

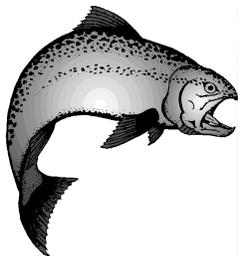
Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"

March 2008

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events



March 11th
General Meeting 7pm

March 12th
Rod Building Class
Introduction 7-9pm

March 20th
Board Meeting 7pm
Carl Laski's House

April 8th
General Meeting 7pm
Conway Bowman

April 12th
White Elephant Auction
11am till ?

**Deadline for the April
newsletter is March 26th**

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

You can forget about those stained waders that need a patch or two. We are very fortunate to have Joe Libeu give a program on fly fishing in exotic Christmas Island, Belize, The Bahamas, and Costa Rica. Hence his title, "No Waders Necessary". Joe has won many awards in the fly fishing community and has contributed much of his time to teaching others the skill of fly casting.

Joe has some great photographs from these far off tropical arenas where bonefish, giant trevally, permit, and tarpon lurk. More importantly, he will share his knowledge on how to get these reel screamers on the end of your fly line! Joe will talk about tackle and techniques and best times to go to these destinations

The last time Joe gave a program to our club, he did so without asking for any honorarium. The Downey Board has agreed to give Joe a donation from the club to help pay for the restoration of the Long Beach Casting Club's club house. Joe is one of the main reasons for the great reputation that the Long Beach club has for its excellent fly casting programs. The sooner the club house is restored, the better off the entire fly fishing community will be.

Our annual White Elephant Sale is coming up in April. Please donate flies and other items that we can sell at this important fund raiser for our club. We will have Conway Bowman as our April 8th speaker. He will give a program on largemouth bass and carp on a fly rod.

Calling all fly tyer

In order to get ready for the season opener in the Eastern Sierra, the fly bank (yes, the fly bank) is requesting all members to come to the aid of club members.

Flies for Crowley Lake, Lower Owen, Upper Owen, East Walker and all points in between.

Midges - tiger, blood, etc. in all the different configurations and in various colors. Sizes 16,18,20.

- Nymphs - all types
- Beatis - various sizes
- Perch fry - "punk" type

Wooly Buggers - beadhead/no bead in various sizes and in different colors - olive, brown, black, etc.

If you know of a fly that catches fish, tie some of those too.

Bring the flies to the meeting and donate them to the fly bank.... please.

See you at the meeting,
Ron Sakoda

Rod building class

Wednesday March12th from 7-9 pm is the informational meeting for the upcoming rod building class. You must attend if you are planning on taking the class to learn about supplies needed and to pre-order your rod blank. The first assembly class is April 2nd.

The class will be held at Apollo Park. Please call John Barnett if you have any questions.

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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

The goings on in this club..... Carl Laski has stepped down as outing chairman due to lack of interest in outings. The board has discussed many times the lack of participants in the outings Carl was working to plan, we couldn't come up with a concrete idea of why people weren't interested in attending. For now we are not having any outings unless a club member wants to step up and try to plan something. We are putting Carl's talents to good use, he has decided to take on doing the meeting refreshments, which people do seem interested in.

We have purchased a digital projector for our monthly speakers to use. Everyone seems to be coming into the computer age and using Powerpoint for their program presentations. It can also be used at the pot lucks for viewing member trip pictures if they are on CD or in a Powerpoint presentation.

DFF dues will be increasing \$5 to \$40 a year starting with the new membership year in June. This slight boost in dues will help with the cost of securing speakers for the monthly meetings. The cost of speakers has gone up dramatically in the last couple years due to the cost of fuel and other related travel expenses.

If you have any ideas for speakers please contact Zino with the information. Zino is doing an excellent job of securing speakers but it's a tough job and he is open to suggestions. We can also use member generated "slide shows" about outings.

Our yearly White Elephant fundraiser auction is coming up on Saturday April 12th. This is our main fundraiser that funds our meetings and classes. We are looking for donations of things to auction, this is a good time to clean out unused equipment and help the club.

We are also looking for candidates for new board members, there are 5 positions that have to be filled. The new term starts in June. This is an easy way to contribute to the club's well being. If you are interested or have questions about serving please let me or one of the other board members know.

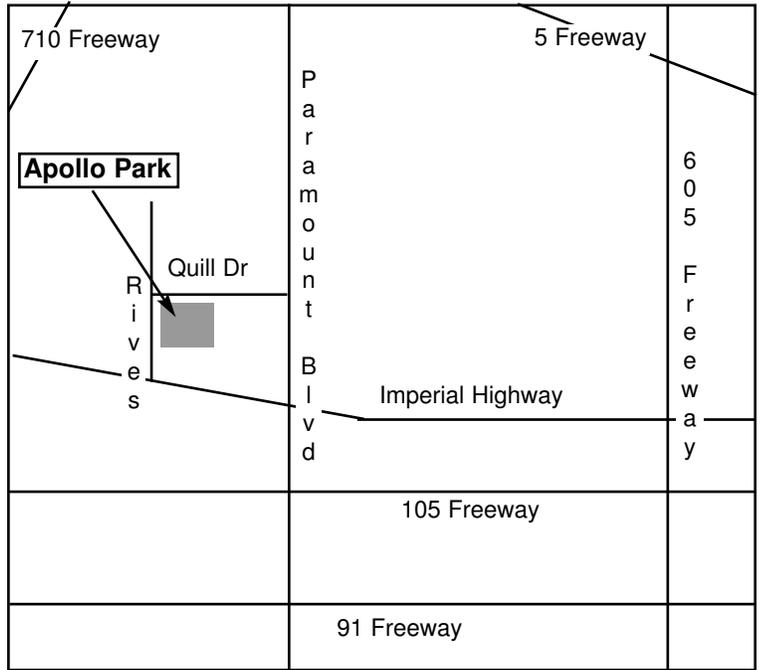
**See you at the meeting,
Liz**

'08 Season is Underway

Submitted by Eric Rasmussen

Thursday the 28th was pretty much like any other day; get up, go to work, come home then it varied from the norm. That's when I got word that I had to go fishing in Bishop..... tomorrow! Club member Bob Taddeo needed to get away and was heading out after meetings Friday morning so I reluctantly (yeah right!) agreed to accompany him. We left town early enough that I was able to land my first fish of '08 before dark, a nice Rainbow about 12" long. Saturday we went up to 5 Bridges to see what we could find. What we discovered was some really nice water easily capable of keeping us occupied for the entire day. We also found a mixed bag of Rainbows and Browns all in the 11"- 14" range, every one hooked on a dry fly. Not a bad way to spend a day! Allowing us to fish all day as we wished was weather that could not have been nicer, sunny and about 60 degrees with a slight breeze. Sunday, on the other hand, was not quite as nice. It was about 10 degrees cooler and the breeze was up to 80 MPH! (O.K. that might be a slight exaggeration, but it was windy). Saturday we were able to work rising fish but Sunday we did not see a single rise and ended up with no fish; not even a strike. That's OK, we got to start the '08 season.

DFF Supports;



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This Month's Meeting
March 11th
Apollo Park Senior Center
12458 Rives Ave, Downey



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