

# FINNY FACTS

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## San Diego Fly Fishers

Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing

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Join us Monday, November 2nd  
for our next Club Meeting  
Featuring:

**Carol Ann Morris**



**Fly-fishing photographer, videographer, and  
artist/illustrator**

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## President's Message

Hard to believe we are approaching November and a 2020 watershed moment. As I mentioned earlier, the only thing I can control is that magic spot between about 1000 and 1400 and making that perfect cast to a rising trout or to boiling fish in a feeding frenzy in the salt.

This has been a tragic fire season with grave impacts to our air quality, forests and fish habitat. There will be years of habitat restoration ahead and our club will keep you posted on ways we can contribute to this cleanup effort.

Until I received recent reports of the fires in Mammoth Lakes Region, I had been eager to get back to Hot Creek after a spectacular outing this past July. I had just fished Crowley with Sam Vasily and Ed and I had landed some healthy rainbows and a few nice browns, but I was eager to return to hot creek. It was approaching the weekend and we had some success driving down to the hot springs and working our way up stream earlier in the week. I wanted to get out early and walk down the first or second parking lot path upstream. I arrived around 0800. I had the river to myself and noticed a quiet stream as I approached with little surface activity. I started walking up stream to a nice run below a boulder field. As the air started warming, I noticed the PMD's started to migrate towards me and the fish started rising. I put on a size 18 PMD with foam wing and made a cast to a rising trout. Bam, it was on! I landed a large rainbow in the 18" range who released at the stream edge. I don't wet wade hot creek. The magic lasted for a good 2 hrs with little pressure. I moved upstream from pool to pool catching eager trout. I was in a happy place; you all know that place. As the pressure started to increase and, I packed it up and shared the spot. Thankful for that perfect day.

This club has been around for some 70 years. We will weather this storm and come out stronger and with some new communication skills. I want to encourage all of you to think about where you want this club to go, what activities and programs are important to you. Consider joining your Board of Directors as we plan for the growth of the SDFP moving forward. We are not career politicians, some are gentlemen fly fishers, some are Animals, but we all are bound together by our love for fly-fishing, the outdoors, clean water, our favorite streams and our yet to be discovered magic place. I will be presenting my slate for the 2021 Board of Directors for a vote in our December newsletter. If you are interested in participating in any of our committees, please contact me [president@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:president@sandiegoflyfishers.com)

Your club is still in business. We are still attracting new members. Your Board of Directors are working to keep programs going to the extent possible under current restrictions. October starts the new fiscal year, and I would encourage all of you to mail in your dues or drop a check off at Stroud's. We will continue to meet via the zoom platform for the foreseeable future, but the good news is that we may have more than one program and speaker a month. Please send your interest in speakers, suggestions, recommendations to our programs chairperson Tim Huckaby. Follow the *Finny Facts* and *Indicator* for upcoming outings led by Kai Schumann, and the weekly Wednesday group led by Mel Ochs who has stepped up to carry on Bob Pharaoh group. Contact John Wylie if you have any interest in improving your fly casting skills.

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# President's Message

President's Message, continued:

## **City Lakes Letter**

You may be aware of the reduced access to our local lakes. There are interim measures in place to keep our lakes open until June 2021. After that, there is no long-term plan to fund the Lakes operations. The board will send a letter to our local leaders advocating for full access to all of our local lakes. We included, in this Finny Facts (see "Happenings") a sample letter that you can use to send your own letter to your local representatives to keep our lakes open. This letter will be sent to our Mayor, City Council and County Supervisor and SANDAG representative. If you want to preserve your access to our lakes, please send this letter out and let your voice be heard.

**Sherry Ashbaugh** our past president and fundraising chair will be leaving the Board this year and moving on to retirement and some well-deserved new adventures. Sherry informed me she would be happy to continue to help with fundraising and raffle activities when we can meet again. Congratulations Sherry!

**Lee McElravy** who is our Project Healing Waters liaison along with our legal counsel has informed me he will be leaving the Board in 2021. Lee has generously provided his time and knowledge to the club for 20 years, a Past President, Lee has served in many club programs and he will be missed on the board. Lee will continue to manage the PHW activities when they start up again and keep active supporting club activities. The good news is that with Lee not on the board, I will be able to start a Texas hold em game after our next general meeting, with 10% proceeds going to the club!

