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## August Meeting

**H**ow many John Gierach books can you read? Are you tired of hearing how he travels the back-roads of Colorado with Lefty and A.K. in his pickup, fishing every day and drinking coffee he makes on the tailgate of his truck? Would you rather hear about those experiences first-hand?

No, John Gierach will not be our speaker in August. Even better, our own **Lucky Ketcham** and **Bob Pharoah** will share their experiences fishing for six weeks in some of the most beautiful places in the West. Live and in living color, they've promised to share the most intimate details, including where they fished, how they fished and who tells the taller stories. You be the judge! See you on the 4th!

## Fly Fishing Oregon's Mckenzie River

by Tom Lucas

Catching hail



### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, August 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)

**Larry Sorensen  
and John Pak**

*Thank You, Mona Morebello*

**M**y wife and I recently returned from southern Oregon. Reason for the trip was a possible relocation to the Eugene area but I was more focused on the fly fishing opportunities around there. Fly fishing clubs are great organizations and I have made several forays to "foreign" soil via contacts in distant fly fishing clubs. This trip proved that good times can be had via one's contacts. I received at least four responses to my inquiry about fly fishing opportunities in and around Eugene and settled on Marvin

Clemons of the Cascade Fly Fishing Club. Marv...as he prefers to be called...said he could take me drift boat fishing on the storied McKenzie River, which is but a short distance out of Eugene. I thought Marv was retired but it turns out he's a F/T instructor at a local community college. We arranged to meet at a 'civil' time on Saturday morning and then to fly fish a full day, which equaled about 11 miles of river.

Of course things didn't quite go as I'd planned. I saw myself hooking and

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: AUGUST 2008

It's already July and my term as your president is half way through. It just seems like yesterday that I took over the role.

Thanks go to the Board, especially **Gary Strawn, Lee McElravy and Paul Woolery** for getting me started on the right path and for their continued guidance. We've already had an active year with some great speakers, outreach programs

(e.g. Boy Scouts, Star-PAL, etc.), on-going educational programs, conservation activities, web site improvements, our annual raffle and a number of other successful initiatives. In the second half of the year we look to expand on this success with some new programs, such as the Mentorship program and fishing clinics, like our upcoming surf fishing clinic. If you have any additional ideas for programs, please let us know.

Programs like these need volunteers, so if you have any interest, we would love to have you! It would be nice to see some new faces. I can assure you that volunteering for a club activity really increases the rewards you get from club membership. Thanks to all of you who already share your time and talent with our club.

For those of you with unclaimed prizes from our June raffle, please come to our next meeting to pick them up. The

prizes are currently in my bedroom closet and it's getting mighty tempting. It would be a shame for me to have to keep this equipment myself. We wouldn't want that would we!

Tight Lines!



**JONATHAN HEE**



### Save the Date! - Surf Fishing Clinic

San Diego Fly Fishers will be having a Surf Fishing Clinic on **Saturday, August 2**. To take advantage of the tides, we'll be meeting early at 7:00 AM at Torrey Pines State Beach. Park on N. Torrey Pines Rd. and meet at Life Guard Station No. 3, just north of the parking lot. Items to bring if you have them are: 6 to 8 wt. rod with corresponding sinking shooting head, straight 6 - 8 lb. mono or fluoro leader material, stripping basket, waders and flats booties (if fishing dry - otherwise swim wear) and size 6 - 4 clouser minnows or sand crab flies. If you don't have these, bring your stoutest trout rod preferably with a sinking or sink tip line. One of the largest halibut I've seen caught was on a 5 wt. trout rod! We'll review equipment, reading water and of course catching fish! If you plan to attend, please contact Jon Hee at

### New Member Program

San Diego Fly Fishers is pleased to announce a special \$5.00 discount on dues for new members who join the club from now through the end of the year for the 2008 membership year. In addition, any new members in 2008 will automatically be eligible for a special drawing at our Annual Banquet. We'll be raffling off a rod and reel combo to one of our new members. Current members who refer a new member to the club will be eligible for a special drawing for a Stroud Tackle gift certificate of \$50.00. To be entered into the referral drawing, the new member must make note of the referral on his or her membership form.

### Mentors Wanted

We're still looking for volunteers for our Mentorship program! The role of the mentor will be to help guide another member through some of the learning programs we already have (e.g. Lake Murray fly casting, fly tying, etc.) and to work with this member to put it all together to successfully catch fish. We anticipate this would involve a commitment of 8 - 10 hours over the course of 3 - 6 mos. If you're interested in volunteering or in hearing more please contact Jon Hee at

or one of our Board members. Please also indicate if you're willing to lead this effort.



