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## *January Speaker*

### **Baja On the Fly with Gary and Yvonne Graham**

**G**ary and Yvonne Graham, co-owners and hands on operators of Baja on the Fly, will be doing a Power Point extravaganza at the January meeting. This is a brand new program using the latest technology to combine slides and video on saltwater techniques. If you want to improve your saltwater skills, don't miss this program. In addition, there will be special prizes provided by a variety of manufacturers for a quiz at the end of the program

See you there!

*Marty Reed*

### **Bob Camp Conservation Fund**

by Gary Hilbers

**A**s I hope all of you are aware, the last several months we have been auctioning off the extensive collection of fly fishing equipment donated by Bob Camp.

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### **REMINDER**

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

**Jay Dunkeman and  
Don Davis**

*Thank you, Mona Morebello*

## **Jim Tenuto Recipient of 2003 Gordon Foster Memorial Award**



*Jim Tenuto accepts Gordon Foster Memorial Award from last year's recipient, Larry Sorensen, at annual awards banquet held at the Admiral Kidd Club.*

**T**his year's San Diego Fly Fishers annual awards banquet was attended by over 100 members and guests. The event was held at the

Admiral Kidd Club located in the U. S. Navy Anti-submarine Warfare (ASW) training base. This venue by the way is a beautiful location overlooking San Diego Bay.

As this is an awards banquet, recognition was given to those who have given of themselves during the year to

### **MEETING NOTICE**

Monday, January 5th, 2004  
7:30 PM

Sequoia Elementary School  
4690 Limerick Ave.  
(See map on back page)

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# Happy New Year!

**T**hank you, **Gary Strawn** and **Gary Hilbers**, for making the arrangements at the Admiral Kidd Club for our Annual Banquet. All of us had a terrific time, and although I did not win the fabulous Sage rod and reel donated by **Mike Lawson** (with backing and line donated by the Strouds), it was still a memorable evening.

I want to thank the Officers and Board of Directors who worked with me to make it a great year. **George Gates, Jim Reeg, Art Reifman, Louie Zimm, Sherry Brainerd, Jim Castelluzzo, Dave Collins, Don Davis, Gary Hilbers, Lee McElravy, Marty Reed, Gary Strawn, Jim Tenuto, and Gordie Zimm**, all put in a lot of hours to help make our Club better.

During my year as President, it was very gratifying to see the passion of our Club members and their willingness to share our sport with others. Every Sunday, our the Club casting instructors, led by **Ned Sewell** and **John Kasten**, have gone out to



**WARREN LEW**

teach beginners how to cast and promote our wonderful sport.

In addition, each Thursday at the San Carlos Recreation Center, **Gary Hilbers** and **Tom Smith** would help anyone who would like to learn how to tie a particular pattern or needed help in learning a difficult tying technique.

In his garage, **Ron Meler** would help Club members wrap and build their own fly rods.

**Jack Bentley**, Club Travel Chairperson, made the arrangements for our Club to fish on the famous Green River, Utah and to visit the Saltery Lake Lodge in Kodiak, Alaska.

Promoting our sport with young people this year, were **Joe Bain, Al Venton, Larry Sorensen, Louie Zimm, Lee Anderson, Marv Darling, Shelly Wagner, Paul Woolery, Gary Strawn, and Lee McElravy**.

**Jim Castelluzzo** organized the Club's involvement at the Day at the Docks, and **Jim Tenuto** led a group of fly tyers at the National Fishing and

Hunting Day at Lake Murray.

Club members like these make me proud to be a member of this club.

**George Gates** has been active with the San Diego Fly Fishers for many years, and will be leading the Club in 2004. With his extensive financial background, you can be assured that your membership dues and your contributions to our raffles will be used in the most effective manner. When he requests volunteers this year, please give him your support. You will enjoy meeting other members of the club, and have a great time, too!

Speaking of volunteer opportunities, the Club needs someone to volunteer to manage our Resource Library of videos and DVDs. Also, if you would be interested in representing the Club at the Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers meetings, please telephone me at

Best wishes in the New Year, and for a great year catching huge fish on dries!

