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WANTED **Newsletter Editor**

After 20 years of coediting the FINNY FACTS, Rose and I have decided to hang up our collective editor's hat and "retire" from the duties of the San Diego Fly Fishers newsletter.

We are looking for an editor with a passion for new ideas to take the newsletter to the next level....or if not then to basically keep it going. But seriously this is an opportunity for someone to give back to the Club and be creative at the same time.

Rose and I have found the newsletter to be the perfect vehicle to interact with the Club President and the Board of Directors as well as a way to meet new members.

If you think this is for you then contact any of the Board Members or e-mail us at

2014 Pre-Fish Barrett for Flyfishing

by Gretchen Yearous

Gretchen Yearous and Alex Cady pre-fly fished Barrett on the 24th as the first locals to be approved for this event. I am a lifetime flyfisher and 17 year Barrett veteran and Alex is a flyfishing guide specializing in bass and shad patterns in the L.A. Basin lakes - never fished Barrett.

Our job was to find fish, discover what flies worked and at what depth they were eating. Alex is the shad master and I took the other side - flashy. buggy, leggy, patterns. We went through a lot of flies to find a successful variety. We had a relaxed style – from 8:00 till ½ hour before dark. Alex said the off color water wasn't the norm for his fishing style at Skinner or Diamond Valley Lake. but he compared it to Vail lake and took a little while to adapt.

No trolling motor and no fish finder. We used 6, 7, and 8 wt. rods with floating, full sinking, and sink tip lines. Float tubing my full sinking 6 wt. line was my winner. Boat style wasn't my best catching. Alex boated and mostly used the 24' sink tip 7 wt.

Water Level 40' below the dam and muddy with poor visibility.



Float tube launching in some shorelines found fin swallowing mud. We fished both arms and briefly down the shoreline near the point opposite the boat dock when we finished. All the species were hungry, taking flies, not leader shy or selective and right now were co-habitating in the stick ups close to **shoreline.** There was no surface action to speak of on our day, except Alex's find when we were hiding from the white caps in Hauser. He walked the shoreline and found the only rising fish we saw all day. He nailed it from shoreline with a crease style floating fly. I woke up from a nap to see that. The bite was steady all day except for the 1 ½ hour hideout from the white caps.

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Jack Duncan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: JUNE 2014

"Mosquito bites. Line cuts. High fives and backslaps. Old friends and new. Elation and despair. Memories. Hopes. Dreams. What is fly fishing? Everything." Dylan Tomine

I took this month's quote from a short, poetic essay Mr. Tomine wrote for this year's Patagonia Catalog, Fly Fishing Edition. The Tomine essay, along with Lee McElravy's excellent editorial in last month Finny Facts, started me thinking what fly fishing really is to me, and why do I love it so much? It's certainly not just catching fish. Lee's piece urged our membership to buy lots of Raffle tickets, not so much to win a prize—which of course we all expect to do—but to keep in mind as we write another check, the good of our sport: what the money does to keep us on the water. It's about our sport, not the prizes.

When I'm asked by a non-angler why I love fly fishing so much, my standard answer is, "Because of the places I have to go to do it." That's a true statement for just about all of us, but as I read Tomine's essay, I realized there are many, many parts to our sport, and added together, the total effect becomes for me, near euphoric. For instance I could have added cigars and whiskey to Mr. Tomine's list.

Seriously, there's so much more. It's the beautiful fish, and the habitat. Trout don't live in ugly places. What's more beautiful than a clear mountain mornin'? Or the early morning surf, with an offshore, stiff wind blowing foam back over the ridges? These are the places that must be saved, and our money helps save them. What's more beautiful than a big ol' brown sipping BWO's on a drizzly, cold day? If the habitat is saved, the fish are saved.

And what about the little things: the country roads? The smell of wet sage in Long Valley? Those old, pre c-store places with a couple gas pumps and a lunch counter; and signs that say, "Eat. Cold Beer. Tackle. Ice. Worms." The sound of rain on the roof of my old green van while trying to sleep in it next to the Henry's Fork. Frozen snake guides. Rain, Snow, Wind. A pod of rainbows, lookin' up. Walking along a deserted beach in Baja, looking for corbina. Would we still go on the road to enjoy these things, if the fish weren't there to bring us?