**Mike Gilroy**, our media coordinator, regrettably will be leaving the board in 2021. He served in many roles in the club for the past 5 years and has been helpful in coordinating our communications, working with Dave Collins on our web site, and developing our Zoom platforms. Mike will still be active in the club. We won't let him go that easily! If you are interested in any of the above Board activities, or any club program, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to our November 2 Zoom meeting and **Carol Ann Morris**, fly-fishing photographer, artist, and videographer, who will discuss: ***Fly -Fishing Photography 101: How to Capture What You See.***

See you all there!

Jim Castelluzzo  
November 1, 2020

[president@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:president@sandiegoflyfishers.com)



# Join us!

## Speaker Programs

# Zoom!

**Monday, November 2, 2020 7:30 pm**

***Carol Ann Morris***

**Fly Fishing Photography 101**

**Join Zoom Meeting :**

<https://zoom.us/j/97836563051?pwd=QXJHT05wejdWM3dRZnB5ZlhlK3AyZz09>

Meeting ID: 978 3656 3051 Password: SDF-4U

A few ground rules so that this call will be enjoyable and we do not interfere with the Speaker's presentation or questions from participants. Please review the following before you login:

- Find a place to participate where there will not be lots of background noise or activity. Please be sure that you have a good connection to the internet.
- Please test your camera, speakers and microphone before joining the meeting to be sure they are working on your end.
- If you want to share your image have a light source in front of you rather than behind you.
- If you do not wish to share your image just turn off or cover your camera.
- Everyone who connects to the call will have their audio muted by default. The moderator will control the audio and unmute your microphone when you are going to ask a question or make a comment.
- If you wish to ask a question please send a message to the moderator using the chat function or raise your hand using the participants function (this can be done at any time).
- The Speaker and moderator will coordinate on responding to anyone who wishes to ask a question.

We will wait until the end of the presentation to allow people to ask questions and comment. We will call on you and allow you to speak.

Mike Gilroy,  
Media Coordinator

Know of someone who would be a good candidate for speaking to the club?  
contact either [Jim Castelluzzo](#) or [Tim Huckaby](#)

# Happenings

## City Lakes Sample Letter

Date

Name and Address

Subject: Public Access to Lakes and Reservoirs under control of the City of San Diego

Please consider this letter as feedback reflecting my concerns regarding the lack of access for fishing to our lakes. As an avid fly fisher, I am requesting that you find solutions that will improve their management and public access.

Currently, public access to the lakes controlled by the city of San Diego is highly restrictive and prevents citizens from using these public resources fully. I am requesting that as my elected official, you remedy this situation and expand the public's access to our lakes and reservoirs.

I am sensitive to the many priorities facing you, the city, and other members of the SANDAG Board. My expectation is that you and others find ways to change the status quo and increase access to the public's resources.

Specifically:

- Develop a funding mechanism where all members of SANDAG share in the cost of lakes operated by the City of San Diego.
- Create a stakeholder advisory group to provide feedback on matters related to use of the City's lakes.
- Create a program which allows **anglers**, boaters etc. daily access to the lakes when unattended by City Staff. (automated pay stations or iron rangers for fee payment). These systems are widely used throughout the State and Federal Parks systems.
- Revisit permit conditions with Approving Authorities.
- Evaluate fees. We believe that the public will support modest increases in fees, if tied to increased access.
- We are blessed to have in our local area many wonderful lakes and parks. It is time to rethink their management and improve public access. As my elected representative I am setting high expectations on you to address this issue. We are available to discuss this further or provide representatives to participate in a stakeholder process.

I look forward to hearing from you what actions you are taking on this matter.

Sincerely,

# Happenings

## In honor of recently passed members of the San Diego Fly Fishers

By Alan Thompson

**Shelley Wagner** was a longtime member of the San Diego Fly Fishers (pictured with Paul Woolery) who passed away this past July. Some of my earliest recollection of Shelley was her leadership at the Sunday Morning Casting Clinic at Lake Murray where she always carried a spare wrist strap to fix your cast by eliminating the dreaded "wrist break". I know this works because she did it to me.

