

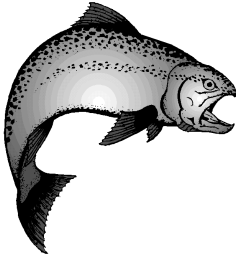
Downey Fly Fishers

"The Fishingest Club Around"

November 2008

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events



November 25th
General Meeting

November 15th-16th
Colorado River Outing

November 20th
Board Meeting

December 6th
Annual Holiday Potluck

No General Meeting
in December!

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

At This Month's Meeting

**The meeting date has been changed
to Tuesday the 25th!**

We are very fortunate to have Al Quattrocchi (aka Al Q) give a presentation on fly fishing the surf and sight fishing for corbina. Al hunts corbina in the surf when the water temps are high enough in late spring to draw them into our local surf. Corbina are one of the most difficult fish to sight fish for with either fly or bait. Al will give some very informative tips on how we can apply our angling skills to catch these incredible fish in our local surf.

Al was born in Brooklyn, NY. Fishing the bridges, beaches, and jetties of Sheepshead Bay, Breezy Point and Jamaica Bay for stripers, weakfish, fluke and bluefish gave him a great knowledge base for saltwater angling. Al moved to California in 1978 to attend Loyola Marymount University and later graduated Art Center College of Design with a BA in Advertising Design. Al is a Grammy Award - winning creative director for his company, Tornado Design in Los Angeles. His love for design and art are translated directly into his fly-tying skills. His many mentors and friends include Lefty Kreh, Bob Popovics, and Nick Curcione. Al is an avid saltwater fly angler specializing in fly fishing the beach, teaching fly fishing, and tying beautiful saltwater patterns that catch fish. Some of his patterns can be found through Umpqua Feather Merchants. Al is a frequent contributor to Fly Fishing in Saltwaters magazine and has an article in the current November/December issue on instructions on how to construct a Bimini furred leader.

Al will be giving a fly tying demonstration at six. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to tie some great patterns that catch fish right in our local salt waters.

CLUB OUTINGS

Submitted by Carl Laski

Colorado River (Bass n' Carp) November 15 - 16, 2008

NOTE: Due to a calendar conflict with the Downey Kids Fishing Day, the outing to the Colorado River has been rescheduled to the following weekend, November 15-16, 2008.

Please check out Jerry Phan's fly fishing video on YouTube (www.youtube.com) and search by "Jerry Phan". 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 this outing, please sign-up at the general meeting or contact me at (714) 995-4219.

Oliver with his Bonefish on Oahu



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

At the last general meeting, Don Mayo advised us that Jim Buchanan had not been feeling well while in Wyoming and underwent an abdominal surgery. Since that time, Brian contacted Jim's wife, Lois, who said that he is staying with his daughter in Idaho to recuperate before making the trip home to Downey. Lois wants Jim to fly home while the kids drive his truck. However, Jim doesn't want anyone driving his truck and is insisting on driving his truck home. It sounds like Jim still thinks he's a captain at the fire house giving orders. I believe that Captain Lois has issued an order which needs to be followed. Get well Jim! We look forward to seeing you at a meeting.

At the suggestion of John Woodling, we will be starting a new matrix board for a box of flies from our fly bank for \$1.00 a square. Speaking of the fly bank, did you lose any flies during this fishing season? Please stop by the fly bank to replenish your fly box and help to support the club at the same time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Kuhn for his recent donations to raffle which was a real boost. We welcome donations for the raffle.

It's that time of year when the fishing season is wrapping up, but the holiday season and gatherings with friends and relatives begins. Please mark your calendar for the Christmas Pot Luck on Saturday, December 6, 2008. We always have plenty of food, drink, good company and raffle prizes.

Reminder, there is no general meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008.

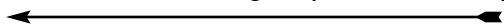
Carl

How to Capitalize on Bonefish Attitude while Sight Fishing

Submitted by Zino Nakasugi

I don't know if you can call it an "attitude", but bonefish are constantly aware of their environment and in skinny water, that awareness is magnified. They know they are vulnerable in shallow water but they come up on the in-coming tide to exploit food sources not available to them at low tide. I was fishing with my friend Oliver Owens (www.bonefish808.com) this past August and witnessed how an angler can observe a sighted bonefish and present the fly at the right moment. We were fishing on Oahu's windward side on an in-coming tide at a corner slot that the bones (o'io) use to get on and off this beach. Oliver was to my right moving stealthily along when he blurted out an expletive....froze with his head cocked to his right. He apparently noticed a bonefish too late that made its escape to his right. Any movement by Oliver would have caused that fish to shoot out of there like a slippery bar of soap! Oliver used his peripheral vision and waited for the fish to change gears -- from "fright mode" to "I just beat this dumb human mode". The fish did just that and in time for Oliver to make a cast at that precise moment. He shot his cast back handed and it landed just in back and to the right side of the bonefish. The bonefish couldn't resist an easy meal and turned and ate Oliver's Orange Stripper fly.

This area has a lot of coral heads and I got a firsthand look at how Oliver placed pressure and relieved pressure on this fish by using rod angles and short strokes to keep the fish from cutting the line on those razor sharp coral heads. He finally landed a beautiful 8 pound bone, and as I took this picture, a bus tour group started to applaud from the shore not even fifty yards away!



Fish Tales - Mammoth Outing

Submitted by Carl Laski

I can't begin to count how many times that I have been burned by the "Sunday Syndrome". We have all experienced it at one time or another during a fishing trip. What is the Sunday Syndrome? It is defined as bad weather on Friday and Saturday of your trip resulting in tough fishing conditions which passes after you get off the water on Saturday. You are then forced to make the drive home on Sunday with sunny skies, no wind and glassy lakes.

