

Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"



President's Message from our new president, Doc Phil Solomon

Hi, Downey Fly Fishers! I'm happy to be your new president, "Doc Phil Solomon" (local dentist from Long Beach.) I have a background as a bass fisherman and wanted to bring new adventure to my sport by using fly-fishing. I have served as board member for two years. Hope to meet all of you at our next club meeting. With the help and participation of more club members (volunteering to fill vacant officer positions), (serve on the board), (volunteer for club projects), our club will maintain its reputation in the sport of fly-fishing. Your interests and ideas are always appreciated in making our club a success.

"Keep your lines wet" Doc Phil

Footnote: Saturday May 22, from 5-7pm at Lake Piru, I helped Ventura search and rescue try and locate a missing swimmer (40 year old male non-swimmer). I volunteered my bass boat with an underwater camera. He decided to go swimming from a rental party barge using the orange PFD they supply. His wife told me he jumped in the water and it came off and he went under... As of Sunday, May 23 at 11 am scuba divers were still on search. Sad, so take care, accidents do happen, but this one could have been prevented. Know your limitations, don't challenge Mother Nature.



Upcoming events

June 3rd and 10th

Rod building class at Apollo Park (7:00 pm)

June 15

Board Meeting at Brian Matthew's house at 7pm

June 19

Installation Pot Luck
4pm – 8pm at the
address below:

*5200 Blackpool Road
Westminister, CA 92683*

June 22

Fly tying night at Brian's from
6pm-9pm

Deadline for the July
newsletter is June 25th.

Members can email stories to
bnmandthegirls@verizon.net
or tsuttle@charter.net

Installation Pot Luck

!!!Note there has been a change in the date !!!

SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE...

It is now being held on **Saturday, June 19th**
from 4:30 PM until ??? Please RSVP to Brian.

Our main raffle prize, along with
Other Prizes, the Women's gifts & Kids gifts will be a

5/7 Sierra Reel with Line
Bass Flies tied by Chad Schiel
Framed Print.

**There will be NO regular General Meeting
on Tuesday, June 8th.**

This month's "Blythe Fishing Tales" from the "Fishingest Club Around"

By: Carl Laski

If you've seen his videos on You Tube of catching smallmouth bass on the Colorado River & irrigation canals around Blythe, I'm sure that you're a Jerry Phan fan like me. Wow...try and say, "Jerry Phan fan" three times fast.

Jerry Phan, Nick Vargas, Gene Peltier, Carl Laski and Marissa Laski headed to Blythe in April before the area sees daily temperatures over 100 degrees. The group met for breakfast at McDonald's in Blythe while we listened to Jerry's plan for the day of fishing. When Jerry's debriefing lasted 5 seconds, the group realized that he really didn't have a plan. As a pilot, Jerry must file a flight plan, perform an instrumentation check and visually inspect the aircraft. So it may seem a little surprising that when it comes to fishing, Jerry just "wings" it. Oh...no pun intended.

Within minutes of eating breakfast, we were fishing at the first of many spots that we would fish during the day. In the morning, we stopped at B&B Live Bait which is a very interesting place due to their sign in front of the shop that is adorned with the carcasses of dead fish. I looked for a "Catch & Release" sticker in their window but didn't see one. The staff at B&B is very friendly. One of them recognized Jerry and briefly interviewed him for an article in their local newspaper. With popular videos on You Tube and being featured in a newspaper article, I was concerned that Jerry's ego would become inflated like a night crawler on Opening Day.

We fished an irrigation canal right next to B&B. Nick was sight casting to a nice smallmouth that was holding in a small nook off the canal. After several drifts with his fly and a few looks, Nick told me to give it a try. I was using chartreuse & white #6 Clouser. It only took one cast and a short drift before the smallmouth struck my fly. I can't take credit for this fish. I believe that Nick got the bass fired up and was ready to strike out of aggression.

Jerry, Nick & Gene stayed in their tents at Mayflower Park (www.riversidecountyparks.org) which has very reasonable rates. Marissa and I stayed at the Super 8 Motel in town. We later discovered that B&B has some accommodations next to the shop which we'll have to look into on the next outing.

The next morning, the group headed to the Palo Verde Diversion Dam. Marissa and I fished for a few hours before heading home. Jerry, Nick & Gene continued to fish the area and then stopped by B&B. They were invited to a BBQ lunch at B&B which was I heard was delicious and a great way to end the trip. (Pictures on the next page)





THANKS TO YOU

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Downey Fly Fishers held their annual White Elephant Sale in April 2010. This auction provides vital funds for our club to pay for guest speakers at our general meetings, meeting room, raffles, website, fly tying and rod building classes, as well as donations to organizations such as the Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout and Trout in the Classroom.

