

Downey Fly Fishers

Downey Fly Fishers Welcome Ken Hanley

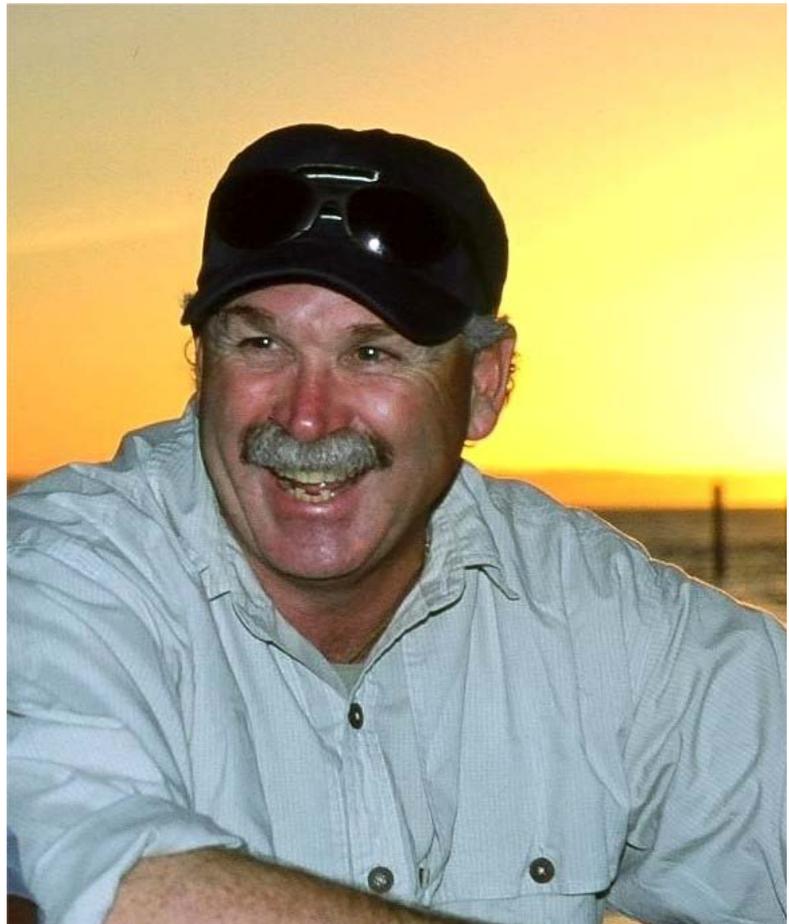


November 8

- General meeting at Apollo Park at 7pm featuring Ken Hanley.
- Please join us for a fly tying demonstration at 6pm presented by DFF club president Brian Matthews.

November 15

- Board Meeting at 7pm at Alan Grosdidier's house



Over 15,000 students have taken advantage of Ken's varied programs both in the field and on the water. He's been in the adventure angling industry since 1970. He's the author of seven fly fishing books. He also writes and photographs for both national and regional publications in the outdoor industry. Ken has three video/DVD's celebrating saltwater & freshwater adventures.

Ken's extensive field experience spans the globe; from the highest peaks in Tibet and the Himalaya, to the remote wilderness regions of Asia, New Zealand, Mexico, Europe, and North America. From panfish to roosterfish, he's caught over ninety different species of fresh and saltwater gamefish.

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He's on Pro Staff with the following sponsors; SAGE Instructor, SIMMS, RIO Products Intl, Daiichi, Renzetti, Umpqua, and Patagonia.

Ken's program for the evening of November 8th is titled "Canada's Big Grabs!"

Have you ever slung a fly toward feeding Pike or Mackinaw trout? The thrill of the grab can send chills up your spine! Ken's show will share the excitement and wonder of exploring these great game fish. From seasons and tackle choice, to field techniques and travel opportunities, find out what the buzz is about. Take a journey to the land of our northern neighbors.

We will have a fly tying demo by Brian Matthews starting at 6:00pm!

Quote of the month, submitted by Mike Jedlick

"If fishing is a religion, fly fishing is high church."

Tom Brokaw

**Thai Thai Restaurant
Submitted by Carl Laski**

While on a recent fishing trip to the Eastern Sierras, I stayed with my fishing buddy, Peter Lynch, at his trailer just north of Bishop. We cooked all meals at the trailer but decided to go out to eat one night. Since Peter spends several months in the Eastern Sierras, I figured that I would rely on him to pick the restaurant as I was certainly willing to add another eatery to my Highway 395 list.

