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This report from our roving reporter: Ed Velton

Saltwater Fly Fishing

If you were at the July Fly Tying Round Table no doubt you spent time watch Ling with great fascination Jeff Solis Fishing the San Diego coast and bays.

Are you saving up for a trip to East Cape? Or perhaps do you plan on spending all your hard earned airline miles for a trip to Belize or other exotic destinations in search of saltwater game fish? How about saving time, airline miles and precious dollars by looking in your own back yard!

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with Jeff and Pete

and Pete Piconi of the SD Fly Shop tie some of their favorite and colorful saltwater patterns. The August meeting will help you put some of those patterns to action. Jeff and Pete have been fly fishing for years the coastal and bay areas of San Diego, as well as offshore as far south as East Cape. They share their knowledge of the local saltwater hot spots. If you don't know Jeff or Pete you may want to get acquainted by reading your April Issue of California Fly Fisher. Pete is on the cover holding a local corbina and Jeff is the author of the featured article on Fly

If you do, you'll find gorgeous beaches

REMINDER

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

Gary Farrar and Bill Bacon

Thank you, Mona Morebello

The 2001 Fly Tying Roundtable at the July Flyfishers Meeting

From the Apprentice to the Master, Each Tyer Had His or Her Own *Individual Technique to the Art of Putting Fur and Feather to the Hook*

he 2001 Fly Tying Round Table was a great success. It demon strated the extent and depth of the talent in the SDFF. You want to know how to tie flys? Then you need look no further than the membership of your club!

The first guy you ran into at the Fly Tying

Round Table is the same guy you run into at any meeting **C.T. Reinert**. He showed how to tie flys for surf fishing. He's also got the biggest smile in the club.

Then you noticed the crowd; lots of people watching the masters at work. There was action all over the place. Must have been 15 or 20 tiers at work, each concentrating on their own specialty.

Of course the chair person of the fly tying congress, Gary Hilbers, was there and he attracted a lot of attention from his students. And **Tom Smith** was busy demonstrating just as he is in any of the club's activities.



It's only appropriate that we give center stage to the man who organized this year's Fly Tying Round Table-- Jim Reeg. Here he is at the vise contributing to the evenings proceedings. To his right is "Mr. Elk Hair Caddis" Jim Tenuto.

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, August 6th, 2001 7:30 PM Sequoia Elementary School 4690 Limerick Ave. (See map on back page)

Jim Reeg, our past president and current 2nd vice president, was demonstrating his favorite flys. You got to hand it to the man. He put on one great show this year.

As in previous years we had the "Grand

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: AUGUST

JIM TENUTO

on the last meeting, our Fly Tying Expo. You can tell that Jim puts a lot of thought into all his programs. This particular expo was very well organized with tables arranged so that members could

observe and easily move from one fly tier to another.

Because I was busy tying the world's greatest fly, the Elk Hair Caddis, I was unable to do my normal wandering around the meeting. I would like to thank those who tied that evening, and if I missed somebody please forgive me

To those willing to share their vises, thank you: **Gary**

Hilbers, Tom Lucas, Pete Piccone, Jim Reeg, C.T. Reinert, Tom Smith, Larry Sorenson, Eileen Stroud, and Shelley Wagner. Our members had the opportunity to see a number of different patterns and lots of different techniques and equipment. And the tiers donated their flies to be included in the monthly raffle.

Raffle, etc. When last month's Finny Facts appeared I was appalled that I forgot to mention Carl Stanzione and his generous donation of a hand crafted bamboo fly rod on the list of those who donated prizes. I did include Carl in my thanks in the President's letter.

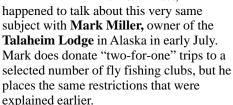
The not so silent majority speaks up about the Silent Auction. I spoke to a few members who expressed concern about the Silent Auction, specifically that some great prizes were taken out of the raffle and placed into the Silent Auction, thus effectively removing any chance for some club members to win the prize.

