



Trout Tales



South Coast Chapter --September 2006

"We all live downstream."

South Coast 2006 Fall Banquet

The South Coast Chapter of TU will host a fundraising banquet beginning at 6:00 PM on Monday, Nov.13, 2006 at the newly renovated Duck Club. (our regular meeting place). We will enjoy great food; Copper River wild salmon from Alaska and have many great prizes as well. Our showcase item: a custom-built, 3-weight fly rod, perfect for small stream casting. There will be prizes and auction items for all interests! Come join us; share your fishing stories, meet new people and learn about our chapter projects.

*Duck Club
Riparian Way next to Audubon House- (map below)
Irvine, CA
6:00 PM*

for more details see article on page 3



President's Report

by Drew Irby

I hope your summer was productive and the fishing lines were taut. (And not with snags!) Over the last several months, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes with the chapter as well as on the media radar.

On the state level, Gov. Schwarzenegger has signed a petition to the USDA asking for full protection of the state's road-less areas, a 'status quo' move that will help insure backcountry access for anglers. Trout Unlimited CA's staff played a supporting role in this announcement. Let's hope that the 4.4 million acres of national forest inventoried also includes the San Mateo Wilderness in our backyard.

State Senator Chesbro's bill, SB1125, is still in committee, waiting for passage, but looks good. This bill, introduced in March 2006, will permanently establish a \$10MM resource trust fund, separate from the leaky general fund, dedicated solely to salmon and steelhead restoration. Good news for grants and projects supporting salmonoid in both the north and southern parts of the state. We will try to get our share...

We have a full slate of volunteer projects and events this fall; continued work on the San Juan Watershed stream assessments, the I-5 Fish ladder should start breaking ground this fall, the Metro Link second fish passage study is underway, more San Mateo work upcoming-dates TBD and, after three years work, the steelhead education signs are being made, due to deliver sometime Oct. 1st.

President's report (continued)

So please, check and mark off your calendars and set aside some time to join us--South Coast TU projects are on a roll...

The Duck Club is located off Mickelson Drive and Riparian Way, Past the IRWD Operations center, next to the Audubon House.





View of San Mateo Creek watershed – worth saving, don't you think?

Upcoming TU Events to circle in red on your calendars:

- Sept. 11th, 7 pm** Chapter meeting at the Duck Club
- Oct 6th – 8th, 8 am** San Juan stream assessment survey workdays
- Oct. 9th 7pm** Chapter meeting at the Duck Club
- Nov. 13th, 6pm** **TU Chapter Fall Banquet**
- Nov/Dec TBD** San Mateo Creek non-native removal work days

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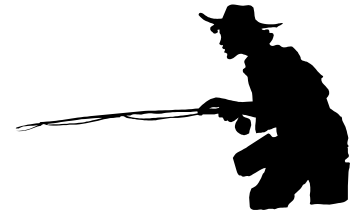
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MEMBERS! Upcoming Volunteer activities are being arranged. These events will be posted in future newsletters and, on **our new website: www.southcoasttu.org**. If you wish to make suggestions for future programs, please call Drew Irby at 949-588-5458



Conservation Report Briefs (Oldest Projects first)

San Mateo Creek – George S., project coordinator, has been busy planning the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting which will be held on September 18th. The non-native educational brochure was completed and a successful educational class was held for private pond owners on how they can help with better stewardship of the watershed. We are planning another volunteer outing on SMC sometime in Nov. or Dec.06 to work on non-native removal projects. Let us know if you want to help.

Steelhead signs—Finally, the editing is done and signs are being made & will be ready to install in approx. 6 weeks (mid-Nov/Dec.'06) We are excited about finally getting these signs out there on San Mateo, San Juan and Trabuco Creeks.

I-5 Fish Ladder – Planning and permit stage is about done. Groundbreaking should be starting in Oct.'06

San Juan Watershed stream assessment – The fall and last survey is scheduled for 10-6 thru 10-8. (Data crunching and biological assessment to follow, results and final report due Mar.-Apr. 06.)

