

# Downey Fly Fishers

## Downey Fly Fishers Welcomes:

**Alex Cady**



### January 10

- **General meeting at Apollo Park at 7pm featuring Alex Cady. Alex will be tying flies at 6pm**

### January 17

- **Board Meeting at 7pm at Brian Matthew's**



You can pretty much say that Alex Cady was born with a fishing rod in his hand. He caught his first fish when he was barely two years old and hasn't looked back yet. Alex grew up fishing everywhere from Mammoth Lakes to Newport Harbor for anything that would bite. When he was six years old, he started fly fishing and a new passion had begun. Alex fished for just about everything that he could with a fly rod, from the ocean to the lakes in Southern California. In 2004, he moved to Mammoth to start working at The Trout Fly. Alex learned how to be a guide from some of the best guides in the world like Pat Jaegar and Tom April. In 2005, he started guiding full time for The Trout Fly. Alex currently splits his time guiding up in Mammoth during the summer and can be found in Southern California during the fall through spring.

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It's the little things that help you to catch Bass or Stripers at Diamond Valley and other Southern California lakes. Alex will be talking about what goes through his mind before and during a guide trip. He will give you insight on just about everything from knowing your equipment to the prey the bass and stripers feed on in Southern California Lakes.

Don't miss Alex's tying demonstration, starting at 6:00pm.

## **Presidents Message**

I hope everyone had a GREAT Christmas, Hanukkah and Happy New Years ! I would like to thank all of you who volunteered this past year, especially those of you that are on the Board. Our club cannot function without the help of our members. I am looking forward to another wonderful year for DFF.

Downey Fly Fishers has a lot planned for 2012. We are again having a booth at the Fred Hall Show in March and will need the help of many of our members to help man the booth and introduce them to our Club. Our Beginning Fly Tying Class will start the week after the show and will need teachers (beginners and experienced) to help the many new comers to the art of fly tying. We also will have a rod building class and hopefully one or two advanced fly tying class in the coming year. Zino has some great programs lined up for us that will include specific fly tying demos that match the program. We are also looking forward to many outings, close and far, for us to show our skill and to tell our lies about.

We are always looking for new members to help our club grow and for our membership to come forward and help steer the club in new and exciting directions. If you have any suggestions how we can do this please feel free to voice your suggestions and concerns.

I hope you all have tight lines in 2012 ...

Brian

## **DFF Kid's Fly Fishing Class, Past to Present**

### **Ray Sugiyama**

The Downey Fly Fishers started a Fly Tying Class 15 years ago at the Los Alamitos Youth Center. The classes were held on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The classes ran for about three years in Jan-Feb and around 12-18 students signed up for the class. Some of the instructors included Don Mayo, Brian Matthews, Zino Nakasuji, David Smith, John Adelote, Gary Worthen, Alan Grosdidier, Richard and Jim Dekker, Carl Laski, Brad Blancett and others. At the beginning of the class a video of Don Mayo was shown to the students tying the fly for the day. Members would show and demonstrate the different tools used to tie flies and each student received one on one instruction. The DFF was also involved in a class held at the Jonathon Jacques Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital of Long Beach. Although the students were suffering from a fatal disease, they looked forward to the class and the opportunity to spend some time doing something to occupy their minds and to relieve the stress of their radiation and surgical treatment.

One of the former students who attended one of our first tying classes was 10 year old Chris Keller. His primary teacher was Alan Grosdidier and Chris became one of the best tiers to ever take the class. He used to fish off of the jetty and surf in Seal Beach. Later, he fished off of the boats from Seal Beach pier. At the tender age of 22 Chris bought his first boat, got his captains license and now fishes commercially for tuna, yellowtail and also spear fishes. Last year, Chris gave an outstanding Power Point presentation to the Downey Club and proudly showed us his new boat and some awesome photos of huge albacore, tuna and yellowtail he and his friends caught. Chris is scheduled to give another presentation to the DFF in September, 2012.

Last month, another former student came in with his father for an appointment at my office. Easton Ito took our last class four years ago. He said he was doing a lot of fly fishing in Utah and caught a record carp that weighed 20 pounds. I told him I had never heard of such a large carp so his father showed some photos and video of his fish.

The best known teacher of fly fishing to kids is our own Frank Kuhn. Frank taught for many years at Arroyo High School in El Monte. Most of the students in his class were from low income families. I can remember driving to the club meeting with Don Mayo many times on a Friday night. We would pass the football field with

*continued Ray...* bright lights and band music going during the game. In a bungalow on the campus we came to Frank's class room filled with float tubes, fly fishing photos of kids fishing, and around 12-20 students, mostly Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hispanic and some Caucasians. To be a member of the club, Frank had a strict code where each student had to maintain a grade average of C or better. Before every meeting the students would cook some hot dogs or burgers and filled their plates with salad, chips and drank bottled water and soft drinks. The genuine love and respect shown to Frank by his students was a wonderful thing to see and experience. It reminded me of a famous statement by Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.:

"Not everyone can be famous, but anyone can be great...because greatness is measured by service to others(less fortunate)."