Here are a couple of facts about the Silent Auction that we haven't shared to this point. There were six prizes in the auction this year. The 2-weight rod was purchased with club funds, and Bill Stroud donated the 4-weight he built. California Trout donated the artwork, but the club paid to have it framed. In the case of the 2-weight and the art these are gifts that you have to really love...in other words, many

people who might have won these prizes

would not have been happy in their good fortune.

The trips are a different story. When we receive these generous donations from lodges they do come with strings attached. The lodges instruct us that we cannot offer them in a general raffle but must place them in an auction or special raffle. In fact, I



Please remember that the Annual Raffle and Silent Auction have several purposes. First, we want to give all our members the opportunity to win some great prizes, from trips to rods to reels and other gear. Second, we want to raise money for our conservation efforts, and the silent auction does a great job on that front.

If you have any suggestions regarding the raffle and the auction please forward them to one of the board members. We can always use more input...and more help.

The mystery is solved. If you found the missing mobile telephone, we found the missing owner. Please contact Mae Craven at (909) 302-0779. Mae only had the telephone for a day and she was very happy to hear that one of our members found it.

Pick up your raffle prizes on August 6th. In the pages of this issue of Finny Facts you'll find a list of raffle winners who still have prizes to pick up. Please make

arrangements to pick up these prizes at our next meeting, **Monday**, **August 6th** Any unclaimed raffle prizes will go back to the club to be used in our upcoming monthly raffles.

Ed Velton, Shutterbug. Ed roamed the halls at our last meeting and shot some outstanding photos with his digital camera. He copied me on the e-mail he sent to Finny Facts editors Rose & Roger Yamasaki. Great stuff. Ed.

The Pres actually gets a chance to fish. I spent a week in Alaska in early July, fishing out of the Talaheim Lodge. My son, Justin, accompanied me on the trip and we were guided by one of my best friends, Bill Howarth (who made a striper presentation to the club in late 2000.) I shot 5 rolls of film (and hope my photos turn out half as good as Digital Ed's!) and will put a slide show together for our Member's Present program in the fall.

But I can't wait to share a few details. I finally landed a salmon on a fly rod, a King Salmon (about ten pounds) on an 8-weight rod. On Thursday, July 5th we had a magical day on the **Talachulitna River**. We fished from a spot on the river nicknamed the Beaver Pond. We fished for three hours in the morning and another two hours in the afternoon.

We had 38 hook-ups, all but one a salmon. (I caught the only rainbow trout...a very fat fish). We landed about 25 of the fish. At one point we had seven casts and seven hookups. We kept three fish, one per angler, and returned the rest to the generous pool.

The next day, our last on the trip, **Mark Miller** flew us by helicopter to **Coal Creek**, still running high from the bizarre spring weather. We landed on a sand bar near the appropriately named Honey Hole. My son and I caught about 30 Dolly Varden in a morning's fishing.

As you can imagine, the trip was about a lot more than the fishing. Make sure you attend the Member's Present meeting to get, as Paul Harvey would say, "the rest of the story."



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ED VELTON

Dame" of the Fly Tiers, **Eileen Stroud**, with us again. She always says she doesn't take a good picture but you got to admit, that's one beautiful lady. She and Bill have done so much for this club we will never be able to repay them.

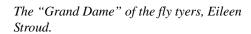
We had a lot of new blood at the Round Table, people like **Larry Sorenson**, showing us how to do it.

And we had lovers too. **Louie Zimm** was doing his thing and **Gordie** just couldn't keep her hands off him. So they hammed it up for the camera just a bit.

We also had our pretty ladies at work and observing. **Shelly Wagner**, a long time member, was one of our demonstrators.

And **Nancy Fletcher** was one of our many observers.

