

# FINNY FACTS

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## June Meeting

## 2008 Raffle and Silent Auction

The 2008 Raffle/Silent Auction is just a few days away and you want to be there. Prizes are still arriving: Rods, reels, lines, float tubes, chest packs, fly boxes (many with flies), waders and much, much, more. Don't forget our grand prize, a hand crafted bamboo rod and reel combination. The silent auction is going to be one of our best ever, with fishing opportunities on fresh and salt water...in and out of state, a custom made bristle cone pine landing net, a Thomas and Thomas rod, and a special box of flies tied by Eileen Stroud.

Please mark your calendars and set a reminder in your computers. Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008. Be there early, as the first ticket will be drawn at 7:30 PM. Our Master of Ceremonies this year is **Mr. Lee McElravy**.

- Rods by R. L. Winston, St. Croix, Diamond Back, and G. Loomis; Reels by Bauer, St. Croix, Reddington, and Ross; Tying vises by Regal Engineering and Renzetti; Top of the line feathers, fly tying supplies, and tools; Fly lines by Scientific Anglers and Cortland; Float tubes by Creek Co. These are but a few of the items on the main table.

### What more can I ask of you?

- Buy tickets
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- Bring your friends and have them buy tickets
- Buy a gift certificate from Stroud's Tackle and donate it for the raffle
- Ask your favorite restaurant to donate a two-for-one certificate
- Donate a new (or nearly new) piece of fly fishing gear for the table or silent auction
- Buy more tickets!

### MEETING NOTICE

Monday, June 2, 2008

7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School

4690 Limerick Avenue

(See map on back page)

### REMINDER

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

**Helen and**

**Mike Grundler**

*Thank You, Mona Morebello*

### Here are the simple rules for our Annual Raffle and Silent Auction

- You can win as many times as you have tickets
- If you have no use for a prize, or are just feeling generous, you may donate the prize back to the club on the night of the raffle
- If you are not at the raffle and win a prize, you have until our September meeting to arrange to get the gift or else it becomes the property of the club
- A bid on the silent auction is firm

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JUNE 2008

We had another great speaker in May with Guy Jeans giving an informative talk about fishing the Upper Kern and Lower Kern rivers and their tributaries. The Lower Kern has a really nice variety of fish from trout to bass, while the Upper Kern takes you back into the Golden Trout Wilderness. It's a pretty easy drive to Kernville and you're quickly into some very beautiful country.



JONATHAN HEE

Our upcoming June meeting will be one of our most important of the year – our annual raffle! It's our main fundraiser for conservation and education efforts. **Larry Sorensen** and his team have assembled a fantastic selection of prizes. Read more about it elsewhere in this month's Finny Facts and don't forget to send in your raffle tickets!

Speaking of education efforts, I would like to thank **Al Venton** along with **Lucky Ketchum**, **Ted Reinert** and **Paul Woolery** who recently spent a full Saturday at the Boy Scouts of America Scouts Fair. Under Al's leadership, these members had their

hands full teaching young scouts how to tie flies and fishing knots so they could earn a fishing merit badge. The very next day another group of club members were at the Day at the Docks in Point Loma demonstrating fly tying and publicizing the club to the saltwater crowd. Thanks go to **Jim Castelluzzo** (organizer), **Wayne Allen**, **Jon Hee**, **Lucky Ketchum** (again!), **Lee McElravy**, **Barry Pechersky**, **Bob Stafford**, **Shelley Wagner** and **Louie Zimm** for participating.

Thanks also to our fly tiers who contributed flies for a raffle that day and who are also tying flies for the Baghdad School of Fly Fishing.

For our women anglers, please be on the lookout for **Gretchen Yearous'** announcement about an upcoming fly fishing class she is organizing for our women members. It sounds like it's going to be lots of fun. I will also soon be announcing a surf fishing clinic for those members interested in some local saltwater fishing. It will be in July or August and as soon as I finalize the date I will publish it in Finny Facts and our website.

By the way, have you taken a look at our website lately? If not, I urge you to do so. Along with the Finny Facts it's a great way to keep up to date with our club activities. Thanks go to **David Collins**, our website administrator for some recent improvements. He along with **Rose and Roger Yamasaki**, have now added archive issues of Finny Facts to the website. There are also links to upcoming club events as well as other announcements of interest. Don't be shy about publishing your great fish photos there as well.

In addition to running the website, David planned our successful club trip to the Green River. Others attending included **Jack Duncan**, **Bob Miller**, **Mike Paquet**, **Pete Penman**, **Len Rosen**, **Joe Verfaillie** and Pat Case. Although the weather was variable, fishing was good and everyone caught fish on both dries and nymphs. Most fish were in the 16-18 inch range, but Jack caught a 21 inch.

Finally, I would like to welcome our newest members to the club: **Clarke Caines**, **Juli Holmquist**, **Michael Holtel** and **Luis Ramirez**. We look forward to getting to know all of you.

Tight Lines!

