# **FINNY FACTS**

## San Diego Fly Fishers

January

**2020** Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing Volume 43No. 1

## February Speaker Program

## Secrets to Success on the Waters of Central Wyoming



Ryan Anderson Southwestern Yacht Club February 3rd @ 7:30 PM

\*\*\*\*\*

Next Month, Mark Hedderson Takes over duties as Editor of Finny Facts and the Indicator Please send Content to <u>editor@sandiegoflyfishers.com</u>

## Currents

**Presidents Message Events Speakers Happenings** Call to Action Fly of the Month Rod Building Casting Corner **Conservation & Education** Southwest Council **Project Healing Waters** Women's Program <u>Membership</u> **Feature Articles** Fishing! **Resources Contact Us** 

#### Don't Forget

Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2020.

## President's Message

It's here! 2020 is just getting started. The new year always brings out our desire to improve, with resolutions, which may include a resolution to not make any resolutions. Sometimes, I like that approach, yet a list lurks, somewhere towards the back of my mind.

My personal list of "fishing resolutions" would probably look something like this (not necessarily in priority order).

- Organize my fishing gear (this is on my list every year, and a little gets done each year).
- Practice my fly casting more frequently.
- Plan two trips a year, where we can do some fly fishing, preferably a place we have not been to before.
- Fly fish with my Dad. And my nephews.
- Read more about various fly fishing topics (this one usually gets some limited attention).

The past year has been a good one for our club. We've accomplished many worthwhile things over the course of the year. I am happy we've started the Women's Program, which I will oversee and plan events for 2020. Project Healing Waters is being revamped, as is our casting program. Our fly tying and rod building classes will continue. Our conservation and education programs were strong and will continue to be so. Our membership numbers are steady and growing slowly. Our monthly speaker programs is our "best seller". Finally, I have to say many thanks and farewell to long time board member Paul Woolery for his years of service on the Board of Directors.

If you have not purchased your tickets yet, you have until January 7th to get them to attend the Annual Stroud Awards Banquet scheduled for Monday, January 13th. You will hear more about our accomplishments at this stellar event.

It has been an honor to serve this past year as your Board of Directors President for 2019. I look forward to one more year on the board, so you still have another year to send me your suggestions for your club. Please do so.

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

president@sandiegoflyfishers.com





**January Events** 

Membership meeting Stroud banquet @ Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Club Outings

Tube/Kayak – Lake Miramar for Trout and Bass (Kai Schumann / Jim Castelluzzo)

Jan 13th @ 6 PM

Jan 19th @ 6 AM

Jan 18th @9 AM

**Project Healing Waters** 

Fly Casting At Santee Lakes Contact: Lee McElravy,

#### Casting Clinics

**Basic/Beginners Class** 

- Every Sunday At Lake Murray @ 9 AM
- Contact <u>John Wylie</u> or <u>Alan Thompson</u>

Fly Tying Congress

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

Contact: Lucky Ketcham

## SDFF is a service organization. Ask yourself What service can I provide? Get involved.

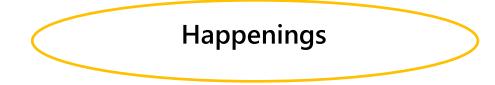


## **Upcoming Programs**

January 13th	Strouds Awards Banquet
February 3rd	Wyoming Outfitters, Liz and Ryan Anderson
March 2nd	Sam Vasily– Eastern Sierras and Pyramid Lake
April 6th	TBD

If you know of someone who would be a good candidate for speaking to the club let us know. For information contact <u>Jim Castelluzzo</u> or <u>Tim Huckaby</u>

We look forward to seeing at our next meeting!



## **Annual Stroud Awards Banquet**



Monday January 13th 2020

6:00 to 9:00 PM

Admiral Baker Clubhouse U.S. Navy Recreation Center (approximately 1 mile east of SDCCU Stadium on Friars Rd. then turn onto Santo Rd. and take the first right onto Admiral Baker Rd.)