Peter recommended Thai Thai Restaurant which is located at Bishop's Eastern Sierra Regional Airport. I didn't know they had a regional airport. We walked through the small airport terminal to find the door to Thai Thai Restaurant. While the live music didn't match the Thai theme, the music and décor were pleasant. As a measuring stick, I always order Chicken Pad Thai. Peter ordered the Red Curry with pork and #2 on the spicy scale of 1-3.

The food took awhile to arrive at our table but we weren't in a hurry. I tried a spoonful of Peter's curry dish and had to immediately reach for a glass of water. If I ordered the dish, I would request a -0.5 on the spicy scale. The Chicken Pad Thai was excellent.

Thai Thai Restaurant is located at 703-C Airport Road, Bishop, CA 93514. Phone: (760) 872-2595. (Closed Mondays)

Downey Fly Fishing Tales for November

The Eastern Sierras - Submitted by Carl Laski

During the month of October, the Eastern Sierra calls to me and so I begin my annual migration to fly fish the pristine lakes and streams the area has to offer. The summer crowds are gone, snow skiing season hasn't started and the fall colors can be spectacular. And if you time it right, the weather will allow you to fish in very few layers of clothing.

After sending a request for some desperately needed vacation days, I emailed my fishing buddy, Peter Lynch, to let him know I was on my way to Bishop and time to float tube. Peter is retired and spends several months in the Eastern Sierras so I had total confidence in his guiding ability for four days of fishing. A week before this trip, Los Angeles had some needed rain and the Eastern Sierras saw a foot of snow in the higher elevations. However, over the next four days of fishing, Bishop had daytime temperatures in the low to mid 80's with only an occasional breeze but no wind. Carl's timing was right!

When I arrived at Peter's trailer, he had breakfast waiting for me. We finished our coffee and wasted no time to get the float tubes ready. Peter and I drove to Intake II that has Aspen trees around the bank which were in full fall colors. Both of us did very well on a black Woolly Bugger and Prince Nymph with a mixture of rainbow and brown trout.

On the next day, we headed up to North Lake. Part of the road is a narrow one-way dirt road with turnouts to let oncoming cars pass. It reminded me of the IRT Deadliest Roads TV show on the History channel. We set up our lounge chairs and table for lunch where the water flows out of the lake and into a small stream. It was a scenic and peaceful place to have lunch. Peter decided to read a book and I decided to recline the chair to relax and just soak in the Eastern Sierras. The sky was crystal clear blue with not a cloud in sight. When I opened my eyes, there were a few clouds drifting overhead. What happened? Oh...I must have dozed off. I needed the rest. I looked over to find Peter reading the same page in his book for several minutes. When he woke up, he jokingly claimed that he was a slow reader. *Continued on p. 4*



continued Carl... For the final day of my trip, we returned to Intake II. Peter caught two fish and I was skunked for a while. I later made a cast towards the shoreline and after a few strips I had a strike. I landed a beautiful 19" rainbow. I caught two more fish and then it was time to say goodbye and thank you to Peter.

I took a drive up to South Lake for a photo taking session before heading home. The fall colors along the road up to South Lake were spectacular!

A worthy note, this annual migration and fishing trip to the Eastern Sierras was on my and Britta's 21st wedding anniversary. When I returned from the trip, Britta confronted me on the driveway. I had a black eye for a week. Actually, we went out for a very nice dinner the week before the trip. At least I remember my wedding anniversary. I recall a member of the Downey Fly Fishers on a club trip to Wyoming who completely forgot about his wedding anniversary. The member received a call from his wife, who I'll call Colleen, thoughtfully asking how his day of fishing went. The husband, who I'll call Ron, happily described his catch of the day, great meals and camaraderie. After a pause on the phone, the wife asked, "Ron, do you know what day it is?" The husband was stumped and wasn't sure if it was Wednesday or Thursday due to the travel and fishing. After a longer pause, the wife said, "It's our wedding anniversary." As you can imagine, the husband was stunned but promised to make good by taking his wife on a trip to Las Vegas upon our return. In order to protect the identity of this member, I have deleted the member's last name, Sakoda, from the text above. What happens in Wyoming doesn't necessarily stay in Wyoming.

SD Bay 10-09-11 - First Bonefish - Submitted by Adam Perez

Before I write up this report I need to give a special thanks to Joe Austin...his post last week inspired Tod and I to hit up SD Bay for bonefish....and it was awesome!!!!

