

FINNY FACTS

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Annual Fundraiser was an Unforgettable Event (starting on page 4)
July's Meeting– SDFP Bay Play Day (see page 3 for details)
Call for Volunteers for Youth Fishing at Shelter Island (see below)



On Saturday, August 12, 2017 the 15th annual **Young Anglers Fishing Tournament** will be held at Shelter Island Pier in Point Loma. This traditional event held on

the 2nd Saturday in Aug. each year, draws about 175 young anglers between the ages of 6 to 15. Participation in the tournament is free of charge and we provide lunch for the anglers and their families.

San Diego Fly Fishers has been a long time supporter of this event. We are looking for volunteers to help with the tournament. Volunteers will need to arrive at the Shelter Island Pier about 6:00am. Coffee

and snacks will be provided in the morning and lunch will be provided by Tommy Gomes of Catalina Off Shore Products.

Contact Paul Woolery for more information.

Check out last years tournament at: http://sportfishing.org/kidstourney_16_results.html

Reminder to all Club Members- The Finny Facts does not publish an issue in the month of August and there is NO MEETING , also.

See you in September
(sounds like a song)



July's Schedule

July 5. Wednesday Evening Group.
 San Carlos Recreation Center. 6:30pm
July 8. ASPIRE. Santee Lakes. 9:30am

August Schedule

August 2 Wednesday Evening Group.
 San Carlos Recreation Center. 6:30pm
August 12 ASPIRE. Santee Lakes. 9:30am
August 16 Santee Lakes, Fishing Outing 9:30 am



Annual Fundraiser WINNING SMILES

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Next Meeting– Bay Play Day
 Monday, July 10th
 Tidelands Park

The first day of summer has come in with high temperatures and the snow is starting to melt off the high country so it is time to go fishing.

SDDFF's annual fund raiser raffle was a huge success thanks to all of the hard work by the Co-chairs **Mike Gilroy & Tim Huckaby**, our contributors, our board members, our volunteers and of course all of you who scored big time by purchasing all of the goodies at the raffle/auction. Please thank the contributors, guides, fly shops, companies, individuals and especially the co-chairs for a job well done. (see page 6)

Project healing waters is continuing with fly tying lessons, casting lessons and some days actually tickling the waters locally. A big thank you to our generous volunteers **Larz Sorensen, Art Reifman, Lee McElravy, Alan Thompson, Barry Pechersky, Paul Woolery, Ray and Sherry Mehl, John Grim** and others who give of their time to help our veterans. We received some good press last week from NBC 7 news video. Check out the link at:

<https://www.facebook.com/gregbledsoeNBC/videos/1622216394457232/>

The Project Healing Waters wounded warriors Carp-Throw-down went off with out a hitch and a hot time of fishing was had by all. A big thank you to our volunteers again for helping with the organization, execution and mentoring. A special thank you to **Joel Stewart** who help organize the event from overseas while standing in sand serving our country. Very few fish were injured in the event but it was memorable.

Many of our members have been catching fish at our lakes and the bay and some have ventured as far as Montana, Wyoming and the snow fields of the high sierras. The water flows are still high so the fisheries have changed quite a bit. The

September trip to Mammoth should be interesting given the altered fish habitat.

We are seeing quite an increase in the attendance at the Sunday Fly Casting Clinic. Our casting instructors and volunteers have really made a difference in the knowledge of the public and numerous new members have come from Sunday morning casters.

I would like to also thank our Certified Casting Instructors **Gretchen Y.** and **John A.** who along with Master Certified Casting Instructor and Guide **Dayle Mazzarella** coached many of our members how to improve their casting skills. This was followed by a tremendous BBQ for all coordinated by **Lee M., Paul W., Lew W., Barry P., Jack D.** and myself with a generous donation of Brats and Burgers from Larry George and Tarrantino Sausages.

Our annual Golden Trout Wilderness work party is happening now and as usual it is headed up by Past President **Gary S** and his faithful band of volunteers.

Our July meeting is postponed and merger with the Tidelands Fishing and Pizza on July 10th. Come on out and fish the bay in the afternoon, have some pizza in the early evening and buy a ticket for a chance at a Fish Cat float tube. Another big thanks to past president **Bruce M.** for his organizational skills in organizing the event. Bring your float tubes, fishing gear and chairs.

Remember our general meeting is Dark in August so we all can go fishing.

Tight Lines and no wind knots
Fred Gregory SDDFF President



Don't Forget
Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2017. Use the form provided in this publication to mail a check
OR Renew on-line



Thank you for your support.
Bratwursts are available for purchase at COSTCO Warehouse stores.
For the second year in a row, Larry George provided the fresh hamburger meat and Bratwurst for our Casting Event held at Tidelands Park

SDFF Bay Play Day

***Monday July 10, 2017 Tidelands Park, Coronado 3pm – 8pm
Hosted by San Diego Fly Fishers***



Chance to win a brand new Outcast Fish Cat 4 float tube that evening

******SDFF general release form must be signed to participate***
Release forms will be available at Tidelands***

Pizza will be available for all including non-fishing spouses and friends starting @ 6:00

Suggested donation of \$10 / person covers cost of pizza, soda, water and 1 ticket for Fish Cat 4

