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March Meeting

Sinking Lines for Trout

Our March speaker will be **Art Teter** speaking on using sinking lines for trout. Art guides in Northern California on Hat Creek, Fall River, McCloud River and Pit River as well as the Sacramento and Trinity Rivers. He has been guiding in the area for 20 years so really knows his stuff.

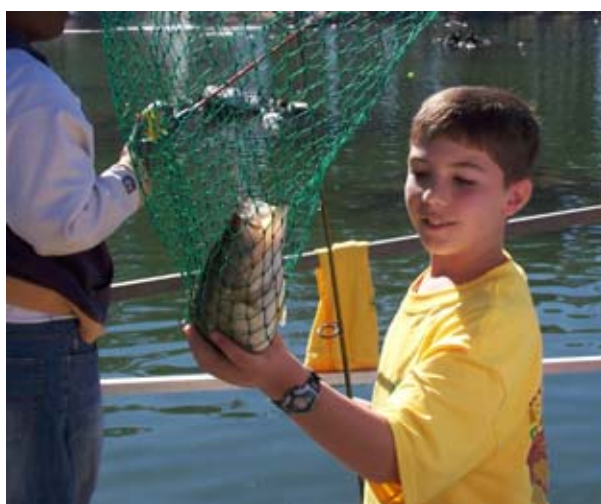
Art will be giving us a taste of the North State as well as helping us become better fly fishers using sinking lines.

STAR/PAL Fishing Derby at Chollas Lake

by Gary Strawn

On Saturday Morning, February 11, a large contingent of volunteers from San Diego Fly Fishers helped to set up and host the annual STAR / PAL Kids Fishing Derby at Chollas Lake. This great, annual event is sponsored by the San Diego Police Athletic League and The Legler Bennough Foundation. Additional help was provided by the California Department of Fish and Game, Chula Vista Police Department, San Diego Parole Officers, San Diego County Sheriffs and others. More than 400 children showed up and were given a free rod and reel, tackle, instruction and an opportunity to spend a happy day fishing. The Chollas Station of the San Diego Fire Department provided a great lunch of barbequed hot dogs, chips and sodas.

Many of the SDFF volunteers, led by **Paul Woolery** and **Joe Bain** put in many additional hours of tedious work on Friday, assembling and rigging all of the rods, reels and tackle. Saturday



began at 6:30 AM, with more rods being assembled. Once the kids arrived, we were all kept busy just dealing with some amazing tangles. SDFF manned two repair stations and provided assistance on each of the piers and along the banks. Often, we couldn't walk a few feet without being presented with several tangled reels

The smiles on the children's faces made it all worthwhile! Many of these kids come from low income areas and do not have many of the opportunities available in other communities. A fun day of fishing is a big deal. DFG planted lots of trout with a good

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, March 6th, 2006
7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School
4690 Limerick Ave.
(See map on back page)

REMINDER

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

**Jim Gottfried and
Alfred Hofstatter**

Thank You, Mona Morebello

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MARCH 2006

“ Trout fishing regarded as bait for catching men, for the saving of both body and soul, is important and deserves all the expense and care bestowed on it.” - John Muir, Our National Parks, 1901

Those of you with whom I have had the pleasure of exchanging more than the casual “Hi! How are you?” know that one of my personal priorities is revealing the wonders of this sport to our next generation of fly fishers. Our sport cannot survive if we fail to ensure that our children and grandchildren have both the opportunity and the knowledge to enjoy an activity that encompasses so many exciting aspects, including fishing, science, conservation and outdoor awareness.



LEE McELRAVY

At our February meeting, we recognized **Danny Romero** for his achievement in being chosen to tie at the upcoming Ontario Show. How many of you noticed the enthusiasm with which Danny's young friend introduced himself as a visitor? But Danny is not alone; we are blessed to have a number of young, suc-

cessful fly fishers active in our organization. Some of you may have seen the article by **Ed Zeralski** in the *Union-Tribune* over the weekend, describing the recent high school trout fishing tournament organized by Mt. Empire High School. (No, I'm not advocating competitive trout fishing; just recognizing an alternative opportunity to bring young people to fishing!) Elsewhere in this issue, **Gary Strawn** describes Saturday's Star Pal Derby at Chollas Lake which, by any standard, was, again, a smashing success. So where am I going with this?

