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January Speaker

Conway Bowman on the January Agenda

Local guide and San Diego native Conway Bowman will be the featured speaker to kick off the new year. In the past Conway has spoken on deep sea fishing with the fly rod.

Conway is owner and operator of Bowman Bluewater Guide Service and is an expert on bluewater fishing up and down the baja California coast.

Hope to see you there.

Bob Camp Passes Away

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MEETING NOTICE

Monday, January 10th, 2005
7:30 PM

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

REMINDER

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

**Richard and
Matthew Louv**

Thank you, Mona Morebello

Joe Bain Recipient of 2004 Gordon Foster Memorial Award

Jim Brown receives first Stroud Award



Joe Bain receives the Gordon Foster Memorial Award from last year's recipient, Jim Tenuto. Joe was applauded for his leadership in the Chollas Lake children's fishing program to, as Joe puts it, "keep the kids off the streets."

Get kids off the street and on to the lake. We have plenty of fishing tackle for them. Our lend a rod program will leave no kid behind. This is the mantra behind which Joe Bain has passionately led his merry band of San Diego Fly Fishers volunteers in the Chollas Lake Youth Fishing program. His program has gained much attention and acco-

lates culminating in the presentation of the Gordon Foster Memorial Award for unselfish and outstanding service to the flyfishing community. And that he has done. From the Lend-A-Rod station which he built himself, to the manual for fishing success, to scouring the county for rods and reels for the kids to borrow, Joe has spent hours upon hours on this program.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JANUARY 2005

Greetings to all the folks in our San Diego Flyfishers. Here's to a wonderful Holiday Season and a prosperous and happy New Year!

I wish to thank everyone who has approached me with their kind comments and support regarding this opportunity to be President of your club.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce my fellow board members:

Al Venton has been a longtime member and quiet supporter of the club. I well remember the long hours and dedication he put in overseeing the construction of the club's Sunday casting lesson meeting place at Lake Murray. Ask Al about New Zealand trout fishing sometime!

Jonathan Yee has also been a steady supporter of your club and will now be taking a well-deserved place as one of your Directors.

Gordie Zimm has been the quiet but strong and dedicated member who has kept us all focused on the job at hand. Her behind the scenes hard work has made this club as great as it is!

George Gates and **Jim Reeg** are both past Presidents and have held most other important offices in the club. They are excellent mentors who will make this transition seamless.



LOUIE ZIMM

Jim Castelluzo continues on the board and will once again coordinate our highly successful Day At The Docks program.

Lucky Ketchum will be taking over the membership duties from Gordie. He brings with him wonderful enthusiasm

and expertise.

Paul Woolery will continue his duties as Secretary in addition to the great job he does out at Chollas Lake for **Joe Bain** along with **Gary Hilbers** and **Dick Mount**.

Gary Strawn has been our Conservation Director and now also takes on the duties of 2nd Vice President. We are all grateful to him for efforts organizing the incredibly successful Annual Banquet this year at The Admiral Baker facility.

Gary has some great ideas regarding local conservation issues. Talk to him about it. You will find it well worthwhile!

Another man wearing two hats this year is **Lee McElravy**. Lee has been our Treasurer this year and has done an excellent job. His reports are like a breath of fresh air, they clear the haze of club financial accounting. He will be assisting me as 1st Vice President as well as continuing his excellent financial work.

