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## February Meeting

### Fly Fishing Central Utah

Most of our club members know about the Green River in Utah, one of our annual outings. But there is a lot more to Utah than the Green. **Dan Phelps**, proprietor and **Jake Ricks**, head guide, from Falcon's Ledge in central Utah will be our speakers for February. Falcon's ledge is a first class lodge with fly fishing, wing shooting and more in the beautiful Uinta Mountains.

Join us to learn about the Strawberry, Duchesne, Lake Fork and Yellowstone rivers of central Utah plus some outstanding local creeks and streams. The fishing is outstanding and includes private stillwaters, as in large fish, on the lodge property.

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### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, February 6th, 2006  
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):

**Barry Pechersky and  
Robert Erb**

*Thank You, Mona Morebello*

## Jim Reeg 2005 Gordon Foster Memorial Award Recipient

*Allen Greenwood Honored with Stroud Award*



**Jim Reeg (left) accepts the Gordon Foster Memorial Award from 2005 SDFP President Louie Zimm.**

**J**im Reeg, with humbling words of appreciation, accepted the Gordon Foster memorial Award for 2005. Jim is the 15th recipient of the award which is presented to a Club member who has demonstrated unselfish and outstanding service to our organi-

zation.

Jim is a past President of the Club and participates in numerous Club activities such as the Collas Lake Star Pal project, the Day at the Docks, the Explorer Scouts

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FEBRUARY 2006

*"Many go fishing all their lives without knowing it is not fish they are after."*

- Henry David Thoreau

I want to welcome all of you back to what your 2006 Board of Directors hopes will be a truly great New Year! We hope you had a safe and blessed holiday season.

Those of you who joined us on January 8<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stroud Banquet (and there were over 100 of us in attendance), heard a litany of Club accomplishments in 2005. **Louie Zimm** outlined many of those accomplishments for you in his *President's Message* in the January issue. As was noted at the Banquet, our masthead really describes who we are and what we stand for, "Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing." Not only did we teach others "how to do it" in 2005, but we exemplified what we really stand for by getting out and "doing it" ourselves! Each and every one of you who contributed to those accomplishments deserves a hearty round of applause. And Louie Zimm deserves special thanks for successfully leading the Club in these endeavors.

Talking about the Banquet, several items are of particular note. Special thanks go to **Gary Strawn** and **Paul Woolery** for orchestrating

another great event. We hope you and your spouses enjoyed the evening as much as we did. Good fellowship, good food and an opportunity to recognize those who have contributed so much to our fly fishing community this year. For those of you who have not heard, **Allen Greenwood** was honored as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Recipient of the Stroud Award for his efforts with San Diego Trout and Jim Reeg was presented with the Gordon Foster Award for his outstanding personal contributions to our Club.

For various reasons, the 2005 Board opted to reschedule the Banquet from December, 2005, to January, 2006. Attendance at this last Banquet would suggest that many of you liked the idea of a January dinner, while others have indicated a desire to keep the Banquet in December as part of the holiday season. In order that we can finalize our 2006 calendar, your Board will be addressing this question over the coming weeks. Please share your opinion with me and your other Directors. We ARE open to your preferences; please just let us know what they are. While we are talking about upcoming dates, please keep the following in mind.

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> is the date set for the Kids' Fishing Derby at Chollas Lake. Our Club members have staunchly supported this effort for the past several years and I strongly encourage you to contact **Joe Bain** if you will be available to assist again (or for the first time) this year. I expect additional details from Joe at the regular meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep in mind that it is equally important that we have volunteers available to assist

in preparations at the Lake on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Historically, our Club has not endorsed any one of a number of outdoor/fishing shows. That having been said, "The Fly Fishing Show" is presently set for Ontario, California on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Efforts are being made to qualify our own **Danny Romero** as an exhibition fly tyer in the "Fly Tyers Aisle." **Al Venton** is assisting in this effort and if we receive word that Danny has been accepted prior to the regular February meeting, I will certainly pass that along.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see that **Gretchen Yearous** is soliciting feedback on the possibility of **Maggie Merriman** teaching her entomology class here in San Diego on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Not only is Gretchen trying to determine the extent of specific interest, but she is also looking for possible leads on available space to conduct the class. If you are interested and/or know of space which might be available, please give Gretchen a call.

Well, my editor tells me I have run out of space. As you can see, we are off to a busy start of the New Year. I have seen **George Gates'** schedule of monthly speakers, most of which are already in place and intended to emphasize fly fishing in California and close-by states, beginning with Utah in February. See you there and, in the meantime, tight lines!

Lee McElravy

### Fly Fishing Central Utah

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This might be a great opportunity to add a little variety to your annual trip to the Green or plan a separate trip to explore this great area that is so close. If you want a little preview, check out [www.falconsledge.com](http://www.falconsledge.com). There are plenty of things to do for the whole family in this part of Utah.



