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Fly Tying Round Table Set for July Fly Fishers Meeting

July's meeting will feature our annual "Fly Tying Round Table". In addition, this year we will be combining our fly tying demonstrations with our first annual "Fly Market".

Our fly tying demonstrations will feature some of the Clubs most accomplished fly tiers sharing some of their 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 material will be featured. Many of our best tiers will be displaying their skills. Most notable will be **Eileen Stroud** who learned to tie flies from her father when she was very young, Also **Gary Hilbers**, **Tom Smith** and **Larry "Extended Body" Sorensen**, all of whom anchor the Clubs fly tying courses and weekly tying sessions. **Pete Picone** and **Todd Sutter** will be tying some of their best surf and bay patters. There will also be tiers of more questionable skill levels like myself, **Jim Reeg**, who are living proof that anyone can tie effective and fishable patterns proving that even fish can have poor taste!

If you're more a gear nut than a fly nut,

REMINDER

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

**Rich Louv and
Matthew Louv**

Thank you, Mona Morebello

President's Letter

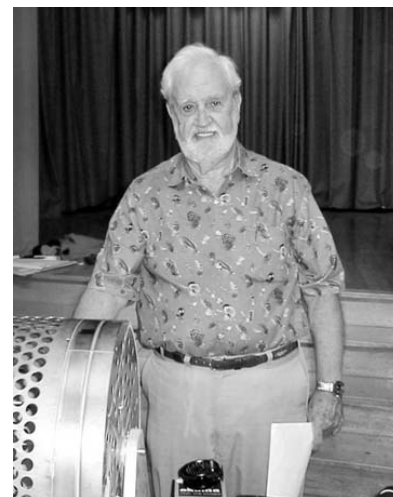
Annual Fly Fishers Raffle Once Again a Grand Success

Late Rush for Tickets Brings in Solid Revenues

The Annual Raffle...Part Three... There were plenty of reasons to rationalize why we wouldn't do as well in 2002 as we did in 2001. The economy is not as robust as it was a year ago, and the pall of 9-11 still hangs over us. As we loaded up the tables with prizes our ticket sales were at just under \$4,000. We expected to do OK, but not great.

And then something happened. Maybe **Vern** slipped something in the

coffee, or maybe it was that perfect, sunny San Diego day. When it was all said and done we brought in close to **\$10,200**. The raffle raised **\$6,800** and the winning bids at the silent auction table brought in **\$3,400!**



What more can be said about this man, Bill Stroud. He gives from his shop, his heart, and his most valuable time to host the annual raffle.

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 just thin out your old gear to make room for the 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 systems between each party.

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

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, July 1st, 2002
7:30 PM
Sequoia Elementary School
4690 Limerick Ave.
(See map on back page)

This means that over the next few months your Board of Directors will be deciding where to donate nearly **\$9,000**. As we have in the recent past we will focus our donations locally, giving consideration to California projects first. Members who have ideas on where we might donate some of the proceeds should contact a

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Annual Fly Fishers Raffle

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board member with suggestions.

Those who walked into Sequoia Elementary in early June saw a table crammed with prizes. There were seven rods, two top end vises, a pile of fly tying material, flies, reels, a float tube, rod cases, books, sunglasses, and equipment specifically geared toward the salt. On the silent auction table we had two 2-for-1

trips to **Saltery Lodge**, a "two-fer" to the **Redfern Lodge** in British Columbia, a free two-day trip including lodging at guide service at **Flaming Gorge Lodge**, two nights at the **Rainbow Tarns B&B** and a half day on a private trout pond with **Tom Loe**, a rod built by **Bill Stroud**, and a trio of gifts donated by **The San Diego Fly Shop**.

These prizes did not just appear. Here's a little bit of what goes on "behind the scenes." First, we send about 80 letters out to manufacturers, guides and lodges soliciting donations. As the years have passed, many of the manufacturers have offered us a deep discount on items, but rarely come through with a "freebie." We then order from those manufacturers, make countless calls to lodges and guides and start collating the gifts. Then we send letters and tickets out to all members, print, cut and collate 4,000 raffle tickets, find a ticket drum, buy the remaining gifts, and rely on a handful of members who never fail to come through. There's a shopping spree at **Stroud's Tackle**. The gifts are stored, numbered, delivered and displayed the night of the raffle. Whew!

