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Fly Tying Roundtable Set for August Fly Fishers Meeting

The August meeting will feature our annual "fly tying roundtable". Also in addition this year we will be combining our fly tying demonstrations with our annual "fly market" or swap meet.

Our fly tying demonstrations will feature some of the club's most accomplished fly tiers sharing some other most effective patterns. There will be dry flies, wet flies, nymphs and streamers. Both freshwater and saltwater patterns using a variety of natural and synthetic materials will be featured.

If you more gear nut than a fly nut, this will be your chance to both buy and sell new and used fly gear. This is your chance to either sell or buy that extra rod or reel. With a little luck you may be able to find that extra spool that goes with your favorite special old reel. Or, perhaps you just want to thin out your old gear to make room for the

REMINDER

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

**Jack Bentley and
Bob Miller**

Thank you, Mona Morebello

Honorary Sdff Member Louisa Kassler Gone at 95

Louisa Kassler passed away peacefully in La Jolla on June 19, 2003 at the age of 95. A long time staunch supporter of the San Diego Fly Fishers, Louisa was one of a triad of female fly fishers known in the late 1970's as the Three Fishkateers. They were hard fishing ladies who really left an impression on the men of the Club.

She was the daughter of Colonel Wallace Bryan Scales and Fanny Miller McNealy Scales. Her mother was a direct descendant of two signers of the Declaration of Independence, Lyman

new stuff. Remember only members will be able to sell gear, but both members and non-members will be able to buy gear. Also, the club will not be an intermediary and all sales or exchanges will be on the honor system between each party.

This is a night that should have something for everyone..... so don't miss it.

Hall and Richard Stockton. Her brother, Wallace Bryan Scales was born in 1910 and practice law in Beverly Hills, California until his death in 1967.

Louisa Scales Kassler was born in 1908 in Salisbury, North Carolina. She lived in Honolulu, Hawaii during the time the fifth cavalry was establishing Scoffield barracks. She also lived in Fort Clark, Texas and Fort Duchene, Utah. She learned to ride horses and shoot a gun. She sometimes joined her father when the troops went out on early morning maneuvers.

Following family tradition she attended St. Marys in North Carolina. In 1937 she married Air Force Brigadier General Early E. W. Duncan of Virginia. He was the commanding officer of Lowry Field in Colorado. They later spent four years in Chile where her husband helped reorganize the Chilean Air Force after World War II.

Louisa came to La Jolla in 1954 with her husband following his retirement from the Air Force. After his death she married Edwin Stebbins Kassler of Denver, Colorado where she lived until his death in 1973. Mrs. Kassler then returned to La Jolla.

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, August 4th, 2003

7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School

4690 Limerick Ave.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: AUGUST 2003

Last month, I drove to Lake Murray to see what was happening at the Casting Clinic led by **Ned Sewell** and **John Kasten**. It would be my first time, but I knew that if you took the Kiowa Drive entrance to the lake, you would soon see the casting shelter and people practicing their cast. Shortly after I drove through the gate, I saw

a sizeable number of fly fishers being taught by our casting instructors. Several of the attendees were casting better than I do, so they must be getting some excellent instruction!



WARREN LEW

Assisting Ned and John, were **Ken Armer, Lucky Ketchum, Floyd Lee, Shelly Wagner, and Gordie and Louie Zimm**.

Each of these Club members are doing a great job representing the San Diego Fly Fishers, and I want them to know that all of us appreciate the donation of their time to promote the sport we enjoy.

While talking with Gordie

under the casting shelter, Louie spoke excitedly about a large fish being caught near the casting instruction. Louie, Lucky, and I ran down to see what was being landed. I thought it might be a large bass, but it was a huge catfish around 8 – 9 pounds, and with a substantial belly!


It's been said that fly fishers are aloof, and look down on bait fisherman. No... this is definitely not true, as Lucky demonstrated. He waded out into Lake Murray to clean the dirt off of the fish, so that the fisherman who caught the fish would have a nice picture! (See photos on page 6).

In the military, it's been said, "Preparation prevents poor perfor-

mance". Right now, we have not made any preparations for the December Annual Banquet, and I'm getting a little nervous. We need a coordinator for this event, and could it be you? Call me if you would like to...volunteer.

Also, we used to have a "Member of the Month", featuring a Club member in the *FINNY FACTS*. I volunteered to write a few "Member of the Month" articles when I first started getting more involved in our club... and it was a great opportunity to get to know Sherry Brainerd, **Dave Collins, Mike and Helen Grundler, and Dennis Ditmars** better!

Step up to "the plate", not back! Please call me if you would write even just one article. Thanks.

Best wishes for some great fishing this month! 

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Mrs. Kassler's interests were in the arts, humanities, and sports with fly fishing being one of her favorite pastimes. She was a member of the Sierra Club, the Mingei Museum of Folk Art, the County Friends, the St. Germain's Auxiliary, Planned Parenthood, the Colonial Dames of Colorado, The League of Women Voters, the California Nature Conservancy, Historic Salisbury Foundation, and the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club.