We had a lot of observers too. First there were 5 old men having a good time. You know these guys: Joe Bain, Ned Sewell, Floyd Lee, Lee Anderson, and Paul (the mailman) Britting. Nice guys all. Buck Parker and John Gauld were also there. These guys handle the SDFF video store and they do a brisk business. Jerry Cole was also there. He was an interested observer of the tiers. He also is one of our members who fishes in exotic places. In closing we have to give credit to our great fly tiers and to Jim Reeg for putting on this show. It was "our" show, featuring "our" people, and to many of us it's the best program of the year - any year.



More photos on the next 2 pages



This just proves that good times are not lost on just the young. (L to R) Joe Bain, Ned Sewell, Floyd Lee, Lee Anderson, and Paul Britting.



C.T. "Ted" Reinert--His specialty is flies for surf fishing.





(Center) Buck Parker and John Gauld (Clockwise from upper left) 1) Lots of people watching the masters at work, 2) Fly Tying Congress Chairperson Gary Hilbers, 3) Observer Nancy Fletcher, 4) Larry Sorenson









(Center) Gordie and Louie Zimm hamming it up for the camera. (Clockwise from upper left) 1) Shelly Wagner, 2) Jerry Cole, 3) Tom Smith author of the newsletter "Fly of the Month".



FLY OF THE MONTH

GREEN SUPER SAGE

Hook: TMC 3769 sizes 10 - 16

Thread: Olive 6/0 - 8/0

Tail: Sage Grouse black feather fibers

Body: Green Super floss Thorax: Peacock herl



- 1. Wrap the shank of the hook with a layer of thread. Tie in the tail it should be no longer than the hook shank.
- 2. Tie in the body material. Super floss is a rubberized material and can be stretched. I try not to stretch it too much. If you wrap it around the hook with a minimum amount of stretch you end up with a built in segmentation. If you pull it too tight it will look flat with no segmentation. Wrap it forward to about the 1/4 point and tie off.
- 3. Wrap a peacock herl on in front of the body. Wrap it forward to just behind the hook eye forming a short thorax.
- 4. Make a neat tapered head, whip finish and apply head cement.

This is a very easy tie. It can be tied in other colors - olive, bright brown, orange, red or yellow. I have not tried it in any color other than green. I caught and released 17 large trout at Henry's Lake in one morning a couple of years ago with this fly. It wouldn't work for me the next day! I fished it with a slow 6 to 8 inch strip while moving very slowly in my pontoon kick boat.

There was an omission on the Fly of the Month last month, the Swimming Damsel. The pattern called for a fine gold or copper wire rib. Step number three tied the ribbing on but there was no step to wind it forward. You need to wrap the ribbing forward over the completed body. After step number four. Sorry about that.

Tom Smith



Fly Fishing Costa Rica

By: Jerry Cole

must confess, of the many times I have fished in Costa Rica, the majority of fish I've caught have not been on a fly. Oh yes, I've taken Sailfish and Tarpon on flies and Snook, Guapote, Pintos, Majara (these are like blue gill) and Machaca, but all in all they only represent a fraction of the fish I've caught down there. It has really not been for the lack of effort, many was the day my casting arm hurt from over use. Unfortunately, on most occasions, my fishing companions have not been fly fishers and when I see them landing one fish after another while my fly goes untouched, I soon change to their methods. But there is hope for me

yet! A new company "Fly Fish Costa Rica" was started by Peter Gorinsky, a resident of Costa Rica who has fished Central and South America with a fly rod for over 27 years. He pioneered fly fishing for "Guapote" (called Rainbow Bass by Gringos) on Lake Arenanal, Costa Rica's biggest freshwater impoundment and has more recently explored and developed fishing destinations along the Nicaraguan border. One of Peter's associates is Pat Rash who describes herself as a "Good Old Broad." She is the former owner of a Fly Shop in Colorado who gave it up to live and fish in Costa Rica. Her enthusiasm for the sport is

contagious and after talking with her on the phone I was ready to go. Unfortunately I was also ready to return to San Diego so the fishing will have to wait until my next trip. We have had a number of members try their luck fishing in Costa Rica and maybe more will venture there in the future. It might be that they'd like to give "Fly Fish Costa Rica" a call. They're on the internet at www.flyfishingcostarica.com or ffcs@flyfishingcostarica.com. Thought I'd include a few pictures of fish from Costa Rica.







