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Leader's Line

The Endless Season—A World of Possibilities

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

So, what are your plans for next year? As you approach the end of the year, how often do you get asked this question? At the club, of course the question assumes your fishing plans. What else could be more important? This is the time of year to reflect a bit on the question. I note that we have lots of suggestions available in the form of upcoming fishing shows. Marriott's Fly Fair, Fred Hall, Ontario—all advertise tantalizing fishing destinations.

As part of my research, I've been asking people: if you had enough time and enough money (you will need at least one), what would you do? The answer usually results in a totally impractical list but it doesn't hurt to dream a little. Besides, sometimes dreams come true.

The following list reflects in good part Ken Hanley's (our October speaker) answers. I've added a few of my own thoughts as well.

WINTER (DECEMBER – FEBRUARY)

- ❖ Mexico: Ascension Bay and points south for bonefish, tarpon, permit, et al. Or to Baja...
- ❖ San Juan River for trout on midges
- ❖ The Sacramento, Trinity, or Eel Rivers for steelhead

SPRING (MARCH – MAY)

- ❖ Mexico: Baja for rooster fish, tuna & skip jack
- ❖ The Sacramento River for trout on dry flies

- ❖ The Green River for Cicada Mania

SUMMER (JUNE – AUGUST)

- ❖ California surf or the Sierras for trout
- ❖ California stillwaters for smallmouth bass
- ❖ Alaska for silvers
- ❖ Big Horn River for trout on dries

FALL (SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER)

- ❖ California large mouth bass
- ❖ Sacramento River Delta for stripers
- ❖ Sierras for trout
- ❖ Silver Creek or West Yellowstone for trout
- ❖ The Sacramento and the Deschutes Rivers for steelhead

One of the striking things about the list is how many great locations exist in or near our home address here on the west coast. In addition, you will notice that many of our club trips already

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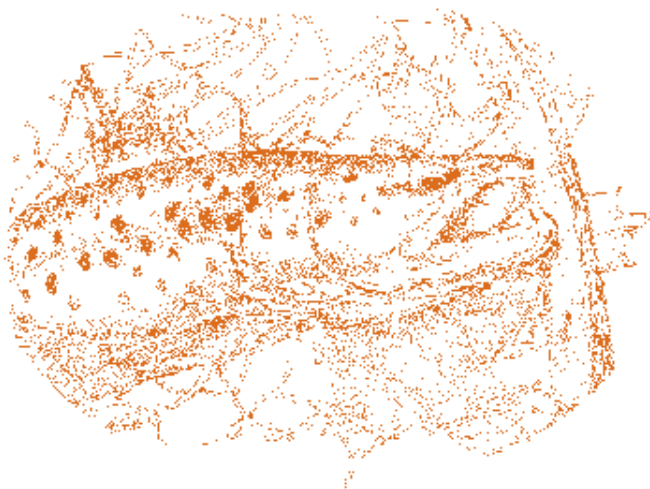
afford opportunities to fish these locations. Moreover, many members have experience with these areas and can provide guidance on how to fish them.

Our club represents a great resource to help you make your fishing dreams come true. The speakers we provide each month help inspire us to see new possibilities and they educate us on how to achieve them. Our club trips allow you to sample great fishing spots and to benefit from the experience of more seasoned members. You can develop the casting skills required to fish the surf or the flats right at the casting pond. You can learn how to catch fish almost anywhere once you understand a little entomology, develop some fly tying skills and take a program like our ON the Water Clinic.

Recently a new member wrote the following comments on an application: "There is still plenty for me to learn. And one aspect of that is meeting and talking with like-minded folks and learning from their experiences. With that I hope you will look favorably on my application." Those sentiments capture the reason lots of us participate in the club.

As we approach the end of the year, you have my wishes and the wishes of your board members for a great holiday season. May you be blessed with good health, good friends and a loving family. May you have your own list and may your fishing dreams come true.

So, as I was saying, what are your plans for next year?



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October Mammoth Trip

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Seventeen anglers showed up for the October Mammoth Trip, our second club trip of the month. We had two condos, both of which were rented for three nights although some people only stayed for two nights.

The fishing venues were diverse: Crowley was attacked by about half of the anglers but Twin Lakes and Lake Mary also received some attention. Rich Bell had a banner day on Twin Lakes and Mark Flo nailed several large 'bows on Crowley. The Upper Owens both below the monument and at Big Springs yielded nice rainbows and Charlie Course caught a 22" brown near the inlet on the last day. Craig Haines and Tim Constantine fished Rush Creek hard but with limited success. Their better days were spent fishing on the Upper Owens.