**Wanted:**  
**The following people are wanted**  
**by the San Diego Fly Fishers Raffle Committee!**

You have won one or more prizes. Since we do not have a July meeting, it is your responsibility to pick up your prizes at the August meeting. If you are unable to attend, please designate someone on your behalf. Some of the items are very large and the committee has to transport them back and forth.



**Benz, Bob:** St. Croix rod  
**Castelluzzo, Jim:** Waist pack, calendar and day planner  
**Coram, Betty:** \$50 gift certificate  
**Floyd, Sam:** GRAND PRIZE...Bamboo rod and reel  
**Giles, Stan:** Orvis Rod  
**Goldman, Maria:** Float tube  
**Greenwood, Al:** Metz #2 sandy dun cape, calendar and day planner  
**Guymond, Joseph:** Regal fly tying vise and a \$25 gift certificate  
**Hobson, Barbara:** Cortland reel  
**Ketcham, Lucky:** Metz #2 ginger cape, calendar & day planner, fly line  
**Lipley, Willard:** Cortand fly rod, reel and line  
**Lopez, Vonnie:** gloves, calendar & day planner  
**Marino, John:** waist pack  
**Molinare, Al:** fly line calendar & day planner  
**Moon, David:** Loomis Rod and a box of flies  
**Neiger, Ralph:** fly tying book  
**Pharoah, Bob (5 prizes)** pliers, hip pack, fly line, Cortland rod & Sage reel and a 4 piece Winston Rod and a Waspi fly tying kit  
**Richardson, James K.:** Fly tying manual and video  
**Rosen, Len:** Fly box  
**Smith, Don:** Fly line, calendar, and day planner  
**Stuvetraa, Mark:** \$50 gift certificate

**Congratulations!**



How's this for a bit of SDFF history. This was the SD Fly Fishers newsletter for July 1978 exactly 30 years ago to the month, courtesy of Nancy Pitts. How many of you were in the Club when this issue was published? Things have changed for the newsletter but the fishing continues on as usual at Hot Creek.

# San Diego FLY FISHERS



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## JULY MEETING

DATE: July 11, second Tuesday as usual.  
PLACE: Kearny Mesa Recreation Center, corner of Mesa College Drive  
and Armstrong Street.  
TIME: 7:30 P.M. Bring along a gift for the attendance drawing.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Dan Morehouse will show slides of fishing in Utah and Wyoming. Dan has a cabin in Provo canyon and He has some very interesting shots of the fishing.

## BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be on Sunday July 9 at 10 A.M. in the Reque building adjacent to the pool. All members of the board are urged to attend. All or most all of the clubs business is transacted at the meeting and it cannot be conducted without a good turnout!

## HOT CREEK COMMENTS

Excellant accomodations. The cabins were furnished with a complete set of dishes, silver including steak knives, an electric coffee pot and toaster. We slept under electric blankets at night.

Contrary to everthing we were told, flies in size #14 in Royal Wulf, Adams, Goofus Bugs, Sierra Bright Dot and Henryville Special all caught fish.





We all had a good time and enjoyed the steak barbeque Saturday Night. Would I go again? Yes!  
Gordon Foster

Good weather, good food, and good friends made for a winning combination at Hot Creek. Although fishing was tough, an occasional trout and the sight of a hooked 5 pound Brown trout kept most of us enthusiastic. All in all it was an enjoyable club outing and I hope we repeat it in the future.  
Rob Johnson

Four hours invested in the right tippet, a #20 fly, perfect presentation and no fish! Dan Morehouse walks up with a frayed 6 ft. tippet and a #10 Humpy, second cast, bang! a nice Rainbow and a "By Golly" out of Dan. I quit!  
Paul Vesce

Is there any better way to go, unless Angels give you a lift? Paul Vesce "Angeled" Dan Morehouse, and me from S.D. to the field a mile from the ranch in 2 hrs. and 20 min. Wow! We were fishing by 9 A.M. whereas the unfortunates were just getting started on the trip. The plane flew like it was on rails. That Vesce is a pilot! I got "pitchers" elbow from lots of practice but I must confess no fish. I wouldn't have missed it for all the rice in China. Our barbeque was most enjoyable and fulfilling. I am sure all of us got a hard "strike".  
Harry Bowman

A special thanks to Betty and Nancy for the use of their cabin to eat and for the community salad and big pot of beans.

Nancy Pitts caught a fish in the practice stretch and wet her hands before releasing it. Bravo Nancy!

The three girls came off the stream after dark with the aid of a flash light. Hows that for dedication!

The next club outing to Hot Creek is Sept. 15-17. All nine cabins have been reserved for our club. Let's make it a really big outing!



### Prizes

Our monthly drawing again has exceptional items. They include a Wheatly fly box, a Shakespeare reel (the spools will fit a 1495 Medalist) and a membership in the F.F.F. The donations will be 25 cents each, 5 for a \$1.00 13 for \$2.00.

