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Fly Fishers

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## Joe Bain Passes Away at 83



One of the hardest working members of our Club. And for Joe it was always about the kids. See inside for more.

## MEETING NOTICE

Monday, February 1, 2010  
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)

**Bruce Bechard and  
Heidi Brown**

*Thank You, Mona Morebello*

## Larry Bottroff Stroud Awardee

*Warren Lew Receives Long Overdue Gordon Foster Memorial Award*



Larry Bottroff received the sixth Stroud Award from Club President Paul Woolery for his work as the San Diego fisheries biologist and more recently the City Lakes biologist. Warren Lew received the Gordon Foster Memorial Award in absentia. A more formal presentation will be made to Warren at the February members meeting.

**Ken Hanley to speak at monthly meeting.  
Details on page 2.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: FEBRUARY 2010

With the start of 2010, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year and tight lines on the water.

Again, I wish to thank **Paul Woolery**, the Officers, and the Board of Directors for the outstanding job of guiding us through 2009. A special thanks goes out to **Shelly Wagner**, who is retiring from the Board this year. I am sure we will see Shelly helping out all year long. Again, thanks.



**LARRY SORENSEN**

The Stroud Banquet was once again a great success. Thanks to **Gary Strawn** for arranging and setting up the venue, once again at the Admiral Baker Field clubhouse. It was a delight to have Bill Stroud back with us for an evening of cheer, good food, and conversation. The recipient of the Stroud Award for 2009 was **Larry Bottroff**. Larry's life-long dedication as a Fisheries Biologist, played a major role in keeping, for us, the sport fisheries here in Southern California. Larry has asked that we put the \$500 to a worthy cause.

Congratulations to **Warren Lew**, the 2009 recipient of the Gordon Foster Award. Warren was recognized for his long-time dedication to the club, serving as board member, officer, and president. In addition, ten club members were recognized with fly plates for exceptional dedication and service to the club during the last year.

As a reminder, the Star/Pal Fishing Derby is scheduled for 27 February. **Paul Woolery** will provide further information at the February meeting.

I look forward to a busy year on the water. If you have suggestions for club activities, please contact a Board member or send a note directly to me at [\[redacted\]](#) or telephone and at the next club meeting.

### February Meeting



**Ken Hanley**

### Big Time Bassin'

**B**ig Time Bassin' The first Speaker for 2010 is the famous guide and fly fishing speaker, **Ken Hanley**. Ken will speak on a sport fish that is very popular in San Diego County and Southern California, the largemouth bass. Ken has guided and instructed fly fishers on all the Blue Ribbon waters of our State and delighted audiences at trade shows, fly fishing clubs, and various colleges and conclaves and I'm sure he will make his presentation entertaining.

--Gary Farrar



**A night at the San Diego Fly Fishers Annual Awards Banquet.**



# **Fly Plate Awardees for 2009**

**Flies tied by Doug Joseph, framed by Paul Woolery**



**Bill Hanson**



**Jonathon Hee**



**Shelly Wagner**



**Jim Tenuto**



**David Collins**



**Jon Holland**



**Bob Pharoah**

**Also receiving awards  
were Kim Jones and  
Rose & Roger Yamasaki**



**Berry Pechersky**







## *In Memoriam*

**Joseph Richard Bain**

**August 1, 1926 to January 4, 2010**

There will be no public services. Please sign the guest book at [obituaries.uniontrib.com](http://obituaries.uniontrib.com)

*Fellow member and good friend  
Ed Velton writes:*

**W**e lost a great member with the death of Joe Bain. Joe had been very sick during the later quarter of '09, far sicker than most people thought for Joe never complained about his health. Sick or not, he got his fishing license for 2010, forever the optimist. You see, he and I were going to go fishing whenever he kicked whatever it was that bugged him and I got over my pneumonia. We figured we had one or two years left and we were going to make the most of them.

Joe was a tireless worker and he went all out for kids. He worked very hard on the, "lend a rod program," for kids. That's all he talked about in his latter years; getting kids off the street and into good programs. And, that's something we of the SDFF should remember and carry on. Joe rattled our cage and agitated us all. But the thing was he made a difference. He did things.

