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Fly Fishers

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NO MEETING FOR AUGUST

There will no monthly meeting for August. See you in September.

The National Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave 2011

Inspiration
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BARRETT 2011 GOOD - BARRETT 2010: BAD

By Gretchen Yearous



Lucky Ketcham with a nice Lake Barrett bass.

Last year was one of those years you want to forget. They do come along every few years where the bass just don't bite. The catching numbers were so bad in the first 2 months that if it weren't for bluegill, there wouldn't be any reason to go. We had fishing bloopers going on all day. Fishing happens! Suzie gets the blue ribbon for courage for unexpectedly dealing with her dog at 3:30 a.m. covered in skunk spray and then forgot to put her shoes in the truck and drove home barefoot. I didn't double check my car after everyone transferred my gear to Bob's truck so we got to the gate without my 6 wt. Bob graciously went back to my car at the shopping center to get it and

forgot how to get back to the lake. I just thought he had awoken Wayne and was having coffee with him till the next gate go in. We were checked by DFG and Bob left his license on his old hat in his truck, so we did as requested, and went back to the truck from the end of Pine Arm and got the hat to prove that our gang abides by the law.

This year, the reports were unbelievable in this second high water year. Went in June 1st with **Lucky** and **Bob Pharoah** to see Lucky catch the largest bass I have ever seen caught on the fly. I caught a couple of bluegill on top water at the dock as we shoved off. We were fishing fairly deep with extra large flies. I caught a couple 14" crappie at the dock when we came in. Took **Jim Behrend** out early July and we played top water immediately. Jim caught his first ever Barrett bass on the oh-so-expensive deer hair frog on shaded water. The bass liked his green frog better than my psychedelic frog. That was fun so see. Went up Pine and found more shade and top water action and the deer hair frog just kept on giving. I fished 90% with my sub surface style. Unfortunately, the water was even higher than early June so we had a

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: AUGUST 2011

“No life is so happy and so pleasant as the life of the well-govern'd angler.” Izaak Walton

Summer is for fishing, and I hope you all are having as much fun fishing as I have. Just got back from my first trip to Alaska, fishing at the **Saltery Lake Lodge** on Kodiak Island. The fishing was great, no the fishing was better that great, it was the fishing trip of a lifetime.



ART REIFMAN

Irish Lord Sculpin all took my flies. There were Eagles, and Bears, Buffalo and Deer, Foxes and Horses, and Seals and Sea Lions. Alaska is all its made out to be. The rivers and the sea were full of fish. There is still more summer and fall fishing ahead. Get out fishing if you can and enjoy.

Sockeye Salmon, Pink Salmon, Dolly Varden, Pacific Halibut, Starry Flounder, Black Rockfish, Dusky Rockfish,

There will be **no August club meeting**, our next meeting will be September 12, a week after Labor Day. Later in the fall there is going to be a very

special event. The Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers is presenting “**An Evening with Joan Wulff**” in West Los Angeles on October 15, 2011. This special dinner event will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Joan Wulff speak on the west coast. The club will be selling tickets to the dinner for \$75.00 each, you will be able to sign up for tickets at our club sponsored table at the next two club meeting, or by contacting me directly. I hope you take this special opportunity and go see Joan Wulff, a legend in fly-fishing.

“Wherever the trout are, it's beautiful”
Thomas Masaryck



FREE CASTING LESSONS EVERY SUNDAY 9 AM--NOON

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at Lake Murray to cast or improve your skills. Free instruction is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors.

DIRECTIONS--Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Boulevard. Go north on Lake Murray Boulevard to Kiowa Drive. Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That's our bunch.



WANTED!

The following people are **WANTED** by the **SDFF Raffle Committee!**

You have won one or more prizes. Since we do not have an August meeting, it is your responsibility to pick up your prizes at the July or September meeting. If you are unable to attend, please designate someone on your behalf. If these items are not claimed by the September meeting, they will become club property.

Bemis, Charles	(#34) Dr. Shade sun protection gloves
Blaney, Vern	(#18) Battenkill 3/4 Reel
Castelluzzo, Jim	(#57) Okuma fly box 10 windows and foam
Day, Bob	(#4) Vest Survival Kit (tippet, leader, float, nippers)
Fitzgerald, Michael	(#53) Mangrove stripping basket
Garcia, Tom	(#5) \$50 Gift Certificate to Stroud Tackle
Jerzewski, Eugene	(#37) Okuma fly box 6 windows and foam
Miller, Neil	(#52) Orvis Fly Line 4 wt weight forward
Morris, Dan	(#24) Vest Survival Kit (tippet, leader, float, nippers)
McGowen, Steve (3 prizes)	(#29) Redington Redfly 2 fly fishing reel (#40) (Fly Shop) hat, fly box, DVDs (#42) Aspen Reel 5/6/7 wt
Shenk, Scott	(#44) Vest Survival Kit (tippet, leader, float, nippers)
van Wulven, Carol	(#8) Wright & McGill Plunge large arbor reel 3/4 wt
Watrous, Ansel	(#15) \$50 Gift Certificate to Stroud Tackle
Whitney, Dan	(#46) Orvis 9ft 2 piece 9 wt rod