### Annual Dinner

*Cocktail meet*

The chair received an enthusiastic response when the members were asked about the club having an annual dinner. Tentative plans call for a dinner to be held in January after the meeting night. This will be an installation dinner. We will install the newly elected officers.

President Jo Cotton has appointed a committee to take care of the details. He appointed Nancy Pitts, Betty Davis, Gordon Fester and Bill Stroud to the committee. If you have any suggestions for the dinner please contact a committee member.

### Club Outing

Only a few people showed up for the club outing held on Sat. the 17th. at Cuyamaca. Bernie Hammes caught three small trout. No reports from any one else.

Hugh Turner fished Cuyamaca during the week and caught 5 trout. One fish weighed 2 pounds which is the biggest trout Hugh has caught in the county. He used his "Black Beach Nymph," black hackle and tail and a bright red body.

### F.F.F. Conclave 78

Some members are making plans to attend the F.F.F. conclave in August at West Yellowstone. It is worth the trip to see world famous casters put on demonstrations. Also some of the country's best fly tiers will be there winding hackle. An added bonus is that you will be in the middle of the best fishing water in the country. There will be dinners and barbeques as well.

There is also a raffle held with hundreds of prizes. See you there!





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GRAND REOPENING CELEBRATION  
&  
FUNDRAISING AUCTION  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 at NOON

Be our guests at the grand reopening of our clubhouse on Saturday, August 23 at noon. The celebration will include an open house, lunch, fundraising auction and special activities. We have much to be grateful for and want to show our appreciation.

Invited guests will include our friends in the fly fishing community, the Parks & Recreation staff, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Councilman Gary DeLong, firemen, contractors, insurance adjustors, Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, and others who have helped with the fire recovery. There will be a photo journal of the fire and rebuilding effort for those of you who have missed all the activity.

Here is a current list of donations to the auction:

**Trips**

Three days of guided fishing, four nights accommodation and all meals for two anglers on the Big Horn with Montana Fly Fishers. 2 for 1: \$1200 minimum.

Three days of guided boat fishing out of Sitka, Alaska with Classic Casting Adventures. 2 for 1: \$1100 minimum.

Two days of fishing for two anglers on the San Juan River in New Mexico with John Tavenner. 2 for 1: \$400 minimum.

Two days of guided mako shark fishing for two or three anglers with Conway Bowman. 2 for 1: \$675 minimum.

Day of guided fishing on the Big Horn with Jeremy Gilbertson. 2 for 1: \$250 minimum.

Day of drifting the Owens in Bishop with Pat Jaeger.

Two days of guided wade fishing for two anglers with Gary Gunsolley of Brock's Flyfishing in Bishop.

Day of fishing for one or two anglers in the Florida Keys with Master Certified Casting Instructor Gordy Hill, with optional casting instruction.

Day of guided fishing for two in Colorado with Ken Iwamasa.

Bed & Breakfast Package for two at the Ritz-Carlton in Marina del Rey.

Five days of accommodations in Sayulita, near Puerto Vallarta, in a 4 bedroom, 4 bath home, with central kitchen, private beach, and attached health club.

Ten half-day rentals of a Catayak, a catamaran kayak, in Huntington Harbor.

**Rods**

Cortland Endurance 9 ft, 8 wt, 4 pc rod and tube.

Heddon 7 ft bamboo rod for a 4 wt line with a single tip, refinished by John Vanderhoof.

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Sage RPL 996-4 rod.  
Sage RP 690-4 rod.  
Stone Creek Combo, 590-4 rod, reel, line, case.  
St. Croix Legend Ultra 9106-3 rod.  
Two Daiwa light action bait casting rods, 5'6".  
Scott G 896-2 used rod.  
Scott G 960-4 used rod.  
Sage RP 890-2 used rod  
Sage RPL 896-2 used rod.  
Sage RPL+ 996-4 used rod.  
Fenwick HMG 686-2 used rod.  
Fenwick custom rod by Jack Dennis, 686-2, dated 1985.  
Legend 890-2 used rod.  
Loomis custom IMX 490-2 used rod by Boomer.

### **Equipment**

Orvis Battenkill 3-4 wt. reel.  
Brodin fishing net.  
Fine wooden fly boxes.  
Catayak, a catamaran kayak with rod holders that enables the caster to stand.  
Outcast Trekker Float Tube.  
Outcast Trinity float tube & backpack.  
Rio Skagit Versitip, Bonefish, Gold Trout, and Striped Bass fly lines.  
Three DB Dunn two-piece rod cases.  
Wave two-piece rod case.  
Twelve steelhead/salmon flies by Cheryl Moore.  
Hodgman neoprene wading shoes, size 12.  
Fly tying materials.  
Abel 2 piece rod used case.  
Abel 10-reel case.  
Orvis CFO IV reel with line, used.