Like the sport itself, there are a multitude of ways to involve young people in our favorite sport. As individuals, we need to identify what sparks a child's interest. To some, it is the fishing. To others, it is splashing in a stream or catching a bug. I vividly recall my youngest daughter's enlightenment at age six on one of our many

trips to Bishop Creek, when she discovered she liked to clean fish! (She's now a pre-med student at U.C.L.A.) And before the slings and arrows start, yes, we did let them keep a couple for dinner.

As a club, it begins with our monthly meetings. Let's continue to make our monthly meetings user-friendly for members and visitors of all ages. Admittedly, as a “slightly” younger new member in the mid-1980's, I would never have considered bringing my own kids to a meeting. My fault, no one else's. That's a mistake I'll rectify when my new grandson gets a little older. If you see a young face you don't recognize, please introduce yourself and find out why they are there. Make sure they know about our Sunday morning classes at Lake Murray and our Thursday evening Tying Congress. If some thing or some one brought them to a meeting, let's keep them. It's not the time to practice “catch and release.” We're off to a great start; let's keep it going.



Time to Renew Your Membership

Membership fees remain the same for 2006. You should have received your membership renewal notice in the mail by now. Renewals not received by the March 31, 2006 meeting will result in your removal from the membership roster and mailing list for the newsletter.

Please consider becoming involved in some Club activity. If we all pitch in, it means less work for each individual.

Volunteers Needed

The SDFP club members will teach fly casting and tying to young members of the Fishing Association of Mountain Empire (FAME) on Saturday, March 18th. Any teaching volunteers see Ned Sewell or Lucky Ketcham



STAR/PAL Fishing Derby

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number of trophy fish among them. The biggest fish of the day weighed over three pounds. Dozens of prizes were given away. Great prizes like bicycles were awarded for the biggest fish caught by each age group. Other prizes such as stuffed animals, fishing tackle and hats were raffled off. Many more prizes were awarded to children who were observed helping others or just being polite. This was a wonderful opportunity to mentor children in the sport of fishing but more importantly we could act as role models in the simple task of helping others.

The following is a list of SDFP volunteers that signed up to help. I know a few couldn't make it and some others came at the last minute to fill in. I apologize for the names I have missed.

Lee Anderson
Ken Armer
Joe Bain
John Bertrand
John Beckstrand
David Collins
Marvin Darling
Vern DeMott
Robert Erb
Donna Gotfield
Jim Gotfield
Kim Jones
Lucky Ketchum
Howard Knop
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Jim Reeg
Ned Sewell
Donald Smith



Gary Strawn
Jim Tenuto
Wes Woll
Paul Woolery
Gretchen Yerous
Leo Young
Louie Zimm
Gordie Zimm

As usual, the SDFP volunteer turnout was fantastic! We have an amazing club. In this case a very real benefit



was received by every one of us, the warm feeling you get when you make a positive difference, particularly when you can provide a positive influence in a child's life.

FYI: STAR/PAL, San Diego's Police Athletic League Chapter is dedicated to providing thousands of underserved youth in San Diego with the opportunities they deserve. STAR/PAL offers free youth programs and positive interaction with committed volunteers that include law enforcement officers,

firefighters and community business leaders. STAR stands for Sports, Training, Academics and Recreation and PAL stands for Police Athletic League.



More photos on next page.



STAR/PAL Fishing Derby





JACK BENTLEY

**Any Questions?
Call Jack Bentley at**

Plan Now for Green River Trip May 2006

Now is the time for club members to plan for The Green River (Flaming Gorge) trip in May 2006. This is the club's favorite trip.

DATES:	May 15----20th
ESTIMATED COST:	3 days fishing with guides: \$1,382
	4 days fishing with guides: \$1,720

Guides are **\$235** per fisherman per day and the river fishes best from a boat, but lots of wading space is available.