And how great is it that three of my five daughters, and two of my sons-in-law are all fly fishers (no grandchildren fish, yet). Family is a big part of fly fishing. I'm thinking of the picture Lee had on his President's Messages with he and his grandson standing in a creek. Hell, we're all family. The most cherished fly fishing story ever written, "A River Runs Through It" is really just a story about a dysfunctional family that happens to fly fish. Well, they did more than *just happen* to fly fish. When you have difficulty separating fly fishing from religion, that's pretty serious fishing. (I'm sure

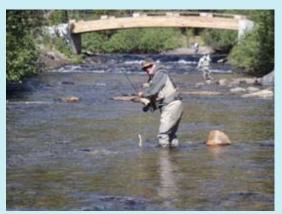


you all know that the term "dysfunctional family" is a redundancy, right?). I digress. Back to religion: standing in an ecosystem that is a trout stream is about as close to heaven as I get.

SDFF is not the Nature Conservancy, nor California Trout, or any of the other great organizations that have saved the habitat and the trout, so you and I; and our kids; and our grandkids; and hopefully many generations to come; can enjoy our wonderful sport and all its parts. We're not big, but we SDFFers have always done our part, and I'm confident we will continue to do so. I'm sure you know, that 100% of the net funds from the Fund Raiser go to conservation and fly fishing causes in California, mostly in San Diego County.

On Monday, June 2, I plan to double up on my raffle tickets, because I intend to win the Grand Prize, a hand crafted bamboo fly rod, by our own **Jon Holland**. But if I don't win, that's o.k. because I know my contribution will help me continue to find those places that I love. It's all about the sport, and the places you go to do it.





"Don't wake up on June 3rd, look over your shoulder and regret you missed it!"

SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

JUNE 2, 2014

SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB

2701 Qualtrough Street, San Diego, California

5:30 P.M. No-Host Cocktails & Dinner

NO HYPE! NO RAZZLE AND NO DAZZLE! JUST THE FACTS!

Admit It- This is that one night of the year you look forward to. Come early, enjoy an adult beverage of your choosing and a casual dinner in a delightful atmosphere at the Yacht Club. Then, down to the business of supporting our conservation and education efforts.

You know the drill. All net proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to city, county and state conservation programs and will also be used to finance our many and various outreach and education programs. Our prizes this year are unparalleled. We will have thirteen fly rods divided between the Raffle and the Silent Auction. The rods include three, yes three, new bamboo rods crafted by our own Jon Holland and a new Sage salmon/steelhead rod built by President Jack Duncan. We have a beautiful Griffin Vise in the Raffle and a full-dress Dynaking Barracuda Vise in the Silent Auction, both donated by our own MasterTyer Tom Smith. Tom has also donated a beautiful wood rod-wrapping desk.

As in years past, we will have a large assortment of collectable books and artwork, including pottery by SDFF's own Barry Pechersky and several fishing prints. On the tables you will see an assortment of clothing, including a certificate for a pair of Simms Headwater Waders (sized for you) and two pair of hippers. And flies- lots and lots of custom flyboxes.

The rules are simple. For the raffle, winning tickets will be drawn, one at a time. You will be able to purchase additional tickets after the Raffle begins and throughout the evening. With one exception, winners need not be present to claim their prizes, but all prizes must be claimed no later than the general membership meeting on September 8th. Any prizes remaining unclaimed at the end of the September meeting will be utilized by the Club at a later date for a raffle or auction. Unclaimed prizes may also be picked up at the July meeting.

Important: To win one of the two grand prizes, a custom Holland bamboo rod or the custom Duncan Sage rod, participants must be present at the fundraiser and must be a Club member. Memberships will be sold that evening.



Barrett

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Float tubing: The picture shows the flies I used with success only with the fixed loop knot. Steady and jig style retrieves and sometimes a little pause worked with my flashy, leggy, jiggy and buggy **patterns** – brim fly, rubber bugger, crappie jig, the Baghdad fly, flashy small woolly buggers, my custom froggy, and rubber leg conehead buggers. That Baghdad fly was trashed. It was hit harder than the others and retired after 3 fish. Thank you to Capt. loel Stewart for that one. Pulling buggy coneheads and bead heads or weighted brim flies off the shoreline into drop offs got bass there and outside the stickups. Strike zone -2 to 8 ft.

