

Downey Fly Fishers

June 2012 Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

- June 1st: Time to pay your DFF club dues. See the enclosed application on page 5
- June 12th: General Meeting
DFF welcomes Al Quattrocchi. Fly tying program begins at 6pm; general meeting at 7pm.
- June 19th: Board Meeting
7pm at Al Grosdidier's house.
- June 23rd: Carp Throwdown at Lake Henshaw. Join the fun catching this under-appreciated freshwater fish. See this website for details:
<http://carpthrowdown.com/>
- August 18th at 11:00 am
Join us Saturday morning for our picnic theme potluck. See the website for more details or ask a board member at the upcoming meeting.
- Visit the club website to view any upcoming calendar events.

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

Al Quattrocchi Presents Road to Paradise

The "Road to Paradise" is a photo essay on the adventures that may await you in the southern most corner of the Yucatan peninsula, just a few hours drive north of Belize. The opportunities there include being able to hook and release a snook, tarpon, bonefish and permit, all in a single day. Al Q and Mike Ward will talk about getting from Los Angeles to Paradise Lodge and how to be prepared for all the opportunities that you may encounter on your next adventure in paradise.

Please join Al for a tying demonstration starting at 6:00 pm.



SWCFFF Fly Fishing Faire Mammoth Lakes, CA

Submitted by Carl Laski

South West Council Federation of Fly Fishers (SWCFFF) has committed to a four day fair in Mammoth, September 13-16, 2012. It will be called The Fly Fishing Faire and with the help of the clubs, we hope this event will introduce more people to our sport and drive even more toward a club near them. We will be offering workshops on casting, tying and on-stream techniques. We also want to have non-fishing workshops like photography and Dutch oven cooking along with golf, spa and tour packages to make this of interest to a wider spectrum of people. More details will be coming and we want to hear any ideas that you might have. With all of our participation, this could be the biggest fly fishing event California has ever seen!

***Check out the full page flyer on page 6.

Presidents Message

Hope everyone is getting some fishing in now that the summer is upon us. I would like to thank all of those involved the Auction/White Elephant Sale we had last month, especially Zino! Our fundraiser was a GREAT success and we will be able to have another wonderful Year.

DFF also has a presence on Facebook and I hope you visit us often. There is a lot of info on fly tying patterns, places to fish, conditions in California and other areas across the U.S & Canada.

Our Beginning Fly Tying Class was a success and we got some good new members that will help our club grow. Please feel free to let our Board Of Directors know if there are any suggestions you have or if you would like to volunteer to help us out in any way.

Tight Lines in 2012!!!

FISH TALES – Hot Creek Ranch

Submitted by Carl Laski

Before any fishing trip, there is the preparation and anticipation. For weeks, I was looking forward to fishing Hot Creek Ranch with Zino Nakasuji and Brian Matthews in early May 2012. However, in addition to the usual preparation and anticipation, there was a third element for me...exhaustion. With the demands at work and home, Carl's gas tank was on empty. I had been burning the candle at both ends and in between.

The three of us fished Hot Creek Ranch the previous year and endured 5 days of unrelenting wind, day and night. We had lost valuable sleep when gusts of wind would howl past the cabin and rattle everything in its path. I recall one sleepless night that was bone chilling as I'm curled up in bed trying to conserve body heat. I could hear the heater turning on and off all night long. When it became light enough to see inside the cabin as the morning approached, Brian discovered that the front door was wide open to the Eastern Sierra elements. Apparently, the door was not latched and blew open in the middle of the night. This is when strategy comes into play. As you lay in bed trying to ignore a full bladder, you wait for the other guy to cave in and warm the toilet seat with the heater running. Unfortunately, a good counter strategy is to start the coffee pot. The sound of the coffee trickling through the filter and splashing into the pot is a very effective tactic. I LOST!!!