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## Electronic Version of Newsletter Still Available

Missing out on all of the colorful splendor of the great outdoors? How about signing up for the *FINNY FACTS* electronic version. This

issue has a particularly large number of color photos which you are missing out on without the electronic version. And talk about colorful fish. This past year we have seen some beauti-

ful salmon, trout, and other fish. So don't miss out this year. Sign up with **David Collins** at the e-mail address listed on our website at [www.sandiegoflyfishers.com](http://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com).





**JACK BENTLEY**

**Any Questions?  
Call Jack Bentley at**

## Now Taking Reservations for the Green River Trip

Sign up now for the Green River, Utah trip for the period May 10 - 15, 2004. It's our most popular group trip of the year. Hatching cicadas, constant water level, and beautiful scenery are all part of this trip. Call Jack for details and signups.

Lees Ferry is fishing well in small groups. Call Jack to set up your own individual tour group.

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## Carp Revisited

by Tom Lucas

I caught my first common carp recently. Of all places it was in the Eastern Sierra at the end of the trout season. After proudly announcing my feat to several anglers, I was reminded of the commonly held tenet that all carp are "trash" fish. I really don't understand this view as carp are wary and tenacious fighters. Sure, they vacuum the bottom but so do catfish and they're not so poorly regarded. And, hey, they're edible!

Carp are broad-shouldered omnivorous fish of a coppery or brown color but are probably best distinguished by their large scales and orange-tinged ventral fin. They exist in many freshwater environments. Lake Skinner has a sizeable population and Lake Morena was famous for them. As I said, they're tenacious. In fact, they pull like a MACK truck; they just don't jump when attached to the end a hook and line.

Just prior to the San Diego

wildfires, I float tubed a lake on Camp Pendleton that I'd not fished in over a year or so. The reason for this was that a large-scale fish kill had taken place about two years ago...probably due to lake "turnover". Anyway, I was pleasantly surprised to see several aerators and fish 'rings' everywhere early one morning when I arrived. A few boils close to shore revealed common carp and with my recent experience under my belt, I took up the challenge.

I'm probably well known for throwing a "DB bugger" at anything that swims and yes folks, it works on carp too! However, experimentation seemed to favor a "woven" fly - a 'bug-like' creation somewhat similar to a "woolly bugger". I picked up a few nice fish that morning and subsequent trips have yielded fish to 10+ lbs. (I now possess a BogaGrip which tends to make less a liar out of me).

Carp are almost as wary as

their white amur vegetarian cousins (grass carp) but when they are 'gulping' air in groups (they are one of only a few fish species able to absorb oxygen this way), they are more susceptible to a fly. A quietly placed #4 - #6 'woven' fly can get a light take followed by a furious tug-o-war that can persist for more than 5 mins. on a 5wt. fly rod. Pull too hard and you might break the hook! Once landed, however, carp reveal soft, rubbery lips and flies are easy to remove. Also, due to their 'gulping' ability, photo ops can be longer than normal without detriment to the fish.

Some morning visits revealed not rings but bubbles on the lake's surface...yep, the fish were probably vacuuming. However, persistence in 'leading' the bubble trails (with a sinking line) together with a very cautious approach yielded hookups. Probably the most important tactic is the quiet approach, as carp seem



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# FLY OF THE MONTH

## "ILLEGAL FLY" aka modified Beaded Carey Special

### Materials

Hook:	2xl #12 with a clear bead with a silver center installed behind the hook eye
Thread:	Black or brown UNI - 8/0
Tail:	Well marked teal flank or mallard flank
Rib:	Copper or Gold Fine Wire
Body:	4 Strands of Peacock Herl or Pheasant Tail Fibers
Hackle:	Partridge or Mallard Flank

You can mix and match the various materials, it is your option. The bead is the key.



