



# Reading The Water

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Newsletter of Golden State Flycasters Chapter, Trout Unlimited

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## Secrets & Tactics for Catching Selective Trout

With Landon Mayer

Did you know that during a battle with a gorgeous trout you can actually let your line go slack to prevent the fish from running through roots and structure, which would certainly cause him to break off? And did you also know that there are times when it is best for you to “un-match the hatch?” And did you know casting with a motion that, when you were learning to cast, your instructor told you to never use could today actually help you? The key to becoming a better angler is to try to learn something new on the water every day. In this first of our new year’s presentations, you will take a journey through Landon Mayer’s 20 years of personal guide notes in which he details some of his most important tips and tricks, helping you achieve the quality results that he himself often enjoys on the water.



With his easy to understand, step-by-step teaching approach, Landon and his out-of-the-box tactics and techniques have proven to work throughout the U.S. and beyond. Highlights in his program include photos, videos and a special guide fly “recipe” that are sure to make your next adventure a success. For example, Landon will take you through each motion in a supposedly “incorrect” cast that would help solve what could be a difficult situation. Combining visual elements of the angler and his or her movements, the water and its movements and the trout’s feeding behavior – all this knowledge and understanding can help advance every angler to the next skill level. There is no one whose “secret” notes and many years of experience can help us more than Landon Mayer.

Landon was born and raised in Colorado Springs where he began his fly fishing career in the 6th grade when his middle school offered fly casting lessons. Throughout his teens, Landon’s love of the sport grew when he spent all his free time hanging around local fly shops and watching VHS tapes by Gary Borger and Doug Swisher until the tapes actually wore out!

After graduating high school, Landon pursued a career as a full time guide in Colorado, learning from great Colorado anglers such as Ed Engle, Pat Dorsey and fly tyer John Barr. He also spent one year guiding in Alaska on the Naknek River. During this

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday**

**January 18, 2016**

**Wetflies 6:00 PM**

**Dinner 6:45 PM**

**Program 7:00 PM**

**Tio Leo’s**

3510 Valley Centre Dr

Del Mar, CA 92130

(Map—back page)

**Next water quality monitoring will be Saturday, May 13.**

**Please speak to Jack Marshall for details and to volunteer:**

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*Fly Rod & Reel, High Country Angler, Southwest Fly Fishing and American Angler.*

Passion and love for the sport are what motivates Landon and drives him to continually learn more and perfect his fly fishing skills. His success has also been fueled by an addiction to pursue large trout with small flies and lightweight fly fishing equipment. His travels take him to Mexico, Alaska, Belize and all around the United States where he constantly develops new and successful tactics.

In 2007, Landon's first book, *How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life*, was published by Wild River Press, which was followed by his DVD *Landing the Trout of Your Life*. The next year, 2008, saw the release of his second DVD, *Weapons of Bass Production*. With his own guide service going full tilt, Landon went on to share even more techniques and secrets in his books *Sight Fishing for Trout* (Stackpole Books, 2010) and *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing* (Stackpole/Headwater Books, 2011). His latest book is *101 Trout Tips: A Guide's Secrets, Tactics and Techniques*. Landon will have his books and videos available for sale at his club appearance.

Landon is an ambassador for Simms fly fishing apparel and an advisory team member of Simms, Ross Reels, Scientific Anglers, Smith Optics, Fishpond luggage and accessories, Yeti coolers and Casio Pro Trek watches. Landon is also a royalty fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants.

Together with his wife Michelle (who shares his passion for the sport) and their four children, Landon continues to live near his home waters of the South Platte River in Colorado where he teaches fly fishing through guiding and fly fishing classes; he also appears around the country giving presentations of his innovative, successful and popular techniques. You can learn more about this great fly fisher by going to: [www.landonmayer.com](http://www.landonmayer.com)



## Past President's Message

By Wayne Johnson



### The Year in Review

By Wayne Johnson – GSF Past President

As we near 2016, December allows us to reflect on our year of activities and the many opportunities for GSF Members in the coming New Year.

