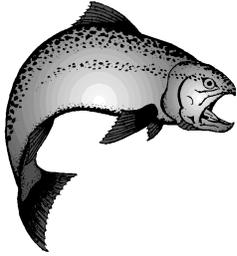


Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"

October 2009

Monthly Newsletter



Upcoming Events

October 13th
General Meeting 7pm

Oct 20th
Fly Tying at Brian's

October 22nd
Board Meeting 7pm
Mike Jedlick's Home

Nov 7th
Kids Fish Day In Downey

Dec 5th
Holiday Pot Luck

At This Month's Meeting

United Anglers of Southern California

Steve Fukuto, President and Dan Fink, Vice President of United Anglers of Southern California (UASC) will give a presentation (followed by a Q&A session) on the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) which mandates a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). The MLPA requires enough reserves to replicate complete protection of various kinds of habitat throughout California's ocean waters. The MLPA allows the network to be made up of MPAs that include: 1) Marine Recreational Management Area: Managed for the enjoyment of present and future generations; 2) State Marine Conservation Areas: Some commercial & recreational fishing; 3) Marine Parks: No commercial take & some recreational fishing; 4) Marine Reserves: No take.

For more than 20 years, United Anglers of Southern California has been working to make sure our oceans have plenty of big fish and that we have the opportunity to fish for them. Southern California and Catalina Island is the current target of the MLPA. UASC, at the invitation of the MLPA process, has submitted a proposal designed to provide a high level of conservation while providing a balance between various stakeholder interests. The proposal provides Marine Reserves spaced in such a way to meet scientific objectives, combined with other types of MPAs designed to produce superior outcomes for our resources.

UASC is the largest association dedicated to restoring California's fisheries and marine resources. UASC has led the fight against commercial gillnets and longline fishing off the California coast. The Billfish Foundation, IGFA, Recreational Fishing Alliance, and the American Sportfishing Association are all on board with their efforts to halt the spread of this devastating fishing gear. When busloads of supporters were needed, UASC was there to ensure that the voice of the recreational angling community was heard.

UASC is also dedicated to restoring the White Seabass fishery. UASC helped secure funding for the Hubbard Hatchery in Carlsbad and were instrumental in securing a White Seabass fishery

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

management plan for the State of California. UASC volunteers work with grow out facilities from San Diego to Santa Barbara have helped grow and release over 400,000 juvenile White Seabass. UASC is currently engaged in a program of habitat enhancement by building artificial reefs which will significantly improve our open coastal marine environment.

Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWCFFF)

Michael Schweit is a member of Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers and was installed as the new President of the SWCFFF in June 2009. Michael has a very ambitious goal to visit all of the fly fishing clubs in the SWCFFF to introduce himself and provide a brief overview of recent SWCFFF activity and plans.

Fly Tying Demo at 6 before the meeting

Don Mayo will be tying steelhead patterns and Doc Salomon will tie an extended foam body damsel type of pattern (uses a needle to tie the foam body/transfers it to the rest of the fly).

Fishing and catching.

By Ron Sakoda

There is an old saying, when you go fishing, you should be catching. Well, there have been many a days when I just did one thing and that was fishing but not catching. The first week of this month, I fished the Big Horn River for 3 days while staying at the Leaning Tree lodge in Fort Smith. What a great lodge with a wonderful hostess and good food. Woke up at 6, breakfast at 7 and fishing at 8. Used my 5 wt. for nymphing with a San Juan worm with a trailing scud or a Ray Charles. In the afternoon for about 2-3 hours we used hopper patterns with good success. Caught about 15-20 fish a day with the biggest being 24 inch rainbow. The weather was hot but not brutal.

Two days after returning from the Big Horn, I took off to the Kenai River in Alaska. Sam Mihara, many of you know him, organized 4 people from different parts of California. We stayed at the Mystic River Lodge in Cooper's Landing located on the shore of the Kenai Lake. We tried to go Halibut fishing on Monday but the weather was so bad, none of the boats left the docks at Seward. Still had 4 days of fantastic fish on the Kenai River. 7 wt. rods were provided by the guide and we were nymphing all the way. On the first day of fishing while wading on the bank, couple of guide boats floated by with the occupants waving their arms and yelling something. Well, the guide said, look up and slowly walk backwards. What I saw started my heart pumping as I saw a big brown bear about 20 feet away from me. I'm glad he was more interested in catching fish than catching me!

