

FINNY FACTS

San Diego Fly Fishers

Sept 2019

Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing

Volume 42 No. 9

SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS We're Back! Sept 9th at 7:30 PM @ Southwestern Yacht Club

Yellowstone !

When, Where, & Why to fish the Great Yellowstone Area and Beyond

Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures is a fly fishing travel agency located in Bozeman, Montana. Since 2000, they have been helping anglers research, plan, and book fly fishing trips all over the world!

Jake is Yellow Dog's program director for their US Rockies, Pacific Northwest, and Louisiana programs. Originally from Virginia, Jake moved out to Idaho in 2005 and started his career in the fly fishing industry at Henry's Fork Anglers, one of the most well-known destination fly shops in the Western United States. After leaving Idaho at the beginning of 2013, he relocated to Salt Lake City and worked for a top fly fishing e-commerce retailer, and then as a sales representative for some of the top brands in the industry. Then in 2015, he moved back up to "God's Country" to start his career with Yellow Dog.



Currents

[Presidents Message](#)

[Events](#)

[Speakers](#)

[Happenings](#)

[Call to Action](#)

[Fly of the Month](#)

[Rod Building](#)

[Casting Corner](#)

[Conservation & Education](#)

[Southwest Council](#)

[Project Healing Waters](#)

[Fundraising](#)

[Membership](#)

[Feature Articles](#)

[Fishing!](#)

[Resources](#)

[Contact Us](#)

Don't Forget

Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2019.

President's Message

Living in San Diego, September always seems to be one of the months we "locals" enjoy the most. The beach crowds are gone, and the weather is still warm but hopefully not as hot as August was. I find it to be more relaxing, since it seems the pace slows down from the frenzy of summer.

We are back on our regular Monday evening schedule now, so will be back at Southwestern Yacht Club again for our September club meeting. Mark the date of September 9th for this meeting (we will not meet on Labor Day, the 2nd). I will have info on our regional council and literature from national I mentioned last month.

And, our Trout in the Classroom program will be back in gear again also, now that the kids are heading back to school again. If you'd like to volunteer for this, contact Gary Strawn, our Conservation Chairman.

We are about to begin planning in earnest for activities to kick off our Women's Program. Stay tuned for more details as plans firm up. But, here's a great way for all of us female fly fishers to get started...on Saturday morning October 5th, Southwest Council is hosting the annual Fly Fishing Faire in Glendale. This year, they have scheduled a half day women's workshop featuring Wendy Gunn, at the Pasadena Casting Pond. Check out her stats! The day will start with the workshop, includes a Women's Outdoor Fashion and Gear Show back at the Faire, a screening of "River of Life", a short film, and wraps up with a Women Connect social. I plan to attend, so ladies, if you'd like to go, let me know at president@sandiegoflyfishers.com.

This year's Faire will also feature intermediate casting lessons taught by our own Certified Master Casting Instructor, John Wylie; spaces are filling up fast! There are also fly tying sessions available; those are filling up, too.

Don't forget about the opportunities to fish the San Juan River with our friends in the Arizona Fly Casters club, as well as a potential trip to the East Walker. And the fall work trip to the Golden Trout Wilderness will likely occur in late September, possibly early October, depending in the high Sierra weather.

Start thinking about cleaning out your gear closet; our annual garage sale will be in December.

Wishing you good fishing,
Sherry Ashbaugh
2019 President
San Diego Fly Fishers

president@sandiegoflyfishers.com



September Events

September Events

Membership meeting
@ SWYC on Point Loma

Sept 9th @7:30 PM

Club Outings

Fish the Bay (meet at Ski Beach park)

Sept 16th @ 6 AM

Project Healing Waters

Fly Tying at the Aspire Center

Sept. 3rd and 17th @9 AM

Fly Casting At Santee Lakes
Contact: [Lee McElravy](#),

Sept 21st @9 AM

Casting Clinics

Basic/Beginners Class

◆ Every Sunday At Lake Murray @ 9 AM

Intermediate Class

◆ First and Third Sundays at Ski Beach on Mission Bay

Contact [John Wylie](#)

Fly Tying Congress

◆ Every Thursday at San Carlos Rec Center @ 6:30 to 830PM

Contact: [Paul Woolery](#)

It's Time for U to get involved with your club! Contact any board member for ideas on how you can contribute SDFF is a service organization. Ask yourself What service can I provide?