We completed 2015 with our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Dinner Party and Awards presentation. A rundown of this event offers a good summary of the year. Those attending the Holiday Party experienced an entertaining evening; we were all pleased by the staff service and dining experience at Vittorio's Restaurant. The evening began with beverages and a delicious selection of appetizers, as we all shared in lively conversation reflecting on our club experiences during the past year and plans for the coming year. The evening fun progressed with our engaging game master, **Rod Hendrickson**, presenting us with a displayed photo album of club members as kids. The "Guess Who This Is" game was won by **Joel Stewart**. Following dinner, we proceeded with our 2015 GSF member's awards presentation and member's recognition.

As the outgoing President, I along with incoming President, **Dave Smith**, and Education Chairman, **Steve Piper**, had the great honor to present the Golden State Flycasters Pat Case Lifetime Achievement Award to **Rod Hendrickson** in recognition for his GSF contributions that began in 2004. Through the years Rod has volunteered his time as a member of the Board of Directors, Past President (twice), our current Outings/Trip Chairperson, has helped with

educational programs, and also continues to provide the current board with valuable input. It's clearly a well-deserved award for such a great guy and helpful contributor to the success of the club!

Next, **Jack Marshall**, Conservation Chairperson gave acknowledgment to **Dale Dalrymple** for his conservation support of in the field GSF/ TU projects in the Eastern Sierra's and **Sandi Jacobson** for her conservation support in grant submissions, field research work, and leading the South Coast Steelhead Coalition. Also acknowledgment was given to the water quality monitoring team for their time throughout the year conducting field samples.

**Steve Piper**, proceeded to recognize those who made our GSF Educational Seminar series a success; Rod Building- **Eric Noguchi**, Bishop/Owens Fly Fishing class- **Dave Smith**, Fly Tying class- **Chuck Waterman**, SDFF and GSF Surf Fishing Clinic-**Mark Turner** and **Steve Piper**, BBB Surf Fishing Clinic-**Mark Turner** and **Steve Piper**.

Mixed in with the presentation we enjoyed a little fun with our Kern River Tourny participants. Our past King of the Kern, **Dave Smith**, presented the crown and scepter to our new King, **Mark Utter**. Unfortunately the reigning Queen of The Kern, **Sue Crenshaw**, and new Queen, **Linda Miller**, were not able to make the party.

Further club recognition was acknowledged to our committee chairs; **Chuck and Michelle Waterman**- Annual Fundraiser, **Jack Marshall**- Conservation, **Mike McClain**- Monthly Raffle and Speaker Programs, **Tim Hunt**- Club Communications, **Steve Piper**- Education/SWCIFFF/Casting, **Rod Hendrickson**-Outings/Trips, **Dale Dalrymple** - TU Liaison, **Ken Kaufman** and **Mark Turner**- Local Events, **Tiffany Smith**- Newsletter, **Kevin McClain**- Web Master, **Peter Syka**- Video Librarian, **John Frazer & Victor Lipp**- Membership, **Chuck Waterman**- Fly Tying, **Eric Noguchi**- Rod Building, **John Wohlfiel**- Fred Hall Show Volunteer coordinator, **Steve Piper** Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Evening Group coordinator, and **Steve Piper**- Boy Scout Jamboree fly fishing merit badge coordinator.

Our evening concluded with the desert serving, and the announcement of gratitude to our club membership who contributed to the Casting for Recovery raffle. The club's generosity allowed us to meet our goal of raising enough funds to sponsor a lady for the 2016 retreat. The winning raffle ticket this year was fittingly drawn by a great supporter of CFR, **Cheryl Cline**; she received the NuCast Reel and Rod combination set.