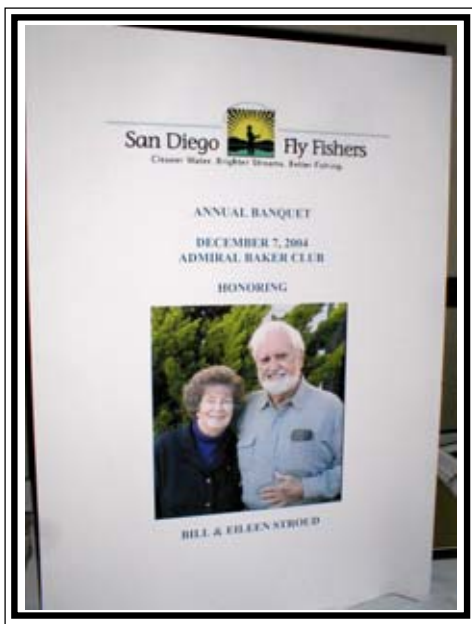
As we start the New Year, I want to remind everyone that this is your club. The Board of Directors is here to support you members in our quest to make this club the friendliest and most interesting flyfishing club in California. I am always available (except when I am fishing) to hear suggestions and ideas to make this club what you, our members, think it should be.



Saltery Lodge two for the price of one offer to be in next month's silent auction

Doyle Hatfield of Saltery Lodge has graciously offered a two-for-one deal for his wonderful lodge on Kodiak Island, Alaska set for July 3-9, 2005 (\$2,250) and August 7-13, 2005 (\$1,950). We will have more information and the chance to bid on the trip at the January 10th meeting.





Annual Stroud Banquet

San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Banquet honors the Strouds' many years of support and leadership

all of the responsibilities essential to the production of our monthly meetings, our members were busy all year. We made appearances (and presentations) at the Day at the Docks and for National Hunting and Fishing Day. We supported, both financially and through personal effort, the youth fishing program at Chollas Lake. We built rods, tied flies and laid the groundwork for a youth fly tying class at the San Carlos Rec Center.

nent, for Eileen and Bill Stroud

We all know Eileen and Bill as the proprietors of Stroud Tackle, our official Club Headquarters. Our newer members might not know that Bill has been President of this Club three times since 1980. And although she would probably deny it, Eileen played a significant role in the admission of women to the Club.

Was it '45, '57 or '62? Regardless of when this all started, we can all agree the San Diego Fly Fishers has a proud history of club success, both internally as an organization of individuals with a common interest and externally through service to the fly fishing community.

There are two fundamental reasons for this success. One is our large membership of committed fly fishers with various specialized interests, including fly fishing and fly tying, travel, rod building and fly fishing instruction. The other reason for our consistent success is our long-standing commitment to conservation and education, most especially with regard to the youth in our community.

The most recent comment we all hear from new members is their surprise at the assortment of programs and causes we support.

2004 was no exception. In addition to

And perhaps most importantly, we reached out to the larger sporting community. This year we donated funds to Abraxis High School to help them establish their new fishing club. We donated money for both conservation and education to Trout Unlimited, The San Diego River Park Foundation, the San Diego Public Library, San Diego Stream Team and Cal Trout. And your Board managed this effort while balancing its budget for the year.

Ed Velton's *Club History* tells us that our Annual Banquet dates back to at least 1981 and, most assuredly, some time earlier than that. Perhaps it resulted from our sense of success this year (and the individuals who contributed significantly to that success), or perhaps from the perception that some very special recognition was long overdue, but as the year slowly drew to a close and preparations were being made for this year's Banquet, your Board of Directors decided to do something very special, and perma-

Those of you who have been involved in Club administration in any capacity know that Bill and Eileen's private efforts far outweigh their public *persona*. It was during Bill's first tenure as President the Club became affiliated with Trout Unlimited and Cal Trout. Over the years, membership in our organization increased significantly as a result of the Strouds' personal efforts. They have consistently donated thousands of dollars in equipment each year for our various raffles. And most importantly, we know of no single instance when Bill and Eileen have failed to respond, enthusiastically, to some Club request for help, whether large or small.

In pondering how we might best honor Eileen and Bill, your Board of Directors had two primary goals: some form of recognition that would be permanent and that would typify the Strouds' long-standing support for and respect for the art of fly fishing. We believe we have accomplished that in two respects.