Time to pass out the kudos:

Jim Reeg was our raffle chair and coordinating most of the work described in the above paragraph. On the night of the raffle he was assisted mightily

by his wife, **Sue**, who also opened her house as a warehouse for the prizes. He also single-handedly brought in the **Redfern River Lodge** donation, valued at \$2,495.

Louie and Gordie Zimm not only rode herd over the ticket sales, but also secured some prizes for us and Louie manned the silent auction table on the night of our event.

Eileen and Bill Stroud not only donated a pile of gifts, including the aforementioned hand crafted rod, but also did yeoman work at the raffle, with Bill filling in as the Master of Ceremonies and Eileen helping with the yanking of the tickets.

Sherry Brainerd also did a wonderful job bringing in donations. **Art Reifman** kept the books straight. **Warren Lew** helped with the mailing. **Joe Bain** provided the raffle drum...big enough to hold all those tickets!

Jack Bentley, the club's King of Travel, landed the Arizona and Alaska trips.

I'll leave it to Mr. Reeg to thanks our many donors, the generous manufacturers, lodges, guides and members who helped us make the raffle another rousing success. I did, however, want to single out four particularly generous individuals.

Every year **Eileen and Bill Stroud** donate a pile of gifts. No lie, a trunkful of top-notch gifts. For the second year **Peter Piconi**, **San Diego Fly Shop** was inordinately generous, donating three top-drawer prizes. Finally, **Carl Stanzione** donated a hand made bamboo rod. Carl put a condition on the rod, that a member win it.

David Shapiro, the winner of the rod, was beaming when he picked up his prize.

Now, for those who won, **you**

must make arrangements to pick up your gift by the August meeting. Any gifts not claimed at that point will be "donated" back to the club for use in the monthly raffles. We will make an exception for gift certificates...we will mail those to the lucky winners.

When you see the folks who worked hard to pull this off, thank them. They deserve it.

Is this a great club, or what? At the May meeting, we discussed the new trials and tribulations of flying with fly-fishing equipment. **Lynn Atnip** mentioned that he had a Lucky Lager can opener confiscated at the security checkpoint. It's funny how we get attached to some rather simple items, and Lynn had been toting around that opener for over 15 years. Like losing an old friend.

Bill Bacon came to the rescue. Digging through a toolbox at home he found a suitably weathered, aged Lucky Lager can opener. He gave this treasure to an astounded Lynn at the meeting. 🍷



JIM TENUTO



President Jim Tenuto sporting a funny looking rod case.



San Diego Fly Fishers

Annual Raffle 2002

Here's a big round of applause to those who helped organize and conduct the annual raffle:

Jim and Sue Reeg (organized and chaired the committee; stored the raffle prizes; did a lot of work and responsible for the success of the raffle)

Jim Tenuto (obtained many of the prizes, and was Jim's right hand man; also did a lot of work as he ordered the prizes we received directly from the manufacturers)

Louie and Gordie Zimm (ticket sales and donations)

Joe Bain (provided the raffle drum)

Eileen and Bill Stroud (donations and master of ceremonies)

Sherry Brainerd (donations)

Art Reifman (collected the money and deposited in the club account)

Jack Bentley (silent auction prizes)

Warren Lew (helped with the mailing)

Peter Piconi (San Diego Fly Shop donations)

Carl Stanzione (donated a hand made bamboo fly rod)



Notice to Non-Present Raffle Winners

Thanks to all that helped to make the June raffle our most successful ever. Like last year, you need not have been present to win prizes. All non-present winners need to pick up their gifts at either the July or August meetings. Unclaimed gifts after the August meeting will be raffled off at the September meeting. Only by attending the meetings will you know if you won!!!!!!





Once again tables full of raffle prizes.



The silent auction brought much interest as well as revenue for conservation.



New members Darren and Don Cooper along with Ed Emmett show off their raffle winnings.



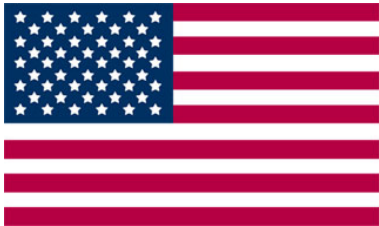
Kim Jones' little doggie was nearly raffled off twice for dubbing material.