Speaker Programs

Note: The Board has committed to providing a general membership meeting in August Beginning in 2020. Our membership meeting is one of our best products and services. The Board is interested in providing the best service to our members.

Upcoming Programs

September: Jake Wells - Yellowdog outfitters Montana - Yellowstone program

October - Alex Cady, Guide topic Fishing Mission Bay

November - Doug Rodricks - Sierra Drifters will discuss new fishing regulations.

December- Yard Sale - Fly Tying demos.

We need several volunteers to help lead this important December event. If no one steps up by Oct 1st This event will likely be cancelled. Please raise your hand!

If you know of someone who would be a good candidate for speaking to the club let us know. For information contact [Jim Castelluzzo](#)

We look forward to seeing at our next meeting!

Happenings

East Walker River/Bridgeport

October 11th to 13th

The Club will be fishing the East Walker and the Bridgeport Reservoir in October.

You can pick your preferred water and style of fishing. Big Browns and Rainbows abound! Flows should be down and wading should be good.

The Club will likely be based out of Big Meadow Lodge in Bridgeport. We are working on a Club rate. Stay tuned.

- ◆ EACH person is responsible for their own reservations and accommodations!

It's an easy 1 hr. drive if you prefer to stay in Mammoth.

Please sign up at the September meeting and/or email us

[Mike Gilroy](#) and [Jim Castelluzzo](#) are points of contact for this event.

Happenings

Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire Oct 5TH and 6TH

October 5-6, 2019 at the centrally located Glendale Civic Auditorium, across from Glendale Community College. There will be vendors, classes, demonstrations and everything you need to up your game; whether an experienced fly angler or someone who has never picked up a fly rod. We will have it all. Watch this page for more details in the coming months.

SDFF is an affiliate member of SWCFFI. Grab a friend and plan to drive up for this great event!

<https://www.swcffi.org/faire>

A taste of events being offered.

- ◆ Casting Instruction John Wylie and Eric Callow
- ◆ Special Women's Program!

To buy tickets:

<https://www.swcffi.org/shop>

Volunteers Needed

San Diego Fly Fishers is a service organization. So please ask yourself...

“What service can I provide to my Club”?

Service Opportunities

We need someone to step up and serve as Vice President. Contact [Sherry](#) for information.

Fishing Outings

We are also looking for a Club Outing to the East Walker river in Late Sept or Early Oct. Please let us know if you are interested in going. We would stay in Bridgeport and fish the Walker or the lake. Contact [Mike Gilroy](#) or [Jim Castelluzzo](#)
This one is going to be EPIC!!!!

This is a chance to help run a fishing outing for Club members. We are seeking volunteers to organize a day of fishing on our local waters. It's fun and easy. Pick your favorite water and contact [Jim Castelluzzo](#) or [Mike Gilroy](#) and we will help you get started.

- ◆ Pick a local lake
- ◆ Pick a location for the bay
- ◆ Pick a location for the surf

The whole idea is to involve more members in creating fishing events and get us on the water monthly.

Fundraising

- ◆ We need 2 or 3 more volunteers to help serve on the committee
- ◆ Contact: [Warren Lew](#)

Greeters are needed at our Monthly meetings!

We are planning to have 2 or 3 greeters at each event to help new people into our Club. It's a great way to serve the Club and meet new Flyfishers.
Please contact [Jim Castelluzzo](#) or [Sherry Ashbaugh](#)

Project Healing Waters

- ◆ Help with this important program that serves Veterans in need.
- ◆ Contact: [Lee McElravy](#) to learn how you can contribute

Fly of the Month September

Butt Ugly Hopper



This Fly of the Month is a reprint from several years ago, written by Lucky Ketcham.

Created John Williams, Orange County Fly Fishing Club. The Butt Ugly Hopper was created silk flower petal for his leaf hoppers, John thought the yellow, orange and red small mum on the lodge end table would match the yellow red-legged hoppers of the area.

Hook: TMC 100 dry fly, or 2X long nymph hook, size 14.

Thread: Brown 6/0

Underbody: Yellow or tan fine poly dubbing and deer hair butts.

Over body: Small petal from a small silk Mum, from Michael's Crafts. \$1.98 per bunch with eight flower heads, enough for you and some of your friends.

Head: Folded deer hair.

Wing: Deer hair tips. (Fine pearl crystal flash optional for "fluttering" hopper).