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Annual Stroud Banquet

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Former city lakes manager Jim Brown is the first recipient of the Annual Stroud Award. Bill Stroud touted the fact that Jim Brown has done more for fishermen of all types than anybody he knew. Jim donated his honorarium to Joe Bain's Chollas Lake children's fishing program.

First, you undoubtedly already noticed that the name has changed. Beginning this year, the San Diego Fly Fishers' Annual Banquet has been renamed the **"Annual Stroud Banquet."** We genuinely believe this will be a lasting tribute to the contributions to our Club made by Eileen and Bill over the past 25+ years.

In addition, and in recognition of the Strouds' personal commitment to our sport and the community in which we operate, the San Diego Fly Fishers will be presenting the first annual **Stroud Award** this year. Much thought went into development of this Award.

The Stroud Award is designed to

recognize individuals outside our organization who have made a major lifetime contribution to the sport of fishing and/or conservation benefitting the sport of fishing. Nominees need not be members of our Club and, in fact, the intention of your Board is that the Award recognize the achievement of individuals encompassing a much broader scope.

This year's recipient has been personally chosen by Bill and Eileen. Beginning next year, any two club members may nominate a candidate; non-Club members may nominate a candidate through the sponsorship of two Club members. Nomination forms will be available through the Board of Directors.

A standing Nominating Selection Committee consisting of Bill and Eileen, the current and immediate Past President will screen all nominees to ensure they qualify based upon our published qualification criteria. To qualify as an Award candidate, a Nominee must receive at least three out of four votes of the Nominating Committee. Each year up to five nominees will be accepted as candidates. In addition, the runner-up candidate from the prior year will be automatically qualified.

Prior to the Annual Stroud Banquet, all past San Diego Fly Fishers Presidents will vote on the candidates under a proscribed guideline of cumulative voting. To ensure the recognition this Award is designed to bestow, if no candidate receives the necessary number of votes, there will be no winner for that year and the leading candidate will automatically be a candidate for the next year's Award.

In recognition of the Award, the Club will make a donation of \$500.00 to the charity of the recipient's choice, provided that charity has a significant connection to the sport of fishing and/or environmental protection. A press release will be distributed describing the winner and the reasons for the selection and the winner will be recognized in both the *Finny Facts* and the Club website. Finally, the winner will receive an honorary lifetime membership in the San Diego Fly Fishers and a plaque in recognition of his or her achievement.

**2004 Board of Directors
San Diego Fly Fishers**



San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Banquet 2004

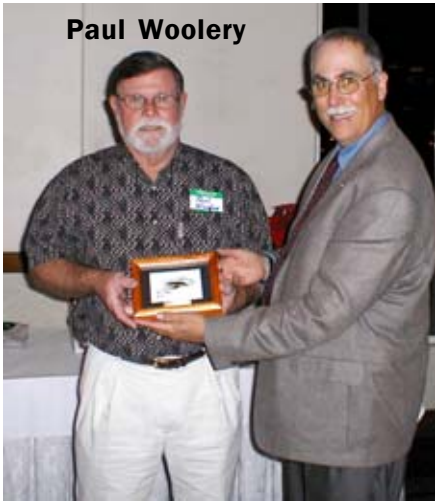
Flyplate Awards

Jim Reeg



Louie Zimm accepts on behalf of his wife Gordie.

Paul Woolery



Sam and Mona Morebello



Lee McElravy



Gary Strawn



Joe Bain



Flyplates were also awarded to Gary Hilbers and Dick Mount.



Golden Trout Wilderness Project--A Rebuttal

I would like to apologize to any one who may have been offended by the article I wrote about the Golden Trout Wilderness Project, in the November Finny Facts. I should not have published a picture of myself, holding a big, beautiful brown trout that I did not catch. All of us working on the

Golden Trout habitat project felt that removing any fish was the most unpleasant part of the task, but we firmly believe it was necessary. I would like to assure you that it is not simply a matter of choosing one species over another, nor was the selection process haphazard. In the Golden Trout Habitat areas we worked, electro-fishing equipment was used to stun all of the fish. Each fish was then caught in soft nets and passed to DFG biologists for inspection and marking. We were pleased to see that all of those fish, which were returned to the stream, swam away, showing no ill effects. Those fish, which the biologists determined had to be removed, were killed as humanely as possible. Once killed, taking the big ones back to camp for dinner seemed appropriate. That is a decision Warren and I don't regret!