Another DFF member who is doing a great job with youth is Don Wakefield. An outstanding wrestler in his youth, Don is now the wrestling coach at Paramount High School where his team is ranked as one of the best in CIF. There is a good chance that some of the team members will be offered scholarships to major universities. Congratulations Don and to your team.

Thanks to members like Don and Frank for being dedicated teachers, mentors and role models to all of your students. During this time in our nation's history we need more people like members of the Downey Fly Fishers to help guide our youth. Our future is in their hands... *Please see pictures on page 6...*

## **The Fly Fishing Show - Pasadena**

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Fly Fishing Show will be at the Pasadena Convention Center on March 3rd & 4th , 2012 (Sat & Sun). There will be over 30 programs per day on how-to-fish and where-to-go, continuous instructional fly tying and featured tier presentations, casting demonstrations and 100-plus exhibitor booths.

### **LOCATION:**

**Pasadena Convention Center**  
300 East Green St  
Pasadena, CA 91101

### **DATE:**

March 3 & 4, 2012  
Saturday 9:00am – 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am – 4:30pm

### **WEBSITE:**

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

**ADMISSION PRICE:** Cash only at the gate  
Adults: \$15.00 one day; \$25 two-day pass  
Children (under 5): Free  
Children (under 12): \$2.00  
Scouts in uniform (under 16): Free  
Active Military: \$10

## South West Council FFF Fly Buy

Submitted by Carl Laski

The South West Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWCFFF) annual Fly Buy event will be at the Long Beach Casting Club on *(continued next page)* Saturday, January 28, 2012. There will be fly tying demonstrations, garage sale, silent auction and casting lessons to benefit the SWCFFF activities.

Please RSVP at (818) 757-3474 or [secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org).

**LOCATION:**

**Long Beach Casting Club**  
**4901 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Long Beach, CA 90804**

**LUNCH PRICE:**

FFF members: \$10.00  
Non FFF members : \$15.00

**WEBSITE:**

[www.southwestcouncilfff.org](http://www.southwestcouncilfff.org)

**DATE:**

January 28, 2012  
Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm

## Fred Hall Fishing Tackle, Boat & Travel Show

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Fred Hall Fishing Tackle, Boat & Travel Show will be at the Long Beach Convention Center March 7-11, 2012 (Wed - Sun). We need volunteers to staff the Downey Fly Fishers booth for this 5-day show. Please sign-up and the general meeting.

**LOCATION:**

Long Beach Convention Center  
300 E. Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**ADMISSION PRICE:**

Adults: \$15.00\*  
Children (15 years old & younger with paid adult): Free  
Military & Seniors \$14.00  
Parking: Approximately \$10.00

**DATE & TIME:**

March 7-11, 2012

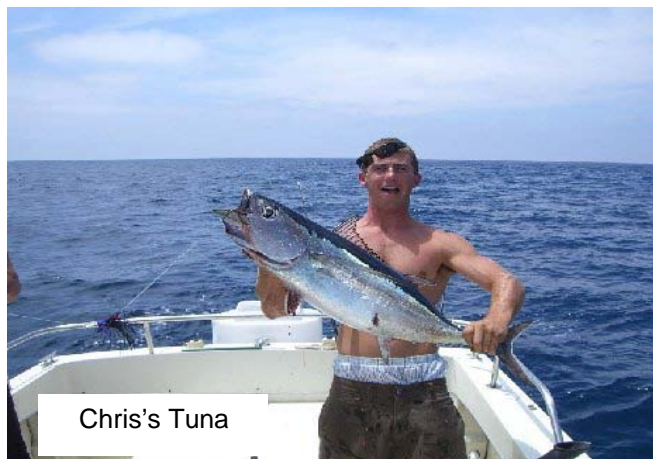
**Wednesday – Friday** (2:00pm – 9:30pm)

