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January Meeting

Annual Stroud Banquet Time

Yes it's that time of year again when we honor those who have contributed to the San Diego Fly Fishers Club as well as the flyfishing community in general

Along with the many beautiful fly plates that will be awarded there is the Gordon Foster Memorial Award and the coveted Stroud Award.

Hope to see all of you at this annual gala event at the Admiral Baker Golf Course Clubhouse on January 7th.

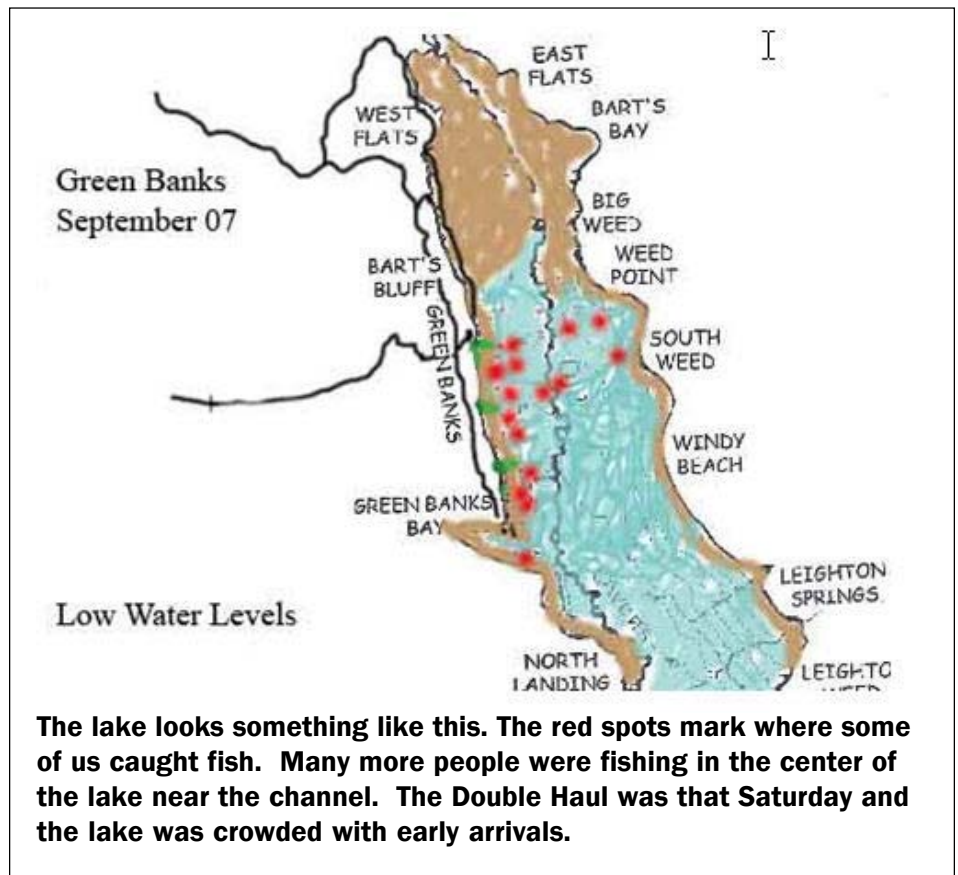
Happy New Year

Here is a trip report from our own Lucky Ketcham on an Eastern Sierra fishing outing conducted on September 9-16, 2007.

SDDF Mammoth Trip

September 9 to 16, 2007, Sunflower Condos, Mammoth

The Woolery summary report by Lucky Ketcham



There has been a 3 month drought in the eastern Sierras and I think it has impacted the fishing. The low and dry streams forced people to over-fish some of the lakes. We spent many

hours kicking around on our favorite lakes like Sotcher and Mary without the usual tugs, bumps and runs.

Many of our group had luck catching

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JANUARY 2008

Thank you all!

It has been a good year as president of the San Diego Fly Fishers. I specifically want to thank our Board of Directors for all their help. Whenever there was a need, someone stepped forward. **Jim Tenuto** did a great job on the Annual Raffle, **Wayne Allen** kept our finances straight, **Lucky Ketcham** did a lot of work building our membership rolls, **Lee McElravy** planned the monthly programs, **Al Venton** and **Jon Hee** straightened out our lease with the school district and our liability insurance and most especially, our secretary **Paul Woolery** kept us all organized and on track. Without his help and reminders, many things would not have been done properly. All of the Board members helped in some special way.

For those of you that missed our December meeting, it was special.

