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## August Meeting

### The Annual Fly Tying Round-table is Back by Popular Demand

The August 7th meeting will feature our Annual Fly Tying Round Table. **Lucky Ketcham** has lined up a great group of tiers including: **Eileen Stroud, Tom Smith, Paul Woolery, Wayne Allen, Danny Romero, Peter Hoffman, Bob Stafford, Bob McKay, Charlie Wright, CT Reinert, Jim Tenuto, Dennis Remillard, Jim Reeg, Shelly Wagner** and others. We want to make sure you know *everyone*, (beginning to advanced,) is invited to bring your vise and materials and demonstrate a favorite fly or sit next one of us and

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#### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, August 7th, 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 Richardson  
and Lucky Ketcham**  
*Thank You, Mona Morebello*

### San Diego Yacht Club - Kids Fishing Trip, June 11, 2006

Notes by Lucky Ketcham

This year we planned a Three Quarter Day Fishing Trip aboard the Sea Watch out of Seaforth Landing. The weather and fish gods cooperated to give our kids a great day. I think, Captain Steve Wynn said the Bonito fish count was about 140 fish for 28 people.

That means that most of the kids caught four or five fish. They were also treated to an assortment of wildlife viewing that included: blue whales, dolphin, ocean sunfish (Mola), jelly fish, terns, pelicans, sea gulls and other sea birds.

The morning started fairly early for most teenagers. Getting up at 5:00 AM or earlier to meet at the Sea Forth Landing at 6:30 AM for the check in was probably not easy. The Captain



had to make a decision to fish for Sand Bass off Imperial Beach or head out 14 miles off the south tip of Point Loma to where there might be Bonito and Yellowtail. He told us that if we remained patient on the long ride it might be worth it. He was right. The Imperial Beach boats were not finding fish while our kids were battling some pretty nice 5 to 7 pound

bonito.

For me the day was not about fishing so much as watching young 7 to 17 year old boys and girls learning more about handling rods and reels, picking good baits, pumping and short pumping fish, and that special interaction and team work that is needed when 10 rods are bent at one time at the back of the boat.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: AUGUST 2006

*"The angling fever is a very real disease and can only be cured by the application of cold water and fresh, untainted air."*— Theodore Gordon

**C**hile, Slovenia, Argentina, and the Catskills!

All in one night and not once were we offered the opportunity to buy a discount package to a lodge or hire a guide for a reduced fee. Special thanks to **George Gates, the Morobellos, Louie Zimm** and **Lucky**

**Ketcham** for a wonderfully entertaining evening. Frequently, it is just nice to hear from our members' perspective why they fished in a new and different place (except for Lucky, who gets to fish in the Catskills whenever he wants to) and how much they enjoyed it

As I mentioned at the July meeting, our Club is co-sponsoring the Chollas Lake Young Anglers Summer Tournament in August. Elsewhere in this issue is a



**LEE McELRAVY**

more detailed announcement for that event. Many of you know of my special interest in reaching out to the community, especially to the kids, to share our expertise and experience. If you are able, please plan on volunteering for this Tournament on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be available at the August meeting and the City of San Diego has asked us, if possible, to have a list of our volunteers available in advance.

As of July 10<sup>th</sup>, there were some openings available for the trip on August 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> to Lake Isabella and the Kern River. Please check the website for details and contact **Dave Collins** or **Dick Mount** if you are interested.

It is not too early to begin thinking about

the Stroud Award. The membership overwhelmingly endorsed again having the Annual Banquet in January. However, selection of the Stroud Award recipient does take some time and effort. **Dave Collins** will soon have the Nomination Petition back up on our website. Remember, the recipient need not be a member of the Club, but it does require two Club members to sign the Nomination.

In the last issue of the Finny Facts, we published a list of Raffle winners who had not yet claimed their prizes. Just a reminder that all prizes must be claimed from **Jim Reeg** or **Maria Goldman** on or before our August meeting.

Once again, I'm out of space. See you all on August 7<sup>th</sup> for our Fly Tyer's night, where everyone is welcome to exhibit their talent!