Bring a guest and celebrate another successful year for San Diego Fly Fishers

The price is \$32 per person for a great Prime Rib buffet dinner in a beautiful and convenient setting Door Prizes including two fly rods

Buy your Tickets @

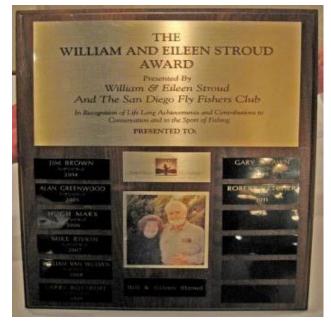
- The Club meeting on December 2nd
- At Strouds Tackle (Cash or Check only)
- By mail to: San Diego Fly Fishers, 12519 Alcacer del Sol, San Diego, CA 92128
- For Credit Cards Call Bruce Harris @ 858 848 4803

Make checks payable to San Diego Fly Fishers

## Please make your reservations prior to January 6th



#### About our Club's Awards



The Stroud Award

In 2004, the Board of Directors created this award in recognition of two of Clubs most ardent supporters, Bill and Eileen Stroud. At the time, every fly fisher in San Diego County knew Eileen and Bill as the proprietors of Stroud Tackle. Bill served as President of this Club three times since 1980 and Eileen played a significant role in the admission of women to the Club.

During Bill's first tenure as President, the Club became affiliated with Trout Unlimited and Cal Trout. Bill and Eileen consistently donated thousands of dollars in equipment each year for our various raffles. Most importantly, we know of no single instance when Bill and Eileen have failed to respond, enthusiastically, to some Club request for help, whether large or small. It has oft been said "if were not for the Stroud's, there would be no San Diego Fly Fishers.

In recognition of the Strouds' many significant contributions, in 2004 the San Diego Fly Fishers' Annual Banquet was renamed the "Annual Stroud Banquet."

The Stroud Award is designed to recognize individuals outside our organization who have made a major lifetime contribution to the sport of fishing and/or conservation benefitting the sport of fishing. Nominees need not be members of our Club and, in fact, the intention of your Board is that the Award recognize the achievement of individuals encompassing a much broader scope. In recognition of the Award, the Club will make a donation of \$500.00 to the charity of the recipient's choice, provided that charity has a significant connection to the sport of fishing and/or environmental protection. Finally, the winner will receive an honorary lifetime membership in the San Diego Fly Fishers and a plaque in recognition of his or her achievement.

If you know of a deserving Organization or individual please take the time to nominate them.

Please join us on Jan 13th for the Annual Stroud Banquet.

For more information and or to complete a nomination form visit our website at <u>Stroud Award</u>

## Happenings

#### About our Club's Awards

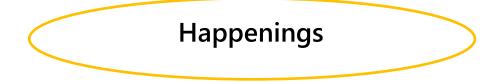


### The Gordon Foster Award

Each year, the Club presents this Award specifically to a Club member who has demonstrated unselfish and outstanding service to our organization. The recipient is chosen by the past winners of this Award. Gordon Foster was a stalwart of this Club, almost from its inception. A Life Member, he served as Club President in 1966-67 and again in 1975. The Club History reveals repeated references to Gordon beginning with the first published issues of the Finny Facts in 1980. This year, past recipients of the Gordon Foster Award will again be recognizing a worthy honoree. A review of the following list of past recipients reveals the honor and gratitude which accompanies the presentation of this Award.

**Past Winners** 

1991 - Ned Sewel 1992 - Bob Camp 1993 - Bill & Eileen Stroud 1994 - Ed Velton 1995 - Bob Wisner 1996 - Gary Hilbers 1997 - Jack Bentley 1998 - Gordie Zimm 1999 - Gretchen Yearous 2000 - Tom Smith 2001 - Rose & Roger Yamasaki 2002 - Larry Sorensen 2003 - Jim Tenuto 2004 - Joe Bain 2005 - Jim Reeg 2006 - John Kasten 2007 - Lucky Ketcham 2008 - Louie Zimm 2009 - Warren Lew 2010 - Paul Woolery 2011 - Gary Strawn 2012 - Lee McElravy 2013 - Dave Collins 2014 - Lee Anderson 2015 - Jack Duncan 2016 - Bob Pharoah 2017 - Alan Thompson 2018 – Barry Pechersky



## Bishop/Owens River Rendezvous Feb 21-23



Please join us for this fun annual event!

We will leave San Diego early Thursday , Feb. 20, and stay until Sunday, Feb. 23rd. You can caravan with the group or drive on your own time.

Why do we go this time of year?

- The main reason is flow on the Lower Owens is generally lower and allows us to wade the river.
- The Upper Owens holds Snowbows (very large rainbows holding over during the winter months).
- The gorge area flows are lower and fun to fish. We also get discounted rates on lodging.
- The entire area is beautiful with snow capped peaks and the fishing can be epic!