### 2008 Raffle and Silent Auction

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- If you cannot be at the raffle and wish to place a bid on a silent auction item, a designated proxy may place a bid for you, with a signed check in hand
- We will close out the bidding on silent auction items after fair warning
- If you are the winning bid for a silent auction item, you must pay on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (cash or check)
- You must be a dues paying member of the San Diego Fly Fishers to win the grand prize

I so look forward to seeing you all there for a night to remember.

Larry Sorensen



# *WOMEN'S FLYFISHING/FLYCASTING WORKSHOP*

## **THEME: HOW TO CATCH MORE FISH**

June 28, 2008

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Locations:

**Casting:** 8:30 a.m.

Scripps Ranch Community Park  
11454 Blue Cypress Dr. 92131  
Off Spring Canyon Rd.

**Flyfishing Workshop Follows :**

Scripps Mira Mesa Library  
10301 Scripps Lake Dr. 92131  
Next to Lake Miramar entrance.

The social gathering back in April indicated a need and desire for more training, so Shelley Wagner and I are updating our manuals and skills from the last workshop done about 10 years ago. Some women's focus is long overdue. As much time commitment and difficulty in getting this arranged makes me think we might not do this again for a few more years.

The locations are the most central I could find for the entire club. The library offers an upscale surrounding complete with it's own non fishable pond, courtyard for our lunches, air conditioning, audio visual aids, and comfortable chairs.

R.S.V.P. required due to space and pre-planned printing. Register by calling me, Gretchen (619) 295-6357 or email [g.flyfishin@juno.com](mailto:g.flyfishin@juno.com) to hold your spot. There will be a charge of \$20 for non-members. Further details will be given when you R.S.V.P.

Casting will include specialty casts, target practice, and special focus on casting with slack lines. The flyfishing workshop will help you sharpen your knot tying skills and rigging methods, learn to pick out the right fly, tips on catching more fish, and a review of gear.

The very shallow Evans pond by the library will not be fishable in June due to pond maintenance (very low fish population anyway). Hendrix pond behind the Vons proved to have 3" bluegill caught by boys using worms. The fish just played with my skunk pattern. Couldn't get them to take it. Soooooooo – there is always Lake Miramar to fish after the workshop if any are interested.

**NOTE:** Not allowed to reserve the park space so it is first come first serve so we must start early and get out. Sorry it is so early. If that can be changed, you all will be notified.



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*This is a note forwarded by Al Venton regarding a thank you note for helping boy scouts work on their Fly Fishing Merit Badge.*

Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2008 11:40 PM  
Subject: Scout Fair

## **San Diego Fly Fishers at the Boy Scout Fair**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! for helping to make the Merit Badge Midway a great success this year! You made me look good, and I'd just like to say a special "thank you" to all of you for making it such a success! I really appreciate your time and commitment, you really threw out the hook, many Scouts earned a badge, and I hope the rest of them will follow through and finish the badges they started today. We distributed around 1,200 blue cards this year.

We received many complements regarding your organization and your commitment to the youth, with not one complaint. As I walked around the booths throughout the day, I was so impressed with your attention to detail and with the interest that was displayed by the Scouts. Even the Scout Executive, Terry Trout, stopped by to greet us along with several Regional Scout Executives who just had to go see the reptiles. Please convey my appreciation to everyone who helped in your booths.

I also want to thank you for your help in tearing down the booths and stacking equipment. You made it easy for the rest of us to finish up the day. I hope you'll be able to spend the rest of the weekend relaxing and I look forward to having you rejoin us again next year.

Yours in Scouting, Doris (McCarthy)



**Lucky Ketcham**



**Al Venton**



**Ted Reinert**



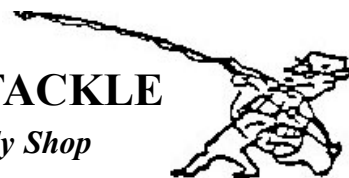


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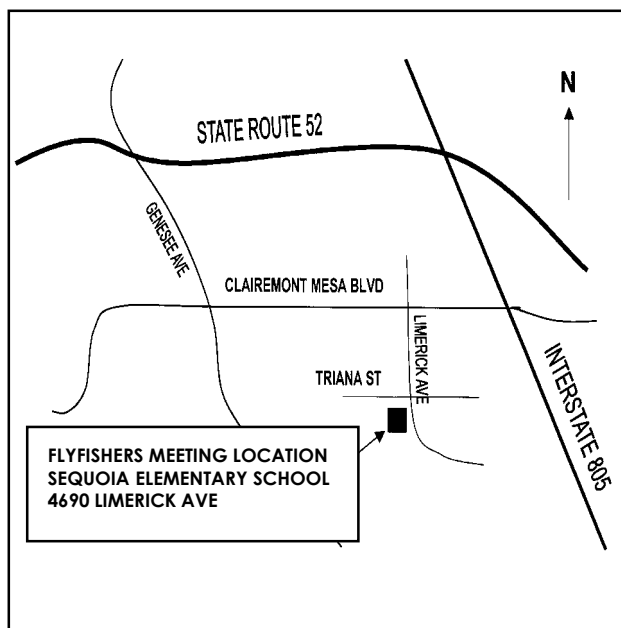
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