The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC FFF)

An Evening With Joan Wulff

The SWC FFF is hosting the legendary Joan Wulff for an evening devoted to all things fly-fishing. Joan and her husband, Ted Rogowski, will fly from New York to Los Angeles where she will speak, answer questions, mingle with guests and talk fly-casting, fly-fishing, conservation and other aspects of the sport and her life.

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Olympic Collection
11301 W Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Dinner: \$75

Fund Raising: The dinner will benefit the work of the Southwest Council FFF. Funds will be raised through sponsorships, a raffle, auction and silent auction. One of the auction "items" is expected to be a private brunch with Joan on Sun., Oct. 16.

Sponsors: The Winston Rod Co. is donating a Special Joan Wulff edition rod for raffle. Other sponsor opportunities are available to help defray the cost of dinner, transportation and hotel accommodations.

Background: Joan Wulff is one of the world's most famous fly fishers. From 1937 as an 11-year old tournament caster in Patterson, New Jersey to 1960, she won numerous International and National tournament casting titles. In 1951, she captured the Fisherman's Distance event while vying against an all-male line-up. Joan cast a fly 161-feet in one competition. Joan is the co-founder and chief instructor of the Wulff School of Fly Fishing in Lew Beach, New York. She has appeared in many fishing films and authored Joan Wulff's Fly Casting Techniques; Fly Fishing: Expert Advice from a Woman's Perspective and Fly Casting Accuracy. Her DVD, **Joan Wulff's Dynamics of Fly Casting**, is one of the most respected and the highest selling casting DVD ever produced.

Through promotion of catch and release, she has helped sport fishing be accepted as environmentally-sustainable. Both Joan and her late, legendary husband, Lee Wulff, have had a positive impact on fly-fishing.

SWC FFF: The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers is composed of 23 individual clubs in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Funds from the dinner will be used to fund Trout in the Classroom, casting and fly tying programs and ongoing support for local clubs.



Water Conservation: Promote Responsible Fishing

As many of you know, I am involved with a number of water conservation efforts. Recently I have been depressed by the number of folks that believe fishing and fishers are a major cause of pollution and damage to our watersheds. Their image seems to be of a bunch of drunks leaving broken chairs on the bank, a tangle of monofilament in the trees and a case of beer cans floating down stream. I am continually reminding them that fishers and fish conservation groups were a major driving force behind the National Clean Water Act, and continue to be major sponsors of numerous water conservation efforts.

Looking toward the future, I believe

one of the best things we can do to protect and enhance our waterways is to promote responsible fishing practices in our younger generations. So, in addition to the heart warming stories you hear about our Club's recent involvement in the STAR/PAL Kid's Fishing Derby at Chollas Lake, I would like to thank **Paul Woolery** and all of his Chollas Lake Volunteers for the great job they are doing teaching the kids good fishing habits. I was amazed by how many of the kid's and their families I saw picking up their trash, and how polite they were with each other and those of us that were trying to help. "Thank You" were the words of the day.

We know our SDFF volunteers are



GARY STRAWN

making a difference in the lives of some at risk youth, but they may also be making our Club's most significant contribution to the long term health of our streams, lakes and bays.

Thank You,
Gary



Lake Barrett 2011

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hard time finding a place to launch the tubes. Becky Cove is an easy place to launch but all the boats wanted the cove as well. We moved on. We caught bass and bluegill till we had lunch at the shaded picnic tables above the parking lots. It was a blistering hot (97 degree) full sun day. Went out again for the last 2 ½ hours and had lots of soft bites and finally a hook-up every cast. We both lost a fair number of fish the entire day that we couldn't keep on. They didn't break off, but just didn't stay on. We saw them come to the top or leap but they are crafty this year. Saw my first deer out there after fishing 17 years with no sightings.

Lots of critters around the picnic table. Watch out for the little black birds with very long beaks. They jump up onto the table and take a bite out of your sandwich.



Dave Whitlock Matuka Sculpin.



Gretchen Yearous with 14 inch black crappie.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Shoup's Crazy Crayfish

This streamer generally resembles a crayfish pattern, with some added flash and mallard flank for extra movement. This is a great fly for bright days, as the materials will reflect the light and provide an additional attractant to the fish. This fly is best drifted close to the bottom, simulating a crayfish swimming along with the current.

