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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JANUARY 2013

Lee McElravy

**G**reetings! Whatever holiday you are celebrating this month, I hope you have a safe and joyous time!

First and foremost, a reminder the Stroud Banquet is fast-approaching on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already done so, contact **Paul Woolery** and make your reservations. Given **Bill Stroud's** passing in May, this year's Banquet takes on special significance. Because so many of our members deserve to be recognized for their contributions this year, and not all of you will be able to join us on January 14<sup>th</sup>, this month's *Message* presents the perfect opportunity for me to do just that.

As I have said before, the success of our yearly activities is a direct result of the commitment and dedication of your Directors, who do far more than simply attend a Board Meeting each month. Please know that each one of your Directors has contributed with distinction in some individual fashion. I have to begin with **Paul Woolery**, our Membership Chair who also directs the Chollas Lend-A-Rod Program, the StarPAL Kids' Derby and our Spring Bishop trip. What you may not know is that Paul now ties and assembles the fly plates presented at every Banquet.

**Gary Strawn** continues to oversee our conservation efforts and promote our cooperative activities with San Diego River Park Foundation. This year **Jack Duncan** took on the role of conducting

our rod building classes, which he will continue in 2013. **Bruce Michael** organized our monthly refreshments. For his outgoing act as a Director, **Bob Stafford** concluded his secretarial duties, with the assistance of **Jon Hee**. **Art Reifman** organized our most successful Raffle ever and continues to organize our Project Healing Waters Program. **Don Davis** serves as our liaison with the Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. (Don has promised increased involvement this year after he retires.)

One of the single biggest concerns to every President is Club finances and our Treasurer **Bruce Harris** has made the administration of that function seamless. **Jon Holland** put together a string of outstanding speakers and, if you have not already noticed, 2013 is beginning with a bang with A.K. Best speaking and conducting a fly tying seminar in February. **Alan Thompson** directed our monthly prize drawings and Vice President **Larry Sorensen** agreed to do whatever was asked of him, including administering our new instructional clinic at 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and organizing (and cooking for) our local Club outings.

Perhaps the smarter members were those who contributed without serving on the Board (and, thus, avoided those Board Meetings)! **Dave Collins** continues to supervise our ever-evolving website and Forums. **Mona and Sam Morebello** supervised the set-up process for our monthly meetings (for the twelfth consecutive year). **Rose and**



**Roger Yamasaki's** effort each month continues to keep our own Finny Facts far ahead of the competition. My special thanks to them for producing our special edition in honor of Bill and Eileen Stroud. One activity by which we have become so well-respected is our Sunday morning Casting Clinic, for which we can thank **Ned Sewell** and his loyal crew. **Lucky Ketcham** organized our Thursday evening fly tying Congress and **Bill Stock** does the same with our video and library materials. The risk of writing a column such as this is the likelihood I might fail to recognize someone. If I have, my most sincere personal apology. So many of you contributed so much, with so little public recognition. On that note, I know I am leaving the Club in good hands with **Jim Tenuto** next year and I ask you to support his effort as you have supported mine!

See you at the Banquet,

Lee McElravy



# Stroud Banquet 2013

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

*Monday, January 14, 2013*

*\$25 per person*

6:30pm. to 9:00pm.

If you are debating whether or not to attend the Stroud Banquet maybe this will help make up your mind.

Tom Loe has donated two nights at his condo (one bedroom with a loft, one bath) one day of guiding by him, and a \$50 gift card toward dinner at Gomez's restaurant in Mammoth. There are a few limitations but still a great door prize.

You may mail your check to:  
San Diego Fly Fishers, Attn Stroud Banquet  
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd., #327  
San Diego, CA 92124

or drop by Stroud Tackle between the hours of 10:00 am. and 2:00 pm. Thursdays through Saturday.

If you have any questions contact Paul Woolery.



# Annual Bishop Trip

## February 22 and 23, 2013

This is the clubs first trip of 2013. It's open to anyone. Be advised we fish in all weather conditions! Dinning arrangements will be at Bishops finest restaurants, including Jacks, La Casita, The Upper Crust and The Back Alley Bowling Bar and Grill. This trip is for serious fishermen interested fishing, food, fun, making new friends and hanging out with old ones.

Those wishing to join us for fishing without guide service are also welcome!

