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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line

## Club Spirit

**RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT**

**I**s it time for another Leader's Line article? The job of the club president is to produce something readable each month. In the spirit of humility, the readable part may be a matter of opinion. The idea of spirit provides a good framework for events of the past month.

I'm pleased to report the spirit of volunteering continued to flourish as the club completed several important clubhouse improvement projects. With the help of over 30 members, we completed the refinishing of the floors, varnishing the walls and cleaning the curtains. The projects required us to pack, store and unpack everything in the clubhouse. Some of the junk items never got passed the dumpster while other items, like our fish trophies received some first aid from Dr. Bob Graham and his super glue. We also provided Jeff Sadler with a symbolic gesture which, so far, appears to have gone unnoticed. With the help of two fantastic work teams we got the job done in half the time we expected.

The clubhouse now has a wonderful walkway accomplished under the leadership of Dan Rivett and with the help of another work team, several members of whom were inducted into the "Order of the Bloody Blister" as they used sledge hammers to brake up the old pavement and carry it away.

We completed final touches on the upgrade to our AV system under the technical direction of Steve Joines. The visit from the Italians (were they movie stars or a fly fishing couple?) gave the system a good work out.

Lastly you will notice the kitchen counter has been upgraded with ceramic tile to match with rest of the kitchen. I am respecting the wishes of the club member who did this project to remain anonymous. Well, I suppose if I knew as much about home improvements as they do, I'd keep a low profile too. Besides, that way no one else can borrow their ceramic tile saw.

I've been gratified to see the 'can do' attitude of our members as we tackled these challenges. As a result we have all accomplished improvements about which we can be proud. Plus we got to know one another and develop relationships that will enrich our enjoyment of other club activities.

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Another spirit evident over the past month is the spirit of adventure. Lots of members reported on their various travel/fishing adventures. See Carole and Jeff Katz for their experiences fishing the Pecos River and other spots in north central New Mexico.

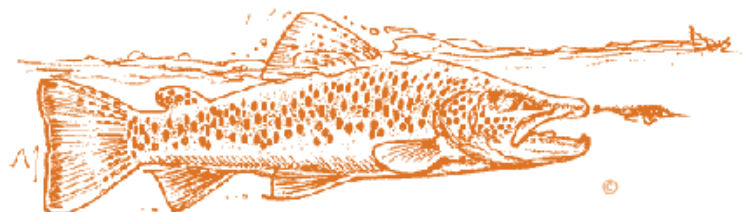
A cadre of members returned from fishing Coffman Cove on Prince of Wales Island in Alaska to regale us with preposterous tales of their fishing exploits as they caught silvers, halibut and trout and fished both fresh and salt water. I heard that the fish were so aggressive that one actually caught Chester Chau. He was eventually released, slightly bruised but otherwise unharmed.

For those of us who stayed close to home where people instead of grizzlies are at the top of the food chain, we had a great day fishing the surf on the club outing in Alamitos Bay. Most everyone caught something and all had a great time.

As this issue of Target Talk goes to press, we will have enjoyed a spey casting workshop and demonstration sponsored by Ray Bianco, Bob Midde and their friends from Winston Rods who will graciously allow us to try out a variety of their rods at the casting pond. Plus we will have heard from an old friend of the club, Tim Rajeff about his latest thoughts on rods and fly lines.

In a sure sign of the fall season, the Saturday morning breakfasts and casting games have been underway with since its September 10<sup>th</sup> with the Captain's Handicap. Plus we will be hearing about rod building and hoping for a trip to catch the wily steelhead.

Enjoy the spirit of volunteering, adventure and good will as we enter the fall season.



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# The Surf Zone by Ken Hanley

CAROLE KATZ, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Ken Hanley will be speaking on "THE SURF ZONE" at our October 27, 2005 meeting, which starts at 7:00 PM.

Ken is the first person to conduct Surf Zone Clinics on the West Coast. These clinics concentrate on learning about the beach environment, the near-shore habitat and the tackle/techniques to target gamefish in this unique area. Our West Coast surf zone provides action for surf perch, striped bass, corbina, halibut and many more. It is a fantastic fishery that is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

