every 5 years, but given the scarcity of fish population data and of funding to generate more data, it is likely that these areas will be closed for at least a decade and probably more.

See this site for details: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/southcoast.asp>

Both Scripps and Blacks up past the lifeguard road almost to the glider port trail will be closed as part of a new Marine Protection Area (MPA). I have enjoyed fly fishing Scripps and Blacks for the last 10 years. Both spots have

given up nice perch, corbina, spotfin yellowfin croakers, and halibut.

Scripps could be magical in the early evening for corbina and yellowfin croaker, and Blacks was good for many nice mornings as well as for sight fishing to corbina in the middle of the day.

At Scripps, you can park along the coastal road south of the campus, on Paseo Grande, and walk down the southern stairs to the beach.

At Blacks, you can park on Black Gold Road, and walk down the asphalt Lifeguard road.

If you need more information, call me (Steve Piper) on my cell at



# Meeting Hosts for 2012



San Diego Fly Fishers appreciate your voluntary enlistment as a Meeting Host! Below is the schedule for the year together with the “How To” manual.

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! (Sam & Mona)**

**January:** Annual Banquet

**February:** Lucky Ketcham, Barry Pechersky

**March:** Rick Shepp, Jon Hee

**April:** Donald Rutherford, Richard Hayashi

**May:** Lew Walsh, Bruce Harris

**June:** Alan Thompson, Alan Reoch

**July:** Pam Ivor, Hal Herritt

**August:** Gone Fishing

**September:** Mark Hedderson, Les Schultz

**October:** Mike & Helen Grundler

**November:** Jeff Elliott, Paul White

**December:** Larry Aker, Kurt Ruble

ON CALL SUBSTITUTES:



# **“How To”...SDFB Meeting Set-up and Breakdown 2012**

## **SET UP**

- Arrive by 6:30 PM
- Unlock SDFB cabinets (located on stage left) combination lock # 1-2-3
- Carry name-tag cases to back of auditorium. Cases are located adjacent to cabinets
- Someone 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 table for raffle ticket sales
- Arrange 1 table for door prizes
- Set up club P.A. system (found in cabinets on stage)
- Set up table for projectors, 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 recycle bin (from teacher's lounge)
- **Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 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 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 return this room to the same order as we found it 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)**

**NOTE:** The board wants to get a head count at our 2012 meetings. Please be exact in the number of chairs you set up. Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle).







**JANUARY 28, 2012 9 am - 4 pm**

*Great Buys on New and Used Tackle*  
*Benefit the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers*  
**LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB. 4901 East 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804**

Lunch \$10.00 for FFF members, \$15.00 others. Membership available at door.  
Please RSVP by January 06, 2012. Call 818. 757. 3474 or email: [secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**



**FLY TYING 9-4**

Learn from award winning fly tiers. Bill Blackstone, John Van Derhoof, Mark Kirchner, Maria Rivas, Graham Owen, Steven Fernandez, Dean Endress, Peter Koga, Lee Baerman, Carl Ronk, Naomi Okamoto and others. They will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques! This event will feature 2 renowned Buzsek Award winners.

**HOT CREEK LEADERS 10-noon**

Hot Creek Guru Mas Okui will teach how to tie his famous freshwater leaders. The cost of the class \$100.00. The leader kit will have enough material to create plenty of leaders to use throughout the season. The master will also instruct on how to cast these leaders. The class will be held from 10:00 am to noon. Limited to the first 10 people to RSVP by January 06, 2012. Please call 818. 757. 3474 or email: [secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org)

**GARAGE SALE: 9-4**

Please donate items for the fly fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters or as needed by the SWC member clubs. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10.00. A great opportunity to dispose of extras and unwanted items of all matters fly fishing. Please give items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly. This is the perfect way to do spring cleaning and to help the SWCFFF!

**CASTING 9-4**

Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from our Certified Federation Instructors. \$1.00 per minute (15 minutes minimum). Your casting can be analyzed by one of our certified instructors. Get tips on your Single-handed, Spey or double-haul casting. See how you do in the Danish Casting Games! Come join in on the fun of casting!

**SILENT AUCTIONS 9-3**

For your bidding pleasure both select and special items will be on the tables all day. Bidding will be conducted or opened for 90 minutes at a time, all day. Come any time and place your bids!

**LIVE AUCTION immediately after lunch**

Special fly plates, unique specialized flies, private casting and special gear will be up for the exciting live auction. Don't miss it!





## **“TEACH THE TEACHERS” CASTING CLASSES IN FEBRUARY 2012**

The FFF CCCIP (Certified Casting Instructor Program) with the help of Long Beach and Pasadena Casting Clubs, will present a series of two hour workshops designed to help local Club members teach beginning students in the basics of fly casting. Most Clubs offer an annual introductory casting class to attract newcomers to the sport, and these workshops will offer tips and techniques for that very important first fly casting lesson. The focus will be on teaching casting to beginners – they are not fly casting lessons. The workshops will be conducted by FFF Certified Instructors and will cover these areas.