## President's Message— Cont'd

As the 2014/ 2015 outgoing President I would like to give finale club recognition to the 2015 GSF Board and Director members. I want to acknowledge the BOD's for their term year of unwavering support; **Dave Smith**- Vice President, **Mark Utter**-Secretary, **John Wohlfiel**- Treasurer, **Tim Hunt**- Director, **Mike McClain**- Director, **Kevin McClain**- Director. This year the club will see a change on the BOD's with the addition of **Dave Smith** –President, **John Frazer** – Vice President, and **Wayne Johnson**- Director.

While that pretty well sums up the holiday party I'm going to add a little more detail to fill in some of the happenings that were not covered at the party.

We certainly enjoyed a number of varied GSF activities. Our year began with Trout Fly Tying classes, led by **Chuck Waterman** and Rod Building with **Eric Noguchi**. An open trout fly tying evening session lead by both **Steve Piper** and **Chuck Waterman** was an added event. Our Annual GSF Bishop Owens River trip is the club's first trip of the year, coordinated by Outings Chair, **Rod Hendrickson**. This year we had relatively mild weather conditions and a great turnout of members making the trip, with reports big healthy trout being caught.

Our spring events began with a our Educational Chairperson, **Steve Piper**, coordinating a couple of GSF casting clinics. First was a free spey casting class with GSF friend and head of product development for Loon, **Matt Callies**. Next was **Wanda Taylor**, who provided the casting instruction to over 20 members. The fly tying classes continued with a series of sessions focused on Saltwater fly tying lead by **Chuck Waterman**. Our major spring event is our Annual GSF Fundraiser, which set new records for attendance. This event was held for the first time at University of San Diego, within the Jenny Craig Pavilion. The event was coordinated by **Michelle and Chuck Waterman**, our Fundraiser Chairpersons. We contribute the event success in part to our venue site being spacious and accommodating, allowing us to have more than adequate space for the concurrent auction activities and viewing tables for displaying the auction items. In addition, the USD catering service provided an excellent selection at the dinner buffet table and an ample supply of refreshments.

Also in the spring our GSF membership drive at the Fred Hall Show resulted in 14 new GSF members. **John Wohlfiel** once again coordinated the volunteers schedule and organized the booth setup/takedown. In May the **One Surf Fly Beach Classic** event was held here in San Diego at **Mission Beach**. It's a free event and one that resulted in a few GSF member participates, as well a number of GSF volunteers. There was a pre-event gathering and greeting at **The Fly Stop**, then following the One Fly tournament, everyone was invited to **So Cal Fly Fishing Outfitters** for a raffle, food, drink, and socializing. Most importantly, this year's One Surf Fly raffle event went to support the **Shane Chung** Memorial College Fund for his son, Devon. As the month of May progressed **The Fly Stop** sponsored the **2015 F3T Fly Fishing Film Tour** and was held at the San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club. Next in May, a joint SDFF and GSF Surf Fishing Clinic, at South Mission Beach, coordinated by Local Outings Chairperson, **Mark Turner**, and Educational Chairperson, **Steve Piper**. A wonderful breakfast was provided by **Paul Woolery** and a clinic on surf fishing techniques was provided by **Steve Piper**.

A late spring trip to the Eastern Sierra's at Green Creek (Bridgeport area) coordinated by **Rod Hendrickson** and **Mark Turner** provided a quick outing for those GSF members who had the memorial day weekend open for some small water stream fishing. A little cold weather did not stop them from a memorable weekend.

In June **The Fly Stop** hosted the **Carp Throw Down** at Lake Henshaw. We had a good showing of GSF members participating at this warm water catch and release fly fishing tournament. This event is always a great party whether the carp are eating the grasshoppers or not.

Our annual September Outing to Missoula MT, coordinated by **Rod Hendrickson**, was attended by over 30 club members. The 2015 water conditions were challenging, but expect a big recovery with the "El Nino" providing the needed snow pack in 2016.

Our November outing to the Kern River Tourney was coordinated by GSF team captains, **Steve Piper** (men's team) and **Irene Hunt** (women's team). This year's all women winning team, sponsored by Southern California Casting For Recovery and coordinated by **Bonnie Anderson** was the best of 11 teams in the competition.

