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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JANUARY 2011



LARRY SORENSEN

As our year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to take a look back and thank those who made the year such a success for the club. Whether you fished the rivers and streams in the Sierras, cast on our beaches and lakes, sought serenity on the San Diego River, floated the San Diego Bay, or took a blue water charter, the opportunity to fly fish San Diego County grabs you. I admit, I took advantage of my office and made every effort to get a taste of as much fresh and saltwater fly fishing as I could. The best part was, I had members with me to make it a happening. To those who endured an outing with this fly fisherman...thanks a bunch!

No event, local outing, or trip out of

the area can happen without thought and planning. No club functions without organization, guidance, and counsel. I was blessed with Officers and a Board of Directors that took our club to uncharted activities. We went fishing this year AS A CLUB!

The dynamic dozen, as I call them, **Art Reifman, Don Davis, Wayne Allen, Bob Stafford, Lucky Ketcham, Gary Strawn, Gary Farrar, Paul Woolery, Lee McElravy, Jon Hee, Bob Pharoah, and Al Thompson**, made 2010 an adventure for me and fun for the membership. Some, certainly not all, activities included: Project Healing Waters, Star-Pal Fishing Derby, Boy Scout Fair, Powder Horn Adventure, Day at the Docks, Days on the Bay, Days at the Beach, Evening on SD Bay, and BBQ/Pot Luck, standing watch and casting instruction at the Fred Hall Show, conservation project in the Golden Trout Wilderness, trips to the Eastern Sierras and beyond, clean-up projects on our local lakes...and not to be left out, the Annual Fund Raiser, the Fly Tying

Congress, and the dedicated fly casting staff working each Sunday at Lake Murray. I can't thank these guys enough. The best part for me is I will be back on the Board of Directors in 2011. Thanks again!

As we head into 2011, I ask you be active in the club activities. Join us on the SD Bay, at the beach, etc. If you want a little more excitement, raise your hand and be an integral participant in the organization of our activities. While I am on that subject...a volunteer with initiative and enthusiasm is needed to Chair the working group for our Annual Fund Raiser. Raise your hand now, as the work on this most important club event kicks off real soon.

In closing, I thank the general membership for their support and friendship. I look forward to meeting, talking with, and fishing with as many of you as possible in the coming year.

Tight Lines,
Larry Sorensen

San Diego Fly Fishers Proposed Events Schedule 2011

Regular weekly events:

Sunday mornings: Casting Clinic at Lake Murray

Thursday evenings: Fly Tying Congress

January

10: Annual Stroud Banquet

TBD: Project Healing Waters begins for 10
weeks (begin 2nd or 3rd week of month)

30: Board of Directors Meeting and Breakfast

February

7 - Monthly meeting – Speaker Butch Paddock,
Chief Ranger, Lake Cuyamaca

TBD: Lower Owens Float Trip

TBD: Day at the Bay

28: Board of Directors Meeting

March

7: Monthly meeting – Speaker Conway Bowman,
Lake Manager, Fly fishing for Bass in San
Diego County Lakes.

TBD: Project healing waters field trip

TBD: Trip to Pyramid Lake

28: Board of Directors Meeting

April

4: Monthly meeting (Spring Break at Sequoia
Elementary)

TBD: Boy Scout Fair (Saturday, sponsored by
BSA)

TBD: Day at the Dock (Sunday)

25: Board of Directors Meeting

May

2: Monthly meeting

TBD: Day at the Beach

TBD: Green River Trip

TBD: Kiwanis Kids Fishing Derby at Lake
Murray (sponsored by Kiwanis Club)

