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SDFF Member and Past President Patrick Case Passes Away at 61.



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**There will be no meet-
ing for July. See you in
August.**

The Kiwanis of Lake Murray and San Diego Fly Fishers Team Up For Kids Fishing Derby



Saturday May 30, 2009 the Kiwanis of Lake Murray sponsored a kids fishing derby for children ages 5 to 15 at Lake Murray Reservoir. Unlike the Star/Pal fishing derby all the children had to provide their own fishing equipment. The Kiwanis did provide bait in the form of night crawlers for all contestants.

Volunteers from San Diego Fly Fishers bagged the bait for the kids and acted as judges. Each contestant carried a scorecard and our

volunteers maintained these cards. Winners were determined by points based on the number and type of fish caught. The overall winner was a 13 year old boy with 34 points, all bluegill.

Thanks and a job well done to **Wayne Allen, Sam Floyd, Lee McElravy, Barry Pechersky, Art Reifman, Bob Pharoah, Bob Stafford, Larry Sorensen, Al Venton, Lew Walsh, Paul Woolery, and Louie Zimm.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JULY 2009

Fantastic! The best word I have for it. Your generosity raised nearly \$6,000 for our education and conservation activities. You also raised almost \$400 for the Eileen Stroud Conservation fund. I want to especially thank **Jonathan Hee** for pulling everything together. His attention to detail made for a very smooth running and suc-



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cessful fundraiser. I want to thank **Jon Holland** for providing us with another beautiful bamboo fly rod for the grand prize. Who can forget the performance of our MC, **Jim Tenuto** who not only called the names of the winners but offered to set up a penmanship mentor for one of our members. In addition to those already mentioned, I want to thank **Sam and Mona Morebello, Gary Strawn, Shelley**

Wagner, Louie and Gordie Zimm, Jim Reeg, Barry Pechersky, Bruce Harris and a special thank you to **Bill Stroud** and all of you that supported the raffle by purchasing tickets.

No July Meeting

I want to remind everyone that there will not be a July Meeting. We'll see you back in August.

Tight Lines

Patrick Case: Civil Engineer, Writer, Fly Fisher: 1947-2009

On April 25, 2009, Patrick Alan Case, 61, passed away at his San Diego home after a long, two+ year courageous battle with colon cancer. Born in Modesto, California, October 14, 1947, he is survived by his mother, Gloria Leet of Florence, Oregon, his wife, Helen Condict of San Diego, a step-daughter, Abby Weber of Mad River, Ca, three step-granddaughters, Brigitte, Nataleigh, and Emily Weber, and two nieces, Jennifer Donner of Hanford, California and Lori Nance of Modesto, California.

Patrick graduated with a B. A. in civil engineering from San Jose State University in 1971 and attained his Masters in civil engineering the following year. He worked for several companies until working for Enartec, a company he would later acquire, and then later sell to a colleague.

Patrick loved sailing even as a young boy, and built his first version of a sailboat in high school. After college, he

moved to San Diego, and immediately took sailing lessons, read books on sailing, and later bought a 29-foot sail boat, and raced for a few years.

After Patrick sold his company and his condo in 2004, he and Helen, hit the road as full-time RVers, travelling throughout the west in their 40-foot motor coach. In 2005, spending the summer of their lives: they vacationed five months along the banks of the Yellowstone River near Yellowstone National Park, where Patrick fished every river and stream in and outside the Park, photographed every geyser and geothermal feature, saw bear, buffalo and elk (really up close), and did freelance writing. Patrick wrote a great RV and fly fishing article for *Fly, Rod & Reel* that summer (April 2006 issue), before heading back into San Diego for a job. In December 2006, Patrick was diagnosed with advanced stage colon cancer after his first-ever colonoscopy. Surgery followed, and then he bravely started facing and

dealing with chemotherapy treatments and its side-effects, yet still fished all he could in many places.

After being together for six blissful, fun-filled years of fishing travels, Patrick and Helen married on January 19, 2007.