****City of Coronado does not allow alcoholic beverages or smoking at Tidelands Park****

***Fun prizes will be awarded
Note not a tourney, just another SDFF fun outing***

Low tide at 4:10 should allow wet wade fishing on edges of eel grass from 3:30 – 5:00

***Current DFW fishing permit required and San Diego ocean craft rules apply
*****See - <http://www.sandiego.gov/lifeguards/safety/boatreg.shtml> ********

***Key regs: wearable flotation device, navigation lights after sunset,
sound producing device, under 5 mph within 200' of beach***

Directions: Tidelands Park, Mullinix Dr, Coronado, CA 92118

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Coronado+Tidelands+Park/@32.691533,-117.167213,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x80d9533641c6456b:0xb375a7a3e193a515>

***Event will be rescheduled due to unsafe weather conditions; please consult
<http://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com>***

Annual Fundraiser REVIEW

IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT!!!

On June 5th your Club held its annual fundraising event. Over 100 members and guests were present and by all reports had a great time supporting our conservation and outreach programs. The preliminary results appear that we raised more than \$10,000 dollars. We hope that everyone found the raffles worthy of supporting and congratulations to all the winners. Our special thanks to Club members who helped to make the event run smoothly. A special thanks to: Bruce Harris, Fred Gregory, Steve Vissers, David Collins, Alan Thompson, Gary Strawn, Bruce Michael, John Adametz, Lars Sorensen, Sheri Ashbaugh and Kelly Huckaby. Chuck, our PHW Volunteer did a fantastic job managing the ticket drum and pulling tickets! All of these folks made things easy for Tim and I. We just had to make sure our bow ties looked sharp



WE THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

Our sincere thanks to the guides who donated fishing trips. We expect that they will create some amazing experiences for the lucky winners. We will list them on the Website. Please support them as they have supported us.

The tradition of Past President Donations is alive and well. Their collective generosity allowed for some great items to be added into the raffle. Thank you all!

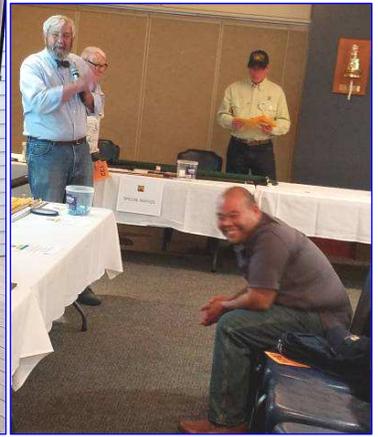
Finally, we could not have had such a diverse and high quality collection of prizes was it not for the great support of OUR two local fly shops; Strouds Tackle and The Fly Stop. PLEASE support them! Both are amazing resources and ardent supporters of the San Diego Fly Fishing community.

A Call to Action

The Club is in need of people to help run the event in 2018. Please make the choice to raise your hand and get involved. Tim and I will be able to help the new team get started and of course assist along the way. We both enjoyed this opportunity to contribute to the membership and our programs. Get involved! You will not be disappointed. Contact Fred, Mike or Tim for details.

We will be creating an online survey for you to complete and help the Club improve future events. Look for it in July! =

Annual Fundraiser REVIEW in Pictures



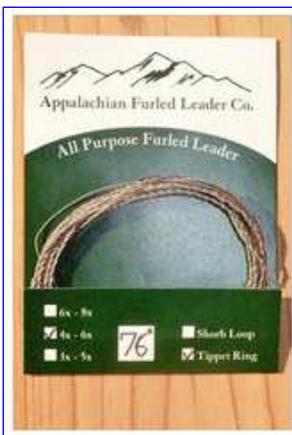
Top Left– Brisk ticket sales with **Bruce Harris** and **Sherry Ashbaugh** plus Special Raffles with **John Adametz** and **Bruce Michael**. *Top Left*– **Tim Huckaby** addresses the large group of SDFP Members prior to Raffle. *The WINNERS from left*- **Paul White** won a special rod in the Special Raffle, Author Extraordinaire **Craig Smith** won the special Carving by **Bob Berry**, **Wayne Johnson** displays his winning raffle prize., and **Ryan Wada** with another enormous grin after winning the **Jon Holland** Bamboo Rod (see title page photo of another rod and reel combo he won earlier. **Mike Gilroy** and **Bruce Michael** with **Ryan** in lower right photo.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes Listed Below- You need to make arrangements with **Tim Huckaby** or **Mike Gilroy** to pick up your prizes

Name	Prize
Don McKernon	Sierra Troutdoorsman Guided Day
Roger Yamasaki	Reels and lines package
Lew Walsh	Gag Gift framed picture
Joe Hypnarowsky	Tacky fly box package: hat, fly box, etc.
Barry Jones	TFO Professional 8'6" 4 wt rod
Jim Collins	Trekking poles

2017 Fundraiser Sponsors

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PROJECT
HEALING WATERS
FLYFISHING



On Saturday morning June 10th, **Greg Bledsoe from Channel 7/39** visited the PHW outing at Santee Lakes with featured disabled veterans from the ASPIRE program; From the filming, he put together a video which aired on Friday June 16th which featured several SDFP members delivering instruction to the veterans including **Art Reifman, Larz Sorensen, Paul Woolery, Barry Perchersky, Ray and Sheri Mehl, Lee McIlravy, and Alan Thompson.** *Thanks to all the volunteers, our veterans deserve the best for their sacrifice.*