The 4 days of fishing also included a dip in the cold waters of the Kenai. It must be my age catching up to me because I learned that it is difficult to cast and walk at the same time. I caught about 20-25 fish a day with largest being a 24 inch rainbow, also caught large dollys. The largest fish in the group was a 29 inch rainbow and a 29 inch dolly, both caught by the same person. Lots of 24 -28 inch fish. What a fantastic fishing experience. This makes it my 3rd year of fishing the Kenai with Sam and guide Stacy Corbin.

Kids Fish Day Nov. 7th

We will be looking for volunteers to help set up the fishing rods for Kids Fish Day. It will be done on the Friday night before the Saturday event from 5 to 8 PM at Wilderness Park. On Saturday they need volunteers from about 7AM till 3PM to help get things set up and to man the stations. I hope many of you come and help! The City of Downey can not do this alone. They need us. We will have a sign up sheet at the October Meeting to volunteer or you can email me, Brian, at bnmandthegirls@verizon.net Hope to see you all there...DFF

Book Review By Bud Spresney

"This one is for beginners and old farts!"

1001 Fly Tying Tips
Expert Advice, Hints and Shortcuts From The
Worlds Leading Fly Fishers
Edited by Jay Nichols / Published by
Headwaters Books, 2008

Old, jaded and cynical, I snickered as I picked up this book for a closer look. Why, after decades of fishing (and tying a few hundred flies) what more could I possibly learn from this thing? Yet, it might contain something of value for the cute grandkids, Emma (8) and Ian (11). So, I glibly flipped it open at random and casually glanced at the "tips". When I read the 3rd one on the page, I thought "Now, how 'bout that? That's not a bad idea. How could I have missed that one?" OH, OH !!! No, it must be a fluke!!!

I flipped it open to another page and the process repeated. Hmmm....After a couple more times of doing this (and being progressively more humiliated) I put out the \$14 (plus tax) at Borders and bought it...for Emma & Ian, of course.

Seriously, I am quite impressed with this little book. It is chuck full of little gems that should be of considerable interest to beginners. And relatively cheap...well at least compared to some of the better fly tying books or even certain collections of chicken feathers.

Then, realizing the financial plight of beginners, the thought arose that perhaps the DFF might buy a few copies and "cycle" them through the new comers. Why, the DFF might even buy an extra copy for old farts to sneak a glance at...when no one is looking, of course.

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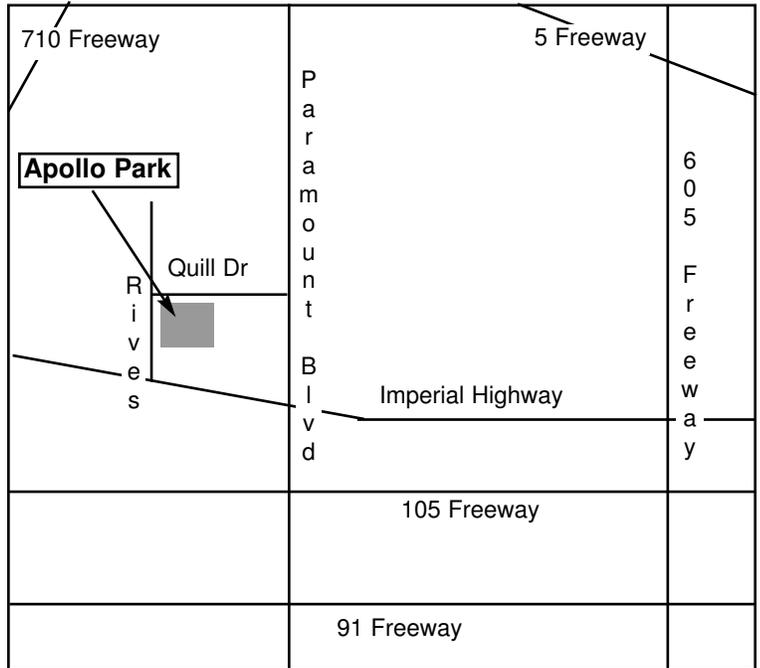
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Fly Tying Night at Brian's

This month it will be on Tuesday Oct 20 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 bnmandthegirls@earthlink.net. Hope to see you all there!

DFF Supports;



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This Month's Meeting
October 13th
Apollo Park Senior Center
12458 Rives Ave, Downey



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