First, I would like Zino Nakasuji for his work year after year to obtain the donations from various vendors and manufacturers, as well as organize and prepare for the event.

Next, thanks to the accounting firm Matthews & Jedlick LLC (Brian Matthews & Michael Jedlick) for keeping track of the auction proceeds.

I would also like to thank the members who generously donated an item or items for the auction. Every contribution counts!

Thanks to Britta & Marissa Laski for cooking and delivering the hot dogs. And to those who brought a crock pot of chili, we thank you. It was delicious!

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members and guests who attended and purchased items to help support our club.

Club Notes

We have a BEAUTIFUL 5 Piece Winston Rod that was built by John Barnett for a matrix. The squares are \$10 each and will be available at the Pot Luck and at or meetings.

FLY OF THE MONTH – March 2010

Chromie by Bob Bates

Courtesy of www.fedflyfishers.org

Chironomid (midge) patterns are numerous, and everybody has their own phenomenal fish catcher. (An adult chironomid looks like a mosquito, but it doesn't bite.) This pattern by Philip Rowley came after his observation of pupae hatching into adult chironomids (midges) in a Canadian lake. He saw that the body had a silvery appearance with some red left over from the larval stage. Chironomid larva frequently live in the oxygen poor environment of a muddy lake bottom, and they have extra hemoglobin to compensate. Philip says that this is his number one lake pattern. He has much more to say about chironomids in his book *Fly Patterns for Stillwaters*. It is also a go to pattern for many of the Washington state stillwater anglers.

Fishing the Chromie is usually a straightforward application of strike indicator (bobber) techniques. Use a floating line and long leader. Usually, the fly should be near the bottom or top of the weeds. If the strike indicator does anything unexpected like go underwater or move sideways you might have hooked a fish so strike. It might also be a weed. Usually the bobber will sink when you are watching a bird or pouring a cup of coffee. The Chromie may be fished with a regular leader, greased or not greased, to keep it close to the surface.



Materials

Hook: Tiemco 2457, Mustad C49S, # 8-14

Bead: Black metal, 1/8th inch for size 12 or 10 hooks

Thread: Black 8/0 - 14/0

Gills: White CDC puffs or sparkle yarn

Rib: Red holographic Flashabou, Dynafloss or fine red wire

Body: Silver Flashabou, Dynafloss or silver holographic Flashabou

Thorax: Peacock herl

Follow this link and click on May 2010 for more detailed tying instructions:

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4478>



Don't forget to mark your calendars for **Our Pot Luck on June 19th**. It's a great way for members and their families to get to know each other and have a wonderful meal.

Please RSVP by June 11th.

There are some excellent raffle prize available for the **WINNING !!!**

Fly Tying Night at Brian's

This month's fly tying night will be on Tuesday, June 22 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at 4729 Coldbrook Ave in Lakewood. This is for those members or friends that want to get together and tie flies, learn new patterns, get tips and techniques, or just socialize. All members are welcome to come and learn some great new techniques from some well-rounded fly-tyers. Contact Brian at (562) 425-7936 or bnmandthegirls@verizon.net. Hope to see you there.

Board Meeting

There is a board meeting at Brian Matthew's house on June 15. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and all club members are welcome. Please come and share your ideas about the club policies and practices. We are always looking for new ideas and helpful volunteers to keep the club going strong.

Club Officers

President:	Phil "Doc" Solomon
V. President:	Brian Matthews
Secretary:	Brian Matthews
Treasurer:	Mike Jedlick
Past President:	John Barnett

Board of Directors

Alan Grosdider	Jim Buchannan
Mike Jedlick	Terry Mattsuura
Eric Rasmussen	Frank Russick
Phil "Doc" Solomon	

Chairpersons

Conservation and FFF rep	Carl Laski
Education	John Barnett
	Bob Stuart
Fly bank	Don Mulder
	Jerry Ferrin
Membership	Brian Matthews
Newsletter	Tod Suttle
Outings	Position Open
Potlucks	Brian Matthews
Programs	Zino Nakasuji
	Ray Sugiyama
Publicity	Brian Matthews
	John Barnett
Raffles	Brian Matthews
Refreshments	Mike Jedlick
Trout in the Classroom	Randy Teeple
	Richard Dekker
Video Library	Fred Roberts
Website	Jerry Phan

DFF Supports:



Cal Trout



-The Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center is located on the corner of Rives Avenue and Quill Drive just west of Paramount Boulevard and just north of Imperial Highway.

This month's meeting: No Meeting
Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center
7810 Quill Drive
Downey, CA 90242



PO Box 516
Downey, CA 90241