*Top Left– Art Reifman is delivering instruction of proper casting techniques.
 Top Middle– Lee McIlravy looks on as Larz Sorensen is tying flies as the veterans look on.
 Top Right– Fly fishing knots were also taught and one veteran is attempting to tie a surgeons knot.
 Bottom Left– Mabel (the service dog) keeps a sharp lookout for her master as he casts his fly.
 Bottom Right– Paul Woolery is working with a veteran fishing off the dock and hopes to catch a nice fish.*

**Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing
San Diego Chapter**

**Community Program for Veterans....
FREE FLY TYING AND
FLY FISHING
PROGRAM**



When: 1st Wednesday of the month

Time: 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Where: San Carlos Recreation Center

6445 Lake Badin Av

San Diego, CA 92119

**FREE-- Fly tying (all materials supplied)...Prize drawings
(flies, rods/reels, tools, etc.)
Sponsored fly fishing outings**

PROGRAM OPEN TO ALL DISABLED VETERANS

**Sponsored by Project Healing Waters & San Diego Fly Fishers
Please rsvp to phwsandiego@gmail.com**

Doin' the (un)Twist By Craig Smith

Fly anglers often grumble about poor fly line performance due to coils in the line that prevent the line from shooting or cause other issues due to tangles. Many blame the fly line “memory” – that is the fly line retaining the coiled shape from being stored on the reel spool – and think they have a bum line. Very early in my fly angling life I felt I was running into some aggravating problems, especially with shooting line, due to annoying coils that had set into the fly line. Stretching the flyline to remove the coils would only slightly improve the situation and then only temporarily, so I blamed the line. A couple of decades ago while I was lamenting a “poor” line a much more experienced fly caster kindly explained to me that there was nothing wrong with the fly line; it just had acquired a lot of twists. Today, when I encounter someone who is having problem with coils in a fly line I immediately have them check for line twist. More than 90% of the time removing the twists also eliminates their problems.

So how do line twists get introduced into the fly line? The most common method is through casting. If you are doing a lot of casting during the day you may notice twists developing as the day progresses. With less frequent casts you may not notice for a few outings. Anytime the rod tip does not move though the same plane on the forward and back casts the rod tip will move in an oval path which introduces some twist. This occurs with roll casts. It also occurs frequently when casting heavy sinking lines or heavy flies, fly/indicator/shot combinations, making very long casts, or any other casts where the rod must move in either slight or exaggerated oval to prevent the line and fly from striking the rod. You can also introduce twist into the line with some stripping/retrieve techniques or by improperly winding a flyline on the reel. Fortunately, there are a number of ways to minimize twist or remove twists from the line once they worked their way in.

To prevent the introduction line twist when spooling a line, always wind the line onto

the spool while it is in the reel frame. If you hold the spool in your hand and wind the line on by hand from the side each wrap will cause one twist. Also unwind the line from the factory line spool reverse of the way it was wound on. Do not pull the line off to the side of the line coil. To minimize line twist cause by casting, try to have the cast finish so that the line comes tight to the reel, or grip the line so it comes tight to your hand and the end of the cast. If the line comes tight to the reel at the completion of the cast, much or all of the twist introduced by an oval casting stroke during that cast will come out. However, if you are left with some slack line between the reel and the stripper guide you will be left with some twist. Over time this will build up twists in the lines and cause problems. Yes, I understand there are some types of casts where coming tight like this may not be practical so we will just need to live with that and remove twists later.

If you are having problems with coils of line getting tangled at your feet or causing casts to stop short when shooting line, you first need to determine if your line has line twists or coils due to memory in the line. Pull four to six feet of fly line from the reel and hold each end of that section in a hand. Bring your hands together. Ideally the line will look like **Figure 1** and there will be no twist. If the line has twist it will look something like **Figure 2**. **Figure 3** shows a line with some memory. You may also find that you have a line with both twist and memory. If we have some twist we need to remove it. Fortunately, that is not difficult, though it can take some time in situations with severe twist.

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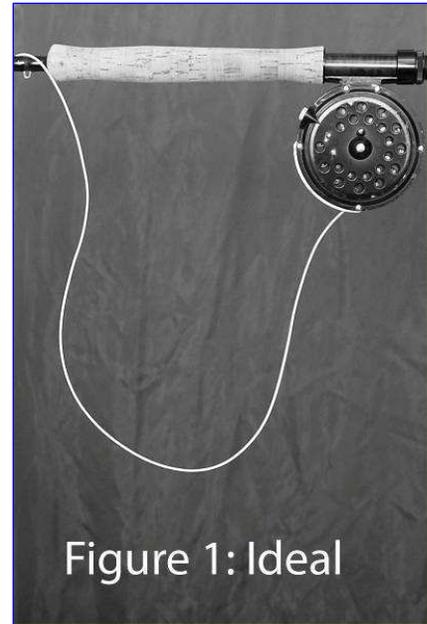


