

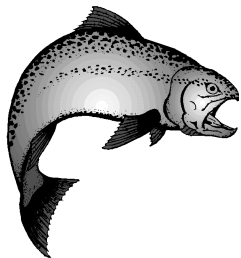
# Downey Fly Fishers

*"The Fishingest Club Around"*

April 2008

Monthly Newsletter

## Upcoming Events



### April 8th

General Meeting 7pm  
Conway Bowman  
Fly Tying Demo 6pm

### April 12th

White Elephant Auction  
11am till ?

### April 15th

Board Meeting 7:30pm  
Jim Buchanan's Home

### May 13th

General Meeting 7pm  
Guy Jeans on fishing  
the Kern River

**Deadline for the May  
newsletter is April 30th**

Members who have access to  
E-mail can send stories,  
announcements or classified  
ads to: Liz Rasmussen or  
Brain Matthews

## At This Month's Meeting

Get ready for some warm water fly fishing action with Conway Bowman! Conway will be giving a program on fly fishing for largemouth bass and carp on a fly rod. You'll be able to take this information and go out and land these bruiser fish right now. Spring is when it starts to happen as both species move into the shallows to spawn.

The San Diego City Lakes are noted for being the home to some of the largest Florida Strain Large Mouth Bass, with the possibility of a world record fish lurking in their lakes. Conway will discuss both sight fishing with poppers and sunken fly methods of hooking this most popular sport fish in America.

Often mis-labeled as a trash fish, carp are truly a fly rod bust'n adversary that will take a properly presented fly and go through your backing like a freight train. The carp is a highly regarded sport fish in the UK. You need to be stealthy, be able to match the hatch, cast accurately like a tournament caster and know the subtle signs that the carp has taken the fly so that you can set the hook before it spits it out. After you hook one, hold on, because you will be in for a fly rod bending ride!

Conway will be tying some bass and carp patterns starting at six. Please be sure to check out his current TV program, "Dollar Wise Fly" on the VERSUS channel.  
<http://www.versuscountry.com/showpage.aspx?sid=46>

Conway will be donating a half off mako trip for our White Elephant Sale on April 12th.

<http://www.bowmanbluewater.com/FrontPage.php?/TFS/Trips/BBGO/body/Sort1/asc/bottom/C13/#>

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We will have Guy Jeans of the Kern River Fly Shop as our May 13th speaker.

<http://kernriverflyfishing.com/index.htm>

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

Submitted by Michael Schweit  
Vice President, Sierra Pacific FlyFishers

If you are relatively new to fly fishing and would like to learn more about real fishing with dry flies, then the Sierra Pacific FlyFishers Fly Fishing School at Hot Creek Ranch is for you. This School consists of two days of stream side instruction in groups of no more than 4 students by instructors who each have more than 30 years of experience and are expert fly fisherman. You also get a third day of fishing on your own to reinforce and enjoy the new knowledge you have gained. The emphasis is on catching and releasing trout from the world famous Hot Creek Ranch near Mammoth, California. Subjects that are taught include how to present your dry fly, how to mend, how to achieve a drag free drift, fly selection and where to look for fish. This school is best for students who can make a basic 30 foot cast and mastered knot tying. Instruction is tailored to the skills of the individual student. The more advanced the student, the more advanced the instruction. It is not a casting clinic, it is a dry fly fishing school.

The dates of the SPFF Fly Fishing School are June 6-9. The School includes lodging at Hot Creek Ranch (2 persons per cabin), two days of instruction, a third day of independent fishing and all meals. The cost is \$725 per person. The instructors and staff volunteer their time for this event and SPFF presents this School at cost, it makes no profit.

A few openings are still available. Should you be interested, please contact School Director Ron Nelson at 818-802-7394 or rnelson@earthlink.net.



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I am looking for someone to take over the duties of doing the newsletter. After doing it for 9 years I would like to turn it over to a fresh person! If you are interested I would be glad to help you get started and give you back up if needed.

