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San Diego Fly Fishers

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Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing **Volume 40 No.2**

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February Speaker



Willi Cannell

Owner-Solitude River Trips

Willi Cannell grew up on the Maine coast. When he wasn't exploring his father's classic wooden boat shop, he was sailing on the deep blue. Willi has always had an awe and respect for the powerful freedom found in our wild environs.

His family relocated to Idaho when he was 10, Willi was introduced to outdoor

leadership at [The Community School](#), and he has been attached to Idaho's wilderness ever since. He started guiding in the Frank Church Wilderness while attending college at St. Lawrence University, and has remained there ever since.

Willi and his girlfriend Kat enjoy traveling the world, but central Idaho will always be home. The majesty of this beautiful area helped them discover a slogan: *'You live and you learn...to stay in Idaho.'*

Willi is an avid paraglider, backcountry skier, sportsman, historian, and explorer. In the winter months, Willi coaches at the [Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation](#) as an alpine ski racing coach.

Al and Jeana Bukowsky, of Merlin OR, started Solitude River Trips in 1973.

Website is www.rivertrips.com



Bishop Rendezvous fly fishers may find the Upper Owens deep in snow and guides will be using snowmobiles to access river.

Don't Forget

Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2017. Use the form on Page 4 to mail your check OR Renew on-line

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Next Meeting

Monday, February 6, 2017
Southwestern Yacht Club



Evening Tying Program 6:30 pm
San Carlos Recreation Center
February 1st, 2017

Fly Fishing Outing
Santee Lakes Recreation Park
February 15th, 2017
9:30 am



Greetings San Diego Fly Fishers:

This is the start of another great year for San Diego Fly Fishers and you personally in the art & sport of fly fishing.

As the new SDFF president elect this is my first president's message so let's blast off with a huge round of applause for the 2016 Board of Directors, our fabulous Committee chairs and volunteers who helped make 2016 a great year for SDFF and all were led by our recent past president **Bruce Michael**. Job well done. We thank you all for your commitment and dedication. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the spouses of our many volunteers who have to put up with the meetings, the endless talk about fly fishing gear, fly fishing techniques and the fly fishing trips.

The 2016 SDFF list of events and activities is large and diverse. The list varies from helping to manage a fisheries in the Golden Trout Wilderness to delivering Trout eggs to 4th graders in various schools. Fishing trips and tales of the big ones that had a LDR (long distance release) pale in comparison to the enlightenment of a 4th grader who finally understands what stewardship of our environment means to the creatures that depend on it. Again job well done.

Now we look forward to the planned events for 2017.

First in the cue is the **Stroud Banquet**. The purpose of the banquet is to recognize the accomplishments of the club and individual members who have made a difference over the past year in helping the club fulfill our mission of providing **"Cleaner Waters, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing"**. Congrats to our honorees. Your efforts and commitment are admirable and appreciated.

We have our calendar full of events and activities which is best viewed on the Website www.SanDiegoFlyFishers.com. They include but are not limited to monthly meetings with educational speakers, weekly fly tying, monthly Project Healing Waters for Wounded Warriors, weekly Sunday fly casting at Lake Murray, weekly Chollas Lake "Lend-a-rod", trout in the classroom monitoring, fly casting certification, water quality monitoring, support for the San Diego River Park foundation, Boy Scouts Fair, Day at the Docks, Star Pal fishing program at Chollas Lake, Semi-Annual fishing trips to Mammoth and Bishop, fishing the bay, Kids Discovery Days plus all of the other activities that we support such as: Cal Trout, South Western Council of the International Fly Fishing Federation, Living Coast, casting for Recovery. We can do all of these activities and sponsorships of these worthwhile causes because of your support of our fund raising events. All of these years you have stepped up and shown your support and the entire club, fly fishing in general and a lot of worthwhile recipients of our charity thank you.

My vision for 2017 is to continue and maybe fine tune some of our programs, increase our membership and outreach to the youth in our community. One communication vehicle that SDFF has started in 1/2017 is **Meetup**. This is a communication vehicle for the public to get announcements and information about the benefits of membership and an invite to join SDFF. Your optional enrollment in Meetup is free and easy. Just sign in at <https://>

www.meetup.com/San-Diego-Fly-Fishing-Meetup/ and check it out.

Alan Thompson and Lee McElravy have stepped up again to coordinate SDFF's Bishop trip to Fish the ever elusive Snow Bows in and around Bishop on Feb 24-26. Thank you Alan and Lee. Contact Alan if you are interested in the trip.