CORRECTION

In last month's printed version of the *FINNY FACTS* we failed to mention one of our largest contributors to the SDDF Annual Raffle--the San Diego Fly Shop. The San Diego Fly Fishers greatly appreciate the San Diego Fly Shop's generous donation of a \$350 Redington fly rod and a two-for-one guided bay trip.





JACK BENTLEY
Any Questions?
Call Jack Bentley at

San Juan River Trip Cancelled Due to Lack of Signups

Call Jack for further information.

This article from The Penn Stater was submitted by member Hal Herritt

The Reel World

A new fly-fishing class brings together some unlikely partners.

by David Kinney

Under the usual order of things, there wouldn't be much reason for Cyndie Rochelin and Vince Norris to spend a blue-sky afternoon in April together fly-fishing.

Cyndie Rochelin is 18, premed at Penn State, on this side of the decade-and-a-half of studies that go into becoming a surgeon. She grew up in Philadelphia, and she'd never once even considered going fishing. She is black. Vince Norris is 75, a retired communications professor on the other end of 40-odd years of fly-fishing the famed trout streams of central Pennsylvania. He is white.

The bright-eyed college kid and the quiet, grizzled prof were thrown together this spring by a novel twist on Penn State's renowned fly-fishing curriculum. Students who have hardly fished before are paired with the sort of folks who seem one bad day away from quitting their real lives and morphing into full-fledged trout bums.

The idea started when Penn State trustee Jesse Arnette '55 Lib, '62 JD DSL, a 1950s basketball All-American,

took a casting lesson with fly-fishing legend Joe Humphreys '57 H&HD, '63 MED a few years back. Arnette promptly fell in love with the sport and offered to help finance a class that would broaden the horizons of

minority students at the University. The University's fly-fishing professor-in-residence, Mark Belden '72, '81 MS H&HD—he calls himself “the luckiest guy on campus”—put the class together. The course was first offered last fall; this past spring, the students got to learn during the prime trout fishing season.

The students met three times behind the west bleachers in Rec Hall to learn basic stream science, casting, and rudimentary fly-tying. Then came the payoff: an afternoon on the stream that



would count as a dream outing for all but the most jaded fly fishermen.

The gear: smooth-casting Orvis Trident rods outfitted in maple and gold, donated by the company.

The place: Spruce Creek, the same pristine, trout-packed stretch that former President Jimmy Carter fishes every year. (The owner, dairyman Wayne Harpster, charges hundreds of dollars for a weekend of fishing there, but allowed the class to fish gratis.)

The pro: Humphreys, the sprightly

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FLY OF THE MONTH

The Warren Lew Special

Material

Hook: TMC 5263, Size #10 - #6
Thread: Black 6/0
Tail: Black Marabou (I usually add a bit of flash)
Body: Black Chenille
Wing: Black Marabou
Thorax: Black Chenille
Head: Black Thread (Can also be tied with a Bead Head) The instructions below will include flash in the tail and a gold bead head. If I tie it without a bead head I would put on about ten wraps of lead, or lead substitute, at about the 1/3 point.



1. Bend down the hook barb and put on the gold bead. Place the hook in the vice and wrap a layer of thread from just behind the bead head to the bend of the hook.
Tie in the tail starting just behind the bead head and wrapping securely back to the bend.
2. The tail should be about the length of the hook shank. Add two strands of krystal flash on each side of the tail. I usually use Rainbow Krystal Flash
3. Remove the chenille material from about $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the inner core of the body material. Secure the chenille to the hook bend in front of the tail tie in point. (removing the first $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the material from the chenille allows you to tie it on without creating a bump at the tie in point) Wrap the body material forward, forming a smooth body, to the 1/3 point behind the bead head. DO NOT cut the chenille excess.
4. Add the Black Marabou wing at the 1/3 point behind the Bead Head. This is a short wing which is tied on top of the hook shank and should not extend back beyond the tie in point of the tail.
5. Finish wrapping the black chenille forward over the thorax area, stopping just behind the bead head. Tie off and remove excess material. Whip finish behind the Bead Head.

Warren Lew wrote in his February 2003 "Presidents Message" about one of SDFF members helping him salvage a not so good day at Lake Cuyamaca. By sharing a working fly with Warren he helped him to have an enjoyable fishing experience.

Enjoyment is magnified by sharing the experience! Helping another person achieve some success by sharing with that person a pattern that is working, and telling him how to fish that pattern, can make a great day for a fishing person who otherwise is not doing so well. As it makes the day for that person it also makes my day more enjoyable.

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FLY OF THE MONTH

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My friend, John Beckstrand, calls this fly "The No Name Fly". I suppose it's time to give it a name, John. We'll call it "The Warren Lew Special".

