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**Join our June Meeting Live
via Zoom conference!**

Monday, June 1st, 7:30 p.m.

"North Coast Revival"



**Presented by Mark Sherwood
Native Fish Society**

June Club Meeting: [Zoom Link](#)

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President's Message

Fly Fishing is an essential business. I don't know where some of us, including the infamous hole in the wall gang, would be if we couldn't get out and wet a line. It is a scary thought! I heard stories of one guy from the club who was so eager to get to the river, he drove his truck right up to the fly box displays in a fly shop in Bishop, bypassing the front door!

The Covid phased opening messaging from our State and Local officials has been arbitrary, inconsistent and confusing due to personal agendas coupled with the overlap in jurisdictions. The Good News is our local Bays, beaches and some lakes are now open to recreational boating, water sports, kayaking and fishing. As of this writing, the State beaches are closed to surf fishing, but open to surfing! Rules obviously written by surfers! City of San Diego bays and beaches are open to all water activities, recreational boating and Fishing. Also, Coronado Beaches are open to fishing. Blacks Beach is open to fishing. Del Mar, Solana Beach and Encinitas beaches remain closed to surf fishing, but open to surfing of course! Oceanside Beaches are open to surf fishing. My best source is to call the lifeguard station to get the latest on your beach destination.

The Good News is we are seeing an easing of these restrictions and can get back on the water. Our club, along with the other California clubs, are using video conferencing platforms to hold general meetings, hold fly tying classes and get out fly fishing related news and updates. Mike Gilroy and Tim Huckaby have done a great job in setting up our SDFP Zoom platform, keeping members informed and engaged as best we can during this event.

This Monday Mike Gilroy arranged for a video presentation by Native Fish Fellow, Samantha Kannry, discussing the " North Coast Revival", the Revival of the Eel River's Wild Steelhead, The Wild and Free Future of the Klamath, & Protecting California's Smith River from Strip Mining. You all have been invited to the meeting with a link sent to your email. This should be an interesting presentation and I hope we get a good turnout.

Gary Strawn is still on schedule for the fence repair work in the Golden Trout Wilderness. He has a full list of volunteers lined up. This should be another fun work party with an opportunity to fish the golden trout wilderness. I look forward to this excursion to the eastern sierra high country.

Tim Huckaby is scouting some new remote fly fishing trips into the Forks of the Kern and the Golden Trout Wilderness. We will get updates from Tim as these plans develop. Also, Tim has put together another club outing trip to Mike Hilligus' spectacular lodge on the Clark Fork for September. I highly recommend this trip if you haven't been there. The price is unbeatable. Check with Tim for openings.

Let us seize the moment, fear not, dust off your gear, turn off the doomsayers, talking heads, and snake oil salesman on the evening news, every day and this summer is a gift, let's not waste it! Go Fish!

Jim Castelluzzo
May 29, 2020

president@sandiegoflyfishers.com



Join us!

Speaker Programs

Zoom!

Monday, June 1, 2020 7:30pm – 9:30pm

"North Coast Revival" Native Fish Society

Join Zoom Meeting :

<https://zoom.us/j/97836563051?pwd=QXJHT05wejdWM3dRZnB5ZHlhK3AyZz09>

Meeting ID: 978 3656 3051 Password: SDFF-4U

A few ground rules so that this call will be enjoyable and we do not interfere with the Speaker's presentation or questions from participants. Please review the following before you login:

- Find a place to participate where there will not be lots of background noise or activity
Please be sure that you have a good connection to the internet.
- Please test your camera, speakers and microphone before joining the meeting to be sure they are working on your end.
- If you want to share your video so others to see you, have a light source in front of you rather than behind you.
- If you do not wish to share your video please turn off or cover your camera.
- Everyone who connects to the call will have their audio muted by default. The moderator will control the audio and unmute your microphone when you are going to ask a question or make a comment.
- Please Learn the controls at the bottom of the Zoom Meeting window. (scroll over the bottom to see the toolbar)
- If you wish to ask a question please send a message to the moderator using the chat function or raise your hand using the participants function (this can be done at any time).
- The presentation the Speaker and moderator will coordinate on responding to anyone who wishes to ask a question.