On the way to Rush Creek, Gary Charles and I decided to push on to the East Walker where neither of us had fished before. We stopped at Ken's Sporting Goods and Tackle Shop in Bridgeport to obtain flies and local advice. An angler came running into the store, out of breath and seeking help. It seems a huge brown trout was chasing his strike indicator even over the rocks, so he wanted anything large, bushy and yellow in a fly pattern.

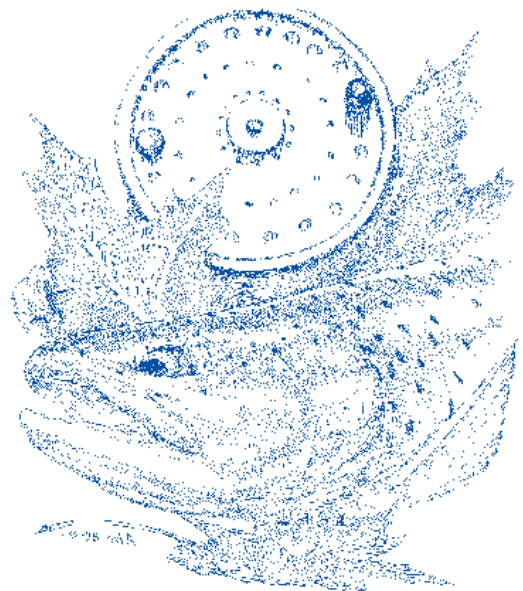
After he left, we purchased the flies recommended by Ken's—all streamers. Once on the river we learned from other fishermen that no one was having success with streamers even though the local paper reported that was the fly du jour. Ken's overstocked supply of streamers had been depleted, however, so Gary surmises the story was a plant.

We had reserved some rod time on the Alpers Owens River Ranch pond for both days. Dave and

Irene Fujiura fished on Saturday without success. This was their first time in float tubes and they were stuck in the weeds for a while. Gary and I tried on Sunday. When I made the reservations, the suggested fly was a small mouse. They also insisted that we use nothing smaller than a 3X leader and tippet. So our minds were focused on monster fish...

We each had two rods, one for nymphing and one for streamers. We could see large fish cruising but I think they were just out for their morning constitutional; they didn't appear to be eating. There was no hatch and only an occasional rise form all morning. We nymphed for more than two of our three hour allotted time without a nibble. In desperation, I switched to streamers and began to produce some action. I managed to bring one to the net—actually Gary's net; I'm not used to big fish and Gary has been on Joe's Big Horn trip, so he could offer advice.

Even though John Van Derhoof scoffs at "fishing in a barrel", it takes a while to figure out the pond. I'd suggest sticking to the deep trough that runs from the inlet of the pond to the outlet. The water is deeper, colder and more oxygenated there and the bigger fish are hunkering on the bottom. That's where my streamers worked. And there are fewer weeds to cause mischief.



One is the Loneliest Number...

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT
GARY CHARLES, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

We nearly had a disaster in organizing the Winter Steelhead trip. We had an extra angler: a single.

When booking guided trips with double occupancy, there is always the possibility that we won't end up with an even number of anglers. When Gary travels alone, he expects to pay the single supplement, which means he pays the double occupancy rate for his room and the full price for a guide. Of course he gets the benefit of 100% of the attention of the guide (which is never enough for Gary), but it is very expensive.

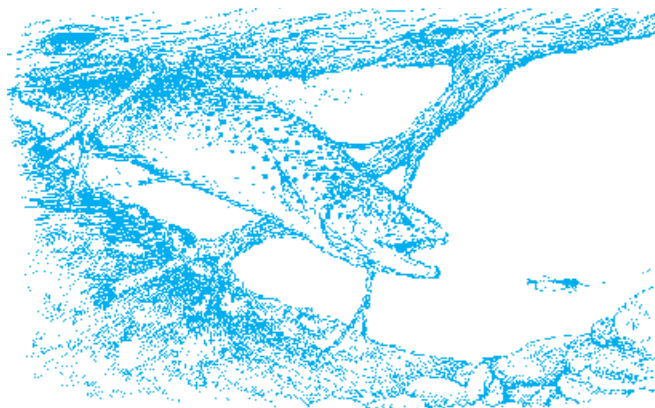
The best way for you to avoid the risk of a single supplement is to sign up to fish with a buddy and split the cost of the room and guide. Many of you already do so. Alternatively, if you are new to the club or your fishing buddy is unavailable, book as early as possible to give everyone a chance to pair up with you.

We will circulate names of the lone fishers and even introduce you to other individual fishers, if that will help. In the end, however, it is your responsibility to find your own fishing partner.