Legs: Brown hackle or rubber legs – Madam X style.

Wrap thread base to the bend of the hook. Make a small noodle of yellow dubbing, anchor and twist onto thread. Make a thin cigar shaped body to the front 1/3 of hook. (I added this step to John's original recipe to help reduce the deer hair moving on the hook.) Select and clean a bundle of deer hair about the size of a pencil or a little larger. Stack the cleaned hair and trim the butts to be approximately equal. Size the hair to be just over two hook lengths long. Place the stacked hair on top of the hook with the butts a hook gap past the bend. Hold the butts and start wrapping the thread to the bend. The "Butt Ugly" name was given because John says he does not take the time to try to get even segments on the deer hair. He just lets go of the butts and spiral wraps back to the bend and through the flared butts to secure. Then spiral wrap forward to the starting point. Not too many thread wraps or it will not float. Trim the butts that stick into the hook gap and any much than longer than the hook gap. Leave the ugly butt to help the fly float.

Select a single yellow, orange and red mum petal and tie it in at the 1/3 mark as an under-wing, with the tip extending slightly beyond the butt and bend of the hook.

Pull the hair tips forward and continue wrapping over the hair to just behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread back to the 1/3 point in preparation for the head. Pull the hair bundle up and back. Keep it up on top of the hook, not spread around the hook as in the bullet head style. Make four or five wraps of thread at this 1/3 shank mark and let the hair wings flare equally to each side. The hair tips should extend just past the mum petal. Trim tips if necessary. Add a large brown hackle at the back of the head and make two wraps for legs. Secure with two or three wraps of thread, trim hackle quill, hitch and advance the thread to the eye, whip finish. Add small drops of head cement on the bottom of the fly at the hackle base and the whip finish.

Brown, red or yellow rubber legs can replace the hackle. Tie a knot about an inch from two ends for the jointed rear legs. Position the legs on each side with the knot at the bend of the hook. Attach at behind the head. Trim front legs an inch in front of eye. East Coast or West Coast, trout, bass and bluegill like this one.

For more information contact [Paul Woolerly](#)

H

Rod Building

We will plan another class in the Spring of 2020. Stay tuned.

In the interim, if you are beginning your own project and would like some advice or recommendations please free to contact [Jack Duncan](#)

Rod Building help is an important benefit of being a San Diego Fly Fisher. In the coming editions of Finny Facts and on the Website look for "Tips from Jack" to help those who want to build their own rod.

JACK'S TIP OF THE MONTH—

Next tip of the Month will be coming soon



Contact: [Jack Duncan](#)

Tip of the Month: Coming Soon

Casting Corner

San Diego Fly Fishers is happy to offer two free clinics each month to help you learn to fly cast or improve your skills. Several of our instructors are certified by the FFI and can help anyone develop the skills that will help you get the most out of your casts.

- **Basic fly Casting Lessons**

This Clinic is best suited for beginners and novice fly casters. The clinic will help you develop the basic techniques necessary for successful casts with a fly rod. No experience is required to participate.

Where: Lake Murray (Kiowa Drive entrance)

When: Each Sunday (weather permitting) at 9 AM

What to Bring: You may bring your own equipment or use rods provided by the Club. No fishing license is required.

Intermediate Fly Casting Instruction (This clinic is run by FFI Certified Casting Instructors Dennis Panish and John Wylie and is intended to aid fly casters in enhancing their skills and learn to cast efficiently in different conditions. One goal of the clinic is to help fly casters solve problems with their casting strokes. If you suffer from “wind knots”, learning how to “double haul” or increasing your distance this class is for you. Tell our instructors what you want to work on and they will help.

We provide single hand casting as well as basic double hand spey cast instruction.

Where: Ski Beach on Mission Bay

When: First and Third Sundays (weather permitting) at 8 AM (class typically lasts 1 hour)

What to bring: Bring your rod and let's work on your casts!

Questions? Email [John Wylie](mailto:John.Wylie@sandiegoflyfishers.com):

Casting Corner

Tip of the Month

The 5th Essential- Good Timing!

Last month we discussed the 4th of our 5 Essentials; Casting Stroke Length Appropriate for the amount of line we have out of the rod tip. Today we discuss our final essential; Timing. In a typical overhead cast when we refer to timing we are talking about the pause between two casts. For example, between a back cast and the subsequent forward cast we pause. Timing refers to the length of the pause between the two casts. What is 'good' timing ... what is the right amount of pause?

