

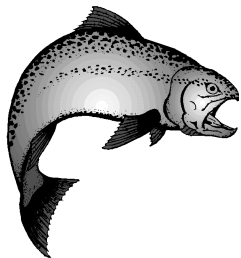
Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"

December 2008

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events



**No General Meeting
in December!**

**December 6th
Holiday Potluck 4pm**

**January 13th
General Meeting
Chilean Fly Fishing for
Trout**

**January 15th
Board Meeting
Brian Matthews' House**

At This Month's Meeting

No general meeting this month!

Speaker for the upcoming year are;

January 13th - Ken of the Fisherman's Spot Fly Shop -
Chilean Fly Fishing for Trout

February 10th - Joe Contaldi - Spring & Winter Fishing
Tactics in the Eastern Sierra

March 10th - Dean Endress - Fly Fishing Baja

In April we have our fundraising White Elephant Auction.
Date to be decided

Other things on the 2009 schedule;

February 21st & 22nd - The Fly Fishing Show in
Pasadena

March 4th - 8th - The Fred Hall Show in Long Beach,
DFF will have a booth at the show

**Deadline for the December
newsletter is Nov 24th**

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

There are no outings scheduled for December. I'm considering a trip to the Lower Owens/Pleasant Valley Reservoir in January or February 2009 to start off the New Year.

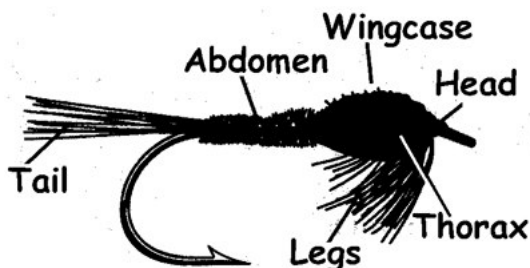
If you are interested in organizing and/or leading an outing, please contact me at (714) 995-4219.

Book Review

By Bruce E Harang

The Fly-Fisher's Craft by Darrel Martin
The Lyons Press, Guilford, CT, 2006
280 pages, Hardbound, illustrated Color,
suggested price \$39.95

The author presents an interesting modern translation of some of the historically noteworthy writings on fly fishing and fly fishing equipment. The author takes you on a journey through the construction of flies, hooks, lines, and rods of old by presenting snippets of original material and then translates it into modern English so the reader can truly understand the original writer's meaning. In addition, there is then discussion on how to duplicate the tools and procedures so that the reader can actually produce his own hooks, flies, lines, and rods so that he too can experience a bit of angling history first hand. The book is very well written and beautifully illustrated. For a bit of fun and some great off season projects this is the perfect project manual. This book is well done indeed.



Club Officers

President.....Carl Laski
V.President.....Position open
Secretary.....Brian Matthews
Treasurer.....Bob Stuart
Past President.....Liz Rasmussen

Chairpersons

Trout in The Classroom.....Randy Teeple
Conservation & FFF Rep.....Carl Laski
Education.....John Barnett & Bob Stuart
Pot Lucks.....Brian Matthews
Membership.....Brian Matthews
Outings.....Position open
Programs..... Zino Nakasuji & Ray Sugiyama
Refreshments....Carl Laski
Video Library.....Fred Roberts
NewsletterLiz Rasmussen & Brian Matthews
Raffles.....Brad Blancett
WebsiteCarl Laski & Jerry Phan
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

Help Wanted!

Submitted by Carl Laski

We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Newsletter Editor
- Refreshment Chairperson
- Raffle Chairperson
- Outing Chairperson

If you are interested, please call or speak with any officer or board member.

