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Leader's Line

Reflection and Resolutions

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

I hope you enjoyed the holidays! Christmas, Hanukkah or however you celebrate them, they do offer, as past president Marv Dworzak wrote previously, a chance for reflection and resolutions.

In terms of recent events, we enjoyed another successful Venison Stag dinner with the participation of 104 people. Carole Katz provided the leadership to make it happen along with the help of many members who cleaned, decorated, cooked, served and cleaned up. The weekly Fly Tying classes have hit their stride with 30 to 40 eager students learning to master a new fly under the direction of Mark Tsunawaki and the guidance of a guest instructor for each new fly. Competitive casting continues on Saturday mornings twice a month. On any Tuesday evening you will find 40 to 60 people at the club either casting, tying flies or just hanging out.

2005 has been an excellent year for the club. Our membership continues to grow. Our number approaches 500 at a time when many clubs struggle just to keep the status quo. Our clubhouse sparkles with improvements and state of the art equipment that have resulted from our numerous restoration projects. Our programs offer exciting opportunities to enjoy and improve our fishing experience. Our club prospers thanks

to the many talented members who like the Ever Ready Bunny, just keep on going. I'm thankful for their many contributions.

As I look ahead to 2006, I'm excited about our programs and activities. As you know we will host the 2006 ACA National Tournament in August. I look forward to participating in club trips to many of the new locations that Bob Graham and Gary Charles have identified. The list of speakers for club meetings looks very impressive plus we have the benefit of an additional workshop with A.K. Best and, just scheduled, Scott Sanchez.

I'm looking forward to the Lower Owens trip in January. The trip offers a great way to start the year. Although conditions can be frosty, we always seem to have a high level of participation in this event and no wonder. The fishery is great, the experience is fun and the people are always in good spirits. Besides, where else can you enjoy great trout fishing in January?

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Notes from the Pool

FRANK KROPACEK, CO-CAPTAIN

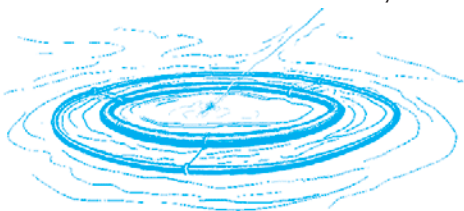
For those of you who have missed our Saturday morning breakfast and cast, thanks go to those who have provided a nutritious start to the casts. Mark Lipe and Mark Flo did the honors for the first one, followed by Alan and Judy Ross, Rich and Mary Lou Garrett, Stan and Patty Holden, Dennis McTeer and Dan and Julie Rivett.

We have some updated and new pond cleaning equipment including six pairs of brand new hip boots—no leaks! There are also two new wheelbarrows, thanks to Bob Graham. Please don't criticize the color as Bob has a tendency to get a bit defensive. We had a lot of fun kidding him about it and it's a good thing he is a good sport. Also, don't mention the big dent in the blue one that's shaped like someone's head. Our thanks to all of you who participated and the pond reflects the work that goes into keeping it clean.

Our Southwestern Tournament is just around the corner and we could use your help in setting up for the event and for people to help as scorekeepers and judges. If you have never judged, there are plenty here who have that can show you how it's done. Also, we like to have a good turnout from our club members to give those from up north some competition and to visit with some of our favorite people who come here for the event.

Again, I would like to remind those of you who do cast to please use a regulation practice fly. They behave much better than a piece of soggy wet yarn and the flies are easier to see. You can purchase them at the clubhouse prior to the cast.

Please try to make our New Year's Eve cast. I'm sure we will have a grand time and we look forward to seeing you then as well as on the scheduled Saturday events.



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Taylor Streit & Fishing Northern New Mexico

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The speaker for our first monthly meeting in 2006 will be Taylor Streit, of Taos, New Mexico. Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 26.

Taylor was wading the fabled waters of the Catskill Mountains before he was ten, then tying flies commercially and guiding in his teens. He moved to Northern New Mexico in the late '60s and opened the Taos Fly Shop. He has guided fly fishermen for 25 years, primarily in New Mexico, but also in the Bahamas and Argentina. With a typical New Mexico sense of humor, Taylor says that guiding is what has paid the bills because "there's been no trust fund or endorsements—if the clients don't catch, we don't eat."