- **Contact:** Paul Woolery at \_\_\_\_\_ or
- **Guide Service:** provided by Sierra Drifters
- **Guided fishing:** February 22 and 23. If necessary we can add an extra day on the 21st.
- **Other:** All reservations for rooms, dinning and guides will be made by Paul Woolery.
- **Travel:** Make your own travel plans. Carpooling is encouraged!



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## Members Fishing Reports

Mammoth Lakes Fly Fishing Trip  
Fishing Notes by Lucky Ketcham  
Part B-Sept. 13 to 16, 2012

Woolery Summary- for those of you too busy to read a long story: "Fished 5 days Mammoth Area, 2 fish over 10 inches, 15 dinks - goldens, brookies, browns. Midges, caddis and Parachute Adams. Fun with 11 friends, food and FFF Fair. Weather was nice and sunny, not too much wind.



I like streams and dry flies - but that has been hard in this hot sunny weather. Bob thinks I would have caught more, bigger fish if I fished the lakes. ("How many lakes did you fish?"—was Bob's comment when I complained about the low numbers of small fish I caught.) Tom Loe and Ernie Gulley suggested I try pulling Loebergs or Hornbergs in the Magee Creek channel as it flows into Crowley. That is very hard to do from float tube at this moment with all the mud and weeds in the access channel. It would be better to rent a boat.

Where would I fish? Hmm, that is a good question.

I would fish at least one day on the San Joaquin River over the hill from Mammoth. The Soda

Flats campground has a big stocked pool with easy access. Several of our members caught up to 18 of the stocked trout on our last day. The campground is closed and not too many people are fishing that section. The fish were planted about 6 days ago and should be getting hungry. Brown soft hackles worked when they would not eat woolly buggers. The upper wild section above the bridge was pretty, but slow. Jack Duncan caught 8 or so on small Copper Johns. The small size 18 caddis patterns worked a little for us. I wish I fished it 4PM until dark instead of 9 to 3 PM.

Rock Creek at the Palisades Campground was stocked while we were there. It produced 15 to 18 fish in one day. Rock Creek below and above Rock Creek Lake are pretty and shady spots. Rock Creek Lake can be good if it is stocked recently. Last year it was great for Paul Costa throwing orange Western Wigglers.

I always fish the East Walker at Bridgeport. Wayne Allen and Bruce Harris did better in the late afternoon and evening than we did from 9 until 3 PM. There are always lots of fish at the East Walker - getting them to eat is a problem. There are hundreds and hundreds of big green caddis larvae on the rocks. There is lots of food for the trout. Try some Elk Hair Caddis in the evening, swing some olive green soft hackles or

the reliable Zebra Midges with heavy Tungsten bead heads.

I stopped at Virginia Lake on the way home from the East Walker. I talked to 6 men from Los Angeles. They were very happy with the morning catch from float tubes and the fish were still biting at noon on the north end. I spoke to a man at the Shell station in Mammoth. He spent the morning fishing at Thurwood Lake just up the hill from Virginia. He said he caught 19 stocked trout within 2 hours. He likes Thurwood. It gets the same number of trout as Virginia but only half the fishermen.

Rich Strobel did well on Lake George rapidly trolling his Seal Buggers and Pistol Petes. Put out 90 feet of line and kick like hell. Rich uses a big electric motor.

Mary and George were stocked really heavy for Labor Day and then again after. I don't like all the shore anglers throwing lead at me. I love Sotcher Lake but it is not being stocked.

I love Mamie but I didn't see many fish and I had to bang the bank for small brook trout. If they stock Mamie while you are there, it is a beautiful place to fish.

The Upper Owens will continue to get better and better as the brown trout move up from Crowley.

I don't like fishing in the open sun and wind but it is one of the best places to fish. John Williams tells

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me the secret is to fish the very deep bends with big black stonefly patterns. Tom Loe likes the heavy Tungsten Bead Zebra Midges fished on long Fluorocarbon tippet. A tapered leader gets caught in the current and picks your flies off the bottom. Those fish are frustrating to me. They see tons of buggers, nymphs and midges. You need to fish deep and slow putting the flies in front of their noses.

Preston Parrett used this swing pattern with the Dip and Strip technique to catch a few bigger trout on streamers.