Talk to me if you are interested,  
Liz

### Presidents Message

This month we have two functions, our general meeting and our annual White Elephant Auction Fundraiser. I'm really looking forward to this year's White Elephant Auction, don't miss this fun event! Feel free to bring guests. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Coming up in May we have our annual election for club officers and board members. So far there is no one on the slate for President or Vice President. If you are interested in running please let one of the current board members or me know.

We are starting our membership drive for the new membership year which begins in June. Membership dues have increased by \$5.00 to \$40.00 per year for individual or family . Please be sure to updated your information on the membership form.

See you at the meeting and auction,  
Liz

### Ice Fishing at Zipple Bay Minnesota

Submitted by Bob Taddeo

Who thought you could catch fish when it is -32 degrees outside. Well that is what I thought when I arrived at our lodge and asked where we were going to drop a line. As we started driving out on the ice I could see far in the distance small fishing huts spaced in rows well out onto the lake. As it was, our hut was 5 miles from shore and very close to the Canadian Boarder. To my relief even though it was a -32 outside the inside of our hut was a comfortable +50 degrees.

To catch Walleye there isn't a whole lot of effort required. You start with a 3 foot pole, indicator, dropper, live bait and a hole in the ice. After you determine the depth to the bottom, you reel in attach a minnow and drop your line in and wait for a subtle tug on your line. You are allowed two poles at a time, so you spend your day waiting for your pole to dip and a regulation fish to pull up. The average fish size was 10 -18 inches and over the course of two days I caught about twenty Walleye.

As it was tough for me to convince my fishing partners that this really wasn't fishing but just an excuse to sit around all day and drink beer we did all agree it was a great way to pass the time when it is -32 degrees outside.



## **Bonefishing Oahu**

Submitted by Zino Nakasuji

I recently returned from another fly fishing adventure to the land of palm trees, tiki torches, surfers and bonefish (o'io). Oahu is the place and double digit bonefish were the target. I've seen and cast to double digit bones before, but this time my friend Peter Koga and I got the heads up on the latest tackle and techniques to land these big toads from Oliver Owens and Capt. Bob Tang ( [www.bonefish808.com](http://www.bonefish808.com) ). Capt. Bob says he doesn't even get excited over bones under ten pounds any more!

Believe it or not, 30 pound fluorocarbon tippet was used and got bit while blind casting and sight casting to bones from 3 to over 10 pounds! I fished six feet of 50lb mono tied to five feet of 30lb Seaguar fluorocarbon with a slim beauty knot. We used nine weight rods over lined with 10wt WF floating lines. You might be wondering."why 30 pound tippet"? You need it to have a chance at landing these powerful fish over mounds of coral heads. Bonefish that are on the feed and are not overly stressed will eat a properly presented fly on heavy tippet. The bait slingers use 60 pound baited with octopus (tako) and have no problems getting bit. Sight fishing while wading is a short quick game so we over line the rods to load them faster to make casts from 15 to 40 feet (most under 30 feet). Blind casting requires long casts of over 60 feet over the lanes that the fish travel on to get on and off the flats.

We fished the windward side of Oahu four days and one day with Coach Duff (ex-marine, UH football coach w/07 Sugar Bowl Ring, & steelheading fanatic) and Capt. Bob Tang at Hickham flat. If you are interested in hooking a bonefish while on Oahu, you should set up a trip with Oliver Owens. They have access to Hickham Flat with coach Duff and the Kaneohe Sand Bar with Capt. Bob's boat. The ave. sized fish that we saw was 6 to 9 pounds. We saw a few smaller fish and quite a few fish over ten pounds!

You don't come to Oahu to catch numbers of bonefish. You come for the quality of the fish. Your best shot at hooking fish is by blind casting in mid-thigh to waist deep water over known channels that the fish travel through. The most exciting method is sight fishing in water knee deep to mid calf on a in coming tide. I was able to land two bonefish (3 - 4 pounds) smaller than my past trips and lost 3 and landed one white jack and lost another jack unseen (way it fought). Peter landed two bones, but hooked several more than me.

On our last day while fishing the Kaneohe flat, Capt. Bob and I were seeing a lot of 6 to 10 pound plus fish. The wind was blowing from 15 to 20 and was a problem when you had to cast into it. Many times there isn't time to position yourself for a cast with the wind while sight fishing. Well, the best shot at a 10 pound plus came and went on this day. Bob spotted a single green glob eighty feet away moving very slowly from left to right. I told him that I see it and he told me to keep a eye on it and be ready. The green glob slightly angled towards our direction and Bob says, "that's a big guy". When the bone got to within 40 feet and moving very slowly, I made a single haul and cast 15 feet in front of it. This is where my mind must have been in the twilight zone! The fish slightly changed its angle towards me and just slightly increased its speed and stopped! Every thing I know about sight fishing for bones tells me to come tight to the fly right now, but I wasn't sure where my fly was in relation to the fish. I'm pulling the slack out of my fly line when I see the fish shake its head and swim off! Heck, that fish just spit my fly without me seeing the line move or feel any take at all! Lesson learned - ALWAYS ASSUME that the fish has taken your fly if it stops any where near your fly! Bob thought that fish was a 12 pounder! That scenario will keep haunting me until I get that double digit bonefish the next time!

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*Downey Fly Fishers - April*

**A few pictures from  
Zino's adventure  
Bonefishing in Oahu**



# Downey Fly Fishers

## Annual Auction & White Elephant

Saturday, April 12 th  
10AM to ?????

### Items Include:

Apparel  
Fly Rods (new & perviously owned)  
Reels (ditto)  
Lines, Leaders, Tippetts  
Outdoor Gear  
Fly Tying Materials & Tools  
Loads offlies and materials

Great pricing on products from the following vendors will auctioned:

Abel Reels - Bauer Reels  
Buck's Bags - Simms - Tibor Reels  
Chota Products - Galvan Reels  
G.Loomis Rods - Jim Teeny Inc.  
G.Loomis Rods - Ross Reels  
Water Works - Wind River  
Winston Rods - Regal Vise

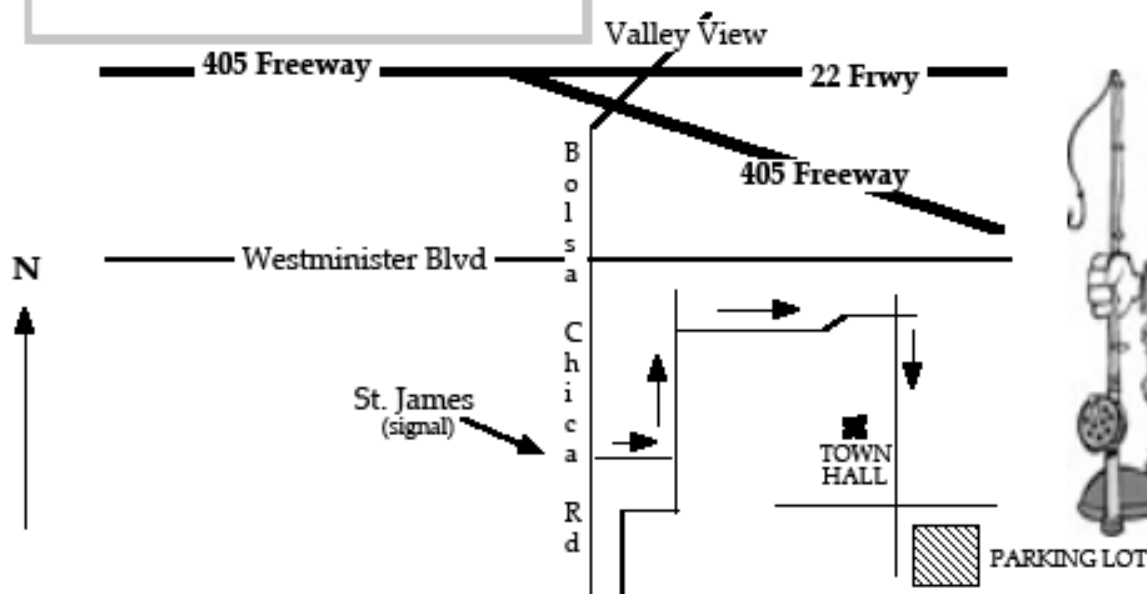
### Excellent Package

Bowman Blue Water  
1/2 off Mako Shark trip for 2 anglers

### Grand Prize

The person that purchases the most will win a Fly Box of flies worth \$250 tied by John Woodling

## !!! Pizza for lunch !!!

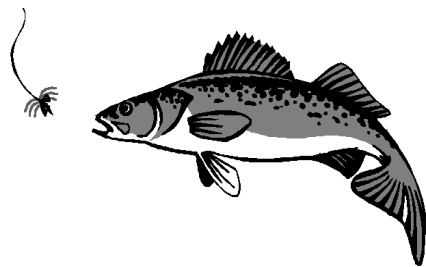


Contact Zino @ (562) 598-6878 for further information

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## 2007-2008 Membership Application

Member's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (non member) \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Children (names and ages under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Renewing Individual and Family Memberships- \$40.00

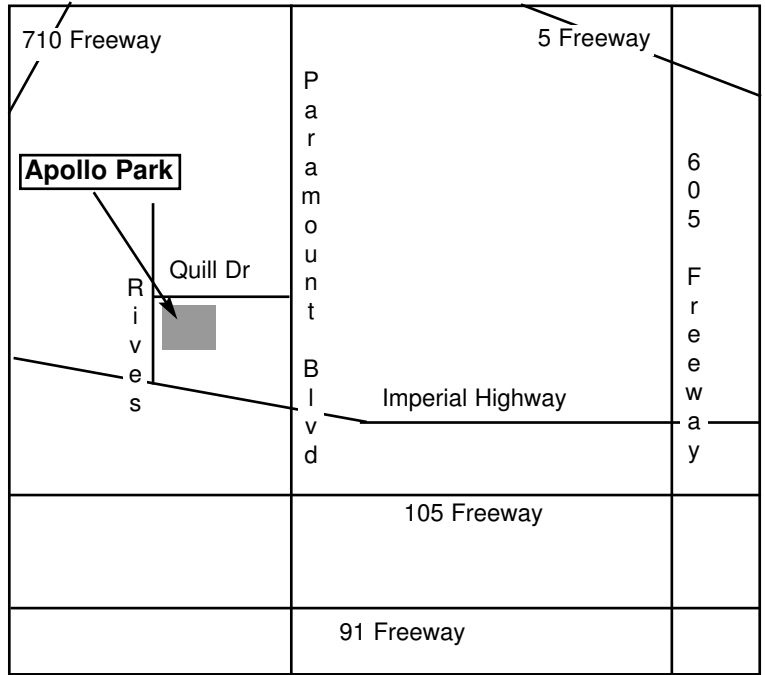
New Individual or Family Memberships add \$5.00 Initiation Fee- Total \$45.00

### Club Objectives and Purpose

1. To promote, maintain and enjoy all phases of fly fishing.
2. To maintain a high standard of true sportsmanship and promote social relations among it's members.
3. We, individually, undertake to take at least one youth fly fishing annually; instructing them, to the best of our ability, in the art and responsibilities that are soon to be wholly theirs.
4. To fraternize and cooperate with organizations whose aims and purposes are for the protection and betterment of California fisheries, to preserve our waters and to promote our sport.
5. To promote instruction and information in fly casting, fly tying, rod building, and entomology. These classes will be open to the public and free of charge.

*Downey Fly Fishers Supports;  
Federation of Fly Fishers, California Trout, and Trout Unlimited*

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[www.downeyflyfishers.org](http://www.downeyflyfishers.org)

**This Month's Meeting**  
**April 8th**  
**Apollo Park Senior Center**  
**12458 Rives Ave, Downey**



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