President's Message

During this time of year, we all ask ourselves, "Where has the time gone?" Another year is quickly coming to an end. We all get so busy with work, family, events, projects and, when time allows, a well-deserved fishing trip. I like to reflect on the fishing trips over the past year. My most memorable trip of 2008 was the family summer vacation in the June Lake Loop and float tubing with my daughter, Marissa, on Gull Lake. It was a year of several "First Catches" for me. In 2008, I caught my first mako shark, blue shark, bonito, mackerel, calico bass, and smallmouth bass on the fly rod. In March, I fished for carp at Lake Isabella with Zino Nakasuji. The carp eluded me that day so that "first" will have to be rescheduled for 2009. In July, fly fishing for mako sharks with Conway Bowman and Zino was a real adrenaline rush. In October, I was reminded of what hypothermia feels like while on the Mammoth outing with Brian Matthews and Ron Sakoda. Despite the threat of frost bite, we did catch fish on Hot Creek and the Upper Owens. And to wrap up the year, I fished for smallmouth bass on the Colorado River with Jerry Phan who was a great "guide" since I had never fished this water before. While this catch was not on a fly rod, I was hoopnetting with my neighbor, John Gilkerson, in November when we brought up a 12 lb lobster in local waters. I've never seen a lobster that big!

At the time of this writing, we have been unable to obtain an update on Jim Buchanan's condition but believe that he's still recuperating in Idaho. We will keep Jim in our thoughts and prayers.

I would like wish everyone an enjoyable holiday season while spending time with friends and family, as well as Happy New Year with tight lines, bent rods, screaming drags and big fish!

Carl

The Fly Fishing Show - Pasadena

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Fly Fishing Show will be at the Pasadena Center, Saturday & Sunday, February 21st & 22nd, 2009. There will be over 30 programs per day on how-to-fish and where-to-go, continuous instructional fly tying and featured tyer presentations, casting demonstrations and 100-plus exhibitor booths.

LOCATION:

Pasadena Center
300 East Green St
Pasadena, CA 91101

DATE:

February 21 & 22nd, 2009
Saturday 9:00am - 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am - 4:30pm

ADMISSION PRICE:

Adults: \$15.00 one day; \$25 two days
Children (under 5): Free
Children (under 12): \$2.00
Scouts in uniform (under 16): Free
Uniformed Military: \$10
Family Day Sunday (2 adults & one or more kids): \$25

DIRECTIONS:

Website: www.flyfishingshow.com

**Bass Fishing on the Colorado River
Submitted by Carl Laski**

While Jerry Phan and I were packing our fishing gear in my truck, we could smell the strong odor of smoke from a nearby brush fire. On our way to Blythe, we past the beginning of the Corona (Triangle) fire on the 91 freeway. We later learned that the freeway was closed in both directions shortly after we passed through this area. That was close! However, "Close only counts in horse-shoes and hand grenades."

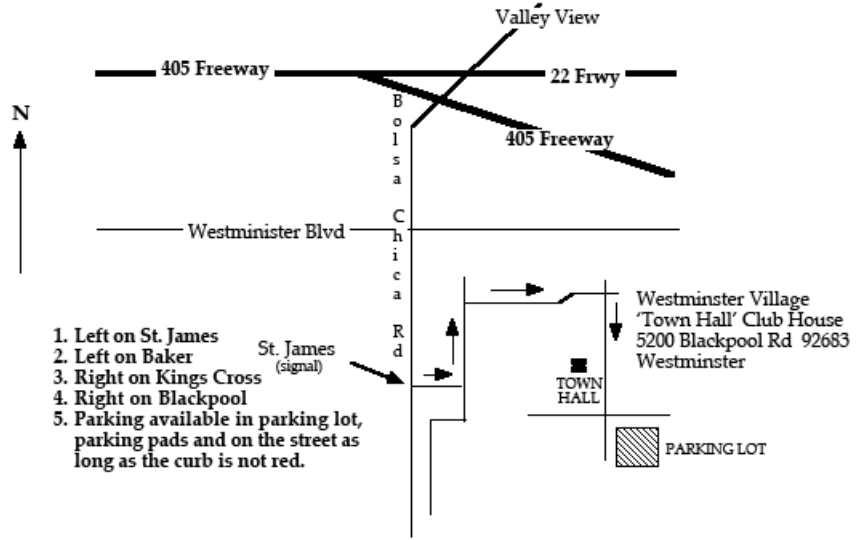
We arrived in Blythe in the afternoon with temperatures in the low 80's, clear blue skies, winds 0-5 mph and no smoke or brush fire. Our first stop was several irrigation canals off Highway 95 north of town. I probably would have driven right past these canals if it weren't for my "guide" Jerry Phan who has fished this area many times. As I was running the fly line through the rod guides, the smallmouth bass were teasing me by boiling in the canals. Jerry was fishing from a bridge and got a few grabs. We drove to our next stop, the Palo Verde Dam and fished the main river and diversion channel until it was grew too dark to fish. Most of the time, Jerry is sight fishing for these smallmouth bass. He has fished this area in March-May and October when the bass are more active, abundant and in the shallows along structure. On Sunday morning, we returned to the canals and this time the smallmouth bass were more cooperative. We both caught several bass while walking along a stretch of the canal. It was a fun trip and caught my first smallmouth bass on a fly rod.



