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February Meeting

SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S ALPINE LAKE

Our February Membership Meeting speaker is Lake Cuyamaca Acting Head Ranger, **Butch Paddock**. Butch will bring us up to date on this local fly fishing gem. Surrounded by pine trees, at over 4,000 feet elevation, this lake is truly an alpine experience. Regular planting of trout from Department of Fish and Game, Jess Ranch, and Mt. Lassen ensure year round action (with a little experience and light wind) within an hour or two drive for most of us in San Diego County. Nothing is better than joining a group of bait fishermen that are not having much

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MEETING NOTICE

Monday, February 7, 2011
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)

**Donald Smith and
Lee Anderson**

Thank You, Mona Morebello

Paul Woolery 2010 Gordon Foster Memorial Awardee

SDFF's Gary Strawn receives Stroud Award



Left: The Gordon Foster Memorial Award was presented to Paul Woolery by last year's recipient Warren Lew and Club President Larry Sorensen. Right: SDFF Conservation Chairman Gary Strawn receives the William and Eileen Stroud Award from Bill Stroud.

San Diego Fly Fishers members pulled in a "double haul" by bagging both the annual Gordon Foster Memorial Award and the William and Eileen Stroud Award. In a surprising but deserving move, the Stroud award committee decided to bestow this year's award on a SDFF Club member--the first time ever in the seven year history of the award.

Gary Strawn was chosen for his ever concious dedication to fishing conservation. He has put in the time and the effort to make our fisheries a better place for all. Most oustanding is his effort to preserve

the fisheries for California's golden trout. Twice a year he and his team make the trek up the mountain to the Golden Trout Wilderness to either take down a cattle fence or to put it back up.

Paul Woolery was presented with the Gordon Foster Memorial award. You could say "He's been everywhere man"--Club President, Board member, STAR/PAL organizer, annual banquet organizer, to name a few.

Congratulations to both Gary and Paul.

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GIVING THANKS AND LOOKING FORWARD

"Blessings upon all that hate contention, and love quietnesse, and vertue, and Angling." Izzak Walton.

Welcome to 2011, May each of you be blessed with good health, good fortune, most of all good fishing. I would like to give thanks to those who helped make 2010 a fine year for the San Diego Fly Fishers and helped usher in this new-year.

I want to start by thanking all those who made this year's Stroud Banquet a success. I particularly want to thank **Gary Strawn** and **Paul Woolery** for arranging and coordinating the banquet, and a special thanks to **Lee McElravy** and **Larry Sorensen** for making the evening memorable with their words and thoughts.

Next I want to congratulate this year's Gordon Foster Award winner, **Paul Woolery**. Paul your service to the club as a Past President, Board Member and chairman of last year's



ART REIFMAN

annual raffle is greatly appreciated. Congratulations!

This year's Stroud Award went to one of our club members, for his work promoting conservation in the Golden Trout Wilderness, with the San Diego River Foundation and on the state water board. Special congratulations to **Gary Strawn**, your efforts service us all. Well done!

Looking ahead to 2011, I would like to encourage each of you to follow my New Year's resolution, that is to go on that fishing trip you have been promising yourself forever. This year I am going fishing in Alaska. The reservations have been made and the tickets been brought. Some of the things that you might want to add to your fishing list, are to join the club on one of its fishing trips. There is a Lower Owens trip in February and the Green River trip in late May early June. Also, keep an eye out, for other fishing trips being planned. Closer to home join Bob

Pharoah and the mentor group fishing our local lakes and the bay. And, do not forget to come out for one of the club's Day at the Bay or Day at the Beach outings. All in all, 2011 is looking good.

One last thing I would like to encourage each of you to do this year is to help make our 2011 Annual Raffle and Silent Auction a success. Our Annual Raffle is the club's only fund raising event and its proceeds fund our conservation efforts. Help make this year's fund raiser a success.

"The great charm of fly-fishing is that we are always learning."

Theodore Gordon

Art Reifman
January 11, 2011



March Speaker

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luck and immediately landing a nice rainbow on an olive woolly bugger. Recent improvements to this Lake include enlarged shore access and hot showers at the campground. Other game fish include small mouth bass and, would you believe, sturgeon? Guess I better bring my bass rod.

Gary Farrar



FOUND at Lake Murry Fly casting area at the end of November 2010 !! Fly rods in case with reels.