*Lee McElravy*



## Fly Tying Roundtable

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copy a pattern. This is a meeting that invites you to bring a fly box of your favorite flies to show and talk about. One of us can figure out a recipe for a favorite fly, just by looking at it. Tiers will be set up on tables around the room and you can move from person to person to find patterns of interest. Bring a notebook to write down patterns and instructions and don't forget your bi-focal glasses to see the details.

This is a great opportunity to learn new patterns and tying techniques. We decided there are no rules or restrictions. You can decide what fly you want to tie at the meeting. Usually we will have all types of patterns: Fresh and Salt, Dries, Nymphs and Streamers. This is always a fun and educational evening. Most of the flies tied this evening will be donated and put into the raffle. Hope you can all make it to the

meeting to see what our members can do. Our instructor, Tom Smith says "I have two hobbies, fly fishing and fly tying. If I had to give up one it would be the fly fishing." Make fly tying and the joy of catching fish on your own fly, a part of your fly fishing experience.

*Lucky*



***Please, Join us in Supporting  
the  
Chollas Lake Young Anglers Summer Tournament***

**Our** Club will be co-sponsoring this event on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We are joined in this effort by the International Game Fish Association, the San Diego Sportfishing Council and San Diego Yacht Club Anglers.

**Registration** will be limited to the first 300 children. We are encouraging pre-registration of as many children as possible; registration forms are available on our website, in addition to the Sportfishing Council and IGFA websites. Those children who do not pre-register can register the morning of the event, provided they are accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

**Gates** will open at 6:30 a.m. for last minute registration and fishing will occur between 7:00 - 10:00 a.m., followed by a brief awards ceremony and raffle.

**Contestants** will be divided into 10 age groups from age six (6) to fifteen (15). Awards will be based on accumulated points (not weight), with each panfish worth one (1) point, each catfish worth ten (10) points, and each bass or carp worth twenty (20) points. To be safe, there will be an “other” category worth five (5) points. Catches can be kept or released as the angler chooses. Tournament observers will cover the shoreline and award colored stars (or similar) to each angler upon confirmation of his/her catch. The stars will be applied to each competitor’s registration card and presented to judges at the conclusion of the tournament for the determination of awards. The Grand Prize winner will automatically qualify to attend the IGFA Junior Angler Tournament in Florida.

**Our role** will be very similar to the Star/Pal Kid’s Derby in February. We will need approximately six Club members on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to assist in the Lend-a-Rod booth preparing rods, reels and terminal tackle for those children who do not have their own. In addition, we need volunteers on Saturday for registration, snack distribution, shoreline tackle assistance and score-keeping.

Joe Bain is coordinating the regular Friends of Rollo catfish plant. He is working on re-scheduling that plant to a pre-tournament date or getting Friends of Rollo to add an additional plant prior to the Tournament.

This is a wonderful opportunity to do what we do best, reaching out to the public in general and young anglers in particular. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers at our regular August Club meeting.

***PLEASE JOIN US BY SIGNING-UP!***

In case you haven’t seen it, check out *Fly, Rod and Reel’s* July/October 2006 issue at page 14 titled “Saving the Rainbows of San Diego County”. It talks about **Allen Greenwood’s** efforts with [www.sandiegotrout.org](http://www.sandiegotrout.org).

**Patrick Case**, former president of SDFE, was key and instrumental in getting this article published to highlight the project.