Shelley was seen in many places supporting our club such as the Day at the Docks in Point Loma and helping to establish the new Women Fly Fishing Group. I felt a kinship with Shelley as we were both retired teachers. Family was very important to her as she supported her mother and still found time to see her sister and her family in Australia.

She will be missed by all.

**Ed Horgan** was a man with many different skills such as, professionally, he was a brick layer in constant demand. Besides being a fly fisher, he was a backwoods mountain man with special skills and made cooking utensils from various pieces of wood which he donated to the club for auction items. Every April Ed was an official at the Toyota Long Beach Grand Prix.

For San Diego Fly Fishers, beside his donations, we would find him every Sunday morning providing support for the Casting Clinic at Lake Murray and every Thursday evening at the Fly Tying Congress at San Carlos Recreation Center. No matter what the weather, you would find Ed wearing his shorts. Besides long pants, Ed had an aversion to computers, e-mails, and smart phones.

Thanks to Mel Ochs who would print the Finny Facts and the Indicator and mail them to Ed so he could keep up with the latest club news. Ed had been battling various ailments most of his life and now he has the rest he deserves.

We will miss you, buddy.

# Happenings

## Club Outing October 17, Tidelands Park



The Foggy Launch



Matt and the Prez



Jennifer and Kim



Heads down means good food!

Another great SDFP outing set up by Kai. I'm not sure what the final head count was, but Kai reported 16 chili cheese dogs were downed. Jerry continued his position as King, with 13 spotties and a shark! There were a lot of 5-6 fish reports. The launch was very foggy with the anchored boats not visible! No one was reported lost fortunately. Tidal flow was strong. Next month's outing is Lake Murray

— Mel Ochs

# Feature Article

## A Couple Days on Hat Creek

By Erik Helgeson

Hello all, I hope you're Covid Summer was good!

I got up to Burney on Friday, 8 Oct. I got onto Hat Creek at about 530, with sunset at 630. Jim Reams (local bamboo fly rod maker) came down a little later. We both caught a couple small fish on caddis flies. It looked to me like the water was higher than it was in July, but I could just be imagining things.

Saturday the weather came in, it was cold and windy in Burney. I got down to Hat around 11, right as the temperature was hitting 55 degrees and to my surprise, no wind. Jim Harrison from Bella Vista was down at his usual spot, observing the water and waiting for something to start happening. We stood there at Honey Hole 1, talking, waiting, and hoping the Blue Winged Olive's would start coming off, but it never got going. There were, however, some small fish rising for something, so I headed downstream and Jim headed into HH1.

I hooked a couple small fish on a BWO Emerger at Honey Hole 2, but not much activity. I worked my way down to HH3, crossed the stream and headed down stream. I stood on the bank, and looked upstream, and against the sunlight, I could see a spinner cloud. I waited a bit, the wind blew the bugs my way, and I scooped a bunch with my net, male tricos. I scooped a bunch more, only males, no females. I wonder what's going on there? Anyway, HH4 nothing going on, but a few fish at HH5.



There were at least three fish working, one tight against the bank just up from the 20' log that sticks out from the bank that defines HH5.

There was also one fish upstream of the log, and one closer, but hanging right above the log.

It was hard to tell how big they were as the rises were almost imperceptible, just tiny little dimples, and with the low sun of October, real hard to see. I tied on a "Real Trico" and laid a curve cast just upstream of the near fish. The fish rose to the fly

and immediately snapped off the 6X. I tied on another, considered going to 5X, but as usual, too impatient to do the right thing...The fish against the far bank was still rising, and a couple casts later, really just guessing that he rose, he was hooked. He cooperated and let me lead him away from the log and into open water, and a few minutes later, a nice 16" rainbow.

Sunday was awesome, the sun was shining, the wind was light, and the bugs were active. Pale Morning Duns started coming off around noon. The nymphs live in the weeds so the fish are hanging and eating in the weed beds. The weed beds at this time of year are very thick and many of them have grown right to the surface. So, there are a bunch of different currents over the weed beds and your line gets hung up on the surface weeds, a real challenge!



