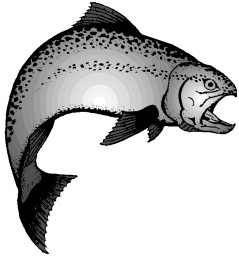


Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"

September 2009

Monthly Newsletter



Upcoming Events

September 8th
General Meeting 7pm

September 17th
Board meeting 7pm
Mike Jedlick's home

At This Month's Meeting

The Downey Fly Fishers with Ray Sugiyama being the lead teacher started a Kid's Fly Tying Class twelve years ago in Los Alamitos. Ray has been in contact with a few of the original kids who are now adults to see what they are doing.

Grant Wiswell went to medical school and practices in Michigan. He has become an avid fly fisherman having fished all over the world. He is CEO of a company that films fly fishing destinations around the globe. Zach Bryson attended culinary school after high school and later was the pastry chef at a five star hotel. Zach received his captains license and is now piloting a boat taking passengers back and forth from San Pedro to Catalina.

At this months meeting one of the original kids in our class Chris Keller, from Seal Beach, will give a Power Point presentation of his sport fishing and commercial fishing from his boat from Southern California down to Mexico. Members will be impressed with Chris's enthusiasm and his love of fishing which all started from taking the DFF Kid's Fly Tying Class.

**Deadline for the Oct.
newsletter is Sept. 30th**

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

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

By the time you get this newsletter, I will be in New England again fishing for my favorite fish: the Striped Bass, with a few Blues mixed in. If I remember to take some pictures, maybe I can put together a program about fishing for these great fish.

I'll miss the September 8th general meeting. I sure wish I had been home to attend the program on Project Healing Waters.

See you in October,
John Barnett, President

The Problem with Felt Soles

By Paul Goodwin, VP Conservation FFF Southern Council

As a wading boot/shoe sole material, felt has a reputation of providing the safest and most secure footing. Unfortunately, as problems with invasive and nuisance aquatic species have increased, felt has been identified as a material that is a contributor to their spread. Felt is problematic due to its porous structure. This gives a place for eggs, algae, etc. to become embedded and, without proper care and treatment, spread to another body of water.

Both the Autumn 2008/Winter 2009 issue of Flyfisher (Felt Faces Demise, p 11) and the Winter 2008 issue of Trout (Two Steps Back-One Step Forward, p 18) have information about felt soles and the proposed voluntary discontinuation of use as a sole material. Trout Unlimited has asked gear manufacturers to discontinue using felt-soled waders by 2011.

From a technology standpoint, various forms of "sticky rubber" seem to be in the pipeline as a replacement for felt. Some manufacturers are already offering wader and boot soles made of this material. Meanwhile, felt is going to be around for some time, either due to personal choice or availability. Given our conservationist leanings, the ethical fly fisher must acknowledge the problems that felt can potentially cause and develop aquatic hygiene habits that prevent or minimize them.

The Winter 2008 issue of the Missouri Stream Team Monitoring News and Notes (Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species, p 2-3) offers the following means to treat equipment that comes into water contact (includes boots, waders, gravel guards, thermometer, etc.).

Methods for treating equipment to avoid the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species:

Technique	Duration	Concentration	Solution
(Short Term)			
Vinegar	20 min.	100%	1 gal. vinegar, no water
Safety glasses and gloves should be worn. Vinegar and bleach are corrosive to metal and toxic to fish.			
Chlorine	10 min.	200ppm	5 oz. of bleach/1 gal water
Before reuse rinse with water but don't let the solution run off directly into the stream.			

(Long Term)

Air Drying	3-5 days	N/A	N/A
Equipment must dry thoroughly.			