We will wait until the end of the presentation to allow people to ask questions and comment. We will call upon you and allow you to speak. Hopefully, this will go smoothly. Please be patient.

Mike Gilroy,
Media Coordinator

Know of someone who would be a good candidate for speaking to the club?
contact either [Jim Castelluzzo](#) or [Tim Huckaby](#)

Happenings

Recap of the May Club Meeting (video conference)

On May 4th, about 50 members participated in our first club meeting via zoom. Guide Nathan Wray shared an on-screen presentation followed by questions from the membership. Thanks to Mike, David and Tim for coordinating the presentation. We look forward to meeting again in person, but in the meantime, this was a welcomed diversion from videos and Netflix.

Nathan Wray, Mammothflyguide.com

Guiding for 12 years, the last six out of Mammoth Lakes and Hot Creek Ranch, a former employee at the Troutfitter. Lives in Bishop.

Notes from the presentation:

To get the big ones, you must hike four miles or more to high altitude lakes, or use a pack outfit.

"Ice out" is prime time and usually lasts about 3-4 weeks in spring. It's weather dependent, so you can't go strictly by the calendar. Fish typically run 12" to 20" and preparing to spawn.

Ideal conditions are clear, windless days that allow for "hunting" the fish, scanning left to right. The water is often very clear, up to 70 feet visibility.

Slow cruisers are the most hungry, fast cruisers are difficult to attract, and fast movers are not interested in the fly at all. Schools of up to 50 fish are hungry and aggressive.

A typical rig would be 5wt rod, floating line with six foot leader and three feet of 5x floro tippet, casting an orange and green wooly buggie, size 10-12, with small shot, no bead head, or green scud, size 18, or combination. Strip set is mandatory. Lots of roll casting if the wind comes up.

Stealth is important, usually from shore without waders, but if you have them at some lakes it is a great advantage.

"I specialize in guiding all aspects of catch and release fly fishing from children, couples, and families to beginners, experts and large groups. I am also one of the only guides in the Mammoth Lakes area that offers guided backcountry and overnight fly fishing trips."



Happenings

SDFP Club Trip - The Clark Fork Outpost on the Clark Fork River September 3rd – 7th, 2020

Hola Anglers. Assuming we are clear of the world's current virus issues, the club will be headed back to Montana! Please consider joining me, Tim Huckaby, and a bunch of other fun club members for the fly fishing trip of a lifetime...again. This one is a bucket-lister...again.... a few of us have already checked this off the bucket list. Working with lodge owner Mike Hillygus, now a long-time friend of the club and multiple time donator to the annual fundraiser, we have picked the exact week of the year that this remote stretch on the Clark Fork River typically fishes its best. Yes, that means unless you want to target that big 32" brown with a streamer we will most likely be dry fly fishing the entire time. Nymphing means ridiculous results. Big Fish: West Slope Cutthroats, Rainbows, Browns and even Bull Trout! Mike from the Clark Fork River Outpost is giving us \$550 off normal prices.



Trip Details:

September 3rd to 7th, 2020

2 travel days (plenty of DIY fishing opportunity or simply relaxing with a high-end cocktail and appetizers)

3 full guided days in drift boats in between the travel days. 2 anglers per drift boat

Pre-arranged float plan with rotation of the guides and fishing partners (unless you have a buddy you want to fish with all 3 days).

4 nights at the Clark Fork Outpost right on the Clark Fork River ~60 miles north and downstream from Missoula in the middle of the wilderness (Closest City: St. Regis, MT).

3 full guided days of fishing on the world-famous Clark Fork River in drift boats with the Missoula area's best fishing guides.

Gourmet / high end meals, wines and liquor

\$1950 (\$550 off regular price; ½ the price of the high-end MT lodges). MT regulates guides fees.

I believe it's \$550 /day, but many guides charge more. So, we are getting a sweet deal.

Transfer to and from the Missoula airport is included

Not included: getting to Missoula, Guide Tips, MT fishing License

Maximum of 14 people (fyi, we had a waiting list last year)

Lodge details here: <http://stillwaterriveroutpost.com/clark-fork-outpost>

If interested, please send me an email: TimH@InterKnowlogy.com and I'll get you on "the list". I have a handful of you on the list already. Because we are most likely looking at quarantine for a good part of the Spring at least, we won't consider doing the 50% deposit thing until the summer timeframe, earliest.

