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Monthly Meeting

San Diego Fly Fishers Night at the Movies

Instead of a speaker we will have for the first time ever—movie night. We will have popcorn and soda for your enjoyment of this 84 minute documentary.

“**Rivers of a Lost Coast**” is a documentary on the history of Northern California’s fly fishing salmon and steelhead waters. It’s the sad story of how the prized watersheds were exploited and abused. Overfishing by both recreational and commercial fishermen, logging, flooding and damming, all contributed to the downfall.

The good news is that with conservation efforts things are turning around—slowly. See this intriguing film narrated by Tom Skeritt (from *A River Runs Through It*).

MEETING NOTICE

Monday, May 6, 2013
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)

**Don Davis
and Lew Walsh**

Thank You from Lew Walsh

Fishing for Lahonton Cutthroats at Pyramid Lake, Nevada



Bob Pharoah with a 33 inch , 15 pound Cutt. One of six for the day.



A friend of the editor, Al Nacke with a nice cutthroat.



Bill Patterson (below) caught this nice fish shown above.



It's all about the raffle...
Rick Bean knows an awful lot
about an awful lot...
Movie night!

Jack Duncan reports that ticket sales have been slower than anticipated. We usually go into the evening of the raffle with about half our ticket sales in the bank. We can only hope that people are either keeping their powder dry. So if your tickets are collecting dust on the desk or tucked into a dark corner of your fly tying table, then write the check, put a stamp on the envelope and shoot it back to us. Better yet, save the stamp and the planet and bring them in to the next meeting.

We are heading out in the next couple of weeks to begin purchasing the goods. As you know **Jon Holland** inserts a couple of rods into each raffle. These are hand-made bamboo rods, and as the proud owner of one, they are modern works of angling art. Better yet, they catch fish. I have used a little three weight on a small creek in Colorado and it was sheer delight. One of these rods will be on the silent auction table and the other will be the final prize in the raffle. Our only caveat for that prize...you must be a member to win.

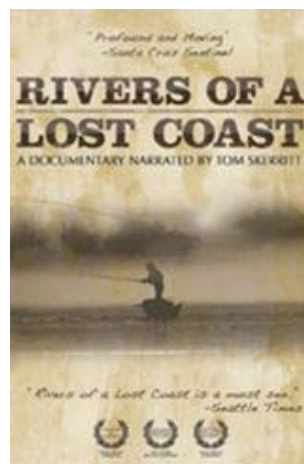
Expect: rods, reels, great trips, a Bob Berry sculpture, more reels, rods, fly boxes chock full o' flies, a

pontoon boat (no, really...a pontoon boat!) and other lucre.

Jack would also appreciate any new or gently used fly-fishing items and the Lord of the Flies, **Lucky Ketcham**, is bellowing for flies. "Feed me, feed me." He who shall be obeyed.

March's speaker, **Richard Alden Bean** is one of the most prolific contributors to *California Fly Fisher* and other "hook and bullets" magazines. His detailed presentation of truly local water, just a couple of hours up the road, was filled with photographs, equipment and fly recommendations, even a bit of meteorology.

The scheduled May speaker someone unscheduled himself. But never fear, we wouldn't leave you sitting in the room watching the board of directors performing our famous shadow puppet show. It's movie night! We are actually



bringing in popcorn and sodas for the evening. If you want to haul in your own favorite movie



nosh (Jujubes, Milk Duds, Dots, or any other retro candy) go ahead. Knock yourself out.

And don't forget to bring cash, gold bullion, your checkbook, **debit** or credit card, wampum, semolians, or first child to the meeting to buy more raffle tickets.

**Annual Raffle is
Coming June 3rd.
You know what
that means: great
gear, books, art-
work, flyfishing
travel deals, silent
auction, an awe-
some grand prize.
BUY MORE
TICKETS!**



Seventh Annual Rush Creek Cleanup

Saturday, June 22nd, 2013
Rush Creek, Silver Lake Resort, June Lake Loop, CA



Trash, from monofilament to old bait containers, will be picked up from Rush Creek, Silver Lake and down the canyon as far as Grant Lake by member club representatives of the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) on Saturday, June 22nd. The Seventh Annual Rush Creek Cleanup is slated for 8 a.m.–noon, according to Joe Lemire, a member of the Streamborn Fly Fishing Club and SWC IFF representative. Silver Lake Resort in the June Lake loop will provide a free barbeque lunch following the cleanup. Volunteers will pick up and dispose of trash along an approximately five-mile stretch of the eastern Sierra along the shoreline of Silver Lake and Rush Creek from the power plant above Silver Lake down the canyon to Grant Lake. “We’ve previously filled as many as 60 trash bags on our Rush Creek cleanup; this year we expect to haul out 30 to 40,” Lemire said.