In 2007, his an invite to a www.Reelrecovery.org cancer retreat for men at the Big K Ranch along the banks of the Umpqua River in Oregon, was a special time for sharing camaraderie, understanding what life brings with cancer, and especially being hopeful of finding a cure for colon cancer. "Don't avoid colonoscopies!" was the advice he advocated. His article on this adventure appeared in *Oregon Coast* magazine (August 2008). He wrote articles about fly fishing as therapy while dealing with cancer for several cancer magazines, including *Caring4 Cancer*. And, he started a blog on fly fishing as a therapy for dealing

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**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. If these items are not claimed by the September meeting, they will become club property.

Ballard, Keith	(#60) \$50 gift certificate
Beard, Tom (2 prizes)	(#52) Book, tippet & subscription (#61) Metz fly tying tool kit
Bradley, George	(#56) Mel Krieger DVD + landing net
Davis, Don	(#70) TFO NXT Series Outfit
Garcia, Tom	(#20) UV Angler Buff + subscription
Gauld, John	(#17) Fly Tying Kit
Guiles, Stan	(#6) J. Ryall Reel # 2
Herritt, Hal	(#27) Cortland Fly Rod Outfit
Jerzewski, Gene	(#51) Buff, Fly wallet + tippet
McCabe, Hugh	(#39) \$50 gift certificate
Pitts, Nancy	(#65) Screen saver, Book, tippet & \$25 gift certificate
Remillard, Dennis	(#67) Fly tying tool kit + fly wallet
Roman, Ted	(#57) William Joseph solo chest pack
Stroud, Bill	(#13) Redington fly rod case
Watrous, Ansel	(#14) Box of flies tied by Larry Sorensen

Congratulations!



SDFF Members Join In Bioassessment Of Local Streams

On Saturday Morning May 16, SDFF members **Art Reifman**, **Hiedi Brown** and **Peter Hofman** joined me and four others



Peter measuring a transect.

from the San Diego Stream Team and the San Diego River Park Foundation to do a bioassessment of Forester Creek. Forester Creek is of special interest because it is probably the most polluted tributary to the San Diego River. It drains most of the El Cajon Valley and repeatedly tests 10 times higher for nitrates than the rest of the watershed. Nitrates, specifically Nitrite, usually comes from organic fertilizers and causes heavy algae blooms and weed growth. The site has recently been through a major improvement project as part of the highway 52 extension through Santee and this was an important measure of the effect of some of the mitigation work. The San Diego Stream Team is trained by the State of California

Water Quality Control Board to monitor water quality in our local streams and rivers using the Surface Water Monitoring Program (SWAMP) protocols. It can take 4 to 5 hours to measure the physical habitat, water chemistry and collect samples of the benthic macro-invertebrates (spineless critters that live on the bottom of a body of water) at 11 transects along 150 meters of stream bed. Our fly fishers were particularly interested in observing the insects which we net from the bottom of the stream. Even with the high nitrate levels in Forester Creek, the clean new gravel and rock substrate was

hosting a great variety of insects. We observed mayfly, chironomidae and damsel fly nymphs along with scuds, worms, clams and black fly larvae, all living on the bottom of the stream. I am always amazed at how fast many of the nymphs can move. I'm not sure why a dead drift on our little nymphs "flies" is so important. They sure don't dead drift in the sample bucket. The samples were preserved with alcohol and labeled, to be sent to the DFG lab for evaluation. We also observed some blue gill



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and other small fish in the stream. We recorded the presence of the fish along with various native and invasive plant life, birds and animal tracks. We measured the banks and inspected for erosion. The slope and flow of the stream was calculated and we measured the plant canopy as it provides shade for the stream. Several members picked up trash along the way.

All in all, it was a good day. We all had fun and learned something about our local urban streams and the critters that live in them. The results of the



Checking out the critters.

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From the Conservation Chair

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Collecting samples.

study will help the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and others to evaluate the effects of the recent improvements to the stream. Hopefully the experience will make us better fly fisherman and better stewards of our local watershed. As the willows and sedges grow and provide shade, I may revisit this stretch of water to see if some bass have moved in.

The Stream Team tries to do bioassessments at least once a year on each of the west slope watersheds in San Diego County. To volunteer check out:

<http://www.sdstreamteam.org/>

Or contact me via the Club's on line "chat room".



Red-headed trash collector--Heidi.

