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July Speaker

From Panfish to Roosterfish

Our speaker for the July gathering of the San Diego Fly Fishers will be **Ken Hanley** author of *Fly Fishing Afoot in the Surf Zone*, *Fly Fishing Afoot for Western Bass*, and *Mexico: Blue Ribbon Fly Fishing Guide*.

Although Ken is from the San Francisco Bay area, he has fished extensively around the world: Asia, Mexico, New Zealand, North America, and Europe. Since 1970, he has been actively teaching students in varied programs in the field and on the water for panfish to roosterfish. He's caught over 90 different species of fresh and saltwater gamefish. His popular instructional video is titled "Coastal Fly Fishing with Ken Hanley & Friends".

Ken is a founding member of the Pacific Pro Surf Association. 

REMINDER

Volunteer hosts for the
July meeting
(report at 6:15 PM):

**Lee Anderson and
Howard Knop**

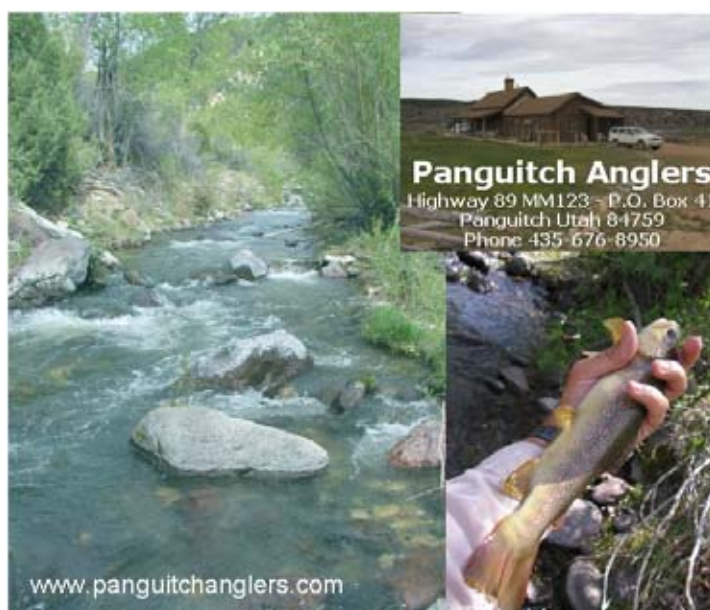
Thank you, Mona Morebello

Pristine South West Utah

by George Kovacevic

Southern Utah seemed an interesting place to fish. "Low pressure and remote fishing areas", so the TV program said. An alternative location to our wonderful Sierras that was still relatively close. Boy, did we find a GEM.

Richard and I found Panguitch Anglers Fly Fishing Shop & Inn, close to Bryce Canyon, on the Internet. A quick e-mail to Vince & Bobbi and everything was set for a long weekend in May.



We arrived late Thursday night, 10:30pm, after a nine-hour drive with breaks. We were greeted on arrival by Sage, one of two very friendly Border Collies that love visitors. A few minutes later, out came Vince and Bobbi to welcome us to Southwestern Utah. They had prepared a nice letter with instructions on where to fish and had our Utah fishing licenses all in our room ready because we were due in

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, July 12th, 2004

7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School
4690 Limerick Ave.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JULY 2004

I want to start by saying thanks to everyone for another successful annual raffle. We raised about \$5,200 after expenses. These funds will be used to support the clubs educational and conservation efforts. The raffle takes a lot of work and excellent organizational skills. A special thanks to **Jim Tenuto** and **Jim Reeg** for leading

the raffle committee and for getting things organized. Others who helped include; **Warren Lou, Jim Castelluzzo, Sam and Mona Morebello, Louie and Gordie Zimm** and **Lee McElvary**. Of course no raffle would be complete without **Bill Stroud** as MC and

Eileen Stroud on the ticket drum. Let's not forget the many members who made donations of raffle items including some nice gift certificates. Thanks to them all. And thanks to everyone who bought tickets. Sure some of us are lucky enough to take home a great prize, but at the end of the night, most of us have just helped the club raise funds for conservation and education. Our efforts support others who are helping our sport or educating the next generation of fly fishers.

Yes, the raffle is work, but very rewarding work. You spend some time working with and getting to know your fellow club members. When the call for committee members comes next year, please raise your hand. You will not regret it.