Figure 1: Ideal

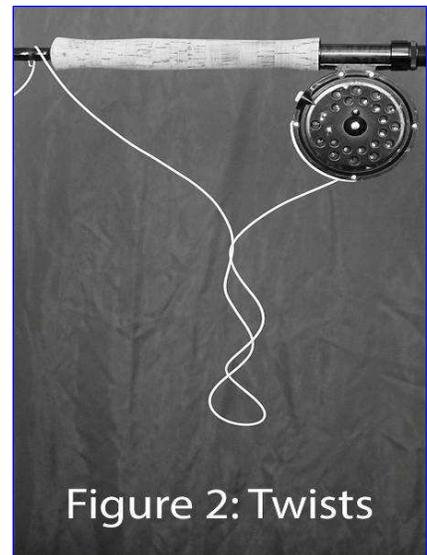


Figure 2: Twists

Doin' the (un)Twist— continued

By Craig Smith

So how do we remove twist? Here are five methods:

1. If you have been doing a lot of roll casting, make a bunch of roll casts over the opposite shoulder. This will make twists in the opposite direction thus cancelling out the twists you initially put in. If I am fishing where I am doing a lot of roll casting I routinely alternate and make casts off the alternate shoulder when possible.

2. If you are on a watercraft you can cut the fly from the leader, remove any split shot and indicators, strip the line out, and trail the line behind you as you move. You do not need to strip the entire line out, just what you will be using. The faster you go the less time it will take the twists to come out. In a boat putting along at about 5 MPH, 30 seconds is usually plenty. If going slower, such as if kicking along in a float tube, it will take a bit longer. If you are on a stream you can just remove the fly and let the line out into the current for a few minutes.

3. On the lawn or a large carpeted area or clean floor, lay out the fly line in a straight line. Grasp the line in one hand with a damp paper towel or cloth and pull the line through towards the tip with the other hand, ensuring that you do not lose your grip on the fly line. This will push the twists out. You may need to repeat this a few or many times depending on how badly the line is twisted. I have taken some severely twisted lines that other anglers were going to discard and made them usable by repeating this process a few dozen times.

4. Strip the line off the reel. Tighten the drag on the reel. Suspend the reel from about three to five feet of line (or whatever works based on your height). Let the reel hang until it stops twisting. It may twist one way then the other as the momentum from the initial untwisting will cause it to twist up the other direction a bit then untwist the other direction. When the reel completely stops rotating, wind up the

length of line and then repeat with another section. This method requires less space than a phone booth (remember those?) but takes the most time.

5. Cast out the amount of line you need to fish with. Ensure that the line is cast out straight so there is no slack just outside the rod tip or between the stripping guide and the reel. With the rod pointed at the fly rotate your body 90 degrees so the rod is parallel to your chest and hold the rod at arm's length. Form an "O" with the forefinger and thumb of both hands. Place the one hand "O" right behind the stripping guide and the other hand "O" on the fighting butt, or the end of the reel seat if your rod does not have a fighting butt. Flip the rod on its axis counterclockwise (as you look at it from the fighting butt end) 15-30 times using the reel as a weight to drive the flips. Go back to fishing. If you are left handed you flip clockwise. This is a method I use quite frequently on the water. (you can see video of this technique here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4O5YBSapRg> or here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGgh8s3ytE>).

Sometimes those problematic coils in the fly line are due to the line having set into coils (it has retained a "memory" of the shape of the coil) while stored on the reel. This is most common with lines designed for tropical conditions or lines single strand monofilament cores but sometimes we see this will old fly lines. All flylines have some degree of memory, which is more pronounced in colder conditions. Lighter weight lines for trout usually have minimal memory in all but the coldest conditions. Many lines may exhibit some memory in cool conditions. Usually these coils can be removed by stretching the line between your hands. In mild cases the memory relaxes after a few casts without stretching. Sometimes you have both memory coils and twists and this can be really frustrating as the line may retain a memory of the twists along with the coils. If you have a

line with both memory and twist you will find it easier to remove the coils if you remove the twist first. For a line with a really bad case of memory, soaking the line warm water for a few minutes will help the line relax. Then use method 3 above to straighten the line and remove the twists and stretch out the memory coils.

The best way I know of to prevent memory coils from taking a set in the fly line is to remove the line from the reel if it is not going to be used for a while. I have a portable line winder that I use to remove lines from reels. This size of the coil created with removing the line from the reel with the winder can be adjusted. When I am not going to use a line for a few weeks I unwind it from the reel into an 8-12 inch diameter coil and secure the coils with twist ties so it doesn't unravel. I also attach a tag that identifies the line. I then store the line in gallon size Ziploc bag. When I need to use that line again I put it on the line winder, attach it to the backing, and wind it back on to the reel. Rio Products, maker of Rio fly lines, sells a handle kit that can be used with the spool that the flyline came packaged with to make a simple fly line winder. This gizmo doesn't allow the size of the coil to be larger than the original packaging but is still a better option than long term storage on the reel.



Stillwater River Outpost ... Absarokee, MT ... June 7-11, 2017

By Tim Huckaby

The “Get Locked!” trip is one I arrange and plan for a groupguys every Spring and Fall. I have been doing it for years and we have fished many places in Montana and Wyoming.

This year’s Spring trip was to the the Stillwater River. I arranged for 12 guys to head to Montana for 3 days of guided fly fishing by 6 of Missoula’s best guides.

The Stillwater River is one of the major Yellowstone River Tributaries. The Stillwater is a special river in Montana for many reasons. Firstly, it’s a freestone. It is wild and not encumbered by a dam. Secondly, it’s not pressured. It’s a tough row because it’s wild and because of its location between Billings and Bozeman most guides don’t fish it because it’s too far.