If you book as a single, we will certainly take the reservation but with the understanding that if you don't find someone to pair up with, you may be faced with either cancellation fees or the specter of single supplement charges.

Another way to absorb the financial risk is with Travel Cancellation Insurance but you still must book with a buddy initially. Then, under some policies, you are not only covered should something force you to cancel, but you have

single supplement protection in the event your buddy must cancel.



Begin Your Fishing Year at the Lower Owens

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT
GARY CHARLES, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

We invite you to attend the first club outing of 2006. We're off to the Lower Owens on January 13–15. We'll stay in Bishop at a motel of your choice. A list of frequently used motels will be provided at the Pre-Trip Meeting on January 4th or you could just check in at www.395.com and book now.

At the Pre-Trip Meeting, we will review various nymphing rigs that have proved effective on the Lower Owens. If you want to team up with more experienced fishermen, meet at the footbridge in Pleasant Valley Campground on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM and we'll get you started. The good news is that Cal Trans has been busy putting up new signs all around Bishop and the turnoff to Pleasant Valley Dam Road is now clearly marked.

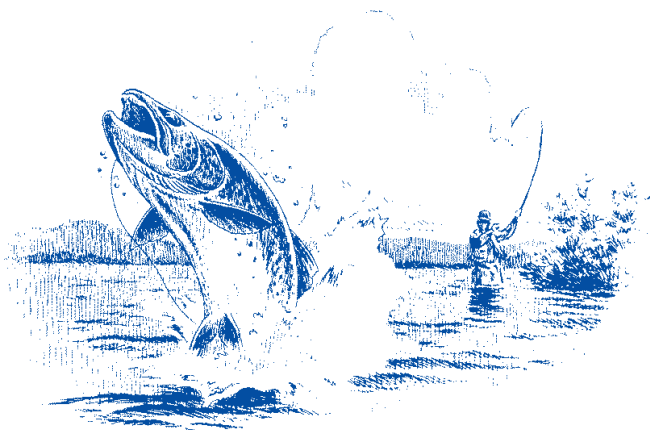
We hope you'll join us.

October Northern California Trip

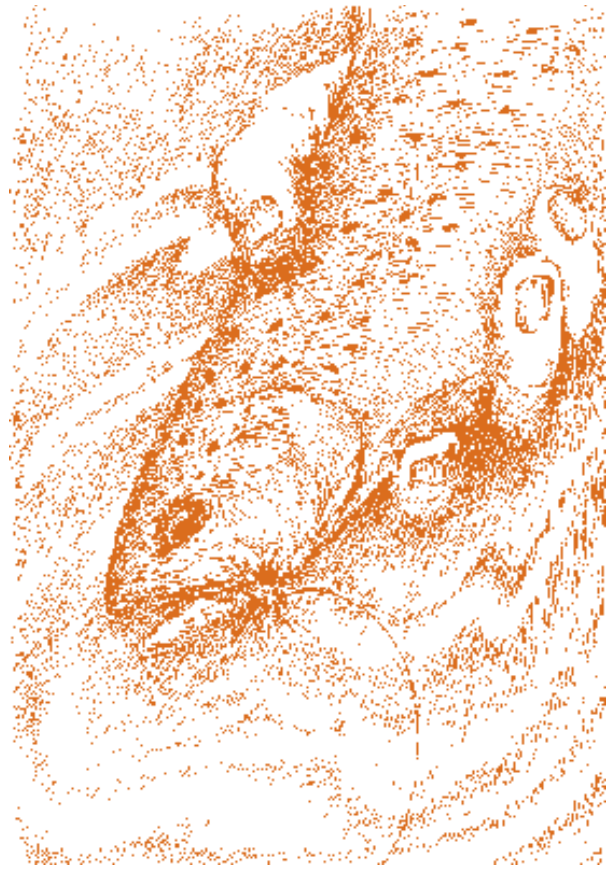
BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT
GARY CHARLES, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The October Steelhead trip was a great success for both fishing and exploring new waters. Six of us went a day early and fished the Upper Sacramento at the suggestion of Carl Rischer and our guide, Chris King of Sacramento River Outfitters. Interstate 5 parallels the river giving easy access to some good pocket water and riffles; many trout were landed.

The steelhead were not up in the Trinity yet so we all floated the Lower Sacramento the first trip day and caught trout, a few salmon (\$1,500 fine, so we didn't land any) and Gary caught a steelhead. By the time the guide said "Hit it", the fish had Gary into his backing!



The second day we split up and four boats went to the Feather River. All caught steelhead, mostly half-pounders but a few caught sizeable fish. Yash caught three larger than 22 inches and forgot to count the rest. There were a lot of smiles that night as we ate dinner on the porch at the Outback Steak House to the soothing sounds of hundreds of Harley's and tricked out VW's participating in the Redding Biker's Weekend.