- . Teaching fly casting principles
- . Teaching of the pick-up and lay down, roll cast and false casts
- . Analysis and correction of common casting errors
- . Answers to common beginner questions
- . Teaching communication skills

The workshops will be held on four consecutive Saturdays

February 4th at Long Beach Casting Club 9–11 am

February 11th at Pasadena Casting Club 9–11 am

February 18th at Long Beach Casting Club 9–11 am

February 25th at Pasadena Casting Club 9–11 am

Workshop participants should have a basic knowledge of fly casting, lots of patience and a desire to become a better teacher and communicator. Students should attend as many sessions as possible to get maximum benefit from the program. There is no charge for these workshops but individuals and Clubs may make a donation to cover basic costs.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HOW MANY OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS WISH TO ATTEND. The cutoff for registration in the first class is January 21st 2012.

Please email or call:  
MARSHALL BISSETT



## **“A Fly Rod in My Sea Bag”**

**From Joel Stewart:**

**My book is finally available. “*A Fly Rod in My Sea Bag*” is a book about the Baghdad Anglers Club and School of Fly Fishing is now available for pre-order!!! Soft cover is \$19.95 and a special edition hard-cover is \$59.95.**

**25% of the money earned by this book will be donated to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, an organization that uses fly-fishing to rehabilitate wounded servicemen and veterans.**

**The book can be ordered through the publisher site now. So check it out, read selected sections and place your order. The publisher’s web site is: <http://www.whitefishpress.com/newreleases.asp> or visit us on Facebook:**

**<http://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Fly-Rod-in-My-Sea-Bag>**

**Fish on! Joel**

**Joel Stewart**

**Founder Baghdad Anglers Club and School of Fly Fishing**

**[www.baghdadfishing.com](http://www.baghdadfishing.com)**

**<http://www.cafepress.com/BaghdadAnglers>**

On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in Riverside, CA, the Southwest Council will be sponsoring **Club Management Day at the Isaac Walton Clubhouse**. Meeting location of Deep Creek Fly Fishers. What does this have to do with you? Read on.

There are 22 fly fishing clubs in SoCal and Southern Nevada. They all have very similar issues, successes and problems. This meeting is a way to network our way to the solutions you might need. If your club excels at everything or even some things, why not come and share your advice or information with others. Or, If you need assistance, ideas and guidance, others in attendance probably have your solution.

There will be discussions at each table on specific areas. We can share or improve Practices with each other.

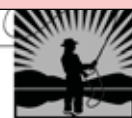
The Southwest Council conducts this meeting once a year and we hope you and your fellow board members will be there. Lunch and soft drinks will be provided. We even have a guest speaker to update us about conservation issues in the state and how they affect fly anglers. We really can't do it without you so please join us and bring your best ideas.

Please RSVP to [secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org) no later than January 14<sup>th</sup> so we can make sure we have food for you!

John Rose, Newsletter Editor of the South West Council

Hours – 10–2

Location – Isaac Walton Clubhouse



Recipients of the  
**Stroud Award**

2004-Jim Brown  
2005-Allen Greenwood  
2006- Hugh Marx  
2007- Mike Rivkin  
2008- Bill Van Wulven  
2009- Larry Bottroff  
2010- Gary Strawn



## EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations are gratefully accepted  
Make checks payable to Eileen Stroud Conservation Fund

Mail to:  
Stroud Conservation Fund  
1457 Morena Blvd  
San Diego, CA 92110

All funds collected in Eileen's name will be donated to fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San Diego County.

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

Send articles to:  
Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

You can E-mail at Thanks!!

Send change of address information,signup for electronic version of newsletter, or Club membership renewal to:

Paul Woolery

### LIFE MEMBERS

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### HONORARY MEMBERS

Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler (in memoriam), Hugh Marx, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood, Mike Rivkin, Bill Van Wulven, Larry Bottroff, Aubrey Wendling

### Recipients of the: GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service  
to the flyfishing community

1991-Ned Sewell	2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki
1992-Bob Camp	2002-Larry Sorensen
1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud	2003-Jim Tenuto
1994-Ed Velton	2004-Joe Bain
1995-Bob Wisner	2005-Jim Reeg
1996-Gary Hilbers	2006-John Kasten
1997-Jack Bentley	2007-Lucky Ketcham
1998-Gordie Zimm	2008-Louie Zimm
1999-Gretchen Yearous	2009-Warren Lew
2000-Tom Smith	2010- Paul Woolery





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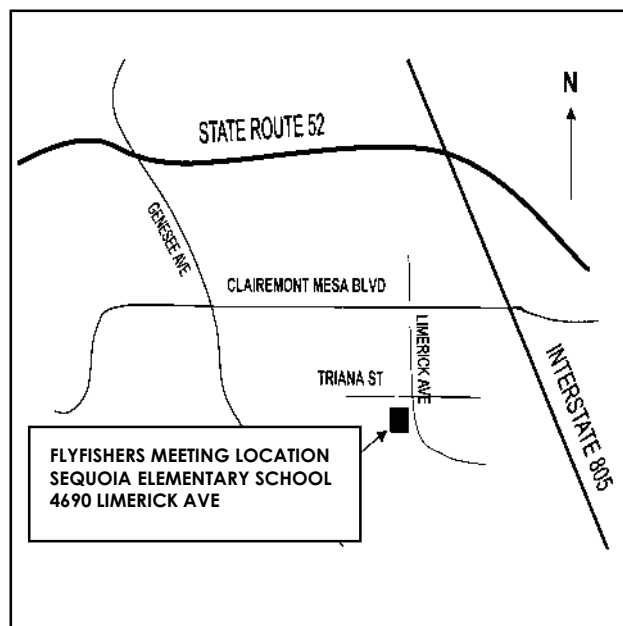
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### Meeting Place for Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near 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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