It turns out that the answer is actually related to another of our Essentials; No Slack.

The correct length of pause is just enough time for our fly line to straighten out after we stop our rod and the loop rolls out in the direction of the last cast. We pause to allow the line to completely straighten out, and then begin our next cast the instant it is straight. The line is perfectly straight ... no slack! This allows the fly line to most efficiently load the rod for our next cast.

When you first learned to cast, perhaps someone taught you to say a phrase between casts ... such as "Wyoming" or "Hi Mom". Those mnemonic devices will help a beginner, but as we improve as casters learn to watch your loops unfold and work to improve your timing to begin the next cast at exactly the time the fly line unrolls. All things being equal, the correct amount of pause on a back cast would be the same as the front cast.

The length of a pause will change when we alter the amount of line we are casting.

How does it change? Just remember this:

Short lineshort pause

Long Linelong pause

Remember to pause between casts just long enough for your line to straighten out and you will be on your way to casting GOOD TIMES ... uh ... TIMING!

This concludes our Casting Tips series on the 5 Essentials

No Slack

Straight Line Rod Tip Path

Smooth Acceleration to a Stop

Casting Stroke Length

Good Timing

Conservation & Education

San Diego Fly Fishers is a service club with a long history of supporting a variety of conservation, habitat and educational programs. The Club's primary focus is to support projects that serve our local habitats, fisheries and schools. We also support other conservation organizations with projects in California. Our activities are supported by Club members through "boots on the ground" volunteer work and via the donations received at Club fundraising events. We work closely with a number of local, regional and national organizations to support research, improve habitats and foster a conservation ethic for future generations. We are very proud of our work and the ongoing support from our membership. If you wish to join us in this service work please contact the Committee Chair, [Gary Strawn](#)



October 4th –6th

Our fall trips are usually smaller and quicker than in June. We just drop the barbed wire and document any repairs that will need to be done next June. We will need a couple of extra workers this year to put the electric fence away.

That means no one should feel obliged to go but you are all welcome.

It can be cold at night, we have seen snow and some ice on the stream in early October. Days in the meadow are usually beautiful and the fishing is always excellent. We should be able to get a fire permit this year, but some years, due to fire hazards, we have not. In that case, it will be early to bed. Bring a warm sleeping bag.

Most of us will arrive on Friday Oct 4, work in the meadow on Saturday and depart on Sunday. I will be driving to Colorado on Sept 18 and arriving back at the Blackrock Trailhead on Friday Oct 4. So I need to get the meal schedule worked out before I leave,

If you are interested please let me know ASAP. Also, please pass this along to other interested club members. As always families are welcome but children should be old enough to make the hike. They also need to be safe and closely supervised around the barbed wire.

Tight lines,
Gary

Southwest Council FFI

San Diego Fly Fishers is affiliated with the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International (FFI). Look for more happenings in the SW region in future editions of Finny Facts.

Southwest Council Fly Fishers International

Who or What is the Southwest Council ?

The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International represents all of Southern California and Nevada. Fly Fishers International is a 54 year old international non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through Conservation, Restoration and Education. Fly Fishers International and its Councils are the only organized advocate for fly fishers on a national and regional level.

For more information Contact [John Wylie](#) our Representative for FFI

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

<https://www.swcffi.org/shop>



Project Healing Waters

Project Healing Waters (PHW) Fly Fishing is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. San Diego Fly Fishers (SDFF) is proud to be a local affiliate of PHW. Our San Diego based program, serves veterans locally by providing opportunities to learn fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing. We are a service organization and are pleased to offer opportunities to our veterans to help them find out more about the arts associated with fly fishing. If you are looking for a good way to contribute to our veterans and your Club, please let us know.

Fly Tying

Where: The Aspire Center (in Old Town, San Diego)

When: first and third Tuesdays at 9 AM

Fly Casting

Where: Santee lakes, Santee CA

When: third Saturday at 9 AM



You can follow our PHW activities on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=project%20healing%20waters%20san%20diego&epa=SEARCH_BOX



Fundraising

December is approaching. That's Garage Sale time.

An Ode to Volunteers

We need volunteers to help run this year's sale.

It's fun and easy work, helping the Club prevail.

Be a Stimulator, not a balanced Leech

Raise your Rod, give us a nod.

Burma Shave!