We just couldn't leave, so some of us stayed in Fall River Mills at the Pit River Lodge. Wonderful accommodations and they even donated a trip with meals (extraordinary food!) for our next ten-square raffle at the club.

Two boats floated the Fall River with limited success. It was tough fishing in a slow, wide, meandering river that is crystal clear and loaded with weeds. We learned the Fall River Twitch, a technique that lets line out in a drag free drift to great distances. Others walked the Pit River and Hat Creek fishing dry flies with great success. Royal Wulff was in heaven. The fish that were caught were many but small and they fought hard.

We sampled five new rivers in a terrific fishing venue. Redding truly is Trout Town and is central to many wonderful fish-filled waters. It's only a little farther than the Eastern Sierra and much more diverse. So stay tuned—we're going back!

Give Lake Silverwood a Try

LARRY ALBACH, MEMBER

For a real rush, try Lake Silverwood for the early morning striped bass bite. Tossing top-water plugs and shallow diving crank baits provides for one exciting morning's entertainment. The fishing can be quite productive and with the ten fish limit on stripers at this lake, you can fish all day if you desire.

Although the fish seem to go deeper as the sun hits the water, they're probably following the shad. Many people use cut anchovies as bait for the deeper water bite; however I prefer the morning top-water action, then head on home for lunch and a nap.

Stripers are hitting the shad and busting them on the shorelines all over the lake and you just need to take advantage of the opportunities presented using a stealthy approach. A dozen hits is not uncommon if you're on the lake at daylight and doing things properly, although with the lake switching to the 7:00 AM start for the winter hours, you had better hustle to take advantage of the top-water action.

Average fish size seems to be in the 1 to 3 pound range, although as the picture can attest, some are smaller! It's a great opportunity for a nearby trip during the week when the facilities aren't swamped like the weekends. Some individuals are night fishing the shorelines and getting bigger fish than daytime fishing. I've not tried this personally, but with the outstanding campgrounds available, it's another option.

The winds have been a bit on the high side in the mornings, so I haven't been able to concentrate on the fly rod action, although one is always rigged and ready when the opportunity presents itself.



LBCC User Group

STEVE LEE, MEMBER

You are invited to join the unofficial Long Beach Casting Club user group. The list was started by Darryl Hayashida a few years back. The purpose of the list is to share information primarily on fly fishing including trip reports, casting techniques and meet and fish postings. A number of members meet up to fish at various locations.

Past postings include digital photography, GPS locations and walkie-talkie information. We don't share your info with anyone and don't allow anyone to spam. That's why it's by invitation only—people that misuse this list will be banned. To join the list, send a message to the list at:

LBCC_FF-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

LBCC Historical Timeline, Part II

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

As we left off last month we had reviewed the first 16 formative years to the point where we became Long Beach Casting Club and incorporated. Over the next 20 or so years you will see the clubhouse and pool evolving into almost what we have today. We stop when the dues get to \$10.

- 1942 Club emblem and sign designed.
- 1942 First Venison Stag for men only and donated deer.
- 1942 Army takes over clubhouse for an Officers Quarters.
- 1944 All Past presidents become Life Members.
- 1945 Additional barracks building attached to clubhouse for its current (minus bathrooms/library) configuration, major fund raiser \$20,000.
- 1945 Club sign built and installed on Federation Dr.
- 1945 First permanent motion picture screen installed.
- 1945 Membership limit raised from 125 to 175.
- 1946 Pool expanded to its current 130 x 265 feet.
- 1947 Hosted first championship the 39th Annual Tournament of the National Association of Angling and Casting Clubs. Joan Salvato (soon to be Wulff) won the drawing for a teardrop trailer.
- 1948 Trophy case designed and built.
- 1948 Established the hanging of Past Presidents pictures.
- 1949 Women's casts combined with men's casts.
- 1950 Secretary's position was changed to Recording & Corresponding Secretaries.
- 1950 The overstuffed furniture was purchased and cloakroom constructed.