Floyd Lee, Bernie Fink and Lee Anderson taught me to love Lundy Lake at the water inlet and along the talus rock slope. It was one of Bernie Fink's favorite lakes. The colors are changing and Lundy Canyon is a favorite spot for fall photographers. Bernie would fish that far shore. Bernie would tell me: "Just kick out until you can't see the bottom and then just move along the lake looking for big fish." "Don't fish the middle where all the little stockers hang out. There are big fish and small fish. Big fish don't swim with small fish." One year I caught a great brown trout where the stream comes into the lake. The cold water attracts the fish and brings in Caddisflies and beetles. All the leaves and branches from the stream inlet drop out in that top corner. The shredder type aquatic insects are there. Try caddis patterns at the inlet and buggers along the banks.

I love Rush Creek, but it was too warm when I was there and I didn't see many fish. Sometimes the brown trout move up early from the lower lake. If it is windy in the Valley I go to the north end of the June Lake Loop and fish among the trees. It is so pretty in that valley I don't care if the fish don't bite. DFG stocks Rush Creek near the campgrounds below Silver Lake. Check with the local fly shops or check the stocking schedules. I usually make a run down to South Bishop Creek below South Lake. I like the Weir Pool and the Table Lands.

On the way up or back you might make a trip up to Horseshoe Meadows. Wayne said that the Golden Trout were very small this year and I did not try it. One year I caught 52 in 2 hours - all on a dry fly. You can drive to the trail head and just walk about a 1/4 mile into the big meadow. Golden Trout without hiking 2 miles - that's good.

Always have fun. Wet wading was much better than fishing in chest waders in the middle of the day.

Good Luck. LK

Friday, September 14th, Bruce Harris and I fished Lake Mamie, one of the most scenic lakes high on the mountain behind Mammoth. Our group almost always fishes Mamie because it is heavily stocked with DFG and Alpers



Trout for the Labor Day Weekend and the last weeks of the season in September. The lake is shallow and the water is clear. You can usually find pods of trout without a fish finder. Bruce wanted to practice his still water fly fishing techniques and see if he could learn to like floating around in the hot sun in his float tube. The bigger "Tim Alper's Trout" stocked in the tourist lakes are always a temptation for even the most devoted small stream angler. We usually do well with Black Bead Buggers, Blood Leeches, Norb's "Miramar Special" Green Woolly Bugger and our "Paul's Special" Woolly Bugger. The day before some of our members were lucky enough to catch a caddisfly or midge hatch at 10 AM and caught numerous DFG rainbows and brook trout on small dry flies. Preston Parrett and others kicked back and forth between the little wooden house and the point of trees on the right side of the above picture. That corridor is about the deepest portion of this lake and it is usually productive. Fly fishing is never the same, two days in a row. I think twenty "catch and fillet" bank fisherman can greatly reduce a trout population in these lakes in one day,

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especially if there is no DFG enforcement of limits. Ice chests and freezers get filled for the winter on the stocked Mammoth Lakes.

Bruce and I started out strip trolling Woolly Buggers, Hornbergs and Loebergs down the middle of the lake and in the corridor that worked yesterday. We used clear intermediate sink fly lines, did what usually works and still did not draw any strikes.



**Jack Duncan and Preston Parrett are fishing partners on the Upper Owens. I wish I got to fish more with Jack and Preston. They were having a good time and catching fish every day.**

The water was low enough that you felt you could see almost every trout – and there were very few observed. The outlet end and the big bay where Bob Pharoah and I always catch fish were empty. Around 10 AM small trout started to rise for small caddisflies or midges that were popping out of the water and quickly flying off. We switched to floating lines and small dry flies like the Elk Hair Caddis, Small tan

foam skittering caddis and CDC caddis. We cast our flies and let them set on the calm surface waiting for cruising trout – just like Jack Duncan instructed. The flies just sat there with no takes.

I saw the sections of reeds sticking vertically out of the water on the right hand or western side of the lake and hoped that there might be cruising trout looking for Damsel Flies on the reeds. Small weedy bottomed lakes like this usually have damsels.

I remembered the great damsel days we had at Green's Lake in Utah and past years at Sotcher Lake. But... no birds were working the reeds and I didn't see those patches of blue on the green reeds.

(Remember the saying: "Reeds and Rushes are Round, Sedges have Edges.")