# President's Message– Cont'd

These are just a few of the GSF activities and events; don't forget to get involved and volunteer!

I wish do extend a personal message of gratitude to every Volunteer Member, Committee Chair, and BOD's within GSF, please accept this genuine expression of appreciation.

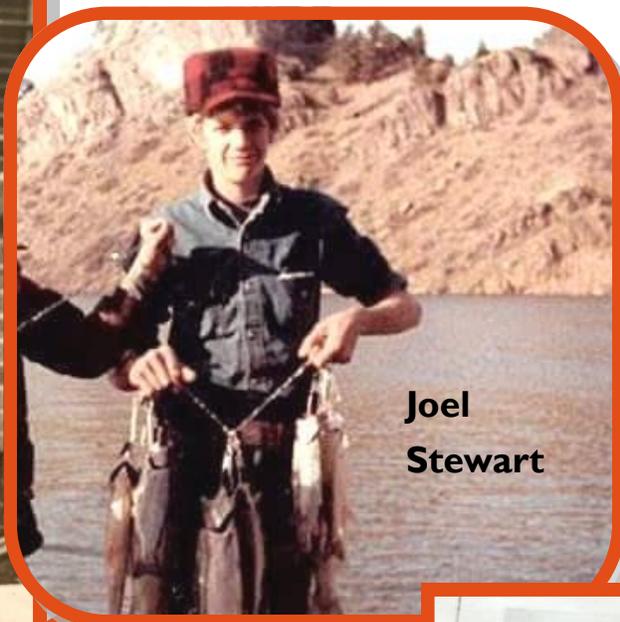
Wish you all the best in 2016,

Wayne Johnson

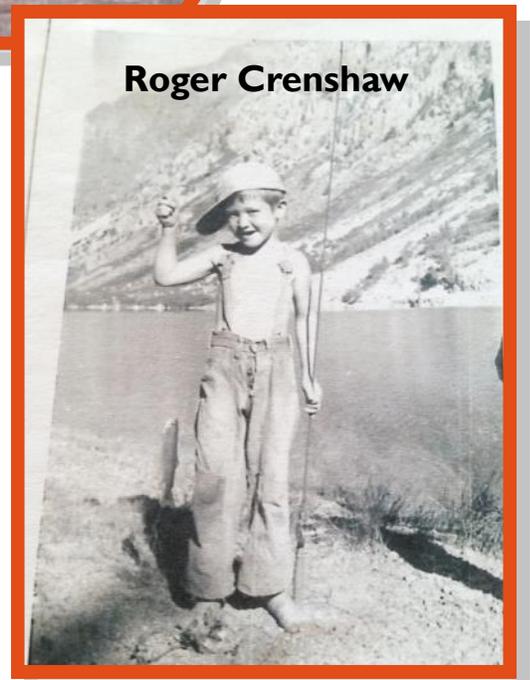
**While we wish Wayne well, here's a look at some of our members in their younger years....**



**Victor Lipp**



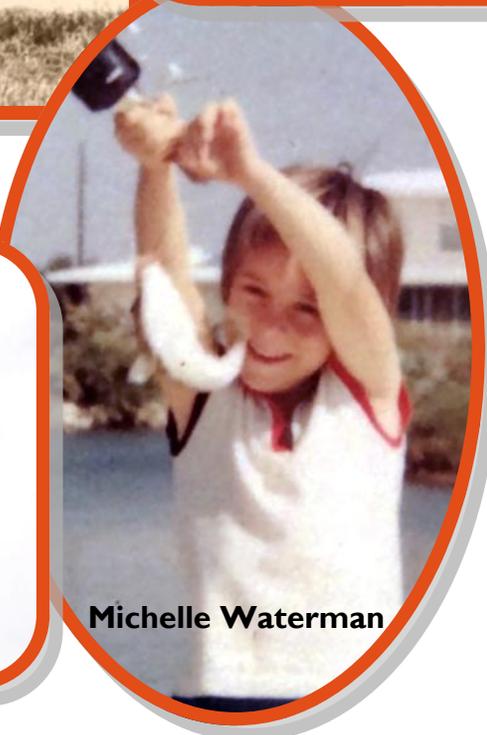
**Joel  
Stewart**



**Roger Crenshaw**



**Rod Hendrickson**



**Michelle Waterman**

## GFS Incoming President

Dave Smith

# A Look Ahead

Hello GSF! I'm the incoming president for the 2016 year, and boy do I have big shoes to fill. A big thanks to Wayne and the entire board for all their hard work in 2015.