- 1950 Trailer donated and moved to Colorado River in Mexico for club member's use.
- 1951 Dues went from \$5 to \$8.
- 1951 Held 20th Annual Tournament of Western Association.
- 1952 LBCC held a casting tournament at the Los Angeles County Fair.
- 1952 Kitchen rebuilt and gas stove installed.
- 1953 Piano bought and square dancing started (YES, square dancing).
- 1954 Held the 46th Annual Tournament of the National Association of Angling and Casting Clubs and the National Skish Tournament.
- 1956 Clubhouse re-roofed.
- 1957 First "White Elephant" sale.
- 1957 Paved roadway and parking area installed behind the clubhouse.
- 1957 Permanent badges selected and rack installed.
- 1959 28th Annual Convention of Western Association.
- 1959 Hosted the Western Association of Angling Clubs Convention and Tournament.
- 1961 Held the 53rd Annual Tournament of the American Casting Association (Name changed from the National Association of Angling and Casting Clubs).
- 1962 Purchased one and one-half acres at Wofford Heights (Where is it?).
- 1963 Dues went from \$8 to \$10.

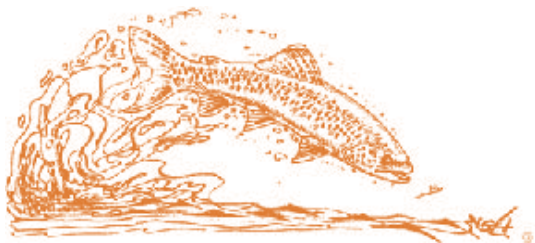
Club Membership Requests

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Please welcome the following new members who joined us this month:

- ❖ Don Bell, retired lives in Rancho Palos Verdes.
- ❖ Tim Constantine, a high school teacher from Claremont.
- ❖ Jean Carolyn Latta, an engineer from Northridge.
- ❖ Wanda McCargar, a teacher, and Susan Munson from Laguna Beach.
- ❖ Gary McElligatt and Megan, a Junior member, from Long Beach.
- ❖ Kent Schick, a teacher from Rancho Santa Margarita.

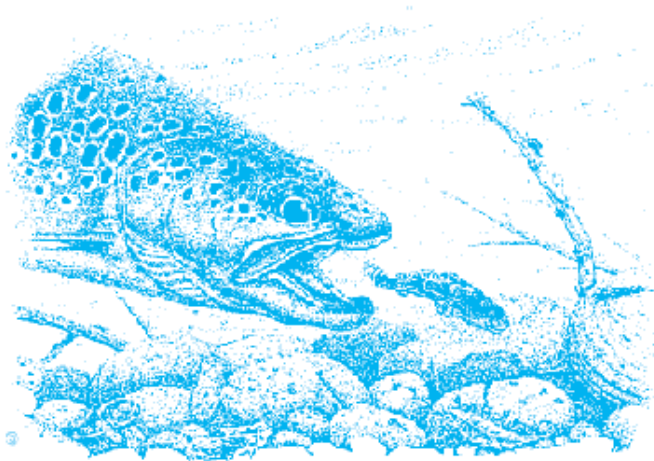
Welcome to all of you and we wish you success, and fun, as members.



Well, we only need two more members to make the 500 Club. To recap:

	INDIVIDUAL	FAMILY	TOTAL
INDIVIDUAL	324	92	416
JUNIORS	3	34	37
LIFE	32	-	32
ASSOCIATE	13	-	13
GRAND TOTAL			498

If you have any questions or corrections please contact me at: (310) 377-3868 or at fotofish@earthlink.net.



Check Out the Fly Fishing Show

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan on attending The Fly Fishing Show, held at the Ontario Expo Center. This is the show's fourth year and it will provide you with numerous programs and demonstrations designed to improve your fly fishing ability.

You can get more information about the show at www.flyfishingshow.com.

Where: The Ontario Convention Center
2000 Convention Center Way
Ontario

When: Saturday, February 25, 2006 from
9:00 AM–5:30 PM
Sunday, February 26, 2006 from
9:00 AM–4:30 PM

Last year the show was great and this year it will be even better. Please take the time to stop by the LBCC club booth and say hello.