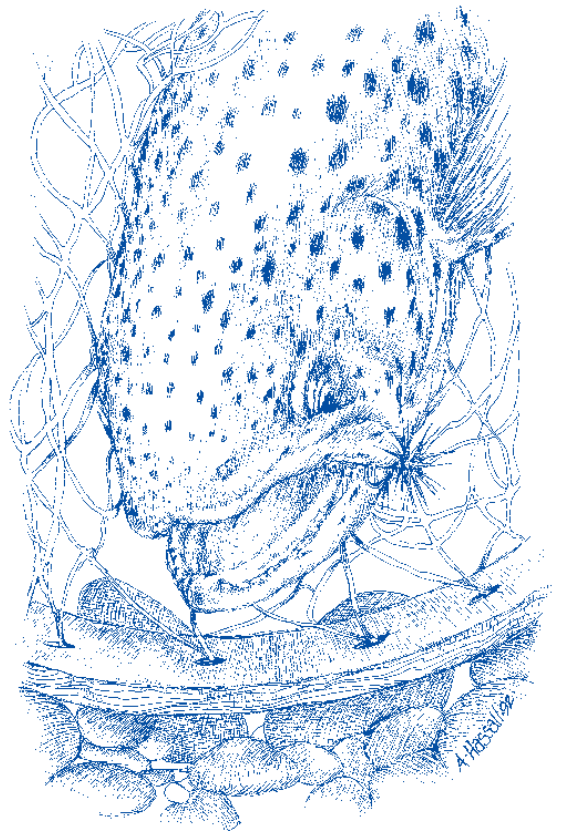
In 2001 Taylor was unanimously inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as a "legendary guide." He is the author of two books, FLY FISHING NEW MEXICO, and INSTINCTIVE FLY FISHING." He writes for area newspapers, FLY ROD AND REEL, SOUTHWEST FLY FISHING and GRAY's magazines. He has tied thousands upon thousands of flies, and has developed a number of patterns, including the legendary Poundmiester, which has a reputation for catching big fish.

With writing, training his guides and promoting his books and schools, Taylor doesn't get to fish as much as he would like. But, he still lives near his favorite river, the wild Rio Grande, and gets down in the canyon as often as possible "to keep old age and town livin' from stiffening" him up.

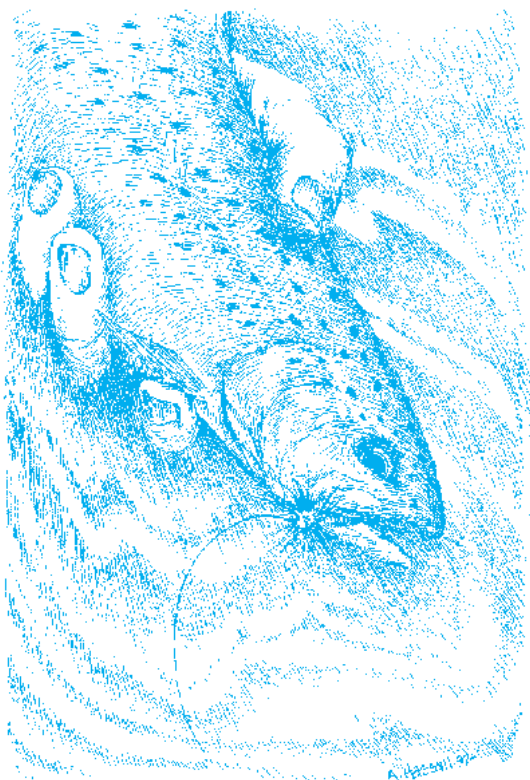
Taylor's son, Nick, now operates the Taos Fly Shop, 1/2 block from the famed Taos Plaza. Nick is a world class fisherman himself, an experienced guide and master casting instructor.

As for fishing in New Mexico, the opening paragraphs of one of Taylor's books sum it up: "New Mexico's license plates say it all. THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT has wondrous sights, sounds and attractions for everyone. New Mexico is home to unique Spanish and Native American cultures and lifestyles ranging from the Santa Fe jet set to rural artists and cowboys. All live together under wild New Mexico skies and powerful vistas of mountains and mesas.