Patrick Case

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with cancer at:

www.anglingthrucancer.blogspot.com

.He also photographed for several of Helen's freelance magazine articles, including their adventures twice at Three Forks Ranch in Wyoming/ Colorado invited by David Pratt, St. Louis Cardinals co-owner (www.cowboysindians.com ,October 2003), and freelance photographed the OLN Fly Fishing Masters there later. He also later photographed and fished at the Snake River Lodge on the Snake River in Idaho, and continued to write of his fly fishing adventures with articles for Reading the Water—GSF's newsletter.

In February 2009, he wrote his last article (*American Angler*, May 2009), on his September 2008 Alaskan adventure with Rich Carlson's family/friends and Heinze Hoenecke's family fishing the Tsiu River.

Patrick left behind what is perhaps his most endearing legacy, GoldenStateFlycasters.org, a Del Mar fly fishing and conservation club that he and his wife, Helen, founded in 2002. He was President of the club the first two years, and editor-in-chief (and as many who knew Patrick know (with all respect), he was indeed the chief!), the chief in charge of the non-profit's newsletter and getting the club off to a solid foundation with membership, fundraising and a speaker consortium (started by his good friend Jeff Pill of Pasadena), a speaker tour GSF today shares with other fly fishing clubs. Patrick was a no-nonsense business guy who ran the non-profit like a business. As president on the original board, he was instrumental in reviving the defunct Trout Unlimited Chapter 920 of San Diego County, now an affiliate organization with GSF doing many conservation projects. He was also past president of San Diego Fly Fishers from

which he learned more about the sport of fly fishing, and travelled on numerous member outings with group leader, Jack Bentley. Jack ushered Patrick into leading other member trips to Alaska, on the Green River in Utah and on the San Juan River in New Mexico (one of Patrick's favorite places to fish!). Patrick truly enjoyed and respected the friends he had made at both non-profits—San Diego Fly Fishers and GSF!

Towards the end, Patrick fished in the SD Bay with a few close friends: Byron Shovlain, Mark Clemens, Conway Bowman, Bob Day, John Grim and Mike Sergeant. And while he hated to give it up, he grew accepting of the hand he was unfortunately dealt, and knew he must take each day at a time, and do his fishing through books, magazines and of course, writing from home. He found great comfort in that until nearly the very end.



Recipients of the
Stroud Award
 2004-Jim Brown
 2005-Allen Greenwood
 2006- Hugh Marx
 2007- Mike Rivkin
 2008- Bill Van Wulven



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All funds collected in Eileen's name will be donated to fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San Diego County.

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For unselfish and outstanding service
 to the flyfishing community

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1992-Bob Camp	2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki
1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud	2002-Larry Sorensen
1994-Ed Velton	2003-Jim Tenuto
1995-Bob Wisner	2004-Joe Bain
1996-Gary Hilbers	2005-Jim Reeg
1997-Jack Bentley	2006-John Kasten
1998-Gordie Zimm	2007-Lucky Ketcham
1999-Gretchen Yearous	2008-Louie Zimm



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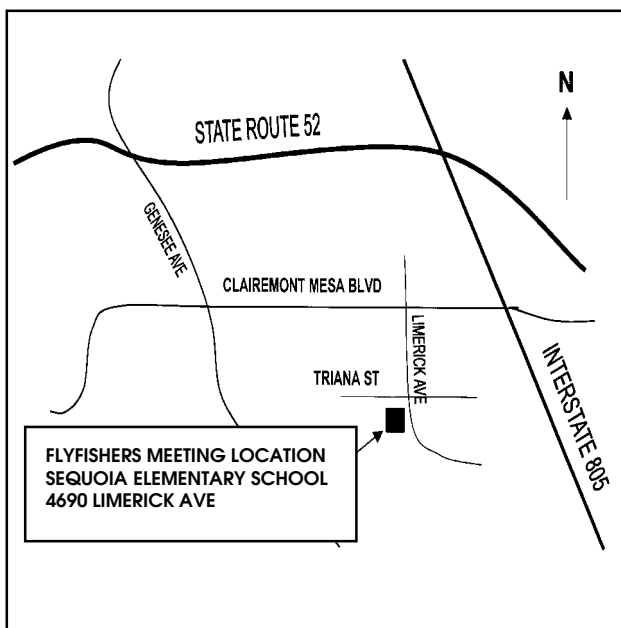
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Meeting Place for Workshops

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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