Contact Bob Pharoah



Fly Plate Awardees for 2010

Flies tied by Doug Joseph, framed by Paul Woolery



Bill Stroud for Stroud Tackle

Annual Stroud Banquet 2011



Lee McElravy



Bob Pharoah



Paul Woolery



Gary Strawn



Lucky Ketcham



Bob Stafford



Don Davis



Jon Holland



Jim Tenuto



WOMEN'S DAY AT LAKE SUTHERLAND TO BE SCHEDULED

By Gretchen Yearous



It has been tooooooo many years since we have gotten together as flyfishing women to actually wet a

fly. We lost the North shore at Morena where we used to wade and tube. I found lake Sutherland last year which has both opportunities for what your preferred style may be – shore wade or tube. The cattle weren't there everytime I fished. I saw carp at the parking lot late summer and had them chase my fly but I probably would add a longer fluorocarbon leader before trying that again. I have caught carp and feisty bluegill there in the vicinity of the second picture (above) showing the shoreline style of the majority of the lake requiring tubes.

No rental boats are available there as yet but kayaks are welcome. The kayaks could reach the carp on the opposite shore across from the boat dock. Tubes aren't allowed to cross the lake. Last year people could fish from the dock since rental boats were absent. I tried that one morning to rising fish but my efforts were cut short due to 2 bee stings in the butt. I think those fish could be reached with a long shore cast. Sutherland is definitely one of the remote type lakes in the County. It is located about 6 miles out of Ramona between Ramona and Julian.

The date will be selected later in the spring when I get the information of when the lake opens and follow some fishing reports. Right now I am thinking we could fish either at early light bite and then bring our lunches to

the upper level picnic area (great view) or have lunch first and then try the afternoon – evening bite. The big fast boats are usually off the water in the afternoon. You might want to catch up on your sleep. I was there early one morning and the fish were jumping crazy everywhere and I wasn't rigged. Bring your cameras to capture the variety of wildlife.

We had a few women's outings in the 90's and were pleasantly surprised by the uniqueness of sisterhood and we actually caught fish too. It was so inspiring that Bonnie wrote a poem for us. I would like to get an idea of the interest level so I encourage you to email or call to sign up or share your thoughts.

Gear up gals!!!!



Members Fishing Reports

Bob Pharoah Fishing Lake Miramar

12/31/10—Lee McElravy, Paul Woolery, Barry Pechersky and I fished Miramar this morning. The weather was great as long as you were dressed for it. Lee started the day off with a solid strike. Barry broke the ice with a 14 inch caught off Ramona Point. Next Paul reported a LDR that he estimated 15 inch. Barry caught a nice 18 inch in Escondido Arm followed by a 16 inch and a LDR in San Diego Arm. Paul landed an 18 inch Bass near Mo's Hole. Barry's fish were all on Orange Wigglers. Paul's Bass was on a Black Wooley Bugger. All this happened as I fished Directors Point, most of Poway Arm, Woodson Point, Penasquitos Arm, Ramona Point, Starvation Cove and down Escondido Arm without a strike. Four hours of casting and stripping without a strike. Then at 10 minutes to noon, I hooked a nice fish on my Black Bead Bugger that resulted in a SDR near the boat. Then at exactly noon, I hooked a real fighter. He was too heavy to jump but he stripped line and shook his head. He hugged the bottom pulling me around in circles, stripping line and shaking his head. I was fishing my 5 wt rod as I always do and he really kept a nice bow in it. When I was finally able to get him to the net, it was 12:19 and I had a pretty good audience of walkers/runners. He ran just over 20 inches but my weight meter battery was dead. This was the best fighting fish I have taken at Miramar. I also picked up an 18 inch, a 19 inch and another LDR trolling my way

out to the launch ramp. The big one took the Wiggler as did the 18 inch. The other one was on the Black Bead Bugger. I don't know for sure but I think the second LDR took the bugger.

So my 2010 fishing year ended on a high note and I hope yours did also. Happy New Year to you and yours, I hope the new year brings you everything you want and big fish!!!!

1/4/11—Lee Anderson, Richard Debusk and I launched around 7 AM into 57 degree water. The day was chilly but sunny. Lee reported a nice 19 inch before he had to leave. Rich landed a nice 18 inch. I had the hot rod for the day landing seven Rainbows with two LDRs. The first hit of the day resulted in a LDR at the junction of Penasquitos Arm and Ramona Point. Then I landed an 18 inch at the junction of Ramona Point and Starvation Cove. While fishing half way down the North Bank of Escondido Arm I had another SDR and landed a 19 inch. Fishing on into Escondido Arm I landed three NICE Rainbows (21, 20, 19 inches). While trolling back toward the launch point, I caught another 19 inch and an 18 inch. The SDR and two landed fish were on the Black Bead Bugger while five were landed on Orange Wigglers.

