

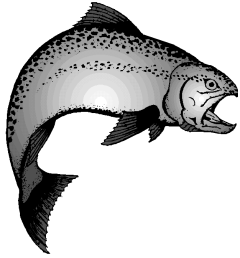
# Downey Fly Fishers

*"The Fishingest Club Around"*

February 2009

Monthly Newsletter

## Upcoming Events



**February 10th**  
**General Meeting**

**February 19th**  
**Board Meeting 7pm**  
**Carl Laski's Home**

**February 21st & 22nd**  
**The Fly Fishing Show**  
**Pasadena**

**March 4th-8th**  
**Fred Hall Show**  
**Long Beach Convention Center**

**Deadline for the March newsletter is Feb 25th**

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

Joe Contaldi, owner of Performance Anglers in Mammoth, will present a program on winter and spring fly fishing tactics for the Eastern Sierra. This should be a very informative program that members can digest and use this winter and spring.

Joe came to Mammoth Lakes as a year-round resident in 2004 to spend quality time on the best trout streams in California. He opened Performance Anglers Fishing Tackle and a dream came true.

Joe started fishing as a small child in the New Jersey countryside. He relocated to Southern California during his high school years. Soon he was fishing all that California had to offer. He started his career working in the fishing department of a large outdoor retailer. He began running saltwater charter trips, giving fly-casting & tying demonstrations, lecturing at fishing clubs and outdoor expos. Joe worked his way up the ladder to become a General Manager for one of the biggest outdoor retailers in the western USA. After 14 years in "Big Box" retail, he left the industry behind to strike out on his own, and Performance Anglers was born! Joe is an energetic and dedicated fishing enthusiast who has fished salt and fresh waters both spin and fly.

Joe has been quoted in many newspaper articles; such as the Los Angeles Daily News, Western Outdoor News, and Eastside Magazine. He has published articles in Western Outdoor News and Fly Fisher magazine, has been a featured guest speaker on the Ronnie Kovach "Fishing Ventures" radio show and a contributor to his book Trout Fishing California. He is currently doing the video fish report as "Matuka Joe" for Performance Anglers Adventure Videos on The Mammoth Channel 72, i-tunes and online.

For several years he taught beginning fly fishing clinics as a service to new anglers in the Los Angeles Area. It was here that he met his wife Julia, and they are still fishing together today. In his off time, Joe enjoys the outdoors with their boys,

"Joe Contaldi is the mouth-piece for all the fishing action in the Eastern Sierra. We couldn't have a better fisherman to guide us. "Matuka Joe" is recognized as the No. 1 guide in the Eastern Sierra." George Van Zant, Outdoors Editor, Long Beach Herald

**CLUB OUTINGS**

Submitted by Carl Laski

March 14 - 15 - Colorado River - Smallmouth Bass

April 17 - 19 - Kern River/Lake Isabella

May 15 - 17 - Mammoth #1

June

July

August

September ?TBD - Saltwater

October 9 - 11 - Mammoth #2

November

December

If you are interested in organizing and/or leading an outing, please contact me at (714) 995-4219.

**DFF will have a booth at the Fred Hall Show**

This is a reminder that we have a booth at the Fred Hall Show and are looking for members to help man it. The show runs from March 4th thru March 8th and need members to cover time through out the days in 4 hour shifts. We need to talk about our club, hand out flyers and possibly fly tie. If you would like to help out please contact Carl Laski.

There is enough room for maybe three people at a time to be in the booth as there will be a portable screen and either laptop/projector or TV/DVD player available to show programs continually.

**DFF is looking for a lap top computer.**

We need a lap top computer that is able to run PowerPoint shows and run DVDs. We are hoping that someone has one that they are not using they will donate to the club. It will be used at the Fred Hall Show and will be available for our guest speakers and used at our potlucks for entertaining slide shows.

Please contact Carl Laski, Brian Matthews, or Liz Rasmussen if you can help with this.

**Club Officers**

President.....Carl Laski  
V.President.....Position open  
Secretary.....Brian Matthews  
Treasurer.....Bob Stuart  
Past President.....Liz Rasmussen

**Chairpersons**

Trout in The Classroom.....Randy Teeple  
Conservation & FFF Rep.....Carl Laski  
Education.....John Barnett & Bob Stuart  
Pot Lucks.....Brian Matthews  
Membership.....Brian Matthews  
Outings.....Position open  
Programs..... Zino Nakasuji & Ray Sugiyama  
Refreshments....Carl Laski  
Video Library.....Fred Roberts  
Newsletter .....Liz Rasmussen & Brian Matthews  
Raffles.....Brad Blancett  
Website .....Carl Laski & Jerry Phan  
Publicity.....Brian Matthews & John Barnett  
Fly bank.....Ron Sakoda

**Board of Directors**

Eric Rasmussen	Frank Russick
Bill Shelly	John Barnett
Mike Jedlick	Jim Buchanan
Terry Matsuura	"Doc" Phil Soloman

**Help Wanted!**

Submitted by Carl Laski

We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Newsletter Editor
- Refreshment Chairperson
- Raffle Chairperson
- Outing Chairperson

If you are interested, please call or speak with any officer or board member.