Where to Take a Leak

By Ralph Cutter

aterproof breathable waders are a modern miracle...possibly the most significant advance for anglers since the advent of the graphite rod. These things truly work. They allow water vapor to escape through the fabric while preventing water in liquid form from entering.

Waterproof breathable waders are tough and durable, but they are not indestructible. Pinhole leaks, usually caused by wading through rose or blackberry thickets, go unnoticed because the trace amount of water leaking through the holes getting warmed by the wearer's body temperature, vaporized and transmitted into the atmosphere through the breathable fabric.

When the number of pinhole leaks becomes so great that they overcome the vaporizing ability of the wearer, the water trickles down to the feet, and the wearer often mistakenly believes there is a hole in the foot. Larger punctures usually announce themselves as a wet, cold spot often at the worst of times and in the worst of places.

For emergency field repairs, duct tape is the universal cure. The stuff is amazing. I've had duct tape repairs that worked so well that I got weeks of time on the water before the tape peeled off and I paid for my laziness with that uncomfortable wet feeling again. The trick with duct tape is to get the wader as dry as possible and put a piece of tape on both the inside and the outside of the hole. Maybe it's my imagination, but it seems the colored duct tape is more supple than the silver and has less tendency to peel off.

Regardless of well your field repair is done, you have to make a permanent repair at some time. There are three types of leaks: pinholes, punctures or tears, and seam leaks.

Seam leaks are simple. Send them back to the factory, because there is no home remedy. Leaky seams were the bane of waterproof breathable waders when they first hit the market. Today's seams, at least in the high-end waders are actually stronger and more waterproof than the material they join. If the seam spontaneously develops a leak, it is a flaw in the manufacturing process, and the company should be happy to fix the leak at no charge. Tell them I said so.

Pinhole leaks are fun to fix because in involves a bit of magic. Before searching for the leak, toss the waders in the washing machine for a cycle or two, then let them dry. (Note: Do not put waders with neoprene feet in the dryer! Heat is the archenemy of neoprene, and repeated run through the dryer will ultimately turn the neoprene to a woody consistency.)

Presto! More times than not, the waders will no longer leak after being washed. Often the leak is caused when a small thorn or splinter lodges between the weaves and holds a space open for water to enter. Washing softens the embedded object and usually flushes it from the fabric. The tiny hole left behind is frequently too small a noticeable leak.

PTFE, better know as Gore-tex, is not affected by sunscreen, insect repellent, or any other common chemicals. In fact, PTFE is so inert it is used to line hazardous waste containers. Other breathable waterproof fabrics are not quite as indestructible and will leak after exposure to certain chemicals. Insect repellent is notoriously hard on waders, but a simple washing will usually cure DEET leaks.

If the waders continue to leak after washing, prepare for the simple task of finding and fixing the pinholes. It involves more magic. You will need a pencil, a bottle of rubbing alcohol, a rag, a mixing stick of some sort, a tube of Aquaseal and Cotol (an Aquaseal cure accelerant) are available as a matched set on peg board displays of most hardware stores, fly shops, and general sporting-goods outlets.

Turn the waders inside out and wipe them down with a rag soaked in rubbing alcohol. Small brownish or gray spots will magically appear out of nowhere. These are your leaks. You'll likely be amazed to find dozens of them. That these leaks existed for so long without your knowledge should stand as silent testimony to the breathability of the waders.

Alcohol is "thinner" than water and is able to bleed into the pinholes and betray their presence. Quickly, before the alcohol evaporates, circle each of the leaks with the pencil.