A.K. Best Program Preview

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

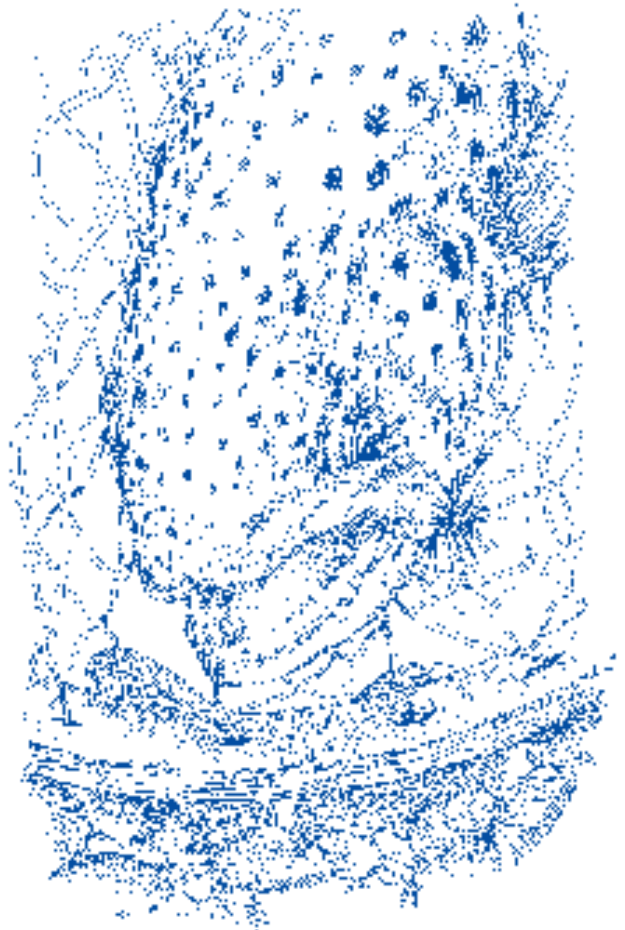
A.K. Best will be speaking at the club meeting on Friday, March 31. As usual, the monthly meeting is open.

So many of you have asked about or tried to reserve a spot for A.K. Best's six-hour tying demonstration on Saturday, April 1, that the Board wants to preview the manner in which reservations will be handled. We want this process to be equal and fair for everyone.

Here is the plan:

1. The tying demo on April 1 will be open to club members only. Membership status will be checked.
2. Lunch will be provided.
3. The cost is \$40, prepaid with the reservation and non-refundable.
4. The maximum number of reservations accepted will be 60, based on the number of tiers that can be comfortably accommodated in the clubhouse for that length of time. Reservations will be accepted in the order in which they are received.

5. The reservations must be payable to LBCC and mailed to Carole Katz, 1801 Bridle Path Way, Santa Ana, CA 92705. Do **not** mail or deliver reservations to the clubhouse or the club's post office box.
6. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2006. No exceptions.
7. The reservation form will be in the next issue of Target Talk.





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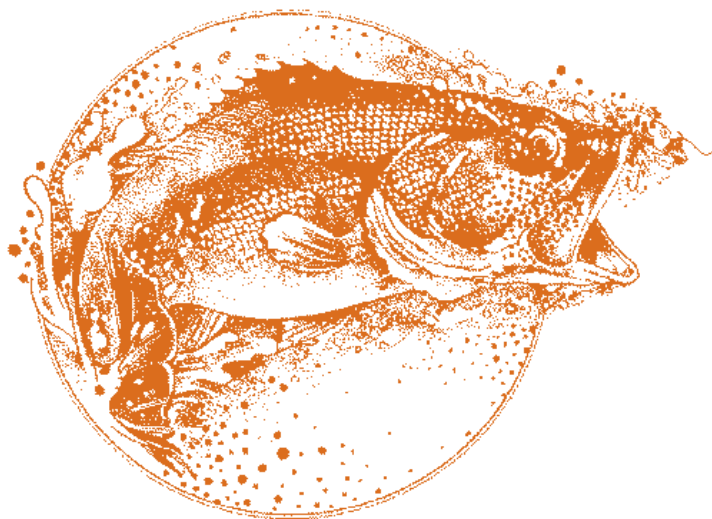
BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

As anglers age, CRS sets in. So when I was fined yet another quarter for failing to support the planter project from my last fishing trip, I sought a solution.

I bought a small plastic tub and labeled it a ROX BOX. This keeps the rocks from damaging the inside of my car and also serves as a visual reminder. Gary tends to get younger rocks and his tub has a lid so the frisky ones don't escape!

Gary points out that this tub is versatile and can also be used for cleaning your fly line at home: soaking the line in soapy water, then lubricating it with Glide or some other line dressing and buffing it to a slippery finish. In addition, on trips, you could even soak your boots in the 409 Degreaser and Disinfectant solution recommended by Department of Fish and Game to eliminate the New Zealand Mudsnaill.

My tub cost all of \$3.29. If you tell the grocer it is for fly-fishing, I'm sure you'll be charged more.



Plan Now For Great Fishing

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND 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.

Notice we added a trip to the Kern River and retained both of the Mammoth fall trips. We need ideas for December and perhaps April. And we need you to join us! I hate catching all those fish without witnesses.