Metro Link fish passage study—Our chapter was granted a small adaptive grant for a study of a possible fish ladder ½ mile downstream from the first I-5 ladder. This is much needed as conditions have worsened below the Metro Link bridge.

Cow Camp and Casper's Park bridge studies—Both of these culvert and riprap bridges are barriers to upstream steelhead passage on the San Juan and need to be replaced. We have pending adaptive study grants to address these issues for fish-friendly solutions.

Contact us at info@southcoasttu.org and check out our new website at www.southcoasttu.org

Member Update

Please help us update our records by giving us your email address. We absolutely do not share this information with anyone. We send out 'blind' email broadcasts occasionally with TU Chapter news only as a courtesy to our members.

Note: Due to the high cost of postage and printing, we will be discontinuing our direct mail newsletter. If you want to continue to receive the chapter newsletter, we will need an e-mail address for you. You may bring this info to our meetings or email it to the chapter secretary at nsland@pacbell.net Most non-profits are following this course. We will be putting the saved funds into our projects and the new website which we hope will be as or more informative.

Name _____

Member# _____

Email address _____

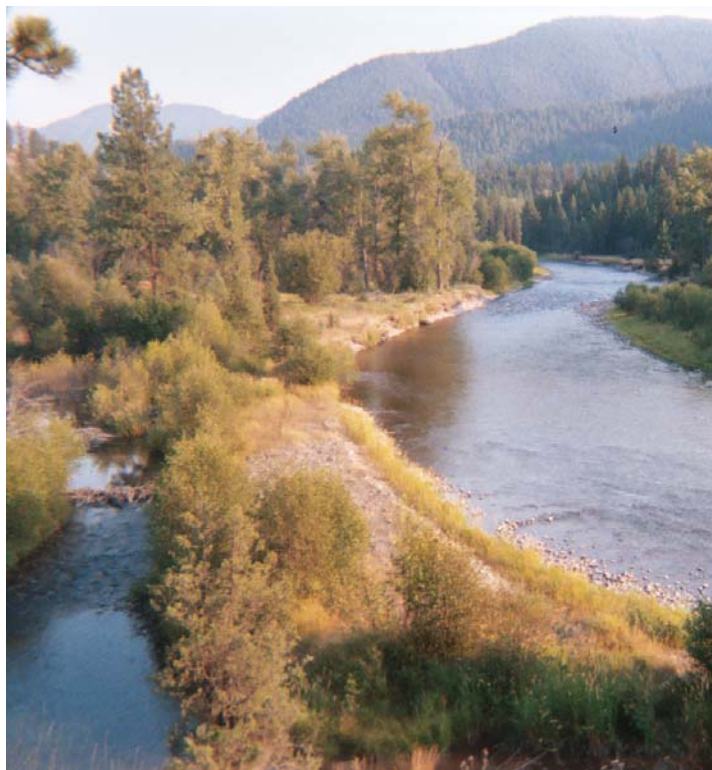
TU's Fun Banquet is Back!

Our chapter will once again host a fund-raising banquet on Nov. 13th, 6 PM at the Duck Club in Irvine. Tickets are \$30.00 each. New members' tickets are \$25 when purchased with a new member application of \$17.50. The TU banquet is a traditional method for members to get together in a social setting, enjoy good food and company, while raising funds for the chapter. The end result will be a lot of fun for everyone, renewed interest in the chapter activities and new membership for our chapter!

We need volunteers to help with some of the banquet committees. If you can volunteer to help on the banquet, please contact Nancy Sutherland, banquet co-chairman, she'll find a job just suited to your time and talents! Please contact her by email at nsland@pacbell.net. We haven't held a banquet for a number of years and everyone who remembers how much fun they were is really excited that we are having this event again!

We promise to have a quality event that everyone can enjoy so spread the word, invite your spouse and friends (We'll have **GREAT** food and a variety of prizes and auction items both fishing and Southern California lifestyle items that everyone will have fun bidding on) Order your tickets today to be eligible for the early bird drawing! E-mail Steve Hodgson, Treasurer at steveh@dhbuilding.com

Your Favorite Fish Pics - Submit and share



East Fork Bitterroot River, Darby, MT



A fat female "cutbow", same place

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