#### Where will we fish?

Typically small groups scatter and fish from Hot Creek to Lower Owens. All are welcome to join in and fish some new waters. Don't be shy to ask to join in a small group.

Remember it's winter in the Sierras. Bring adequate clothing for cold, snow and windy conditions.



Bishop/ Owens River Rendezvous Feb 21-23

What motel do we stay at? Historically the Club bases out of the Elms Motel located in Bishop, California. If you choose to stay elsewhere we gather at the Elms in the morning and after fishing each day.

Here are the details:

Contact the Elms Motel and ask for Harry at: 760-873-8118 or 800-848-9226. There are 9 rooms with a one bed and 7 rooms with 2 beds (includes 2 smoking rooms). Call the Elms directly to reserve your room. Say you are with SDFF and get a discount on the room. If the Elms is full, contact the Travel Lodge next door at 844-422-5811. Each person is responsible for booking lodging. There are a lot of choices for hotels in Bishop.

We gather each night for group meals around 6:30PM

Where will we eat our dinners?

Unless there is a change, Thursday night– The Brewery on Main Street, Friday Night– The Bowling Alley, and Saturday night– La Casita Mexican, on Main Street. PLEASE let Alan know if you will be joining in the meals so he can make reservations.

What if I have some questions ?

See or contact the Event Coordinators Lee McElravy or Alan Thompson.







Bishop/ Owens River Rendezvous Feb 21-23

Guides In the Bishop/Mammoth Area

We want to encourage you to take advantage of the experience and current knowledge of the local guides. People who have made use of guides for this trip typically have more success than those who do not. Below is a partial list of guides. Book early.

Sierra Drifters- 760-935-4250

Eastern Sierra Guide Service- Pat Jaeger- 760-872-7770 (Tenkara)

The Sierra Troutdoorsman -Sam Vasily- 951-764-7146

Performance Anglers Guide Service - Joe Contaldi – 760-965-6527





Let's fish in January

January 19th @ 7 AM

Where: Miramar Lake What: we will be targeting Bass and planted Trout. Bring Waders, float tube, kayak etc. 4 to 6 wt. rods.

Questions Contact us at <a href="mailto:outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com">outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com</a>

Stay tuned for dates for a local fishing outing on the bay. Follow us on Facebook for announcements





#### San Diego Fly Fishers Monthly Outing Calendar for 2020

Here is the preliminary fishing plan for the coming year.

January 19 – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Lake Miramar for Trout and Bass

February 8 – Saturday : Shorepounders – Hotel Del Coronado Beach for Barred Surf Perch Slack, then Falling Tide – 7:53am High 6.5'; 3:00pm Low -1.6'

February dates (TBD) Bishop/Owens River Rendezvous

March 22 – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Lake Sutherland for Bass, Crappie and Catfish

April 11 – Saturday : Tube/Kayak – Bahia Mission Bay for Spotted Bay Bass Slack, then Rising Tide – 6:43am Low -0.6'; 1:04pm High 3.7'

May 17 – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Lake Morena for Carp, Bass, Panfish

June 6-14 – Estero Coyote Baja Trip

June 20 – Saturday : Shorepounders – North Torrey Pines State Beach for Corbina & Surf Perch Rising Tide – 3:59am Low -0.7'; 10:19am High 3.7'

July 12 – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Otay Lake for Bass & Panfish

August 22 – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Shelter Island Launch Rising Tide – 6:06am Low 0.0'; 12:22pm High 5.1'

September 20 – Sunday : Boat/Kayak – Lake Cuyamaca for Trout, Bass, Crappie & Bluegill

October 17 – Saturday : Tube/Kayak – Tidelands Park for Spotted Bass & Halibut Rising Tide, then Falling – 3:51am Low 0.3'; 9:58am High 7.2'; 4:35pm Low -0.7'

November 15 - Sunday : Tube/Kayak - Lake Murray for Trout & Bass

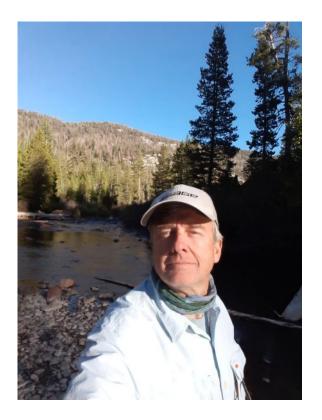
December 12 – Saturday : Tube/Kayak – Coronado Cays, Grand Caribe for Spotted Bass Slack, then Falling Tide, 6:50am High 7.2'; 1:52 Low -1.0'

For more information Please contact <u>Kai Schumann</u> or look for details in Finny Fact's or the Indicator.

