

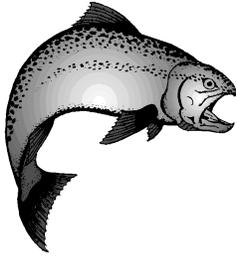
Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"

June 2008

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events



**No general meeting
In June!**

**June 7th
Installation Potluck
4:30pm**

**June 19th
Board Meeting
Brian Matthews'**

At This Month's Meeting

**There is no general
meeting this month!**

On Saturday June 7th we will be having our Installation Potluck. Out with the old, in with the new!

It is in the usual location and starts at 4:30.

Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend! It's a chance to meet, visit, and share fishing lies. The food is great too. Brian will be sending out information on the event shortly.

In July we will have Sam Mihara presenting The Best and Worst of Alaska, New Zealand and Argentina.



Beautiful Brown caught on Zino's Hot Creek Ranch trip.

**Deadline for the July
newsletter is June 25th**

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

THANKS TO YOU!

Submitted by Carl Laski

During the past several meetings, Moe Wakefield has spoiled us with chips and home-made guacamole, as well as free avocados to take home. Thanks Moe! We will certainly miss the avocados from your tree when they become out-of-season.

DVD / Book Reviews

reviewed by Bruce E. Harang

Henry's Fork with Mike Lawson by Mike Lawson
Cascade Mediaworks, LLC, Portland, OR, 2007
DVD, 120 minutes, color, suggested price
\$24.95

One of Montana's fly fishing legends teaches you how to fish the fabled Henry's Fork. Mike takes you along on a fishing trip from the headwaters of the Henry's Fork to its confluence with the Snake River. Mike explains where to access the river, how to float it, how to wade it, and techniques that will bring you success in the various sections of the river. Mike explains that this river has four distinct personalities and you need to know where they are and what they bode for the fisherman. Included are selections of flies and fishing techniques that will work in each section of the.

The real joy of this DVD is the chance to spend time on the water with a real gentleman. Mike's easy going personality, wit, humor, knowledge, and love of the river makes him someone whose company on the water you will cherish. For those who have fished the Henry's Fork here is an opportunity to compare notes and learn a few tips. For those that have not yet fished this fabulous trout fishery here is a great jump start to success. The cinematography, sound, and editing are superb. The commentary by Mike is a joy and makes you feel like you and he are having a chat while fishing the river. This is an excellent value.

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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 is my last message as DFF President. The year has gone by so quickly! I want to thank all the board members and chairpersons for their support and help. As always Zino has done a great job getting speakers for the general meetings and running the White Elephant Auction. Brian has done a outstanding job as secretary for years, keeping the minutes at the board meetings, keeping track of members and mailing out the newsletter are just a few of the jobs he does. Thanks to Bob for being treasurer and keeping our money straightened out. John and Bob have done a super job organizing and running classes, by doing this they have opened the door to fly fishing to many new people. Thanks to Brad for being our "raffle guy." And last but not least thanks to Carl for always stepping up when things need to be done!

Please be sure to pay your membership dues by the July meeting.

See you at the potluck,
Liz



During a family vacation to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, I took a picture of a plaque with this quote:

"...the sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonders forever."

Jacques-Yves Cousteau

As a child, I watched the "Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau" on television every week. I firmly believe that this is where my interest in the sea grew. By the time I was a teenager, I was an avid saltwater fisherman. The sea had cast its spell on me.

Carl Laski

For Sale

1998 Dodge truck, 4WD, 5.2 liter gas, automatic, long bed, power windows & door locks, LoJack alarm, 5 CD player, am/fm/cassette, 90,000miles \$5900.00

Also a pop up camper with or without the truck; two burner stove, 2 cubic ft refig (3 way) heater, electric jacks, 20 gallon fresh water tank w pump.

Please call Terry Scott at 562-594-0697 or 562-500-0697.

1997 22ft Sandpiper travel trailer. Back bedroom with full time full sized bed. Full bath, 3 burner stove w oversized oven, microwave, double sink, am/fm/cassette stereo, front dinette makes into a twin bed with a cabinet that make a bunk above it. Equalizer hitch w sway controller. Stored in Kernville. \$7900.00.

Please call Eric Rasmussen at 562-429-4138

ON THE BIG HORN, FORT SMITH, MONTANA, May 5 – 9, 2008

Submitted by Ron Sakoda

Flew out of Ontario Airport on May 4, 2008 to Salt Lake and caught a connecting flight to Billings, Montana. A shuttle picked up 9 of us for a 1 ½ hour ride to Fort Smith located in the Crow Indian Reservation along the Big Horn River in South Central Montana where we stayed, naturally, at the Big Horn lodge. Everything around here is named Big Horn.