I switched down to 6X leader and trailed a small CDC Caddis behind my size 16 Foam Skittering

Caddis. I cast to a rising small fish near the reeds and a well marked male Brook Trout took the foam caddis. It was only about 7 inches long but larger than most of the fish caught on this trip. I liked the fact that Bruce Harris was nearby. I love an audience.

Bruce and I then began to bang the banks and edges of the reed beds for small rising brook trout. In short order, Bruce had seven

to my one. He fished the left hand side of the lake and shallow flat, while I worked the right hand side. I had numerous hits but the fish were very small. They kept trying to eat the bigger foam fly and mostly ignored the more life-like CDC caddis. It is a puzzle to me since the smaller CDC fly was the single trailing fly and an easier target. The observation of choice gives me even more confidence in the Skittering "Foam Tom Thumb" Caddis.

Bruce and I had a nice morning on the lake and I caught 4 or 5 more very small 4 inch brook trout. Bruce did better than I did and caught 9 or 10 brook trout. He will have to fish with Bob Pharoah and Rich Strobel and catch some of the bigger trout to convince him to "Love the Stillwater." I don't love sitting in the sun, but I do love hearing my drag sing and getting to see what my fly line backing looks like. I missed having my fishing buddy, Bob Pharoah with us on the lake, it is not the same without his chatter on the radio. We left the lake at 1 PM and went to the SWFFF Fly Fishing Faire in the afternoon.

Rich Strobel may have caught the most and the biggest fish in this trip. He and Bob fished the well stocked Lake George on the first day. They had their electric trolling motors and big marine batteries, fish finders and long 90 foot sinking lines. Rich Strobel fishes faster than anyone else on the lake. His big motor zips him around the lake two or three

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times before I move 200 feet. Bob strip trolls a little slower and uses his left arm much more to impart stripping action to his two woolly bugger or blood leech patterns. He fish so hard last year that he had to go through shoulder rehabilitation treatments. Bob only caught one fish that first day while Rich caught 10 including three large Alper Trout – about 18 inches. Rich has an unusual style and that speed trolling with a few strips and rod tip wiggles give the trout something new. Big trout like to follow and chase flies. Rich likes to use various patterns from Denny Rickard's Stillwater book. The seal buggers work for Rich, especially when he adds those spinning propellers to the front. It was always fun to watch Paul Britting and Wayne Allen tease Rich Strobel about is Air Force – Pistol Pete Woolly Buggers. Paul has passed and Wayne has vowed to tone down his teasing a notch.

I should mention that Bob Pharoah grilled some great Porterhouse Steaks on Monday night. The dinner was simple. Bob picked out some good 1" thick steaks and let us season them "how we liked them." We had baked potatoes with all the fixings and a simple green salad. Life can't get much better than that. Everyone had left overs that we used for sandwiches or "steak and eggs" the next day. Rich Strobel assisted in taking the steaks off the grill at the precise moments of perfection. Another good job by Robert Pharoah. (I have to apologize for not taking good notes after Wednesday.



### Jack Duncan fights a nice trout on the San Joaquin River.

This section I am writing from my foggy memory. Wednesday night, I called home to see how things were going and learned that my favorite 15 year old miniature dachshound, Heidi had been hit by a car and was put to sleep. She escaped from the house when Barbara was bringing in the groceries and ran out into the street. Heidi was not just a pet. She was the bright light on some dark days for all of us in the Ketcham family. RIP.)

The fish gods take care of me and there is a give and take in life. It was good to be surrounded by old and new supportive friends and to be fly fishing in place that is so beautiful. I hope my friends know how much I appreciate their support and their sparkle of energy and life. Positive energy is contagious. Seeing Jerry Fulmer and Preston Parrett enjoy catching fish on flies they tied in the "Thursday Night Congress" makes teaching fly tying worthwhile. I believe in Karma and paying it forward for all the gifts life has given me. I loved hearing that Jerry Fulmer was catching 18 or

20 trout in the big pool on the San Joaquin or had a good day at the Palisades Campground on Rock Creek. I'm not a competitive fly fisher and I really don't mind when brand new fly fishers trounce me into the dirt and catch more and bigger fish than I do. I really love catching 3 inch trout.