Tom Rundlett as he prepares to board SA2, a ~\$25M Citation Sovereign which he and the other guys got to fly for free from Carlsbad to Billings and back

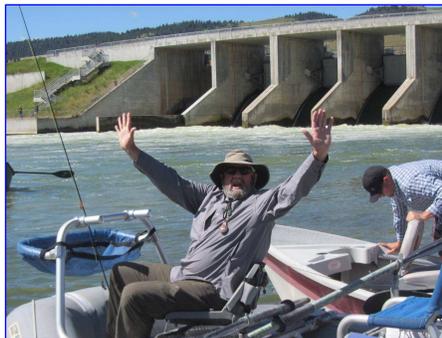
I planned the trip a full year in advance. I knew this year’s trip was a gamble when I planned it because of the timing. I wanted to catch it right before runoff and I put it on the exact week of the year prior when it fished so well right before the runoff. I worked with Stillwater River Outpost (<http://stillwaterriveroutpost.com>) owner and outfitter, Mike Hillygus on the perfect time to hit the Stillwater River before runoff. Little did we know a year ago that both the Rockies and the Sierras would see

one of the biggest winters in recorded history.



The Stillwater Outpost just doesn’t have ordinary propane tanks

The Stillwater outpost is an awesome place, right on the river. And Mike Hillygus is also an expert level chef so the food is spectacular. Only of the truly great things about the Stillwater River Outpost is that it is not exorbitantly priced like many of the five star lodges in Montana.



Mike Gilroy gets excited when he’s in the front of the boat

I flew in early with SD Fly Fishers Board member **Mike Gilroy** and soon to be member **Rodney Guzman** to get in a day of wading the Stillwater before the other 9 guys flew in the next day to the Billings airport. We missed it by a week; the runoff had come. The Stillwater was raging and completely blown out. Not a problem; it’s Montana. We drove to Big Spring

Creek in Lewiston, MT and wet waded the largest spring creek in Montana. And man, what a blast that was! Big Spring creek is not subject to blowing out. it flows cool and consistent right out of the mountain year round. It’s a very technical river, though. It’s wild and overgrown and challenging in many spots just to get to the river to wade. We had a blast. I caught a lot of wild fish; mostly browns; all on dries, 6” to 14”. My favorite moment was finding a little trail that gave access to the river. It was shallow enough to step into the river to get a clear space to cast. I fanned the river and caught a nice little brown in a run right where it was supposed to be. After releasing it I was drying off my bug (a size 12 bullet head skwalla) and I noticed a rise out of the corner of my eye way up stream. I started wading up stream, but only made it 20 feet or so before it became too deep. The fish rose again and this time I could see it was one of the larger ones in the river. There was no access up stream so I was stuck making the miracle cast. To me it looked like 60 feet....which means it was more like 40. But I was in the middle of the river and did have the room to make the cast. Now, all I had to do was execute. In my fly fishing career I cannot tell you how many times I have choked in this situation. But, after two false casts letting out line it dropped perfectly up river from the fish and drifted into the zone. But, it was so far away I could barely see it. Thank god, the fish hit hard so I could see the rise. I set from long distance and the fight was on!. After what seemed like an eternity with 3 acrobatic jumps I landed and released the stocky 14” brown. So fun.

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Stillwater River Outpost-continued



The next day the rest of the 9 guys flew in and we settled into the sobering news that the Stillwater was just too blown out to fish. Not a problem; it's Montana. Change of plans: We are going to fish the legendary Bighorn River, which is just a drive away. I have been lucky to fish the Bighorn successfully a handful of times. It has some huge wild fish. Many times of year you can fish the Bighorn with dries. In fact, one of my favorite stories is wading one of the back channels of the Bighorn a couple years ago. I had just entered the river and waded up stream into a back channel when I was rigging up. Surprisingly, because it was in the back channel and not in the main part of the river, a drift boat approached with a guide and two anglers. As it floated in front of me, I heard a "Tim Huckaby?" I looked up and none other than SDFE club president Fred Gregory was in the drift boat. "Fred? I said, "What are you doing here?" "What are you doing here!?" he

said. As he floated away he shouted the names of the flies that were working. I remember him saying "Ray Charles", which is one of the top used flies on the big horn that imitates a scud. So, that is the fly that I put on and with my first cast I railed a big brown in the weeds. I guess I still owe him a beer for that.

So, our flotilla of 6 drift boats with 6 of Missoula's best guides hit the Bighorn hard for 3 straight days. Lots of big fish over 20" were caught and released. There were many "doubles" where both anglers were locked up at the same time. Lots of good times were had. Too much good food was consumed. And way way too many adult beverages were enjoyed.



Just another double in the boat of legendary guide Max Wolf

If you are interested in doing the "Get Locked!" trip with me and the gang next Spring or this coming fall September 28 to October 2nd at the Clark Fork River Outpost, then give me a shout.

Tim Huckaby,

Heads up: last fall at the Clark Fork, SDFE club member Tom Rundlett had "the greatest fly fishing day of my life."