The fish are still out there. Go out and enjoy the day.

1/12/11—After a rough start I finally starting fishing at 10:30 in 58 degree water. When I went into

my garage this morning, I found my pontoon boat with a very low tube. It was OK the night before. I filled it back up but by the time I got to the lake it was low .. unfishable. I had to drive back home, dig out my old spare pontoon and mount it on the frame. I didn't get back to the lake until 10 AM. Yes, it was the same tube the bear took a bite out of in September.

Norb Spitzer, Jerry Barstow, Richard Debusk and Barry Pechersky were fishing the lower part of the lake. When I launched I decided to try Carroll Cove for the first time this year. After wasting almost two hours fishing ALL of Carroll Cove, I fished up the North shore until I hooked up at Ramona Point that resulted in an LDR. Fishing the point for another 30 minutes I was able to net an 18 inch and had another LDR. All my action was on the Orange Wiggler. Jerry also fished this area and had solid strikes but no hookups. Norb had fished down the South shore and picked up a 19 inch around Elliott Cove. He went on down and spent the rest of the day fishing Escondido Arm where he picked up another 19 inch. I am sure he had some LDR's but I didn't get a count. Barry launched at the same time as I did but he fished down into fished Escondido Arm. He had an LDR but then had a strike that took off like a freight train. He hit so hard, it broke the leader. I don't think Barry would have more excited if he had landed the fish. After another LDR during the trip back to the launch area he called it

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Members Fishing Reports

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a day. Rich had the first LDR of the day then had to get home for the "honey do list".

I hope my next trip will be next Wednesday; Friday for sure. Come on out and get your heart pounding !!!!!

Photos of Jim Castelluzzo's Trip to the East Walker

Attached are the photos of my trip to the East Walker on December 1-2, 2010.

The water was low and it was cold, but fishable. I could see fish in the shallows, but there were not very active.

Most of these fish were caught in the large pool at the dam outfall and in the riffle just below the shoot. One positive is that it was not crowded. Saw only a couple of fisherman at the big pool and this guy was bringing in some big ones on spinning gear.

I was fishing nymphs and streamers.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Two Caddis Flies to Learn

Net-spinning Caddis (Hydropsyche, Ceratopsyche). This is a filter feeder that creates small cone shaped nets to trap plankton. It is very important in the tailwaters below dams and found in shallow fast moving waters. The nets are on the top and sides of cobblestones where the worm is very available to trout. It does not build a protective case except to pupate. It looks very much like the larger free living caddis species which are normally predators. Anglers call both families *Green Rock Worms*. (Damn common local names are confusing. LK)



Emergence: April into summer

Suggested patterns: #16-#20 Olive Crawling Caddis, #16 tan Fox's Caddis Poopah, #14-#16 Bird's Nest, #16 Red Fox Squirrel Nymph, #16 Cream Caddis Pupa, #14-#16 tan or brown Elk Hair Caddis, Brown Parachute caddis with tented turkey wing, or partridge flat wing size 16.

A simple dark olive rabbit fur dubbed caddis, with or without a rib is a great pattern. I would use 8/0 black thread and add black pine squirrel or AK's mink blend for the head and pronotum. 2 to 3 parts black mink, 2 parts brown mink and 1 part olive mink - tease out some guard hairs for legs and movement. The photo looks like Hare's Mask for the head front. Note the thin ice cream cone body shape. It is fatter than a midge & mayfly.

Green Caddis Larva (Grannom Caddis Brachycentrus) Mother's Day Caddis is an important cased caddis on many rivers, especially in the tail waters below a dam. It is a filter feeder and grazer that lives on tops of rocks, not under them.



Emergence: March through May

Suggested patterns: #12-#16 Peeking Caddis, #14-#16 olive Bird's Nest, #14-#16 Morrish's Hotwire Caddis, #14-#16 green Deep Sparkle Pupa, #14 Caddis Borealis Soft-Hackle, #14 black Elk Hair Caddis, #16 Peacock Caddis

In size 14 and 16 is a good pattern. I like to tie some on a size 18 hook, either a TMC 200R or the curved caddis pupa hooks like the 2457, 2487 or 2488. The above flies by Carl Pennington were tied with green Antron dubbing or spooled Antron and twisted into a tight dubbing noodle to produce the segmentation. Rabbit or Rabbit with Antron (Hareline's HareTron is good substitute.)