## SDFF Absentee Winners List

|    | Gift# | Item Description                                 | Winner          |
|----|-------|--|-----------------|
| 1  | 1     | Mel Kreiger Fly Casting Video Tapes              | Mark S          |
| 2  | 6     | Simms Back Belt                                  | Andy Castlione  |
| 3  | 7     | Rensetti Travelers Vice                          | Mike Morse      |
| 4  | 8     | Hackles/Fly Box                                  | Frank Brainard  |
| 5  | 13    | Vest   | Larry Alameda   |
| 6  | 15    | St Croix Avid Rod 8 1/2 ft for 4wt 4pc           | Ansel Waltrous  |
| 7  | 16    | \$25 Stroud Gift Certificate and Book            | Tom Mitchel     |
| 8  | 18    | Orvis Waders                                     | Floyd Lee       |
| 9  | 19    | Dry Flies/Vest Tools                             | Don Davis       |
| 10 | 23    | Travel Vice w/Tools                              | Lynn Moon       |
| 11 | 24    | \$50 Stroud Gift Certificate & John Gierach Book | Dennis Remiland |
| 12 | 25    | Net/Fingerless Gloves                            | Nancy Pitts     |
| 13 | 32    | Lanyard and Book                                 | Ken Sloan       |
| 14 | 33    | Orvis Waders                                     | Ken Sloan       |
| 15 | 38    | Flying Tying Travel Bag                          | Jack Duncan     |
| 16 | 53    | Orvis Stripping Basket                           | Floyd Lee       |
| 17 | 67    | Lanyard and Book                                 | Bud Olsen       |
| 18 | 68    | Sun Glasses and Sun Gloves                       | Jim Murphy      |
| 19 | 69    | Rod/Reel Case                                    | Jason Graham    |

These prizes must be claimed by the August 7th general meeting. Any prizes remaining unclaimed at the end of the August meeting will be utilized by the Club at a later date for a raffle or auction. Prizes may be picked up at the July or August meeting or by making arrangements with **Jim Reeg** to pick them up prior to the August meeting.

**The Kern River Lake Isabella trip will take place on Aug. 8 thru 11, that is Tuesday thru Friday. That is when the facilities are available. David Collins has a house in South Lake which is about a half mile east of Lake Isabella. He is making available a bed for three people. My son has a house trailer nearby that will also sleep three.**

**Guide service is available in Kernville. There is trout fishing in the Kern River and trout, bass, and catfish in the lake.**

**For more information call Dick Mount at**

## Nobody Has Contributed More to the Club Than the Strouds

Last week I was shopping at Strouds for some fly tying material and asked Bill "How many flyrods have you and Eileen contributed to the annual and monthly Club drawings?" Bill scratched his head and pulled one ear and responded "In the last three years our store has donated about 40 rods from Diamondback split cane to Orvis to the St. Croix."

As I recall these rods included cases and good reels with line. Just think of all of the happy winners Eileen and Bill have made. Please remember STROUDS when you want fly gear and SERVICE. It's their business and their livelihood.

*Gary Farar*



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## The Newport Special by Jerrold Shelton

**Hook:** Partridge JS Sea Streamer Grey Shadow, size 10 or 8  
**Thread:** Danville Flat Waxed Nylon #503 chartreuse  
**Tail:** Gherke's Fish Fuzz, "Dolphin Yellow", aka chartreuse, tied in long and trimmed back to give the fly a finished length of 2 inches  
**Body:** J. Fair's long "Shuck", fluorescent chartreuse  
**Eyes:** Spirit River I-Balz, 5/32 gold  
**Cement:** Zap-A-Gap



**T**he Newport Special isn't really all that special, being little more than a no-hackle Crystal Bugger with metallic eyes attached at the head in the Clouser Minnow style. It was developed specifically for drift-trolling in the pursuit of sand bass and halibuts in shallow coastal embayments. It is relatively small and slender, making it appear non-threatening and easy to kill. It was designed to maintain light contact with the bottom, skating, tumbling, and semi-rolling along with a tail-up attitude, thus mimicking the behavior of a burrowing shrimp. The light gauge wire hook keeps the overall weight down and concentrated toward the head, and is critical to getting the right action. It also penetrates deeper and faster than a typical "salt water" hook. It is most effective when drift-trolled or fished with long, slow pulls in cast and retrieve situations. Leaders need to be 3X or lighter for best results, as stiffer

