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Fly Fishers

Cleaner Water. Brighter Streams. Better Fishing.

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February Meeting

Fly Fishing Baja

JEFF SOLIS, San Diego saltwater fly fishing guide and outdoor writer, will present a program on fly fishing in Baja, Mexico. Starting in 1995, Jeff began spending 50 – 100 days a year fishing and guiding other fly fishers in Baja. Countless days on the water and hard work have resulted in Jeff becoming one of the most experienced fly fishers from Southern California to Mexico.

Jeff's program will include special emphasis on fishing the area of Magdalena Bay, both inshore and offshore. In addition, Jeff will be demonstrating tying some of his favorite saltwater flies. Please plan on joining us; you don't want to miss this presentation!

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, February 4, 2008
7:30 PM

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

REMINDER

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

**Barry Pechersky and
Bob Pharoah**

Thank You, Mona Morebello

Lucky Ketcham--Gordon Foster Memorial Awardee

Mike Rivkin receives Stroud Award for IGFA



San Diego Fly Fishers Membership Chairman and Fly Tying Clinic Co-Chair **Lucky Ketcham** received the Gordon Foster Memorial Award at the annual Stroud Banquet held at the Admiral Baker Golf Course clubhouse on Monday, January 7th.

Outgoing President Gary Strawn poured out the accolades on Lucky:

"He is our go to guy. When we needed someone to help the Boy Scout "powderhorn" training convention, we called on him. When we needed someone to help at the Annual Hunting and Fishing Day and the Day at the Docks, we went to him. If you have been fishing at Lake Miramar, you probably heard about the big Nebraska trout from him. If you fish the bays, you

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FEBRUARY 2008

Welcome to another new year with the San Diego Fly Fishers! My hope for you is that this year is filled with good health, great camaraderie and lots of fun times fishing! I would like to give my thanks to the terrific leadership of our outgoing President, Gary Strawn, along with last year's Board of Directors. Please welcome Larry Sorensen, who recently returned from his Navy stint in Hawaii, and Bob Stafford to your 2008 Board. Thanks also go to Al Venton and Jim Tenuto who will be rotating off the Board this year. We'll miss you both.

I was on a business trip to Florida this year, but I heard that the Annual Stroud Banquet was once again an unqualified success. Gary Strawn and Paul Woolery planned a great event! This year San Diego Fly Fishers was proud to recognize Mike Rivkin as the 4th Annual recipient of the Stroud Award for his outstanding work with the IGFA

in support of all fishermen. Mike's choice for our \$500 donation will be to support the STAR PAL Annual Fishing Derby. Lucky Ketchum received the Gordon Foster Award in recognition of his many contributions to the club including serving as our Membership Chair, fly tying coordinator and of course his detailed speaker notes. Others who were recognized at this year's banquet with shadowbox fly plates include eight Chollas Lake fishing program volunteers, including two Parks and Recreation volunteers. In addition, our President awarded special shadowbox fly plates to eight of our club members in thanks for their contributions.

We are already in the process of planning some great programs for you this year. Once again, our club will be supporting the STAR PAL Annual Fishing Derby for kids at Chollas Lake on February 9th. I urge all of you who can help to do so. It's a terrific cause and can make a huge difference in a youngster's life. Paul Woolery will be

coordinating our efforts. We'll also be participating at Day at the Docks on April 20th. This is a fun program which really gets the saltwater fishing season ramping up to full gear. Lee McElravy has been busy lining up some great speakers in 2008.

We will also be using your feedback from our recent survey to provide further guidance to us in planning our year. I want to thank everyone who participated in the survey. We're currently in the process of analyzing the results.

Of course we continue to offer some of our popular on-going programs including our monthly meetings, Finny Facts, our website, Lake Murray fly casting, fly tying congress, fish reports, video library, conservation programs and club fishing trips. Thanks to all of our talented members involved in running these programs. We hope you take full advantage of these. If you haven't been very involved with the club in the past, I encourage you to participate this year. We've got some great club members and I can assure you the experience will be rewarding.



JONATHAN HEE

STAR/PAL Annual Fishing Derby, February 8th and 9th, 2008.

San Diego Fly Fishers will once again be participating in the Star/Pal Fishing Derby at Chollas Lake.

Friday, February 8th

Volunteers will meet at the picnic shelter at the North end of the parking lot at 11:00 A.M. to unpack and assemble the fishing rods.

Saturday, February 9th (Event Day)

On Event Day, we will meet at the picnic shelter at 6:30 A.M. for job assignments. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt, coffee and a snack. The San Diego Fire Department will provide lunch. *If you have a two-way radio, please bring it with you. They proved very useful last year.*

You may volunteer for one or both days, one and two hours or for the entire event.



