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December Meeting

Ken Iwamasa for December Fly Fishers Meeting

Ken Iwamasa will be presenting at the December meeting of the SDFF on fishing in Mongolia.

Ken is the author of the book *Iwamasa Flies* and a contributor to the books *Stoneflies* by Swisher and Richards and *Fly Tyer's Almanac* by Dave Whitlock.

Ken has originated many fly patterns and has published articles in *Fly Fisherman Magazine* for both the U.S. and Japan editions, *Fly Tyer Magazine*, and *Tight Loops* magazine. He teaches at the University of Colorado--Boulder.



We've all met someone who has touched our lifeGrant Pasek was one of those fellows

Grant Pasek was an avid fisherman.

Although he had a few favorite lakes that he loved to frequent, he was game for any place he could throw in his line. He especially liked fly fishing and tied his own custom flies. He enjoyed sharing and picking up tips at the Fly Fishers Club in San Diego.

In 1959 a friend told Grant of a place in the High Sierras that he had discovered.



You had to drive up a rocky, dusty curved road for about nine miles to reach a beautiful large lake called Rock Creek Lake. And if you ventured even farther on this dirt road you would reach a place where, on foot, you could find several

crystal clear lakes....one after another, abounding with trout of many species. Grant, his wife and two sons began to frequent this area. He spent as much time there as he could in the summer months when he had vacation time from his very stressful job as a traffic controller at the Lindbergh Tower and then at Miramar Radar Traffic Control Center.

Rock Creek Lake was a very serene area with very few campers. There was a small store run by two couples. They had four cabins to rent and there were a few camp sites around Rock Creek Lake. Within a few years the Paseks told my grandparents about the area and invited them to join them for

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, December 5th, 2005
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):

**Dennis Remillard and
Tom Luckie**

Thank You, Mona Morebello



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: DECEMBER 2005

It was great to see such good attendance at our November 7 meeting. The energy level was really high. We really enjoyed the **Jeff Solis** saltwater presentation!

Good news! Members responded immediately to the **Mona Morebello** Show. We now have a full slate of volunteers to set up at each meeting. I thought I was going to die laughing!

We appreciate the good response to the **Beldon Rau** silent auction. Many thanks go to **Lee McElravy** for his considerable work to make this happen.

Speaking of work, I want everyone to thank **Paul Woolery** for the immense amount of work and dedication he has given the club this year. Paul has been in charge of our Chollas Kid's Program as well as serving as Secretary of your club this year. He has quietly been taking on much of the work that



LOUIE ZIMM

Kim Jones is making saltwater fly fishing history with her great reports and management of the e-mail site.

Next meeting on December 5 will be our big chance to buy tickets to the Club Awards Banquet on January 9. Make sure that you buy a ticket to what will be a wonderful celebration of community and appreciation for those folks that make the club possible.

The banquet will be held at Admiral Baker Field. We will be holding the line on ticket prices to \$20. This includes a

comes our way. What a great guy!

Charlie Wright continues his great job putting together the weekly raffle. We really appreciate the time and effort that goes into this important job.

raffle ticket to win a great grand prize!

We have just received word from **Joe Bain** that annual Star/Pal fishing derby at Lake Chollas will take place on February 2. Chollas Lake is already receiving trout plants for the kids.

We are looking forward to hearing Ken Iwamasa tell us about Mongolia at our next meeting. Talk about fantastic fishing in a fantastic land!

Lately, we have received great comments about the Lake Murray Casting Class. We wish to thank **Ned Sewell, Marvin Darling, John Kasten, Shelley Wagner, Ken Armer** and all others that donate there time and expertise to this worthy school.

I also greatly appreciate **Bill and Eileen Strouds'** help and advice in making this club one of the best in the U.S.!

Time to Renew Your Membership in the San Diego Fly Fishers

Membership fees remain the same for 2006. You should have received your membership renewal notice in the mail by now. Renewals not received by the March 2006 meeting will result in your removal from the membership roster and mailing list for the newsletter.

Please consider becoming involved in some Club activity. If we all pitch in, it means less work for each individual.