Happenings

Fly Fishing the Upper Kern River... by way of backpacking the Forks of the Kern Trailhead

I would like to gauge interest in a potential club trip to "The Forks". A handful of SDFP club members have joined me in 2 and 3 nighters in the wilderness at "the forks" over the years to this special fly-fishing paradise. I have always promised to do the planning for a club trip. On the assumption the world is free of its current virus issues, I'd like to gauge interest.

This is a backpacking trip. I backpack as a means to an end: Fly fishing. I don't hike for the sake of hiking. Backpacking is physical; this trail is physical (although rated as "medium"). It is a reverse hike (you hike in heavy with food and adult beverages down 1000 feet into the canyon and hike out lighter). It's not in significant altitude (less than 4,000 ft), but the hike out can be tough if you are not fit and/or if it's hot. If you want to learn more about the location: the trailhead crosses the Little Kern River just above the confluence of the Little Kern and the Main fork of the Kern River. It's about an hour north of the little town of Kernville, CA.



There is also tons of information and guidance and stories about the forks on my site at www.TimHuckaby.com

So, if interested please email me at: TimHuck@InterKnowlogy.com We'll work on dates later. Because of the below average snowpack year we'll be able to get in there and get lower flows conducive to great fishing between mid-July and mid-November.

San Juan River Trip (not a club sponsored event)

I have reserved a fully furnished 5 bedroom house that has river access in Navaho Dam for the week of October 11-16 2020 (6 nights). I have two bedrooms open for anyone interested in joining us for a week of fun and fishing. Each bedroom has a king bed and private bathroom. This is not an official sponsored club trip, so anyone is welcome. The cost is \$350 for each room. The San Juan is a wonderful tail water with over 7000 fish per mile and most in the 18"-20" size. Most of the river is very wadable, but if you want to drift it there are guides available.

**Let me know if you are interested and I can provide more details.
Email: bdb114@cox.net. Cell # 858-449-0056.**

Thanks,

Bruce Bechard

Feature Article

Upper Kern River – Johnsondale Bridge Trail

"We all caught fish all day long and I mostly fished dries. It was a great day."

April 3-5, 2020.

Well, the COVID-19 work at home thing is killing me. Let's just say in addition to the stir crazy, I was stepping all over my wife's toes. I travel a lot in my job and have for over 20 years. So, because I have been home fulltime for weeks, my lovely bride of 31 years is ready to kill me. My wife is not used to me in her castle.

As for the stir crazy... well, it boiled over last week for me. Being home 24/7 for a guy that constantly travels in his job and loves talking in person to engineers... I couldn't take it anymore.

So, I backpacked the Johnsondale Bridge (JBD) trail and camped for two nights on the upper Kern. I called the Western Divide Ranger district before going and short of verifying my 2020 CA fire permit and the social distancing advice I got, they were totally supportive. The JBD trailhead is about 20 miles downriver of the forks trail crossing of the little Kern River above the confluence of the Little Kern River and the main fork of the Kern. The JBD trail has a lot easier access right on mountain road 99 just 15 miles north of Kernville.

I really wasn't worried about social distancing on that trail. And I was right. I hardly saw any humans for three straight days. The best thing about this trip, though, was meeting up with a couple young fly fisherman who found me through this site.



These two, Jason Headley and Joey Castellanos are over 20 years younger than I am. And because of meeting them I am no longer convinced the generation below me is doomed and going to destroy the world because of their lack of interest and experience and knowledge of the wilderness. Because of these two, I have hope for humanity after I'm long gone. I'm used to teaching kids about the wilderness. These guys taught me things! Do you know how to identify a Jeffrey Pine and that it smells like vanilla? I do now thanks to them... and now I am motivated and have already started learning about the native pine trees of the Sierra Nevada mountain range of California. These guys' joy of wilderness, and their joy of the fly-fishing experience and their positive attitudes was intoxicating. It made me rethink the way I have taken some of the fly-fishing experience for granted. We texted on my way up so I knew they had a

couple hours of start on me. For some reason, I was skeptical I'd actually run into them while hiking. The trail is rugged, wild and gets away from the river in spots. But without seeing a single soul I ran into them in a primitive site right off the trail just 2.5 miles upriver.