# San Diego Fly Fishers

## Annual "STROUD" Banquet

### Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2006

### Admiral Baker Clubhouse

### U.S. Navy Recreation Center

#### Annual Awards Banquet continued from page 1

"Powderhorn" program, and weekly casting clinic.

From a personal point of view I can say that Jim is truly a joiner who is always willing to help out in any way possible. He puts in as much effort into the Club today as he did a few years back when he was President. I can truthfully say that the Club would be much less without him.

Jim stated that he has received much more from the Club than what he has put into it, but I would say let's call it even and leave it at that.

Congratulations Jim on your well deserved award!

**Allen Greenwood** was honored for his many years of work in the conservation field, especially for his efforts to bring trout to our local streams, where trout once were native.

He has fought for the fisherman to make sure fishing license fees were being spent on Department of Fish and Game projects and not



**Allen Greenwood (left) receives 2005 Stroud Award from Bill Stroud (center) and Club President Louie Zimm.**

sent to the State's general fund.

I asked him where he learned so much about trout and trout conservation and how he was able to stand up in public meetings and his reply was "Well it's just mostly a matter of common sense". Allen seems to take a very diligent approach to proving things. And for the most part it is a common sense approach.

**There were many other awards** given out this night, none of any less importance. See some of the

awardees on the next page. These are the people that make the Club work. Maybe not the superstars but but without which our Club would just not function. (Flyplate awardees shown on page 5. Those not shown include Warren Lew, Kim Jones, Marvin Darling, and Maria Goldman. Vest awardees shown on page 6).

I'll have more pictures of the festivities in next month's issue.

--Ed.







**2006 President, Lee McElravy (fifth from left, standing) with his Board of Directors: (front) Louie Zimm, Gary Strawn, (standing left to right) Larry Dirksen, George Gates, Jim Reeg, Shelly Wagner, Lee, Paul Woolery, Lucky Ketcham, and Al Venton. (Not shown are Don Davis, Maria Goldman, and Bruce Campbell).**

## Special Award to Paul Woolery



# Fly Plate Awardees



**David Collins**



**Shelly Wagner**



**Lucky Ketcham**



**Al Venton**



**C. T. "Ted" Reinert**



**John Beckstrand**





## **More Gifts of Appreciation (beautiful green vests)**



**Bill and Eileen Stroud**



**Joe Bain and Dick Mount**



**Peter Hoffman**



**John Kasten**



**Mona Morebello**



**Ned and Pauline Sewell**





**JACK BENTLEY**

**Any Questions?  
Call Jack Bentley at**

## Plan Now for Green River Trip May 2006

Now is the time for club members to plan for The Green River (Flaming Gorge) trip in May 2006. This is the club's favorite trip.

<b>DATES:</b>	<b>May 15---20th</b>
<b>ESTIMATED COST:</b>	<b>3 days fishing with guides: \$1,382</b>
	<b>4 days fishing with guides: \$1,720</b>

Guides are **\$235** per fisherman per day and the river fishes best from a boat, but lots of wading space is available.

**SIGN UP AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY BY CONTACTING  
JACK BENTLEY**

### Lloyd Jefferies Life Member

The SDFF Board met in January and voted **Lloyd G. Jefferies** a "Life Member" of the San Diego Fly Fishers.

Lloyd is a member in his 80's that has had some health problems. Unfortunately he has informed **Lucky Ketcham**, membership chairman, that he could no longer attend meetings and would not be renewing his membership.

Lloyd has made a nice donation of 10 of his good fly fishing books. The library took five of them and the other five will go towards a silent auction in February.



## Lucky Ketcham to Co-Chair Fly Tying Congress

Since Gary Hilbers has moved out of state, Lucky Ketcham has volunteered to be the co-chairman of the Thursday night Fly Tying Congress to assist Tom Smith for 2006.

The Congress will continue to welcome beginning fly tiers at any meeting. There is no plans for a beginning fly tying class for this spring. However someone at the Congress meeting will assist anyone as they progress through beginning fly tying.

The more experienced fly tiers will learn a series of selected flies and the Fly of the Month. The Congress will be starting a series of salt water patterns during the last two weeks of January through February.

E-mail Lucky at if you would like to be included in a mailing group for recipes and materials for upcoming demonstrations. If you cannot attend the evening meetings we would encourage you to participate at home and bring your flies or send photos for critique and suggestions. "hooked on Fly Tying" is not just a video.

We meet at the San Carlos Recreation Center, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM every Thursday evening.



## San Diego Fly Fishers Join Hubbs-Sea-world in Native Trout Breeding Project

**M**ore than 9 years ago SDDFF helped sponsor a project to put sixteen native rainbow/steelhead trout from upper Sweetwater Creek into an aquarium at the Chula Vista Nature Center.