23: Board of Directors Meeting

June

6: Annual Raffle and Silent Auction meeting

11: Star Pal Fishing Derby

24 – 26: Golden Trout Wilderness Project

27: Board of Directors Meeting

July

11: Monthly meeting

No Board of Director Meeting

August

No monthly meeting during August

29: Board of Directors Meeting

September

12: Monthly meeting

TBD: Day at the Bay

23 – 25: Golden Trout Wilderness Project

26: Board of Directors Meeting

October

3: Monthly meeting

24: Board of Directors Meeting

November

7: Monthly meeting

TBD: Day at the Beach

28: Board of Directors Meeting

December

5: Monthly meeting

19: Board of Directors Meeting



Members Fish Reports

Bob Pharoah fished Lake Miramar on December 15, 2010

I launched into 60 degree water at 7 AM. Fished across the lake into Bernardo Bay without a strike. I fished the left side of the Bay to the rear of the bay and hooked up around 8 AM. Between 8 AM and 10 AM I hooked 4 and landed 2 (13 & 19 inches). One LDR, one Netted fish took a Black Bead Bugger while the other landed fish was on an Orange Western Wiggler. I was joined in Bernardo Bay around 9:30 AM by Bruce Bechard in his kayak where he landed a nice fish. I fished around to Poway Arm, about one quarter of the way into the bay and back out to Woodson Point where I landed a nice 18 incher on the Black Bead Bugger. I fished on down to the pier in Penasquitos Arm then cut across to Ramona Point where I landed another 18 incher on the Black Bead Bugger. Bruce joined me for awhile then he crossed into Elliott Cove then fished down into the rear of Escondido Arm. He reported one LDR and 3 landed all on Orange Wigglers. I continued to fish down to the point



entering Starvation Cove. I landed another 3 fish during that time (19, 19 and 20 inchers), one on an Orange Wiggler and 2 on the Black Bead Bugger. I cut across and fished down into San Diego Arm. I fished all the former hot spots without a strike. I fished all the way to the rear of the Arm, back out and to the point at the entrance to Elliott Cove without a strike. I pulled everything up and headed for the launch ramp and home at 2:30 PM. Total for the day 2 LDRs and 6 landed.

See picture above of the Black Bead Bugger... Beads from WalMart, Black Marabou with 4 strands of RED Flashabou tail, Black Streamer hackle, Red wire.....



Bob Pharoah fished the Tidelands on November 24, 2010

Richard Debusk, Paul Costa, Mike Stone (my son-in-law) and I fished Tidelands this morning. We launched at 7:30 AM into 59 degree water temperature and the air temperature was "chilly". We fished about 2 hours and the fishing was slow. We did land 8 bass including 3 nice fish (2 14 inchers and 1 15 incher).

Jim Castelluzzo fished the East Walker River December 1, 2, 3, 2010

I was planning on putting up some photos in the monthly newsletter, but I screwed up the photo downloads of a few nice browns sitting on the snow along the banks of the East Walker.

The water was very low and the temps were cold. It was -20 in Bridgeport on 29 November. I fished on 1—3 December and caught several nice fish at the upper pool below the dam and the run just below. Primarily on streamers and nymphs.

I wouldn't make a special trip up there this time of year, but I was up there on work. The West Walker was closed.





DAVID COLLINS

Any Questions?
Contact David Collins at
sdflyfish@sandiegoflyfishers.com

Time for Another Trip to the Flaming Gorge

I speak of the "Lodge" oriented trip where we fly to Salt Lake, rent and drive cars to the Flaming Gorge Resort and (optionally) hire floating guides (or wade on our own). The Flaming Gorge is a popular, blue ribbon tail water fishery with lots of healthy fish - rainbows, browns and cutts - and the gorge itself is 7 miles of pine covered, red-rock walls that rise from the translucent emerald waters. Accommodations are very comfortable and the lodge restaurant is very good. If one chooses to stay in a lodge condo, kitchenettes allow you to cook for yourself if you'd like.

Last year, the five day trip (3 fishing days sandwiched between 2 travel days) came in at around \$1,500 per person. That estimate includes airfare, car rental and gas, lodging, 3 guide days. Meals not included (except for lunches w/guides). Lodge accommodations and guide fees remain the same for 2011 but the 2011 rates for car rental, gas and airfare is uncertain.

I am looking at either May 23-27 or June 6-10 for the dates of the trip. This is later than we usually go. But by going later we have a better chance of avoiding the annual Spring jump in river flow rate and it'll be more likely that we'll be fishing the big, top water, terrestrial bugs in the afternoon.

I am hoping to have at least a dozen members (and/or friends & family) sign up for the trip before January 15. I have to balance different preferences (condo or motel?, guide or wade?) and the people who commit earliest have the best chance to get their choice.