leaders limit the ability of the fly to respond naturally to underwater current. It goes together back to front, just like the Woolly Bugger that it basically is. When I attach the eyes, I allow the eyes to "invade the headspace", and form a mirror-image head with the tying thread behind the eyes, which tapers from front to back. This makes the head more hydrodynamic; instead of the eyes pushing water around the Shuck body, the water moves through it. I whip finish on this mirror-image head. Other materials may be substituted for the tail, but none that I've tried have the same seductive wiggle that the Fish Fuzz does when wet. This fly has accounted for catches of barred sand bass and spotted sand bass, halibuts, yellowfin croakers, corbinas, surf-perch, mackerel, barracudas, bonitos, bat rays, cutlassfish, sculpins, white sea bass, leopard sharks, and smooth hound sharks, among others. - Jerrold





## Kids Fishing Trip

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These notes could be about just one 8 year old boy named Quinton, a son of one of our San Diego Fly Fishers. He had these bright eyes, big smile and a contagious enthusiasm for fishing – sort of like a mini-Danny Romero. All the kids I met were amazing, but little Quinton stands out in my memory.

When you think, “How young is too young to take a son or daughter out on a longer  $\frac{3}{4}$  day boat?”, you have doubts about 7 or 8 year olds handling 5 or 6 pound fish. On the first jig stop the youngest kids needed help with the heavy trolling rod, getting it up and over the rail, disconnecting the harness and making sure the rod and reels didn’t go overboard. I helped the deck hands in this area most of the morning. Within a short time the kids did not need any help and were teaching each other by watching and example. My last memory of Quinton was him hooking a bonito on the troll and rapidly short pumping it in to bring the school to the boat, just as the deck hand, Lee had taught him. I think it was his 12th fish. We will not have to wonder if Quinton will ever go fishing again. If I had any doubts about the ability of 8 year olds, they went out the window.

All the young adults and kids on this boat were amazing. I liked watching the interactions of young people almost as much as I liked watching the Blue Whales or the boiling fish. If you know me, that is saying something. I am a Zoologist and an observer of nature. I loved watching the surprise; joy and pride you see in a mother’s face when she sees her son or daughter grow up a little right in front of her eyes. As a parent you don’t know how quickly these kids pick up skills when given the opportunity.

The fishing was almost as the Captain predicted, there was a long boat ride to the area where the Bonito schools have been feeding and the Yellow Tail have been hanging under kelp paddies. Once we were in the area the captain and crew were skilled at finding and trolling near feeding fish. The three albacore feathers running off the back would attract the fish and stop the boat. The crew worked fast to chum out some live bait to help bring and keep the school around the boat for a few minutes. The kids would alternate who would reel in the “sure thing” trolling rods, while the rest of us dropped back live bait. It could be pretty exciting, even for an old geezer like me, to help the kids keep up with the running fish, playing the hot rail, going under, “I’m over you” type game that we play on tuna trips. The sound of fresh fish making the reel drags sing and tails flapping on the deck always makes my heart beat. The kids loved it too. The thinner live bait lines were sometimes broken and fish lost, but that is part of fishing and fishing on party boats. One good thing about the long boat ride and “quick run and gun bites” is that we did not have to worry about seals



taking our fish. It reminded me of trips off La Jolla 20 years ago.

Louie Zimm, Past President of the San Diego Fly Fishers and SD Yacht Club, Fishing Coordinator,

organized the trip and did a great job, calling all the kids and finding some parents to assist. I think he asked me because he knows I love the wild back of the boat action while he could concentrate on teaching jig casting from the bow. I came thinking I would help 14 year old fly tier, Danny Romero but found that Danny didn’t need any help. I hardly saw Danny as he was up front getting expert advice from Louie and Captain Wynn. He did not wait for the fish to be caught by the trolling rods and then fish with bait. He was casting to boiling fish under the direction of the Captain in the high wheelhouse, who would call out where to cast, when to let the lure sink, when to reel in fast and when to set the hook. I wished I had spent more time in the bow area to learn a few tricks myself. Louie Zimm did demonstrate how to tie a Biminis Twist Loop Knot. (Now if I can only remember the 30 twists on Spectra and 20 twists on monofilament line I will be set up for bigger fish.)