### **Books & DVD's**

Rick Hafele's book Nymph Fishing Rivers & Streams with its DVD.  
Rick Hafele's DVD Fishing Large Western Rivers.  
Skip Morris's Art of Tying the Bass Fly book.  
Skip Morris's waterproof Guide to Western River Hatches booklet.  
Simon Gawesworth's Modern Spey Casting DVD.  
Scott Sanchez's New Generation of Trout Flies book.  
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Ken Hanley's California Fly Tying & Fishing Guide.  
Ken Hanley's Fly Fishing the Pacific Inshore.  
Ken Hanley's Fly Fishing Afoot in the Surf Zone.  
Mel Kreiger's The Essence of Fly Casting.  
Taylor Streit's Man vs Fish – the Flyfisherman's Eternal Struggle.

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## McKenzie River

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releasing any number of feisty rainbows, all at least 18" long. When Marv arrived, it was raining steadily and I found out that it had been doing this on and off for 6 days! In other words, it was a crapshoot that we even got to launch the drift boat. Incidentally, McKenzie drift boats were invented in the early 1940's to fish this river and

apparent that even with a sink tip, the river was flowing too high and too fast to get either depth or a drag-free float. As we travelled down the river, we found a few backwaters that looked promising; only to discover a lot of tree debris blocked either the entrance to or the exit from the backwater. One backwater was so strong that it fed a

the severe rocker is a design feature that enables swift and easy maneuvering of the boat. Anyway, we DID launch and found a nice gravel bar to anchor up on while we rigged up with flies that looked something like large Prince nymphs. I tried a few drifts but it soon became

recently-constructed irrigation canal. And so it went for the rest of the day....we drifted at an excessive rate and no matter what line or fly we threw, we had no takes. We did see some birds, trees flashing by like a picket fence and the first osprey and bald eagle of the season. Meanwhile, Mother Nature decided to increase the rain to a small deluge, followed by a lot of hail. You had to laugh; the alternative was worse. In fact, I had Marv take a picture of me in the hail. Marv proved the consummate host and had made lunch/drinks for us. We dined well and he brought freshly-smoked steelhead as an appetizer. Although the fishing was poor, the day went "swimmingly" and I sure hope to be able to fish there again under drier conditions. Many thanks to those who replied to my request and a special thanks to Marv Clemons for a great day on the water.



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### Miscellaneous

\$20 gift certificate for Ferraro's Cucina Italian Restaurant.

Carved wood brown trout by Thomas Radoumis of Wildlife Reflections.

Signed limited edition print "Golden Trout" by Rick Aeschliman.

Framed trout print by Joseph Tomelleri.

Three framed drawings by Scott Sanchez.

\$300 in gift certificates from Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store.

\$850 in gift certificates from Brock's Flyfishing Specialists.

Lifetime FFF membership for one person.

Lifetime FFF membership for a couple.

Home-made blackberry jam.

And, for the sentimental, fire-scarred LBCC fishing shirt, polo shirt, T-shirt or hat.

Among other things, we expect rods and reels from Loop, as well as a guided trip in Idaho.

There will also be some gently used fishing items for sale from the estate of Art Murphy and Huber's Hackle Haven, and, a great custom knife by Larry Albach that is being sold with raffle squares.

Join us!



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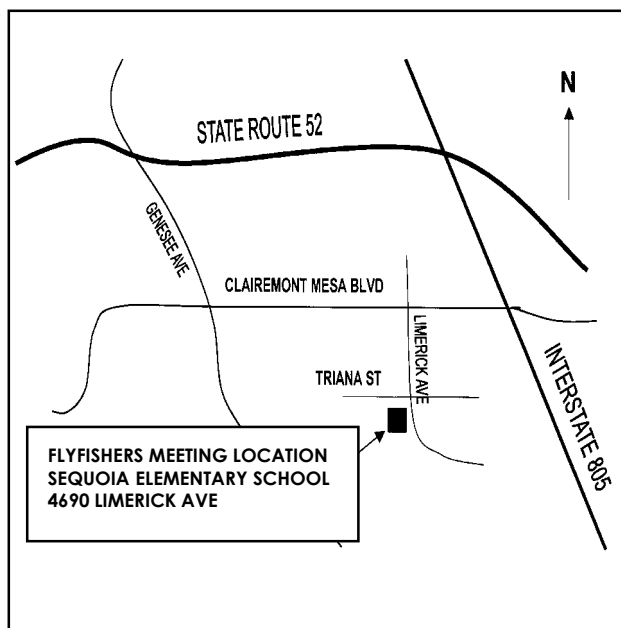
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## Meeting Place for Workshops

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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