Questions Contact us at outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com



It has been a privilege and fun to serve as Editor of the Finny Facts and Indicator for most of 2019. I am pleased to announce that Mark Hedderson has volunteered to assume these Responsibilities.



Please send Mark your pictures, content and ideas at Editor@sandiegoflyfishers.com

## SDFF Women's Program



Stay tuned.....

The next Women's Clinic will be in March or April. Dates pending.

Contact <u>Sherry Ashbaugh</u> for details or to get involved.



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

## "What service can I provide to my Club"?

Service Opportunities

Fishing Outings

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 you favorite water and contact

Kai Schumann 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: <u>Sherry Ashbaugh</u>

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 <u>Jim Castelluzzo</u>

Project Healing Waters

- Help with this important program that serves Veterans in need.
- If you know of a Veteran in need Please let us know!
- Contact: <u>Lee McElravy</u> to learn how you can contribute

Women's Program

Please contact <u>Sherry Ashbaugh</u> for information and way to get involved

## Fly of the Month January 2020

Fly of the Month, January 9, 2020

Remembering Ted Reinert – teaching flies that have worked for him in the San Diego Surf 2006 Passing down our History by Lucky Ketcham



SDFF Local Salt Water Expert -- Ted "CT" Reinert A Surf Perch Special: - (similar to this Fish Counter)

- Thread Bright Orange, 3/0 or 210-denier flat waxed nylon
- Eyes Small dumb bell, brass Silver or gold
- Body Small cactus or ice chenille, fire orange
- Tail White marabou or artic fox, (pearl Krystal flash optional)

Deceivers: (pictures below are similar to the pattern CT tied.)

Hook Saltwater hooks, 6 or larger

Thread Bright orange or white, 3/0 or 210-denier flat waxed nylon

Eyes Dumbbell, brass - silver or gold, small to medium

Body Flash, holographic silver,

Krystal flash - orange or red

Buck tail - white and red and/or chartreuse

(White hackle feathers, grizzly hackles)







http://reel-time.com/pattern/Rogers/deceiver/deceiver.asp

For more information contact Lucky Ketcham



We will plan another class in March of 2020. Stay tuned. Space will be limited to ensure quality time for each student. Dates will be announced in February Finny Facts.

You do not want to miss out on this incredible SDFF service. You will be learning from a true master. I have two Jack Duncan built rods and they are magical. One helped me fight and win a battle with a nearly 30 inch brown on the East Walker. And another testimonial :

......" the greatest 5 weight of all time...that will never be matched in 100 lifetimes....which has literally bagged hundreds of trout in its short 9 month lifespan.... has the words "Tim Huckaby" painted on the butt section....and was built on Winston boron III LS blanks by the world famous Jack Duncan".

In the interim, if you are beginning your own project and would like some advice or recommendations please free to contact <u>Jack Duncan</u>

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- "LIFE IS LIKE A FLY ROD". MAKE YOUR OWN." Ray Mehl





San Diego Fly Fishers **Casting Program** Ž020

We are please to announce our casting instruction program for 2020. Led by our certified casting instructor John Wylie, we hope that this will provide a more focused approach to help improve your casting skills.

Note: These lessons replace our legacy "intermediate sessions". The SDFF beginners casting sessions held at Lake Murray on Sundays remain unchanged. These lessons are intended to build skills over a two class course. Participants will gain the most by attending both class sessions per focused area.

These classes are open to all members of San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters. Sign up early to reserve your place.

For questions and to sign up please contact: John Wylie or look for a sign up sheet at the monthly meetings.

Casting 101 (two sessions) Will cover the basics of Equipment, Knots and Fly Casting.... Good for an introduction or review of the basics. February 1 & 8 (Saturday) 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Session 1 Location Mission Bay Playa II Grass area near the round covered patio.