Thank you notes received and sent:

We received a very nice thank you letter from Abraxas High School for the donation made to their fishing



GEORGE GATES

program by the club and several of our members. We also received a nice note from the San Diego River Park Foundation for the clubs participation in their annual San Diego River Day. Thanks to **Gary Strawn** for organizing our participation.

I had the opportunity two send thank you notes to the widows of two of our former members, **Beldon Rau** and **Bill Dejaka**. Mrs. Dejaka made a nice cash contribution to the club in memory of Bill. Mrs. Rau donated Beldon's equipment to the club for fund raising. We share in their loss and appreciate their generosity.

Changing the subject from doing good deeds, how about letting us know about your fishing trips. It is always great to hear about a new location or a particularly memorable trip. You can never tell where these articles may show up. On a recent trip to Lynchburg Tennessee, yes, the home of Jack Daniels for those of you in the know, I noticed a fly shop among all the little gift shops. An oasis in a desert of trinkets. I could not resist. To my surprise, a picture of our own **Gary Strawn** and an article he had written for *FINNY FACTS* (October 2002) was on display. So when you write your story for *FINNY FACTS*, be sure to send it to any shop or guide you write about, they really do appreciate your effort.

Ken Hanley, our July speaker, has not been to visit us for several years. Yes, he is more famous than when he last visited but that is not the reason to see Ken in July. You want to see Ken because he does a wonderfully entertaining and educational program. This is one you definantly don't want to miss. Hope to see you at the meeting.

July Weekend Fishing Trip

David Collins has made the use of his house at Lake Isabella available to the Club the weekend of July 16-17-18. He can sleep three for a maintenance fee of \$20.00 per night.

I have the keys to my sons two bedroom house trailer which can also sleep three. We can fish the lake and the Kern River.

My telephone number is:

My e-mail is:

Dick Mount



Whirling Disease, A Brief Review

Whirling Disease (W. D.

hereafter) has been known since 1890 in Germany and was reported by Bruno Höfer in 1903 from a brown trout fish farm. Also, it was reported from various places, including Denmark and Southern Finland

in 1957 and Italy in 1850 and Leningrad, Russia in 1952 and spread from there to Abkhazjan district in 1954 and the Black River in 1957. Luvenga River (Tributary to White Sea, Sakhalin Islands, in 1939; South Central Russia 1964 and the Black Sea region in 1964. It spread rapidly throughout the trout areas of Europe between 1954 and 1971 and was found in Cape Province, South Africa, and in Morocco, North Africa in 1970.

In the U. S. in 1956, it was found in Benner Springs Fishery Research Station in Pennsylvania and in various Fish Hatcheries from Connecticut by 1961 and Virginia in 1955, California in 1965, and Nevada in 1966, New Jersey and Massachusetts in 1966, West Virginia, Michigan and Ohio in 1968. Most occurrences were in Hatcheries, negligibly on wild brown



BOB WISNER

trout. In the Sakhalin Islands, there appears to be an enzootic form of parasitism with a wide distribution in early 1950, not only wild trout but Pacific salmon were infected, enhancing the likelihood of disseminating spores (Bogdanova, 1960, 1966 and 1967).

WD was not found in Korea in 1962 or in Japan in 1976, but preventive measurements were initiated anyway (Halliday, 1975). Subsequent detection of WD has not been confirmed in Japan (Egusa, 1992). Similarly, reports of clinical WD from several localities in South American were not confirmed and reports of WD in Venezuela in error, although reports continued to report rainbow trout showing symptoms of WD and also reports of WD from Colombia, Ecuador, and Chile.

By way of brief review, Whirling Disease (WD) has been known since 1890 in Germany and was reported by Bruno Höfer in 1903, and was reported in fish from Denmark and Southern Finland in 1957, and Italy in 1950 and Russia (Leningrad) in 1952 and spread there to Abkhazjan district in 1954, Black River 1957, Luvenga

River (Tributary to the White Sea) Sakhalin Islands 1959, south central Russian Sea (Lake Issyk-Kul, south-central Russia 1964 and Black Sea region). It spread rapidly through the trout area of Europe between 1954 and 1971; and Cape Province South Africa, Morocco in North Africa in 1970.