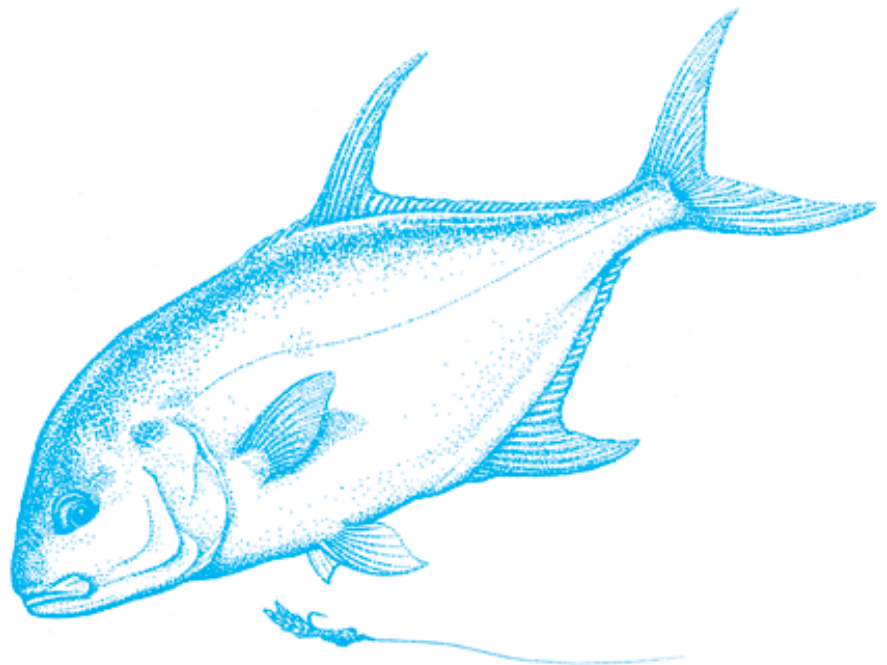
Ken has been conducting fishing and adventure specialty programs since 1970, having had more than 14,000 students in his varied programs both in the field and on the water. His award-winning instructional programs are well-respected throughout the adventure industry, and he is a founding member of the Pacific Pro Surf Association. Ken's popular instructional DVD and videos are titled SALTWATER SALMON ON THE FLY and COASTAL FLY FISHING WITH KEN HANLEY & FRIENDS. The author of six fly fishing books, he also writes and photographs for both national and regional publications in the outdoor industry.

Ken's extensive field experience spans the globe, from the highest peaks in Tibet and the Himalayas, to the remote wilderness regions of Asia, New Zealand, Mexico, Europe, and North America. From panfish to roosterfish, he's caught over ninety different species of fresh and saltwater gamefish.

He's on Pro Staff with the following sponsors: Sage Instructor, Simms, Bauer Reels, Rio Products International, Daiichi, and Patagonia.

Ken has been chosen as a 2005 inductee into the NCC/FFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. For more than twenty years The Hall of Fame award has been presented to the individual who has made outstanding contributions to the sport of fly fishing. The criteria for this distinction include the improvement of the art, science, literature, techniques, enjoyment and conservation of fly fishing and the resource.

Join us in welcoming Ken to our club in October.



# Meeting on Saving Piru Creek

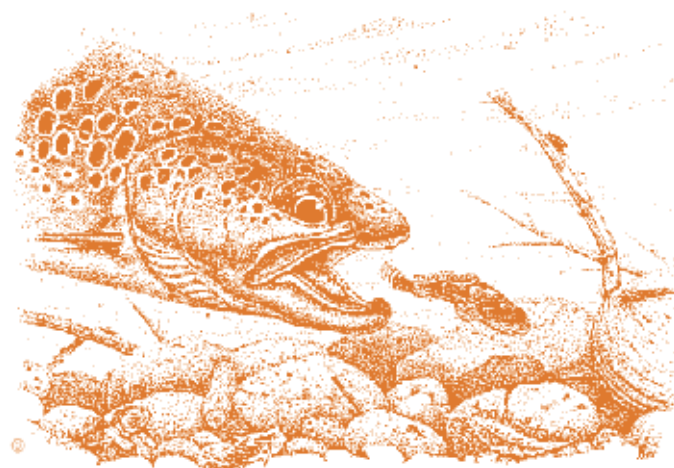
CONNIE BULLOCK, PAST PRESIDENT

For many years, LBCC members would venture the drive up the 5 freeway to Templen highway to fish Piru Creek. Jeff Sadler rallied and supported this trip for many years, making club members aware of this creek. It was never one of my favorite places to fish, but since moving to the Santa Clarita Valley and having Piru 10 minutes from my house, it has become a refuge from the day-to-day grind. After all the run off from the snows, the flows have been quite spectacular with lots of fish to be coaxed onto a fishing line.

Apparently there has been a quest to save the Arroyo Toad, which has been threatened by the runoff. DWP was scheduled to turn off the spigot into Piru Creek to help the toads repopulate. Several meetings have been held to keep the spigot turned on and we are happy to say the flow remains and we have been granted another year before the water will be turned off.