I am not qualified to get into a technical discussion of the endangered species act, but the current arguments flying around in the press about a

Government initiative to remove steelhead from the ESA list, demonstrates a point. Their argument is basically: steelhead are genetically the same as rainbow trout. Rainbows aren't endangered. Therefore, steelhead aren't endangered. Anyone who has caught a bright, wild steelhead, just returning from sea, knows that it is not the same as a hatchery rainbow. Genetically the same but their environments make them different.

I believe it is most beneficial to discuss this issue in terms of the habitat being endangered, not just the fish. Strong, beautiful, healthy rainbows, browns, cutthroats and even goldens can be hatchery produced in large quantities. But, if there are not appropriate habitats in which they can thrive, we cannot enjoy them in their entire natural splendor. Many of us have caught wild trout and wild, native trout. Knowing that a species is thriving in its native environment is a wonderful experience, but fishing for any wild fish is also great. Those of us that have made the annual trek to fish for large "German" browns in the Flaming Gorge tail water can attest to that. There are many similar success stories where healthy wild fisheries have been created and are being sustained through cooperation of fishers, government and private interest. However, there are very few possibilities remaining for us to preserve a wild habitat with a native trout species or sub-

species. Preserving a genetically diverse fish population is not only important esthetically and historically, but may become critical to their survival. The whirling disease disaster of recent years demonstrated the importance of a diverse gene pool. While some fish populations were devastated others survived un-harmed. If we allow our cold-water fish populations to dwindle to a few homogeneous hatchery populations, we are courting disaster.

California's Golden Trout Habitat provides a rare opportunity to preserve wild, native trout. Our state fish: the California golden trout are thriving in their native headwaters of the Kern River. But, they are threatened by predatory, brown trout moving up stream from locations where they were planted by DFG in years past. More importantly, non-native rainbows have moved upstream and crossbred with the native goldens, contaminating the gene pool. Current government efforts supported by Cal Trout, Trout Unlimited and clubs like ours are simply trying to preserve this small portion of our High Sierra streams for their native inhabitants. We all wish that the invasive species could just be moved to different streams, but the remoteness of the location precludes that option.

I believe that working hard to preserve and restore endangered habitats is an important objective for San Diego Fly Fishers. Unfortunately, removing invasive fish from certain habitats is a sad but necessary part of that worth-



GARY STRAWN



FLY OF THE MONTH

DRAGONFLY NYMPH AND DAMSELFLY NYMPH

DRAGONFLY NYMPH

Hook: 3x - 4x long size 4 to 8
Thread: Brown 6/0 or 8/0
Weight: Lead wire .025
Body: Olive and Brown Dubbing
(I added a bit of yellow also)
blended together
Rib: Fine copper wire
Wing case: Mottled turkey tail
Legs: Pheasant tail fibers
Eyes: Mono eyes or bead chain eyes

DAMSELFLY NYMPH

Hook: Same as dragonfly nymph
Thread: Brown 6/0 or 8/0
Weight: Same as Dragonfly nymph
Tails: Three olive biots
Body: Same as Dragonfly nymph
Rib: Fine Gold wire or copper
Wing Case: Same as Dragonfly nymph
Legs: Pheasant tail fibers
Eyes: Same as dragonfly nymph

1. Place a de-barbed hook in the vise and wrap a layer of thread from just behind the eye to the bend of the hook. Wrap 2 layers of lead from about the 1/4 point behind the hook eye to about 1/8 inch in front of the hook bend. If you are tying the damselfly nymph use only one layer of lead.