See you all at Feb. meeting on Feb. 6, 2017 at Southwestern Yacht Club.

Fred Gregory
SDFF President



Thank you for your support.
Bratwursts are available for purchase at COSTCO Warehouse stores.
For the second year in a row, Larry George provided the fresh hamburger meat and Bratwurst for our Casting Event held at Tidelands Park



2017 FLYBUY

January 28, 2017 Fly Buy

Benefit the Southwest Council International Federation of Fly Fishers

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB 4901 East 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804

Great Buys on New and Used Tackle

Bring usable and sellable items originally priced over \$40.00, donate to the Garage Sale and get free admission.

\$10.00 for IFFF members, lunch included in admission price, \$15.00 others.

Membership available at door

FLY TYING 9-4

Learn and watch award winning fly tiers. Bill Blackstone, John Rose, Glenn Hiroyasu, John Van Derhoof, Mark Kirchner, Maria Rivas, Steven Fernandez, Dave Boyer, Mel Light, Dean Endress, Lee Baerman, Carl Ronk, Naomi Okamoto, Steve Posner, Vaughn Podmore, Mike Forest, Kevin Green and others. They will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques! Come and see 4 renowned Buzsek Award winners and at least 22 tiers!

GARAGE SALE 9-4

Please donate items for the fly fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters or as needed by the SWC member clubs. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10.00. A great opportunity to dispose of extras and unwanted items of all matters fly fishing. Please give items to your SWC/IFFF representative or contact us directly. This is the perfect way to do spring cleaning and to help the SWC/IFFF!

CASTING 9-4

20/20 Casting lessons: Federation Certified and Master Casting Instructors will be available for personal casting lessons at \$20 for 20 minutes. Tune up your techniques for the upcoming fishing season. Participants will be analyzed by instructors and receives tips to improve their single-hand or Spey casting. See how you do in the Danish Casting Games! Come join in on the fun of casting!

RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTIONS 9-4

Take a chance at winning some fantastic raffle items. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event. For your bidding pleasure both select and special silent auction items will be on the tables all day. Come and place your bids!

Call 818. 757. 3474 or email: secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org

Membership Renewal by Mail

Date _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____ MI _____

- Individual Membership - \$40.00 Family Membership - \$50.00
 Military Membership - \$25.00 (Active Military only) Military Family Membership - \$35.00 (Active Military only)

Change of Address or Email Address : New Address _____
City _____ State/Zip _____

Email _____ @ _____
Please Print Clearly)

**PRINT THIS PAGE then
MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO:**

**SAN DIEGO FLY FISHERS
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd #327
San Diego, CA 92124**

By using this form you save your club the expense of mailing a renewal form, can save you money if you renew in person at a club meeting, and this is the green alternative.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

On-Line Renewal

Here's how you do it:

1st: on your computer (or other device) go to www.sandiegoflyfishes.com

2nd: click on [Join Our Club](#)

3rd: in the orange colored box click on [Renew Online](#)

4th: Read the entire page and complete the form in the aquamarine colored box

5th: After you have completely filled out the form, make sure you click the box that states **I have read and I agree to the terms of the San Diego Fly Fishers General Release*. Not sure what is in General release, Click Button on bottom right that says [Read SDFF General Release](#)

6th: For safety, copy the number in a picture above Submit Button and copy that number in a box below the number.

7th: Hit [Submit Membership Info](#)

8th: Select membership type and follow instruction to make payment.

Final Note: If you have made an online purchase, you can work this system.

Stroud Banquet

Recognizing the accomplishments of the club and individual members who have made a difference.



When: Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 1pm to 5 pm

Where: Southwestern Yacht Club (see back page for map)

Details:

- \$30 per person for a great dinner in a beautiful setting.
- Price includes a door prize ticket!
- Buy Tickets at

Stroud's Tackle

OR

Mail check to:

San Diego Fly Fishers,
Attn. Stroud Banquet
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd., #327
San Diego, CA 92124

- Spouses and guests are welcome.



Volunteer Opportunities

RECURRING EVENTS

Every Sunday Morning at 9am

Lake Murray Casting Clinic

Join **Lee Anderson** and his crew. We can always use additional help as the number of students can vary greatly from week-to-week. We are teaching two basic casts: the roll cast and the overhead cast. Bring a comfortable hair, your winning personality, and we will supply the equipment.