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The boat's crew and cook were very nice to the kids and knew this was a learning experience. Long, Desi, blank and the chef Vince took every opportunity to teach a new knot, properly choose and hook bait, keep the line from tangling and the art of having fun while battling fish in a crowded boat. They did several things that also made the trip better. The crew set up 25 rental rods to supplement the rods brought by the kids and families. It was different from any party boat trip I have ever been on as the rods were not assigned to any one person. If someone had a bad tangle, bird's nest or lost a hook they just put the rod back in the rack and selected another rod. The great crew would untangle the lines and put on new hooks, clean up the blood and mess from the decks before the next stop. They even taught the kids to bleed the bonito and not to step on the thrashing fish as it will keep the meat better.

Large Blue Whales were sighted at least 9 or 10 times. There sometimes were three whales in the pod. It was great to see them off in the distance making these large puffs of water when they came up to breathe; but it was even better when one surfaced 20 yards off the Port bow. It traveled along next to the boat for a few minutes to get a good look at all the strange beings running around on the deck. The kids would give out a cheer when the head and nostrils came out of the water and louder Oohs and Ahs when the giant tail flukes were visible. We came out with the goal of helping the kids love and appreciate sport fishing, but I think it also was a course in nature appreciation. I don't think anyone was sitting around bored when these giant mammals were performing. How many times in your life are you going to see Blue Whales larger than the sport boat?

If the goal of this trip was to introduce young people to quality sport fishing and show them a little portion of the ocean world and nature that we love, I can report – Mission Accomplished! Our kids will certainly be back on the water soon.

The sponsors of this event were:

San Diego Yacht Club  
Sportfishing Association of California  
San Diego Fly Fishers  
F/V Bad Dog– tee shirts  
Bill and Eileen Stroud of Stroud Fly Fishing Tackle Shop – hooks  
Seaforth Sport Fishing

Much appreciation to Louie Zimm, coordinator; Shelly Wagner, Peter Hoffman, Lucky Ketcham and the parents that assisted the kids.

We should also thank all the young people for all their great attitudes and cooperation.

The positive feeling you get when watching the energy of young people is like taking vitamins. We should never underestimate the power of youth. I met a lovely young lady named Meghan who fished with her father and caught fish the hard way, with bait in front of the bait tank. She said she is a 13 year old dancer with dreams of going into Political Science and being President. Look out World!

I told 14 year old Danny Romero, that he should get her phone number, even if she is a foot taller. Some day he will catch up. Danny said he already had a girl friend. It only shows he still has a few things to learn.....

*Lucky Ketcham*



# Sometimes you get LUCKY: Gary Strawn



Laqueta, we were off on another adventure.

It is a long flight to Huntsville and a long drive from there to Eastern Tennessee, so we couldn't do it all in one day. **I got lucky.** I found a Bed and Breakfast in an old grist mill just north of Lynchburg, TN. It was beautiful. Their restaurant overlooked the old mill pond. I watched a few locals catching trout just below the pond so the next morning at 5:30 I was back at the pond with my 3 wt and some dry flies.... **I got lucky** and caught several nice 12" rainbows. The owner of the B&B also gave us directions for getting to Eastern Tennessee via the back roads, with stops at several scenic

sites along the way.

The cabin was located near the resort towns of Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, with 10,000 hotel rooms and every restaurant and tourist attraction known to mankind. This place is Las Vegas gone Country: Dollywood and lots of other hillbilly / gospel / blue grass dinner theaters and amusement parks. **I got lucky.** There was a big vintage auto show in nearby Knoxville during our stay. The streets and parking lots were full of great old cars.

Smoky Mountain National Park is just a few miles down the road, and we spent most of our time there. It has to be one of the most

spectacularly beautiful spots on earth. In May, everything was newly green: deep hardwood forests, with full streams tumbling over moss covered boulders. In places the hiking trails were covered with flower petals falling from tree tops so high and thick that direct sunlight could not filter through.