I hadn't used this pattern in a long time. Warren's message has prompted me to tie a few. On a recent trip to Idaho I used one and I don't know how many fish I caught but it was a bunch. I'll be tying some more and I'll be looking for someone to give them to. Hopefully that someone will have the luck of Warren. If I should happen to give you one I'll expect a report. (I have only used them for trout)

Good Tying and Good Fishing,

Tom Smith



The Reel World

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septuagenarian, how-to author, and *ESPN Outdoors* regular who co-teaches with Belden and who puts on a classic streamside clinic for the students.

Belden has managed to put together the sort of diversity-building endeavor that is very much in demand in the academic world: He's got black and Hispanic kids from Washington, D.C., and New York hanging out with white kids from Ebensburg and Coudersport.

"The students come in the first day, and they look like they're saying, 'Who are these guys?' They think we're nuts," Belden says.

Carlos Palacios is a friendly 20-year-old with a wispy goatee and a tattoo who came to Penn State via Medellin, Colombia, and New York City. Arriving early for the field trip, he finds Belden and the others talking hunting ("Did you hear about my gobbler? Twenty-one-and-a-half pounds," Belden tells one) and caddis larvae (a.k.a. stream bugs).

"Uhhhh, English please," Palacios begs.

He's paired up with Penn State

alum Joe Gore '01 Lib, who graduated two years ago but is still working as a bartender at The Big Easy in State College because he can't tear himself away from the fishing. Barking firm directions like a seasoned guide, he gets Palacios into fish quickly.

"Yo, Carlos, congratulations!" Gore shouts excitedly.

Philippe Rouchon, a tall Jamaican from Rochester, N.Y., who wears a shell necklace and borrowed waders, finds himself teamed with Kurt Dyroff, a senior engineering major from Potter County who grew up on a deer farm. Rouchon catches a trout, but it's tiny, and Dyroff moves him up away from the group, past the cows and around the bend to a quiet spot where Rouchon lands a trout that is a respectable 13 inches. Somebody snaps a picture of guide and angler and fish.

"Lot bigger than the first one,"

Dyroff tells him as they walk back later.

"I'm thinking this is a lot more fun than I thought," Rouchon says with a quiet smile.

The students signed up for the class because it looked easy, but the eye-opening experiences—spending

time with people they might not usually meet, doing something they would not usually do—are not lost on them. "It is amazing that such a class could bring such different people together," says one student from the fall semester, Dejeniera Smith.

When Rochelin, the pre-med major, told her family about adding fishing to her credit load, the response was predictable: They laughed. "They're like, 'You don't know how to fish.' They're like, 'You're not going to catch any fish.' They said, 'It's going to be a waste,'" she said. "But it's good."

OK, Belden said, "it's not going to change the world." The point is, college life should be a collection of just these sorts of memorable lessons and tell-your-kids-about-it side trips. "This is not what you came looking for," he tells the students. "But people show up as an engineering major and they end up an accountant. It's the same thing."

David Kinney writes for the Star-Ledger in Newark, N.J. More information about the fly-fishing class is available at www.personal.psu.edu/mab6/.



**San Diego Fly Fishers
Offering Free Fly Casting
Lessons at Lake Murray**

Our Club casting instructors at work.



Club casting instructors (left to right): Ken Armer, John Kasten, Shelly Wagner, Floyd Lee, Gordie Zimm, Louie Zimm, Ned Sewell, ?, Lucky Ketcham.

Lucky Ketcham and the happy fisherman he helped.



**FREE CASTING LESSONS
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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.

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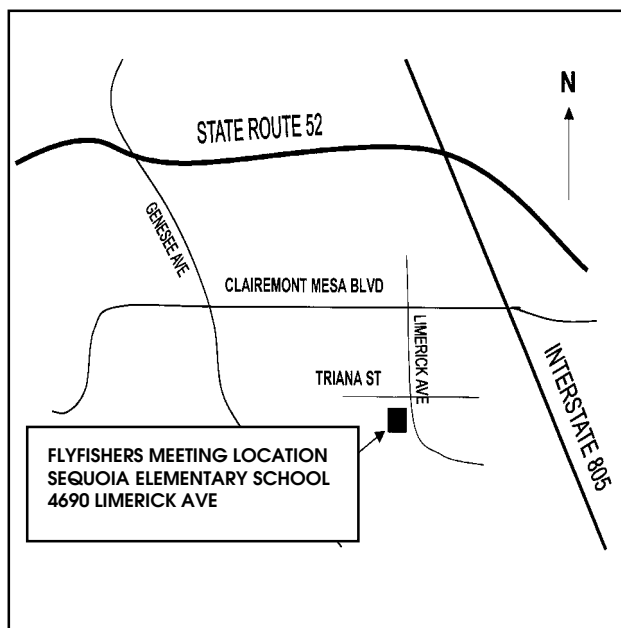
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