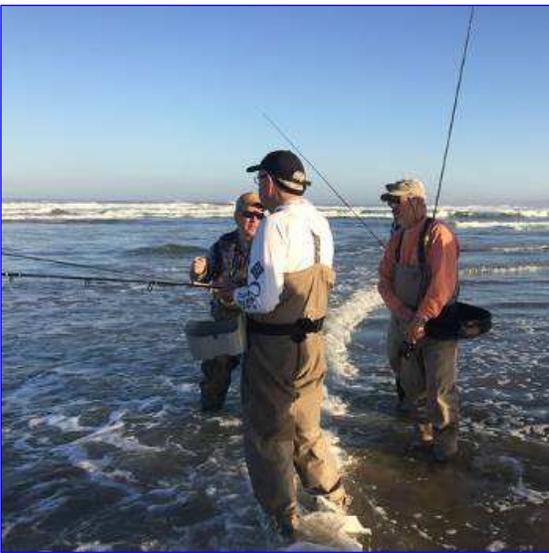
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Fly Tying Congress Every Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at San Carlos Recreation Center at 6445 Lake Badin Ave. in San Diego. Instruction to create your own fly is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors.

DIRECTIONS--From Interstate 8 take the Lake Murray off-ramp and drive toward Lake Murphy. Travel on Lake Murray Blvd. for 1.6 miles and turn left at Lake Adlon Drive (1st corner past Jackson Drive). Go three blocks and the Recreation Center will be on you right.

Surf Fishing Clinic with Craig Smith In Pictures by Fred Gregory



Craig Smith led the instruction at South Mission Beach which included the following students: **Sherry Ashbaugh, Scott Penwell, Mike Gilroy, Ray Mehl, Lew Walsh, Warren Lew, Steve Piper, and Fred Gregory.**

Volunteer Opportunities

RECURRING EVENTS

Every Sunday Morning at 9am

Lake Murray Casting Clinic

Join **Alan Thompson** and his crew. We can always use additional help as the number of students can vary greatly from week-to-week. We are teaching two basic casts: the roll cast and the overhead cast. Bring a comfortable hair, your winning personality, and we will supply at the equipment.

Every Thursday Evening at 6:30 pm.

San Carlos Recreation Center

Meet a group of dedicated fly tyers that are giving instruction as to tying most of the popular flies. For more information contact **Lucky Ketcham**.

Advanced Fly Casting

Mission Bay Park– Ski Beach area

Join **John Adanetz** as he instructs fly casters in advanced casting techniques. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 8am.

Lend-a-Rod Program

Chollas Lake Park (See Below)

Join **Paul Woolery** every Sunday 11am–2pm as they help youngsters learn the basics of fishing and casting conventional rods. Another way to help kids. Contact Paul for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Casa Vieja Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness

Join SFFF members as they make two trips annually, one trip in early summer to repair and set up the cattle excursion fence to protect the fragile mountain meadow. The second trip occurs in the fall to take down the barb wire fence to minimize witer storm damage. While in the meadows, look for the elusive Golden Trout that can be found in the small streams.

Date is June 23-25 but be sure to contact Gary Strawn for the latest information.

Trout in the Classroom

This event will become a recurring event as we continue to build increase participation by local schools. There is the possibility to raise and release trout three times during the academic year.

Project Healing Waters- Fly Fishing-San Diego

San Diego Fly Fishers has increased the number and types of settings to help disabled veterans. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

We have added a new group of veterans who attend the ASPIRE program and are scheduled to meet monthly the 2nd Saturday at Santee Lakes. If interested see **Art Reifman**.

We have returned to the **Naval Medical Center San Diego** after an extended absence. Each group receives 3 classes followed by an outing to test their skills. And meet on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. If you are interested, see **Larry Sorensen**.

Finally, our evening program at San Carlos Recreation Center that meets monthly the 1st Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm. If Interested see **Art Reifman**.

Bottom Line: WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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Future Events

A stylized illustration of a rainbow trout jumping out of blue water splashes. The fish is holding a green treble clef in its mouth. Musical notes and a staff are floating around the fish. Below the illustration, the text 'FISHSTOCK 2017' is written in large, bold, green letters, with 'KERNVILLE, CA' in smaller letters underneath.

FISHSTOCK 2017
KERNVILLE, CA

Saturday, September 2nd, 2017 at 3:00 PM to Sunday, September 3rd, 2017 at 10:00 PM
Kernville Rodeo Grounds

Membership Renewal by Mail

Date _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____ MI _____

- Individual Membership - \$40.00 Family Membership - \$50.00
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Change of Address or Email Address : New Address _____
City _____ State/Zip _____

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**SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd #327
San Diego, CA 92124**

COUPON...SAVE \$ 5.00...COUPON

Join **IFFF** and take \$5.00 off your **San Diego Fly Fishers** Membership and be entered in an **IFFF** raffle where 1 out of 12 new members will win a new fly rod.
See John Adamez or Steve Vissers for more details

By using this form you save your club the expense of mailing a renewal form, can save you money if you renew in person at a club meeting, and this is the green alternative.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

On-Line Renewal

Here's how you do it:

1st: on your computer (or other device) go to www.sandiegoflyfishes.com

2nd: click on [Join Our Club](#)

3rd: in the orange colored box click on [Renew Online](#)

4th: Read the entire page and complete the form in the aquamarine colored box

5th: After you have completely filled out the form, make sure you click the box that states **I have read and I agree to the terms of the San Diego Fly Fishers General Release*. Not sure what is in General release, Click Button on bottom right that says [Read SDFF General Release](#)

6th: For safety, copy the number in a picture above Submit Button and copy that number in a box below the number.