Every Thursday Evening at 6:30 pm.

San Carlos Recreation Center

Meet a group of dedicated fly tyers that are giving instruction as to tying most of the popular flies. For more information contact **Lucky Ketcham**.

Advanced Fly Casting

Mission Bay Park– Ski Beach area

Join **John Adanetz** as he instructs fly casters in advanced casting techniques. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 8am.

Lend-a-Rod Program

Chollas Lake Park (See Below)

Join **Paul Woolery** every Sunday 11am–2pm as they help youngsters learn the basics of fishing and casting conventional rods. Another way to give back to the community. Contact Paul for more information.

Casa Vieja Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness

Join SDFF members as they make two trips annually, one trip in early summer to repair and set up the cattle excursion fence to protect the fragile mountain meadow. The second trip occurs in the fall to take down the barb wire fence to minimize winter storm damage. While in the meadows, look for the elusive Golden Trout that can be found in the small streams.

Trout in the Classroom

This event will become a recurring event as we continue to build increase participation by local schools. There is the possibility to raise and release trout three times during the academic year. (see photo below and Page 14 for latest photos from training)

Read
The
Indicator

E-mailed
By
David Collins

Don't Forget
Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2017.



For a Limited Time Only

If you have a membership with the **International Federation of Fly Fishers**, you can save some money when you renew your membership with **San Diego Fly Fishers**.

How this works: When attending the December meeting, see **Steve Vissers (Membership Chair)** and show your valid/current IFFF membership card (or buy an IFFF membership from **John Adametz**) and renew your SDFF membership for \$35.00, a savings of \$5.00 and you are enrolled in a raffle for a new rod (odds are 1:12). See **John Adametz** for details.

BISHOP RENDEZVOUS FEBRUARY 23-26, 2017

Fly Fishing in the Owens River System

Deadline to make a reservation is February 15th

Contact Alan Thompson: athompson64@hotmail.com



See the next page for more details

Bishop Rendezvous

What is the Bishop Rendezvous ?

The Bishop Rendezvous is a new name for an old outing that has occurred every February for more years than we can count. This is an event that is sponsored by San Diego Fly Fishers where we make arrangements for the benefit of our members. This is also a time where the Owens River system is easily accessed for fly fishing due to low flows, the possibility of a daily hatch of Blue Wing Olives (dry flies- yeah!), and a variety of places to fish and friends to share fishing.



What your club will do: We have a connection with the Elms Motel who has set aside many rooms at a reasonable rate for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night (2/23-2/25). There are 7 double rooms with two beds and 9 single rooms. Once we fill the Elms, there are rooms at the Travelodge located next door. **Alan Thompson** is handling the lodging arrangements and you can contact him at finnyfacts@gmail.com. Once I send in the signup to the Elms Motel, I will send you an e-mail as to your room numbers and when you arrive on Thursday afternoon you will pay for room. The Elms offers free Wi-Fi and a continental breakfast in the morning. Although many members will have breakfast down main street at Jacks Restaurant (not related to **Jack Duncan**). Those members that have made reservations with a local guide will be directed where to meet your guide.

After a strenuous day of fishing, we gather in the grassy area behind the Elms for some down time. Remember to bring a comfortable folding chair, an adult beverage, snacks to share, and your Cuban stogies.

Later, **Lee McElravy**, will arrange for our group to enjoy an evening meal together, **(see above)** Thursday is Italian night at the Upper Crust, Friday is Prime Rib at the Bowling Alley, and Saturday is Mexican night.

What are you responsible for ?

You will have to arrange your transportation to Bishop. It is recommended that you ride share to make the trip more enjoyable. If you want to use a local guide, you will have to make the arrangement with the guide or guide service. **See the next page where there is a list on most of the guides in Bishop and Mammoth Lakes area.**

Safety Concerns:

Don't forget that February is a winter month so plan accordingly. Upper Owens can be below freezing or temperate **(see photo of Art Mills below)**. Bishop is about 3000 feet lower than the Upper Owens and the weather tends to be much warmer. I wouldn't hurt to pack for both conditions. Don't forget your sunscreen.

Join us for a great time.