## Feature Article, cont.

I hooked two rainbows on an emerger, one about 14", one about 16". It was difficult to keep them out of the weeds, but I was able to apply side pressure and get them out into the open water. I did hook one other fish, but it broke off during its first run.



Monday morning I hiked up to Carbon Point from Hat Creek Park. I was hoping that the PMDs would come off in the weed beds just like yesterday. Only a few bugs, not enough for any big fish to rise. I did catch one nice Rainbow twitching a PT Nymph over the weeds.



I headed downstream to Honey Hole 8, where a large tree overhangs the West side. A couple fish were feeding, although there really weren't many bugs on the water. The PMD emerger brought one fish up, again a very subtle rise, a quick run, and snap...going to 5X. I did make one new discovery, I found out how slippery the diatomaceous earth on parts of stream bottom is, took a little bath but this time, I have a waterproof phone so no upgrade this time!

I'm a native San Diegan, I've lived here all my life. How did I come to buy a house near Hat Creek, a 10 hour drive? Hat Creek is that good, and the other near-by fly fishing streams and lakes are also tremendous fisheries. The town of Burney is right in the middle of California's "Golden Triangle of Fly Fishing."

Anytime is a great time to fish Hat, with the possible exception of a few weeks in August, when the weather can get too hot (but there will still be a trico spinner fall, just very short lived). I'm hosting a club gathering from Nov 6 – 15 at my home in Burney, the last week of the season. Please contact [outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com) for more info.

# Planned Trips 2020

## Future Outings Planned for 2020:

The last two trips of the season!

If you haven't been to one of the club outings, you are missing out  
on great comradery, fishing and food!

**November 15** – Sunday: Tube/Kayak – Lake Murray for Trout & Bass

**December 12** – Saturday: Tube/Kayak – Coronado Cays, Grand Caribe for Spotted Bass with a slack, then falling tide, 6:50 am high 7.2'; 1:52 low -1.0'

For more information Please contact **Kai Schumann** or look for details in the Indicator. Questions? Contact us at [outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com)



# SDFF Women's Program

Lady fly fishers of San Diego Fly Fishers:

Given the current situation we now find ourselves in, I'm looking for ideas on how we can get together, perhaps virtually, to share news and information, as well as plan future events.

If you have suggestions, feel free to email me at: [womensprgram@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:womensprgram@sandiegoflyfishers.com) and let me know your preference for events we can plan for the remainder of the year. I have some ideas we can discuss via Zoom. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

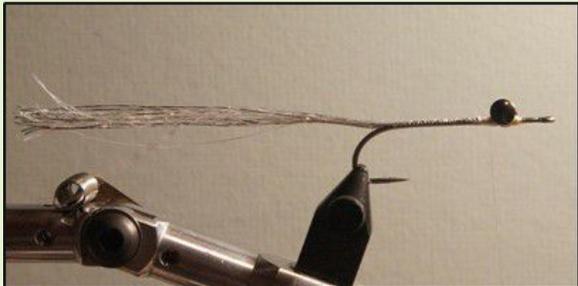
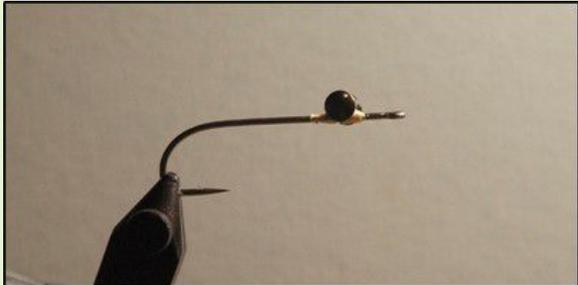


More information about future events as they become available. It will be posted here and on Facebook and the Indicator.