Lisa Sims from the Inyo National Forest taught us a lot about how our mountain streams are being maintained. There were also a lot of questions from

our members about how we can help. That told me I have not done a good job of advertising how the Club has been involved.

In 2007 San Diego Fly Fishers contributed a lot of our raffle proceeds to Golden Trout Wilderness and Eastern Sierra projects. \$1,000 was donated via Cal Trout and

T.U.'s California office. \$500 went directly to Tom Loe's Lake Crowley project and \$672.89 bought fencing materials and tools to repair the cattle exclusion fences in Inyo National Forest's impacted fish habitats. We have donated an additional \$750 to support local water and fisheries conservation efforts, and \$500 to support the children's fishing program at Chollas Lake. Many of our club members have also done volunteer work on those projects. We should all be proud of contributions our Club is

making, and remember that, next summer, when it is time to participate in our Annual Raffle.

In 2008 I plan to concentrate more on our Club's conservation efforts. I hope to rejuvenate the contact list for those members interested in volunteering for conservation projects. Many opportunities happen on too short of notice for routine communications. So, if you are interested, send me an email at gary@californiagoldentROUT.org or see me at a meeting. You can also check out: <http://www.californiagoldentROUT.org/>

If you haven't already done so, don't forget pay your 2008 membership dues and to fill out the member interest survey. At the time of this writing, there were still tickets available at Stroud's Tackle, for the Annual Stroud Banquet. I hope to see you there: Monday, January 7, 2008, 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Admiral Baker Clubhouse. Tickets are just \$25.00 per person! Spouses and guests are welcome.

Keep smilin' and go fishin'!
Gary

Annual "STROUD" Banquet
Monday January 7th 2008
6:30 to 9:00 PM
Admiral Baker Clubhouse
U.S. Navy Recreation Center

The price is only \$25 per person for a great buffet.
Spouses and guests are welcome!



BASIC ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR FLY FISHERS SAT. MARCH 8, 2008 SAN DIEGO AREA



MAGGIE MERRIMAN
Professional Fly Fishing Instructor
Over 35 years teaching experience.

The study of aquatic insects for trout fishing.
This is the annual bug class. All fly fishers welcome.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR THE SAN DIEGO AREA FOR ALL FLY FISHERS. This workshop is offered only once a year in the spring.
WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE SAN DIEGO FLYFISHERS.

INSTRUCTOR: MAGGIE MERRIMAN

DATE: Saturday, March 8, 2008

TIME: 9:30am to 1:30pm

LOCATION: Crown Pointe community clubhouse, at the Scripps Ranch

WORKSHOP FEE: \$50.00 11441 Avenida Magnifica, San Diego.



Take the mystery out of what bug is hatching and what fly to use for trout fishing.
This is a great workshop that will teach you how to identify the basic trout food:
Mayflies, Caddis, Stoneflies and Midges.

This class will help you become a better trout fisher or fly tyer. You will learn to
identify the bugs, how to "match the hatch" and how to select the correct fly.
Class includes: samples of bugs, corresponding flies and an extensive class handout.
Bring a snack, drink, note pad and some fly boxes to look at and compare with the bugs.

NO LATIN OR GREEK SPOKEN.....JUST SIMPLE ENGLISH

Maggie's class is a very popular one. This is the same class
that she has given at the FFF National Conclaves.

Pre-registration is required. Please register by March 1, 2008

To register mail workshop fee to Maggie.

PRIVATE CASTING AND FLY FISHING LESSONS: Winter & Summer

Private or small group. Casting & running water techniques. Beginning, intermediate &
advanced. Loaner equipment available, rods & reels. Contact Maggie

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West Yellowstone, Montana 59758

Phone 406-646-7824



Mammoth Trip

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10 to 16 medium sized rainbows on the Upper Owens River, but everyone and their brother was fishing there and those river bends were pounded heavily every day. You did better if you did not fish behind someone. Rich Strobel did fairly well with a purple Denny Rickard's Seal Bugger one day. The next day everyone threw purple flies and they did not work as well. That is fishing.

Our cooks, Bob McKay, Don Smith, Paul Woolery, Bob Pharoah, Wayne Allen and Lee McElravy did a great job and made up for the slower fishing. The rest of the group included: Bob May, Howard Knop, Floyd Lee, Rich Strobel, Lucky Ketcham and our Leader-Lee Anderson. We

always have a good time on this trip and have found ways to adapt to the cold and afternoon winds. I think it is called Two Buck Chuck.

Howard Knop, unfortunately caught a cold or some type of bug with chills and fever. He missed the last few days of fishing. His buddy, Floyd Lee kept him company and made sure he was okay. It is good to have friends.