San Diego Fly Fishers

Annual "STROUD" Banquet

Monday January 9th 2006

6:30 to 9:00 PM

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

U.S. Navy Recreation Center

**Come celebrate another successful year for
San Diego Fly Fishers.**

**The price is only \$20 per person for a great buffet dinner in a
beautiful and convenient setting.**

**The \$20 price includes a door prize ticket!
The door prize will be an **Abel reel****

**Sign-up at the Dec 5th meeting or at Stroud's Tackle.
Or use the attached mail in sheet (see next page)**

**Payment must be received prior to December 19th
Spouses and guests are welcome!**



SFFF Annual Banquet: Monday January 9, 2006

6:30 to 9:00 PM

Join us for a big Buffet Dinner and award Presentations

Location

Admiral Baker Field is located just off Friars Road, approximately 1 mile east of Qualcomm Stadium.

Directions: From I -15 take Friars Road east!

After you pass over the top of the hill, there is a stoplight at Santo road. Turn left onto Santo Road and then make an immediate right into Adm. Baker Field. Follow that road straight around to the Golf Course Club house. There will be plenty of convenient parking!

Menu

Salads:

Tossed Fresh Garden Greens with two dressings
Pasta primavera

Entrees:

Top Round of Beef and / or Chicken

Accompaniments:

Variety of potatoes and vegetables

Dessert

Mail In sign-up sheet

Name:

Guests Names:

Amount enclosed (\$20 per person):

mail payment prior to December 19th to:

Stroud's Tackle

1457 Morena Blvd

San Diego, CA 92110

Mark: "Attn SFFF Annual Banquet"



Grant Pasek

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a few weeks one summer. For the next forty some years our family enjoyed sharing time with Grant and his family in this beautiful wilderness area. Things have definitely changed up there. The road has been paved which has encouraged many more



people to head to the area. There are several more cabins and campsites everywhere up and down the hill. But one thing has remained, the legacy Grant left for my parents, for me, and for future generations. Grant was a true lover of the land and shared his love and respect with my family. It's hard now to see how some people treat the beautiful surroundings. They leave trash, swim in the lakes, throw excess bait and fishing line on the shore and in the lakes.

My parents tell stories of their childhood days when Grant would take them on day hikes into the back country. He would pack a large backpack with goodies. He would always take a small stove to make soups and hot drinks. The warm lunches were delicious, but they would

always be followed by the lesson that nothing was to be left behind. The beauty of the area was never to be compromised by our carelessness. And if Grant ever saw that clouds were gathering, he would announce that we must be heading back to our campsite. Thunder, lightening, rain and even snow could be right behind the clouds.

I guess it was only right that just before Grant's death he had spent a week at Rock Creek Lake. At the age of 87 he and Betty no longer camped, but stayed in one of the cabins rented by the store. He and Betty stopped by my place at Crowley Lake and we had a great visit. We talked fishing (and airplanes...another subject we had in common) and then they headed down 395. They stopped in Lone Pine and were having a bite to eat when he suffered a massive stroke and heart attack. Life Flight flew him to Reno where he died six days later on September 27th.



Grant pulled many a fish out of his favorite San Diego Lakes, Lake Murray and San Vicente, and camped many a summer on the Colorado River at Picacho State Park. But his most rewarding and exciting catch was a 9 lb, 4oz trout caught at Diamond Lake in Oregon. The story of this fish is a great one

Grant had been fishing for quite a while and then got the largest bite he had ever experienced. He started to reel in the fish but soon realized the enormity of what was on the other end. When he spotted the fish, he feared that the light test line he was using would never hold under the pressure of the fish he had hooked. And he was right. He had gotten the fish close to shore, but lost it before he could bring it in. Grant went back to his trailer and told Betty he was going back for that fish. The next morning, at the crack of dawn, he changed his pole to accommodate the big guy and headed back to the lake. And sure enough.....he hooked the fish again and made the biggest catch of his life. As a matter of fact, it was the record catch to come from Diamond Lake that year. And the fish still had Grant's original lure in his fat lip!

I love this story as I am currently after a large fish I have spotted many times cruising around in a certain area in Crowley Lake. When I succeed,
THAT CATCH WILL BE FOR YOU, GRANT!!!

We love you and miss you!

Brandon Parker





JACK BENTLEY

**Any Questions?
Call Jack Bentley at**

Plan Now for Green River Trip May 2006

Now is the time for club members to plan for The Green River (Flaming Gorge) trip in May 2006. This is the club's favorite trip.

DATES:	May 15---20th
ESTIMATED COST:	3 days fishing with guides: \$1,382
	4 days fishing with guides: \$1,720

Guides are \$235 per fisherman per day and the river fishes best from a boat, but lots of wading space is available.