2. Tie in the ribbing wire at the bend of the hook. If you are tying the damselfly nymph now is the time to tie in the tail.

3. Dub a fat body tapered from the middle both ways. This fat body should be from the bend to the beginning of the thorax. If you are tying the damselfly nymph it has a skinny body and has no or a very slight taper. Thorax of the damselfly is same as the body. The thorax of the dragonfly nymph is smaller than the body.

Put a small layer of dubbing on the thorax area (both flies)

4. Move the thread forward to the 1/4 point behind the hook eye. Tie in the wing case, which should extend over and front of the hook eye. (both flies)

5. Tie in the legs - 3 on each side. They should be 1/4" to 3/8" long. Tie on the eyes just behind the hook eye.

6. Dub the thorax area from the eyes back to the front end of the body. The thorax of the Dragonfly is much skinnier than the body. On the dam-



selfly it's about the same size. Put a small amount of dubbing between and around the eyes.

7. Pull the wing case back between the eyes and over the thorax. It should extend to just short of the middle of the body (on the dragonfly). On the damselfly just a bit shorter. Secure it with several wraps behind the legs and then move the thread forward to just behind the eyes and make several more wraps over the wing case. Trim the wing case for proper length.

8. Whip finish and apply head cement to the thread and the wing case.

As you can see both flies are tied with basically the same materials and the steps are very similar. Both of these insects are found in stillwater almost the year around. Some studies indicate that damselfly nymphs are the third most important food source of stillwater trout. Both of these flies are good stillwater patterns and should be in your fly box. Use a sinking fly line and a moderate, jerking retrieve. They are especially productive in the spring and early summer.



Fly Fishing In Sight of NY Skyline (almost)

by Don Rutherford

World class Trout fishing is to be had on Long Island, NY. That's right! Surrounded by salt water, Long Island has three excellent trout waters: The Nissequogue River, the Connetquot River, and the Carmans River. Fish the Connetquot for trophy rainbows, the Carmans for spunky brookies, and the Nissequogue for rainbows, browns and brookies. I have fished the Nissequogue for thirty years. To my way of thinking it is one of the finest managed waters in the New York. It beats the hallowed waters of up-state NY hands down! Just four weeks ago, I returned to NY and had the opportunity to fish the Nissequogue yet again. It did not let me down. The prize fish for the day were a 5 lb. Rainbow, a 3½ lb. brookie in fall colors and numerous smaller, 10"-14" fish to round out the day. It was a good day, not great, but very, very good. The largest fish I, personally hooked into there was a 15-20 lb. Rainbow (seen but not landed). The Nissequogue is my home water. I know where they hide, spring, summer, and fall. The following is a brief introduction to you about this remarkable, yet relatively unknown trout water. The part of the Nissequogue, I fish within Caleb Smith state park. It is a fly-fishing only water. It has both stocked and natural spawn trout. The limit is 2 trout, and most anglers catch and release their fish. Anglers prefer the river, but there are two very productive ponds. The big pond is where I hooked into the giant laker.

The back pond is productive all year round. Fishing the river is "where it is at", for most fly fishermen. The river is quite tight with over hangs of trees and bushes line the river. A smaller rod works best in the upper beats (3-6). The lower beats (7-13) are where you can unload those long casts. This is a good time to bring up the beat system. The Caleb state park is a former private fishing and shooting club, established by and for the enjoyment of its wealthy patrons. Those days are gone, but some of the old "rules" still keep the flavor of those days. You book a site on the river, within a two-week period. That gives you ¼ mile river site to fish for 4 hours (7AM-11) & (11-3PM). No shoulder to shoulder here, even on opening day. The scenery is beautiful, very lush green with wild life in abundance. Make sure to bring a camera. I have seen fox, great herons, hawks, ospreys, ducks, swans, and geese. You may want a picture of your catch, too.