7th: Hit [Submit Membership Info](#)

8th: Select membership type and follow instruction to make payment.

Final Note: If you have made an online purchase, you can work this system.

Instructional Classes offered by Sdff

Advanced Casting Instruction

with

John J. Adametz, IFFF Casting Instructor

8 to 9AM, first and third Sundays

Ski Beach Park

Mission Bay Park

I am offering Advanced Casting Instruction to any San Diego Fly Fishers or Golden State Flycasters club member on the first and third Sunday of each month from 8 – 9 AM starting January 3, 2016. If you are looking to improve your casting or are interested in preparing for and obtaining your International Federation of Fishers Certified Casting Instructor credential, I can help. Let's work together, have some fun, and learn some casting! Please contact me at john.adametz@gmail.com should you have any questions.

John Adametz is a freelance outdoors writer, fly fishing enthusiast and International Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor. He is affiliated with San Diego Fly Fishers, Golden State Flycasters, Mississippi Coast Fly Fishing Club, and Brotherhood of the Junglecock (Maryland Chapter). Any day fishing is a good day!

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Ordering Clothing from Cabelas With our Club LOGO

CABELA'S EMBROIDERED CLOTHING

Our Club logo is available to be applied to items purchased at Cabela's. Here is the information you will need.

Step 1: Decide what article of clothing you want the club logo to be placed on and write down the number and color you want to purchase. There are good deals on the Corporate Sales book found online. Then choose the logo you will use. Blue lettering LOGO is for light-colored item (**LOGO number 30016093**) or gold lettering LOGO for dark colored items (**LOGO number 30015627**).

Step 2: Contact Cabelas Embroidery at (877) 892-4424 (Telephone), or facsimile at (800) 237-4401. or on-line at embroidery~cabelas.com

Step 3. When connected to the Embroidery Department, Give them the SDFE Customer Club Number when placing an order. This number is **40479874**. You may receive a 0-10% discount by using the Club Number. However, for almost all items there is an embroidery charge of **\$5.00**.

Step 4: Finalize the order and use a credit card to secure your purchase by phone. **If you are ordering by FAX or e-mail, do not include a credit card number.** For security reasons, Cabelas will call you for that information.

Step 5: Check your product when it arrives.

The Official San Diego Fly Fishers Shirt which is displayed on the right. You can own this special shirt which guaranties that you will stand out in a crowd.

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Eastern Sierra Report from Sierra Drifters

Quick Look Fish Report 6/18/17

High pressure with the possibility of new heat records being broken this week. Thunderstorms are lurking and dropping rain in some areas as of report time. Temperatures are reaching into the 90's around Crowley Lake and 80's in the upper elevations. Be aware when camping and frequenting areas around creeks and rivers as flood watches are in full effect. Crowley Lake continued to produce good numbers and quality just before the weekend. Bite has slowed due to daphnia and a lack of midge hatches as the lake rises. Upper Owens is at 150 cfs. East Walker is at 800 cfs. Hot Creek is high and off color at 260 cfs. Middle Owens is running at 770 and 917 cfs below Bishop Creek.

Crowley Lake 6/18/17

The main area of focus has been from Alligator Pt. to the North Landing. California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife have been planting more fish regularly.

Target depths have been from 16-19'. Using smaller midges have been effective especially when the bite begins to slow. Daphnia have now made a showing throughout the lake which has the trout filling up on these freshwater crustaceans. Things will improve soon as these guys start to back off and the next generation of midges emerge.



Lake level is rising about one foot every 3-4 days now. Weed lines are now starting to get defined along the shorelines in most areas. Damselfly nymphs have been emerging from the weeds and trout have been taking advantage of these vulnerable aquatic meals. The Sacramento perch are now on the spawn and have been making their nests in the shallows amongst the weeds.

Upper Owens River

River running high here at 114 cfs. Down a bit from last week and DF&W expected to plant some trout below the bridge this week. *Flooded fields have spawned some unparalleled mosquito hatches.* You'll still need some heavy weight to get the bugs on the bottom if you decide to fish here.

Middle Owens River/PVR/Wild Trout section (Bishop Area)

Flows now at 767cfs. River still not fishable yet and will remain high for most of the season this year. Flooding still along the banks and areas that haven't seen water in years now completely covered. Gorge flows have been lowered and fish are spooky. Stealth is mandatory now to get into these guys. PVR has a few nicer sized fish as the river enters the lake.

Hot Creek

Flows up and rising. Currently running at 146 cfs. Creek is off-color and running fast. Working the edges of the banks is the best bet right now with some weight to get those nymphs down.