So here is the play by play....Tod and I had our hall passes all set for hitting DVL for bass and striper action and then Joe A posted his bonefish report on www.flickr.compretty much since last year's Bay Day, Tod and I have been talking about hitting up the bay for bonefish....so we quickly switched gears and fly patterns and got ready to fish SD Bay on Sunday....we started off in the usual places and found the bass willing to take the fly...I have a short GoPro video which shows the morning bite...pretty much a fish a cast....not my best video but never found time edit it much...here ya go:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWaMtrT5FqM&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

So after hooking into the bass and knowing that we could find them again later in the day we decided to fish for bonefish....that was our plan and we were going to keep with it...made some drifts over the flats for some nice bay bass....it was really cool to target bonefish and end up with some quality spotties...after some rethinking of our plan we decided to fish a couple of different areas...during one of our drifts, some nice croakers hit in force...good times on the six weight....and then it happened...Mr. Bonefish came out to play...

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it was cool to get my first bonefish on the fly for sure...it was madness for a bit...during the fight we spilled two full beers, almost lost the net and dropped misc stuff on the deck of the boat...comical at best....lucky enough we figured it out for the rest of the trip...after the first bonefish, Tod hooked into a really nice bonefish...probably a 20 incher that ended up getting unbuttoned close to the boat...it was not a pleasant site to see a grown man cry...jk...lucky enough for Tod and I we made some additional drifts in different areas and the bonefish kept eating...by the end of our bonefish adventure Tod hooked and landed 4 fish and lost 2...I hooked and landed 2 fish and lost 1. During this bonefish bite of course we are picking up occasional spotties.....awesome stuff.

So we decided to pick up and leave for home at around 4 pm....as we turned the corner heading towards Glorrieta Bay, we both looked over our shoulders towards the Coronado Bridge and pretty much decided to keep fishing....the bay was now calm...the sky was getting lit up with the sunset ...and it just looked fishy...for our last stop we decided to hit up Tidlands....we made our first drift and knew this was going to be good....for about an hour we had a fish on every cast....big spotties were moving and shaking...and loving the fly...at just after 6 pm we decided to call it a trip and headed back....over 12 hours of fishing...the fish total for my little Whaler was ~ 100 bay bass, 4 big croaker, and 9 hooked bones....

Awesome day....we will be back...SD Fishery is just awesome...



Fly Fisherman Feeding Habits

Submitted by Carl Laski

During my many trips along Highway 395 in the Eastern Sierras with various members of the Downey Fly Fishers and other fishing buddies, the inevitable question comes up, "Are you hungry...where do you want to eat?" After years of careful observation, I have concluded that the feeding habits of fly fisherman are much like trout. Fly fisherman are often found in a *feeding lane*...in this case it's called Highway 395. We exhibit similar behavior when considering a restaurant while in our feeding mode like a trout cautiously examining a fly. There is the *drive-by* and *refusal*, "I don't like the looks of this place; you couldn't *drag* me in there." And then there is the *rise* and *take*, "This place looks good. Oh...smell that food cooking. There's a parking spot...grab it!"

I have also observed that we're creatures of habit. While on fishing trips with different members and fishing buddies, I know that they each have their favorite places to eat. For example, after fishing the East Walker with Ron Sakoda, he insisted that we had to visit the Whoa Nellie Deli in Lee Vining for a Cowboy Steak Sandwich. Ron proudly proclaimed, "Look at the size of that sandwich!" I'm certain that Ron's primary care physician would only frown while saying, "Ron...that's not what I meant by you need to watch what you eat!" I've mentioned to Ron on several occasions that he could write a book, "Ron Sakoda's Dining Guide to Highway 395."

A routine stop for my daughter, Marissa, and me is the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in Mammoth Lakes for a caramel apple. For us, a float tubing trip isn't complete without a caramel apple.

During the ride home with Terry Cashner, he made a quick stop at the Indian Wells Brewing Company in Inyokern. Several of Terry's co-workers had placed an order for their favorite beer. I find myself stopping at Indian Wells on the way home since the brewery has a variety of bottles beers and sodas, and a clean bathroom. If it weren't for Terry, I would drive right past the brewery.

And then there are times when you don't go to a restaurant but return to the condo or cabin after fishing and smell a Brian Matthews' meal that has been simmering in the Crockpot for hours. I've seen members swirling around the kitchen like trout in concrete run at a hatchery waiting for food pellets until Brian gives the word, "It's ready!" Yes, the feeding habits of fly fisherman are much like trout.

Board Meeting

There is a board meeting on November 15th at Alan Grosdidier's house. 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.

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

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.

News and Noteworthy

- Please remember to pay you membership dues for 2011. The dues were in June, so if you have not submitted yours yet, please do so.
- Remember to check out the DFF website for upcoming events and important information regarding the club and our members.

<http://www.downeyflyfishers.org/>

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-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: November 8, 2011
Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center
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