If there is some interest, a trip to NY and fishing the Nissequogue, in June of '05, I would like to take 3-5 people east with me to showoff this water. Cost would be about \$500 for transportation, lodging and fishing. Into the city trip can be arranged for a Monday (the park is closed) or we could go after stripers or blues. There is, also, something like thirty wineries on the Island (to pick out a nice Chardonnay to go with a grilled trout?).

BEGINNING FLY TYING FOR YOUTHS AND FAMILIES

WHAT: Fly tying class

WHEN: Tuesdays Jan 4-Feb 22, 6:30-8:30 PM

WHERE: San Carlos Recreation Center

WHO: The level of instruction will be geared for the 10-18 year old, although families are strongly encouraged to participate.

COST: \$15

This coming year we are trying something a little different with our fly tying class. In conjunction with the San Carlos Recreation Center we will be offering a class primarily for the younger set. Although the target group will be 10-18 year olds, participation by the whole family is more than welcome. If you are an adult and would like to learn to tie, we still meet every Thursday at 6:30 PM and would be glad to help you get started.

Enrollment for the Tuesday night class is limited, so sign up early at Stroud's or the San Carlos Recreation Center.

If you have any questions, contact **Gary Hilbers at or Tom Smith at**





CALIFORNIA TROUT

For Immediate Release

Date: December 9th, 2004

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California Trout Seeks Action by State Water Board to Protect Water Flows in Hot Creek and the Owens River

Mammoth Water District's Overdue Environmental Impact Report at Issue

Sacramento, CA – California Trout (CalTrout) filed a legal petition today urging the State Water Resources Control Board (the Board) to protect three important waters in the Owens River Watershed: Mammoth Creek, Hot Creek, and the Upper Owens River. The petition specifically calls on the Board to enforce a long-standing legal obligation by the Mammoth Community Water District (the District) to complete an overdue Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that would document the District's water use, impacts from this use, and provide for the long-term protection of the watershed.

Mammoth Creek, which flows into Hot Creek and, subsequently, the Upper Owens River, supplies water to the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the Town). The District, which serves the Town, has been diverting water from Mammoth Creek for decades. In 1996, minimum instream flows on Mammoth Creek were revised on an interim basis, enabling the District to divert more water during dry years. By State law, the District must complete a final EIR before the Board can establish a permanent instream flow

schedule. The District has not completed the final EIR and has not provided a schedule for its completion, yet it continues to operate under the revised minimum instream flow schedule.

"The health of Hot Creek and the Upper Owens River remains uncertain and in jeopardy because the Mammoth Water District's use of water has been allowed to continue absent a proper and complete environmental review," said Brian Stranko, Executive Director of CalTrout.

Meanwhile, the Town of Mammoth Lakes lacks a responsible water conservation policy. The Town consumes nearly 40% above the current California average indoor residential water use. Additionally, groundwater is used to irrigate local golf courses, which could be supplied through recycled water.

Historically, Mammoth Creek, Hot Creek and the Upper Owens River have contributed to the economy and quality of life in Mono County and the Eastern Sierra. CalTrout filed the petition in response to evidence of

harmful downward trends in Mammoth Creek and Hot Creek, including a decline in wild fish populations and threats to the headsprings that are used by the Hot Creek Fish Hatchery.

Rob Lusardi, CalTrout's Eastern Sierra Manager, said "filing this petition is a crucial step towards maintaining and protecting the ecological integrity of these beautiful waters and the community that depends on them."

CalTrout seeks several exact results from its petition to the Board, including:

- A completed EIR for the District's revised minimum instream flow program, as mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- A complete and independent investigation, diagnosis, and recommended solution to the unhealthy trends in the Owens River Watershed.
- Water conservation policies and activities that maintain the region's ecological integrity while also meeting the region's increasing water demand.

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Water war begins to brew
Use for irrigation, sewage hurts fishing
at Mammoth Creek

By Bill Becher
Special to the Daily News

Wednesday, December 15, 2004 -
MAMMOTH LAKES - "In California,
whiskey's for drinking and water's for
fighting over," said Jim Edmondson of
California Trout.

In the Eastern Sierra, they're ready to
rumble. The fight is over whether
water from Mammoth Creek should be
irrigating golf courses and flushing
toilets in new \$1 million condominiums
in the ski town or be left in streams to
sustain wild trout. CalTrout, an
anglers' conservation group that works
to protect and restore the state's wild
trout and steelhead, said this amounts
to a water grab that will seriously hurt
the area's prime fishing streams.

CalTrout is not new to controversy in
the Eastern Sierra. The organization
participated in a lawsuit that forced the
Los Angeles Department of Water and
Power to return water to Mono Lake
and its tributaries.

Last week, CalTrout filed a 453-page
petition with the state's Water Re-
sources Control Board asking the
agency to complete a long-promised
environmental impact report by the
Mammoth Community Water District
to determine whether too much water
is being pumped from Mammoth
Creek and if that is harming the
downstream fisheries at Hot Creek
and the Owens River.

Only a few miles long, Hot Creek is
legendary among fly fishers. It runs
from the Hot Creek Fish Hatchery and
is joined by Mammoth Creek and then
meanders through meadows before
flowing through a small canyon. With
thousands of fat trout and a stunning
backdrop - the snowy peaks of the
White Mountains to the east and the
Sierra to the west - catch-and-release-
only Hot Creek is known as one of the
nation's best fly-fishing streams. But
anglers say that lower flows from
Mammoth Creek, especially in the
spring, have caused Hot Creek to
become sluggish and choked with
vegetation.

Edmondson insists his group would
prefer to negotiate a settlement. But
the organization is serious about
protecting trout fisheries that are
among the most productive and
important in California. Edmondson
said the group filed the petition, which
took a year to research and produce, in
response to the decline in wild fish
populations in Mammoth Creek and
Hot Creek and fish kills in the Owens
River. "We're trying to create a sense
of urgency and diligence," Edmondson
said.

Mammoth Community Water District's
original permit to withdraw water from
Mammoth Creek required minimum in-
stream flows to protect fish. To meet
rising demand, especially in summer
months, the district went to a local
court in 1996 and got temporary
permission to take more water. As part
of the process to permanently resolve
the issue, the district prepared a draft
EIR in 2000. That report was heavily
criticized by the California Department
of Fish and Game, which said that it

Hot Creek

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Lusardi added that CalTrout hopes to
work collaboratively with the Mam-
moth Community Water District, the
State Water Resources Control Board,
and all other parties toward a compre-
hensive and completed EIR, the
implementation of prudent water
conservation programs, and an inde-
pendent and thorough analysis of
impacts to the Owen River Watershed
from revised minimum instream flows.

*CalTrout is a statewide non-profit
conservation organization dedicated
to protecting and restoring wild
trout and steelhead and their waters
throughout California.*

didn't have enough information to
determine the impacts on fish and that
the methods used to study stream
flows were flawed.

The Los Angeles Department of
Water and Power reached similar
conclusions and asked that the district
consider the downstream effects on
trout, pointing out that higher water
temperatures because of reduced
flows could cause fish kills in the
Owens River.

Garry Sisson, general manager of the
Mammoth Community Water District,
said the environmental study has been
slowed by uncertainty over the in-
volvement of the U.S. Forest Service.
He said the district's consultants have
worked to resolve some of the issues
raised by the report's critics, but that a
final EIR is not likely until 2006.

CalTrout officials say the State Water

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In Memoriam

Robert D. Camp
Passed away December 17, 2004

Bob Camp, Life Member, recipient of the Gordon Foster Memorial Award, past president, and a pillar of the San Diego Fly Fishers passed away Friday, December 17th. Bob was our oldest member at 94. He was also a former member of the Pasadena Casting Club. He is survived by his wife Evelyn (Evy).