Seeing those beautiful streams made me want to go fishing. **I got lucky.** After 30 years, the National Park Service recently re-opened many small highland streams to fishing. They had been closed since 1976 to protect the native brook trout. Recent studies showed the population sufficiently recovered, and also showed that controlled fishing with artificial lures or flies and a 7" minimum size limit had very little negative impact on the fish population. Few brookies live long enough in this wild environment to reach 7". Also, food supplies are threatened by the long term effects of acid rain lowering the PH of the highest streams. The closed areas had been selected because natural barriers (water falls) protected the native brook trout from invasion by the many rainbow and brown trout stocked in the lower streams. Although no stocking takes place in the National Park, there were areas down lower in the park where I caught lots of rainbows and browns. But, even there a 12" fish was a giant. **I got lucky.** After comparing old maps with new, and talking to Park rangers and fishing guides, I identified two

**E**arlier this year, **I got lucky.** I won a week's stay at a cabin near Smoky Mountain National Park, in Eastern Tennessee. I had never been to the Smoky Mountains, but I was familiar with the beautiful State of Tennessee and had some experience fly fishing there. I had also read a lot, recently, about the wild brook trout restoration project in the Park.

I was anxious to go. **I got lucky.** I needed to make a business trip to visit the Army Aviation Headquarters in Huntsville, Alabama. My boss was willing to let me add a week's vacation to that trip. So, for the cost of a rental car and a frequent flyer ticket for my wife

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Bighorn River, Montana.

Notes by Bob Pharoah, July 12, 2006.

Hi Guys...

I just finished fishing the Big Horn River, 3 days worth. I am now in Cody Wyoming getting ready for the wife's family reunion.

THANKS Paul (Britting) for a fabulous three days of fishing. I got tired of fishing with nymphs and staring at that "strike indicator" (bobber) so I tied on your Paul's special. I floated along about a good cast length from the bank, casting toward the bank and slowly stripping it back to me. The big fish loved it!!! I had more hookups, missed more strikes, and caught more fish than I can count. One day I caught over 30 fish and 20+ were caught on Paul's Special. I must admit I fished long days, 9AM until 9PM. I met some great people. I floated from 3 mile access until Big Horn access point, 9 river miles, each day, stopping at different hot spots for some wading. One day I caught 9 fish over 16 inches long, not counting 4 over 20 inches.

If anyone doubts there is a fishing GOD I am here to tell you there IS one. I was floating one side of the river and doing OK when a rented drift boat came all the way across the river and cut right in front of me. I point out it was a rented drift boat, not one of the river regulars. Anyway, they caught a fish about 4 inches long, got their line tangled and had to pull up to fix it. I floated passed them and just as I got clear, I casted to the bank, gave it a twitch and caught a 22 inch German Brown. I was glad I hadn't been smart and yelled at them or remarked as too their river manners, just let the fish talk for me. It felt GOOD!!!!

Taking pictures when I am alone is a pain and they don't really show that well. I guess I am going to have to come up with a good backdrop to place them on. Anyway here are some pictures (see next page) that I hope you enjoy. I hope you can see the flies.

For the next week I will be playing family reunion. LaRue is flying into Billings the 13th. After the reunion, my WHOLE family will be spending a long weekend at Yellowstone Lake catching Cutthroat trout. I will be staying in Yellowstone until the first of August, then working my way home via the North Platte River and a few days floating the Green River. Have to get home to get ready for the Sierra trip.

I can get e-mail on my , WHEN I can get on the internet.

PS. Lucky... you may get an e-mail via the flyfishers. I told a guy to e-mail you for the recipe for Paul's Special. I really had to convince him that I was giving him your right name...

Guys, hang in there.. Wish you were with me.... Later - Bob

Next Month:  
Notes on fishing the  
Bighorn River.