FREE CASTING LESSONS
EVERY SUNDAY starting at

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. Make a left and continue to the parking lot next to the boat dock. We are to the immediate right of

Eastern Sierra Guide Services

Borrowed from stevenojai.tripod.com/guideEast.htm

Note: Those marked with an * our members have used their services

* Sierra Drifters Guide Service

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Bishop Flyfishing Guide Service and Flyfishing School

<http://www.bishopflyfishing.com/>

To schedule, call the owner,
Gary Gunsolley:
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Fly fishing instruction and guiding in the eastern Sierra

Performance Anglers Guide Service

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Ken's Sporting Goods

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Flies in Our Fly Boxes

Concept by Lucky Ketcham

Our members share some of their best flies and where they use them so other members may have success On Pyramid Lake Nevada

[Charlie H. Wright](#)



In the Fly box below, I Worked on Mahalo nymphs for Pyramid Lake. The black flies are Pyramid Wooley Buggers.



Here are some examples of Cutthroats that can be caught in Pyramid Lake



News Flash -] January Rain Damage

As noted below, the fishing areas at Pyramid Lake have been reduced due to roads that have been washed out. Be sure to contact the **Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**.

Wow. The Washoe County Sheriff's RAVEN caught these images of the extensive damage to State Route 446, which connects Nixon and Sutcliffe at Pyramid Lake. The road is closed indefinitely until it can be repaired.



Fly Tying Congress

Every Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM

Join the San Diego Fly Fishers at San Carlos Recreation Center at 6445 Lake Badin Ave. in San Diego. Instruction to create your own fly is available. Bring your own equipment or use the club equipment, available from one of the instructors.

DIRECTIONS--From Interstate 8 take the Lake Murray off-ramp and drive toward Lake Murphy. Travel on Lake Murray Blvd. for 1.6 miles and turn left at Lake Adlon Drive (1st corner past Jackson Drive). Go three blocks and the Recreation Center will be on your right.

Thank You



10/14/2016

San Diego Fly Fishers
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd., #327
San Diego, CA 92124

Dear Fellow Anglers,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of California Trout, I would like to thank you for renewing your support to CalTrout with your gift of \$1,000.00 on 10/14/2016. Your generous support furthers our work to solve the state's complex resource issues while balancing the needs of wild fish and people in California.

Because of donors like you we can work on projects like:

- Complete the Eel River Action Plan to restore it's critical habitat
- Advocate for funding and science-based recovery for the imperiled coho salmon, particularly in the Scott and Shasta Rivers
- Restoration of stream habitat on the Hat Creek working with the Pit River Tribe workforce training and jobs program
- Restore meadows throughout the Sierra Nevada and southern Cascades to increase carbon sequestration, water storage, and recovery of native species
- Develop innovative win-win solutions working with rice farmers in the Central Valley to fatten up salmon as they migrate to the ocean

We work throughout the State with many different partners to ensure resilient wild fish populations thrive in California's cold water streams for future generations. Because abundant wild fish mean healthy waters, and healthy waters mean a better California. Your gift helps make this possible.

Thanks again for your significant support.

Sincerely,


Julie Seelen
Advancement Director

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Important Tax Information:

- Please retain this letter as your receipt.
- Contributions to California Trout are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.
- California Trout is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization; tax ID #23-7097680.
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www.caltrout.org

Thank You from Hubbs– Sea World

WHO WE ARE

Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI) is a non-profit scientific research organization committed to conserving and renewing marine life to ensure a healthier planet.

OUR PURPOSE

Why we exist

To conserve and renew marine life to ensure a healthier planet.

OUR VISION

Our long-term impact

To steward a healthier planet where humans and marine life thrive together.

OUR PROMISE

Our core and focus

We provide innovative and objective scientific solutions to challenges facing ocean health and marine life in our rapidly changing world.



California Waterfowl Association

Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California

Saturday, February 11, 2017



Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves and be prepared to help clean up as much of the Owens River as we can. Wear waders if you own them.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked good provided for all volunteers at 8AM &

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM

@ Pleasant Valley Campground.

2017 Sponsors include:

California Waterfowl Association – Bishop

Caltrout – Sierra Headwaters Region

Eastern Sierra Fishing Guides Association

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Silver Lake Resort – June Lake

Trout Unlimited – Eastern Sierra Field Office

International Federation of Fly Fishers – Southwest Council

Talk it up. Bring family and friends. This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information on sponsoring or general information call

Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.