As we head into the New Year, I'm gearing up for another big and productive year for Golden State Fly Casters. This year, we as a board are looking to expand the offerings in terms of trips, education, seminars, conservation and fund raising. One every other month. Besides our normal Bishop, Kern, BBB, and Montana Trips, we'll be doing the Green Creek Memorial Day trip, a Weekend trip to Green Valley Lake for Stillwater and creek fishing, and are looking into a multi-club Bass tourney hosted by GSF! We are a Fly Fishing club and we should be out on the water learning and putting to use all the knowledge we gain from speakers and seminars.

Additionally, for those who find it tough to break away for a whole weekend, We'll be doing some week night club activities like open tying nights at San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, casting instruction, rod demo, fly tying classes, and a year-long fly tying competition. The fly tying competition winner will get to design a fly of their choice and it'll be sold for a year at The Fly Stop in Mira Mesa!

Furthermore, we'd really like to see more club members involved with conservation. Conservation is probably the most important thing we do as a club. If we aren't active in maintaining our fisheries and protecting our hobby no one will. We'll be having opportunities all year long, so please sign up for one.

Finally, this is our club and we as your board are here to serve you and the club. If there is something you want to learn, or trip you want to take, an activity you think will benefit the club, please speak to or send an email to one of the board members. We want to make this the best club for everyone! On the other hand, if you have something to teach, or share, please do. We are looking for all sorts of educational seminars. It doesn't matter if you have insight on fishing small streams with zero weight fly rods or you know how to chase tuna with 16 weights, please share your knowledge with the club.

Looking forward to a great 2016!

Tight Lines,

Dave Smith



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW



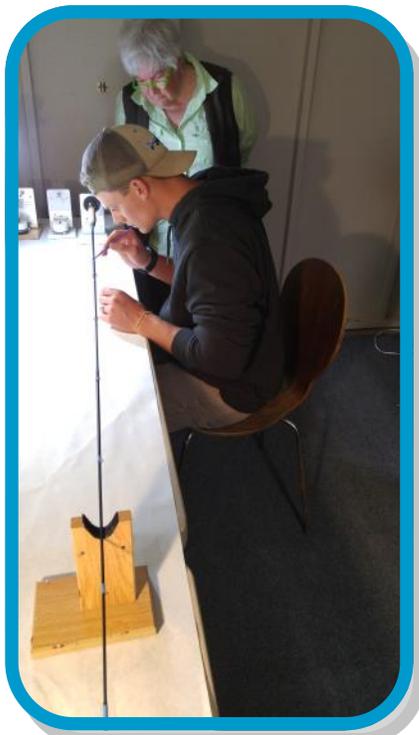
The New King of the Kern,  
Mark Utter



Dave Smith's first rod-building effort!



Nice work, Grant Gilmour!



Brian Vanwingerden's first rod effort,  
a lucky brother was the recipient!



A Class act!

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Our excellent instructor, Eric Noguchi showing us how it's done.!



Steve, Rod, Tim, Mark Turner, and Mark Utter



Mark Turner's excellent job!