JACK BENTLEY

**Any Questions?
Call Jack Bentley at**



San Juan River Trip Slated for October 13-18, 2002

The dates selected for this annual trip are **October 13- 18**, which includes four solid days of fishing on this terrific “Blue Ribbon” river! This tailwater river is particularly good for those just getting into fly fishing because it is very accessible, and offers a wide variety of water, from flats and riffles to holes and runs...not to speak of plenty of big rainbow trout!

This is always a fun trip, and it is open to men, women, and couples. There is also a variety of housing available. If you are thrifty, you can get by for about \$650, total cost, not including guides. For beginners and first-timers to this river, we strongly recommend hiring a guide the first day, if not more. A guide will cost about \$175 per person per day.

NOTE: There is at least one person who wants to drive to the San Juan. We are looking for others that would like to share the drive.

Pat Case is organizing this trip. E-mail him at [or call during the](#) day at . Tell him (1) who you want or don't want to bunk with, (2) what type of accommodation you want, (3) what days (if any) you want a guide, and (4) if you want a wading or float guide.

FFF Life Member Mike Fong Dies At Age 61

Mike Fong along with his wife Christine have spoken more than once at the San Diego Fly Fishers meetings. The most recent presentation was made at the February 2000 meeting “Trout Fishing in the Rockies”.



Mike Fong renowned angler and publisher of Inside Angler, died very suddenly Friday evening June 14, 2002 while returning from a

fishing trip to Lake Davis, California with his wife Christine. Mike was 61 years old and without warning suffered an apparent aneurysm of the brain. Mike was a gentle person, and a good friend to all of us.

Michael was a Life member of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) after receiving the FFF Arnold Gingrich Memorial Award in 1996. Mike, with Christine as photographer, was Editor of the FFF Flyfisher Magazine and made major significant improvements in magazine quality and content from 1977-1982. He also helped the Northern California Council FFF as time allowed in his busy schedule.

Michael and Christine Fong both attended the California College of Arts & Crafts in Oakland, California, and Michael received his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa.

In 1967, they sold their first article to “Outdoor Life” and have since been published in nearly every national outdoor publication in the country. Michael and Christine received The Ross Allen Merigold Complete Angler Memorial Award from the Pasadena Casting Club. Mike was on the Editorial Staff of Angler Magazine and was a contributing editor to “Fly Fisherman Magazine” Mike and Chris have been featured speakers at the International Sportsmen’s Exposition since the show’s inception more than twenty years ago.

For more than thirty-five years, Mike and Chris traveled and fly fished extensively throughout the contiguous United States, and in Baja California, Central America, South America, the Bahamas, New Zealand, Canada, Alaska and Norway. Mike was a fly fisher’s fly fisher.

Marty Seldon



FLY OF THE MONTH

SPARKLE SNAIL

Hook: Tiemco 3769 #10- #12
Thread: Black or Olive 8/0
Underbody: Lead wire or waxed dental floss
Body: Crystal chenille - black or dark olive
Hackle: Mottled hen hackle



1. Wrap the hook shank with tying thread. Tie in a length of crystal chenille at the hook bend.
2. Wrap the hook shank with a layer of lead wire or lead wire substitute. If you do not want a fast sinking fly try building an underbody with waxed dental floss. Waxed dental floss is a great material for forming an underbody. It can be molded to various desirable shapes.
3. After forming the desired underbody wrap the crystal chenille forward over the underbody to the eye of the hook. Tie off and trim the excess.
4. Select a hen saddle feather. The feather fibers should be about the same length as the body length. Tie in the hackle by the tip and wrap two turns directly in front of the body. Tie off and trim the excess feather.
5. Pull the feather fibers back over the body and build a neat tapered head. Whip finish and apply head cement.

This fly was taken from a book by Philip Rowley, "Fly Patterns For Stillwaters", which is an excellent stillwater pattern book. In his book the author points out that snails make up from 3% to 8% of a fish's diet in stillwater. The 8% happens during the fall of the year.

This is not a pretty fly but if a fly represents 8% of the fish's diet it doesn't need to be pretty. I haven't used it, but I'm certainly going to give it a try.