***President's Message***

As I write this column, I'm slightly depressed since football season is over. However, I quickly realize that the fishing season is right around the corner. I'm easily distracted when it comes to fishing. With the Fly Fishing Show (Pasadena) in February, Fred Hall Show (Long Beach) in March and the Eastern Sierra opener in late April, there are many fishing events to keep us occupied. I could spend hours at the Fly Fishing Show watching the various fly tying celebrities and seminars. In addition, I usually spend an hour or two stopped in the aisles talking to someone I know or haven't seen in a while. I'm also excited about the Downey Fishers booth at the Fred Hall Show this year.

In January, I was the guest speaker at the Glendora Rod & Reel club and gave a presentation on fly fishing in fresh and saltwater. I was amazed at how many members of this club own a fly rod but don't fly fish. During the Fred Hall Show, I hope that we can attract these type of people who own a fly rod or have some interest in fly fishing to the Downey Fly Fishers.

We had five members at the Fly Tying Night at Brian Matthew's house in January. All of us enjoyed each other's company and conversation while tying flies to replenish our fly boxes. Please keep an eye out for the Brian's announcement on the next Fly Tying Night.

***Carl***

**The Fly Fishing Show - Pasadena**

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Fly Fishing Show will be at the Pasadena Center, Saturday & Sunday, February 21st & 22nd, 2009. There will be over 30 programs per day on how-to-fish and where-to-go, continuous instructional fly tying and featured tyer presentations, casting demonstrations and 100-plus exhibitor booths.

**LOCATION:**

Pasadena Center  
300 East Green St  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**DATE:**

February 21 & 22nd, 2009  
Saturday 9:00am - 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am - 4:30pm

**ADMISSION PRICE:**

Adults: \$15.00 one day; \$25 two days  
Children (under 5): Free  
Children (under 12): \$2.00  
Scouts in uniform (under 16): Free  
Uniformed Military: \$10  
Family Day Sunday (2 adults & one or more kids): \$25

**DIRECTIONS:**

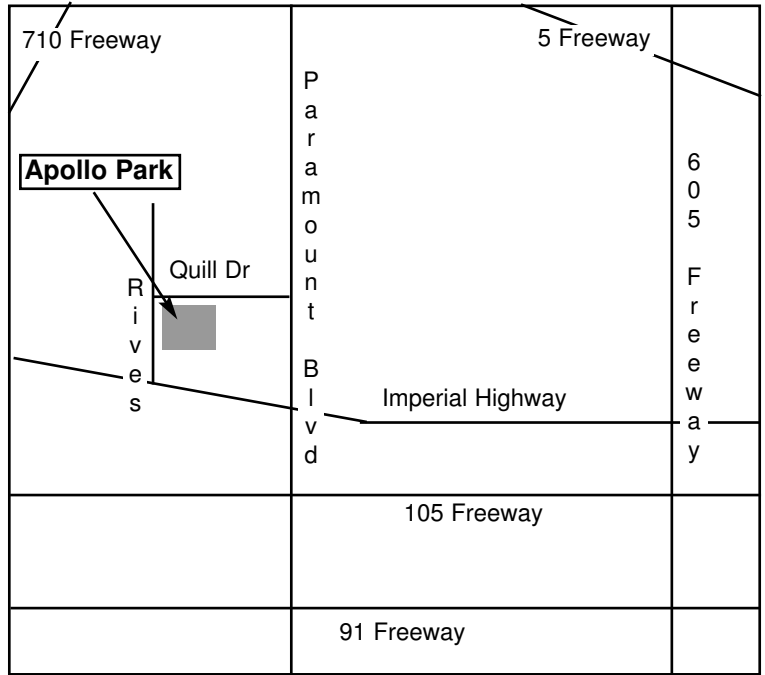
Website: [www.flyfishingshow.com](http://www.flyfishingshow.com)

**Fly Tying Nights**

We are doing Fly Tying Nights at Brian's home again. It will be held INDOORS on Tuesday Feb 17th at 4729 Coldbrook Ave in Lakewood from 6PM to 9 PM. This is for those members or friends that want to get together to fly tie, learn about news patterns, get tips on techniques or just visit and BS. Contact info is (562) 425-7936 or e-mail at [bnmamdthegirls@earthlink.net](mailto:bnmamdthegirls@earthlink.net). Hope to see you all there!

Thanks, Brian

**DFF Supports;**



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

**This Month's Meeting**  
***February 10th***  
**Apollo Park Senior Center**  
**12458 Rives Ave, Downey**



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