Club volunteers are expected to carry out coolers, sun glasses, broken bottles, automobile hub caps, hundreds of feet of fishing line, hooks, lures and bobbers that are a death trap to wildlife. If enough volunteers show up this year, the cleanup can continue up the canyon and impact the environment as far as the Gull Lake area. Anglers who will be in the area and want to volunteer should meet at the Silver Lake boat ramp at 8 a.m.; bring gloves, hat, sun screen, trash pick-up sticks, boots and waders if you have them. Trash bags will be provided by Silver Lake Resort. For information, contact Lemire at

Interested members can coordinate with me, **Gary Strawn** via:



FLY OF THE MONTH



Hook: TMC 101, dry fly straight eye, or TMC 100 size 16, 14, 12
Thread: Black 8/0 Uni-Thread
Abdomen: Rainy's Hi-Vis ant body
Legs/Hackle: Black rooster hackle
Wing: NA

This is a very simple, yet effective dry fly for the Green River. We usually fished it 18 inches behind a larger hopper or cicada pattern. This is a fly anyone can tie and can be used as a little popper for bluegill.

Select round foam tubing for the size of hook to be used. The foam cylinders come in several sizes and colors. Black, tan and brown are useful colors. The white foam cap makes it a Hi Vis - "Sailor."

De-barb and mount the hook in the vise. Attach the thread with a jam knot behind the eye and wrap a tight thread base to the bend. Place the foam body parallel and on top of the hook. The rear body section should be longer than the head. A distinct waist is important in an ant pattern. Make two or three soft pinch wraps at the bend of the hook and pull straight down or straight up to keep the body on top of the hook.

Compress the foam slightly with your fingers as

you wrap the thread forward forming the waist. Lift the front section of foam and make a small thread dam to help lock the body and keep it from turning on the hook. A half hitch is a good idea, before wrapping the thread back to the middle.

Select a black rooster saddle hackle, sized for the hook. The length of the hackle barbs should be 1.25 to 1.5 hook gaps. The number of wraps of hackle can be varied on this pattern. The ones we bought had only 3 or 4 wraps of hackle.

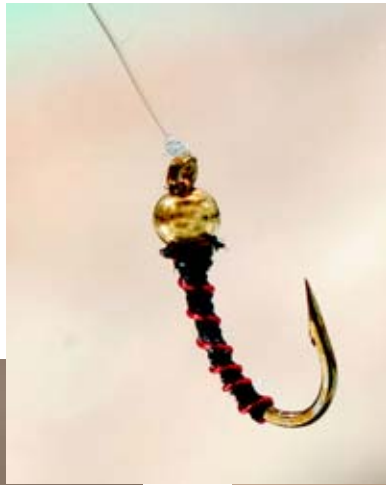
Attach the hackle by the quill and make three or four wraps in the middle of the waist. Tie off and trim the excess hackle. Wrap the thread forward to the hook eye, form a small head and whip finish.

Remember that thread is weight and always keep thread wraps to a minimum on dry flies. Apply a little head cement to the head and thread body.

--LK



More Fly Photographs from Sam Madamba



March 27, 2013

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FOR IMMEDIATE USE OR REFERENCE MATERIAL

**NATIVE LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT
AIDED BY FLY FISHING CLUBS, SWC-IFFF**

BRIDGEPORT, Calif. – California Lahontan cutthroat trout, squeezed out of their native Sierra habitat by illegally planted brook trout, will be reestablished and nurtured by a consortium of local fly-fishing clubs and the Southwest Council-International Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC-IFFF) in cooperation with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW).

Target area is Silver Creek in the West Walker River watershed near Bridgeport.

A base camp will be established at the headwaters of Silver Creek and a team of 4-5 people will assist the CDFW with electro-fishing. The goal of this multi-year event is to eradicate the non-native brook trout so the stream can sustain a currently imperiled population of Lahontan cutthroat trout. Upon completion, Silver Creek will be opened to angling.