**SIGN UP AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY BY CONTACTING
JACK BENTLEY**

FINNY FACTS Has Moved

In order to better serve our newsletter contributors we have enlisted a new e-mail address:

This new address will allow larger mailbox space (up to 2 gigabytes) before it gets filled up. So that means we should not have the problem as in the past with rejected mail because of a full mailbox. We have already received large files with photos at our new address with great success.

This new e-mail service also has a better filing system for all of our regular contributors' mail. We will keep the old address for awhile. But please make the effort to use our new address.

Thanks,
Rose and Roger Yamasaki

Annual Stroud Banquet/ More pics



**Ed Velton and
Gordie Zimm
enjoyed the
evenings festivi-
ties.**

**The Admiral Baker
Golf Course club-
house was quite a
beautiful setting
for the banquet.**



My Last Missive as Conservation Chairman

I would like to thank the club for the opportunity to serve the last two years as your conservation chairman. It is a great job! I got to help direct our conservation donations and participate in some very worthwhile projects. Certainly our work on the Golden Trout Habitat and helping Allen Greenwood preserve the rainbow trout in our local mountains were highlights. If we have success in our on going project to reintroduce native steel-head trout into upper Sweetwater Creek, we should all be proud. It is a rare opportunity made possible by many years of Sdff support.

As Bruce Campbell re-takes the reigns as Conservation Chairman, I am sure the clubs involvement in these projects will continue with renewed vigor. I look forward to continuing to serve the club in my new job as First Vice President.

*Sincerely,
Gary*



GARY STRAWN

BASIC ENTOMOLOGY SCHEDULED

Maggie Merriman is bringing her bugs for her basic entomology class on April 1st. Vic Jones has generously donated a continental breakfast and reserved the clubhouse at Scripps Ranch. Breakfast at 8:30 and class at 9:30. Bring your lunch or snack, notebook, and a couple of your fly boxes so you can learn how to match the hatch. Only a few seats remain. Pre-paid registration required. Call Gretchen or e-mail for the details.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Stroud's Estaz Shrimp

(orange, pink, tan, white or light olive)

Hook:	Mustad 3407 salt water hook, size 2 or 4
Thread:	White or pink 3/0 (color to match)
Eyes:	Large bead-chain, painted black, or other colors
Tail:	Deer hair or calf tail with pearl or silver Flashabou
Body:	Crystal Cactus Chenille or Estaz Chenille - medium or large, color to match. See web site http://www.glissengloss.com/estaz/default.htm
Case:	Raffia or Swiss Straw, color to match



Smash the barb and mount the hook in strong vise. Apply some head cement to the hook shank and then attach the thread behind the eye. Wrap the thread to the bend and back to 2/3 of the hook shank. Make a little saddle of thread to help hold the bead chain or dumbbell eyes. Take about 23 wraps of 3/0 thread on top of each other to make each bump of thread. Attach the bead chain eyes with figure 8 wraps and lashing wraps under the eyes but on top of the hook to tighten and secure the eyes. Apply some thin head cement or Super Glue on the thread wraps.

Select some deer hair, buck tail or calf tail for the tail. The tail is fairly sparse with about 20 hairs, two hook shanks long. Attach the tail on to top of the hook and adjust the length, secure and trim off the butts. Select four strands of fine pearl or silver Flashabou about 4 hook shanks long. Bring the thread back to the bend of the hook. Lay the flash on top of the hook with the mid point over the bend.

Make a few wraps of thread to secure and then fold the flash back while pulling and positioning four strands of flash on each side of the tail. Make several tight wraps to secure; half hitch and apply a drop of super glue or head cement. Attach a two inch piece of raffia for the future shell back at the bend of the hook. Select three inches of Crystal Cactus Chenille, strip off $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the material and attach the string to the hook at the bend. Wrap the chenille to behind the bead-chain eyes, tie off and trim excess. Pull the raffia forward, spreading over the chenille and between the eyes. Secure in front of the eyes, trim off excess raffia. Cover all the butt ends with thread wraps and whip finish. Apply one or two coats of head cement or super glue.

The orange version of this fly has been successful in the local surf zone for Barred Perch and Corbina.