"In New Mexico, one can stay in a superb hotel, great B&B or camp deep in the mountains near the classical music of the trout stream. Many visitors learn about American natives at places like Chaco Canyon, Gila Cliff Dwellings or Taos Pueblo, where people have lived continuously for 1100 years. All this brings us to Argentina, and, yes, fly fishing.



"I spend winter escorting fly fishers around beautiful Argentina (where it's summertime). Extensive trout fishing on those formidable rivers has helped me appreciate just how good New Mexico's fly fishing really is. The state isn't blessed with a great deal of water, but what there is can be



very good. In short, fly fishing in New Mexico is varied and good, like the state's unique cultures, services and terrain.

"New Mexico presents many fly fishing choices. They range from casting to big rainbows on the world famous San Juan River to fooling little native trout in remote wilderness creeks. If you prefer quiet fly fishing experiences, New Mexico has them. The extreme might be a horseback trip into the vast Gila Wilderness. You can fish the dry fly in small creeks and rivers and rarely see another human. There are thousands of miles of these delicate waters in New Mexico."

Just a day's drive away, Northern New Mexico is a hidden treasure. Discover fishing in the Land of Enchantment with Taylor Streit.

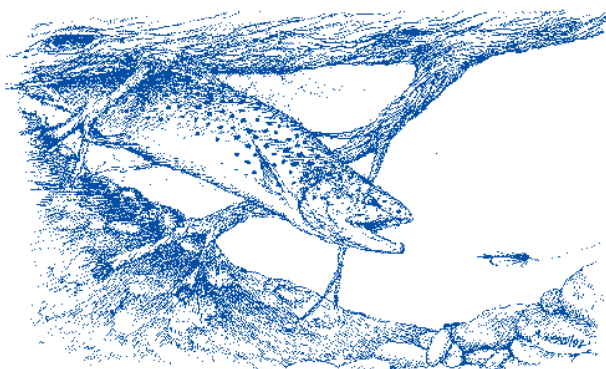
The Kern River—A Golden Opportunity

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Kern had been blown out by the spring runoff the last several years, so we decided to return to fish the Kern in the fall. We were impressed with the presentation Guy Jeans made at the monthly meeting in June and excited by his slides depicting huge fish.

For the Pre-Trip Meeting, Guy assembled a box of sample flies for the area and by the time we got to the river he had prepared some notes and maps of the Kern River basin with suggestions where to go. He even identified three of California's Wild Native Heritage Trout available in the watershed. We had 32 anglers sign up but because of last minute conflicts and several bad cases of the flu, about 28 actually fished with us.

Guy's hospitality was remarkable. He arranged an on the river clinic (for \$40) to demonstrate fishing techniques for the Kern. He fishes a streamer quartering downstream and then fishes back up through the same water with a two-nymph system. The split shot is above the upper fly so that the rig is suspended (and animated) in the



water column rather than dragging the bottom. He will also use a hopper-dropper, dry-dropper or dry-dry depending on conditions. He spent 4 or 5 hours first teaching the group and then individually coaching each of those attending.

Alas, the fish were not so accommodating. Craig Haines blamed it on cloudless nights with the moon approaching its full phase. The guides in



the shop (Rick, Dan and Dave) blamed the poor fishing on the high altitude, the cold water and the cold front that moved through on Thursday. Hail pelted Jeff Sadler and Rick Hilles on the high meadows that day and the front chased Al and Judy Ross, Maria, and me off the river to escape the rain and have an early dinner at Ewing's in Kernville (Yes, I had my rain gear, Gary!). A family of raccoons entertained us outside the picture windows that overlooked the river. Al fed them bread served through the louvered windows.

Rick and Jeff caught a few Golden Trout in Big Meadow and Horse Meadow off Sherman Pass Road on Thursday. It was Jeff's first Golden. Guy Jeans guided Maria and me there on Friday and then Al and Judy on Sunday. The creeks flowing through the meadows are only 12"-18" wide. They contain lots of colorful Golden Trout (the Volcano Creek strain-not the Little Kern River species). Maria fished with Guy's 00 weight rod and caught three or four of these gorgeous fish before Guy could even rig me up with his 3 weight.