The project is being spearheaded by Debbie Sharpton, Oak Park, conservation chair of the San Fernando Valley-based Sierra Pacific Flyfishers and conservation director of the SWC-IFFF; and Gary Applebee, president of Deep Creek Flyfishers. CDFW coordinator is fisheries biologist Dawne Becker Emery.

A project lead gift of \$5,000 from the Sierra Pacific Flyfishers club was shepherded by Sharpton. Funding is being sought from all clubs within SWC-IFFF and other interested organizations or individuals.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this effort. Information for volunteering and donating is available at <http://southwestcouncilfff.org/Conservation/swc-iff-conservation>.

The brook trout elimination will take place from late July to late Sept., said Emery.

According to the Bishop-based biologist, “Silver Creek, a tributary to the West Walker River in Mono County, is Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery water that was illegally stocked with brook trout. Brook trout were discovered in Silver Creek in 2004 during a survey intended to collect baseline population information to support opening the stream to regulated angling. Lack of ability to utilize efficient methods of brook trout removal that could be completed within two or three seasons has resulted in the lost opportunity of angling for a native Walker Basin cutthroat trout in this mountain meadow stream.”

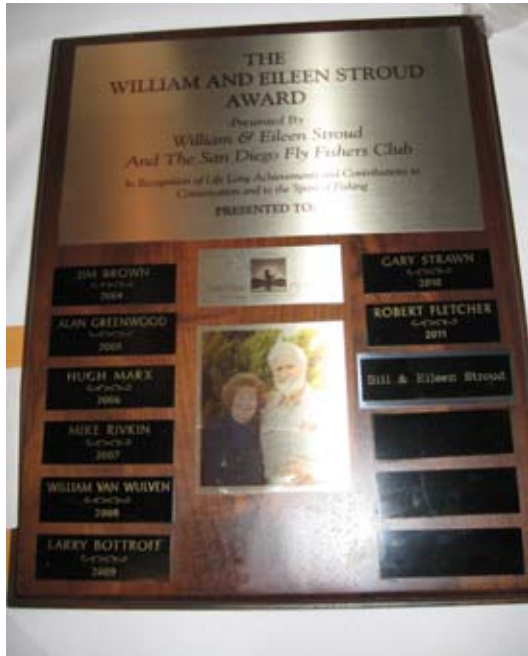
Removal of the voracious brook trout will be accomplished with the introduction of an Alaskan weir, modified to fit the stream, within one mile from the headwaters of Silver Creek. Immediately downstream of the headwaters, block nets with approximately 1/4-inch mesh will be placed within the channel, where brook trout removal will occur incrementally within block netted sections, working downstream to the weir.

An intern position is available. Go to www.spff.org or <http://southwestcouncilfff.org/Conservation/swc-iff-conservation> for details.



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Cutoff date for **June FINNY FACTS**
articles---**Friday May 17th.**

Send articles to:
Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

Thanks!!

**Send change of address information,
signup for electronic version of newsletter,
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Paul Woolery

Recipients of the: **GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD**

For unselfish and outstanding service
to the flyfishing community

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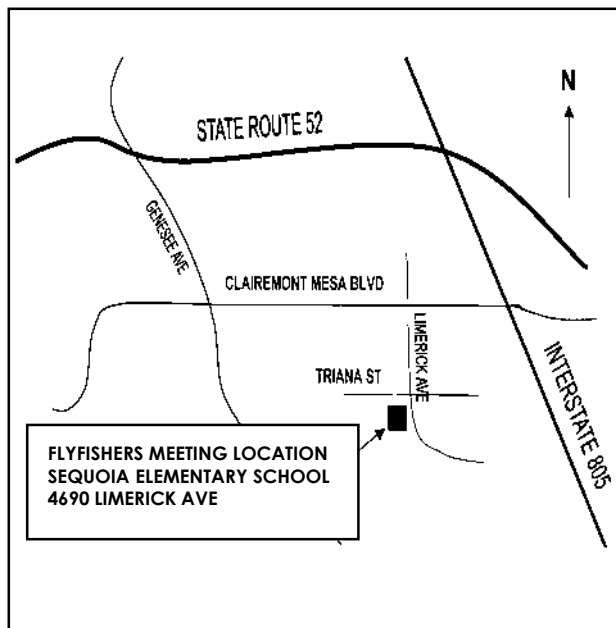
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www.sandiegoflyfishers.com

Meeting Place for Workshops

San Carlos Recreation Center near 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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