The Fly Fishing Fair gave me the opportunity to meet with some great fly tiers and learn some new skills. Over the years I have met many of the fly tying demonstrators. These fairs are like reunions of old friends. Also I won two of the best prizes in the first day raffle drawing. My \$15 worth of raffle tickets turned into a \$120 Brodin Net and another \$150 Henderix Travel Rod Case (It holds 6 rods safely.) I thought I was on a roll; but my second day raffle \$15 just turned into a donation. I started to write some fly tying notes in this section but decided to make a new document for information not related to the fishing.....

Wednesday also marked the beginning of the week of fishing for most of the SDFB Board of Directors. Lee McElravy, Larry Sorensen, Paul Woollery, Lew Walsh, Bob Stafford and Jon Holland arrived and stayed in a third condo at Sun Flower. This is the second year that we have had 18 friends on the trip. The smaller group of six is actually easier to manage for food and libation and they can get out and

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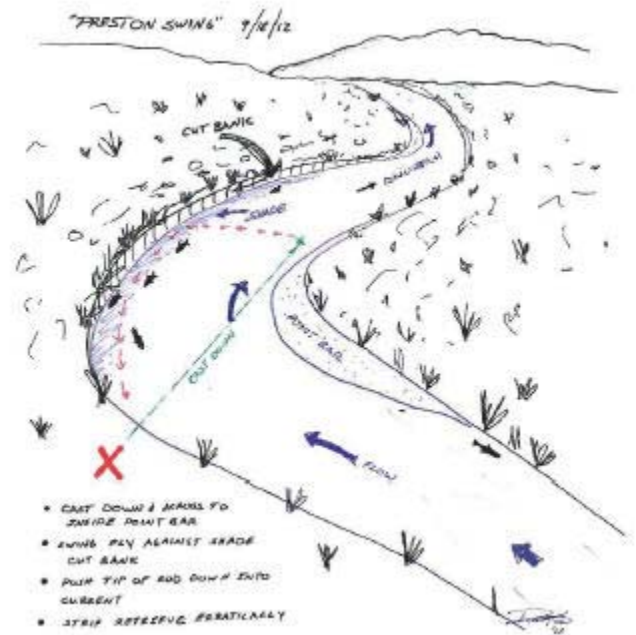
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on the water earlier. Food, Cigars and Scotch seem to be their theme although Jon Holland had a friend design an annual Tee Shirt that read: "Catch and Fillet" with some nice prints of colorful Golden Trout. They are a colorful group with out the shirts and long fish ties. Our group was invited for cocktails at Horse Divers on Saturday Night. Lew Walsh's pork ribs and Lew McElravy's Corbina Fish Ceviche were memorable. I did not try the jar of "White Lightening" they were passing around but I understand it was smooth and snuck up on you. Our group was in a "very good mood" when we returned home for dinner.

Lee's group did some interesting things. I hope that one of them writes up a report with some details. One of the creative adventures was an "On the Water Fly Fishing Class by Tom Loe." Tom took them to the Upper Owens and spent some time teaching all "advanced" rigs and tricks they

could use to improve their fishing. Evidently Tom prepared for three or four days for the class and enjoyed the opportunity to teach the San Diego gang. He taught dry flies, streamer techniques, how to read the water and his heavy tungsten bead nymphing. Of course – no one took any notes and were mum about giving me any of the details. After Tom left the river many of the anglers were successful in pulling up some of the larger trout that lurk in the deep water bends of the Upper Owens.

Lew Walsh reported that most of the fish were caught on the long Fluorocarbon leader under an indicator. The heavy Tungsten beads on the Zebra midges keeps the midge patterns near the bottom where the big boys live. All I got as a tip so far is "Foam is your friend. Look for the Foam Lines and Don't Roam from the Foam." Wayne is already planning on trying to set up some similar training with our friend Tom Loe or Pat Jaegar. (Jack



Duncan thinks highly of the skills of Pat.]

Jack Duncan likes the Upper Owens and was one of the original members of the Mammoth area Fly Fishing Club. He now teaches rod building classes for SDFF. I asked him when he would have the next class and he answered that it depends on the interest level. How many people are interested in a winter class? He prefers to teach rod building in the early spring when people can use their rods right away. Always humble, Jack said that many people in his class could probably teach the rod building. He mentioned how good Jon Hee was at creating a magic wand. Jack Duncan is a good mentor to have.

