

Downey Fly Fishers



"The Fishingest Club Around"

DOWNEY FLY FISHERS PROGRAM: Al Quattrocchi



Upcoming events

January 11

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

January 18

Board Meeting at Don Mulder's house at 7pm

January 25

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

Deadline for the February newsletter is January 20, 2011. Email stories to: tsuttle@charter.net or bnmandthegirls@verizon.net

Hold on to your hats for the start of the New Year, because we have well known fly tier and angler Al Quattrocchi (aka Al Q) to start out 2011 with his program on taking big ol' bulldogging calico bass on the fly. Al will cover the equipment, techniques and flies required to land calico bass that you only thought could be caught using a large swimbait or fresh squid pinned on a leadhead jig.

Al was born in Brooklyn, New York. Fishing the local bays, jetties, and beaches for stripers, weakfish, fluke and bluefish gave Al a great base of knowledge for saltwater angling. Al moved to California in 1978 to attend Loyola Marymount University and later graduated Art Center College of Design with a BA in Advertising Design. Al is a Grammy Award – winning creative director of his company, Tornado Design in Los Angeles (www.tornadodesign.la). His love for design and art are translated directly into his fly-tying skills. Some of his patterns can be found through Umpqua Feather Merchants. Al is a frequent contributor to "Fly Fishing in Saltwaters" magazine.

Please join Al at six for his tying demonstration on patterns that nail toad calicos on the fly! Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to tie some great saltwater patterns for our own local salt waters.



****Announcements****

1. We are looking for someone to take over the Refreshments for the Club Meetings. Mike has a lot on his plate and has been doing it off and on for many years. It is not a complicated job. All you need to do is be someone who comes to most or all of the meetings (we can always find someone to help out when you cannot be there), purchase soft drinks, water and some kind of snack (cookies, brownies, pizza, muffins, etc.) and bring them around 6 to 6:30. We have the ice chests and coffee paraphernalia. All of the cost is taken care of thru donations or the Board will issue what ever you need. Please talk to Mike Jedlick if you would like to help out and get all the info.
2. The 3rd Annual "**SD Bay Day**" is taking place on January 15th in San Diego Bay. For those of you familiar with the Fliflicker online fly fishing forum, you might remember reading some of the unbelievable fish catching stories over the last few years. Dave V. organized the event a few years back and it has turned into an annual gathering that many anglers look forward to. Here are some instructions submitted by Dave that should help if you would like to join us. I have also attached a link to the website; just click on the m-board and reference the first post on the page. Hope to see you there.

"For those of you who haven't taken part in a FF SD Bay Day, we usually start fishing at first light and end around 1pm. We rendezvous at the Glorietta Park around 2pm and BBQ and just hang out for the rest of the day. The Glorietta Park has a free public launch ramp right next door for the boaters and you can launch a kayak or a tube from there as well. Some guys launch kayaks and tubes from Tidelands then when fishing is done, caravan or just follow the smoke signals back to Glorietta; but as Kevin, Tod, and I found out last year, there are plenty of fish to be caught in the back of Glorietta (about 200 yards from the park). Glorietta also offers rental skiffs as well. The first two events have been lots of fun, full of good vibes and I can personally say have sparked some good friendships. So if you have a chance, even if you've never fished the bay (and this would be a great way to start), plan on joining the fun and be sure to bring something for the grill."

<http://www.fliflicker.com/>

****Presidents Message****

Hello to all Downey Fishers,

We are starting a New Year! Hope you all had a Wonderful Christmas and have a Happy New Year. Like me, I hope everyone is looking forward to a great fishing year. Ten-pound trout for my office wall or at least a hook up. Before Christmas I looked out my window and saw my street was a river! I usually like calm a street to fish, but seeing white-water rapids coming down, I decided to try streamer fishing... caught a 5 lb.trout but it broke off before I could land it. Hope your fishing is better. At our next January meeting hope to see some old and new faces. Remember to take a kid fishing, because they are our future.

Tight lines ... Doc Phil

Fly of the Month: January 2011

I asked my friend Dave V, who many of you have met at the past few meetings, to send me the write up for his Liberace Clouser. Dave doesn't like taking much credit for 'creating' the fly, but it is different enough from a standard clouser to deserve it's own name. This fly is a deadly pattern that consistently gets bit in a variety of saltwater environments. Carl tied a few of these up for last years auction. If you are planning to attend the SD Bay Day as referenced earlier in the newsletter, showing up with a few of these in your box is a must. Enjoy...

Dave's Liberace Clouser *(Inspired by the traditional Clouser Minnow)*



Fly Pattern Recipe: Attach eyes to the hook in typical clouser fashion, about 1/4" from the eye. Tie in the orange SF Blend belly. Attach a single strand of orange mirror flash to the collar and wrap it toward the eyes. Once you get to the base of the eyes, begin wrapping the mirror flash in a figure 8 design between the pupils then tie off at the nose. At this point, coat the mirror flash wraps with super glue or hard head for durability and let dry. Attach about 3 strands of gold krystal flash, 3 strands of orange krystal flash and 1 strand of orange mirror flash to each side of the fly. Attach the mullet brown SF Blend wing. Attach a pinch of rootbeer Angel Hair as a top wing and whip finish. Hit the top of the nose with a brown sharpie marker and brush with super glue or hard head.

Materials: Gamakatsu B10S stinger #6. 140 UTC thread in burnt orange. Medium lead eyes in red (store bought red eyes will work... the fish don't seem to care, but a true, self-respecting Liberace has the custom painted red eyes, orange/yellow iris and black pupil). SF Blend orange. SF Blend mullet brown. Gold krystal flash. Orange krystal flash. Angel hair rootbeer. Brown sharpie marker. Hard head.

Special Instructions: It's called a Liberace for a reason... it's a flamboyant fly so don't skimp on the 'bling'. I typically fish this fly over eel grass for bass, halibut and 'bonefish', so I like to fill the voids between the nose and the eyes with hard head to reduce hang ups.

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 Don Mulder's house on January 18. 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, Jan. 25 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.

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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: January 11, 2010
Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center
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