Joe, along with Raymond Stillwell and I, were fishing buddies.

Raymond died a couple of months ago in a Veterans hospital in Montana. Kim Jones said Ray was the sweetest guy she ever knew. And he was a gentleman too. Joe, Ray, and I sometimes called ourselves the 3 Musketeers, at other times the 3 Stooges, and sometimes by a more descriptive term, the 3 old farts. We weren't the greatest fisher persons in the world. So enter Kim Jones. She told us the problem was we weren't fishing at the right time or in the right place. She took us to an isolated cove at Lake Otay in the late afternoon and we caught fish. We named the cove, 'Kim Jones Cove,' and elevated her to the, "Grand Dame of the Warm Water Bucket."

I got to tell you I loved my two departed fishing buddies. I know a lot of you thought Joe was a somewhat precocious guy; and I guess he was at that but then there are a lot of talented people who are a tad bit difficult. When I was at Convair and in charge of proposal development I would always go after Joe for my management volume. Some of the crew would always say, "why do you want him, he will only keep things stirred up," and indeed he did but he always did something outstanding too and we won

more times than we lost. Joe produced. He refused to sit in the corner, correct in every sense, and watch the world go by. He wanted to attack whatever he thought needed change and that's the way he lived.

Joe had good ideas. The one he carried out was the, "lend a rod program," at Chollas. He had other ideas too but like many of us, he got old. I hope some of you younger people will think a little about a couple of ideas Joe, along with Ray and I shared.

The first was to make fishing on all city lakes free for kids.

The second was to make fishing on all city lakes, "catch and release."

Joe had dreams for more, "lend a rod programs," and God knows what else. As many of you know, he could talk your leg off at the drop of a hat. But please remember him for the good changes he made. Joe wanted to do something better. He wanted to change things. God bless Joe Bain.



# Joe Bain - advocate for kids' fishing



Patrick Case and Joe Bain

April 2002

## Sdff Youth Activity

*Joe Bain Builds Lake  
Chollas Educational  
Kiosk with Sdff Funding*

April 2003



## San Diego Fly Fishers and Youth Fishing

June 2004



Lend-A-Rod station April 2004

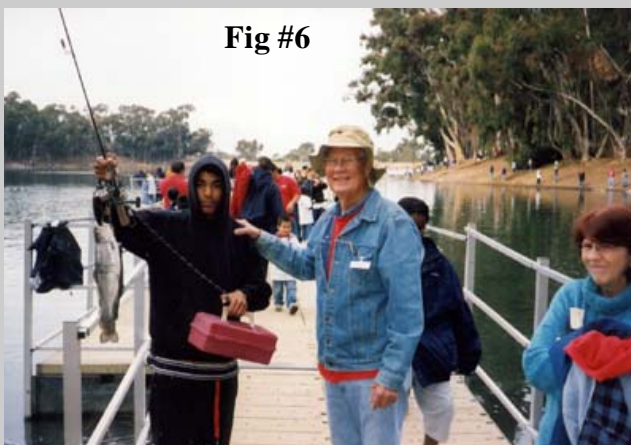


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# Joe Bain Recipient of 2004 Gordon Foster Memorial Award

January 2005



Joe Bain receives the Gordon Foster Memorial Award from last year's recipient, Jim Tenuto. Joe was applauded for his leadership in the Chollas Lake children's fishing program to, as Joe puts it, "keep the kids off the streets."

## STAR/PAL Fishing Derby Brings Smiles to Hundreds of Chil- dren

April 2005



Julie and Joe Bain January 2004



## We'll Miss You, Joe

November 2006



## Chollas Lake Looses its Biggest Supporter

With the passing of Joe Bain on January 4, 2010 Chollas Lake lost its biggest supporter. “This little jewel” as Joe called it is where children could become Huckleberry Finn, Becky Thatcher and Tom Sawyer. “I want a place where children can come in off the streets and get hooked on fishing rather than something else” Joe would often say.

It all began about 10 years ago when Joe was walking around the lake and he saw a Recreation Leader from the City of San Diego loaning some old tattered rods and reels to some children. There were barely enough to go around. Joe introduced himself and this began Joe’s quest to introduce inner-city kids to fishing.