The intervening years of drought and the wild fires, have killed most if not all the remaining native trout in Sweetwater Creek. There is a good possibility that the seven trout now in captivity are the only remnants of this unique trout species. With encouragement from **Allen Greenwood**, the trout have been transferred to the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute. Hubbs Sea World is beginning an intense breeding project with the hope that we may be able to reintroduce these beautiful fish back into their native habitat.

In December I contacted Hubbs-Sea World to see if we could help with the project. They enthusiastically suggested that our donation could be used to pay for a ultra-violet water sanitizer used to ensure the fish tanks do not become contaminated. The SDDFF Board authorized a donation of \$500.

Paul Curtis, a Senior Research Biologist at Hubbs-Sea World and the resident expert in fish reproduction,



**"Big Mama"**

hooky from my day job and go play with the trout. George Sutherland from Trout Unlimited met us there, and we were treated to a royal tour.

Paul showed us around the huge tanks containing white sea bass. Hubbs-Sea World has successfully produced more than 1,000,000 white sea bass at their Carlsbad hatchery, which have been released into local bays and coastal habitats to replenish seriously impacted populations. Other tanks contained striped bass, yellowtail, California halibut and rock fish which are being bred to replenish impacted populations and for aqua-culture, to help feed a hungry world

The trout are kept in a separate building where Rob Fletcher takes care of them on a day to day basis. The temperature and lighting are being meticulously adjusted to match current conditions on upper Sweetwater Creek. The new "SDDFF" UV sterilizer is hard at work. The biologists hope that the trout can be encouraged

invited Allen and I to meet him at their facility next to Sea World and observe the project first hand. I quickly found an excuse to play



**GARY STRAWN**

toward a normal Steelhead spring spawning schedule. After nine years in captivity it may be difficult to get the males and females on the same schedule. We helped Paul and Rob net each fish, move them to a large bucket with anesthetic and then carefully inspect, weigh and measure them, one at a time. Rob works with the fish so often he has named them. I helped put some antiseptic on "Old One Eye's" left side. He lost his eye years ago; probably in a fight with the dominant male (I call him "Stud Man", which is wishful thinking). "Stud man" is one handsome dude. He is changing to spawning colors. He has a well developed kipe and bright red lateral line. "Big Mamma" is the most impressive. She topped the scales over 5 pounds and measured nearly 19 inches. The biologists inspected her carefully and happily reported her reproductive organs approaching full bloom. The other two females and two small males are also very healthy. They are all getting lots to eat and are growing rapidly.

It is a long shot to believe that the trout will successfully spawn after so many years in captivity. But, they are

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## Native Trout Breeding Project

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healthy, and in the care of some of the finest fisheries biologists in the world. All we can do is hope, and dream about how great it will be if our cooperative efforts result in replenishing this unique native trout population. Hopefully in a few months we will have dozens of bright Sweetwater trout fingerlings.

In the mean time, Allen would like to train a couple of SDFP volunteers to hike to specific locations on upper Sweetwater Creek and retrieve the data from the logging thermometers. If you are willing to do this on a recurring basis, please contact Allen Greenwood at Boogieboard@juno.com, Bruce Campbell at bcampbell32@cox.net or myself at strawnhouse@gmail.com.



TU's George Sutherland Talking to Hubbs-Sea World Biologist Paul Curtis while Rob Fletcher prepares to transfer the Sweetwater Steelhead trout.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO "MATCH THE HATCH"?

A great opportunity to become a better flyfisher by learning to "match the hatch" is in the works for April 1st - Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Maggie Merriman** will bring her bugs (fish food) and show you what flies match the hatch.

Maggie has 35 years of teaching experience and is a Montana flyfishing guide who has taught here in San Diego many times. This basic entomology workshop is effective because she speaks simple English, no latin entomology confusion spoken. If you want to catch more fish, this is a necessary tool in your arsenal of skills to fool the fish.

The fee is in the vicinity of \$45 if we can find a reasonably priced meeting room. Does anyone out there know of a reasonable room for up to 25 people, or free would be even better. Minimum class size is 12 to 15 committed before we can book a room.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED? contact Gretchen Yearous**  
Let me know ASAP.



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## EP SPARKLE CLOUSER (Notes by SDF, Lucky Ketcham, 1/02/06)

Hook	Mustad 3407, size 4, salt water hook
Thread	Danville flat waxed nylon, #210Denier. (3/0) Color: white
Eyes	Dumbbell, lead eyes, yellow and black or red and black, Small 6/32, 1/36 or medium 7/32, 1/24
Tail/belly	White buck tail
Belly	Enrico Puglisi, EP Sparkle #03, Crystal Blue - fine dubbing
Wing	Orange buck tail, or Chartreuse Green and dark green buck tail
Accent	Copper crystal flash on top of orange wing- 2 long strands folded Peacock crystal flash on top of green wing



If the Bonefish and Spotted Bay Bass are hitting Orange or Chartreuse Clousers in San Diego Bay this month. Maybe they will like this variation. A combination - Clouser and Enrico Puglisi Sparkle Minnow. The belly is sparsely "clump dubbed" with some new Crystal Blue EP Sparkle.