Jack Duncan led many of our group to his favorite spots on the



**I think this was one of Preston's good rainbows taken from the Upper Owens River.**

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**I had to add this underwater shot by Preston. His brown soft hackle caught this nice rainblow on the San Joaquin.**

Upper Owens. Preston Parrett prepared the above sketch to help us remember one of the techniques that worked for our members this year. Jack would like to take full credit for naming it the "Preston Swing." Actually it was a method taught to him by Doug on one of the Sierra Drifter's trips on the Lower Owen's River in the spring. In this method the angler casts across the knuckle or the point sand bar as shown above. The fly swings across the feeding station on the knuckle and then is allowed to pull into the deep undercut bank. Dip the rod tip and the sinking line deep into the river to keep the fly down where the big trout hide and below the fly eating tree roots. The streamer or bugger will flutter in the fast current. Strip the fly upstream through the deep shade pockets of the bend. (LK notes: Some anglers do not like the fly line running along side the holding fish and the

streamer sneaking up from behind, but the method seems to work in the Owen's River. I think the fish are in the deep shade of the bends and dart out to take the fly.

Rich Strobel is usually successful with a more tradition bugger, streamer presentation. He runs around as fast as he can to each of the deep runs and bends and makes

short casts with heavy lines and weighted flies. He may only have 25 feet of line out on each cast. He makes his quick casts, sinks the flies to the bottom, wiggles the rod tip back and forth or up and down. He makes a strip of the line or two and then picks up the line and makes three or four more casts. If he does not get a strike he moves on to the next bend. He does not waste much time in shallow clear water where he can't see any fish. It is hard to fish with Rich because he is always a mile in front of you and you are always fishing in water that he has already worked. Rich catches fish while I am practicing casting techniques, mending lines and playing with my dry flies and tiny nymphs.

This year I was trying to see if I would have success "French Twist Nymphing." This method is much like dry fly fishing. You grid the stream and cast small heavy

nymphs upstream using long thin leaders. The nymph sinks quickly and is only allowed to drift 5 or 6 feet before you pick it up and cast to another spot. You work the entire stream but you do it from 30 to 35 feet away instead of down stream drifting or short line nymphing. No indicator or a small slinky coil of mono is used and usually only one "Hot Spot" Pheasant Tail nymph. I love that you don't get many tangles and there is constant action. You can practice your "Tuck Cast" to drive the nymphs into the water. Too bad I haven't learned to catch many fish with it yet. The French and Spaniards have perfected techniques and have won international competitions with it in recent years. I love to try new techniques. <http://www.fieldandstream.com/articles/fishing/2012/05/international-nymphingfrench-twist>

Licensed Guide, Ernie Gulley was teaching some on the water classes at the SWFFF. I heard he took about 12 people to Six Bays on Crowley Lake to teach deep nymphing under and indicator - from shore. The group was reported to catch about 30 nice fish. I fished the area when the wind was coming from the south instead of the northwest - and I was fishing in Split Green Pea Soup. Ernie knows to fish it when the wind is from the correct direction. The green algae moves out of the way for him and the big trout cruise the shoreline of the coves. Timing and local knowledge are important.



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Bob Pharoah November 14<sup>th</sup>



**Richard Debusk, Richard Cullip, Barry Pechersky, Norb Spitzer** and I fished Tidelands on Wednesday, November 12th. Everyone had a great day that started with Richard Debusk landing a nice Halibut. Richard Cullip reported catching 61 Bay Bass by the golf course, Norb Spitzer landed 41 Bay Bass and one Lizard fish with most of them being taken around the bridge. Barry caught more than a dozen from around the anchored boats. I ended the day with 19 Bay Bass from around the bridge. The day started slow for me when I landed only one fish in the first hour of fishing. My fish were caught on Brown\White and Red\White Clousers.



San Diego Christmas Rose - "Heart of Gold"

**Gretchen Yearous** just sent me this nice picture of one of her "Heart of Gold" roses, peeking through her Holiday Window.

## Helpful Fishing Tips (from FFF newsletter *International FLYFISHER*)

### Dad's Drift Leader

After fishing Great Lakes tributaries for Steelhead and Salmon for many years, I found it frustrating to have the split shot on my leaders, or the fly, snagging in the rocks. I spent a lot of time breaking them off and repairing my leader and tippet.

Although my Dad was not an avid fisherman, he was an old Navy man who used to rig a sailboat for a local dealer in his retirement. Through his knowledge of knots and rigging, he suggested some solutions. Together, we came up with a simple system that greatly reduced the time I spend fixing my leader system.