When the alcohol is entirely evaporated, mix the Aquaseal and Cotol into a goo the consistency of very soft butter. Smear a dab of the mixture into each of the penciled circles and allow to dry for a few hours. Your repair is as good as one done in the factory, because it is exactly how the pros would do it. Of course, the patches won't breathe, but that should be of no consequence until the entire wader is coated with Aquaseal. If that should become the case, enter your waders in some sort of contest.

For bigger punctures or tears, you will need to make a patch. Some manufacturers advise simply bridging the gap with Aquaseal, Shoo Goo, or Seam Grip, but I have had poor luck taking this route. By closing the leak with a real patch, you can make a repair that will outlive the waders.

As with pinhole leaks, work on the inside of the waders. Clean the area around the trauma by scrubbing it with rubbing alcohol. Slightly abrade the wader with one or two very light strokes of emery cloth. Cut a piece of tight-weave fabric so that its edges extend about one-quarter inch beyond the edges of the tear. Paint one side of the fabric with Aquaseal or Seam Grip and press into place (Shoo Goo works, but it cures into a comparatively stiff scab that tends to lift at

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the edges.) Put a couple of heavy books on the patch and let it sit overnight.

Neoprene feet can get cut when gravel rolls around inside the boot, or more frequently, when anglers walk around with no boots on at all.

Neoprene is the world's easiest stuff to fix. Aquaseal works, but nothing is as good as true neoprene glue. I used to work in a dive shop, and after much trial and error we settled on Seam Cement as the glue for wet suit repairs. The stuff chemically welds the edges back together and has the same stretchy characteristics as neoprene. It rules.

Clean the edges of the hole or tear with warm, soapy water and allow it to dry. Paint Seal Cement on all edges, let set for a moment, then clamp the wound with a pair of Vise Grips. This fix is fast, strong flexible, and permanent.

The age old problem of where to take a leak has now been solved. Your kitchen or shop is a good a place as any.

FLY CASTING AT LAKE MURRAY

The fishing season is in full swing. Now would be a good time to learn to flycast or just improve your skills. Join the San Diego Fly Fishers every Sunday morning from 9 AM until noon.

(See map on back page for location).

2001 Raffle Gifts...Claim them at the next meeting or else...

Winners! Please make arrangements to pick up the raffle gifts that you won at our August meeting. You may either pick them up yourself or send a trustworthy proxy.

Tom Beard G. Loomis Fly Tying Bag

Mike Dillon SDFF logo shirts and hat & Bolle

sunglasses

Fred Estrip Wheatley Fly Box

Mrs. Michael Greene Stripping basket & Salt water leader kit

Spam Meal & Gift Certificate to

Stroud's

Jack Parks Renzetti Vice

Al Rubiales Fly & clock artwork

Joseph Walter Orvis Reel & case

Aubrey Wendling Wilderness Adventures Guide Books

Frank Wong Gear Bag

If these gifts are not retrieved at the next meeting then they will once again become the property of the club to use in our monthly raffles.

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and coastline from Ensenada (just south of the boarder) to Oceanside. San Diego Bay and Mission Bay are not only beautiful but contain many fly fisher friendly areas where corbina, spotted bay bass and halibut can be landed on any given day from shoreline or boat. Or you can venture a few miles out into blue water for deep sea fishing fun for yellow fin yellow tail and even sharks!

Come join us for an evening that may enrich your local fly fishing experiences for years to come!

From member Nancy Fletcher

In the latest ALASKA magazine is a short article referring to fly fishing in 5 degree weather in Lake Sansing where the water is a balmy 35 degrees. And they did catch some good trout, a 26-inch rainbow was the largest. Now that could be INTENSE fishing...just try to keep your hands warm enough to hold on to your fly rod!



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Submitted by Glenn Gerbrandt of the Osprey Flyfishers of BC



FLYFISHING ETIQUETTE FOR THE LAKES

ith the phenomenal increase in fishing pressure on our lakes and streams today and more and more anglers looking for fewer and fewer fish, etiquette seems to have gone the way of the dinosaur. I have witnessed a number of incidents in the past few years involving a significant lack of common sense. Since I do little river fishing, I will restrict my comments to the lakes.