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## Sometimes You Get LUCKY

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areas where the streams had probably not been fished since 1976. It took a long drive up some gravel roads and several miles of hiking to get beyond the areas that

had been fished heavily in the two weeks since being reopened April 16. The hike through the primitive forest was reward in itself. After reaching the remote sites and clambering over huge moss covered boulders between ribbons of white water, I cast a small #18 dry fly up stream into a small clear pool. Several small brookies immediately began to hit the fly. Then it just disappeared. A "huge" 8" brook trout just snuck up and sipped it down. I barely felt him hit on my 3 wt. He fought well but quickly came to hand and was easily released. That pattern continued throughout the day: climb up below a pool, lie on a big boulder, staying out of sight, cast a small dry fly into a pool, try to ignore the little hits and wait for the fly to disap-

pear. Color and fly selection didn't matter much, but size did (where have I heard that before?). I caught at least six brookies over 7 inches. The Park guide states that less than 5% reach that size. So, I believe I was in an area of rare wild brookies, where few others had fished in thirty years. I had fallen in the rapid water (twice), slipped on moss covered boulders, broke the tip off my 3 wt, got caught in a driving rainstorm but I caught more than a dozen wild brookies. It was a great experience!

I consider myself blessed to have been able to visit this beautiful part of the country and to have been one of the first people in many years, to fish for beautiful wild brook trout in their pristine native environment. **I got lucky!**



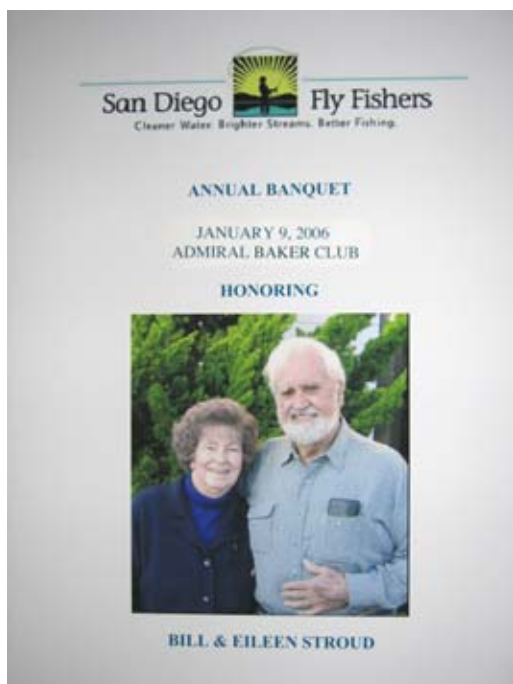
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## Trout from the Bighorn River



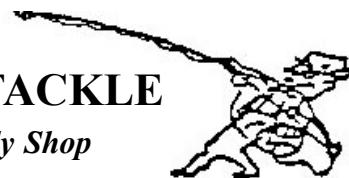
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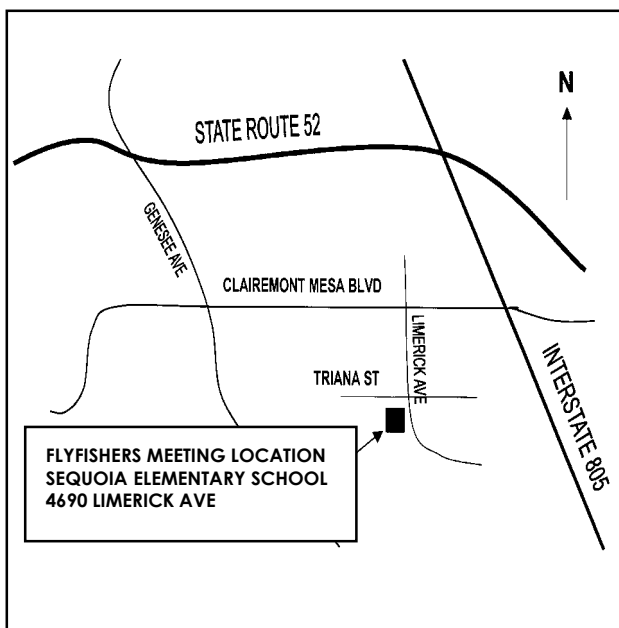
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