Cal Trout's, Jim Edmonson, will be presenting information on saving Piru Creek and what we can do to help. The meeting will be held on November 14 at 7:00 PM at a location to be determined and announced in the next Target Talk. I know it's a distance to come, but it's important that we all pull together to help save one of Southern California's waterways. So come on out and learn

more about this situation and meet members from SCCC (LBCC north, only smaller). Please call me at home for directions.



## Kern River Pre-Trip Meeting

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Kern River Trip is set for November 11-13 and the Pre-Trip Meeting will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. A number of you are making your own arrangements for beds in Kernville since we only arranged for the six double cabins at Johnny McNally's. But please, attend the Pre-Trip Meeting.

And importantly, bring along your map of the Sequoia National Forest so we can identify secret spots. It only costs \$6 and can be obtained at the Interpretive Visitor's Center just south of Lone Pine, at any ranger's station or at their website [www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia](http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia). The Kern looked very fishable over the Labor Day holiday and Guy Jeans says the fishing is great.

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# A Brief History of the Long Beach Casting Club

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

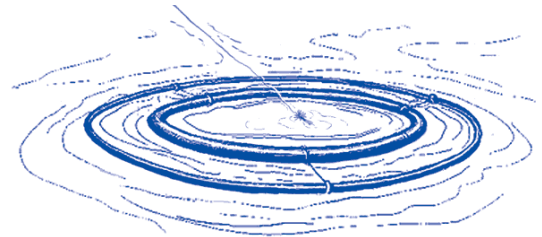
While collecting and collating the club financial statements, minutes, and rosters a few years ago it became clear that the club has a very rich history full of scoundrels, heroes and drama. For someone willing to dig there are fascinating legends of tournaments, casters, and other activities. There are some very funny stories and tales of woe.

The following is a one-liner recap from the beginning through 1941 when the official name is changed:

- 1925 David Linder and 20 like minded Long Beach fishermen form the Long Beach Bait and Fly Casting Club. Membership limited to 100.
- 1925 Dues are \$25, dropped to \$3 to avoid being perceived as a "rich man's club".
- 1931 With a raised \$350 matched by the city, a 130' diameter asphalt pond was dug.
- 1931 LBBFCC joined Western and National Associations of Scientific Angling Clubs.
- 1931 A palm thatched pergola was erected just north of the current clubhouse.
- 1931 Club treasurer absconded with the treasury and left for Oregon.
- 1932 Hosted Casting Games as an Olympic Exhibition event.
- 1932 Log cabin near the pond was acquired for ring and equipment storage.
- 1933 Delegation went to World's Fair Tournament in Chicago.
- 1933 Earthquake destroyed fire station and its temporary replacement was moved and renovated as our first clubhouse.
- 1934 Membership limit rose from 100 to 125.
- 1934 Pool lined with concrete as asphalt oil was damaging lines.
- 1935 Had to borrow money to stay in business.

- 1936 First free casting classes begin.
- 1936 First regular Wednesday night casts.
- 1937 First major event: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament of Western Assoc. of Scientific Angling Clubs.
- 1938 Lawn, walk around the pond and walk from street installed..
- 1939 Dues rose from \$3 to \$5.
- 1939 Fireplace built from rocks donated by members and collected all over U.S.
- 1939 2<sup>nd</sup> VP added to Board.
- 1940 Floodlights installed for casting pond.
- 1940 Long Beach Women's Casting Club founded.
- 1941 First free fly-tying classes.
- 1941 First "Mid-Winter Tournament".
- 1941 Name changed to Long Beach Casting Club and incorporated.

(Part 1 of 3, to be continued)



## A Fish Report...

LARRY ALBACH, MEMBER

The bonito are in big time now and the red tides have finally floated away somewheres else. Chuck Moore and I spent part of the morning fishing the outer wall and slung a plethora of flies in different combinations of color and within 4 hours had caught 60 plus bonito and mackerel.

Location didn't seem to matter, and if you left you're fly just dangling in the water while rummaging around for a sammich, you had to release another one who wouldn't even give you a snack break!

Get out there and get 'r done.

# Anglers, Mend Your Evil Ways!

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**W**e all know that in order to entice fish to strike you need to present your fly in a drag free drift. But mastering a dead drift can take a lifetime.