Basically, WD was spread by commercial plantings or by failure to adequately clean boots, waders, or any gear used by wading fisherman as with New Zealand mud snail, the spore is very small so that it is very difficult to see and it must be closely checked. As with the spores may be easily overlooked, if few spores missed, many years of effort are lost.

We may have to fish for different species that are not susceptible to WD or hang up the gear, although the western trout are infected and many young, mostly rainbow, were lost to WD, those that were infected but grew to survive but not to reproduce. Many young did not survive but young of brown trout and others did survive except for the fisherman to work with something else. Fisherman may merely fish for what is left taking sports in surviving brown trout and survivors of infected WD. Europe has done it for many years and no doubt we will do the same.



San Diego River Day

SDFF had a great turn out of volunteers to support the San Diego River Park

Foundation's first annual San Diego River Day, Saturday May 22. The purpose was to raise awareness of the San Diego River as an environmental and recreational asset. Although, we had almost as many

volunteers as we did "customers", many of the people that stopped by were very interested. Most had not been aware that the river ran through the park, let alone that there were fish in it. We shared our booth with three scientists from the San Diego Stream Team, who educated us all on the



GARY STRAWN

various sampling techniques used to monitor the health of San Diego County streams. Counting and classifying "benthic macro-invertebrates" became a topic of great interest, when we learned that they were talking about mayfly, caddis and damsel fly nymphs. Art Dilly and Art



Fly Fishing on the San Diego River

Reifman helped man the table and handed out information on the River Park Foundation and river conservation packets (with free toothpaste) from "Tom's of Maine". Paul Woolery provided the cover and tables, which he helped man, while he demonstrated his fly tying skills.



Paul, Art, and Art join Juliette, Lisa, and Rob from the San Diego Stream Team

Kim Jones, Don Smith, Jim Castelluzzo and his son, and I went fishing. My stepson, Mike Caleca, proved there are bass in the River catching six bass on rubber worms, while we helped a half dozen little kids fish for the first time. Kim Jones saved face for us fly fishers by catching two sunfish and a nice bass (see picture). Warren Lew stopped by and took some of these pictures while he tried to help me find fish. He stayed to help us pick up several full bags of trash and more than 100 pounds of large items (rafts, plastic swimming pools and etc) out of the river. It was a great day!

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FLY OF THE MONTH

PARACHUTE ADAMS

Hook: 900BL sizes 12 - 20
Thread: Gray 8/0 or 6/0
Wing: Poly yarn - white or light gray
Tail: Grizzly and brown (I use grizzly variant)
Body: Gray dubbing (muskrat or antron)
Hackle: Grizzly and brown (I use one feather grizzly variant)



1. Place the hook in the vice and wrap a layer of thread over the shank from an eyes width behind the eye to the bend.
2. Cut a short strip, about 2 inches, of poly yarn. Separate the yarn so that you end up with a piece approximately the thickness of a wood match stick (no more). Move the thread to about the $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ point behind the eye. Attach the yarn to the shank by placing it under the shank and then bringing both ends up on either side of the shank. Hold the yarn up with your left hand and secure it to the shank with your right hand. The thread should be wrapped in a criss-crossing manner under the yarn. Now pull the two ends of yarn together and wrap the tying thread around the yarn next to the shank. Start next to the shank and wrap up the yarn in close turns to a point about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. above the shank and then wrap back down to the shank. Now you have a wing and a post for attaching the parachute hackle.
3. Select a few grizzly and brown feather fibers and tie them on behind the post. Wrapping them securely back to the bend of the hook. The tail should extend the length of the shank beyond the bend.
4. Wrap a sparse body from the bend forward to the post and make a few wraps of dubbing in front of the post.
5. Select hackle one brown and one grizzly one size larger that you would normally use for the hook size. (If you are tying on a size 16 hook use a size 14 for the parachute hackle) I use variant color hackle so I do not use two hackle feathers. Tie the hackle feathers on at the bottom of the post and wrap it up the post with the wrapping thread. Make sure the parachute hackles are tied on with the convex or shiny side up. Wrap the hackles around the post starting at the top of the post and wrap down to the bottom of the post. Each wrap should be under the previous wrap. Tie it off in front of the post. Add a bit of dubbing in front of the post if needed and make a neat thread head. Whip finish.