Laura Diko, Lesley Fulton, Cheryl Cline, Irene Hunt, Linda Miller



Tying up a few flies the night before the tourney

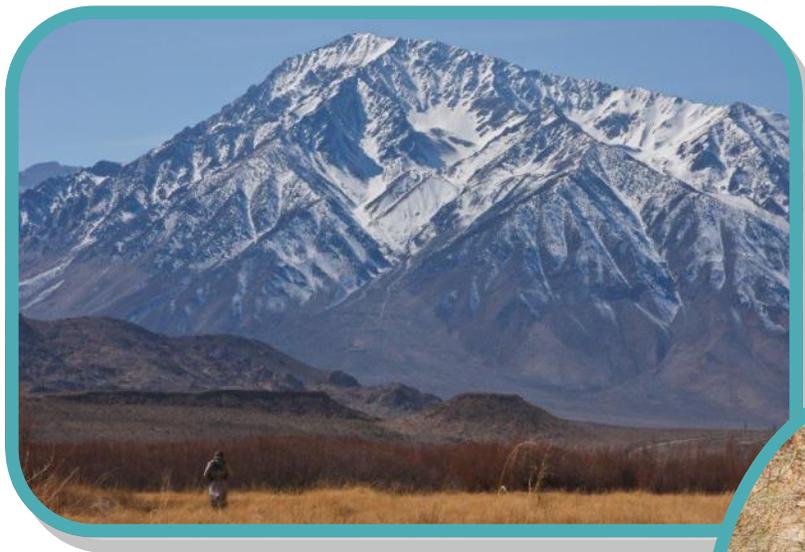
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A beautiful Bishop Brown!



Joe Diko during the Bishop trip this past February



Irene Hunt, hunt'n' fish in Bishop!

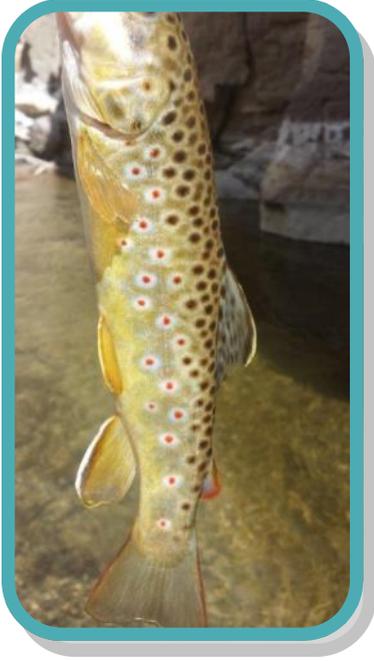


Dave Smith with a Lower Owens Brown

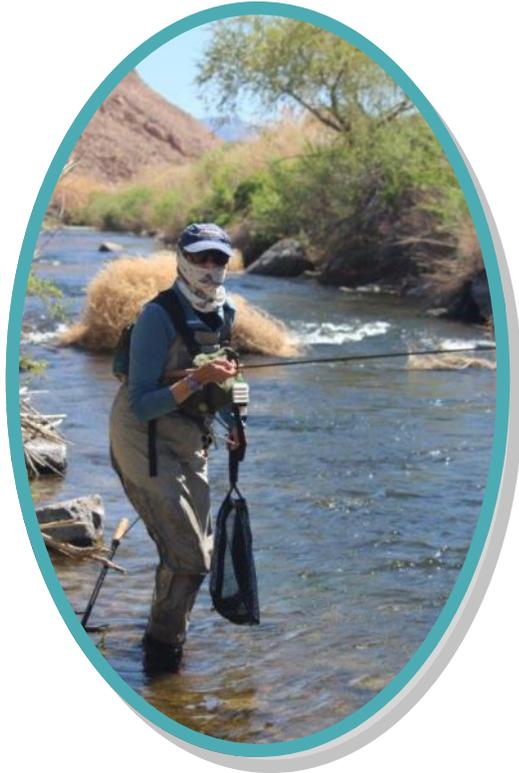


Fundraiser Fun!

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Tim Hunt's Owens River Gorge  
Brown



Linda Miller learning to Czech Nymph from Dave Smith



Ken Fletcher, Rod Hendrickson and Tim Hunt backpacking this past summer

## Upcoming Events & Monthly Speakers

Happy New Year!