Lake Crowley produced the best fishing and largest fish for me and most of the group. The water level has dropped 8 feet in the past two weeks and the lake is lower than I

am used to. Most of the anglers are fishing in the upper arm in the areas north of Green Banks. The guide boats are in the center of the lake near the river channel. We fished the shorelines in about 4 feet of water to catch some nice 19 inch Eagle Lake Rainbows. They fight well and jump. Most of the fish were caught on variations of the size 18 Zebra midge or Gillie. Reports on fish taken on trolled perch were fewer this year, but we did manage



a few on a light olive Punk Perch or Norb Spitzer's variation the Spitz Perch. The light olive perch worked better than the white or pearl ice version.

Wayne Allen, Paul Woolery, Lee Anderson, Don Smith, and the stream gang tried Rock Creek, Mosquito Flats, Hot Creek, and several others. The water flows at Rock Creek were okay and produced some smaller fish. The Owens River above Benton Crossing up to Jakes Hole at the third gate produced for most. (I had to resort to size 20 BWO's on 7X tippet to keep from getting skunked. Most

guides had their clients soaking midges under indicators through the deep bends and undercut banks.)

Bob Pharoah, Rich Strobel and I fished Heenan Lake for cutthroats again. The fishing is currently slow, averaging only 2 fish per angler. The ranger thinks it will turn on later in the month or in October when the trout realize the winter is coming. The fish are caught close to the weed beds on size 10 to 16 Prince Nymphs. I had success trailing a Zebra midge 18 inches below the Prince. Several of the larger fish were snagged. Bob Pharoah caught 4 in two days 16 to 20 inches and I caught all of mine on the first day 22, 21 and two 20's. The next day and a half I was skunked.

The fish are still up there and the scenery will just be getting better with the change in fall colors. If you go, bring plenty of midge patterns. Zebra Midge size 18, in black with gold, black with red rib, grey with gold, grey with white poly gills. Tie some of the midges on longer 200R hooks and keep the abdomens thin.

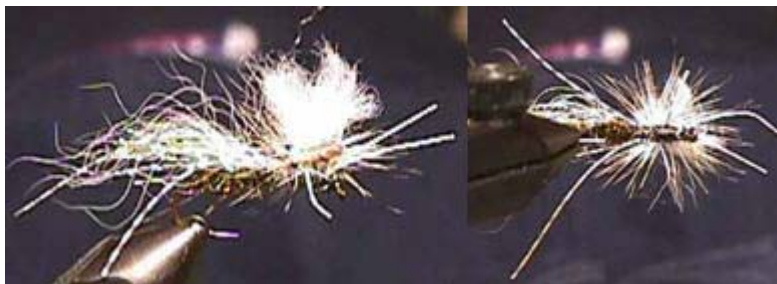
Denny Rickard's Purple Seal Buggers size 10 worked in many areas, including the Upper Owens and Lake Mary. Various Angora Leech patterns produced on the Upper Owens and Crowley. Olive Punk Perch, Spitz Perch and Grizzly Hen Perch did produce a few of the larger rainbows on Crowley but they were not working as well as last year due to the lack of weed beds for the natural perch to hide.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Fireman's Peacock PMX (Parachute Madam X)

Hook: Dry fly, TMC 100 size 10 or 8
Thread: Black 6/0 flat waxed nylon - Danville
Tail: None on this simple version
Abdomen: Peacock herl
Under wing: Pearl Krystal Flash, sparse
Wing: White calf tail
Legs: Black and white striped small or very small centipede leg
Post: White poly yarn or Hi-Vis poly
Thorax: Black thread
Hackle: Grizzly saddle or rooster neck
Head: Black thread.



This delicate little fly was given to me by two Salt Lake City Firemen on the Green River. They were catching 25 fish per day on it fished in the seams and along the edges of the back eddies. Note the distinct body shape of an insect like a small stone fly. Peacock abdomen, thin waist, fatter thorax, a thin neck and a distinct head.

Attach thread at the mid hook, wrap to bend. Attach three peacock herl, form a herl rope and wrap to mid shank. Attach 6 strands of pearl flash as under wing. Clean out under-fur and size a sparse calf tail wing. Trim butts and secure in front of flash. Tips should extend one hook gap past the bend. Secure a white poly yarn post at the $\frac{3}{4}$ to $7/8$ point. Wrap a thread around the base of the post 4 or 5 times to make it firmer. Attach a saddle hackle sized for 2 to 2.5 hook gaps, convex

barbs down. Wrap a thread post up the yarn and the base of the quill and back down. Let the hackle stand up while attaching two sets of legs. The rear leg should extend past the wing. Pull the front legs forward and form a distinct thread thorax. Wrap the thread to the back of the post position in preparation for the hackle. Wrap the grizzly hackle counter clockwise while holing up on the poly post. Make 3 or 4 wraps under each other, down the post. Finish close to the body. Wrap three tight turns counter clockwise around the base of the post and hackle tip. Keep it close to the body. Pull the thread forward, form a distinct thread head and whip finish. Trim the hackle tip with the tips of your scissors.