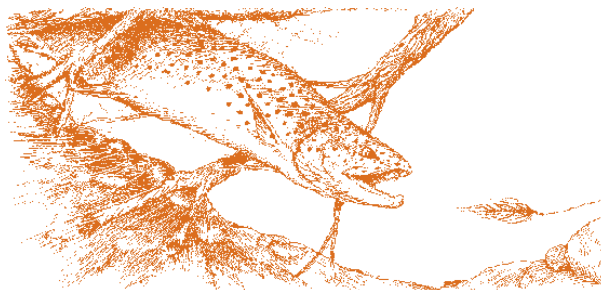
Gene Gauteri, a long time guide on the Green River in Utah, has developed an indicator system for use in drift boats. Nymphing from a boat is much easier than from shore and you have the advantage a guide keeping the boat floating along at the same speed as the rig. Still, many anglers can't get the hang of drag free presentation and when to mend the line.

To help, Gene ties a 12-inch piece of florescent Amnesia directly below the strike indicator (usually a balloon about the size of a golf ball) as a butt section and attaches the leader to it. Then it is a simple matter to watch the strike indicator and mend upstream or down until the Amnesia is pointing directly downward. When it is in the correct position, the nymphs are as low as they can get and *"In the Zone"* or, as he calls it, *"Fishing not just wishing"*.

You quickly get the idea of which way to mend your line by watching the Amnesia. Simply mend downstream to speed up the line or upstream to slow it down. This knowledge is useful because there are times, such as going over a shelf, when you want to have the nymphs precede the leader and sink into the pool first. You just mend upstream to slow the rig down (the Amnesia will point downstream) and the mend again downstream as the flies drop into the pool.

It doesn't work in all situations and is not very flexible; i.e. the strike indicator is not adjustable. But Bob Allen and I had great success using it on

the Green. Gene's system is described in the March 1999 edition of American Angler magazine. He favored me with a copy if you want one.



## How to Float Without a Tube.

**BOB GRAHAM & GARY CHARLES,  
CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**T**he September and October trips to Mammoth usually bring out the float tubers to finish the season on Crowley. Kim Dunbar conducted the Pre-Trip training session in September on float tubing equipment and techniques. The interest was great.

For those who want to try float tubing without the initial expense of buying the gear needed, and without the possibility of being blown all the way to New Jersey on Crowley, we have arranged for time on the four acre pond on Alpers Owens River Ranch for two three hour sessions on October 22<sup>nd</sup> (12:00 PM to 3:00 PM) and 23<sup>rd</sup> (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM).

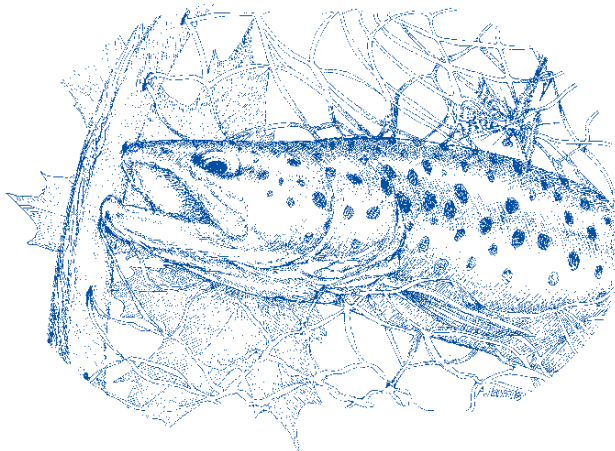
They supply the tube and fins; all you need to bring is your fishing rig. The fish are big in that pond and give great battle. And the Ranch reports that they can be caught on dry flies! The cost is \$45.00. Sign up with Bob early. We have a limited number of places available.

# If You Can't Go Fishing, At Least Dream of Fishing

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

In the August Target Talk, I offered some suggestions to two anonymous new members who were intimidated (they said) by the fishing expertise of some of the members. Briefly, I advised them to take all of the courses the club offers and most of all to come on the club fishing trips. I also suggested that they attend the pre-trip meetings even if they didn't plan on going on that particular trip because we try to teach tips and techniques there.

So imagine my surprise (actually, I was astounded but some say I astound too easily) when a gray haired member of long tenure approached me at the casting pond recently. He confessed that he, too, was overwhelmed by the knowledge shared at the pre-trip meetings even though he had taken the free club courses. Now I'm in a real pickle.



You can't learn to fish without fishing any more than you can learn to cast without practicing your casting. Well, if you want to learn "about" fishing, you could do so in the privacy of your own home.

The club's library contains a large assortment of videos that might help you. Dr. Eric Pettine has an excellent and very basic tape on FLY FISHING. Gary LaFontaine's (and the ever present Chester the Wonder Dog) and Dick Sharon's SUCCESSFUL FLY FISHING STRATEGIES takes you to the water and teaches you how to analyze the river and decide what position is best to cast from. Gary Borger's tape FLY FISHING FOR TROUT shows you where the fish are hiding and explains why they choose specific locations.