Jan 1, CDF&W Sport Fishing Licenses On Sale Now!  
 Jan 7, Intermediate/Advanced Fly Tying Classes start  
 Jan 13, Novice/Beginner Fly Tying Classes start  
 Jan 18, Club Meeting - Secrets and Tactics for Catching Selective Trout  
 Jan 30, Fly Buy Event, Long Beach Casting Club  
 Feb 14, ,Casting Clinic with Bruce Chard  
 Feb 15, Club Meeting, Fly Fishing Oceans Flats Around the World  
 Feb 20, Conservation - Water Quality Monitoring - San Luis Rey River  
 Feb 26-28, Bishop CA - GSF Club Trip  
 Mar 12, Annual GSF Conservation and Education Fundraiser!  
 Mar 17-20 Fred Hall Show  
 April - Tentative San Juan River Trip  
 Apr 16, Conservation- Water Quality Monitoring - San Luis Rey River  
 Apr 16, San Diego-Imperial Council Scout Fair at Qualcomm  
 Apr 18, Club Meeting - Fly Fishing Streams of Alberta and British Columbia  
 Apr 23, One Surf Fly at Dockweiler State Beach, Playa del Rey, CA  
 May - Club Meeting - Tentative Big Bear Trout Trip, Stream and Still Water  
 May 16, Trout Route - A Journey up Central Oregon's Highway 97  
 May 27- 30, Memorial Day Weekend Trip to Bridgeport Area  
 Sep 10-18, Montana Trip



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## Golden State Flycasters

GSF, A 501 (C)3 NON-PROFIT, WAS FORMED IN 2002 TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF FLY FISHERS IN NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY, SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY, AND CAMP PENDLETON.

### Mission Statement

**Golden State Flycasters supports the conservation and restoration of fisheries, and education in the sport and art of fly fishing.**

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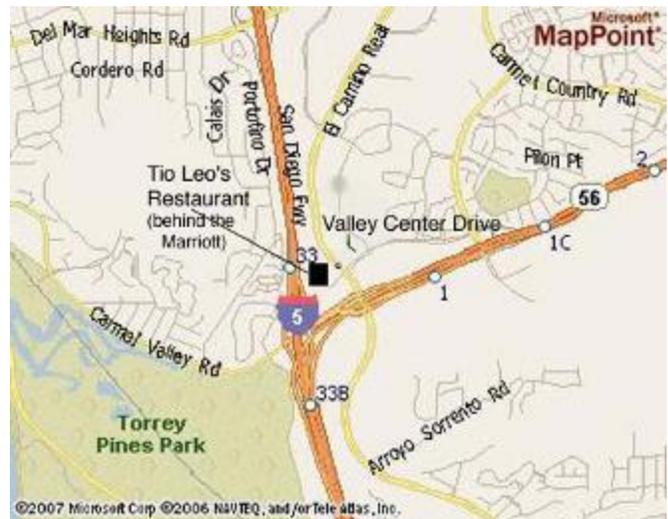
## Meeting Location and Map

### Tio Leo's Mexican Restaurant

3510 Valley Centre Drive  
Del Mar, CA 92130  
(858) 350-1468

Don't use MapQuest directions, they are incorrect

From I-5, exit Carmel Valley Road, go east 0.2 miles then left onto El Camino Real. At second stoplight, take left onto Valley Centre Drive. Marriott Hotel is on corner, go past hotel entrance to cul-de-sac and take right into Tio Leo's parking lot.



## Newsletter Submissions

**S**ubmit & share personal, entertaining or informative articles.

Have you fished an out-of-the-way place recently? Taken a trip won at the Annual Raffle? Come across a killer fly for a favorite river? Have a newflash about a fishery or event? Please share it with the rest of our members.

Please limit your Word article to 1,000 words or less, and

include photos. Use straight typing, no indentions, nothing tricky. Submit photos as attachments, not embedded in the article. Editors may edit your submission for grammar or to adjust article length for space available. **Submission deadline is the 25th of each month.**

E-mail submissions to Tiffany Smith at:

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