Club's Christmas Wish List

In order to build up the selection of DVD's in our video library, the club's board members are asking that you include the Downey Fly Fishers on your holiday gift list. Please bring your unwrapped fly fishing DVD to the Christmas Potluck or a general meeting if you're unable to attend the potluck. The DVD can be new or used. There are many deals to be found on Ebay, Amazon.com and other online retailers.

Map for location of Holiday Potluck



DOWNEY FLY FISHERS CHRISTMAS POT LUCK



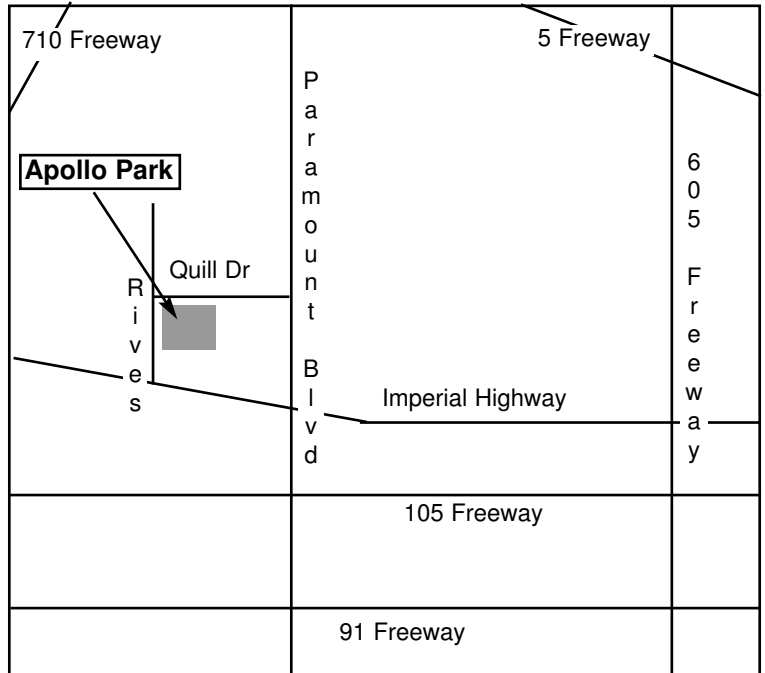
Come and enjoy all the **WONDERFUL FOOD DISHES**
that our members & their families bring...
Appetizers, Salads, Side Dishes & Desserts
See A Club Generated Program
We have **GREAT Raffle Prizes** Including...
Travel Fly Tying Case
Fly Boxes
Kids Drawing
Ladies Drawing
& **MORE**

Our DFF Christmas Pot Luck
will be held on
Saturday, December 6th
from 4:30 PM until ?????
At Same Complex (See Map)
There will be **NO** regular
General Meeting
on Tuesday, December 9th.



Please RSVP to Brian as to how many of you will be coming and
what you intend to bring
bnmandthegirls@earthlink.net or (562) 425-7936

DFF Supports;



www.downeyflyfishers.org

This Month's Meeting
No general meeting

Apollo Park Senior Center
12458 Rives Ave, Downey



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 Downey Ca 90241