Hook:	#6 - #8 2XL Heavy Nymph Hook, Mustad 9672, Orvis J1526, or equivalent
Conehead:	Medium Gold Conehead
Thread:	Brown or Rust, size 6/0
Tail:	Mixture of 2 colors of DNA fibers or Krystal Flash (Root beer, Pearl, Red, Olive)
Body:	Root beer or Olive Micro Chenille
Legs:	Tan Caterpillar Legs
Wing:	Olive or Brown Marabou
Collar:	Mallard Duck Flank (Yellow, Gold, or Natural)



1. Slide the conehead onto the hook so the cone faces back toward the hook bend.
2. Wrap the hook with thread down to parallel with hook point. Cut the DNA or Krystal fibers into sections to form a short, thick tail. Secure the tail so it sticks straight out parallel to hook shank.
3. Tie in the chenille at the tail. Do not wrap the chenille yet.
4. Cut 4 leg sections about 2" long. Make them all the same length. Secure 2 pairs of legs along the hook shank, leaving room between the front legs and the conehead for the wing and collar.
5. Wrap the chenille carefully. As you wrap, put one wrap over the point where the legs are secured. Continue wrapping until you have covered the front legs.
6. Tie in a wing make of the tip of a marabou feather. The wing should not be any longer than the chenille body section.
7. Strip the barbs from one side of the mallard flank feather. Tie in the mallard flank feather by pushing the tip of the quill up into the conehead and wrapping with thread. Wrap the collar around the hook shank, secure with thread, and trim off the tip of the feather.
8. Brush back all the barbs of the mallard flank. Secure with a few thread wraps. This will sweep the mallard flank rearward.
9. Wrap the thread several times behind the conehead to build up a thread dam. This will press the conehead toward the hook eye. Conclude with a whip finish. It is highly suggested to use head cement on this fly to keep the thread from unraveling.





**SEPTEMBER FISHING IN THE EASTERN
SIERRAS.**

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE
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SEPTEMBER 11TH TO THE 18TH



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**THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 12 OPENINGS.
THEY FILL UP FAST!**

**CONTACT BOB PHAROAH FOR MORE
INFORMATION.**

Chollas Lake



2011 Star/Pal Fishing Derby a Success

Despite budget cutbacks the Annual Star/Pal kids fishing Derby was a great success!

Officer Tom Miller, the derby organizer did a tremendous job soliciting donations and help to make sure that 301 kids enjoyed a day of fishing.

Thanks to Bill van Wulven and the Road Rangers Bass Club all the children received casting instructions prior to receiving their rods and reels.

San Diego Fly Fishers once again provided the manpower and expertise to assemble and rig 350 rods and reels. On Saturday club members manned the repair stations and walked the lake assisting the kids with their fishing. Additional volunteers from the San Diego Police Dept., San Diego Probation Dept. and San Diego

Fire worked together with SDDF for a safe and fun day.

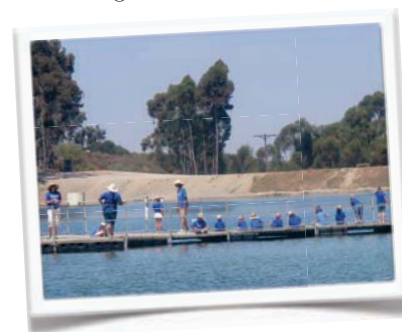
The following members of SDDF get a big thank you from the Star/Pal office and the children that participated in the derby: Alan Thompson, Art reifman, Gretchen Yearous, Sam and Mona Morebello, Louie and Gordy Zimm, Lew Walsh, Vern Blaney, Lee Anderson, Barry Pechersky, David Collins, Lee McElravy, Gary Strawn and Paul Woolery.

Other Chollas events:

On June 24, 2011 18 children from the La Mesa United Methodist Children's Center came to Chollas Lake for a day of fishing and hiking. Every year the Children's Center makes arrangements to bring their 1st through 3rd graders for a day in the out of doors. Barry Pechersky and

Paul Woolery got the children fishing with small cane poles, hooks, line and sinkers. By mornings end most of the children were baiting their own hooks and catching small Bluegill.

After lunch the Children were taken on a guided nature walk by the Park Ranger.



How Does the Federation of Fly Fishers and Your Local Council Help Your Sport

For the sport -

- Stream access issues.
- Support of any sportfish and fishery, not just trout.
- Steelhead Coalition, most active in the Northwest.
- Discounted rods for youth programs.
- Certified Casting Instructor program to improve quality and consistency of casting instruction world-wide.
- Working with other groups to inform anglers about invasive species.
- Awards to recognize those in the sport that are going beyond simple volunteer duties.
- Conservation grants to each Council to match and distribute to clubs with new or on-going projects, total of 3000.00 per Council per year.
- Adopt a Stream for conservation and restoration.
- Boy Scout Merit Badge Program.
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing for disabled veterans and wounded active duty military personnel.
- Casting 4 Recovery for breast cancer survivors.