DAVID COLLINS

**Any Questions?
Contact David Collins at
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Time for Another Trip to the Flaming Gorge

I speak of the “Lodge” oriented trip where we fly to Salt Lake, rent and drive cars to the Flaming Gorge Resort and (optionally) hire floating guides (or wade on our own). The Flaming Gorge is a popular, blue ribbon tail water fishery with lots of healthy fish - rainbows, browns and cutts - and the gorge itself is 7 miles of pine covered, red-rock walls that rise from the translucent emerald waters. Accommodations are very comfortable and the lodge restaurant is very good. If one chooses to stay in a lodge condo, kitchenettes allow you to cook for yourself if you’d like.

Last year, the five day trip (3 fishing days sandwiched between 2 travel days) came in at around \$1,500 per person. That estimate includes airfare, car rental and gas, lodging, 3 guide days . Meals not included (except for lunches w/guides). Lodge accommodations and guide fees remain the same for 2011 but the 2011 rates for car rental, gas and airfare is uncertain.

I am looking at either May 23-27 or June 6-10 for the dates of the trip. This is later than we usually go. But by going later we have a better chance of avoiding the annual Spring jump in river flow rate and it’ll be more likely that we’ll be fishing the big, top water, terrestrial bugs in the afternoon.

I am hoping to have at least a dozen members (and/or friends & family) sign up for the trip before January 15. I have to balance different preferences (condo or motel?, guide or wade?) and the people who commit earliest have the best chance to get their choice.

If you are interested, here are the things I need to know:

- Which week do you prefer: May 23-27 or June 6-10?
- Would you still go if most people prefer a different week than you?
- How many floating guide days would you like (0 - 3) (split \$425+tax per day).
- Do you have a preference as to which guides you’d like to go with (or not go with)?
- Are you willing to be a driver for the 3.5 hour trip from between Salt Lake City and Flaming Gorge?
- Would you like to room with another fisher in a condo suite with kitchenette (\$159+tax/night) or a motel room (\$119+tax/night).
- Do you have any interest in splitting a condo 3 ways (1 sleeps on couchbed or fold-away bed).
- Would you be interested in a very early flight to Salt Lake (ETD 7:30 or earlier) in order to arrive at the Flaming Gorge in time to fish the late afternoon/evening on the day of arrival?

With this information I will:

- Determine an optimal round trip flight but you’ll be responsible for making your own flight reservation.
- Make car, lodging and guide reservations.
- Assign people to cars, rooms and guides.

I’m looking forward to another great trip to the Flaming Gorge in 2011. Please contact me if you would like to reserve a spot or have questions. My email address is sdflyfish@sandiegoflyfishers.com



2011 Fly Fishing Educational and Social Events in the San Diego Region

Notes by Lucky Ketcham

January 8, 2011, Saturday- Pat Jaeger, FF the East Walker River, Bob Marriott's Fly Shop, 10 AM until 3 PM. <http://www.bobmarriottsflyfishingstore.com/Events.aspx> - Marriott's just posted their larger list of classes almost every Saturday for next few months. LK

January 10, 2011 – SDFF Annual Stroud Banquet, Admiral Baker's Club House, SD, evening, \$30 each.

January 10, 2011 – Mike Lawson – Catching Big Trout - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County, evening

January 15, 2011 – Long Beach Casting Club's Fly Buy 2011, <http://www.longbeachcastingclub.org/> Lightly used fishing gear sale, fly tying demonstrations at 6 tables, Mas Okui teaches how to make his famous long leaders for use on Hot Creek.

January 15, 2011 - Fly Fishing San Diego Bay, with BBQ, Jan 15 (or if bad weather, Jan 22)
<http://www.heartbeat-music.com/forum/viewthread.php?tid=3193>

January 15, 2011 – Bonefishing Hawaii, Zino Najasuji, Bob Marriott's Ed center Fullerton, 10 to 3 PM

January 17, 2011- Mike Lawson – Catching Big Trout – Golden State Fly Casters meeting, Tio Leos

January 22, 2011 – Hot Creek Ranch Owner, Free power point presentation, at So Cal FF Outfitters, 5 PM
location: Peter Piconi's new fly shop in Liberty Station, 2860 Sims Rd. Ste 100, Pt. Loma, San Diego
<http://www.socalflyfishing.net/Fly+Fishing>

January 29, 2011 – San Diego Fly Shop Surf School, Solana Beach shop, \$75 each student.
<http://www.sandiegoflyshop.com/> See their website for future speakers/seminars to be announced later, second Wednesdays of each month, 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM

February 19&20, 2011 – **The Fly Fishing Show** – Pasadena (\$15 per day, \$25 for two days)
<http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Pasadena.html>

March 9 to 13, 2011 - Fred Hall Show – Long Beach
Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center
300 E. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802
Show Schedule

March 9th Wednesday 2:00 PM - 9:30 PM

March 10th Thursday 2:00 PM - 9:30 PM

March 11th Friday 2:00 PM - 9:30 PM

March 12th Saturday 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM

March 13th Sunday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Adults \$15.00

Children (15 years old and younger with paid adult) **Free**
Military and Seniors \$14.00

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Lucky's Calendar

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Fred Hall Show San Diego – March 24 to 27th

Del Mar Fairgrounds 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd. Del Mar, CA 92014

Show Schedule

March 24th Thursday 12:00 PM - 8:30 PM

March 25th Friday 12:00 PM - 8:30 PM

March 26th Saturday 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM

March 27th Sunday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

May 21, 2011 – The Fourth One SurfFly Beach Classic San Diego

This will be our fourth One Surf Fly Beach Classic. We are pleased to have Conway and Michelle Bowman as the beach keepers for the San Diego event. As the sun rises behind us flies will be flying into the Pacific at Mission Beach. The group we will be supporting is the San Diego Coast Keepers. We got some great prizes already slated, as well as special gifts for those who sign in first with their forms filled out the morning of the event from the makers of Fishskulls. **See Steve Piper for questions and encouragement to participate.** <http://www.heartbeatmusic.com/forum/viewthread.php?tid=3159>

The date is May 21st Sat. at Mission Beach San Diego, with check in beginning at 6am.

August 30 to September 3rd - Federation of Fly Fishers - 2011 Conclave Announcent.

It's OFFICIAL! Mark your calendars! The 46th Annual Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave will be held in West Yellowstone, MT on August 30th - September 3rd, 2011.

<http://www.federationconclave.org>

Lake Murray Casting Area Flooded by Rains



Recipients of the
Stroud Award
 2004-Jim Brown
 2005-Allen Greenwood
 2006- Hugh Marx
 2007- Mike Rivkin
 2008- Bill Van Wulven
 2009- Larry Bottroff
 2010- Gary Strawn



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All funds collected in Eileen's name will be donated to fresh water fish conservation or research programs in San Diego County.

Cutoff date for **March FINNY FACTS**
 articles---Friday February 11th.

Send articles to:
 Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

You can E-mail at finnyfacts@gmail.com Thanks!!

Send change of address information,signup for
 electronic version of newsletter, or Club membership renewal to:

Lucky Ketcham

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For unselfish and outstanding service
 to the flyfishing community

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1994-Ed Velton	2004-Joe Bain
1995-Bob Wisner	2005-Jim Reeg
1996-Gary Hilbers	2006-John Kasten
1997-Jack Bentley	2007-Lucky Ketcham
1998-Gordie Zimm	2008-Louie Zimm
1999-Gretchen Yearous	2009-Warren Lew
2000-Tom Smith	2010- Paul Woolery



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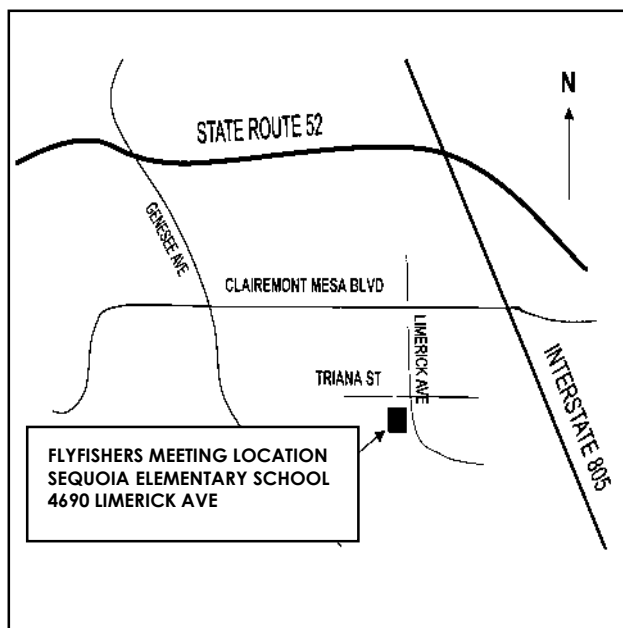
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Meeting Place for Workshops

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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