Maggie Merriman (FLY FISHING TROUT STREAMS) and Doug Swisher (SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES FOR SELECTIVE TROUT) each teach you how to fish the clock from directly upstream, to each side of the river and directly downstream so that you have the appropriate cast or mend for each "hour" on the clock face.

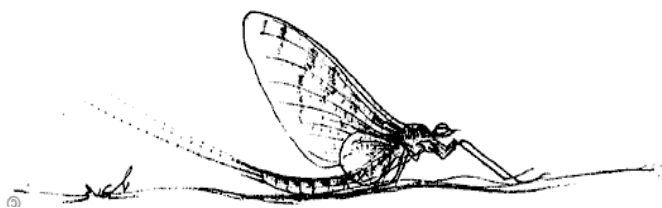
Joe Humphries has several tapes all beginning with A CASTING APPROACH TO... They are interesting but are specific to the waters he fishes in the East which are narrow, shallow, freestone creeks with canopies of over hanging vegetation and high brush. So, he uses very short, light rods and his cast consists of a simple wrist snap (gasp!).

Fly tying tapes from Jack Dennis, A.K. Best, Mike Lawson, Gary LaFontaine, Shane Stalcup and Hal Jansen among others often include methods of fishing the flies they tie.

There are many more tapes and DVD's in the library that cover the techniques of fly-fishing. Virtually all of the destination videos I have seen contain some instruction on how to fish that



particular area and it's exciting to dream of fishing exotic places. A good example is the tape *FLY FISHING THE SAN JUAN WITH CHUCK RIZUTO*. Chuck is a guide based in Farmington, New Mexico, a short drive from the river. In the tape, he demonstrates various casts and techniques that work there. Unfortunately, he kept catching fish thus breaking up his clean explanation. No animatronics: the smallest was 20" and there were several in the 24-25" range.



I like to revisit my own library of videos from time to time to more deeply embed the tips and techniques demonstrated. And if Gary ever returns the dozen or so tapes he has "borrowed" from me, I'll be able to watch more of my favorites whose names now escape me. Creeping CRS.

Members can check out books and videos from the club for free and, unlike in the days of your childhood, there is no due date or late charge. Another difference from your childhood: we don't have Hermione Sapolski (my favorite librarian) to harass you or shush you.

It's worse though; we have Royal Wulff, club librarian, and he will harass you...

## Surf's Up!

**BOB GRAHAM, CO 2ND VICE PRESIDENT & ERNIE ERTLEY, MEMBER**

I attended the Surf Fishing Pre-Trip Meeting out of curiosity. Surf fishing is something I hadn't tried before. Ernie Ertley had volunteered to be the trip leader. I cornered Doug Uyematsu at the casting pond one Saturday to coerce him to teach a class in surf fishing at the Pre Trip meeting. What a successful meeting!

We had more than twenty excited anglers present and remarkably most were newer members, as curious as I was. Doug is a long time club member who holds several surf-fishing records (so we know he can fish!) and designs many of his own flies, some of which are now standards.

The major emphasis was on safety and Doug recounted numerous stories of joggers, lifeguards and the just plain curious beach goers being impaled by a weighted fly. So barbless hooks should be the norm. He cautioned that you should look behind yourself on every backcast. And, of course, wear protection for your own body.

Doug opened his fly boxes filled with big, colorful and sometimes very heavy rigs. He also provided recipes for the Clouser Minnow and his own DUI, now a famous and productive fly. He estimates he has taken well over 300 corbina on it.



He tied up a sample rig (sans hook) and demonstrated a good surf casting double haul.



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No more than two false casts were required prior to an 80-foot presentation. It was beautiful to watch.

The questions were rapid and quite numerous. They were answered thoroughly. Doug took great patience with us newbies and, in the end, this was the longest Pre-Trip meeting I can recall. The enthusiasm and the desire to learn were very apparent. I want to express my appreciation to Doug, on behalf of all who were there, for a very well prepared and complete course on surf fishing. Everyone left with a deep seated desire to try fly fishing in the surf.



#### AND ERNIE REPORTS:

The club held another successful surf fishing trip at Alamitos Bay, with about a dozen members getting involved with saltwater fly-fishing just after sunrise. The excitement from Doug Uyematsu's superb pre-trip presentation and casting demonstration carried over to the actual outing. Most fished with weighted Clouser Minnows, DUI's and Tim's Shrimp flies using floating fly lines and longer leaders than they were accustomed to casting. Everyone heeded Doug's advice to crimp down the barbs and ALWAYS check for people and dogs on the beach behind them BEFORE casting. After this trip we will see more members at the club working on their double hauling skills, even though most fish were caught within 30-40 feet of the fishers.