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San Diego River Day

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Please stay tuned for more information on the San Diego River Park project. Rob Hutsel, Technical Director of the San Diego River Park Foundation will be presenting their plans at our September 6 meeting, representatives from the San Diego Stream Team will also be there to discuss their projects. 🌿



FLY OF THE MONTH

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If you would like some instructions in tying this very productive dry fly I suggest you attend one of the Thursday evening Tying Congresses and we will be glad to help you.

Below you will find the Official Rules for a **Fly-Tying Contest**. If you would be interested in participating in such a contest please call Tom Smith or Bob Miller. If there is enough interest we will consider trying it.

1. Contest open to members only
2. Each month there would be a specific pattern to tie for the contest.
3. There would be three levels of expertise - beginner, intermediate and advanced.
4. You could enter at the level of your choice. You could not change levels from month to month.
5. If you were to win three monthly contests you would be promoted to the next higher level.
6. You may enter as many flies as you choose, however, there would be a charge of \$1.00 per fly.
7. The \$1.00 per fly fee would be used as prizes for the contest winners or donated to San Diego Flyfishers

The winning flies would be kept for the annual raffle and the remaining flies would be used for the monthly drawing.

Please let us know if you would be interested.

FREE CASTING LESSONS EVERY SUNDAY 9 AM--NOON

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at Lake Murray to cast or improve your skills. Free instruction is available.

Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors.

DIRECTIONS--

Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Boulevard. Go north on Lake Murray Boulevard to Kiowa Drive.

Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That's our bunch.



Pristine South West Utah

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late and wanted to fish early. Now that's service! We talked with them until around midnight, getting all the good information on fishing the East Sevier River. Information that really paid off the next day.

We had opted for the "Ranch Room", a large main room with two beds, big bathroom, small refrigerator, microwave, coffer maker, satellite TV, complete with muffins for a late night snack, all at a very reasonable rate. Not only that, but our room had a door that led directly into the amply stocked fly shop. Now how close to nirvana do you want to get? They also have a beautiful, completely remodeled early 1900's farmhouse to stay in. The house has one bedroom with private bath, a full kitchen and living room downstairs and two bedrooms with private baths upstairs.

For the next three days our routine was similar: Get up about 6:30am, throw the ball for Sage about 20 times, and head off to the fishing location. Fish until we were tired and had lost count of the number of fish we had caught (20+ each, each day). Enjoy the solitude and scenery. We never saw another soul on any of the rivers. Returning to our home away from home to debrief and tell the fish stories, restock on flies, and plan the following days expedition and... throw the ball for Sage about 20 times. Fly-fish the well-stocked pond (~2 acres)

until dusk when swallows skim the pond and the bats overhead try to sort out the flight of our flies. Drive ~8 miles to the many local restaurants. Report back to our controls in San Diego, and then to our comfortable beds.

We fished three very picturesque and productive waters, East Fork of the Sevier River, Antimony Creek, and Panguitch Creek.

The East Fork is a beautiful meandering brook in a big open meadow that is miles long. Between the two of us we caught and released over 70 fish. This included Rainbow, Brown, Brook and Cutthroat Trout. Stealth is in order on this river and Hoppers were the hottest choice on the menu. What a day!!

Antimony creek is the opposite of the East Fork. It is a perfect white water creek in a beautiful canyon. Wading up the stream is the best, and sometimes the only approach. Here our fish count was down though, only about 50 fish between us!! The fish were running in the 10 to 14 inch range here with one at 15 inches, the largest trout Richard ever caught in a stream. Bring plenty of Irresistibles as the tree trout rise to this fly also. Your shortest rod 3 wt is best, 7'-8'.

Panguitch creek is another mountain stream in a beautiful canyon once you get past the bull (suggest you leave the

red shirt at home). This stream was easier to fish as it had a trail that crisscrossed the stream with lots of nice holes and pockets. Fishing was slow till we changed over to a Hopper, then the fun began. We caught around 40 fish, mostly in the 10 to 14 inch range.

There are many things that make a trip special. On this trip, it was the great fishing in a beautiful setting, but what gave it that extra something was our hosts, Vince and Bobbi. We could tell that making our stay a great experience was their goal. They found out what type of fishing we liked, and put us onto those places. We honestly felt welcome like friends instead of paying guests at their Inn. Both Vince and Bobbi fly-fish, so you can see where their emphasis is.

