

Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"



DOWNEY FLY FISHERS PROGRAM

David Wratchford

David Wratchford guides and works out of the Fisherman's Spot in Van Nuys, California. As a confirmed "Striper Junkie", he makes no apologies for his addiction, but prefers to embrace the psychosis! He goes so far as to clear his schedule nearly every October to head to the East Coast for the fall run of migratory fish. When the local lakes are going off, you'll find him wandering the shoreline with rod in hand before and after work, with or without clients!

In this presentation, you will learn the essentials of chasing our local land-locked striped bass population. With toad stripers in mind, David will cover tactics, equipment, locations and best time of year to have a run in with a local trophy strip bass. He will also cover areas where you can catch numbers of school-sized fish. This will not only be an education in local strip bass fishing, but he wants it to be a fun presentation! Better get yourself checked out if you don't get pumped up to chase stripers in our local lakes after his presentation.

David will have a tying demonstration on local striper patterns starting at 6:00pm.



Upcoming events

April 12

General meeting at Apollo Park at 7pm (fly tying at 6pm)

April 19

Board Meeting at Mike Jedlick's house at 7pm

April 26

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



News and Noteworthy

- Celebration of Pasadena Casting Club Casting Pool Renovation

The Pasadena Casting Club casting pool was built in 1955 and was showing its age. The City of Pasadena with financial support from the Pasadena Casting Club is in the middle of a major renovation of the pool with a scheduled completion in the middle of April.

Southern California fly anglers are invited to the PCC club house and casting pool for a celebration of the renovation with a formal dedication and ribbon cutting for the renovated casting pool on Saturday, May 7. The celebration will start at 11:00 with Mayor Bill Bogaard and Councilman Steve Madison leading the celebration. After short speeches by the mayor and councilman there will be a casting demonstration by Steve Lim and Will Trefry of the Pasadena Casting Club. Refreshments will be available for the club's guests.

- John Woodling Represents the Club in Humbling Fashion

I was introduced to John Woodling of Downey CA in an email that read:

“Dear Tim, while reading the TU magazine, I came across an article about your club being involved in a program that made and distributed flies to various organizations. I am very aware of the Healing Waters Program and when I saw that it would be the receiver of this year's (Tie) Fly-A-Thon effort I felt the need to help. If you would send me your address I would like to send you 200 flies (100 [Pheasant tail nymphs](#) - size 14 and 100 [Griffith's Gnats](#) - size 20) in the name of the Downey Fly Fishers of Downey CA.



I congratulate you and you club on such a worthy program.”

John did not stop at 200 flies; he stopped at 1,500 flies. John tied the most flies out of the 13,030 turned in during the 5th Annual Tie-a-thon. This blows away the last total record of 7,000 flies. Thanks John, I am glad we gave you inspiration.

Thanks John for constantly doing things that make our club the special group that it is!



Rod Building Class

Presented by
DOWNEY FLY FISHERS
The fishingest club around!

Our Rod Building Class will take you from the raw materials to the end product, teaching you the techniques to build your first or one of many fly rods.

The first class will allow you to purchase the rod blank, guides, grip, etc. in any weight you want. Kits will be available.

For more information contact Alan @ (562) 631-8037

Check out our web site at www.downeyflyfishers.org

Where: Apollo Park (Senior Center)
12458 Rives Ave, Downey

When: May 11, May 25,
June 01, June 08 and June 15



FRED HALL SHOW A SUCCESS!

Submitted by Carl Laski

As many of you know, the Downey Fly Fishers booth was located in the sports arena for the past two years. As I checked in at the Fred Hall desk prior to the show, I was very excited to learn that all the fly fishing booths (including ours) were located in the main hall this year, which sees much more traffic. Many years ago, the fly fishing booths were located in this same general area. In addition to three casting ponds, the Fred Hall staff had added a 2-story high backdrop with snow-capped mountains, trees and a river, which was a very nice and appreciated touch.

During the past few years, Michael Schweit, President Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWCFFF) has worked hard to establish and maintain a relationship with Fred Hall & Associates and a fly fishing presence at the shows (Long Beach & Del Mar). The SWCFFF booth at these shows allows us to promote fly-fishing and the club(s) in that angler's area.

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I was pleasantly surprised to see how many adults and kids stopped by the ponds to cast a fly rod. Marshall Bissett of the SWCFFF organized a team of Master Certified Casting Instructors and Certified Casting Instructors who did a great job teaching people how to cast a fly rod, many for the first time. At times there was a line of people waiting for their free casting lesson.