**Short version of instructions:** Tie the first half of a normal deep Clouser minnow. Enhance the belly with the new EP Sparkle fibers. Tease out a thin

clump of 30 to 50 fine fibers; attach by the middle at the bend. Pull back the front fibers and evenly spread on both sides of shank. Lock in with one or two wraps over the fold. Advance the thread 1/8 inch and tie in another clump dubbing. Repeat two more times to make a sparse translucent belly. Comb out with bodkin needle or scissor tips. Tear off or trim to desired shape. Finish the top wing, of the Clouser to the standard pattern. New tiers - email [lketch@intrepid.warped.com](mailto:lketch@intrepid.warped.com) for detailed directions.



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## **“How To”...SDFF Meeting Set-up and Breakdown 2006**

### **SET UP**

- ◆ Arrive by 6:30 PM
- ◆ Unlock SDFF 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 2-3 tables in front of stage steps for raffle items
- ◆ Set up club P.A. system on stage left.
- ◆ Set up slide projector(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 can recycle bin (from teacher’s lounge)
- ◆ Set up 10 rows of 16 chairs (8 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.

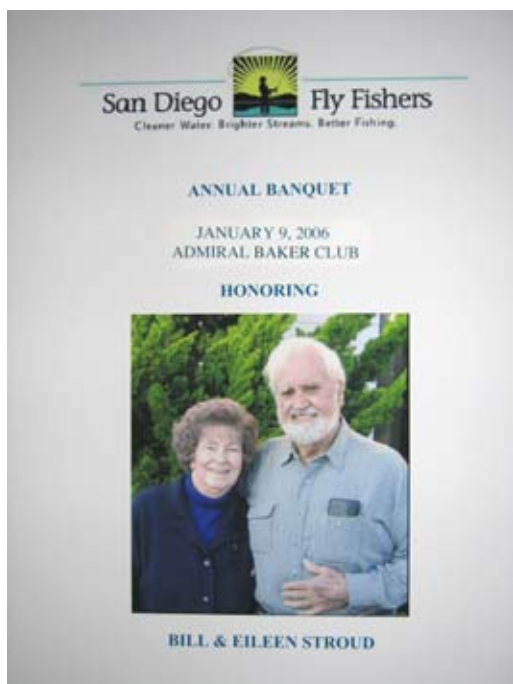
**A copy of this memo will be posted on the inside of the cabinet door (however, you will need to memorize our tricky combination, 1-2-3-)**





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Recipients of the:

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For unselfish and outstanding service  
to the flyfishing community

- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1991-Ned Sewell           | 1999-Gretchen Yearous      |
| 1992-Bob Camp             | 2000-Tom Smith             |
| 1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud | 2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki |
| 1994-Ed Velton            | 2002-Larry Sorensen        |
| 1995-Bob Wisner           | 2003-Jim Tenuto            |
| 1996-Gary Hilbers         | 2004-Joe Bain              |
| 1997-Jack Bentley         | 2005-Jim Reeg              |
| 1998-Gordie Zimm          |                            |

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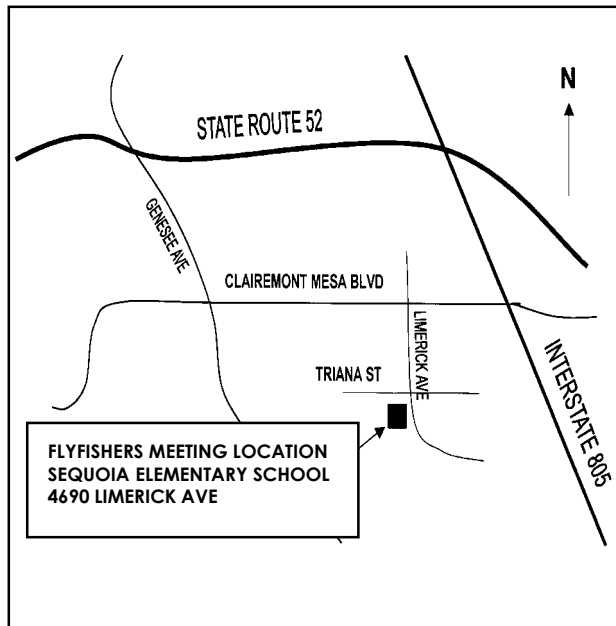
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Meeting Place for Workshops

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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