Instructional Classes offered by Sdff

Advanced Casting Instruction

with

John J. Adametz, IFFF Casting Instructor

8 to 9AM, first and third Sundays

Ski Beach Park

Mission Bay Park

I am offering Advanced Casting Instruction to any San Diego Fly Fishers or Golden State Flycasters club member on the first and third Sunday of each month from 8 – 9 AM starting January 3, 2016. If you are looking to improve your casting or are interested in preparing for and obtaining your International Federation of Fishers Certified Casting Instructor credential, I can help. Let's work together, have some fun, and learn some casting! Please contact me at john.adametz@gmail.com should you have any questions.

John Adametz is a freelance outdoors writer, fly fishing enthusiast and International Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor. He is affiliated with San Diego Fly Fishers, Golden State Flycasters, Mississippi Coast Fly Fishing Club, and Brotherhood of the Junglecock (Maryland Chapter). Any day fishing is a good day!

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Ordering Clothing from Cabelas With our Club LOGO

CABELA'S EMBROIDERED CLOTHING

Our Club logo is available to be applied to items purchased at Cabela's. Here is the information you will need.

Step 1: Decide what article of clothing you want the club logo to be placed on and write down the number and color you want to purchase. There are good deals on the Corporate Sales book found online. Then choose the logo you will use. Blue lettering LOGO is for light-colored item (**LOGO number 30016093**) or gold lettering LOGO for dark colored items (**LOGO number 30015627**).

Step 2: Contact Cabelas Embroidery at (877) 892-4424 (Telephone), or facsimile at (800) 237-4401. or on-line at embroidery~cabelas.com

Step 3. When connected to the Embroidery Department, Give them the SDFE Customer Club Number when placing an order. This number is **40479874**. You may receive a 0-10% discount by using the Club Number. However, for almost all items there is an embroidery charge of **\$5.00**.

Step 4: Finalize the order and use a credit card to secure your purchase by phone. **If you are ordering by FAX or e-mail, do not include a credit card number.** For security reasons, Cabelas will call you for that information.

Step 5: Check your product when it arrives.

The Official San Diego Fly Fishers Shirt which is displayed on the right. You can own this special shirt which guaranties that you will stand out in a crowd.

**Order from Cabelas (see above)
Item #1K-904591
Color-Vivid Blue**

Get Yours Today !



Embroidery is available locally at **TCB Embroidery** located at 8924 Carlton Hills Blvd. Santee, CA 92071 Phone- (619)-562-2320 Fax (619)-562-3510
tcbembroidery.com

Eastern Sierra Report from Sierra Drifters

Quick Look Fish Report 1/18/17

A new series of winter storms have begun. Snow is falling at lake level in Crowley and the rivers in Mono County will receive new snow coverage. The snowmobiles are out and running the river banks now and the rainbows along with some larger brown trout have recently pushed into the river in good numbers. Our clients have been “putting the hurt on” lots of big fish this week. Multiple rainbows and browns are spread throughout the river. The access roads are snow bound and there have been multiple vehicles stuck as they get driven in by unsuspecting operators. It is best to park and walk in as the towing bill is not cheap. Hot Creek has smaller fish taking dry flies in the Interpretive Site and small nymphs and dries in the canyon section. Access is currently walk in here as well. Middle Owens flows increased last week and the river took on some coloration which moved some fish around. It was slow at this time but should come back once flows settle in again. Look for flows to possibly increase after this week’s storms. PVR and the Wild Trout section have been fishing well. The river section of Pleasant Valley Reservoir has been kicking out a few big fish. East Walker holding at winter release rates and Bridgeport Reservoir is filling up at a steady rate.

East Walker River 1/18/17

Flows are at 26cfs. This is great for Bridgeport Reservoir and it is filling quickly. Water has reached the airstrip as of last week. We may see a nice flushing of the river this summer if these weather patterns continue. It is cold here with more snow coming. Fish the deep and slow areas of the river for best results. Eggs, SJ worms, Assassins, Serendipities, Copper John’s, and Midges are good searching patterns this time of year.