1. Debarb the hook and put the bead on the hook. Then tie in the ribbing material
2. Tie in the Tail. The tail should be about 1/3 the length of the hook shank. It can also be tied without a tail.
3. Select 4 strands of peacock herl. Tie in by the tip on top of the hook shank. Strengthen the material by wrapping it around the tying thread forming a herl rope
4. Wrap the herl rope around the hook shank from the curve of the hook to just behind the bead.
5. Reverse wrap the ribbing material forward the length of the body re-inforcing the body material.
6. Add one or two turns of hackle just behind the bead.
7. Whip finish and apply head cement behind the bead.

This fly catches fish. It has caught so many that it acquired the name "Illegal Fly". Like all flys it does not work all of the time. It is the clear bead with the silver center that triggers the strike.

John got the fly pattern from a Randy Jones and Randy Stonebraker fly tying class held at the 1998 FFF International Conclave.

It is a take off from the Carey Special which has been around for a long time.

It works well at Cuyamaca, Poway, Crowley and Ellery Lakes. It also works at Henry's Lake Idaho and Hebgen Lake, Montana.

John, thank you for doing the Fly of the Month.

If you are a stillwater fisherman you need some of these. Good Tying and Good fishing.





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## Annual Awards Banquet

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the needs of the SDFF. Certificates of appreciation were given to:

**Ned Sewell, John Kasten, Bob Wisner, Buck Parker, Mona and Sam Morebello, Ted Renert, Joe bain, Gretchen Yearous, Vernon Wescott, Lucky Ketcham, Tom Smith, and Larry Sorensen.**

Fly Plate awards were given to the following individuals:

<b>Ron Meler</b>	Rod building class
<b>Rose and Roger Yamasaki</b>	<i>FINNY FACTS</i> newsletter
<b>David Collins</b>	Webmaster, Program on fishing the Tsiu River
<b>Jim Castelluzzo</b>	Annual banquet chairman
<b>Lee McElravy</b>	Boy Scout Powderhorn Volunteer and Club attorney
<b>Gary Hilbers</b>	Annual banquet, Fly tying congress
<b>Gary Strawn</b>	<i>FINNY FACTS</i> writer, Annual banquet, Powderhorn Volunteer
<b>Louie Zimm</b>	Club secretary, Powderhorn Volunteer, Program about the Saltery Lake Lodge
<b>Art Reifman</b>	2 year Club treasurer, organizer of the Club outing to Tom Loe's pond
<b>Bob Camp</b>	Former Club president, donated all of his fly fishing equipment for the Bob Camp Conservation Fund

Also recognized were the 2003 Club Board of Directors:

**Sherry Brainerd, Jim Castelluzzo, David Collins, Don Davis, Gary Hilbers, Lee McElravy, Marty Reed, Gary Strawn, Jim Tenuto, Gordie Zimm.**

Also recognized were the 2003 Club Officers:

President **Warren Lew**  
Secretary **Louie Zimm**  
Treasurer **Art Reifman**  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP **Jim Reeg**  
1<sup>st</sup> VP **George Gates**

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Gordon Foster Memorial Award for 2003. The presenter was Larry Sorensen who prefaced the presentation by emphasizing the fact that this year's awardee, while eminently qualified, was also the "biggest liar" he had ever known in terms of fishing prowess. **Jim Tenuto**, past president, involved in the annual banquet, annual Club raffle, fly tying roundtable, board member, National

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## Carp Revisited

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acutely aware of any human presence.

So, there you are. The purpose of all this is to suggest to you that you give carp a second look. They're strong, wary and such fly fishing luminaries as Lefty Kreh and Dave Whitlock admit to targeting them. If you'd like a deeper insight, may I suggest you read *Carp on the Fly* by Barry Reynolds, Brad Befus and John Berryman (Johnson Books).