Session 2 Lake Murray Cost: \$20 (please bring to the first session) Limit 20

Teach the Teacher- Review March 7th (Saturday) Lake Murray No Cost

8:30am to 11:30

Intermediate Casting Skills (two sessions) Focus is on Fly line Control, Loop Control, Accuracy and Presentation Casts May 31st (Sunday) & June 6th (Saturday) 8:30 am to 11:30 Mission Bay/Ski Beach Cost \$20 Limit to 20

Advanced Casting (2 two sessions) Learn/Review the Double Haul and casting for distance October 10 & 17 (Saturdays) 8:30 am to 11:30 am Mission Beach/Ski Beach Limit to 10



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



Please continue to support SDFF and our conservation, education and outreach programs with your participation and donations at our fundraising events. You make all this possible.

If you know of good conservation project that needs some support, please share you ideas with the committee.

conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com



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 an national and regional level.

For more information Contact John Wyile our Representative for FFI

https://flyfishersinternational.org/

https://www.swcffi.org/shop





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.

Help us find Veterans in Need!!

Our Club has an exceptional team of dedicated volunteers who commit time to helping disabled Vets learn about fly fishing, tying and casting. Over the course of the past year our program has struggled to gain reliable access to Vet's from the VA, etc. Currently the program leaders are working with local VFW's and American Legions to let people know about this service. If you know a disabled veteran who would benefit from spending some time with us please contact Lee McElravy

Please look at our Club's PHW Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/PHWFF.SDFF/

Join in and help the Club support our PHW program. Lee McElravy is now running this page and has indicated he will be doing regular updates. Share it to any one you know who may benefit from our programs or would like to help. Contact: Lee McElravy for more information

Fly Tying

PHW leaders are revisiting the fly tying location and time. Expect a new schedule in January to include an evening tying session.

Fly Casting Where: Santee lakes, Santee CA When: third Saturday at 9 AM





#### Follow all the action on the Clubs Facebook page!



## PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR 2020 dues soon.

2020 is here and time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers.

We have a very active year planned with lot's of opportunities to fish and have fun. Don't miss out! Join or renew.

You can renew your membership on-line though the website: www.sandiegoflyfishers.com; or you can renew in person at our monthly programs; or you can download an application on our website and mail a check. **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

**INDIVIDUAL** 

None

**Steven Massey** 

**Dale Harshaw** 





Trying something different due to the size of the file. Trust me it is worth the click on the link Below.



Adventures at the Forks Of the Kern River By Tim Huckaby Board of Directors 2020

Here is the list of your SDFF Board of Directors for 2020. We are still looking for someone to serve as Vice President.

2020 Board of Directors Roles and Responsibilities

James Castelluzzo Vacant Bruce Harris Mel Ochs Sherry Ashbaugh Mike Gilroy Mark Hedderson Tim Huckaby Warren Lew Lee McElravy Kai Schumann Gary Strawn Alan Thompson John Wylie President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Fundraising Media Coordinator Editor, Finny Facts/ Indicator Speaker Programs Fundraising/At Large Project Healing Waters Monthly Outings Conservation Membership Casting Instruction

**Other Programs and Chairpersons** 

Sherry Ashbaugh Jack Duncan Lucky Ketchum Women's Program Rod Building Fly Tying Congress

Web Master Web Site Manager- David Collins

Follow all the action on the Clubs Facebook page!

## Fishing!!!!









Photos: Courtesy of Mel Ochs

Follow all the action on the Clubs Facebook page!



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 Ri	River Flows and Reports	
Eastern Sierra's	Dreamflows	
Sierra Drifters	JSGS Flows	
Sierra Troutdoorsman	California Data Exchange	
Pat Jaeger Fly Fishing	ower Owens River	
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		





## **Tailing Loops**

San Diego Fly Fishers Board of Directors 2019

Sherry Ashbaugh	<u>President</u>
James Castelluzzo	1st Vice-President
Bruce Harris	. <u>Treasurer</u>
Mark Hedderson	<u>Secretary</u>
James Castelluzzo	<u>Speaker Programs</u>
James Castelluzzo	Outings/At Large
Jack Duncan	<u>Rod Building</u>
Mike Gilroy	Media Coordinator
Warren Lew	
Lee McElravy	<u>Project Healing Waters</u>
Gary Strawn	
Alan Thompson	
Paul Woolery	Fly tying/At-Large
John Wylie	
-	SWC-FFI
a	

**Other Chairpersons** 

Alan Thompson .....Sunday Fly Casting

David Collins ......Web Master

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: <u>Activities Maps</u>

## 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: <u>media@sandiegoflyfishers.com</u>



Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing