

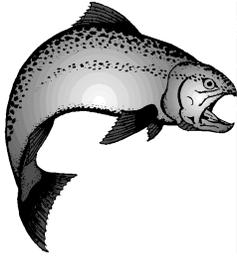
# Downey Fly Fishers

*"The Fishingest Club Around"*

January 2008

Monthly Newsletter

## Upcoming Events



**January 8th**  
**General Meeting 7pm**  
**Fly Tying Demo 6pm**

**January 9th**  
**Beginning Fly Tying**  
**Class 7-9pm**

**January 17th**  
**Board Meeting 7pm**  
**Brian Matthews'**

## At This Month's Meeting

We are very fortunate to have well known guide and stream keeper, Kevin Petersen as our first guest speaker of the new year. Kevin has been one of the top guides in the Eastern Sierra for many years and he and his wife have been the stream keepers for Hot Creek Ranch since the 2007 season.

Kevin will give a program on fly fishing from Bishop to Bridgeport. If there isn't some thing of interest in this program for you, you have to be totally into saltwater fly fishing. Kevin will be covering the waters most of us what to know about in this program.

Please join Kevin for a fly tying demonstration starting at six.

[http://www.kevinpetersonflyfishing.com/#anchor\\_138](http://www.kevinpetersonflyfishing.com/#anchor_138)

## New Matrix Board

We are doing a new matrix board. It is for a top of the line Sierra high performance large arbor fly reel for a 7/9 line with an extra spool.

It is machined from aerospace grade aluminum that has an ultra-hard anodized finish and has a GREAT drag system.

The squares will be \$5 each or 5 squares for for \$20.

## Deadline for the Feb. newsletter is Jan. 30th

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

**CLUB OUTINGS**

Submitted by Carl Laski

Lower Owens	February 2008
Lower Owens	March 2008
Carpinteria Surf Fishing	April 2008
Mammoth	May 2008

Note: No scheduled outings for Nov 2007, Dec 2007 and Jan 2008

If you are interested in attending any of these outings, please contact me at (714) 995-4219 as soon as possible.

**Fly Tying Class**

Beginning Wednesday January 9th we will be starting our beginng fly tying class. The class will be held from 7-9 at Apollo Park. It will be a seven week class. It's very rewarding to catch fish with flies you have tied yourself. This is a great oppertunity to learn to do that!

Contact John Barnett at 562-924-9697 or Brian Matthews at 562-425-7936

**2008 FFF Conclave**

2008 Conclave planning has begun. It will be the 43rd Annual FFF International Fly Fishing Show (Conclave) and the dates are set for July 22 – 26, 2008. The location for this Conclave will be Whitefish, Montana. Whitefish is a small town located on the shore of Whitefish Lake. Just a few miles from Glacier National Park and International airport. Mark your calendar !!!!

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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

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a peaceful and safe holiday season.

We spent Thanksgiving at the Kern. The water was low and fly fishing wasn't too productive. The bait chukkers and spin fishermen were having better luck but we had fun anyway.

We visited the Kern River Hatchery and their new Natural History Museum. The hatchery has been just a planting base 1994 but has been upgraded back to a hatchery! According to the volunteer we spoke with the hatchery will be getting all new natural style ponds. The small museum has a collection of local birds, nests, eggs, mammal exhibits (mouse to mountain lion), fish, reptiles, animal skulls, rocks & minerals, acorns, pine cones, and many other interesting displays of local natural history. There is also a nice display of fishing equipment including such items as rod and reels, lures (fly & bait), creels, dip nets, knives, scales and rulers. If you are in the area it is well worth your time to visit.

I don't know if everyone has heard the news about the Long Beach Casting Club building's fire at Recreation Park in Long Beach. On December 2nd the historic building suffered major damage. Firefighters were able to contain the blaze in the building's main hall. Much of the club's memorabilia was destroyed. Clean up and rebuilding are underway.

See you all at the meeting!

Liz

## Help Wanted!

Submitted by Carl Laski

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Jedlick who served as the Refreshment Chairperson over the past several years. He did a great job and has the refreshment equipment and supplies well-organized.

The club needs a new volunteer for the Refreshment Chairperson who is responsible for bringing coffee, sodas and snacks to the general meetings and potlucks. Our ice chest has wheels and a long handle that makes transportation easier. In addition, there are (2) plastic storage containers for the coffee makers and supplies. The regular and decaf coffee can be made at home just prior to the meeting and brought to the meeting in the pump carafes which is much simpler. Since it is sometimes difficult to make it to every meeting and potluck, you can make a few phone calls to find a substitute.

If you are interested, please call or see me at the next general meeting.

## Tales - Mammoth Fish

Submitted by Carl Laski

In October 2007, the Downey Fly Fishers outing to Mammoth included Carl & Marissa Laski, Ron Sakoda, Bill Shelly, Dave Smith and Randy Teeple.

A few months earlier, I stayed at the Sierra Megeve condos in Mammoth which are nice accommodations, but further away from town. In fact, it's far enough away from town that the bears felt quite comfortable to stop by the condo at 2am to go "dumpster diving". At night, you could hear the bears go from condo to condo and pounce each dumpster in an attempt to open the lid.

Marissa and I arrived at the Sierra Megeve condos around 10pm on Friday for the October outing. I was tired...it was cold. Since I have grown to be quite an experienced outdoorsman living in Los Angeles & Orange County, CA my entire life, I figured the bears would be hibernating in October. I decided that there was absolutely no risk in leaving a large ice chest strapped down in the back of my truck. Around 5am, I awoke to an all too familiar sound of bears slamming the dumpsters. My eyes popped wide open, "It can't be!" I was concerned of the potential damage to the ice chest and paint job on my truck. Fortunately, the bears (3 of them) missed the ice chest in the truck. A lesson learned and concluded that bears are not afraid of a condo full of flyfishers. Deer, elk and peacocks instinctively fear flyfishers since many of their relatives have ended up as a wing or body on a fly.

On Saturday morning, the wind at the condo was howling. I don't recall anyone in a big hurry to rush out of the condo and start fishing. It was one of those, "I think I will have a second cup of coffee" mornings. Crowley was so blown out that the marina would not allow any boats on the water. Despite the wind and cold temperatures, the group fanned out over the Upper Owens and Hot Creek and reported success on both numbers and some quality fish.

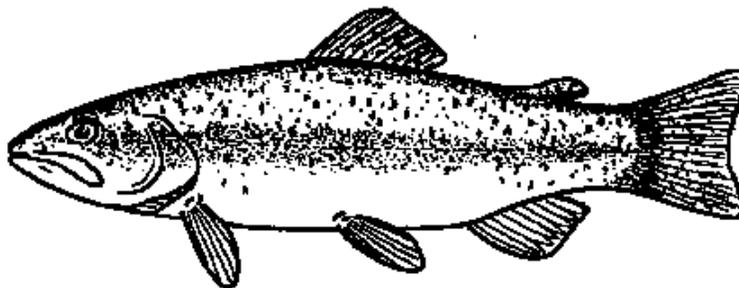
Due to the passing front, float tubing with my daughter, Marissa was not an option. We opted to visit Bodie ghost town. The Eastern Sierras are so rich with geological features and history. Marissa and I really enjoyed walking the dirt streets of Bodie and peering in windows for a glimpse of what life was like in 1879. If you asked people, "What was the 2nd largest town in California around 1879?" they would never guess Bodie. Between our visit to Bodie and feeding a hungry teenager, I didn't fish the entire weekend. I can wait to fish Crowley next year.

Six pack of Marissa's favorite soda at Indian Wells Brewery...\$6

Carmel apples at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory...\$8

Entrance to Bodie State Historical Park...\$12

Father & daughter weekend in the Eastern Sierras...Priceless!



## DVD / Book Reviews

From the FFF Clubwire

River Girls: Fly Fishing For Young Women by Cecilia "Pudge" Kleinkauf  
Johnson Books, Boulder, CO - 2006

160 pages, paperback, color photos & illustrations

Contact Linda Doyle from Johnson Books about the 50% discount. [ldoyle@bigearthpublishing.com](mailto:ldoyle@bigearthpublishing.com)

In River Girls, Cecilia "Pudge" Kleinkauf uses the real-life experiences of four young women-Alyssa, Samantha, Alex, and Blair-to create an informative and engaging introduction to the sport of fly fishing for pre-teen and teenage girls.

Using a "girls can do this, too" approach, the book conveys the idea that fly fishing is more fun and challenging than other kinds of fishing and that it is definitely not just a sport for boys. Pudge knows that as well as anyone-she's a professional fly fishing guide in Alaska!

Pudge also knows that teenage girls respond best to peer influence and supportive encouragement, and they'll find both in the stories of the River Girls. Each girl tells how she got started in fly fishing, who taught her, which kind of fish she enjoys catching, and why fly fishing holds a special charm for her.

While peer acceptance and encouragement are essential, every beginning fly fisher needs a teacher, and there's no better one for young women than Pudge Kleinkauf. She covers everything they'll need to know, from basic skills such as casting, wading, and knot tying, to using fly rods and reels and choosing flies.

Girls have a different perspective and different considerations than boys do, and they need their own guide to fly fishing. River Girls is that guide. For a girl who wants to learn the sport, this book is like having four fly fishing girlfriends and an aunt who's an expert fly fisher and wants nothing more than to help her learn how to cast, what flies to use, and what equipment she'll need.

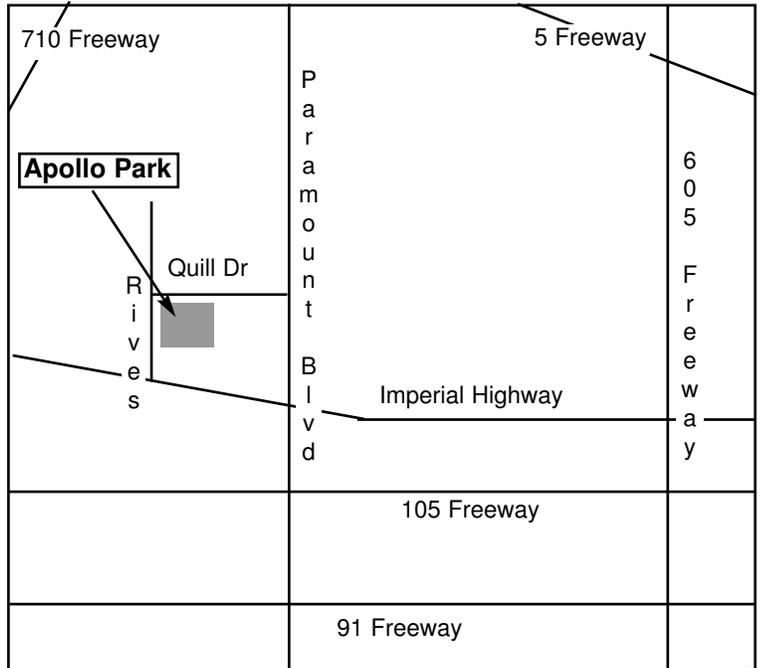
In addition to the basic skills, the book features information on manufacturers that make gear specifically for young people, a discussion of catch-and-release ethics, and stories from adult women anglers who began fly fishing as girls. It tells how to find nearby resources where girls can learn the sport and discover local waters where they might fish. Supplementary materials consist of a glossary, a list of fly fishing organizations that welcome girls, and a bibliography of books written by women.

Throughout the book, engaging photographs of the River Girls by Michael De Young complements the text. Simple illustrations depict techniques and flies.

Pudge understands the needs of young women. She treats them with respect and speaks to them on their own level. She is enthusiastic about the sport and helping young women learn it. She is the adult female role model who can encourage their interest and help turn it into a lifelong source of enjoyment and satisfaction. She is the teacher you would want for your own child.

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**DFF Supports;**



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**This Month's Meeting;**  
**January 8th**  
**Apollo Park Senior Center**  
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