Tom Lucas 🍷

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## Bob Camp

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Because of Bob's generosity, the Club has been able to raise close to \$4,000 for conservation programs. If you did not get in on some of the high quality items that where on the table, you have one chance left. We still have a Hardy Brothers Princess reel with three extra spools. This reel sells for \$230 and the spools sell for \$110 each for a total of \$560. When you throw in four lines, you are talking about a value of over \$700. We will be offering this as a single silent auction item with a very low minimum bid. This is a very rare opportunity to pick up an exceptional piece of equipment at a very reasonable price. And all proceeds go to conservation. Join us at the January meeting and bring your check book.



Fishing and Hunting Day, and numerous other Club events was the 2003 recipient. Congratulations Jim!

The banquet raffle was a rod and reel donated by Mike Lawson. The prize was taken home by Don Rutherford.





*Clockwise: Welcome aboard new Club President George Gates; David Collins and Louie Zimm; Ed and Jane Velton; Julie and Joe Bain.*

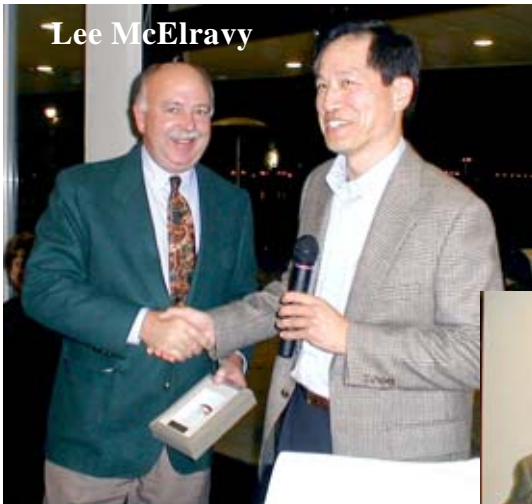


*Jack Bentley leading the troops in a rendition of "God Bless America".*

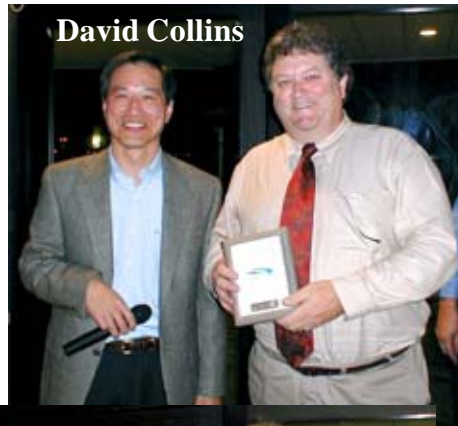




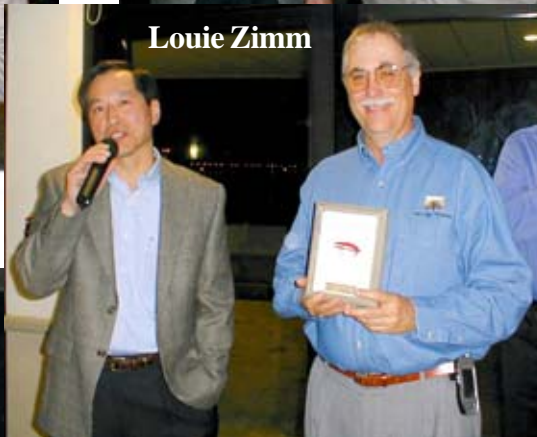
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David Collins



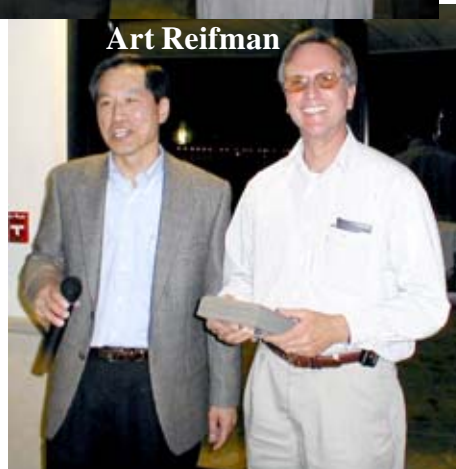
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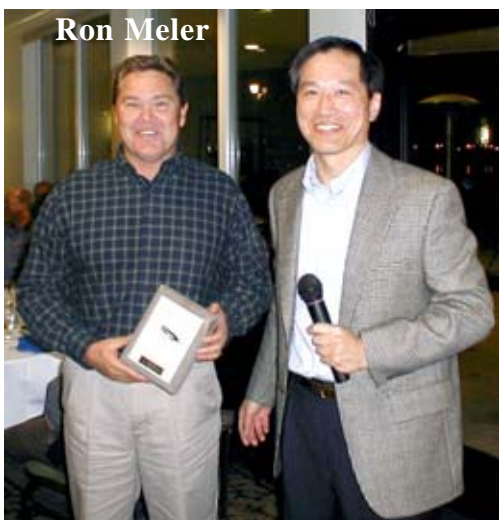
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Ron Meler