Fishing was a little slow on the bay side, but

almost everyone caught a fish, ranging from potato chip sized halibut to four nice Bonito...yes



4 of them on flies from the *bay side*! The Bonito were caught by Steve Ludwig, Rick Hilles and Dennis McTeer who got two. We even have pictures to prove this isn't just another fishing story. Fly fishers also reported catches of an occasional small bass and a nice size yellow fin croaker too. Bill Heard and Dennis McTeer had the hot rods, reporting 4 fish each. Almost all the fish were caught on the bay side where the water was pretty clear. The continuing heavy red tide made fishing on the surf side far less productive.

A little later in the morning several other club members brought out their long (13-15') surf rods and squid bait in search of big bat rays. Kim Dunbar reported the group landed a couple of



nice rays—up to 24 inch wing span...or was that on his infamous Dunbar scale where that 16" fish magically grows to 24 Dunbars. There were also reports of several LDR's (long distance releases) where up to 50 # shock tippets broke.

With Ken Hanley's upcoming monthly meeting presentation on surf fishing, the beaches will soon be crowded with club members.

## Notes from the Pool

**FRANK KROPACEK, CO-CAPTAIN**

There were a whole lot of people at the club area on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August. We were not only cleaning the pond but a lot of furniture moving went on. I would leave that to Rich Hilles to explain who all was there but we had excellent assistance, no matter what was being done.

Mike Garcia, Dan Rivett, Keith Pomela, Yosh Iseda were busy hauling out the high pressure hoses, and everything else that goes into getting the job started while Dennis Mc Teer, Jerry Marotta, Tyler and Gene Mellone, and Andrew Flior were doing two things at once and it wasn't long before we had a squeaky clean pond. The cleaning sure goes a lot faster since we clean it more often, especially during the summer months.

Our winter casting schedule went into effect in September and I should have given everyone a heads-up in the last newsletter but I have a lot of things on my alleged mind including cleaning up the wet room, repairing targets, and inspecting boots. We are getting nice new boots and when you come out to cast, be prepared to judge (I had one club member who refused to go in the water based on religious principles: judge not lest ye be judged—it was one of his better tries).

Check your roster for the dates of the upcoming casts. When you receive your newsletter, you will note the Saturday cast for the 24<sup>th</sup> of September and the Northwestern Tournament on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October. We urge you to come out and hone your casting skills so we can give those who attend our Southwestern some good competition.

Again, a reminder to those of you preparing for Casting Instructor Certification, the dry fly and trout fly games are good practice. Many of the tasks you will be required to perform involve

techniques that can be honed in these two games. Also, it's a lot more fun than just practicing without targets. Again, thanks to all of you who help pull in targets and tables, chairs, etc. after the casts. It is appreciated. Hope to see you on Saturdays.



## LBCC's Annual Rod Building Class

**DENNIS M<sup>C</sup>TEER,  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

The Long Beach Casting Club will offer rod-building classes. On four Tuesday nights, starting on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, the classes will be held in the LBCC clubhouse. This is a great opportunity to learn how to build your own fishing rod from acknowledged expert Milt Huber.

The first class will be an orientation. The subsequent classes will be held on the first three Tuesdays in October (the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>). The break in between is to allow time for the participants to obtain their supplies.

We look forward to seeing you there.

# Fund Raising Help Needed for National Tournament

**MARK LIPE, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

The Long Beach Casting Club will be hosting the 98<sup>th</sup> American Casting Association (ACA) National Tournament on July 31–August 5, 2006. This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> time in our club's 80-year history, that we have hosted this prestigious tournament. The six-day event requires many hours of planning, volunteer participation, and money.

During the year 2000, we raised approximately \$5,000 when we hosted the 92<sup>nd</sup> ACA Nationals. We were fortunate then to have Thomas & Thomas Rodmakers Inc., donate six fly rods that were used to sell raffle tickets. The T & T raffle alone raised \$5,500. Other companies donated merchandise such as fishing reels, fishing lines, clothing, bags, fly tying vices, and artwork. Those products were used in a general raffle, which raised \$1000. Another \$1600 was obtained from club members who made generous monetary donations. All of these contributions were instrumental in making the tournament a huge success.

Our tournament committee, which meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, has already started the planning process. We need YOUR help in identifying companies who might donate merchandise or gift certificates for the national tournament. Many of us within our communities and professions have contacts and resources that our committee could use in it's fund raising opportunities. We plan to organize raffles and to sell ads in the Tournament Program and Tournament Results Booklet. Our fund raising efforts will hopefully offset the operational costs of the tournament and may even make a nice profit for the Long Beach Casting Club as we did during the 92<sup>nd</sup> ACA National Tournament.