**SIGN UP AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY BY CONTACTING
JACK BENTLEY**



Grant Evans Pasek, WWII veteran, pilot, traffic controller and avid fisherman died on September 27th in a Reno, Nevada hospital. He suffered a heart attack and stroke in Lone Pine, California on the 21st after spending a week at his favorite fishing spot in the High Sierra mountains. He was 87.

Grant was born on July 8th, 1918 in Huron, South Dakota. He was the quarterback on his high school football team and again for his college team at Huron College. In 1940 he got his pilot's license and took his future bride, Miss Betty Lou Peterson, on his first flight after receiving the license.

He moved to San Diego, California in 1940 and began employment with Convair. On August 23rd, 1941 he and Betty were married. Grant joined the Navy and was sent to Saipan in the South Pacific where he served as a traffic controller during WWII. After returning to San Diego he was a traffic controller for 14 years for the Lindbergh Tower and then 17 years for Miramar Radar Traffic Control Center.

He was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed fishing San Vicente Lake and Lake Murray in San Diego, enjoyed camping at Picacho on the Colorado River, and especially liked fishing in the High Sierras at Rock Creek Lake. His greatest catch was a 9 lb 4 oz trout caught at Diamond Lake in Oregon. Grant enjoyed tying his own custom flies and attended many meetings of the San Diego Fly Fishers Club. In his retirement years golfing was another favorite pastime. He loved Springer Spaniels and the Paseks have always had one in their family.

Grant is survived by his wife , Betty, of 64 years, his two sons, Larry and wife, Pam of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jim and wife, Wanda of San Diego, a grandson and granddaughter, five great grandchildren, and his Springer Spaniel, Freckles.



Bureaucratic Mud Fight!

Last month I asked for volunteers to help Allen Greenwood, “Mr. San Diego Trout” and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), stock trout in our local mountain streams. I am happy to announce that we have 16 volunteers ready to help. Your club board has also authorized up to \$200 from our conservation fund to buy aerators, buckets and other equipment to support the plant: **another great response from San Diego Fly Fishers.**

The problem now, is that we don’t know when. The stocking scheduled for late October or early November has been delayed indefinitely by a bureaucratic SNAFU. A U.S. Forest Service (USFS) wildlife biologist in the Descanso District Office, expressed a concern that a trout plant may further endanger the

Arroyo Toad. There is no creditable scientific basis for her concern. In fact, all available scientific evidence is that wild trout and Arroyo Toads have co-existed in local streams for centuries. However, all it takes is one person to express concern and the bureaucracy grinds to a halt. Just because someone saw a trout eat a frog egg does not mean the species are incompatible. But, apparently that is enough to shift the “burden of proof” onto the trout.

The good news is that this may be nothing more than a bump in the road. More experienced Cleveland National Forest managers are reviewing the situation. The Wildlife Biologist has apologized for her initial response, and things seem to be moving forward again. Furthermore, the USFS has signed a memorandum giving DFG responsibility for stocking fish



GARY STRAWN

in the National Forests. Although they would like to have full concurrence from the Cleveland National Forest managers, DFG intends to go ahead with the project, anyway. **Hooray for them!**

Allen thinks we may still get this done in late November. We stand by with buckets and waders!

Hopefully, next month we will have pictures of a success story. If you want to join the stocking brigade, it’s not too late to sign up. Just e-mail me at



FREE CASTING LESSONS EVERY SUNDAY 9 AM--NOON

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.

DIRECTIONS--

Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Boulevard. Go north on Lake Murray Boulevard to Kiowa Drive. Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That’s our bunch.



FLY OF THE MONTH

IMPROVED FOAM-WING CADDIS By Scott Sanchez

- Hook:** Tiemco 2488 or Dai-Riki 125, light wire emerger / scud hook, size 12 to 18
Thread: Black 8/0
Belly: Olive or black fine vernille - (micro-chenille)
Wing: A double layer of 2 mm craft foam cut to shape. Bright color on top.
Thorax: Dry fly dubbing, color to match hatch.
Hackle: Grizzly saddle hackle. The fibers should be one and a half to two gap-widths in length. - Cut flat along the bottom to make the fly float low in the water.
Antennae: Moose body hair. (I used barred Guinea hen on size 16 or 18 caddis- LK)