This would be a good fly for an ant, cricket or stonefly on any waters.

Lucky



Meeting Hosts for 2008



San Diego Fly Fishers appreciate your voluntary enlistment as a Meeting Host! Below is the schedule for the year together with the “How To” manual.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on your assigned date, **it will be your responsibility to arrange for a substitute.** You might try calling someone on this list to trade dates. We know it is hard to plan your schedule so far in advance.

The only reminder you will receive is a notice (the week before your turn) in the *Finny Facts* so you may want to mark your calendar today.

Thanks we value you as a volunteer! (Sam and Mona)

January: Sam and Mona Morebello

March: Jim Gottfried, Ted Reinert

May: George Yackey, Pat Craychee

July: Paula Goleta, Steve Piper

September: Allan Perry, Les Schultz

November: Larry Sorensen, Art Reifman

February: Barry Pechersky, Bob Pharoah

April: Lew Walsh, Dan McKirnan

June: Helen & Mike Grundler

August: Larry Sorensen, John Pak

October: Jason Graham, Jim Richardson

December: Vern Blaney, Shelley Wagner
& Gordie Zimm

ON CALL SUBSTITUTES:



“How To”...SDFF Meeting Set-up and Breakdown 2008

SET UP

- ◆ Arrive by 6:30 PM
- ◆ Unlock SDFF cabinets (located on stage left) combination lock #1-2-3
- ◆ Carry name-tag cases to back of auditorium. Cases are located adjacent to cabinets.
- ◆ Someone is usually there by 6:00 PM to set up condiment table and start coffee
- ◆ Move salad bar tables flat against the wall (if they are set up)
- ◆ Set up tables next to back windows for name tag boxes
- ◆ Arrange table for raffle ticket sales
- ◆ Arrange 2-3 tables in front of stage steps for raffle items
- ◆ Set up club P.A. system on stage left.
- ◆ Set up slide projector(extension cord in cabinet)and pull down screen in back of stage
- ◆ Make sure faculty restrooms are unlocked and hall lights are on (see custodian)
- ◆ Check with custodian about heater for auditorium if needed
- ◆ Put out large trash cans and can recycle bin (from teacher’s lounge)
- ◆ **Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle)**

BREAKDOWN

- ◆ Be sure all chairs and tables are returned to original positions
- ◆ Check and clean up trash, spills, and crumbs
- ◆ Turn off and put away microphone, screen, and projector
- ◆ Return coffee pot, condiment box, blue bin, and name tag boxes to cabinet. **LOCK CABINET!**
- ◆ Custodian is responsible for shutting down and locking up but please double check any windows that may have been opened

It is important that we return this room to the same order as we found it as the school uses this room first thing in the morning and they have no time to rearrange before the kids arrive.

A copy of this memo will be posted on the inside of the cabinet door (however, you will need to memorize our tricky combination, 1-2-3-)

NOTE: The Board wants to get a head count at our 2008 meetings. Please be exact in the number of chairs you set up. Set up 10 rows of 10 chairs (5 chairs on each side of aisle).





Application for Membership – Revised for 2008 LK

Welcome to the San Diego Fly Fishers. We are famous for our free Sunday morning fly casting lessons at Lake Murray, La Mesa. Our monthly educational meetings, raffles, combined with a monthly news letter, organized trips, fly tying and rod building classes will improve your skills and knowledge of fly fishing. We also support many nature conservation projects and youth fishing programs.

Single Memberships are \$35.00 and Family Memberships are \$45. Make checks payable to SDFF.

All members are encouraged to become involved in the operation of your club. There is a full range of opportunities that will match your talent, time and expertise. On the application form below, please indicate the activities you desire to participate in. Family memberships – please try to include the names, ages, e-mail addresses and interests of our youth and young adult members.

See you at our monthly meeting. I'll be at the membership table.