Gary Hilbers



Bob Wisner enjoying the festivities.







*Recipients of certificates of appreciation.*



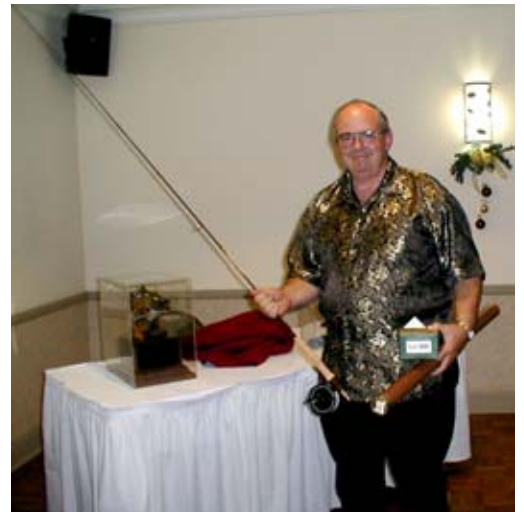
*The passing of the presidential duties from Warren Lew to George Gates.*



*Outgoing officers and board members receive recognition.*



*George Gates introduces the new officers and board members.*



*Fly rod and reel winner Don Rutherford.*





**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.

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Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That's our bunch.

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**You can E-mail at Thanks!!**

**Send change of address information or  
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**Gordie Zimm**

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**HONORARY MEMBERS**

Jim Brown, Louisa Kassler (in memoriam), Hugh Marx, Randy Ford, Allen Greenwood

Winners of the:

**GORDON FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD**

For unselfish and outstanding service  
to the flyfishing community

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  
2002-Larry Sorensen  
2003-Jim Tenuto



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2004 OFFICERS**

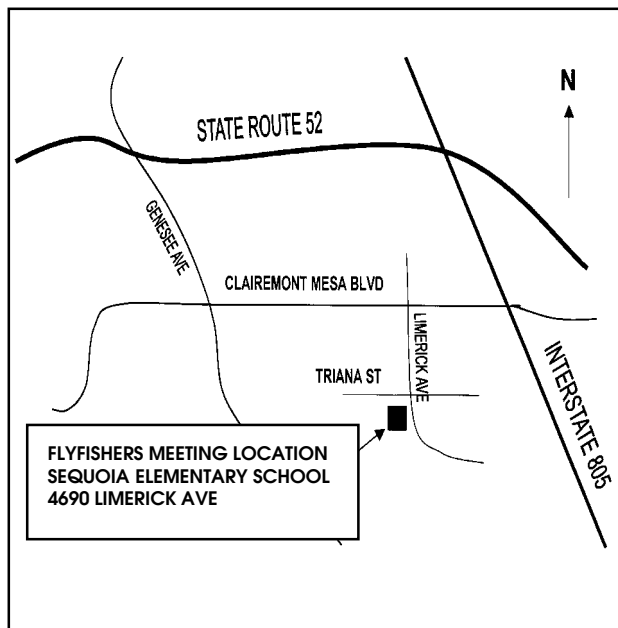
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Conservation- Sherry Brainerd  
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Membership- Gordie Zimm  
Member of the Month- Open  
Monthly Weekend Outings- Open



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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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