Upper Owens River 1/18/17

The river is now covered in snow along the

banks. The recent storm activity has dropped enough lower elevation snow to run the snowmobiles. Access is tough by vehicle and not recommended. The new set of storms have begun and will bring more snow coverage along the river. Snow shoes may be required for some of the deeper sections of snow, as some of the snowdrifts are knee high. The new fish we have been waiting for have moved into their new winter homes out of Crowley Lake. This is more of the typical pattern we see when the weather shifts to the winter storm cycles. Fish are now holding in most of the usual locations along the river. Flows are now running at 62 cfs. Be sure to keep the ice out of your rod guides between casts. It doesn’t take much time to freeze up and you want to ensure you can pay out line to these big fish when they make a run. Checking your reels for ice lock up is even more important. By submerging your entire rod and reel in the water for a few seconds and giving a good shake you can prevent any major problems from arising during your battle with these large fish. We have been having excellent results with egg patterns fished under an indicator. We combine this rig with a small baitfish, PT, Assassassin, or SJ worm and they are deadly. Choosing your fly pattern is half of the puzzle, but getting your flies to the fish’s strike zone is the other half for success. Drag free drifts are of utmost importance here, and a technical style of fishing must be used to fool these guys and gals in the river. 3’ out of the fish’s strike zone will not get a take. Getting your flies to the spot is easy, but keeping them there is the difference between catching fish or not. We have guides that can get you out here safely and show you the methods needed to catch these beautiful winter fish. The peak time for the Crowley Steelhead migration is now and it is a great time to come out and catch that fish of a lifetime!

Middle Owens River 1/18/17

An increase in flows from the storms over the last week added some stained water to the river. The river picked up a couple inches of snow from the final storm. Rain

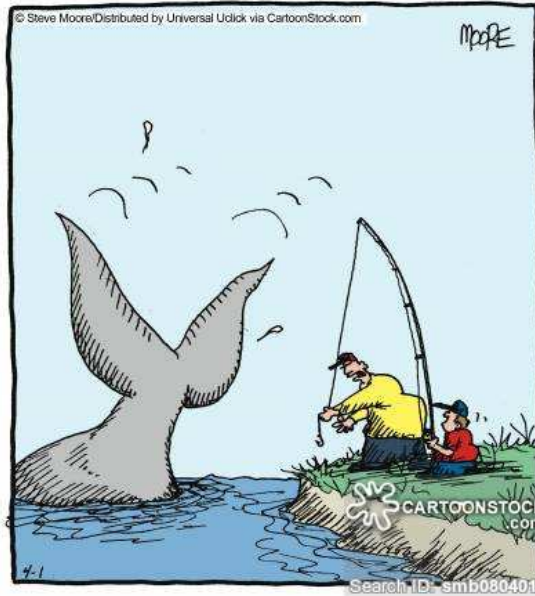
is likely, with occasional snow showers for the rest of the week. Flows are now at 157 cfs and water clarity will return if they continue to hold here or decrease. Fishing has slowed down here considerably, but we will keep an eye on it and report when things pick up again. BWO hatches at mid-day are still consistent, and that is a good time to locate pods of fish in the river. #18-20 BWO will get you grabs. Some of the bigger fish in the river have relocated to other pools. Larger profile streamer patterns are a good choice for when the water is stained.

Pleasant Valley Reservoir 1/18/17

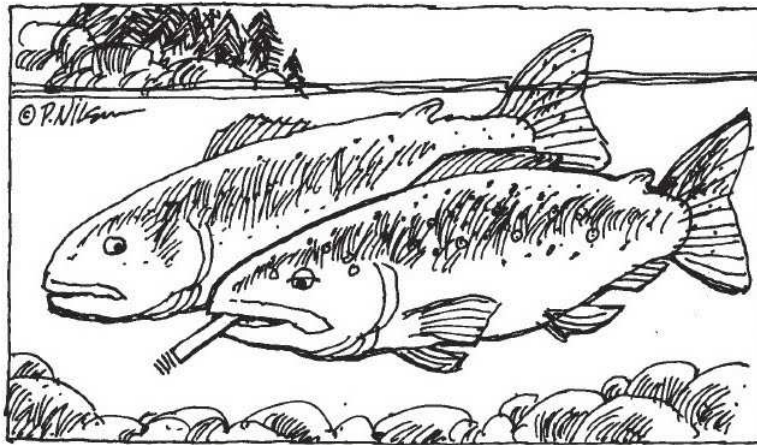
Fishing has been decent here with clear water. Some of the boulders in the river section are holding good sized rainbows. Look at all the pocket water here and the deeper slots along the river. The section that widens leading to the lake is slower flowing and holding bigger fish too. It is more crowded in this area so getting here early can make a difference. Look for afternoon dry fly action with light weight rods. The BWO hatch can be tons of fun here and dry dropper set-ups can be deadly just prior to the peak of the emergence.