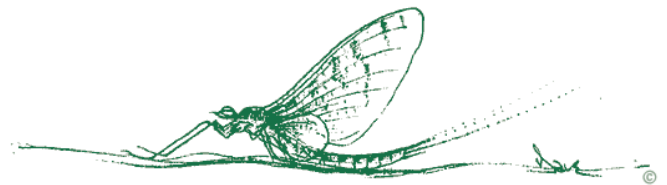
Al and Judy had similar results on Sunday. A size 20 parachute Adams was the choice fly. Maria spent all day on her knees sneaking up on the fish. My knees don't bend so easily any more so I had to stand way back from the edges so as not

to spook these skittish trout. She was rewarded with an 8 or 9 inch golden with beautiful colors. It spanned both her hands for the picture. She had a huge smile all day. Fish tend to do that!

On Saturday, Gary fished Monache Meadows and reported considerable success (and no witnesses). The trek required a high clearance vehicle but he didn't really need four-wheel drive this time. His truck returned undamaged for a change. To handicap himself, though, he fished left-handed. On Sunday, he and I fished the South Fork of the Kern River above Kennedy Meadows. We each landed one and had a few other strikes.

Rick and Jeff (and several others) ventured up to the wild trout section above Johnsondale Bridge. Guy provided a map with time and distance estimates for the physical way points along the way. His time estimates are based on his young body and the fact that he has never even inhaled secondhand smoke. For others in less Adonis like shape, the hike proved grueling, time consuming and frustrating. And after all the work, the fishing was poor. The pools in this section revealed no fish and the small success had by Rick was fishing the riffles. Craig and Tim Constantine suffered a personal worst: zero for zero.

Craig and Tim returned to the Kern after having fished it for many years. On Saturday, they went to their secret spot on Bull Run Creek that entailed a one-mile hike after an hour's drive. A few fish were landed. Then they fished the confluence of Salmon Creek and the Kern River and caught a few more.

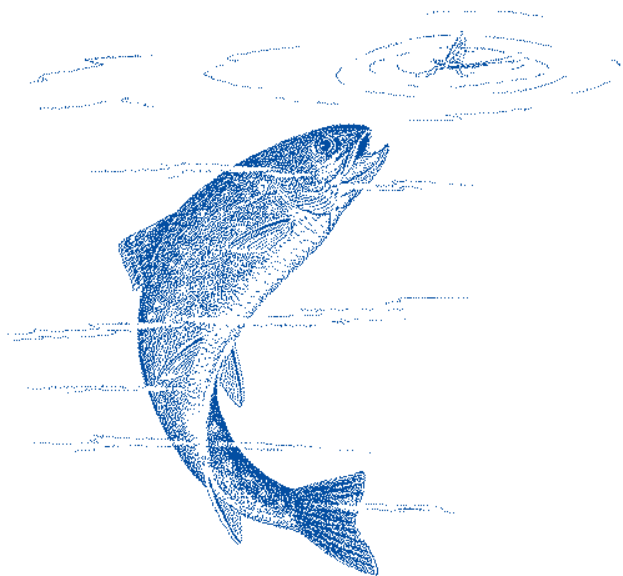


On Thursday, Maria and I fished the Thunderbird and Camp 3 area. The score was Bob: 1 and Maria: 0. Maria even turned over rocks to identify aquatic

insects to imitate (and to tie). All she found were more rocks. After the clinic on Saturday, she and I fished Corral Cove. A noisy family of eight detracted from the seclusion but it was the three teenagers with BB guns that led us to the conclusion it was time to leave fishless.

We had a large group on this trip but the watershed is vast and diverse. Rarely did we see any other fishermen except our own partner. Guy effectively spread us out over the area by providing us with great information and many choices of venues. I didn't realize how large the group really was until we met at McNally's for dinner on Saturday. Somehow they got all of the orders right and the steaks were served hot and perfectly cooked. The magnum of wine donated by Rick enhanced the camaraderie.

In terms of group results, Judy caught the largest—a fourteen inch rainbow at the Thunderbird Campground. Maria again out-fished me and I'm sure she took the quantity award on the meadows. I have received reports from others, most of who were simply skunked.



The less experienced seemed to stay with the main stem of the Kern. Most of them look forward to returning. The more experienced anglers seemed to venture farther afield and found the fishing more challenging. Even recognizing that this was

an exploratory trip, they were discouraged by the poor results. So the best anglers reported only a half dozen fish over the entire weekend except on the upper meadows.