**Saturday** (10:00am – 9:30pm)

**Sunday** (10:00am – 7:00pm)



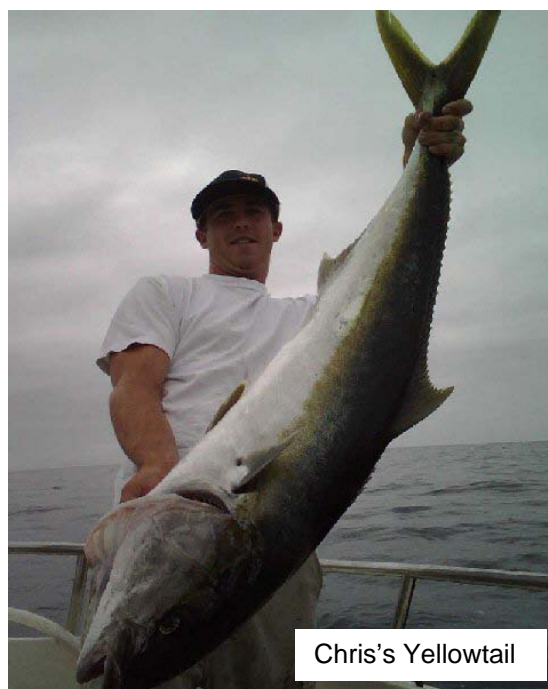
Easton's trout



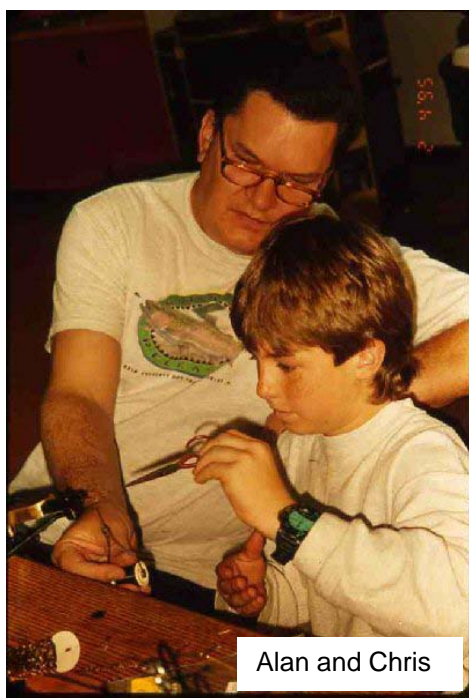
Chris's Tuna



Alan and Chris



Chris's Yellowtail



Alan and Chris



Easton's Carp

### **Board Meeting**

There is a board meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> at Brian Matthews'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/>

### **Club Officers**

**President:** Brian Matthews  
**V. President:** Alan Grosdidier  
**Secretary:** Brian Matthews  
**Treasurer:** Mike Jedlick  
**Past President:** Phil "Doc" Solomon

### **Board of Directors**

Jerry Ferin	Marissa Laski
Don Mulder	Jerry Phan
Zino Nakasuji	Eric Rasmussen
Bill Steward	Alan Reising

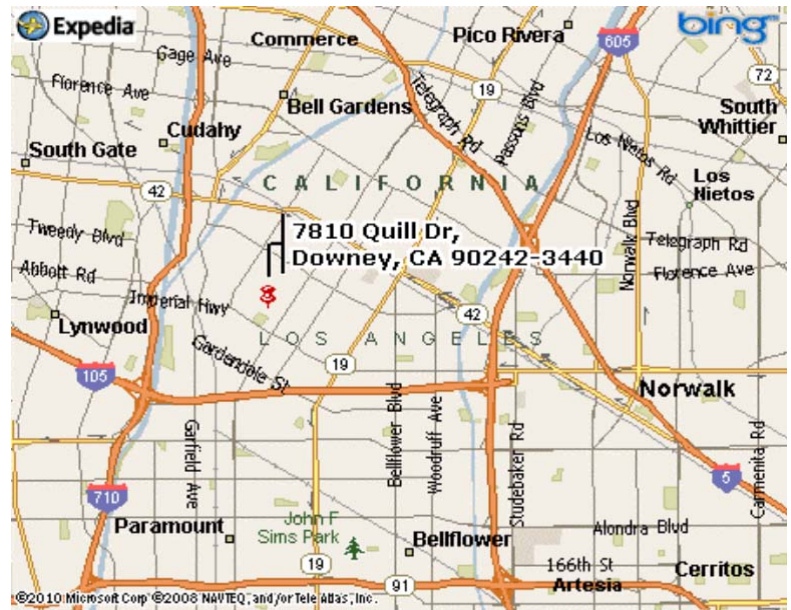
### **Chairpersons**

<b>Conservation &amp; FFF representative Education</b>	Carl Laski
<b>Fly bank</b>	John Barnett Bob Stuart Don Mulder Jerry Ferrin
<b>Membership Newsletter Outings Potlucks Programs</b>	Brian Matthews Tod Suttle Carl Laski Brian Matthews Zino Nakasuji Ray Sugiyama
<b>Publicity</b>	Brian Matthews John Barnett
<b>Raffles Refreshments Trout in the Classroom</b>	Carl Laski Mike Jedlick Randy Teeple Richard Dekker
<b>Video Library Website</b>	Fred Roberts 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: January 10, 2011  
Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center  
7810 Quill Drive  
Downey, CA 90242



PO Box 516  
Downey, CA 90241