Tom Smith



On the conservation front, there is both good news and bad news to report this month. I'll start with the good news for those of you that don't enjoy stress other than that found at the end of your tippet.

As you know, the Southern California Steelhead Coalition, with help from the San Diego Fly Fishers, has been working hard to reestablish San Mateo Creek as a viable steelhead stream. One of the most important aspects of this effort has been to convince the federal government that legal protection for native steelhead needed to be extended south to include the San Mateo Creek population.

On May 1st, in a wonderful victory for all of the folks that have been pushing for protection of our steelhead, the National Marine Fisheries Service reversed itself and extended the protected range of the steelhead from Los Angeles County all the way south to the U.S. – Mexico border. This means that steelhead in any of San Diego County's coastal river basins will be protected under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The potential now exists for protecting and restoring steelhead runs in other San Diego area streams.

True, the ESA protection will keep us from fishing for steelhead in local streams until the listing is dropped. That is as it should be, though. We need to nurture this precious resource until it can stand on its own. Rest assured, it should not impact fishing for other species in the designated local rivers.

Now, for more good news. After much work, the California fisheries folks were finally convinced that we needed a biologist dedicated to the southern region of the state. Mary Larson is now working as the Senior Specialist, Fishery Restora-

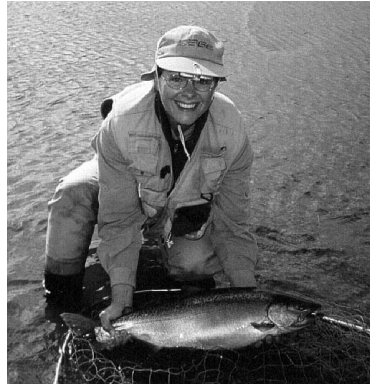
tion Grant Program, South Coast Region, for the California Department of Fish and Game. She grew up in San Diego, and although she works out of the Los Alamitos office and commutes to San Diego, she is knowledgeable about our

resources and needs. In addition, she soon should have a dedicated assistant to help her.

Even better, Mary was willing to spend three very full days surveying San Diego's backcountry with Allen Greenwood as her guide. On the first day, they covered San Diego's southern most creeks: Cottonwood, Pine Valley, Kitchen and

Troy.

For those of you who have hiked streams with Allen, you will appreciate the fact that Mary was still in the world of the living on day two when she joined Allen



SHERRY BRAINERD



Mary Larson and Allen Greenwood at a remaining pool on Boulder Creek.


and me for another watershed tour. Over a period of eleven hours, we checked out every significant stream from the Sweetwater on the south to the San Luis Rey on the north. We started by hiking part of the Sweetwater, moved on to Little Stonewall Creek, hiked into Boulder Creek, did drive-bys of Canejos and Cedar Creeks, hiked into Black Canyon Creek, and finished by driving the areas around Santa Ysabel Creek and the San Luis Rey

and its tributaries, including Marion, Frey and Pauma.

For those of you that know San Diego County, that is a LOT of territory to cover in one day. Mary did it with a smile, and she came back for more on day three. Her final tour with Allen was of the upper San Mateo. At this stop, members of the press joined her. You may have seen a resulting article in the San Diego section of the Union Tribune on May 20 entitled "Drought Threatens Southern Steelhead".

And that brings us to the bad news. In the roughly 25 years that I have lived in the San Diego area, I have never seen the backcountry so dry. Of all the streams we visited on day two, only the Sweetwater, Boulder, Black Canyon and the San Luis Rey had any water in them at all. However, none of those streams had any flow to speak of, and the pools with water were several feet below normal levels. We saw snakes and crawdads, but we sure didn't see any trout. This was during the third week of May, and the water levels were appropriate for September of a dry year.

Mary was willing to believe Allen and me when we told her about the typical flows and water levels. She even believed us when we told her about our fantastic native trout, and where they normally live. But the scenes of trout rising were replaced by a lot of dry dirt, gravel and rocks. She will be working to make sure the steelhead on the San Mateo make it through the summer, even if relocation is required.

What can the rest of us do? If you love trout, CONSERVE WATER! Local water that comes out of our taps originates in a stream that flowed into a reservoir in the backcountry. The politicians haven't gotten around to telling us that there is a water problem. But, believe me, we are in the middle of the worst drought San Diego has seen for many, many years. So, save as much water as you can, and you will help to save our local native fish population. On behalf of our local watersheds and the critters that live in them, thank you for conserving our water! 