The Gorge

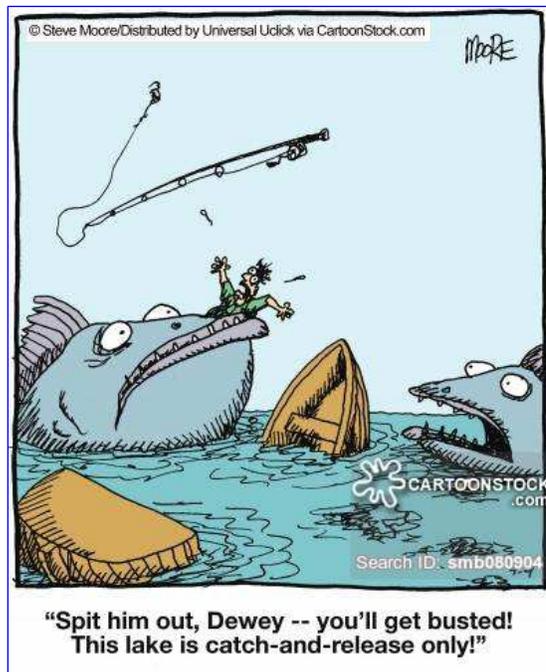
Flows currently extremely low. Once water level returns to a higher flow fishing will improve.

East Walker River

Blown out at 790 cfs. Slight drop from last week. Look elsewhere for fishing. Still tough here.

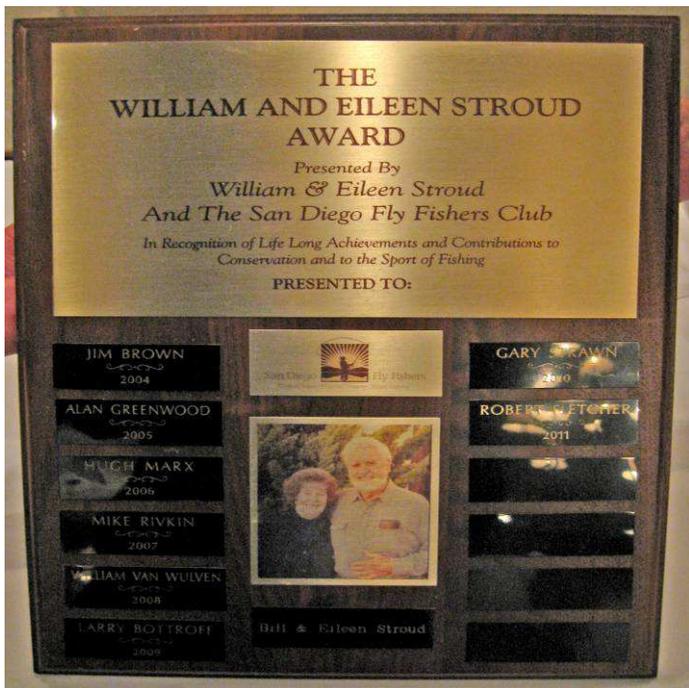


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Send articles to:
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finnyfacts@gmail.com

Send change of address information, or Club membership renewal to:
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Also, Visit our club's website today for new pictures, articles, and other useful information.
[WEB Address at bottom of this page.](#)

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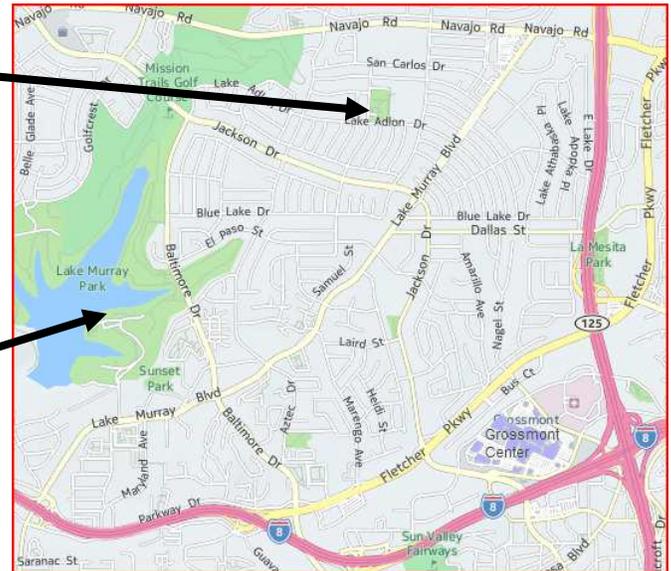
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First Monday
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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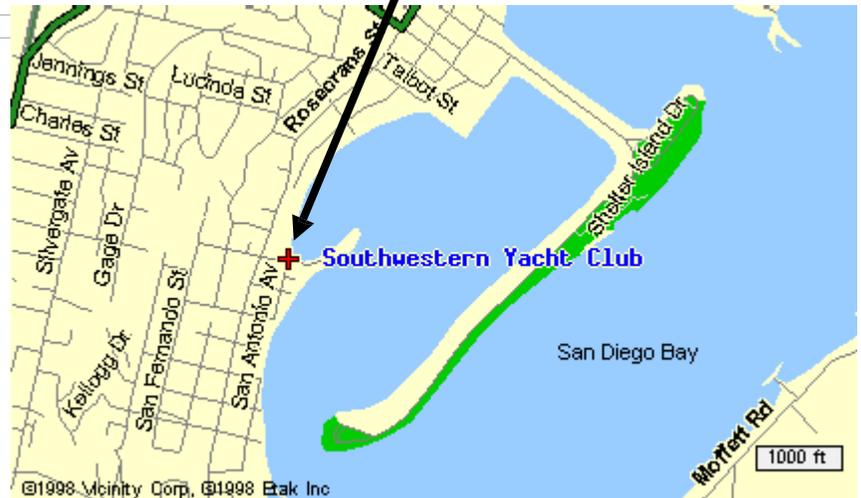


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