For a club -

- Greatly discounted insurance (general, O&D, liability) rates which helps their bottom line.
- If you are a Charter, filing of your tax returns for your 501.
- Legal advice.
- Helping clubs stay in touch with other clubs to work on local issues together.
- Offering the ability for those clubs to share Best Practices so they can stop re-inventing the wheel every few years.
- Rod incentive program - the more that join the FFF, the more rods you get for free to use as awards or raffles.
- Casting school materials.

For the individual -

- Helping you stay informed about the issues within your sport.
- The ability to improve your casting and tying skills.
- And all of the above directly or indirectly affect you in one way or another.

The SWCFFF -

- We conduct quarterly meetings, open to all FFF clubs and members (any angler is welcome to attend. They can voice but cannot vote). These meetings connect the clubs with each other and our local programs heads for casting, tying, Healing Waters, C4R (coming very soon!), BSA Merit badge, conservation including the newly revived Steelhead Coalition.
- We are bringing Joan Wulff to Southern California in October, a once in a lifetime chance to meet a fly fishing legend.
- The Interclub Tournament on the Kern. A yearly fun tournament that brings clubs together for a bit of competition and a lot of sharing and camaraderie.
- Bi-weekly e-blasts that showcase on-going club and Council events.
- The FlyBuy fundraiser for the SWC where you can meet some really great tiers, take casting lessons and meet others from around our district. There is also an opportunity to purchase fly fishing gear and flies at great prices.



- Helping clubs fund new Trout in the Classroom venues.
- Attending fishing and sports shows in the area with our booth and brochures that showcases the member clubs to provide them an inexpensive means of club recruitment.
- Provide monofilament recycling tubes to sponsors for installation and maintenance.

Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers

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For Immediate Use

Southwest Council FFF, California Trout Establish 'Trout in the Classroom' Fund

A joint fund with \$1,000 in "seed money" has been established collaboratively by California Trout and the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers to bring Trout in the Classroom to local area elementary schools.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is a hands-on environmental education program in which students in grades K through 12 raise trout from eggs to fry, learn to monitor tank water quality, engage in stream habitat study, learn to appreciate water resources, begin to foster a conservation ethic and grow to understand ecosystems.

"While TIC is designed for grades K through 12, it seems best suited for the 5th grade. Activities include: science and art projects, journaling, measuring, math skills, and visual and language arts. TIC crosses all scholastic disciplines and results in stronger understanding of math, science and social studies," according to Rich Bollinger, Southwest Council FFF volunteer coordinator.

"The enthusiasm of students and teachers involved in TIC is manifest in the amazing variety and number of activities and projects. Not only are teachers using TIC in the classroom, sometimes whole schools and even communities turn out for the release. Some have made release day a 'mini-Earth Day,' with educational booths, field projects, river clean-up and more," said Nica Knite, CalTrout Regional Coordinator.

Trout in the Classroom projects will be funded one-third by the combined Southwest Council FFF and California Trout fund, one-third by the class participating in the program and one-third by a local fly-fishing club.



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



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Make checks payable to Eileen Stroud Conservation Fund

Mail to:
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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 **September FINNY FACTS** articles---Friday August 12th.

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:

Lucky Ketcham

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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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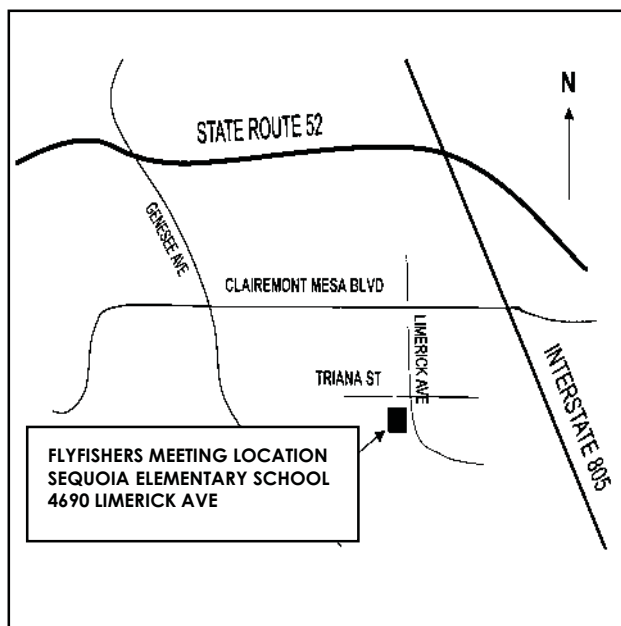
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San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 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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