If you are interested, here are the things I need to know:

- Which week do you prefer: May 23-27 or June 6-10?
- Would you still go if most people prefer a different week than you?
- How many floating guide days would you like (0 - 3) (split \$425+tax per day).
- Do you have a preference as to which guides you'd like to go with (or not go with)?
- Are you willing to be a driver for the 3.5 hour trip from between Salt Lake City and Flaming Gorge?
- Would you like to room with another fisher in a condo suite with kitchenette (\$159+tax/night) or a motel room (\$119+tax/night).
- Do you have any interest in splitting a condo 3 ways (1 sleeps on couchbed or fold-away bed).
- Would you be interested in a very early flight to Salt Lake (ETD 7:30 or earlier) in order to arrive at the Flaming Gorge in time to fish the late afternoon/evening on the day of arrival?

With this information I will:

- Determine an optimal round trip flight but you'll be responsible for making your own flight reservation.
- Make car, lodging and guide reservations.
- Assign people to cars, rooms and guides.

I'm looking forward to another great trip to the Flaming Gorge in 2011. Please contact me if you would like to reserve a spot or have questions. My email address is sdflyfish@sandiegoflyfishers.com



Benefits of Joining the San Diego Fly Fishers

By Lucky Ketcham,

The San Diego Fly Fishers is primarily a fly fishing club. We hope you find your membership in our club both rewarding and valuable. Our goals are to provide you with many opportunities to further your knowledge of our sport as well as opportunities to put this knowledge into practice. We also want to create lasting friendships with others who share our interest. Below is a list of activities available to you as club members.

Although we are not a conservation or environmental political action organization, many of our members are very interested in preserving the clean cold waters that our trout live in or our saltwater fishery and individually participate in conservation and environmental causes. As a service, we will make our members aware of these causes. In addition, our club has a Conservation Chair who coordinates club volunteer conservation activities and support of local/regional conservation efforts (e.g. California Trout). **"Brighter Water, Cleaner Streams and Better Fishing"** is our club motto.

The membership includes individuals and families that are interested in many aspects of fly-fishing, fly tying, rod building and conservation activities. The number of members has ranged from 350 to 420 in the past 5 years. There are usually 50 to 60 women that either support fly-fishing or are active in the support. We encourage a new generation of fly fishers with our activities supporting youths. The club is a great place to meet new people that have common experience levels and people with more experience that are willing to teach or share their

The **"Paul Woolery Summary"** for those busy members that like their information in a concise format and to the point.

Monthly Meetings
Fly Casting Lessons
Video Library
Fly Fishing Books in local libraries
Trips - local and distant
Raffles - monthly, annual and silent auctions
Fly Tying - Beginning, Intermediate and Flies of Interest
Rod Building
Newsletter - The Finny Facts
Conservation Activities.
Informational Website
E-mail Fishing Reports
Mentor Program
Chollas Lake Lend a Rod - Youth Fishing
Community Participation
Insurance
Make new friends.
Information Sharing



FLY OF THE MONTH

Burk's Aggravator Nymph

Prince Aggravator Nymph

Hook: TMC 200R, size 14 to 8
Head: Gold bead - sized for hook
Thread: Uni 8/0 Black (6/0 for larger patterns)
Tail: Amber/Cream CDC or sparse marabou for movement.
Rib: Copper wire for durability (optional)
Body: Peacock Herl - 3-4
Legs: Rootbeer Sili-legs by Wapsi
Wing: White Goose biots
Wingcase: Brown Goose biots or turkey slips



Hare's Ear Aggravator

Hook: TMC 200R, size 14 to 8
Head: Black bead - Spirit River Bright Bead- sized for hook
Thread: Uni 8/0 Black (6/0 for larger patterns)
Tail: Amber/Cream CDC or sparse marabou for movement.
Rib: Pearl Krystalflash
Body: Tan Hare's Ear - Hareline's Hare's Ear Plus
Thorax: Peacock Herl
Legs: Rootbeer Sili-legs by Wapsi

The Aggravator nymph is one of those rare flies that catch fish in both rivers and lakes. It has proven its usefulness in catching smallmouth, largemouth, steelhead, rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, brown trout, brook trout, salmon and even panfish. This fly is a must-have in every fly box as it works under all kinds of conditions for almost anything with gills. To fish it in fast moving water an angler can either dead drift the fly through a fishy looking run or riffle or strip it actively against the current to try and get a

reaction strike. In stillwater a sinking fly line will get the fly to the big fish while the waving marabou tail and wiggly silicone legs should put any fish in the vicinity into a feeding frenzy.