I promise to stop the prose when we get a team to run this fun event.

Contact Any Board member or email fundraiser@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Membership

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Currently we are more that 220 members strong! Approximately 45 members still need to renew for this year. Please renew and enjoy the full benefits of being a San Diego Fly Fisher

[Renew online](#)

Contact: [Alan Thompson](#)

Or Renew at the next Monthly SDFF Meeting

SDFF has four membership levels

Individual.....\$40

Family.....\$50

Individual Military.....FREE (Active Duty Only)

Family Military.....FREE (Active Duty Only)

Please welcome our newest members!

FAMILY

David Woods Family
Vernon White Family
Greg Borman, Allison Borman, Ella Borman- Family

INDIVIDUAL

Riley Mazariegos- Military
Caroline Jones
Jim Lindstrom
Maria Garcia
Jay Gross
Mary Browne
Klayton Symmes
Ezekiel Ramirez
Adria Jefferies



Feature Article

No feature article this month.

We welcome anyone who wishes to contribute an article. Send to [Mike Gilroy](#)

Fishing!!!!



Dan Jazdzewski tagged this beauty



Jim Castelluzzo Scores!!!



Mark Hedderson nailed this

Follow all the action on the Clubs [Facebook page!](#)

Guides and Resources

San Diego Fly Fishers does not endorse or recommend any particular Guide or Business. This Information is intended to provide the reader with known providers of services related to fly fishing in our local area and in California. This is not intended to be a complete list of available services.

Guides

Eastern Sierra's

[Sierra Drifters](#)

[Sierra Troutdoorsman](#)

[Pat Jaeger Fly Fishing](#)

[Kern River Fly Shop](#)

Northern California

[Acosta Fly Fishing](#) (Steelhead)

[Fine and Far Fly Fishing](#) (Steelhead/Spey Trips)

[Baiocchi's Troutfitters](#)

San Diego Bay/Surf/Lakes

[Conway Bowman](#)

[Alex Cady @ Fly Stop](#)

Fly Fishing Equipment

[STROUD TACKLE](#)

[THE FLY STOP](#)

[Flies by Favorite](#)

River Flows and Reports

[Dreamflows](#)

[USGS Flows](#)

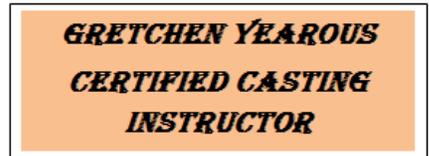
[California Data Exchange](#)

[Lower Owens River](#)

Thanks for supporting San Diego Fly Fishers



Bob Berry Fish Carvings



We need your help getting rid of Carp at Lake Cuyamaca!



CARP ANGLERS WANTED, CONVENTIONAL ROD AND REEL, SPEAR, OR BOW

- **KILL A CARP and FISH FOR FREE!**

Tailing Loops

San Diego Fly Fishers Board of Directors 2019

- Sherry Ashbaugh.....[President](#)
- James Castelluzzo [1st Vice-President](#)
- Bruce Harris[Treasurer](#)
- Mark Hedderson.....[Secretary](#)
- James Castelluzzo[Speaker Programs](#)
- James Castelluzzo.....[Outings/At Large](#)
- Jack Duncan.....[Rod Building](#)
- Mike Gilroy.....[Media Coordinator](#)
- Warren Lew[Fundraising/At large](#)
- Lee McElravy[Project Healing Waters](#)
- Gary Strawn[Conservation](#)
- Alan Thompson.....[Membership](#)
- Paul Woolery.....[Fly tying/At-Large](#)
- John Wylie.....[Casting Instruction/
SWC-FFI](#)

Other Chairpersons

- Alan Thompson[Sunday Fly Casting](#)
- David Collins[Web Master](#)
- Don Davis.....Video & Library

The Board meets at 6:30 PM on the last Monday of each month at the San Diego River Park Foundation Office on Pacific Hwy.

For Directions to all Club Meetings, Clinics and Fly tying classes visit our website at: [Activities Maps](#)

The Indicator
 Emailed twice a month with updates and breaking news!
 Make sure you are on the list to stay informed.

Follow SDFF adventures and news our FACEBOOK page. Post your own adventures and pictures.
[San Diego Fly Fishers](#)

Cut-off date for the Finny Facts is the 15th of each month
 Send submissions to: media@sandiegoflyfishers.com