With the howling winds on last years' trip still fresh in my mind, I was hopeful that the weather would cooperate. We were greeted with sunny clear skies and mild temperatures with winds ranging from absolute calm to a gentle breeze for 5 consecutive days! What a difference from the prior year!

During our stay, we saw hatches of caddis and midges with these warmer conditions but didn't see a massive hatch and feeding frenzy as pictured in a dry fly fisherman's dream. We caught a mix of rainbow and brown trout. Brian found success with a Goddard Caddis. Zino and I fooled a few trout on a #20 tent wing Caddis pattern. It took me a few casts to get my "Dry Fly Eyes" back. It's tough spotting and tracking these small flies. When the hatch was on hiatus, "skating" a Stimulator across the surface of the water provoked the trout to strike. As an added bonus, there was a Bald Eagle perched atop of a bluff scanning the terrain for his next meal. A herd of seven deer also wandered past us. In addition, several marmots (large ground squirrel) popped up in a grassy area. These animals were either smart or lucky since they appeared the day after the Bald Eagle was patrolling the area.

At the end of the day, we had the opportunity to enjoy each others company, a glass of wine and a great dinner prepared by Chef Matthews while watching the sun set over Mammoth Mountain.

Since I was on vacation, I decided to have a beer with my lunch on 2 of the days. And on both days, my eyelids became very heavy. I had to lie down and "catch" a nap instead of trout. As we drove home down Highway 395, I felt rested and rejuvenated. It was nice feeling to return from a fishing trip with more energy than when I left.

***See the end of the newsletter for pictures

A Catalina Trip for Calicos

Submitted by Adam Perez

Tod and I spent three days on Catalina Island fly fishing for Calico Bass May 18, 19 and 20. The fishing was pretty good but better than that was the overall experience. Don't get me wrong we caught plenty of fish, but at times I needed to just stop a minute and just look at where I was fishing. Beautiful stuff indeed. We fished with our buddies Dave V, Keith M, and Bill C. Overall we stuck plenty of fish in the 4 lb range but lost several fish that were probably more in the 5 to 6 lb class. On the fly that is a pretty big fish. Calico fishing is rough and tough fishing that puts a hurting on the body and also on the pocket book. We lost plenty of flies and even broke some rods. Overall good fishing, good friends, plenty of cold beer and good food make for a great weekend on the water. Here are some of the overall thoughts from the trip. (1) Dave Valadez's Nuclear Chicken Thunderbird fly is an insanely deadly fly on the calicos (2) YETI Coolers are even better than the hype (3) Seaguar Tatsu is so strong it should be illegal (4) Skinny Tod can drink more beer than you, especially if its Kona Longboard Lager (4) Don't buy gas on an island if you don't have to....\$6.07 a gallon.

Already looking forward to the next trip. Hopefully it will happen sooner than later.

***See the end of the newsletter for pictures

Blythe Fishing Report

Submitted by Jerry Phan

Mulder and I went fly fishing to Blythe on Saturday and returned Sunday. Between the two of us, I think we racked in about 70 + smallmouths with a couple of largemouths in there. Don also caught a really big perch but when I tried to take a photo it flopped off. The temperature was about 88-90 degrees, the canals were crystal clear, and fishing was basically about 90% sight fishing.

Don and I brought fold up bikes and rode around a lot and spotted lots of fish. The other method we used, was Don would drive next to the canal with the AC on and I would stick my head out and yell fish when I saw a fish. We would then stop the car jump out catch a fish then jump back in the car again.

The local tackle shop also invited us for a taco shindig lunch. Our total cost of the trip for 2 people at 2 days with gas, food, and overnight stay ended up less than \$70 a person. Blythe was a great success and fishing was really good.