Joe spent his weekends cruising the garage sales talking people out of rods and reels and some small toys and hats to be used as prizes for the children. Using his own money he built and erected a kiosk introducing children to Chollas and the species of fish in the lake. He then built the Chollas Bait and Tackle and Lend -A- Rod fascia which he attached to an old shipping container.



Joe recruited the help of Gary Hilbers to work with Bill Roder, a City Recreation Leader, on Sunday mornings loaning fishing equipment to the children. Other members of the club joined the ranks of the Chollas volunteers who continue to help the inner-city children today.

The STAR/PAL fishing derby was another project of Joe’s. Joe realized that the Police Athletic League could use some assistance conducting their annual fishing derby at Chollas Lake. Joe organized volunteers from San Diego Fly Fishers to assemble rods and reels and to work with the children the day of the derby. Joe continued to work with STAR/PAL right up to his death. Joe’s efforts at Chollas will never be forgotten and Joe will be truly missed.

## Flyfishers’ New Year’s Resolutions

By: Gretchen Yearous

I read that New Year’s Resolutions should be based on things that we really will accomplish – not just big ideas that look good on paper. If you are like me, I have a better chance of running into Queen Elizabeth in my local coffee shop than I have of accomplishing my new year’s resolution rehab plans. So this year, I decided to make a reasonable selection and then find a way to do them all at the same time (just for the sake of time). Perhaps yours will look something like this:

Lose holiday pounds, Exercise more, Get outside more – commune with nature, Watch less TV, Read more, Eat healthy, Spend less time on the computer, Reduce stress, Spend more time with friends..

**Duh – this is an easy fix.** I’ll just grab my flyfishing magazine, my low calorie sub sandwich and apple, my float tube and fishing gear and go fishing more with friends. Done. I feel better already.



## San Diego River Park Project



I want to share the adjacent certificate with you all. Our club gives generously to many conservation efforts, thanks to the money we raise with our annual raffle. Sometime, as with Trout Unlimited last year, we receive a nice item like a fly rod in return for our donation. Those items are used in our club raffles to raise even more funds. Other organizations like the Chula Vista Nature Center and the Golden Trout Project send nice thank you letters or email, and I will try to do a better job sharing those in the future.

This month I want to use this opportunity to tell you about the San Diego River Park project. Many of you know that I have been very involved with the River Park for many years, but you may wonder what relevance it has to San Diego Fly Fishers. I happen to like going down to the River ponds near my home in Santee to fish for bass, blue gill and big crappie. Some of you have

including this parcel just above El Capitan Reservoir and others farther up between Cedar Creek and Boulder Creek, just below Lake Cuyamaca. These are the historical spawning grounds for our native southern California steelhead trout, and protecting them from further development is critical. With the dams and development along the lower River, it is not feasible for the steelhead to get to sea, but we are hopeful that we can begin to restock the native rainbows back into the upper streams. Even if you don't plan to fish the upper tributaries or hiking through Mission Valley, the River Park Foundation efforts are important. River Park volunteers have removed over 1,000,000 pounds of trash from the lower River between Santee and Mission Bay. If you fish our bays or beaches you can be thankful that all of that trash did not wash out to sea. If you would like to participate in these well coordinated clean-up projects, they are listed at:

joined me and the invitation is open. But the River Park is about more than that. As you can see from the picture on the certificate, the River Park Foundation is purchasing hundreds of acres of the remaining private lands in the upper San Diego River watershed,



GARY STRAWN

[http://www.sandiegoriver.org/clean\\_green.php](http://www.sandiegoriver.org/clean_green.php). Or, you could join several of us from SDFF on the third Friday of each month when we do water quality monitoring along the River.

The newest project of the River Park is the "Discovery Center" to be built on 17 beautiful acres along the River in Mission Valley, just northeast of the intersection of Qualcomm Way and Camino Del Rio North. The 7,000 square foot facility will have interactive educational displays designed for school children, and will also support community recreation activities. The plans currently include a large, flowing "riverscape" with native plants and fish. We hope to make it large enough to support growing and maintaining a population of our native steelhead / rainbow trout. We want it to be a permanent memorial in honor of Eileen Stroud!