Prior to the Mammoth outing, the forecast called for wind and falling temperatures. Brian Matthews and I drove to Bishop on Thursday evening through gusty winds on Highway 395. When I looked out the window of the hotel room on Friday morning, I saw clear skies and no wind. However, this was about to change. Upon our arrival at Hot Creek, we were greeted by 20-25 mph winds with gusts to 35 mph and temperatures in the mid 40's. Brian wore his usual fly fishing outfit...shorts. Yes, I said shorts! Despite the wind blowing our fly line downstream after an upstream cast, I managed to catch a brown on a red Humpy and Brian caught a rainbow. While Brian was fishing in his shorts, four fly fishermen bundled up in cold weather gear were walking on the trail. All four of them stared at Brian in amazement as they walked past us. It was a classic moment on Hot Creek that I will never forget.

We met up with Ron Sakoda in Mammoth Lakes in the afternoon and checked into the condo. By this time, it was starting to snow. Brian made a huge pot of delicious Kielbasa Soup.

On Saturday morning, we heard some really loud trucks driving up and down the street. It was the snow plows! We cleared six inches of snow from our trucks and ice from the windshield. Ron's knee was bothering him so he decided to head home. We headed to the Upper Owens where it was snowing, windy and temperatures in the 20's. Brian brought four fish to net and I landed two. I was fishing streamers using the "dip and strip" method. Cast the fly across stream; let it swing, dip the rod tip in the water and strip. I had to routinely break ice out of the rod guides in order to make a cast. A unanimous decision was made at noon to head back to the condo for lunch. We grilled some hot dogs and "caught" a college football game, baseball game and even a nap.

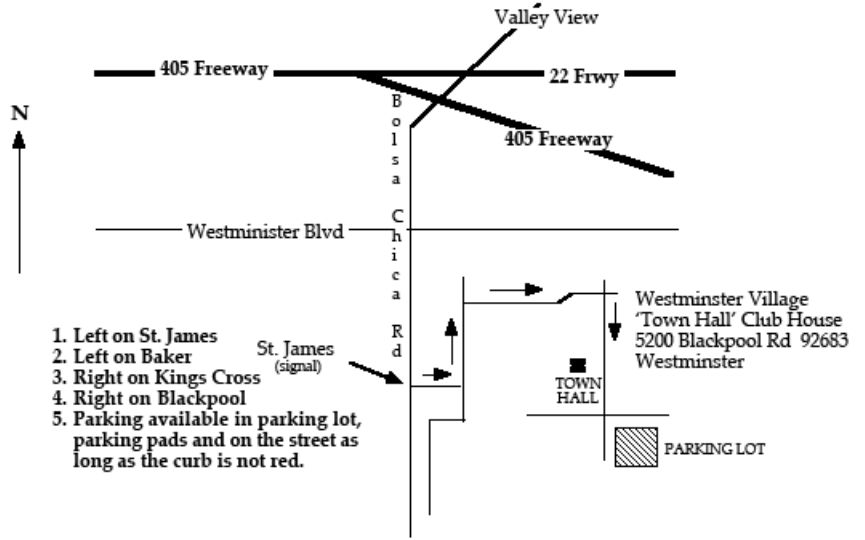
As I had expected, when I awoke on Sunday morning, it was clear, sunny and calm. The Sunday Syndrome strikes again! At least we were able to fish the Upper Owens for a few hours before heading home.



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

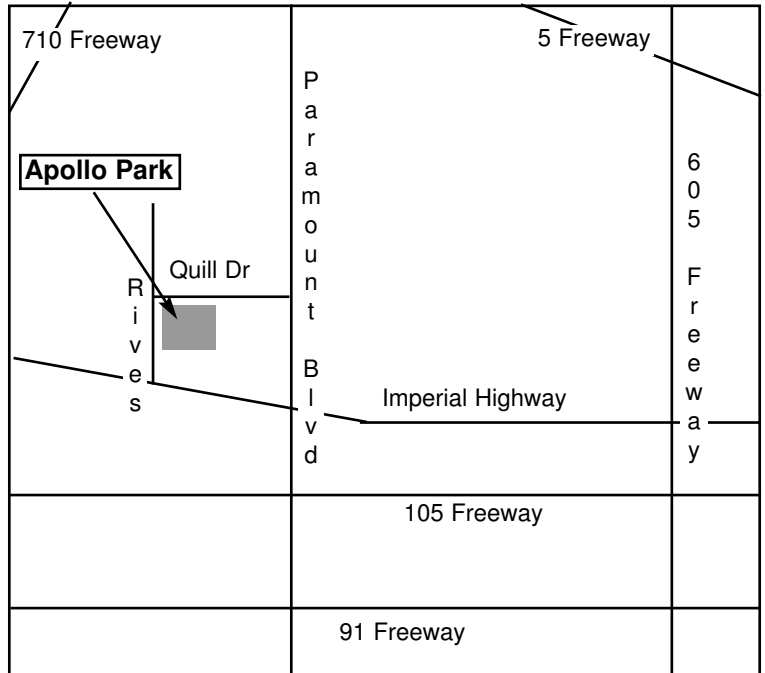
Come and enjoy all the WONDERFUL FOOD DISHES that our members & their families bring...
Appetizers, Salads, Side Dishes & Desserts
See A Club Generated Program
We have GREAT Raffle Prizes Including...
Travel Fly Tying Case
Fly Boxes
Kids Drawing
Ladies Drawing
& MORE

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
November 25th
Apollo Park Senior Center
12458 Rives Ave, Downey



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