DVD / Book Review by Bruce E Harang

Tying Dry Flies by Jay Nichols
174 pages, Spiral Hardbound, illustrated Color,
suggested price \$24.95

This is one refreshing and well done fly tying book. Directed to tying dry flies, it is not a beginner's book, but instead what the British would call an "improvers" book. The book opens with an introduction and a first chapter titled "Practical Fly Design" which clearly sets out the parameters of the selection and presentation of the fly patterns that follow. The book then presents twenty-two dry fly patterns which cover just about the full range of dry fly styles. Starting with the Catskill style in the Quill Gordon and the Adams and running the gamut through emergers, cripples, synthetic dubbing, and foam. The selection of patterns will provide the tyer with a very full palette of styles, tying techniques, and materials selection choices. In addition to the actual patterns, the tyer will learn how to adapt a given pattern/style to cover a multitude of specific bugs without the need for hundreds of separate patterns for each. There are also fishing suggestions for each pattern supplied by folks that actually use the pattern regularly. This information is not only a good presentation grounding but also insight in how to modify a given pattern to suit your particular conditions. The three people that assisted in tying the flies and presenting the information about them do a very good job of both. The use of already published information instead of reinventing the wheel is a breath of fresh air. The photography and text of the step-by-step tying instructions are first rate and make tying each pattern very clear. That said, a front view of the Quill Gordon and the Adams split wings would have been a better illustration for the wing tying steps. The book is very nicely designed, edited, and produced. The hardbound spiral binding is most appreciated by tyers because they can lay the book flat or open it on a book stand and have the pages stay open for easy reference while actually tying. At the price asked, less than \$25, this is both a great dry fly tying book and a great value.

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V.President.....Brian Matthews
Secretary.....Brian Matthews
Treasurer.....Mike Jedlick
Past President.....Carl Laski

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Alan Grosdidier	Jim Buchannan
Mike Jedlick	Terry Matsuura
Eric Rasmussen	Frank Russick
Liz Rasmussen	"Doc" Phil Solomon

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Membership.....Brian Matthews
Outings.....Position open
Programs..... Zino Nakasuji & Ray Sugiyama
Refreshments....Mike Jedlick
Video Library.....Fred Roberts
NewsletterLiz Rasmussen
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Publicity.....Brian Matthews & John Barnett
Fly bank.....Ron Sakoda

Help Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

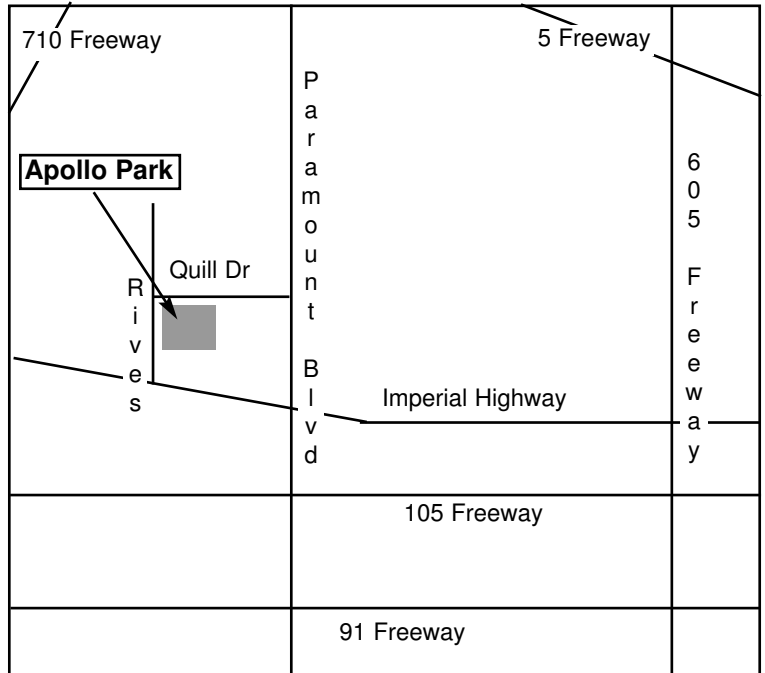
- Newsletter Editor
- Refreshment Chairperson
- Raffle Chairperson
- Outing Chairperson

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

Fly Tying Night

This month it will be on Tuesday Sept 22 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;



www.downeyflyfishers.org

This Month's Meeting
September 8th
 Apollo Park Senior Center
 12458 Rives Ave, Downey



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