On a separate topic- for those of you that like to identify the insects you are trying to match- this easy to use identification program may be helpful: <http://people.virginia.edu/~sos-iwla/Stream-Study/Key/MacroKeyIntro.HTML>





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# Healdsburg Wild Steelhead Festival

**February 5 & 6, 2010 - Celebrate Wild Steelhead Month in Sonoma County, CA**

## **Respect, Restore, Celebrate! - Wild Steelhead in Sonoma County**

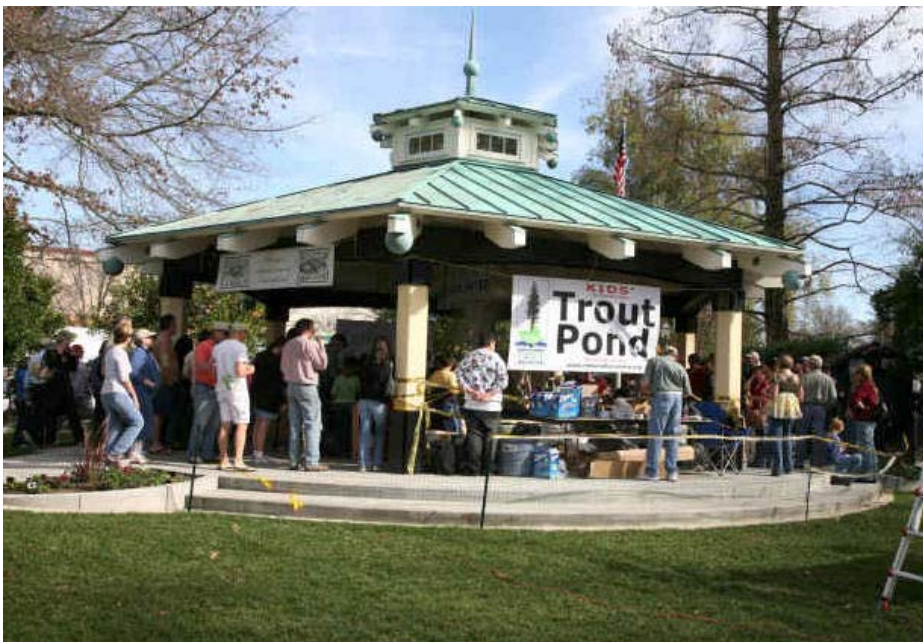
**- February 5, 6 & 7, 2010**

**Sponsored by Trout Unlimited,  
Hotel Healdsburg, h2hotel and Russian Riverkeeper**

The Festival always welcomes and encourages new Sponsors.

Join the fun and help us bring awareness about this threatened species.

*Call Festival Director Liz Keeley at 707-484-6438 for information*



Trout Unlimited was the major Sponsor of the 2009 Festival.

The Redwood Empire Chapter of Trout Unlimited provided educational information on the status of wild fish in the Russian River Watershed and what needs to be done to help the threatened species.

They also built the Trout Pond where many excited young children caught their first fish.





# FLYBUY, 2010



A Fundraiser for the SouthWest Council, Federation of Fly Fishers  
And  
An Opportunity for YOU to learn and improve in your Sport!

Join us for a day of fly tying, casting instruction and a chance to pick up some lightly used gear at a great price while helping the SWCFFF.

Date – February 20, 2010, Saturday 9-4

Place – Long Beach Casting Club

Cost – 10.00 includes BBQ burgers and dogs

RSVP – for casting, leader class and food – January 30, 2010

818.7573474 or [secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org)

## GARAGE SALE

We need your members to donate items to be sold in a fishing garage sale. These can be rods, reels, lines, clothing, vests or accessories. We are going to lay it all out on a table or a tarp and take the best offer we can get. Anything not sold will be donated to **Project Healing Waters, Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club or as needed by the SWC member clubs**. Let's get items that are in working order and have a value of at least \$10. This not a swap meet – it is a HUGE YARD SALE. This is a great opportunity to get rid of extras, duplicates and unwanted gifts. Give any items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly.