Sincerely yours,

Lucky Ketcham, Membership Chairperson,

Cut Here

San Diego Fly Fishers 2008 Membership Application Form ____ New Member or ____ Renewal

New Members, please sign a standard liability release form

Please **print** your **name**: _____ Age _____

(Use the reverse side for family membership names and interests)

Address: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Work _____, Cell _____

E-mail _____

I would like to participate in:

Membership ____ Mailings ____ Publications ____ Refreshments ____ Raffles ____ Programs ____

Conservation ____ Public Relations ____ advertising ____ Video Library ____ Travel ____,

Chollas Lake Youth Fishing ____, Sunday Fly casting clinic ____, Teach Fly Tying ____.

Interest Groups:

Fly tying – beginning ____, intermediate ____, advanced ____;

Local outings ____, Trips ____, Rod Building ____, Conservation ____, Trout ____, Bass ____,

Salt water fishing ____, Surf ____, other _____

Would you like to be included on Kim Jones' e-mail SDFF bulletin board for fishing reports? Yes ____, No ____.

See - Kim Jones Ladyfish [

Please check this box if you do not want your address information shared with vendors ____.

(We do not normally share this list with any vendors – Lucky)

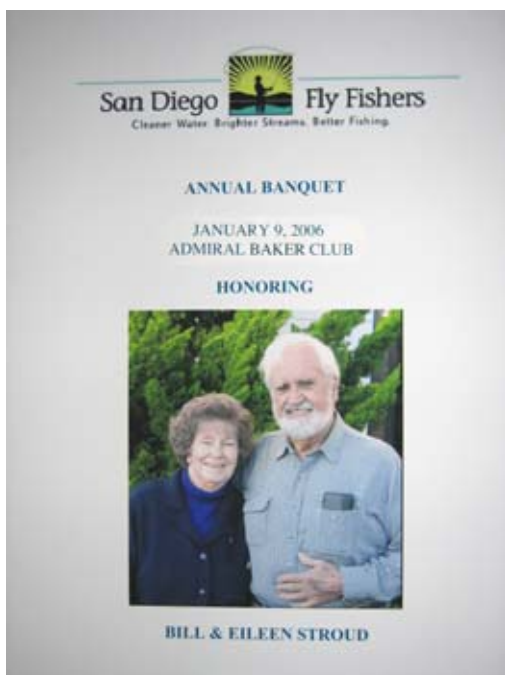
Please indicate: **Single \$35.00** ____ or **Family \$45.00** ____

Enclose Check or Money Order payable to: **San Diego Fly Fishers**



Recipients of the
Stroud Award

2004-Jim Brown
2005-Allen Greenwood
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Cutoff date for **February FINNY FACTS**
articles---Friday January 11th.

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You can E-mail at finnyfacts@gmail.com Thanks!!

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For unselfish and outstanding service
to the flyfishing community

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1994-Ed Velton	2002-Larry Sorensen
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1996-Gary Hilbers	2004-Joe Bain
1997-Jack Bentley	2005-Jim Reeg
1998-Gordie Zimm	2006-John Kasten



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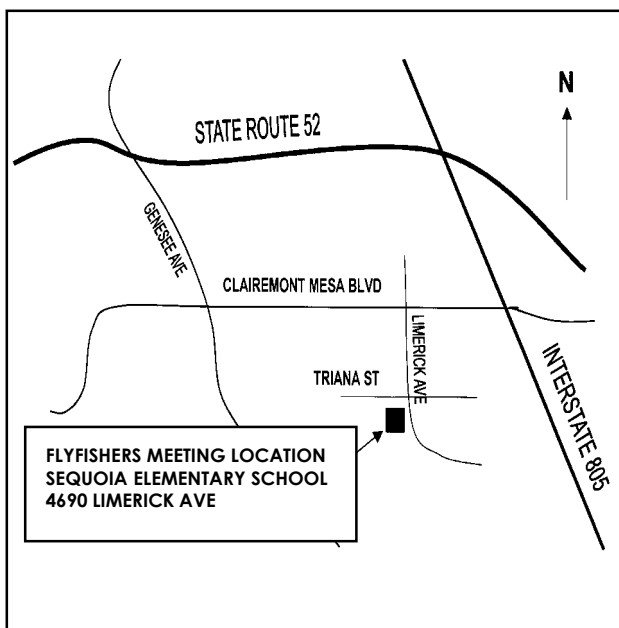
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Meeting Place for Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. (We no longer meet at the Lake Murray Water Training Facility at Lake Murray). The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit just like you were going to the lake. Instead of turning into Kiowa, keep going on Lake Murray Blvd. another 1.6 miles. When you come to Lake Adlon Drive, (first corner past Jackson Dr.) turn left. Go down three blocks and the recreation center will be on your right. It is on the corner of Lake Adlon and Lake Badin.



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