We have two distinct camps of opinions whether or not to return as a club. If we do return, we'll probably treat it as similar to the Brookie Bash and come prepared with expectations of lots of smaller golden trout. Otherwise, a guided trip will be necessary to find the big trout that are shown on Guy's website and described in his presentation.

Until then, Gary is convinced that Guy's pictures were taken using cardboard props and PhotoShop!

Throw Away Those Christmas Ornaments!

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Gary came up with a great idea. The plastic tubs with lids designed to store Christmas ornaments in the garage or attic have a much more important use.

Use one to store your salt-water waders, boots and gear. It will keep the trunk of your car or the bed of your truck dry and more importantly salt free. Once salt gets loose in your vehicle, rust is on the way. And Gary doesn't need anything else to shorten the life of his truck.

But I think it would be great to have two such tubs: one for surf fishing and one for my stream fishing to replace the plastic egg crate I now use. That way everything is organized, like some of you!

Long Beach Casting Club Historical Timeline, Part III

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

As we left off last month we had reviewed the first 16 formative years and the next score to the point where our dues are \$10. This is the history to-date but not the final history by any means. It is up to all of YOU, the membership, to write the future history.

For instance, I've included the 2006 National Championship which you can be a part of. Someday you will say: "Where are those old fogeys who where such a big part of this club?" Then you will realize you are one of them.

History lives at Long Beach Casting Club...

- 1963 Club trailer in Mexico sold.
- 1963 Hosted the Boy Scouts Casting Tournament
- 1965 Pool lights upgraded to mercury-vapor.
- 1965 LBCC joins Federation of Fly Fishers.
- 1967 Dues went from \$10 to \$13.
- 1967 Hosted 37th Annual Western Casting Association Tournament.
- 1968 Long Beach City agreed to parking cars on the lawn behind the club.
- 1969 Hosted 38th Annual Western Casting Association Tournament.
- 1969 LBCC Sign erected on Federation Drive
- 1971 Hosted the 53rd ACA National Championship Casting Tournament
- 1972 First Newport Bay Bass Tournament
- 1978 Hosted the 70th National Championship Casting Tournament
- 1983 Women admitted to the Long Beach Casting Club as full members.
- 1983 Matt Rickerd becomes National Junior Champion Caster.



- 1984 Hosted the 76th American Casting Association National Casting Championships.
- 1988 New roof on Clubhouse.
- 1989 Dues went from \$20 to \$30.
- 1989 Margaret Walker first women President.
- 1989 Advertising in Target Talk.
- 1989 Wednesday Casting nights moved to Tuesday.
- 1990 Club receives 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status.
- 1993 Lawsuit against LBCC settled
- 1993 Obtained lease for clubhouse with the city of Long Beach.
- 1993 "JA Award" initiated in memory of Willy Waters.
- 1995 First LBCC website.
- 1997 Pickel Meadows rehabilitation conservation project.
- 1998 Bathrooms and Library added to clubhouse.
- 1998 First "Brookie Bash".
- 1998 Family Membership instated and instant growth occurred.
- 1998 Larry Albach "volunteer" hand made knife presented.
- 1999 First "On-The-River-Clinic".
- 2000 Hosted the 92nd Annual ACA National Tournament.
- 2000 75th Anniversary picnic.
- 2005 Major fund-raiser for clubhouse rehabilitation.
- 2006 Hosted the 98th Annual ACA National Tournament.

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In the spirit of the New Year, I do have a couple of resolutions. I plan to continue to work on improving my casting skills and to take the challenge of the Casting Instructor Certification test in March. I'll also continue to participate in club casting events as a way to evaluate and test my progress. I plan to sit in on some of the fly tying classes to refresh my fly tying techniques so that I can fill up those fly boxes for the coming season. Finally I'd like to help out with the ON THE RIVER CLINIC.