Contact Sherry Ashbaugh, [Women's Program](#)

# Fly of the Month

## *The Minty Mac, by Al Q*



For more information contact [Lucky Ketcham](#)

# Fly of the Month



1. Tie in your dumbbell eyes. I like to use a large 1/4 oz. dazzle eye and Mustad streamer long shank hook.
2. Wrap some silver flash onto the top of the shank and use softex or tuffleye to stiffen end about a quarter of an inch off the bend of the hook so the flash won't foul.
3. Taper your white ultrahair and tie in so the tips taper and do not extend past your flash.
4. Continue adding shorter pieces of ultrahair down the shank towards your eyes, remembering to taper the ends before tying in.
5. Continue this process working forward.
6. For the last section tie in front of the eyes and finish by tying down right behind the eyes.
7. Invert fly. I like synthetic material under the shank and hollow material on top. Add a small clump of white bucktail on top, this will help the fly turn over.
8. Add some blue Krystal flash and green Krystal flash on top. Tie down behind the eyes.
9. I used Aqua Deadly Dazzle instead of Yak Hair on this pattern, since the color is closest to the Yak Hair I can't get any more. Hold up and use a black sharpie to represent a mackerel pattern.
10. Trim the underbody and finish the fly with Tuffleye or epoxy for durability.

# Rod Building

Stay tuned for when classes will resume. Space will be limited to ensure quality time for each student. Dates will be announced in the Finny Facts.



In the interim, if you are beginning your own project and would like some advice or recommendations please free to contact [Jack Duncan](#)

Rod Building help is an important benefit of being a San Diego Fly Fisher. In the coming editions of Finny Facts and on the Website look for "Tips from Jack" to help those who want to build their own rod.

"The greatest 5 weight of all time... that will never be matched in 100 lifetimes, which has literally bagged hundreds of trout in its short 9 month lifespan.... has the words "Tim Huckaby" painted on the butt section and was built on Winston boron III LS blanks by the world famous Jack Duncan."

Contact: [Jack Duncan](#)

# Casting Corner

## San Diego Fly Fishers Casting Program 2020

We are please to announce our casting instruction program for 2020. Led by our certified casting instructor John Wylie, we hope that this will provide a more focused approach to help improve your casting skills.

Note: These lessons replace our legacy "intermediate sessions". The Sdff beginners casting sessions held at Lake Murray on Sundays remain unchanged. These lessons are intended to build skills over a two class course. Participants will gain the most by attending both class sessions per focused area.

These classes are open to all members of San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters. Sign up early to reserve your place.

**All sessions are pending the easing of physical distancing requirements.**

Times and dates to be announced.

### Notes from John:

We continue to be on hold at Lake Murray and should remain that way through September. I have been offering small group/semi private lessons for those who have pending trips and are new to fly fishing. I have done four of those this summer so far, with one more scheduled in September.

I have been holding Intermediate Casting at Ski Beach notifying a smaller group of people that have been 'regulars'. Attendance has been two to five people. I do plan to move the location as Ski Beach has been a mess. Going forward:

**Intermediate Casting Clinic:** I will plan to hold it in October/November and limit attendance to 10. Times and dates will be published when determined.

**Lake Murray:** Alan and I have discussed a few ideas to move forward. Limiting attendance being the primary one. Will continue to monitor.

For questions please contact: [John Wylie](#)

# Conservation & Education

## What is a Golden Trout?

The speaker at our September meeting, Steve Schalla commented that the only remaining "pure" Golden Trout exist in just two small remote creeks. That is true, although some scientists believe even those two populations may have also been slightly hybridized by improper stocking policies in the early 1900's. All three subspecies of Golden Trout: California Golden Trout, Little Kern Golden Trout and Kern River Rainbow, evolved from steelhead, and rapidly cross breed with other rainbow species. A lot of work has gone into evaluating the genetic makeup of the current golden trout populations.



The problem is complex. There are some reference samples at U.C. Berkley that were taken over 100 years ago, but were they pure? Were there other native strains that weren't sampled? How might they have evolved if California Fish and Game hadn't stocked rainbows in their habitats. These are important questions for the graduate

students at Berkley, Humboldt State and elsewhere, but as fishermen, I believe we shouldn't worry too much about these academic questions. Instead, we can be most helpful by caring for the existing wild trout populations and their habitats.

