

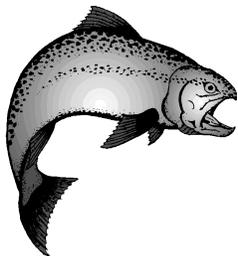
Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"

August 2008

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events



August 12th
General Meeting 7pm
Fly Tying Demo 6pm

August 21st
Board Meeting 7pm
Mike Jedlick's home

At This Month's Meeting

Destination Florida

This month's program is from Alan & Brian's trip to visit an old friends...Edgar & Kitty Yee Keow!

Edgar & Kitty live in Pembroke Pines, Florida which is just out side of Fort Lauderdale. Alan and Brian had the chance to fish in the Everglades, Florida Keys and the lakes and canals around Edgar's home.

Come and see what luck, if any, they had. There will be a fly tying demonstration from 6 to 7 PM on the go to pattern the boys used for Peacock Bass in Florida.

Hope to see you all there!!!

The raffle prizes at the August meeting will be;

- NEW Fly rod and reel**
- Vest**
- Landing net**
- Two flyboxes with flies (3 dozen each)**

Deadline for the September newsletter is August 27th

Members who have access to E-mail can send stories, announcements or classified ads to: Liz Rasmussen or Brain Matthews

CLUB OUTINGS

Submitted by Carl Laski

Mammoth (Crowley/Hot Creek/Upper Owens)
October 10 - 12, 2008
Colorado River (Bass n' Carp)
November 8 - 9, 2008

We are planning our usual trip to the Mammoth Lakes area in October. It's hard to beat fly fishing the Eastern Sierras in the fall!

Are you ready to try something new? Our club has never fished the Colorado River area. During the summer months, this area is too hot to fish. However, the temperatures will be very comfortable in November. Downey Fly Fishers member, Jerry Phan, has been fly fishing the Colorado River area just north of Blythe. According to Jerry and his fly fishing video on YouTube, there are abundant numbers of small-mouth bass and carp. Blythe is about a 3.5-4 hour drive from the Los Angeles area. We plan on driving out there early Saturday morning, staying the night in Blythe and fishing Sunday morning before returning home.

If you are interested in attending any of these outings, please sign-up at the general meeting or contact me at (714) 995-4219.



A Calico Bass from Zino's jetty fishing adventure

Club Officers

President.....Carl Laski
V.President.....None
Secretary.....Brian Matthews
Treasurer.....Bob Stuart
Past President.....Liz Rasmussen

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Trout in The Classroom.....Randy Teeple
Conservation & FFF Rep.....Carl Laski
Education.....John Barnett & Bob Stuart
Pot Lucks.....Brian Matthews
Membership.....Brian Matthews
Outings.....XXXXXXXXXXXX
Programs..... Zino Nakasuji & Ray Sugiyama
Refreshments....Carl Laski
Video Library.....Fred Roberts
NewsletterLiz Rasmussen & Brian Matthews
Raffles.....Brad Blancett
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Publicity.....Brian Matthews & John Barnett
Fly bank.....Ron Sakoda

Board of Directors

Eric Rasmussen	Frank Russick
Bill Shelly	John Barnett
Mike Jedlick	Jim Buchanan
Terry Matsuura	"Doc" Phil Soloman

I am looking for someone to take over the duties of doing the newsletter. After doing it for 9 years I would like to turn it over to a fresh person! If you are interested I would be glad to help you get started and give you back up if needed. Talk to me if you are interested,
Liz

For Sale

1997 22ft Sandpiper travel trailer. Excellent condition. Back bedroom with full time full sized bed. Full bath, 3 burner stove w oversized oven, large refrigerator with separate freezer, microwave, double sink, am/fm/cassette stereo, front dinette makes into a twin bed with a cabinet that makes into bunk above it. Lots of storage. Equalizer hitch w sway controller. Stored in Kernville. \$7500.00.

Please call Eric Rasmussen at 562-429-4138

President's Message

Over the July 4th weekend, I had the unexpected opportunity to go fly fishing for mako sharks with Conway Bowman (www.bowmanbluewater.com) and Zino Nakasugi. Zino was scheduled to go on the trip with a friend who unfortunately became ill a few days before the trip. I was the last minute substitute.