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I initiated the discussion about the virus immediately. I'm a traveler and have been in airplanes just four weeks ago. So, with social distancing in mind we agreed to camp next to each other, but, 150 feet apart. Clearly you cannot get close fly fishing together. On the trail we kept the proper distance and even at the campfire we were separated appropriately. We did the cleanse hands thing with any food we shared.

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Interestingly enough, I had only backpacked and camped on the JDB trail once before. A few years back. It was the first time I ever backpacked alone. And this was the exact same primitive spot. I knew the run in front of it was a great spot to fish. But, I didn't want to get any expectations up with Jason and Joey because I wasn't so sure the river would fish well so early in the season. So, we started to set up camp, geared up and commenced to fish right in front of the site. I hooked up on a dry fly on my second cast....hmmm... we continued to hammer the stretch of river right in front of the site and we all did well. Hmmm....

We leap frogged each other for the rest of the day. I tend to move quickly... to my discredit.... I'll do about a max of 20 drifts and move. So I got way ahead of Jason and Joey at times. Not a problem. I just didn't want to worry them. We did well that first day. By the end of the day I reflected that I fished dry flies all day long. There never was a reason to switch to nymphing. There were bugs and rises all day long. Caddis first, then a pretty epic mayfly hatch. Midges were around all day. There were scattered huge (like size 14) mayflies that appeared to be drakes. Those Kern River rainbows really keyed on them. I did not have anything to match that big bug and it really didn't matter. My hook to land ratio at the end of the day was pretty bad. In the Upper Kern I am happy with a 50/50. That was not the case this day. I hooked a lot of fish. I only



landed very few. Tiny barbless dries and those native and wild Kern River rainbows are just a bad combo for landing even for the experienced. No big deal with me. I want them to shake off at my feet and not have to touch them anyways.

So, we got back to camp by nightfall, and it got cold quickly. The campfire helped. We feasted on fresh food. I hiked in a pork steak and they had a deer tenderloin. After eating plus of few sips of JD, I was exhausted so I hit the sleeping bag early like usual. I woke up a number of times during the night like usual. My broken down old body just doesn't relieve me of pain when I sleep on the ground. So, I knew it got cold. I just didn't realize how cold. In the morning there were icicles on my sun shower.

Day 2, Saturday.

This was going to be a big day. A full day of fishing. I suggested to the guys that we hike to where we stopped fishing the day before and start fishing up



stream from there. They loved that idea.

By the end of the day we made it so far...so many miles upriver....to places I have never been before. In staring at what my Garmin InReach 66i tracked me doing it looks like we made is almost 6 miles upriver from the JDB. Amazingly beautiful stretches of river. What is tantalizing is that the trail goes 11 miles.

We all caught fish all day long and I mostly fished dries. It was a great day. Very physical. 25,000+ steps; many of which were climbing or fighting current. We ate and the guys hiked out at sundown. I was on my own now. After warming up to the fire I put it out, then hit the sack early. It didn't seem as cold. At 2am I figured out why. It started raining. There's nothing worse than camping in the rain. By the time I got out of the sack in the morning it was still drizzling. This put the kabosh on another day of fishing. I just wasn't up for 40 degrees and raining knowing that would have squashed the hatches. Still happy, I packed up camp first thing in the morning and hiked out in the light rain. Then drove home, plowing through LA with zero

Feature Article, cont.

It wasn't excellent or great fishing, but it was good. I fished dry 90 percent of the time and hooked a lot of fish. When I did switch to nymphing, twice, I immediately stopped because the rises started again. I tried a streamer once for 10 minutes in a deep pool and failed. I switched back to dries and had success in the very same pool. There were really good mayfly hatches in the afternoons; midges all day. Even 7am rises. Really fun. I will now plan at least one trip up the JDB trail each spring before runoff forever. The key is hiking in as far as possible up stream. The River has already started its runoff period so my next chance in there will be on the forks trail mid-summer when it gets back under 500 CFS.