BASIC ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR FLY FISHERS SAT. MARCH 8, 2008 SAN DIEGO AREA



MAGGIE MERRIMAN
Professional Fly Fishing Instructor
Over 35 years teaching experience.

The study of aquatic insects for trout fishing.
This is the annual bug class. All fly fishers welcome.

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR THE SAN DIEGO AREA FOR ALL
FLY FISHERS. This workshop is offered only once a year in the spring.
WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE SAN DIEGO FLYFISHERS.**

INSTRUCTOR: MAGGIE MERRIMAN

DATE: Saturday, March 8, 2008

TIME: 9:30am to 1:30pm

LOCATION: Crown Pointe community clubhouse, at the Scripps Ranch

WORKSHOP FEE: \$50.00 11441 Avenida Magnifica, San Diego.



Take the mystery out of what bug is hatching and what fly to use for trout fishing.
This is a great workshop that will teach you how to identify the basic trout food:
Mayflies, Caddis, Stoneflies and Midges.

This class will help you become a better trout fisher or fly tyer. You will learn to
identify the bugs, how to "match the hatch" and how to select the correct fly.
Class includes: samples of bugs, corresponding flies and an extensive class handout.
Bring a snack, drink, note pad and some fly boxes to look at and compare with the bugs.

NO LATIN OR GREEK SPOKEN.....JUST SIMPLE ENGLISH

Maggie's class is a very popular one. This is the same class
that she has given at the FFF National Conclaves.

Pre-registration is required. Please register by March 1, 2008

To register mail workshop fee to Maggie.

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Gordon Foster

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probably heard about good tides from him. If you tie flies, you probably enjoy his many recipes. When our speaker cancelled, we turned to him. And if you get club e-mails you probably get several pages from him almost every day.”

“Lucky has been on our Board of Directors for several years and has actively taken over the job of membership chairman. He has updated and computerized the rolls and been very proactive at getting new members signed up. He has been running our Thursday evening fly tying clinics and started an additional weekly clinic for our North County members. Whenever there is a training session Lucky takes copious notes and sends them out to anyone interested. Lucky has volunteered to teach fly tying to the Mountain Empire High School Fly Fishing Club.”

Congratulations--Lucky!



**Gretchen Yearous and Tom Lucas
enjoying the banquet.**



**Jack Innes accepts Stroud Award from Jim Reeg on behalf of
awardee Mike Rivkin for his work with the IGFA, benefitting all
fishermen. Along with the award, \$500 has been donated to
the STAR/PAL kids' fishing program.**

Thank you note from Mike Rivkin for Stroud Award:

Dear Fellow Anglers:

First, please allow me to apologize for the poor form of not being in attendance tonight. If not for a very long-standing committment on the east coast, I would surely be among you. Failing that, please accept my warmest thanks and appreciation for honoring me this evening. Your Club sets a very high standard when it comes to public service, and I'm proud to know several of your past Stroud winners. To be among them is special indeed. Once again, thank you for raising the bar as you have and being the club that you are.

Mike Rivkin



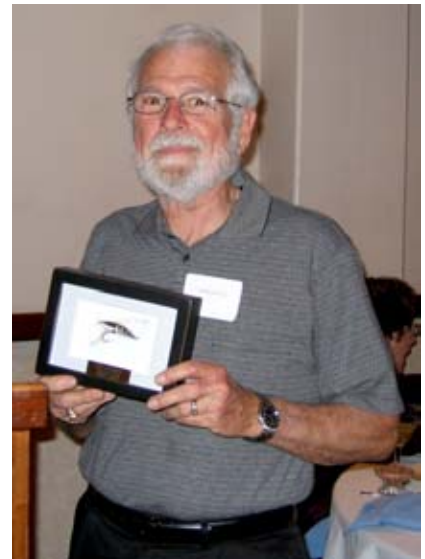
Fly PlateAwards



**Ned Sewell (above) and
Barry Pechersky (below)**



Al Venton



Jerry Bower



Louie Zimm



A standing "O" for Bill and Eileen Stroud.





Paul Woolery



Fly Plate Awards



Rose and Roger Yamasaki



Bob Pharoah, Dick Mount, and Bob Stafford were awarded special fly plates for their work with the STAR/PAL kids' fishing program.

Gary Strawn, Paul Woolery, and Larry Sorensen at the banquet.



It's chow time at the Annual Stroud Banquet.





Gary Strawn's outgoing staff each received a beautiful gift basket.

Annual Trip to Owens River Slated for March 3-4-5

Tom Loe of the Sierra Drifters will have three boats available on the 4th of March. Two fly fishers in the morning and two different fishers in the afternoon for a total of twelve. The cost is \$130 per person.

As usual I have made reservations at the Elms Motel in Bishop. That cost is \$26 per person for a room with two beds.

For further information you can call me at or e-mail me at or see me at the February fly fishers meeting.



Dick Mount

Alaska Trip

I'm looking for interest in a September Alaska trip. Several SDDF members have experienced this venue and have enjoyed it. Check out the website www.italio.com and e-mail me at

Bob Miller

The 2008 Fly Fishing Show

The Pasadena Center

March 1-2, 2008

Show Hours: Sat 9 - 5:30; Sun 9 - 4:30

Admission: Adult: \$15 for one day,
\$24 for two-day pass

Children under 12: \$2



FLY OF THE MONTH

GT's Triple Double

Gordon Tharrett is a guide on the Green River. The Triple Double is a pattern he uses with his clients. Cast it close to the grass lined shoreline and rocky outcroppings.

Hook:	Dry fly TMC 100, size 12, 14 or 16, Or Two X Long, TMC 5212, Mustad 94831 Gamakatsu -P10-2L1H
Thread:	Black or olive 6/0
Hackle:	Grizzly saddle or neck
Body:	Olive or black poly dubbing or beaver
Mid-Hackle:	Ginger or red saddle hackle
Body:	Olive poly dubbing
Front Hackle:	Grizzly Hackle sized a little longer



De-barb and mount the hook in the vise. Attach the thread with a jam knot at the mid-shank. Wrap a thread base to the bend. Attach a grizzly hackle sized to have barbs 1 hook gap or less. The hackle should be mounted shiny side to the rear, concave side forward, dry fly style. Make 4 to 5 wraps of hackle at the bend, tie off and trim excess.

Prepare a small noodle of olive fine poly dubbing or beaver and attach it to the hook. Wrap the noodle around the thread and then wrap the rope around the hook shank to the mid-shank point. Tie off.

Select and size a light ginger hackle to have a barb length of $1\frac{1}{4}$ hook gap. Attach by the butt, shiny side to the rear and make 4 to 5 wraps of hackle at the mid-shank. Tie off and trim excess.

Make another noodle of olive dubbing and attach as above. Stop the front ball of dubbing about two hook eyes back to allow room for the hackle and head.

Select a longer barbed grizzly hackle for the front. The barbs should be 1.5 to 2 hook gaps long. Attach by the butt, shiny side to the rear. Make 4 to 5 wraps of hackle, tie off and trim excess. Make a small thread head, whip finish. Add a small drop of head cement.

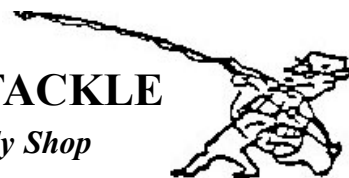


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Stroud Award
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 2005-Allen Greenwood
 2006- Hugh Marx
 2007- Mike Rivkin



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GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service
 to the flyfishing community

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
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| 1992-Bob Camp | 2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki |
| 1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud | 2002-Larry Sorensen |
| 1994-Ed Velton | 2003-Jim Tenuto |
| 1995-Bob Wisner | 2004-Joe Bain |
| 1996-Gary Hilbers | 2005-Jim Reeg |
| 1997-Jack Bentley | 2006-John Kasten |
| 1998-Gordie Zimm | 2007-Lucky Ketcham |
| 1999-Gretchen Yearous | |



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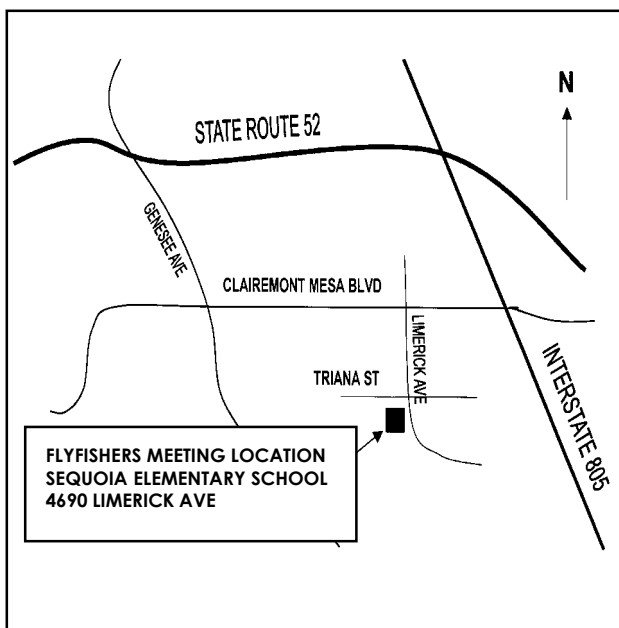
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San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. (We no longer meet at the Lake Murray Water Training Facility at Lake Murray). The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to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



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