The bluegill were tighter in the shrubs. These huge bluegill pulled like Bonita!!!!!! Big rod bends like bass!!!!! They ran into the shrubs. Excitement there. Several of these flies pictured got a fish every cast mid through late morning when we found the stick-up locations near shorelines. They tested positive guickly and I changed to another one to get the same result. One cove I tubed got me 14 bluegill and 3 bass in about an hour. The top row of my flies pictured caught both species. The bottom row just caught bluegill.

They were so hungry that I had bluegill taking huge size 6 buggers and bass taking tiny size 8 jigs that I tied as small olive flashy buggers. I have never seen that before. Those bluegill inhaled size 6 flies meant for bass. My size 2 muddy buggers and sculpin didn't work this time. Later

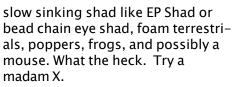
Alex fished the boat style with a sink tip- rotating from a shad



colored game changer, to dumbbell eyed seal bugger an EP Shad pattern, with more bass on the small olive crayfish. Same structure success as with my tubing. Rock walls not so good. Better where the rock wall joined the shoreline mud. Used a steady, easy strip. I think he is beginning to appreciate hog bluegills. He got some on that big shad pattern and the seal bugger.

We lost track of an exact count with all the work. I had 30 bluegill and he had lots. His patterns got more bass – around 16 and I had 6. We had tons more flies we wanted to try but too many flies, too little time. A combination of these tested flies and more fly time in the water should get some good numbers. I doubt we will have those 25 bass days this year with the number of boats on less water, but the bluegill will make up for it.

When the top water action heats up, I would recommend trying some



Thank you to Butch Paddock of Lake Cuyamaca for giving me that crappie jig to try out. That thing was wickedly good.

Lucky and Bob Pharoah – thank you for your contributions. Sorry I couldn't fit in more testing. Thanks for the tip Barry for the popper with the trailer system. Didn't get the chance to use that either.



Gretchen Yearous

Annual Fund Raiser June 2, 2014 BUY MORE Tickets



Members Fishing Reports

May has arrived and there are many fishing opportunities in San Diego. **Louie Zimm** just caught a great 20 pound Halibut in San Diego Bay and others are catching the big females that are moving in for their spawning runs. Louie caught his fish on a tiny Louie's Bay Anchovy, fished in 40 feet of water, full sink lines.

Bruce Smith has been catching some great Nebraska Tail Walker Trout at Lake Morena. 7 to 9 pound trout in our own back yard.

Several of our group are recently back from Pyramid Lake. My fishing buddy, Bob Pharoah caught a 35 inch Lahontan Cutthroat Trout that ran 18 pounds. (See full report in next month's FINNY FACTS issue.

Corbina have been scarce in the local surf, but the surf perch have been biting. As the water warms and the sand crab beds develop we look forward to the big corbina in the surf.

San Diego Bay, at Glorietta Bay and Tidelands have been our weekly hang out for months. The spotted bay bass and a few halibut and bone fish have been our targets. We have a little Navy of floatubes and pontoon boats out almost every Wednesday and other days if it is good.

Our fly fishing friends from Arizona and the greater Phoenix area will be in San Diego from May 21st through May 26th. Fourteen members of the Desert Fly Casters and 7 of their wives will be in town to help celebrate the Memorial Day weekend. Once again I will be trying to organize "The Gathering of the Clubs" and encourage you to get out and fish with these good friends.

Peter Piconi had another Meet and Greet at the So Cal Outfitters Fly Shop in Point Loma, Liberty Station on the evening of Thursday, May 22nd.

It looks like we will try to get GSF, SDFF, DFC and maybe Orange County Fly Casters to send some representatives and join the fun. They hope to fish the surf at Torrey Pines in the early morning and Imperial Beach in the afternoon/ evening. Tidelands and San Diego Bay are also on the schedule.

Look for a new design for the San Diego Fly Fisher's Website. Check out the new site and all the photos. **Bruce Bechard** is in charge of the SDFF fishing outing/contest at Tidelands Park on Saturday May 31. It will feature the famous **Paul Woolery/Larry Sorenson**- traveling breakfast. Of course any fishing contest organized by the Bruces — will be fun. Put it on your calendar.