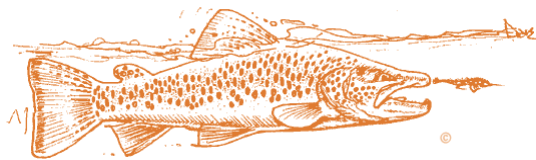
As we look ahead to 2006, let me offer a list of resolutions for you to consider:

- ❖ In this season of exchanging gifts, reflect on the many benefits you have received from others in the club and decide on what you would like to give back in the coming year. All gestures from participating in pond clean up to volunteering to serve on the board are welcome.
- ❖ Recognize that this is your club. When you show up to cast, if you see trash in the pond or in the clubhouse clean it up. If you see a trash can is full empty it.
- ❖ Reach out and touch someone. How many new members did you meet last year?
- ❖ Go out of your way to say hello and make people feel welcome. A totally unprovoked, random act of kindness can produce unexpected dividends.
- ❖ Participate and get the maximum enjoyment from the range of activities like trips, meetings and clinics that the club offers.
- ❖ Plan to participate in the ACA National Casting Competition which will be hosted by our club in '06.

At this time of the year, your board begins planning for the transition in leadership to a new board to be elected in April. You will note that a

separate article announcing the appointment of a nominating committee which will recommend candidates for the 2006 board. Feel free to offer your ideas and nominations to the committee. In April, you will vote upon the slate of nominees at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the current board, we wish you all the best that life and the club have to offer in the coming year.



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.

THE "A" TEAM

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Thanks to the help of a lot of generous people, the 2005 Venison Stag Holiday Dinner was quite a success, with 104 prime rib meals served in a festive clubhouse. It was an opportunity to socialize and get to know club members a little better while enjoying a delicious meal. Putting on a dinner like this involves the help of a lot of volunteers who should be recognized.

Preparations began on November 27 when the clubhouse was cleaned by David Fujiura, John Green, Steve Joines, Jeff Katz, Frank Kropacek, Dennis McTeer, Alan & Judy Ross, and Anton Stuitfand. Those who cleaned the light fixtures were easily identifiable by the dead bugs and other debris that fell on their heads and shoulders.

On Friday, December 2, we set up the tables and decorated the clubhouse. Stan Holden, Tom Mitchell, Alan & Judy Ross, and Anton Stuitfand all pitched in. The final set-up on the big day was accomplished by Marvin Dworzak, Jeff Katz and Frank Kropacek.

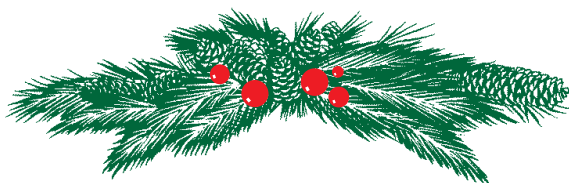
Shauna Barton, and her friends Bob and Gary, once again did a marvelous job preparing the meal, with additional assistance from Chester Chau and Bruce Takenaka.

Our capable serving staff included Mark & Susan Flo, Joe & Chrisi Libeu, Jeff & Ann Sadler, and

Randy Teeple. And, last but certainly not least, the after dinner clean-up crew included Larry Albach, Gary Charles, Jeff Katz, Frank Kropacek, Dan Rivett, Alan & Judy Ross, Randy Teeple and Jack Turner (who sneaked in the side door unbeknownst to most of us).

Many others assisted in some way. Larry Albach made the knife for the annual volunteer recognition raffle. Jeff Sadler emailed reminders to the entire club, and Keith Pomella arranged for delivery of dumpsters. Stan Holden roped off the moat in the grassy parking area and had the kitchen drain cleaned out. Marv Dworzak bleached all the kitchen aprons. Ed & Merle Hower loaned punch bowls in which Rick Hilles made the punch. Frank Kropacek cleaned the sidewalks Saturday morning. Bob Graham manned the check-in table, beaming under his moving Santa hat. I've probably missed a few names, so please forgive me.

Once again, thank you so very much to those of you who helped. Thank you, also, to those of you who came to enjoy the evening and the meal. One of the glorious things about Long Beach Casting Club is the way so many members contribute to make things happen. You just seem to come out of the woodwork with a smile on your faces, willing to chip in with whatever needs to be done. Thank you all.





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A.K. Best's Tying Workshop

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

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

The board has tried to make the Saturday, April 1 tying workshop enrollment process equal and fair for everyone. Please make sure you follow the following directions if you want to attend.

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.**

The Reservation Form will be found on **Page 15** of this edition of Target Talk. Good luck and we hope to see you there.