The Club will be sending flowers from all of us. Please limit condolences to a card. The address is
Evelyn Camp

Services will be held on December 29 at 12:30 PM at Eternal Hills Memorial Park in Oceanside.

Joe Bain

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The banquet was held at the Admiral Baker Golf Course clubhouse. This is a beautiful building. Big thanks goes to the banquet organizers Jim Reeg, Paul Woolery, Lee McElravy, and Gary Strawn among others.

More pictures of the evening's festivities will be in next month's issue.

Golden Trout Wilderness Project

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while effort. Warren and I hope to make future trips with the DFG wild trout biologists. I encourage any other members interested in this strenuous but rewarding effort to contact me. And, I promise, I won't publish any more pictures of removed fish.

Sincerely,
Gary Strawn

Water War

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Board should take over the EIR process because the Mammoth water district cannot be impartial. CalTrout is asking the state board to schedule hearings to determine the impact on fisheries of the water being taken from Mammoth Creek. The group also wants Mammoth to be required to take water conservation measures, such as using reclaimed water to irrigate golf courses and for the Water Board to determine if the water being taken by Mammoth actually belongs to Los Angeles, which has senior water rights in the area.

Sisson said the district wanted to use reclaimed water for golf course irrigation but could not obtain permission from water quality regulators. The district is looking at reclaimed water as

a new source and is trying to resolve quality issues with regulators.

The district has been studying fish populations in Mammoth Creek. "We feel confident that the health of Mammoth Creek is in good shape," said Sisson, who added that he could understand the concerns about Hot Creek. "We need to focus on Hot Creek and see what kind of assistance we can provide," Sisson said. Sisson said the water district hopes to meet with CalTrout representatives to see if the issues can be resolved by negotiation without going to court. If that happens, anglers might want to buy all concerned a drink.

Bill Becher covers the outdoors for the Daily News. He can be reached at



Dear Fellow Fly Fishers,

It's time to renew your membership in the San Diego Fly Fishers for 2005.

Membership fees remain the same and are for the calendar year January through December 2005. Singles are \$30.00 and Families are \$40.00.

All members are encouraged to become involved in the operation of your club. There is a full range of opportunities that will match your talent, time and expertise.

You can mail your renewal or just drop it off at the membership table at our monthly meeting. Renewals not received by the March 2005 meeting will result in your removal from the membership roster and mailing list for our wonderful FINNY FACTS.

See you at our monthly meeting.

Lucky Ketcham
Membership Chairperson

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San Diego Fly Fishers 2005 Membership Renewal

Please print your name: _____

Any address change: _____

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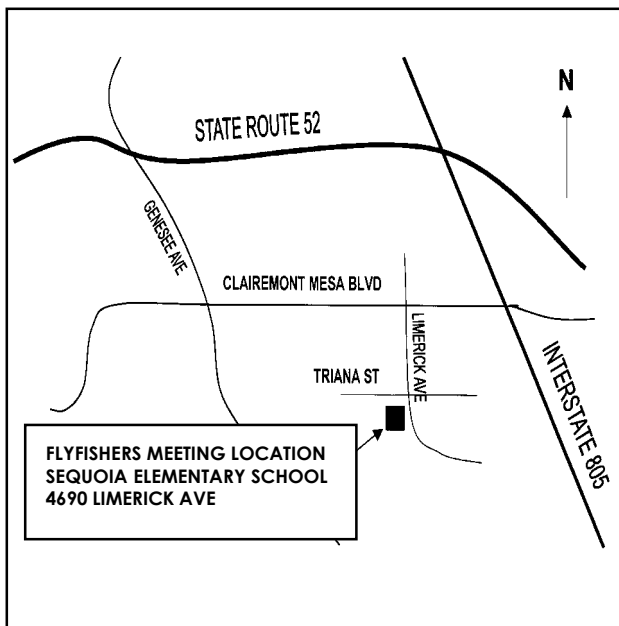
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