Notes by Lucky Ketcham, February 2006



1ST Annual Federation of Fly Fishers International Fly Tying Competition In Support of Conservation and Education



As a fund raising event in support of its many conservation and education projects, the **Federation of Fly Fishers** is sponsoring an international fly tying Competition. The Competition will run from **February 1, 2006, until midnight April 30, 2006**. There are 39 separate categories within which to enter a fly. Judges include such famous fly tyers as **David Whitlock** of bass fishing fame, **Ron Alcott** of traditional salmon pattern fame, **Bill Blackstone**, the master of the “realistic” patterns, **Bob Clouser**, creator of the famous Clouser Minnow, **Stu Apte** the saltwater fly fishing legend, and **Bob Jacklin**, the famous instructor/guide of West Yellowstone, Montana, to name a few.

In addition to the “Judged” competition where specific flies must be tied for comparison by the judges, there will be a **“Peoples’ Choice”** competition where tyers may submit the fly of their choice in any of the 39 categories. These flies will be posted on the FFF website where the people will get to vote for their favorite patterns.

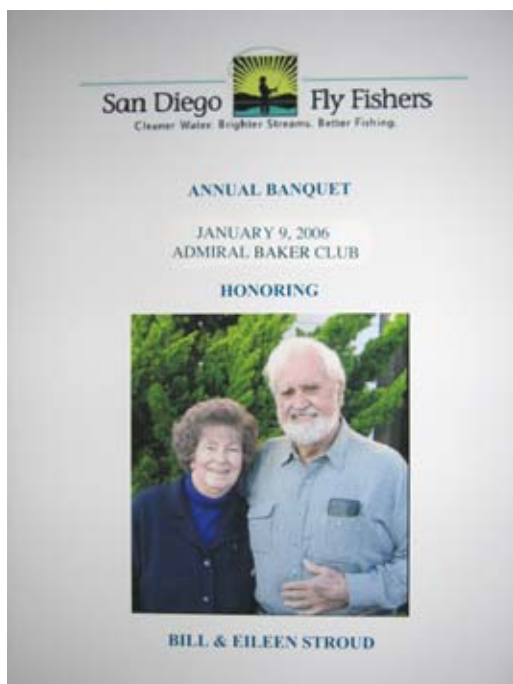
Awards include beautiful 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medallions in each of the 39 categories, and **prizes totaling over \$11,000US** including Orvis, Thomas & Thomas, Loomis, and Winston fly rods, Islander and Abel fly reels, the famous Oasis tying benches, the incomparable Wasatch custom tools, among many other valuable prizes. To learn more about this great event linking dedicated tyers from around the world, go to the following website where you will find the link to the Fly Tying Competition: <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/begin.php>.

Join in....have fun, and at the same time help support our sport and preserve its heritage.



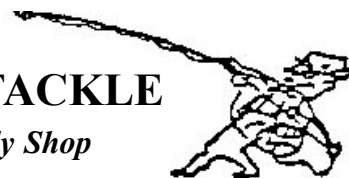
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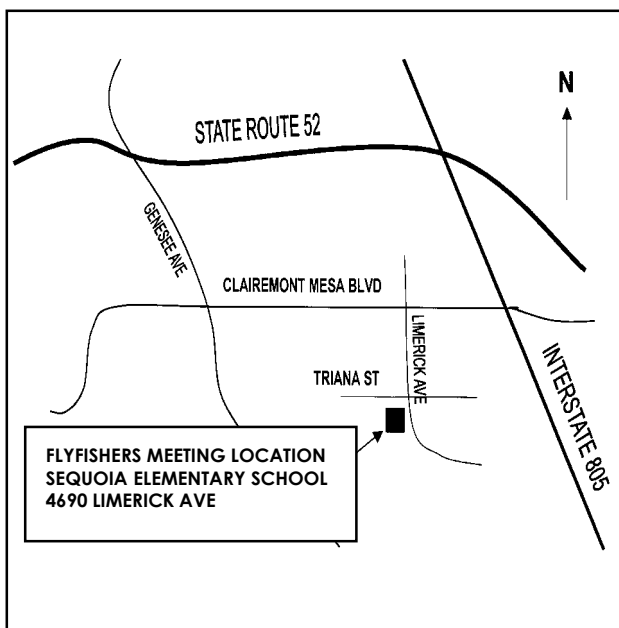
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