On once occasion, the fishing was not fast and furious but it was highly intense and exhilarating dryfly fishing at its best. It was one of those rare days where the insects kept hatching and the fish rose consistently. Unfortunately, our success was not going unnoticed. We became aware of a belly boater heading our way. We weren't overly concerned, as there was room for at least a couple more anglers. However, instead of stationing himself a cast length from the tulles and ourselves, he thrashed his way across the entire shoal. He then proceeded to kick his way along the reed line only to stop in front of us and brazenly ask what pattern we were using. At this point, his tube was less than a foot from my fly. I lost my cool and proceeded to tear a strip off him. He slowly backed off but the damage was done. Even though the mayflies continued to hatch, the fish were gone for the afternoon.

What could have been a memorable afternoon of flyfishing instead ended on a bitter note. Later, after a soothing cocktail, I wondered if in fact I had been too harsh on him. After all, he was most likely a neophyte and therefore unaware of

proper fishing etiquette. But then, I rationalized; if our positions were reversed and I was the beginner, I don't believe I would have done the same thing. This is only common sense; a trait I fear that is sorely lacking today. Had he stayed his distance we would have gladly helped him get into fish. And, as it turned out, Larry later informed me that he had seen a flyfishing club crest on the back of his vest.

I don't often respond to confrontations in that manner. I have also attempted to calmly and directly inform anglers of when they are being inconsiderate. Sometimes there is an apology; other times it just inflames the situation. I have also bitten my tongue on occasions and not said anything. But I end up frustrated and the angler doesn't learn anything other than to repeat the incident.

The dos and don'ts of lake fishing:

DO'S

- * Do leave at least 200 feet between boats - this allows each angler to cast 100 feet in any direction without tangling lines;
- * Do show your fellow angler some courtesy - often one will be rewarded for the consideration with helpful advice;
- * Do help others when you're having success and they are not - there will be days when the reverse is true;
- * Do keep noise to a minimum ship oars and deploy anchors quietly;

DON'TS

- * Do not motor up onto a shoal cut the motor well short of the shoal and either drift or row in;
- * Do not motor, or row directly through moving fish - anchor on the periphery and cast into them;
- * Do not cut in between an angler (who is working the shallows) and the shoreline;
- * Do not carry on loud conversations no one enjoys listening to a stranger tell stories of his binge weekend;
- * Do not tie-up a launch site if others are waiting;
- * Do not criticize non flyfishers for what they do (assuming they show proper etiquette)-both of the above examples were flyfishers;

I have flyfished now for almost twentyfive years and have witnessed first hand the incredible growth in popularity of our sport. Favorite shoals that I use to have all to myself now, in some cases, require one to take a number. Proportionate to this increase in anglers will be the number of incidents involving confrontations and inconsiderate behavior.

Like road rage, 'water rage' seems to be the direct result of allowing the rules of etiquette to erode away. Unfortunately, with overcrowding comes impatience and intolerance; undesirable traits that I'm sure we have all experienced and want to avoid. Under these conditions, it becomes imperative that we all practice good etiquette. In most cases, it will help us avoid confrontation and allow us to enjoy this wonderful sport of flyfishing.





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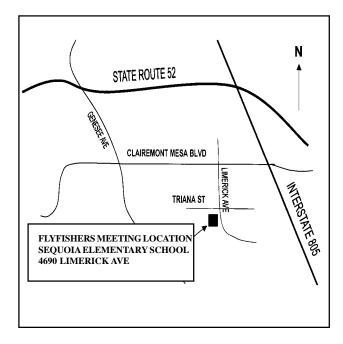
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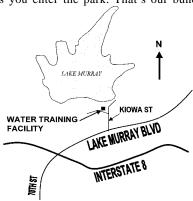
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