The SDFF Annual Fund Raiser Auction and Raffle is coming up on the first Monday in June. Check the website for details. Buy you tickets early and often. There will be some great prizes.

Speaking of prizes — I am coordinating the collection of donated flies for the four fly boxes filled by our Feather Benders and general members. If you have flies that you know you will never use and would like to help the club raise money for Conservation — send me your flies and we will put them in nice fly boxes. Feather Benders — we will be tying flies for the raffle for the next few weeks. Make someone happy == tie some of your favorite flies.

The Annual Boy Scout Fair at Qualcomm was well attended and we had 19 volunteers from both SDFF and GSF to teach knots, casting and fly tying to young scouts seeking to earn the Fly Fishing Merit Badge. — Thank you to all those that supported our efforts. I was a little concerned when some of my regular volunteers could not make it. New members stepped forward to assist the old guard. It was fun.

Also we had a good booth at the Day at the Docks. It was a nice day and we introduced a large group of people to salt water fly fishing.

You may have seen me on Channel 6 – demonstrating how to tie a Kim's Z Worm in 30 seconds. It was fun being on TV with my buddy John Hopalong Cassidy.

May is a great time to go fishing in San Diego County — Flip a coin if you fish for bass, carp, blue gill, surf perch, halibut, spotted bay bass, bonefish, sharks, crappie... Do you fish he surf, bays, lakes, streams — so many choices.

If you would like to keep up on some local fishing you might join my face book group. Fly Fishers SD – Lucky's Group. It is not associated with any club but is being used by friends from several clubs.

That is the news for now. Stay tuned. *Lucky Ketcham*



July Monthly Meeting Onboard USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) Inport San Diego



Commander **Joel Stewart**, Commanding Officer of the USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23), has offered to host the July 7th meeting of the San Diego Fly Fishers onboard the ANCHORAGE. This should be a great opportunity to tour one of the newest ships in the US Navy homeported here in San Diego, and probably be one of the most vigorous and interactive presentations the club has had. There will be a short slide show about the ship and its capabili– ties, followed by a choice of three separate tours; one tour for anyone who feels they might have problems going up and down steep stairs (ladders), one for anyone willing to go up/down about four stories (with some space between climbs), and one for anyone willing to go hiking up and down about 12 stories for the full tour. After the tours, the Captain may drop the sterngate so we can cast a few streamers into the bay, and then up to the Flight Deck to enjoy the sunset across the bay (cigars optional!)

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Classes

Classes continue at the San Diego VA on Thursday mornings at 9:30. We have 8 veterans signed up for the class. The remaining June schedule is:

Fly Casting Instruction Thursday, June 5, 2014 9:30 – 11:30 at Lake Murray, La Mesa, CA

Fly Fishing Outing Thursday, June 19, 2014 9:00 – 11:00 at Los Willows, Fallbrook, CA

See you there on Thursday, Art Reifman Annual Raffle is coming June 2nd. You know what that means: great gear, books, artwork, flyfishing travel deals, silent auction, an awesome grand prize. BUY MORE TICKETS!

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.

DIRECTIONS--Take Interstate 8 to Lake Murray Boulevard. Go north on Lake Murray Boulevard to Kiowa Drive. Turn left and look for people casting just as you enter the park. That's our bunch.



Boss of dBay To benefit SDRPF Boulder Creek restoration project

May 31, 2014 Tidelands Park, Coronado 5:30am – 10am Hosted by the San Diego Fly Fishers



Suggested donation \$20 includes breakfast. ALL, as in 100%, of your donation will be sent to the San Diego River Park Foundation to benefit the Boulder Creek trout restoration project. Goal is to donate \$1,000.

General release form must be signed to participate.

Registration begins @ 5:00am Fishing time 5:30am – 10:00am You can be 'on the water' prior to 5:30 start

Results registered by 10:30. Breakfast: 10:00 – 11:00* Awards: 11:00 *Breakfast is available for non-fishing spouses and friends.