Please provide me with the company's name, contact person, address, phone number, and a description of the item(s) that would be ideal for donations. You can call or email me.

Thank you for your assistance!



## Plan Now For Great Fishing

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Here's the line up for club fishing trips for the balance of this year. We are still taking wait list registrations for the steelhead trip in case of any last minute cancellations.

We need ideas for December and perhaps April. And we need you to join us! I hate catching all those fish without witnesses.

### TRIPS FOR 2005

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|--------------|-------------------------|
| ❖ Oct. 7–10  | Trinity River Steelhead |
| ❖ Oct. 20–23 | Mammoth #4              |
| ❖ Nov. 11–13 | Kern River              |
| ❖ Dec. 17–18 | to be determined        |

### TRIPS FOR 2006

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| ❖ Jan. 13–15 | Lower Owens #1           |
| ❖ Feb. 18–19 | Lower Owens #2           |
| ❖ Mar 18     | Newport Bay Bass Tourney |
| ❖ Apr. 18    | to be determined         |
| ❖ Apr. 28–30 | Opening Weekend          |



# Fly of the Month: Comparadun & Sparkle Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Over the last 30 years few flies have gained a better reputation for catching fish in difficult and selective conditions than Al Caucci's and Bob Nastassi's Comparadun. In smooth water conditions it has proven so reliable, adaptable and durable that I would not consider being without several in the sizes and colors to match the insects that I would expect to find hatching on the water I was fishing.

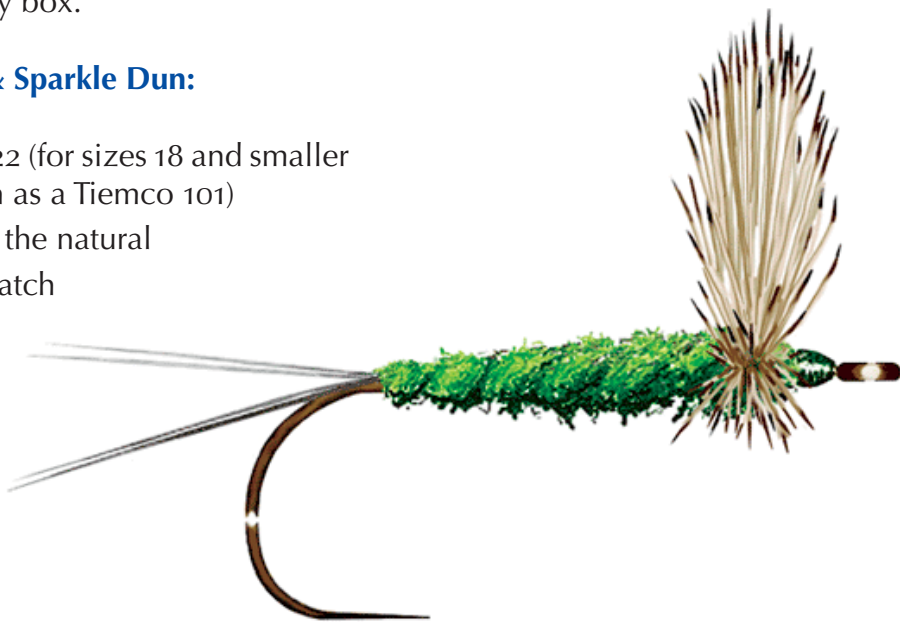
The Sparkle Dun would have been an ideal choice for Rick Hilles to use on the Green to solve his mystery hatch (*see Leader Line in the August '05 Target Talk*). I have used this fly several times there myself on walk and wade excursions with excellent results and discovered that with the tail removed it is an excellent midge imitation on the Green, the Owens and Hot Creek.

The Comparadun is a no-hackle pattern that can trace its roots back to Fran Betters' Haystack of the '30s and '40s. This style of fly was reintroduced by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards in their book *Selective Trout* in 1971. Swisher's and Richard's patterns were very effective but lacked durability often lasting only one fish. This led to the development of the Comparadun by Caucci and Nastassi and its introduction in their book *Hatches* in 1975. The addition of deer or elk hair to the wing dramatically increased both the flies' durability and its ability to float. By varying the size, wing, tail and body color any mayfly can be imitated. Also, due to the nature and shape of the wing it can be used for spinner imitations as well as for duns.

In the mid-1980s Craig Matthews and John Juracek presented their Sparkle Dun to the fly-fishing world and thereby extended the versatility of the Comparadun. By replacing the hackle tail with Zelon to match the color of the body, Craig and John created a pattern that imitated a mayfly dun trapped and crippled in its nymphal shuck. Many believe this to be one of the most simple and effective spring creek patterns of all time. Whether it's the Comparadun or the Sparkle Dun, both are outstanding patterns that deserve a place in your fly box.