*There are no hidden agendas in our accounting practices. Here
is the straightforward “books” for the San Diego Fly Fishers.*

SDDF Annual Budget

<u>Category</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u>
Inflows	\$23,100.00
Annual Raffle	7,000.00
Auction Sales	2,000.00
Clothing Sales	425.00
Club History Book Sales	0.00
Interest Income	200.00
Membership Dues	9,000.00
Monthly Raffle	3,800.00
Other Income	600.00
Refreshment Sales	75.00
Outflows	\$23,100.00
Fixed Expenses	500.00
Insurance	500.00
Taxes	0.00
Flexible Expenses	22,600.00
Administrative Expenses	760.00
Annual Banquet	2,400.00
Books	500.00
Clothing Purchase	500.00
Conservation	3,850.00
Education Programs	750.00
—Casting Clinic	360.00
—Children’s Education	200.00
—Fly Tying Class	100.00
—Other Education	90.00
—Education Programs - Other	0.00
Finny Facts	4,000.00
Other Expenses	0.00
Raffle Expenses	5,000.00
Space Rental	1,500.00
Speaker’s Program	2,400.00
Video Library	600.00
Web Site	340.00
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Total Budget Inflows:	\$23,100.00
Total Budget outflows:	\$23,100.00
Difference:	0.00

Art Riefman Club Treasurer





FLY CASTING AT LAKE MURRAY

Trout season is here! Summer warm water fishing is just around the corner. 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.

Cutoff date for *August FINNY FACTS* articles---Friday July 12th

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- 1991-Ned Sewell
- 1992-Bob Camp
- 1993-Bill & Eileen Stroud
- 1994-Ed Velton
- 1995-Bob Wisner
- 1996-Gary Hilbers
- 1997-Jack Bentley
- 1998-Gordie Zimm
- 1999-Gretchen Yearous
- 2000-Tom Smith
- 2001-Rose & Roger Yamasaki



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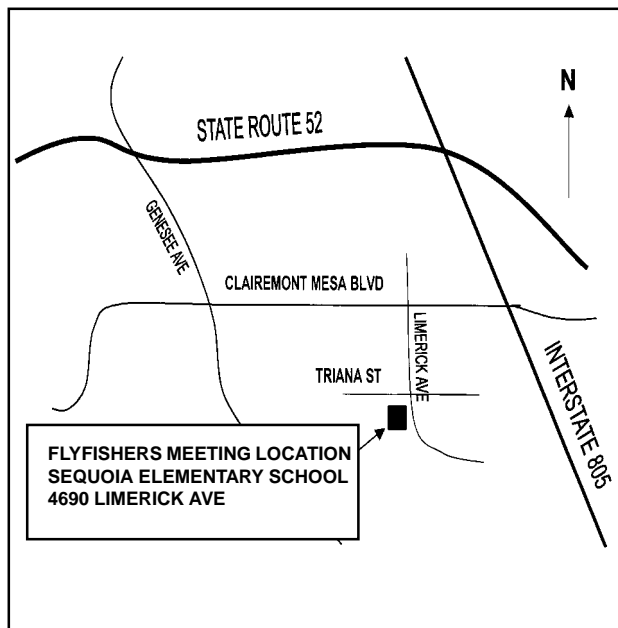
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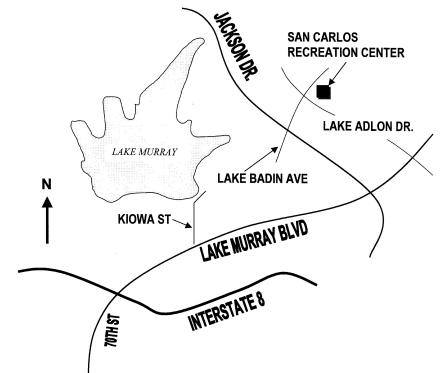
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Meeting Place for Workshops
San Carlos Recreation Center near Lake Murray. (We no longer meet at the Lake Murray Water Training Facility at Lake Murray). The address is 6445 Lake Badin Ave. To get there from Hwy. 8, take the Lake Murray Blvd. exit 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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