TRIPS REMAINING FOR 2005

- ❖ Dec. 17 Piru Creek
- ❖ Dec. 29–31 to be determined

TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR 2006

- ❖ Jan. 13–15 Lower Owens #1
- ❖ Feb. 18–19 Lower Owens #2
- ❖ Feb. 16–20 San Juan River Trip
- ❖ Mar. 18 Newport Bay Bass Tourney
- ❖ Apr. 28–30 Opening Weekend



Venison Stag Reminder

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Is the Venison Stag Holiday Dinner on your calendar? This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 3rd with our Social Hour beginning at 6:00 PM and followed by Dinner at 7:00 PM. If you are reading this article before December 3, you may still have time to attend one of our club's most important and enjoyable social events of the year.

This is a great opportunity to sit down to a tasty prime rib dinner with friends during this prelude to the hectic holiday season. The price is only \$15 for adults and \$6 for children if prepaid by November 19, and \$25 at the door. Unfortunately, because of our growing membership, we can only accommodate those without reservations if there is room.

We always appreciate those who volunteer to help with some aspect of the dinner, whether it is the decorating, kitchen work, or cleaning. We'd welcome your help also.

Come and enjoy the good fellowship, camaraderie and great food.

And Remember...

There is **no** regular monthly meeting in December. The Venison Stag will be our December gathering.

Our next monthly meeting is Thursday, January 26, 2006. Taylor Streit will be speaking on fishing in Northern New Mexico (a particular favorite of mine), but I'll be telling you more about Taylor in the next issue of TARGET TALK.

Happy Holidays to everyone!



Missing Fly Tying Tapes

MARK TSUNAWAKI,
FLY TYING CO-CHAIRPERSON

As you know, Beginning Fly Tying class has started. Since the original locked cupboard in the kitchen has been renovated, the fly tying material has been either locked in the library or in other cabinets.

What seems to be the major problem is that some of the videos for the fly tying instructions that were specifically noted **"NOT TO BE CHECKED OUT"** are missing. I have only found 8 of the 15 tapes.

If anyone has borrowed these tapes, they need to return them ASAP! No questions will be asked.

Thanks.

Fly of the Month: Green Butt-Skunk

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

There is one type of fly that I prefer to tie to all others—steelhead flies. This goes back to my start in fly-tying almost 40 years ago while hanging out in Ball & Frank's Sporting Goods in downtown Long Beach. I became fascinated by their shape and the bold colors they often employ. For these reasons I will invariably find a way to tie one even if I have to get more needed fishing flies done.

With all of the steelhead patterns available to tie, the Green-Butt Skunk is the one I choose to tie most often. It is a pattern that is tied in many different styles and variations. For those of you who like tying flies modeled after the traditional Atlantic salmon Spey patterns of Scotland, the Green-Butt Skunk is a perfect choice. The version that I would like to introduce has a unique winging technique that produces a fly that is virtually indestructible. Developed by the late Ed Haas, the wing is first tied in pointing forward and then after the rest of the fly has been tied, it is folded back to its normal position. This results in a wing that is almost impossible to pull out and can also be adjusted in how high it sits in relationship to the body. The same technique can also be used with hackle tip wings.

Another technique used in this month's fly, is the use of mylar tinsel underneath floss. Look at a fly with a floss body that is wet. Is it the same color as when it was dry or is it much darker? With tinsel underneath, the floss will not change color and will actually appear brighter thus enhancing the visibility of your fly.

If you are planning a trip to go steelhead or salmon fishing in the Pacific Northwest or Alaska, then the Green-Butt Skunk is a great fly to tie. It is also a great change of pace from all of those #18 and #20 emergers you have been tying.

Materials for tying the Green-Butt Skunk:

Hook:	Daiichi, Partridge or Tiemco Salmon style with looped eye in sizes 10 to 3/0
Thread:	Primrose (pale yellow) 6/0 or 8/0
Wing:	White skunk, calftail or bucktail
Tip:	Silver mylar tinsel
Butt (Tag):	Fluorescent green floss over silver mylar tinsel
Tail:	Red hackle fibers
Ribbing:	Fine oval silver tinsel
Body:	Black Angora goat dubbing
Hackle:	Black dyed rooster
Head:	Black marker or lacquer

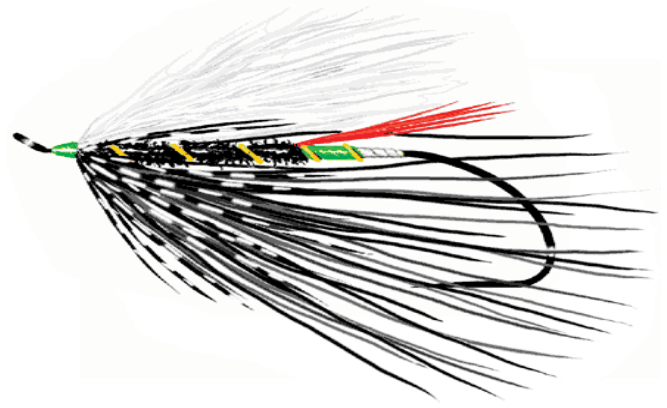


Instructions for tying the Green-Butt Skunk:

- 1 Attach the thread near the mid-point of the hook and wind forward to a point just before the end of the looped eye. Select a clump of

20 to 30 white skunk hair fibers and remove all of the short basal hairs and fluff. With the tips above the shank pass the hair between the shank and the loop of the eye and slide it forward into the headspace. If you have difficulty sliding the hair between the loop and the shank then you are using too much hair or the lacquer coating on the hook has clogged the space and needs to be cleaned out with your bodkin. The wing should be tilted forward at about a 45 degree angle and the butt ends tilted back. While holding the butt ends and the hook securely, fold the wing back to measure its final length—it should not go past the bend of the hook. With the wing tilted forward again secure the wing with a few tight wraps, trim the butt ends at an angle, and then wind the thread over the top of them back to the mid-point of the hook.

- 2 Cut off a 3-inch piece of mylar tinsel and tie it in on the underside of the mid-point of the hook. Wind the tinsel edge to edge, without any overlap, down to a spot directly over the point of the hook and then back to the mid-point. Tie in a 3-inch long piece of fine oval tinsel and a couple of strands of fluorescent green floss at the same point where you tied in the tinsel. Pull the tinsel back toward the bend of the hook and wind the floss over the top of the oval tinsel and the mylar tag. Advance the floss about halfway down the mylar tag and then back to the start mid-point.
- 3 Apply small amounts of Angora goat hair to your thread creating a dubbing rope and wind it forward to just behind the wing. The body should be thin but spiky in appearance. Now take the oval tinsel and wind 5 evenly spaced turns around the hook and tie it off.
- 4 Select a black rooster hackle and fold the hackle fibers to one side. If this is a technique that you have not learned yet, just stroke the fibers out perpendicular to the stem. Tie the hackle by the tip and wind 4 to 8 turns depending on the size of the fly. For those



who didn't fold the hackle, be sure to pull the fibers back toward the bend after each wrap. A folded hackle requires practically no preening.

- 5 Grab hold of the wing and fold it back over the body. Sometimes it helps to try and smash it down with your thumb and forefinger. Firmly wind the thread up the base of the wing forcing it into the desired position. A higher wing in a heavy current will work a little better than a low wing and the opposite holds true in slower currents. When the desired wing height is achieved, wind forward smoothing out the head and whip finish. Apply a black marking pen to the head, apply a drop of head cement and the fly is complete. If you would like the head in another color then apply a lacquer to the head in a couple of thin coats.

Note:

To turn the Green-Butt Skunk into a Spey pattern with its distinctive long, flowing hackle, tie the fly as described above until you get to the hackle. Substitute a marabou blood for the rooster hackle. Prepare the marabou blood by removing the fibers from the left side of the stem as you hold it with the best side up. Tie the marabou blood in by the tip and wind until you get the desired amount but don't make it too thick. I like to put a Guinea fowl hackle on the front of the marabou Spey hackle. Prepare the Guinea fowl hackle in the same way as the rooster hackle and wind it about 3 or 4 turns. Finish the fly in the same fashion as above.

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DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
December 3, 2005		VENISON STAG HOLIDAY BANQUET
January 26, 2006	Taylor Streit	NORTHERN NEW MEXICO FISHING
February 23, 2006		WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION
March 31 (Friday)	A.K. Best	PAYING ATTENTION
April 1 (Saturday)	A.K. Best	TYING WORKSHOP
April 6, 2006		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
April 28 (Friday)	Bob Jacklin	YELLOWSTONE SAMPLER
May 25, 2006	to be determined	PAST PRESIDENT'S MEETING
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Calendar of Events

December

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
3	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag: Social Hour
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Piru Creek
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
10	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 PM	Casting Games
11	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pool Cleaning
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
17	Saturday	8:00 AM	Piru Creek Trip
19	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Trinity River Trip
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
29-1	Weekend		Trinity River Trip
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying

January

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip meeting: Lower Owens #1
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
13-15	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #1
14	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
16	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
26	Thursday	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting: Taylor Streit on Fishing New Mexico
28	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 PM	Casting Games
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying

February

2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
4	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 PM	Casting Games
5	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pool Cleaning
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip meeting: Lower Owens #1
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
11-12	Weekend	9:00 AM	Southwestern Tournament
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
17-19	Weekend		Lower Owens River Trip #2
20	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: White Elephant Sale
25	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying



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