## Materials for Tying the Comparadun & Sparkle Dun:

- Hook: Standard dry fly in sizes 12 to 22 (for sizes 18 and smaller I prefer a ring-eyed hook such as a Tiemco 101)
- Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 in a color to match the natural
- Body: Olive dubbing or a color to match the natural
- Wing: Coastal deer hair or elk calf in natural or dyed colors to match the natural
- Tail: Hackle fibers in a color to match the natural or Zelon to match the color of the body for the Sparkle Dun





## Instructions for tying the Comparadun & Sparkle Dun:

1. Place the hook in the vise and attach the thread at the bend of the hook and wind forward to the headspace. Stand your wing material up perpendicular to the hide and cut off a bunch about the size of a pencil. Remove all of the short hairs and the basal fluff. Place the wing in a hair stacker and align the ends.
  2. Measure the wing for the correct length and tie it in with the tips forward. Stand the wing up and wind a small jam at the base of the wing. The wing should stand about the length of the shank in height and should fan evenly around the upper half of the hook. Wind the thread back to the bend of the hook.
  3. Dub a small amount of body material onto the thread and wind one or two turns around the hook creating a small dam to help split the tails. Select 1 to 4 hackle fibers, depending upon the size of the fly (2 is a good number for #16), for tying onto the far side of the hook. Place the fibers onto the top of the hook and use thread tension to pull them around to the far side of the shank. Select an equal number of hackle fibers for the near side of the hook. For this, place the fibers on the underside of the hook shank and allow them to be pulled toward you and into position on the near side of the shank.
- NOTE:** If you want to tie a Sparkle Dun do not tie the dubbing dam but simply tie in the Zelon tail. The color should match the body color or be a little lighter and should be equal in length to the body. The Zelon tail should not appear dense but rather light and translucent.
4. Apply more body material to your thread and wind the remainder of the body. The body should taper evenly and increase slightly in

diameter the closer you get to the wing and decrease quickly down to the head. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Apply head cement and the fly is complete and ready for the stream. Good luck!



## Club Membership Requests

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Please join me in welcoming the following new members who joined the Long Beach Casting Club this past month:

- ❖ Jack Blankenship, a nuclear power plant operator from Capistrano Beach
- ❖ John Caldwell, an aerospace manager
- ❖ Karen Sketch from Rancho Palos Verdes

Welcome all of you and we wish you success, and fun, as members.

Remember, if you have moved, changed your telephone number or your email address we won't find out about it until you tell us first. For any questions or corrections contact me at home or by email.

# LBCC Programs for 2005 & 2006

CAROLE KATZ, 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Here is a list of the Long Beach Casting Club's Monthly Programs as they are currently scheduled for the remainder of 2005. We have a great cast of presenters who will offer entertaining and informative programs. Several will be demonstrating their tying or casting techniques before the meeting, so plan to arrive early.

**REMEMBER, MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM.**

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
October 27, 2005	Ken Hanley	THE SURF ZONE
November 24, 2005	Maggie Merriman	SELECTING THE RIGHT FLY
December 2, 2005	None	VENISON STAG HOLIDAY BANQUET
January 26, 2006	Taylor Streit	NORTHERN NEW MEXICO FISHING
February 23, 2006	To be scheduled	PAST PRESIDENT'S MEETING
March 31 (Friday)	A.K. Best	PAYING ATTENTION
April 1 (Saturday)	A.K. Best	FLY TYING WORKSHOP
April 6, 2006	None	Annual General Meeting
April 28 (Friday)	Bob Jacklin	Yellowstone Sampler



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# Calendar of Events

## October

3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class: Milt Huber
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
7-9	Weekend		Northwestern Tournament Steelhead Trip
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class: Milt Huber
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Mammoth #4
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
15	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
16	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pool Cleaning
17	Monday	7:00 PM	ACA National Tournament Committee Meeting
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class: Milt Huber
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
21-23	Weekend		Mammoth #4
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Introduction
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Ken Hanley, "The Surf Zone"
29	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games

## November

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre Trip: Kern River
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
11-13	Weekend		Kern River Trip
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Maggie Merriman, "The Right Fly"
21	Monday	7:00 PM	ACA National Tournament Committee Meeting
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class
26	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class

## December

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
3	Saturday	6:30 PM	Venison Stag
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
10	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
11	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pool Cleaning
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
16-18	Weekend		Club Trip: to be determined
19	Monday	7:00 PM	ACA 2006 Committee Meeting
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting & Tying
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