New Nominating Committee

DENNIS MCTEER,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

It's time again to assemble a new Board of Directors for the next year, 2006–2007. If you are interested in participating on the Board of Directors or if you would like to nominate someone to, please get in contact with any of the following newly appointed members of the Nominating Committee:

Jack Turner, Joe Libeu, Carl Rischer, Mike Allen and Paul Burgner.

Club members will be notified of the slate of nominees at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting, April 6, 2006.

Plan Now For Great Fishing

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Here's the line up for club fishing trips for the new year. We will maintain a wait list for the Green River Trip should there be any cancellations.

We need you to join us! I hate catching all those fish without witnesses.

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
- ❖ May 26–30 Green River, Utah

Green River Reminder

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Green River Trip to Utah is fast approaching and plans have to be made now because the entire cost of the trip through Marriott's must be paid by the end of March. We have only one cabin left at the Red Canyon Lodge that needs a roommate. I will maintain a wait list in the event there are cancellations.

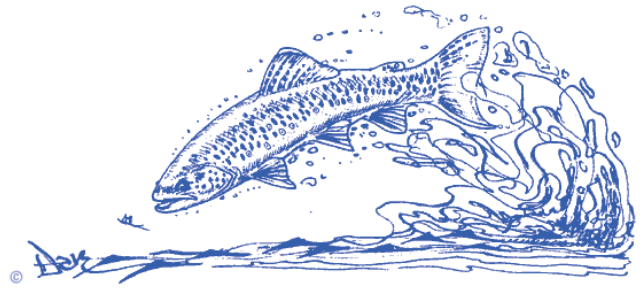
It is also time for the campers to start planning. As you know, we cancelled some of the guides last year only to learn shortly afterward of the substantial size of the camping contingent. Some of the campers went without guides or used competitors which upset Denny Breer since he had released guides originally assigned to the club and had some cancellations from other trips.

This year, to avoid all that turmoil and as a favor to the club, Brant is willing to take the reservations for guides and work with Denny to be sure the club's campers get some good ones. The caveat is this: the better guides are reserved earliest, so sign up with Brant as soon as possible.

As always, if you have failed to get into the reserved group, please join us on the river; just make your own housing arrangements. We have reserved six Alpine cabins at the Red Canyon Lodge but there still may be other rooms or cabins available there. There also may be space at the Flaming Gorge Lodge or at Denny Breer's motel behind the fly shop.

You can check Denny Breer's web site at www.fishgreenriver.com for guide reservations, fly selections, river and weather conditions. In addition to the Green River, some of the members are planning to fish the Provo River, Beaver Creek, Jones Hole and Strawberry Reservoir, so this can be a very flexible trip.

I hope you can join us.



Spring is in the Air!

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

We are off to the San Juan River in New Mexico in February 2006. Mark your calendars and tie up some worms.

We'll drive there (carpool) on February 16, fish on 17, 18, and 19 and return on the 20th. Rick has made reservations at the Octagon Inn where we stayed last year. We only have a few spaces left. The cost is shared; figure \$200 each or less for four nights' lodging. We'll be arranging guides later for those who wish to float or wade the river with local instruction, so let me know your desires. Unless you eat a lot or need a guide all three days of fishing, this trip will not break the bank. You can save your Christmas bonus for a new rod.

From my earlier article (some felt it was longer than the river) you know that the San Juan is very similar to the Lower Owens at that time of year and, yes, the trip is on the same weekend as Lower Owens #2. The water will be a cold 40 degrees or so and the air temperature will be in the low forties or colder. But the river is big, the fish are numerous (and large) and we will avoid both the crowds and the spring runoff.

The trip made Rick's list of dream trips in last month's Target Talk, so sign up soon.

Fly of the Month: The Beaded Halo

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend I spent an enjoyable couple of hours fishing the Kern River with my family and father-in-law. We started fishing just above McNally's on an afternoon that started out sunny, got colder, increasingly overcast and finally turned to rain. I decided to start off with a two fly rig using a #16 Elk Hair Caddis as a dropper and my favorite searching nymph, a #18 Halo, at the end of five feet tippet and 12 inches below a BB sized split shot.

After fishing one promising looking spot for about 15 minutes it became clear that the water was too deep for the elk hair caddis so I quickly switched to a #16 Partridge and Olive soft hackle. Two casts later, after a long drift and at the beginning of the flies' swing, I hooked a 12 inch Rainbow on the soft hackle. However, my next three fish were all on the Halo and were hooked during the middle part of the drift. I also lost two other fish that all went for the Halo. My last fish went after the soft hackle on the swing just as the first fish did but the fly that worked the best was the Halo.