> Prizes for: - Most seasoned participant - Youngest participant - Most fish, 1st – 3rd - Other

Winner of Most Fish: Shirt monogrammed with **Boss of dBay 2014** along with bragging rights til 2015.

Prizes include: TFO fly rod, Chest/hip packs by Simms and Fishpond, Gear bags, Otis Redding CD's, etc.

Fly rods and artificial flies only - No scented plastics/baits/lures/worms/fish finders. One rod in use at a time, with limit of 2 flies in water.

Event will be rescheduled due to unsafe weather conditions; please consult your club web site for updates.

Current DFW fishing permit required and San Diego ocean craft rules apply See - <u>http://www.sandiego.gov/lifeguards/safety/boatreg.shtml</u>

Directions: Tidelands Park, Mullinix Dr, Coronado, CA 92118 http://www.mapquest.com/maps?name=Tidelands%20Park&address=2020%20Mullinix %20Dr&city=Coronado&state=CA&zipcode=92118

MAMMOTH LAKES TO HOST ANNUAL FLY FISHING FAIRE

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. – The annual Southwest Council IFF Fly Fishing Faire – Sept. 19-21 – may look like just a dot on the horizon, but it's getting closer every day. With Connie Bullock of the Santa Clarita Casting Club at the helm and charting a course, a full slate of flyfishing fun is filling the event calendar.



Headquartered at Cerro Coso Community College, 101

College Parkway, Fly Fishing Faire activity venues range up and down the mountain from Hot Creek to Lake Crowley and beyond ... a virtual sunup to sundown potpourri of the sport.

Faire hours are Fri., 9-5; Sat., 9-5; and Sun., 9-3.

Admission is \$15 adult with ages 16-years and younger free; \$20 per family. Eastern Sierra resident admission is \$10. A single admission is good for all Faire days. Some workshops and seminars are included in the admission; other classes will have separate registration, materials or participation fees.

Fly Fishing Faire registration opens July 13 for club members with classes and seminars on a first-come-first served basis.

About 100 International Federation of Fly Fishers volunteers plus local professional guides will conduct hands-on education sessions ranging from beginning fly-tying and fly-casting classes, conservation seminars, entomology, techniques, rod building, area tours, just for women outings to on-the-river activities.

"With 90% of the fish caught by 10% of all anglers, the educational elements of the Faire will level the playing field," said Bullock. "Fishing without catching is just standing in the water and shivering ... our classes and seminars will teach you to tie flies that bring fish to the net," she added.

Tenkara USA will provide hands-on seminars and on-stream classes to introduce anglers to that form of fly-fishing.

The Sat. night dinner and fund raising auction is slated for the Mammoth Event Center, 452 Old Mammoth Road in the shopping center on the second floor above Mammoth Sporting Goods.

Bullock promises "thousands of dollars" in raffle and auction prizes – primarily fly-fishing tackle, guide trips, clothing and artwork. Proceeds from the raffle will be utilized for local IFFF projects including fly-fishing with Boy Scouts, conservation and education including Trout-in-the-Classroom; and Project Healing Waters with wounded veterans in cooperation with VA Hospitals.

"This is a great event to bring a relative, co-worker or neighbor who always wanted to learn to fly-fish, but never had the time," said Southwest Council president Michael Schweit. "In a few classroom hours they will get all the basics without you needing to do anything ... except maybe lend them a rod and reel," he continued.

Registration and event information will be available 24/7 after July 13 at (818) 200 1499 or visit southwestcouncilfff.org/faire



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Cutoff date for July FINNY FACTS articles---Friday June 13th.

Send articles to: Rose and Roger Yamasaki,

Thanks!!

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

Alan Reoch

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Donations are gratefully accepted Make checks payable to Eileen Stroud Conservation Fund

Mail to: Stroud Conservation Fund 1457 Morena Blvd San Diego, CA 92110

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

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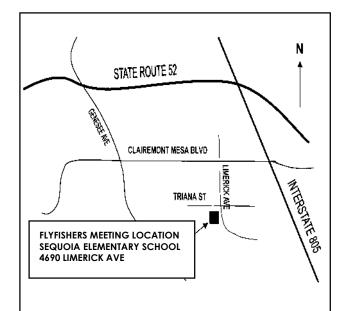


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Meeting Place for Workshops

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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