We boarded a beautiful 24 foot Triton center console boat and headed out of Dana Landing in San Diego Mission Bay. It was a slow process to make our way out of Mission Bay due to dense fog and was greeted by 4-5 foot swells at the entrance to the harbor. Upon arriving at the mako grounds, Conway quickly filled the chum bucket and tied it to a cleat. After drifting only 15-20 minutes, the first mako shark appeared in the chum slick from the murky depths. Conway then made several casts with a conventional rod & reel to retrieve a plastic trolling skirt that does not have a hook. He teased the shark to the boat and as he calls it, "To get them fired up!" He then instructed me to cast...strip once...wait...one more strip. He took the plastic trolling skirt out of the water. It was amazing to see how quickly the mako shark drew its' attention to my fly. While pointing the rod straight at the shark, I made a long strip to set the hook. For a brief moment, the mako just sat in one place. I was thinking, "This is it!" I spoke too soon. Mr. Mako became highly agitated and took off in a long speedy run which peeled off the entire fly line and a good 100+ feet of backing in a few seconds. After a trip around the boat and a spectacular jump, I caught my first mako shark (estimated 80 lbs.) on a fly rod!

I really can't recall at what point during the trip that I became ill. I developed sweaty palms, a rapid heart beat and shallow respirations. It then occurred to me that I had a bad case of Mako Fever! The only known cure is to book another trip.

Carl

Fishing the Long Beach Jetty

Submitted by Zino Nakasugi

I got a chance to experience a a great fishery very close to home. I was able to get a guided trip with Capt. Bryan Webb. Most of you know him as a Pro Staff Member at Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store.

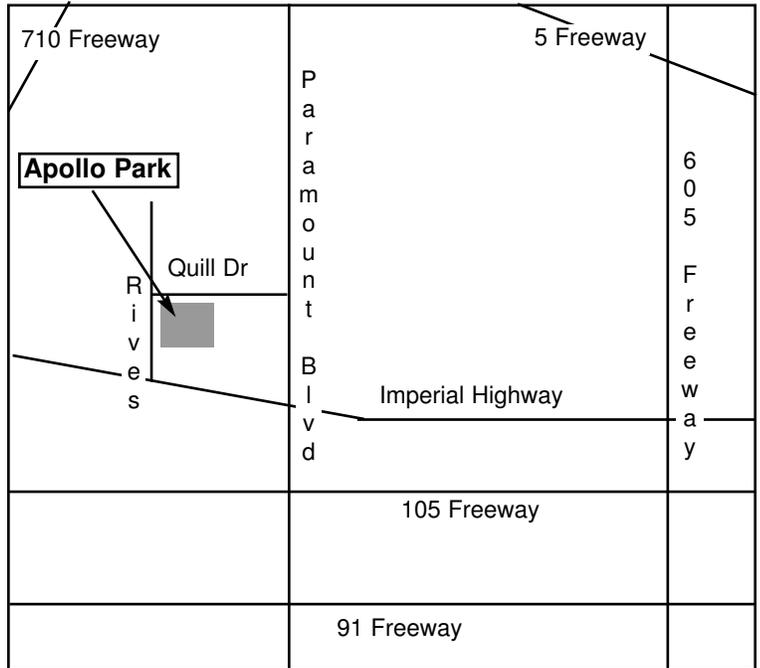
I met Bryan at Marina Drive in Long Beach and set out on a calico bass hunt after he launched his center console at 5:30am. Bryan has all the necessary tackle and his boat has a bow mounted trolling motor that can be remotely controlled with his wrist band controller. His color graph recorder is a window to what's happening under the boat.

We fished tight to the rock jetty on the inside and on the outside. The outside swell was just calm enough for Bryan to maneuver his boat safely so that I could fire off casts with his 6wt to 9wt pre-rigged sink tip rigs.

I had to get accustomed to letting the fly sink to the bottom and stripping slow enough to put the fly in the zone. All said and done, with Bryan's experience and guidance, I lost count of the number of calicos I was able to bring to hand. The aggressive head shakes and downward pull of the bass gave me some sore wrists by the end of the trip at around noon. One of the high lights of the morning was a 9 pound white seabass launching itself out of the depths to try and nab a calico at the end of my line. Bryan has landed some 30 plus pound seabass on past trips and I have to say that I was always thinking the next cast could end up with one of those big silvery fish at the end of my line!

You can see some of the bigger catches on Bryan's trips at his website: <http://www.pcflyfishing.com/> Give Bryan a call if you like the pull of a pugnacious fish at the end of your line!

DFF Supports;



www.downeyflyfishers.org

This Month's Meeting
August 12th
Apollo Park Senior Center
12458 Rives Ave, Downey



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