I have worked with fisheries biologists all over the Golden Trout Wilderness. It is an amazing place and all of the trout are wild, beautiful and fun to catch. I've caught pure goldens in Volcano Creek and performed electrofishing surveys for pure goldens in Golden Trout Creek. Those pure goldens don't act or look different from the other wild populations in the small high-altitude streams of the G.T. Wilderness. The difference is that Golden Trout Creek and Volcano Creek are very remote. Volcano Creek in particular is a two-day "BITCH" of a hike to get to, and it only exists for a short distance before it disappears underground into a large lava field. Stocked trout are excluded by the lava and cattle grazing has not been allowed.

Other streams aren't so lucky. USFS has "grandfathered" in the rights for several companies to run cattle into the Wilderness for summer grazing. Cattle break down the banks and cause the small streams to erode to a level below that needed to sustain the meadows, and they begin to dry up. Most of the cattlemen are supportive of the volunteer work being done to build exclusion fences around these sensitive habitats. They just don't want to pay for fencing.

Some of our members questioned why we bother building the fence in Casa Vieja Meadow, since the trout in Nine Mile Creek are not pure. As a fisherman, I can't tell if a trout is genetically pure. Outside of a genetics laboratory, the fisheries biologists I've worked with can't tell the difference either. What we can tell is that these trout are wild, beautiful and healthy. We are working to keep them that way.

In 2006 USFS and T.U. volunteers including some of our members rebuilt the cattle exclusion fence in Casa Vieja Meadow to reduce stream bed erosion. Because Nine Mile Creek is outside of the protected area of the South Fork of the Kern, USFS doesn't have funding to do all of the work that is needed to maintain this beautiful habitat. So, San Diego Fly Fishers helps by maintaining the fence. USFS appreciates and fully supports our efforts.



# Conservation & Education

All of the scientific evidence we have collected says the stream habitat is improving, and our informal data tells us that the fishing has definitely improved. The golden trout here are as beautiful and healthy as anywhere I have seen. I am convinced that we are making a difference.



We picked Casa Vieja over many other equally deserving sites because it is the only meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness that can be reached without an arduous backpacking hike. It is closest to San Diego, the road is paved all the way to the trailhead, it is a 2-mile hike on a good trail and we come out each evening to wonderful meals, an adult beverage or two and comfortable camping in or near our vehicles. USFS takes our heaviest fencing materials in via mules and allows us to store tools and supplies at their log cabin in the meadow. We just carry day packs and fishing rods on our hike in and out. Many of us older members make this trip twice a year without issues. At 9,000 ft the steep hike out is a workout, but we take our time. We also welcome families. Some youngsters have caught a dozen or more trout on their first fly-fishing adventure.

Come join us and watch these beautiful trout jump out of the water to catch your fly. See our gorgeous meadow and help us raise and lower the fence each June and October! These "not so pure" golden trout will appreciate your help.

**Postscript:** Casa Vieja Meadow and the upper reaches of Nine Mile Creek were not reached by the wildfires that have burned through the Golden Trout Wilderness this summer.

**Please continue to support SDFP and our conservation, education and outreach programs with your participation and donations at our fundraising events. You make all this possible.**

If you know of good conservation project that needs some support, please share you ideas with the committee.

Gary Strawn  
[conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com)



## **Due to current restrictions, program is dark until further notice**

Project Healing Waters (PHW) Fly Fishing is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. San Diego Fly Fishers (SDFF) is proud to be a local affiliate of PHW. Our San Diego based program, serves veterans locally by providing opportunities to learn fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing. We are a service organization and are pleased to offer opportunities to our veterans to help them find out more about the arts associated with fly fishing. If you are looking for a good way to contribute to our veterans and your Club, please let us know.

Help us find Veterans in Need!

Our Club has an exceptional team of dedicated volunteers who commit time to helping disabled Vets learn about fly fishing, tying and casting. Over the course of the past year our program has struggled to gain reliable access to Vet's from the VA, etc. Currently the program leaders are working with local VFW's and American Legions to let people know about this service.

If you know a disabled veteran who would benefit from spending some time with us please contact [Lee McElravy](#)

Please look at our Club's PHW Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/PHWFF.SDFF/>

Join in and help the Club support our PHW program. Lee McElravy is now running this page and has indicated he will be doing regular updates. Share it to any one you know who may benefit from our programs or would like to help. Contact: Lee McElravy for more information

### Fly Tying

PHW leaders are revisiting the fly tying location and time. Expect a new schedule when available to include an evening tying session.

