

# Downey Fly Fishers

## May 2012 Newsletter



### Announcements

It's time to renew your membership. Please mail your membership to the P.O. Box listed on the form or bring you payment to one of our meetings. Help DFF continue our classes for free and allow us to be able to have more of our GREAT programs in the future.

Thank you

### A trip to Alaska and Back Down to the southern California surf

Frank Selby is a local fly fishing icon that will give a combination program on Alaska and our local surf fishing opportunities. When you think Alaska, a lot of times empty pockets register on the brain. No worries; Frank's trips are surprisingly affordable with great fishing to be had.

You can't get any more affordable than by fishing our local southern California surf. Frank has been fly fishing our local surf since the 1950's. He will share his surf fishing expertise in his program.

Frank Selby came to California in the 1950's. He went surf fishing for the first time with a 7 weight bamboo fly rod matched with lead core line throwing a brown wooly worm. A 2 ½ lb. bay perch on his first cast had him hooked! He went on to become the premier surf fishing instructor in southern California. His love of fresh and saltwater fly fishing grew as the years rolled along. You will find Frank, a certified FFF Casting Instructor and licensed guide, either in his shop or out guiding somewhere where there is water and fish to be caught. He loves to take groups to Alaska once or twice a year.

Please join Frank for a fly tying demo starting at six.

### Upcoming Events:

- May 8<sup>th</sup>: General Meeting  
DFF welcomes Frank Selby.  
Fly tying program begins at 6pm; general meeting at 7pm.
- May 15<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting  
7pm at Brian Matthew's house.

## **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!

## **Backcountry Guide of the Eastern Sierras**

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Eastern Sierra Back Country Fishing Guide is designed to provide anglers with a quick, informative and accurate account of the distribution of fisheries in back country high elevation lakes. This guide does not address front country waters, defined as lakes and streams that are accessible by vehicle.

The individual lake information is based on DFG surveys conducted from 2001 to present, with some surveys dating back to 1995. More than 3,000 lakes have been surveyed for fish and amphibians and related habitat features. Most of the waters covered in this guide require some experience navigating in the back country and may involve extremely challenging physical effort to locate. It does not provide specific routes or navigation information. Most of the lakes lie within U.S. Forest Service lands managed as Wilderness and usually require back country permits for overnight use. Most back country fisheries are based on self-sustaining populations of trout and do not need regular trout stocking to maintain fish populations.

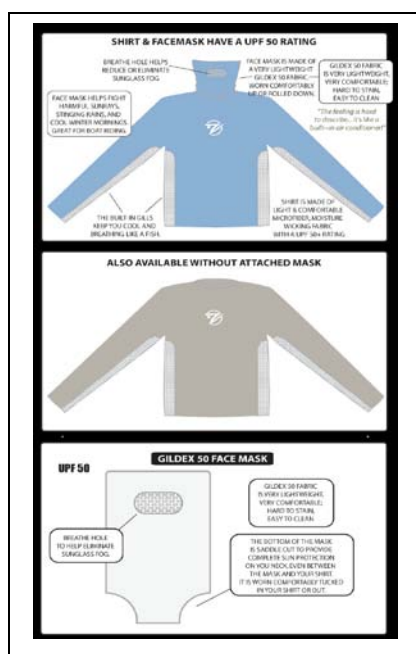
The guide, which was prepared by Jim Erdman in the Bishop Office, can be found at: <http://dfg.ca.gov/regions/6/>

Please note that this document is a very large PDF file, and Adobe Reader is required.



## Product Review by Carl Laski

While walking the aisles at the Fred Hall Show, I spotted the "**Breathe Like a Fish**" booth which was selling long sleeve shirts that give you excellent (UPF50+) sun protection and keep you cool during the heat of the day. These shirts come with or without an attached hood and have a mesh vent along the sleeves and down both sides. The salesperson, Brad, had me try on the shirt with the attached hood. You can gather the hood around your neck like a turtleneck or pull it up over your face & ears for protection against the sun. I liked this shirt since it was very light weight, comfortable and the mask had a mesh screen over your mouth which made it easy to breathe through. Brad explained that this company is based on the east coast and are trying to expand to the west coast. I recall a successful club outing at Tejon Ranch last year to chase bass. However, when it was time to leave, it was 101 degrees. I'm sure that the Breathe Like a Fish shirt would have been the hot ticket on that trip. I purchased one of the shirts and will field test it in both fresh and saltwater. You can visit their website at: [www.breathelikeafish.com](http://www.breathelikeafish.com).



## President Message

It's that time of the year again ... Fishing Season is OPEN ... Yippee !!!

Hope all of you are planning lots of fishing trips to take advantage of all the possibilities we have local and afar.

We had a very good turnout for our Beginning Fly Tying classes and were able to find some new members to boot. We are hoping in the near future that we can have another Intermediate Class and teach some new techniques and some excellent patterns that will help you to have "Tight Lines". Our Rod Building Class is coming soon (starting May 16th). For more info either contact Alan Reising or check out our web site.

DFF is also on facebook so that we can find out more ways to help us in our fishing adventures and getting the word out about us.

See you soon!!!

# Rod Building Class

Presented by  
DOWNEY FLY FISHERS

**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 kits with rod blank, guides, grip, etc. in any weight you want.**



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

**Check out our web site at [www.downeyflyfishers.org](http://www.downeyflyfishers.org)**

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

**When: TBA**

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

### **Board Meeting**

There is a board meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Brian Matthew'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**

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

### **Chairpersons**

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

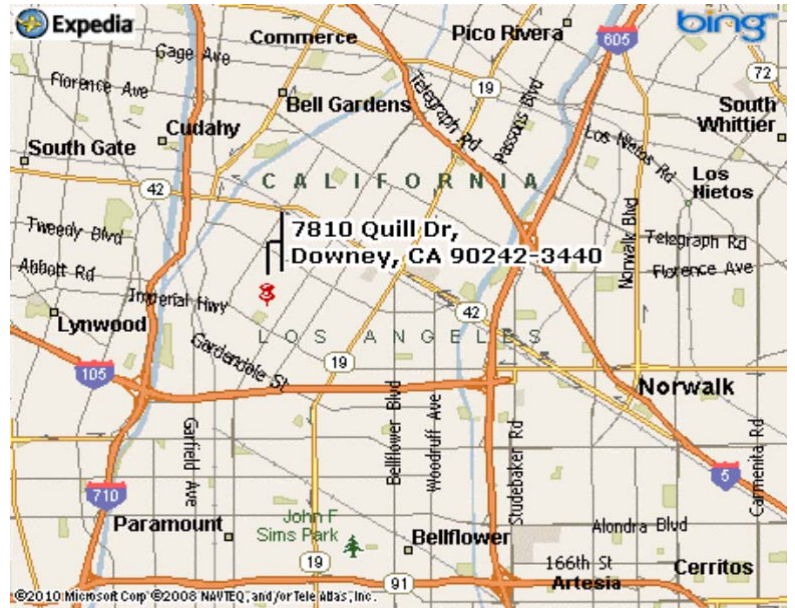
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Cal Trout



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: May 8th  
Barbara J. Riley Community Senior Center  
7810 Quill Drive  
Downey, CA 90242