I would like to thank Michael Schweit & Marshall Bissett for their time and effort. I would also like to thank the staff of Fred Hall & Associates. I don't know how they plan for and survive two shows nearly back-to-back.

As a last minute fill-in, I volunteered to give a seminar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Fly Fishing but Were Afraid to Ask" presented by the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers and the Downey Fly Fishers. I'm happy to report that I wasn't hit by any tomatoes. I recall a husband and wife who asked a lot of great questions. After the presentation, they visited the SWCFFF booth, picked up a brochure for a club near them and took advantage of a free casting lesson. It was a rewarding experience to add another two people to the sport of fly-fishing.

During the show you never know who is going to stop by our booth. Brad Blancett (DFF Past President) was working the Cortland booth and dropped by to visit with my daughter, Marissa and me. While we were talking, we noticed a young lady in a mermaid costume sitting on a stack of car tires in the Michelin booth. Prior to the mermaid, there was an employee walking around in the trademark white Michelin tire costume. It was an opportunity that I couldn't pass up. I mentioned to Brad and Marissa, "I wonder how long the mermaid can sit there before she gets tired". All three of us got a good laugh. I then followed up with, "I wonder how long the mermaid can tread water." By this time, Marissa was laughing and coughing. She still laughs at Dad's silly jokes.

I would like to thank the following members who volunteered to work the club's booth at the Fred Hall Show: Jerry Ferrin, Alan Reising, Bill Steward, Allan Grodidier, John Barnett, Frank Russick, Bob Stuart, Phil Solomon, Patricia Castro, Fred Roberts, Jerry Phan, Mike Jedlick and Marissa Laski.

I would also like to thank Mike Jedlick for the use of his pop-up display, which gives our booth a professional appearance, and for his assistance with set-up and take down of the booth.

Finally, I would like to thank Jerry Phan for setting up his laptop and flat panel monitor that displayed his action-packed smallmouth bass fly-fishing videos. Several people stopped at our booth to watch the video.

For information about DFF Treasury Accounting please contact our Treasurer Mike Jedlick for figures and standing of Club.

Board Meeting

There is a board meeting at Mike Jedlick's house on April 19th. 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.

Fly Tying Night at Brian's

This month's fly tying night will be on Tuesday, April 26 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.

Newsletter

Please consider submitting something that interests you. The more people that contribute articles, the better this newsletter will represent the Downey Fly Fishers. Please reference the October 2010 archive newsletter for some ideas.

Club Officers

President:	Phil "Doc" Solomon
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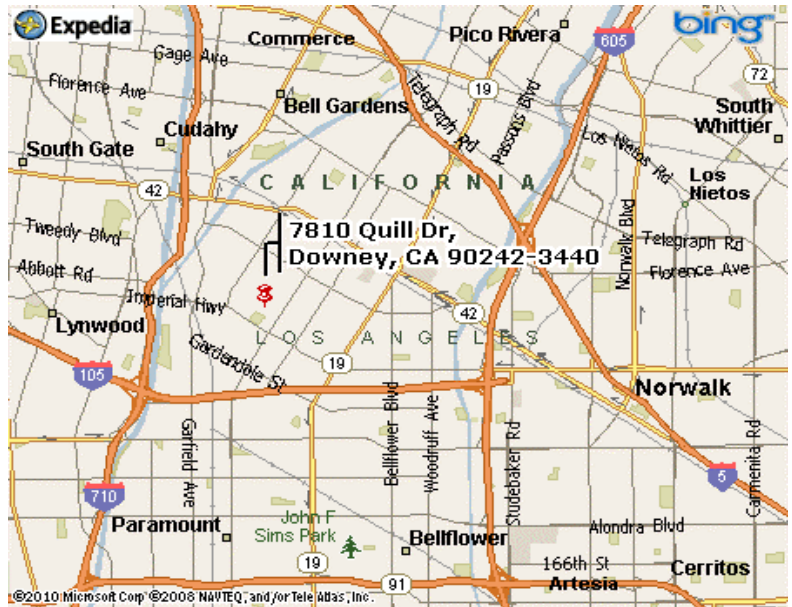
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Website	Jerry Phan

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: April 12, 2011
Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center
7810 Quill Drive
Downey, CA 90242



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