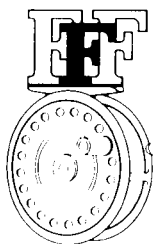
Now keep this gem of a find to yourself and don't tell anyone. As for us, we are planning when we can go back.

As a side note I have just returned from a Yellowstone trip and stopped off at Antimony Creek, only 34 fish in 5 hours, the biggest being 14". Good old irresistible.

George Kovacevic

Richard Strobel





From the FFF Clubwire News

By G.P. Thurlow April 2004 Clubwire

Am I a Real Fisherman?

Returning through the office lobby with my fly rod, I am always asked for the score—"Catch anything?" The implication is that catching is what separates real fisherman from the daydreamers who flail a stick overhead while trying to avoid the passing hook. I wonder—what is a real fisherman? Do I fish enough and catch enough fish to qualify? Or is there some other magic measurement of a real fisherman—like, fish caught per hour spent.

Fishing is the act of seeking an elusive quarry. You don't have to catch fish to be fishing, since even the best efforts do not always generate bites. Sometimes the satisfaction of knowing you

have chosen the right piece of water, the correct rod, the right size, color, and type of fly has to be enough. No points are awarded for color coordination of hat, shirt, vest, sunglasses strap, and the thread on a custom rod. Points are only awarded for seeking.

If fishing is the act of seeking, where does prep time fall? I am constantly tying flies, building rods, reading and scheming about fishing. Most of this activity will help me when I am on the water—but involve neither seeking nor catching. By reading about habitat, biology, travel adventures, or how to catch the quarry, I am increasing my knowledge and chances of catching

fish on my next trip.

There is no magic measurement of being a fisherman—being a fisherman is not an act it's making a connection. A real fisherman has a sporting attitude and the ability to connect with fish, people, places and nature. Activities that build an understanding and knowledge of that connection build real fisherman. For me, it is the preparation time of fly tying, rod building, or reading about the quarry. However, there is no substitute for time spent on the water and yelling "fish-on, Capt'n" even if it is just another four inch bream on the office pond. So get out there while you still can!



Techniques for Better Knots - from the Cordes, LaFontaine, Bradshaw *Pocket Guide to Fly Fishing Knots*

This and many other Pocket Guides are available FREE with a new FFF membership! See www.fedflyfishers.org for more details.

1. Before snugging the knot tight, moisten it with saliva or water. This will cause it to seat more tightly.
2. For knots in stiff or heavy material, have a pair of pliers handy to snug the knot tight.
3. When the knot is properly snugged, trim the tag end close to the knot.
4. With tippet materials don't assume that the nylon of one brand is the same as the nylon of another brand without testing the materials first. If in doubt, stick with one brand for all your tippet material this is especially true for knots joining widely dissimilar diameters of leader material.
5. Do not attempt to create a burr in the tag end with heat. This can weaken the knot and damage the line or leader.
6. To straighten a leader, pull the leader taut and stroke it with your hand until it warms, then keep it taut until it cools.
7. To straighten a line, stretch it tight for 20 or 30 seconds.



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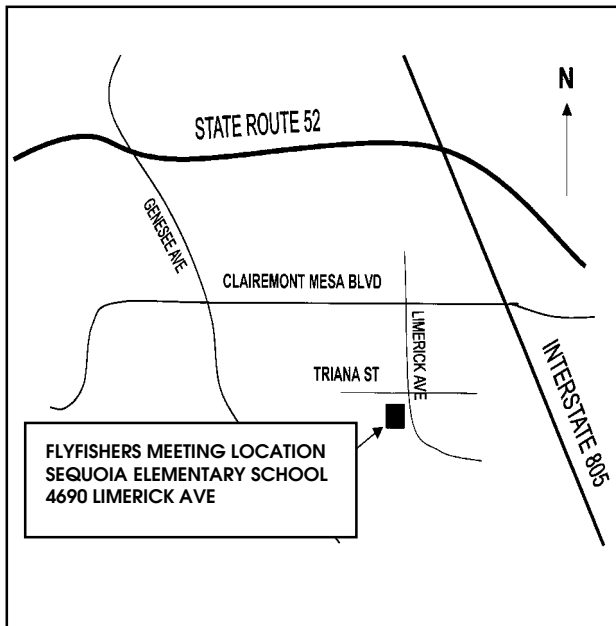
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