The Halo is a pattern that I have used since I discovered it prior my first trip to the Green River almost 17 years ago. I have taught it to the Advanced Fly Tying Class on numerous occasions and have included the pattern in the Target Talk twice before. The pattern that I used on this trip was slightly changed from the original. This version has a translucent emerald green or pearl colored bead for a thorax with peacock herl instead of the Krystal Flash/peacock herl combination of the original. This makes the fly quicker to tie and the fishing results are excellent.

The Halo, Beaded or Standard, is particularly effective on those maddening trout rising sporadically to something very small and undeterminable. For these fish, a size 18 or 20 Halo with a fine tippet, an #8 or #10 split shot, a strike indicator and a long, drag free drift may be your key to success.

Materials for tying the Halo:

Hook:	Mustad 3906B or equivalent in sizes #14 to 20
Thread:	6/0 or 8/0 Primrose (yellowish cream)
Tail:	Pheasant Tail fibers
Body:	Pearl Krystal Flash underbody, with pheasant tail fibers spiraled forward over the top, letting the Krystal Flash peek through
Wing Case:	Pheasant tail fibers
Thorax:	Translucent emerald green or pearl colored bead and peacock herl
Legs (optional):	Pheasant tail butts from wing case



Instructions for tying the Halo:

NOTE: An important part in the tying of this fly is the color of the thread that is used. Primrose (often called Light Cahill) thread creates a light colored base on which you wrap the Krystal Flash. The pigments in the thread keep it from changing color when it becomes wet. Black thread on the other hand creates a much darker and much less brilliant effect. White thread usually becomes transparent when wet and is no different than winding on a bare hook and yields an effect similar to the black thread.

- 1 Slide the bead over the point of the hook and slide it up to the thorax. Attach the thread just behind the headspace and wind a small jam to stop the bead from going forward and whip finish. Re-attach the thread to the hook near the bend and wind forward to the thorax and wind another small jam to lock the bead in place.
- 2 Wind the thread down to the bend of the shank and tie in 3 long strands of ringneck pheasant tail fibers to form a tail for the fly but do not trim off the butt ends.
- 3 Wind back to the thorax and tie in 2 to 3 strands of Krystal Flash, wind them down the shank of the hook and back to where you started and secure the ends. Grab the butt ends of the tail and wrap them widely spaced up to the thorax making sure that the Krystal Flash peeks through the spaces from underneath and tie them off.
- 4 If there are insufficient pheasant tail butts to left to use for the wing case then tie in any additional amounts now. Tie in 1 thick strand of peacock herl and wind 2 or 3 turns forward and up against the bead. Use a 3 turn whip finish to secure the thread between the peacock herl and the bead.
- 5 Re-attach the thread in front of the bead and tie in 1 thick strand of peacock herl. Wind



the peacock herl by making the first turn up against the bead and continuing forward to the headspace and tie the herl off. Pull the wing case forward giving the strands a slight twist to help keep them together and tie them down at the headspace.

If you want to form some legs as in a Pheasant Tail Nymph, pull the pheasant tail butts back with 2 or 3 strands on either side of the body and wrap over the base to hold them pointing to the rear. Trim the legs so that they about the same length as the thorax or slightly longer. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Touch the head with a permanent black felt marker and apply a drop of lacquer.

Membership Requests

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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

- ❖ Rod Engel, a retired teacher from Huntington Beach.

Welcome, and we wish you success, and fun, as a member.

If you have any questions or changes in your address, telephone or email information please contact me at my home by phone or email or catch me the next time down at the club.

Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

CAROLE KATZ, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Here is a list of the Long Beach Casting Club's Monthly Programs as they are currently scheduled. 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. *Monthly meetings begin at 7:00 PM.*

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
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
June 23 (Friday)	Scott Sanchez	FUR, FEATHER & PLASTIC OR YELLOWSTONE R. & Livingston Montana Fishing
June 24 (Saturday)	Scott Sanchez	TYING WORKSHOP



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Calendar of Events

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
9	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
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
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 #2
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
25-26	Weekend		The Fly Fishing Show, Ontario
25	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying

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