### Fly Casting

Where: Santee lakes, Santee CA

When: third Saturday at 9 AM



# Southwest Council FFI

## Southwest Council Fly Fishers International



**FLY FISHERS**  
INTERNATIONAL

### Who or What is the Southwest Council?

The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International represents all of Southern California and Nevada. Fly Fishers International is a 54 year old international non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through Conservation, Restoration and Education. Fly Fishers International and its Councils are the only organized advocate for fly fishers on an national and regional level.

For more information Contact [John Wylie](#) our Representative for FFI

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

<https://www.swcffi.org/shop>

San Diego Fly Fishers is affiliated with the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International (FFI). Look for more happenings in the SW region in future editions of Finny Facts.

# Membership

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

**Ready to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers?  
Please support your club by planning to renew for 2021**

Regardless of current conditions we still plan an active year with lot's of opportunities to fish and have fun. (November, Lake Murray. December Grand Carib San Diego Bay. Don't miss out! Join or renew.

You can renew your membership on-line though the website: [www.sandiegoflyfishers.com](http://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com); or you can renew in person at our monthly programs; or you can download an application on our website and mail a check.

[Renew online](#)

Contact: [Alan Thompson](#)

Or Renew at the next Monthly SDFF Meeting  
SDFF has four membership levels

Individual.....\$40

Family.....\$50

Individual Military.....FREE (Active Duty Only)

**Renew your membership (or your family's). It's simple.**

On-line at [sandiegoflyfishers.com](http://sandiegoflyfishers.com) then follow the instructions.

Thank you,  
Alan Thompson  
Membership



# Volunteers are needed

San Diego Fly Fishers is a service organization.  
So please ask yourself...

“What service can I provide to my Club”?

## Service Opportunities

### Fishing Outings

This is a chance to help run a fishing outing for Club members. We are seeking volunteers to organize a day of fishing on our local waters. It's fun and easy. Pick your favorite water and contact [Kai Schumann](#) or [Mike Gilroy](#) and we will help you get started.

- ◆ Pick a local lake
- ◆ Pick a location for the bay
- ◆ Pick a location for the surf

The whole idea is to involve more members in creating fishing events and get us on the water monthly.

### Fundraising

- ◆ We need 2 or 3 more volunteers to help serve on the committee
- ◆ Contact: [Sherry Ashbaugh](#)

Greeters are needed at our Monthly meetings!

We are planning to have 2 or 3 greeters at each event to help new people into our Club. It's a great way to serve the Club and meet new Flyfishers.

Please contact [Jim Castelluzzo](#)

### Project Healing Waters

- ◆ Help with this important program that serves Veterans in need.
- ◆ If you know of a Veteran in need Please let us know!
- ◆ Contact: [Lee McElravy](#) to learn how you can contribute

### Women's Program

- ◆ Please contact [Sherry Ashbaugh](#) for information and way to get involved

# Fishing!



Jim bags the bass/bonito double



Tim lends a hand to his son's catch



Mel's back bay barracuda!



Nicole casts on Mission Bay



Conway Bowman coaches a first-time fly fisher to a mako shark!



# Guides and Resources

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## Guides

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[Sierra Troutdoorsman](#)

[Pat Jaeger Fly Fishing](#)

[Kern River Fly Shop](#)

Northern California:

[Acosta Fly Fishing](#) (Steelhead)

[Fine and Far Fly Fishing](#) (Steelhead/Spey Trips)

[Baiocchi's Troutfitters](#)

San Diego Bay/Surf/Lakes:

[Conway Bowman](#)

[Alex Cady @ Fly Stop](#)

Fly Fishing Equipment:

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[THE FLY STOP](#)

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## River Flows and Reports

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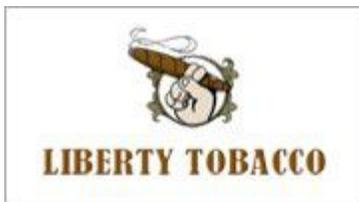
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