***See the end of the newsletter for pictures

Downey Fly Fishers
P.O. Box 516
Downey, CA 90241



Membership Application

New Member's Name _____

Spouse's Name (non member) _____

Participating Children (under 18) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Renewing Individual or Family Memberships - \$40

New Individual or Family Membership - \$5

Club Objectives

1. To promote, maintain and enjoy all phases of Fly Fishing
2. To maintain a high standard of true sportsmanship and promote social relations among our members.
3. We, individually, undertake to take at least one youth fly fishing annually... instructing them, to the best of our ability, in the art and the responsibilities that are soon to be wholly theirs.
4. To fraternize and cooperate with organizations whose aim and purposes are for the protection and betterment of Calif. Fisheries and to preserve our waters and to promote the sport.
5. To promote instruction and information in fly-casting, fly tying, rod building and entomology in FREE classes open to the public.

Downey Fly Fishers Supports: Federation of Fly Fishers, Cal Trout and Trout Unlimited

FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS



FFF 2012

FLY FISHING FAIRE

MAMMOTH
September 13-16

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FFF
In Association with The Sierra Experience

Everyone is Invited



Information, pre-registration and classes
swc-fff.org/faire

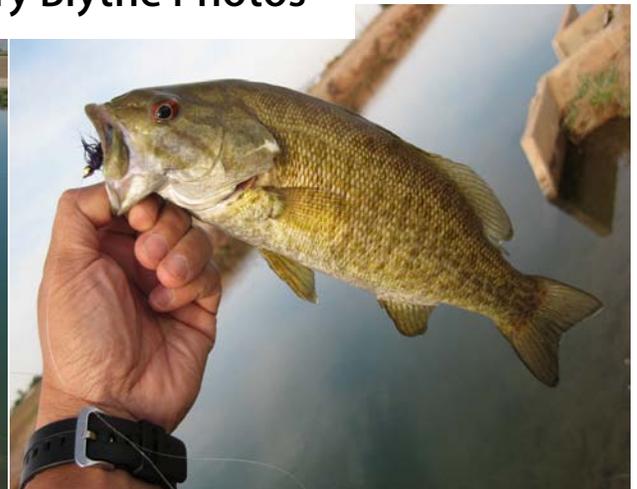


Hot Creek Photos





Don and Jerry Blythe Photos





A Catalina Trip for Calicos



The Calico Crew - May 2012

Board Meeting

There is a board meeting on June 19th 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

- 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

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

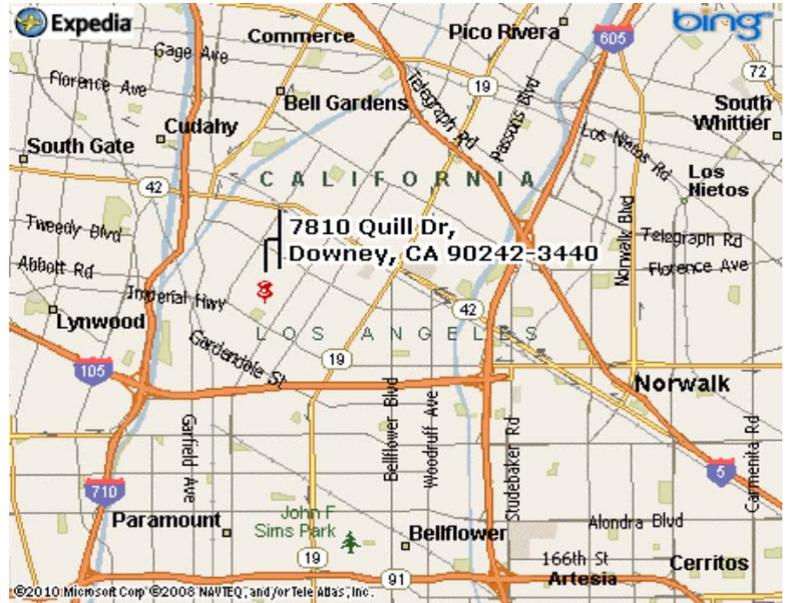
DFF Supports:



Cal Trout



PO Box 516
Downey, CA 90241



-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: June 12th
Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center
7810 Quill Drive
Downey, CA 90242