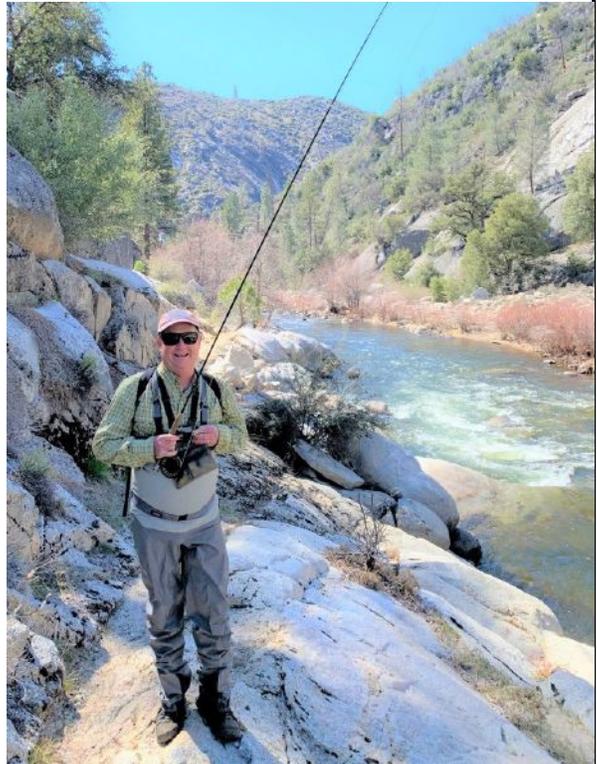
Here is the current river conditions as of this writing (April, 2020):

<https://www.dreamflows.com/graphs/yir.681.php>

Notice how the river is way way under the beginning of runoff even in the drought years. Since we had a normal snowpack year that tells me we are going to get a herculean jump in river flow in May which will provide very dangerous conditions. They call it the Killer Kern for a reason. I always wonder if the river can get to 20,000 CFS putting the bridge in Kernville in jeopardy. I'll be watching that river like a hawk...and dreaming of getting back in there in the summer.

This article was lifted from:

<https://fly-fishing-blog.timhuckaby.com/>



Planned Trips 2020

Here are the outings planned for the coming year.

Future trips are subject to postponement based on current restrictions, but we will keep the list posted and hope for the best.

~~June 6-14 — Estero Coyote Baja Trip~~

June 20 – Saturday : Shorepounders – North Torrey Pines State Beach for Corbina & Surf Perch

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

August 22 – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Shelter Island Launch, on Rising Tide

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

October 17 – Saturday : Tube/Kayak – Tidelands Park for Spotted Bass & Halibut

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 **Kai Schumann** or look for details in the Indicator. Questions? Contact us at outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com



SDFF Women's Program

More information about future events as they become available. It will be posted here and on Facebook and the Indicator.

Contact Sherry Ashbaugh, [Women's Program](#)



Fly of the Month

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

Willies Small Hopper



Super simple, very effective. Small hoppers pervade many areas and we might as well feed them what they like.

Hook:	Daiichi 1180 #10 or similar
Thread:	UTC 140 Rusty Brown
Entire Body:	2mm Craft Foam Tan
Under Wing:	Antron Yarn in Tan
Over Wing:	Turkey Feather
Legs:	Medium Tan Round Rubber Legs
Cement:	Super Glue

Cut the 2mm thick foam to 3/16" wide. Wrap the shank of the hook from the eye to the bend and back forward 1/3 of the way forward, Place a slight amount of super glue there. Round the end of the foam and place the rounded end even with the bend of the hook and secure with a smear of superglue and a couple of wraps of thread then move the thread forward to the two thirds forward spot and add a slight amount of superglue make a couple of wraps of thread to secure. Tie in the Antron yarn and let extend beyond the bend 1/8". Spray a fixative or Dave's Flex-a-ment, or Sally Hansen's hard as nails on the backside of a turkey feather and let dry. Cut from the turkey feather a section with the grain of the barbules 3/16" wide and round the butt end and tie it in with the butt facing rearward just extending beyond the foam. Strip a pair of round rubber legs from the multiple section they come in, tie a knot in one end about 1/4" from one end or cut it to size, smear a slight amount of superglue on the knot to keep it secure, tie it in with the knot to the rear and facing downward, the leg should extend about even with the Antron and the front legs cut to about the same length. Fold the foam back on it's self to form a bullet head and secure with a couple of wraps then smear a slight amount of superglue on your thread and make a couple more wraps and your done. cut the thread and go fishing. You won't be disappointed.