I found two variations for those that love the Prince Nymph and the Hare's Ear. Follow the standard instructions, substituting the marabou for the tail and adding one or two pairs of Sili-legs to give the classic patterns new life and movement. - Lucky Ketcham



“How To”...SDFF Meeting Set-up and Breakdown 2011

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 (found in cabinets on stage)
- 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 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 2011 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).



Recipients of the
Stroud Award

2004-Jim Brown
2005-Allen Greenwood
2006- Hugh Marx
2007- Mike Rivkin
2008- Bill Van Wulven
2009- Larry Bottroff



EILEEN STROUD CONSERVATION FUND



Donations are gratefully accepted
Make checks payable to Eileen Stroud Conservation Fund

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1457 Morena Blvd
San Diego, CA 92110

All funds collected in Eileen's name will be donated to fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San Diego County.

Cutoff date for **February FINNY FACTS**
articles---Friday January 14th.

Send articles to:
Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

Send change of address information,signup for
electronic version of newsletter, or Club membership renewal to:

Lucky Ketcham

LIFE MEMBERS

Gordon Foster (in memoriam), Bill Stroud, Eileen Stroud (in mem), Bernie Hammes (in mem), Hugh Turner (in mem), Nancy Pitts, Bob Wisner (in mem), Ken Armer, Glen Paul (in mem), Betty Coram, Ned Sewell, John Kasten (in mem), Leo Bergevin (in mem), George Beach (in mem), Bob Camp (in mem), Marvin Darling, Gene Jerzewski, Oz Osborn (in mem), Robbie Robinson (in mem), John Gauld, Lloyd Jefferies (in mem), Doug Joseph, Gary Hilbers, Tom Smith

HONORARY MEMBERS

Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler (in memoriam), Hugh Marx, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood, Mike Rivkin, Bill Van Wulven, Tom Smith, Larry Bottroff, Aubrey Wendling

Recipients of the: GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

For unselfish and outstanding service
to the flyfishing community

1991-Ned Sewell	2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki
1992-Bob Camp	2002-Larry Sorensen
1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud	2003-Jim Tenuto
1994-Ed Velton	2004-Joe Bain
1995-Bob Wisner	2005-Jim Reeg
1996-Gary Hilbers	2006-John Kasten
1997-Jack Bentley	2007-Lucky Ketcham
1998-Gordie Zimm	2008-Louie Zimm
1999-Gretchen Yearous	2009-Warren Lew
2000-Tom Smith	



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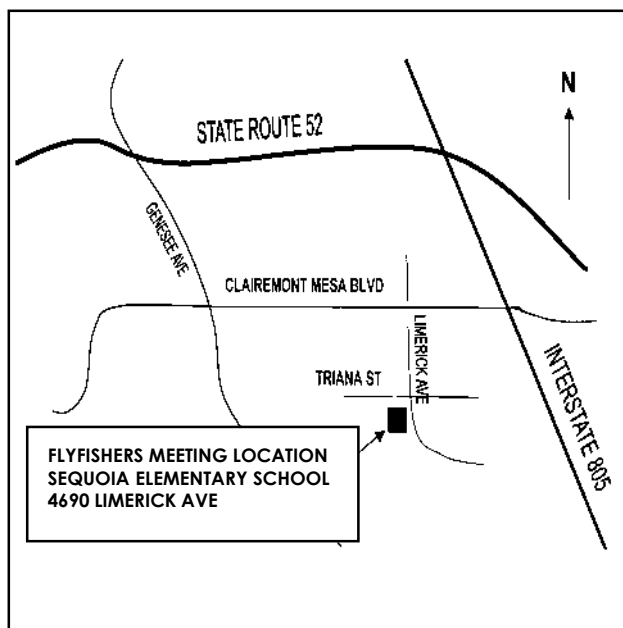
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 Don Davis
Fly Casting Clinic-
 Ned Sewell and
 John Kasten
Fly Tying Clinic-
 Lucky Ketcham
 Bill Hanson
Membership-
 Lucky Ketcham



Monthly Weekend Outings-
 Dick Mount
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 Rose & Roger Yamasaki

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Raffles- Alan Thompson,
 Jonathan Hee (annual)

Refreshments-
 Maria Goldman
Rod Building-
 Ron Meler
Trips-
 David Collins
Video & Library-
 Bill Stock
Web Page-
 David Collins
www.sandiegoflyfishers.com

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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