Starting at the point where I tie on the tippet, I started building my leaders down to about 0 X, This is much heavier than commercially available leaders. I tie a perfection loop at this point in the leader.

I add 6 to 10 pound tippets to the leader loop to loop. Because of the difference in diameter, the loop to loop connection won't reliably close correctly. But if you tie a long Bimini Twist, you can take the loop it forms, double it, and then tie a double loop using a Surgeons loop knot. You end up with a double loop which closes well in the loop to loop connection with the 0 X leader.

The best trick I learned was when Dad suggested I cut the end of the loop left from the Bimini and leave the tag on. He said, "Just put your split shot on the tag. That way if the shot gets snagged, it will simply pull off the end of the tag and save your tippet." When tying on the fly, I use a regular clinch knot.

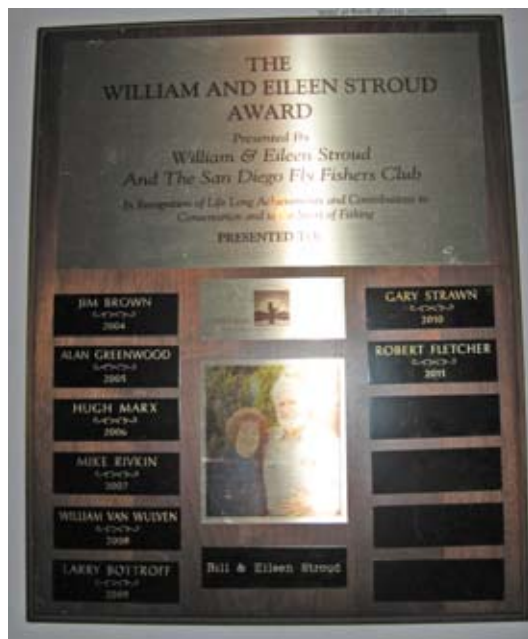
This leader system has proven to be being very durable. The perfection loop on the leader in 0X is much stronger than the tippet. The Bimini and Double Surgeons Loop are much stronger than the clinch knot. When fishing this rig, if the shot gets snagged, you simply pull and the shot slips off the end of the tag. If the fly gets snagged, you pull and the clinch knot releases the fly before the tippet breaks as it's the weakest part of the system.

Now when I drift egg patterns or nymphs for Great Lakes salmon and Steelhead, I spend very little time repairing and rebuilding my leader due to snags and hang ups in the rocks. I pre tie extra tippets before a trip. Changing tippets is a snap on stream as I don't even have to tie a knot to replace them or change from 6 pound to 8 or 10. It also works great here in Florida for big saltwater species too. I just trim the tag as you don't use split shot casting on the flats. And, I always think of my Dad every time I fish this leader system.

Submitted by Bill Gunn – President, Florida Council



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 articles---**Friday January 18th.**

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Paul Woolery

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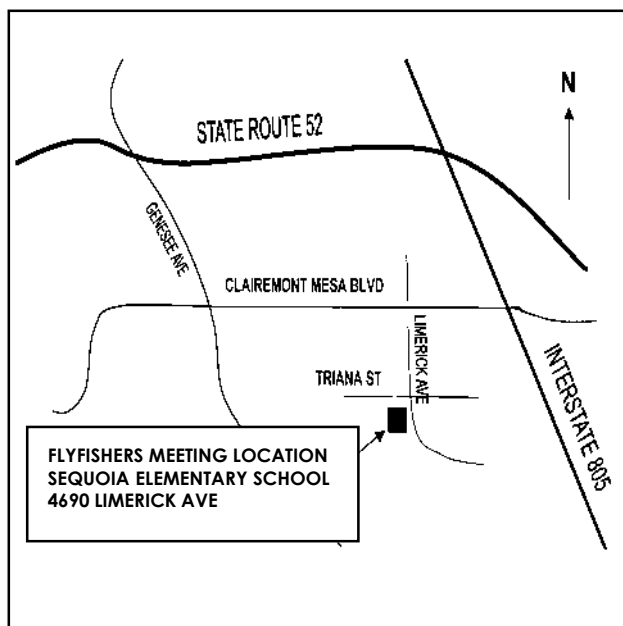


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