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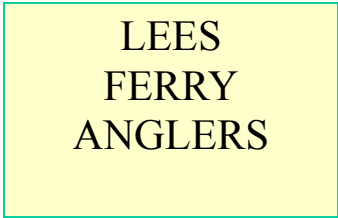


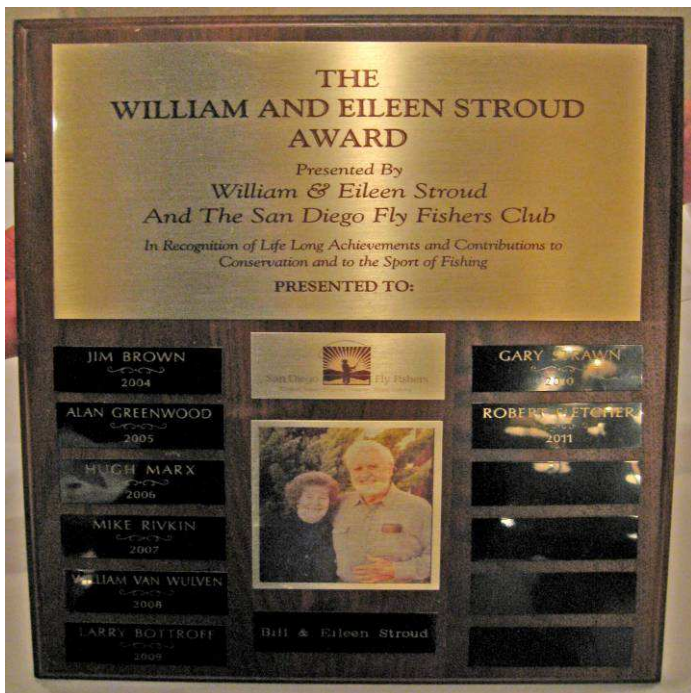
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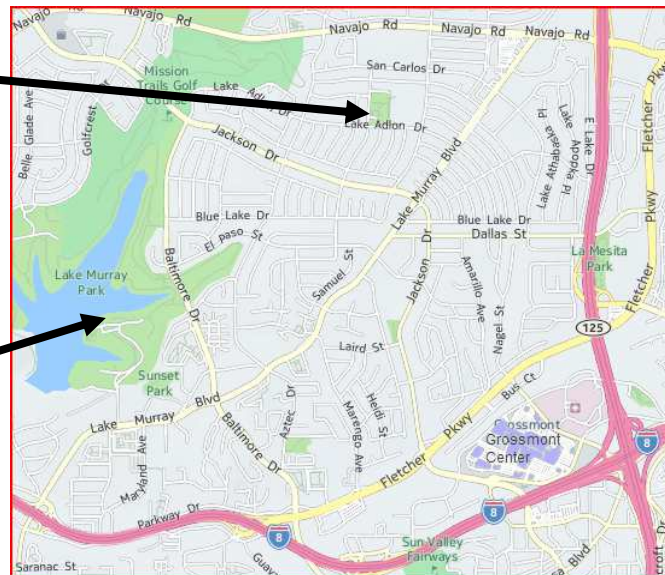
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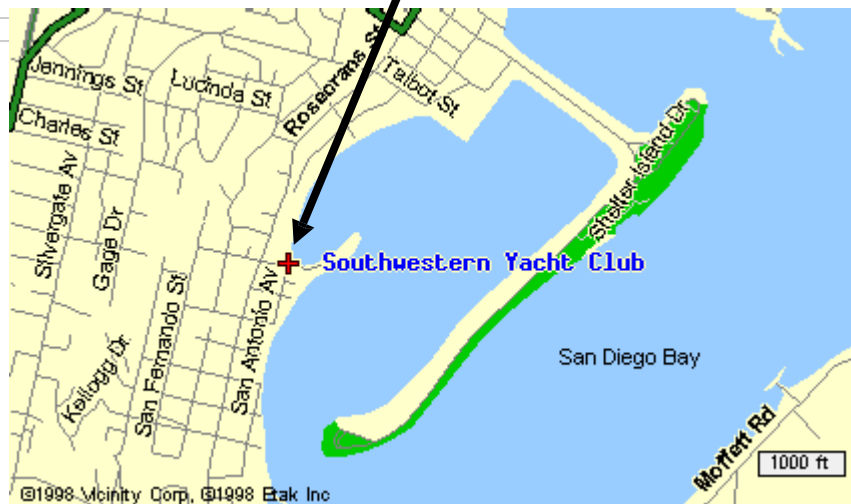


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