## CASTING

Want to be a better caster at the end of the day? Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from Certified Federation Instructors. For the nominal fee of \$1.00 per minute (15 minutes minimum), you will have your casting analyzed by one of our great instructors. Single handed, Spey, double-haul - whatever you need, we can provide. Lessons will be available from 11am until 3 pm. Advance reservations are necessary so that we will have enough instructors on hand. Please RSVP by January 30 of your interest and approximate time. We will take care of the rest.

## FLY TYING

You may not be aware of this, but the SWC clubs have some of the most prominent and innovative tyers around. Many will be here for demonstrations of their techniques. And some of their special flies will be available for purchase. There will also be an auction for the really special one-of-a-kind flies by these tiers and clubs have donated flies for purchase.

In a related class, Mas Okui (Hot Creek Guru) will be teaching how to tie his freshwater leaders. The class is \$30.00 which goes to purchase the leader kit with enough material to create bunches of leaders that make the manufactured ones blush in shame. Limited to the first 20 people.



Recipients of the  
**Stroud Award**

2004-Jim Brown  
2005-Allen Greenwood  
2006- Hugh Marx  
2007- Mike Rivkin  
2008- Bill Van Wulven  
2009- Larry Bottroff



## EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations are gratefully accepted  
Make checks payable to Eileen Stroud Conservation Fund

Mail to:  
Stroud Conservation Fund  
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 **March FINNY FACTS**  
articles---Friday February 12th.

Send articles to:  
Rose and Roger Yamasaki,  
5415 Lodi Place  
San Diego, CA 92117  
858-274-2712.

You can E-mail at [finnyfacts@gmail.com](mailto:finnyfacts@gmail.com) Thanks!!

Send change of address information,signup for  
electronic version of newsletter, or Club membership renewal to:

Lucky Ketcham

### LIFE MEMBERS

Gordon Foster (in memoriam), Bill Stroud, Eileen Stroud (in memoriam), Bernie Hammes (in memoriam), Hugh Turner (in memoriam), Nancy Pitts, Bob Wisner (in memoriam), Ken Armer, Glen Paul (in memoriam), Betty Coram, Ned Sewell, John Kasten, Leo Bergevin (in memoriam), George Beach (in memoriam), Bob Camp (in memoriam), Marvin Darling, Gene Jerzewski, Oz Osborn, Robbie Robinson (in memoriam), John Gauld, Lloyd Jefferies, Doug Joseph, Gary Hilbers

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler (in memoriam), Hugh Marx, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood, Mike Rivkin, Bill Van Wulven, Tom Smith, Larry Bottroff

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	





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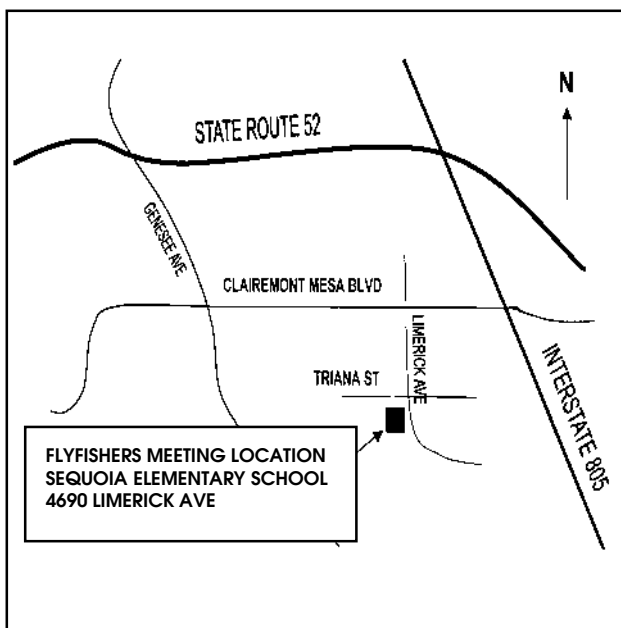
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### Monthly Weekend Outings-

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Programs- Gary Farrar  
Raffles- Alan Thompson,  
 Jonathan Hee (annual)

### Refreshments-

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Video & Library-

### Web Page-

David Collins  
 www.sandiegoflyfishers.com

### 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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