The Big Horn River is a large volume river where fly fishing is a lot different than fishing Hot Creek, Lower Owens, or even the East Walker. Delicate presentation of dry flies and the soft strip hook sets are replaced with energetic presentations of dries and hard hook sets made with vigorous lifting of the fly rod.

The Big Horn River near Fort Smith is broken down into 3 different sections: (1) the 3 mile section – from the after bay below the Yellowtail dam 3 miles downstream, (2) called the 10 mile section – from 3 mile point 10 miles downstream to the Big Horn stop and the (3) is the 3rd section from Big Horn to Mallard stop, 10 more miles.

Each group, 2 to a group, had a different guide each day. The guides have their own techniques of catching fish and their own favorite section of the river. They also had their own boats and personalities. Rod is a retired Sergeant Major in the Marine Corps and told us stories about the 28 years he spent in the Corps. His favorite fly was a #22 bead head black midge called the Jarhead. Jeremy's favorite section was the third portion of the river where my partner caught about 40 fish, 18 – 20 inch Rainbows and Browns, while I caught 10 – 15. I guess that tells something about my fishing abilities because we were on the same drift boat, using basically the same flies. Any way, Jeremy works the Big Horn from March to October and spends the winter in Mexico near the Belize border catching bonefish, tarpons, and barracudas, what a life.

We had 2 days of rain, wind, and cold weather but that was OK because we caught fish. Then we had 3 days of nice weather and we still caught fish. I used a 5 wt, 9ft, rod with a 9 foot 3X leader with a 3X or 4X tippet. A variety of nymphs were used such as pheasant tails, hare's ear, prince nymphs, San Juan worms and a soft hackle- Ray Charles in pink dubbing, sizes # 16 – 18's with trailing Jarhead midges and other colors in size #20-22's. Most of us, with a few exceptions had 25 – 30 fish days with the largest a 23 inch Rainbow and my largest being a 21 inch Rainbow while wading.

When Sam (my partner) and I fished with Jeremy, we stopped at a likely hole where Sam and I took turns on alternate casts and caught 12 trout, 6 each, one after another. Jeremy then called it quits there because we pounded it too hard but he named that seam of water Sam's Hole, a nice tribute to a good fly fisher. The Rainbows were brightly colored but the Browns were especially colorful with a golden hue about the bodies with reddish colored fins and tail.

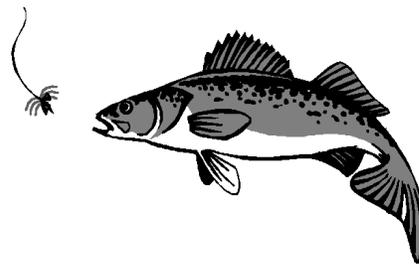
We saw the flattened junk cars of the Big Horn River along the bank to prevent erosion, fished the Barrel section which was marked by a 50 gallon oil barrel on shore and fished a section called the aquarium because the water was so clear.

Food was great, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Duane, our host, really took good care of us. Caution – don't drink the water – too much minerals.

If this group is going next year, I'm going.

Downey Fly Fishers

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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

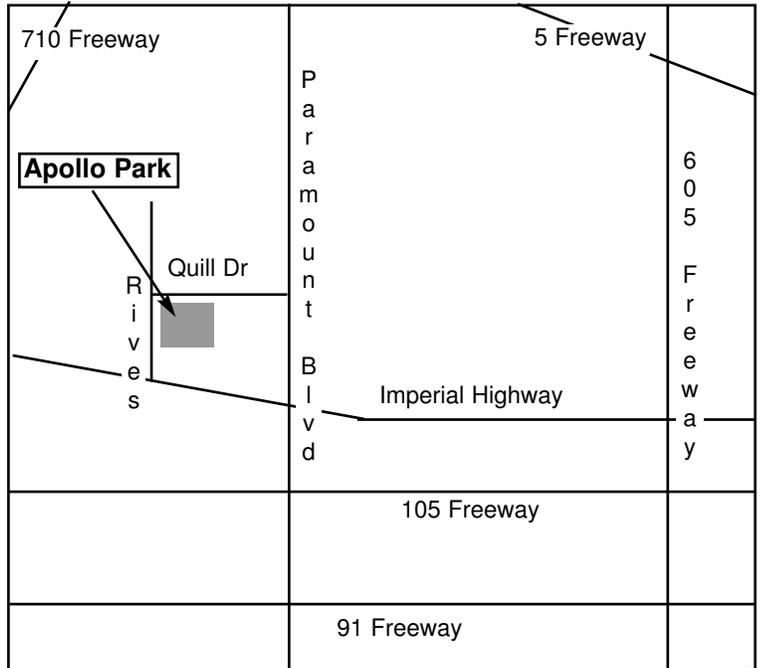
New Individual or Family Memberships add \$5.00 Initiation Fee- Total \$45.00

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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This Month's Meeting
No general meeting!
Apollo Park Senior Center
12458 Rives Ave, Downey



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