Tight Lines All,
John

For more information contact [Lucky Ketcham](#)

Rod Building

Stay tuned for when classes will resume. Space will be limited to ensure quality time for each student. Dates will be announced in the Finny Facts.



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.

....."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".

Casting Corner

San Diego Fly Fishers Casting Program 2020

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 SDFP 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.

Times and dates to be announced.

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

Lake Murray

No Cost

Intermediate Casting Skills (two sessions)

Focus is on Fly line Control, Loop Control, Accuracy and Presentation Casts

Mission Bay/Ski Beach

Cost \$20

Limit to 20

Advanced Casting (2 two sessions)

Learn/Review the Double Haul and casting for distance

Mission Beach/Ski Beach

Limit to 10

Cost \$10

Conservation & Education

From Gary Strawn, the Conservation Chair:

We have been busy spending your money! Each year we budget thousands of dollars to various conservation and education organizations, focusing on those in our region. This year, with so many local non-profits struggling, Mike Gilroy suggested that we send our donations early while it is most needed. The Board approved and we have sent out the following donations:

\$1,000	San Diego River Park Foundation, for water monitoring
\$1,000	Cal Trout, South Coast Steelhead Recovery Project
\$500	Hubbs Sea World Research Institute, halibut restoration project
\$500	Trout Unlimited, steelhead restoration
\$1,000	Lake Cuyamaca Foundation, trout hatchery project
\$1,000	Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista
\$500	Native Fish Society, Eel River project
\$1,250	San Diego State University Foundation, hydrologic study of Casa Vieja Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness



Thanks to your generous support of our fundraising event last June, we are still well within our budget and can still cover the expected expenses for Golden Trout and Trout in the Classroom later this year. Speaking of Golden Trout and Trout in the Classroom, those two major conservation and education projects are on hold. I expect both projects will resume by fall, but our June Golden Trout trip is in jeopardy. I'm in contact with Inyo National Forest rangers and hope to kluge together a small trip to at least protect the upper meadow before the cattle arrive.

If you are interested but not sure if you are on my email list, please email me at: conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com



Due to current restrictions, program is dark through July 1st

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 when available to include an evening tying session.

Fly Casting

Where: Santee lakes, Santee CA

When: third Saturday at 9 AM



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 an national and regional level.

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

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

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



Membership

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 SDFP Meeting

SDFP has four membership levels

Individual.....\$40

Family.....\$50

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

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

Renew your membership (or your family's). It's simple.

1. On-line at sandiegoflyfishers.com then follow the instructions.

2. A check by mail to:

San Diego Fly Fishers,
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd. #327
San Diego, CA 92124

3. In Person at the next club meeting.

Thank you,

Alan Thompson

Membership



Volunteers are needed

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 your 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: [Sherry Ashbaugh](#)

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.

- ◆ Day at the Docks, we need volunteers April 19.

Please contact [Jim Castelluzzo](#)

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: [Lee McElravy](#) to learn how you can contribute

Women's Program

- ◆ Please contact [Sherry Ashbaugh](#) for information and way to get involved

Fishing!

Photos from the SDFF Facebook page



Raines



Cole



Mike "The Kid" Gilroy

Once again it's the next generation that's leading the way on the bay!



Alex

Guides and Resources

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Guides

Eastern Sierra's

[Sierra Drifters](#)

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[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](#)

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Fly Fishing Equipment

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[Flies by Favorite](#)

River Flows and Reports

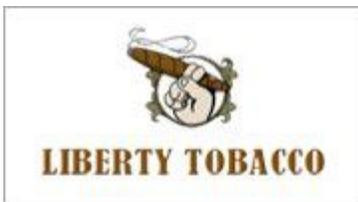
[Dreamflows](#)

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

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