Cut two 2 mm craft foam sheets to say- two inches by four inches. I used black and white or tan and pink glued together with a spray contact adhesive, like 3M's Super 77, or 3M Spray Mount Artist's Adhesive. You can used Super glue on smaller sections. Cut the large squares strips about one and one half the lengths of the desired hook shank. (About 1/2 inch) I used a razor blade with a steel ruler as a guide. Cut this strip into small triangles about 1½-hook gaps wide. Next use scissor tips to notch the back of the wing to make a V, and then taper the back to make a caddis fly wing. Taper the front and trim some of the white foam off the top. (I think the 2mm foam is a little too thick for the 16 and 18 sized caddis.) Gently slit the bottom with a razor. Try not to cut through the bottom layer. Mount the hook in the vise and wrap a thread base. Cement the thread base and tie in a two-inch strand of black Micro Chenille along the top of the hook and back down to the bend. The long tag end extends to the rear. Warp thread forward to the 2/3 shank. This point will be the front of the wing. Slip the foam wing on the hook shank. Leave the front third of the shank behind the eye bare. The wing should extend a half hook

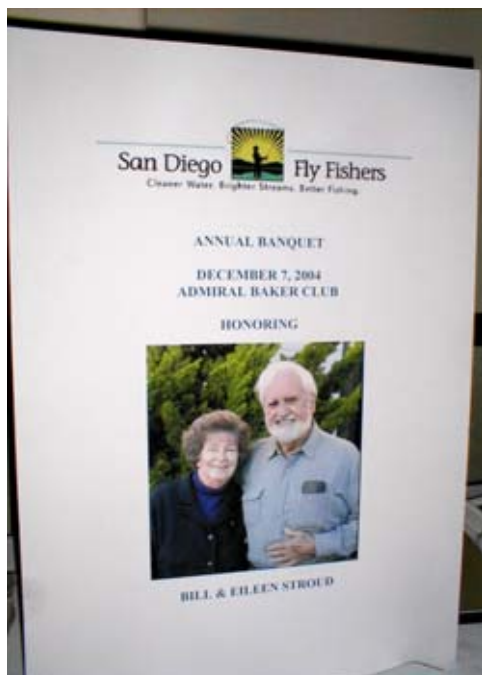
gap past the bend. Tie down the tapered foam wing by the tip. With a toothpick or bodkin, add some head cement or super glue to the thread base. Push the form back down. Pull the micro-chenille forward under the body to make the abdomen and tie down behind the eye. Trim off excess. Wrap thread to behind the eye. Select two moose body hairs for the antennae. Size to a shank and a half-length and attach behind the eye. Figure 8 the moose hairs and separate. Bring thread back to the base of the foam and attach a grizzly hackle, sized to be two hook gaps long. The hackle is tied dull side forward, dry fly style. Dub a small thorax, creating a level section to wrap the hackle. Do not crowd the eye and antennae. Make four or five wraps of hackle on the dubbing. Tie off and trim the hackle in the space behind the antennae. It is difficult to make a "big loop" whip finish to avoid trapping the moose hair. Beginners might skip the antennae to make this an easier fly or tie the antennae back an eye further to allow a regular whip finish. Finish by trimming off the hackle flush with the bottom of the fly and adding a small drop of head cement behind the eye.

Thanks to new SDFF member, Bob Stafford for lending me the magazine - Lucky Ketcham



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Lucky Ketcham

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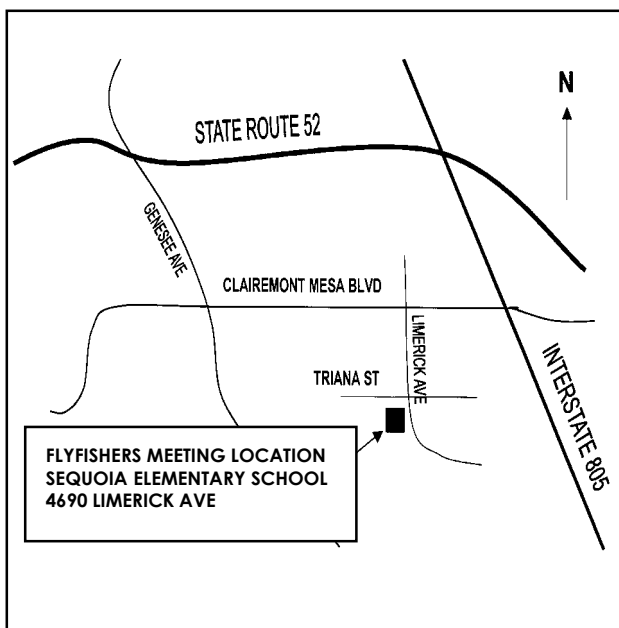
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Meeting Place for Workshops

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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