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Leader's Line

Press On!!

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

As I write this article, the clubhouse is quiet and members are resting up after a very busy Southwestern Tournament.

But last week the club was humming with activity as full preparations were underway under the leadership of Casting Captains Frank Kropacek and Mike McClay. Targets were being repaired, the clubhouse cleaned, meals planned, the audio system tuned, judges and score keepers recruited, scoring sheets updated and casting skills sharpened—all in anticipation of entertaining our guests.

The preparation paid off and the tournament went off without a hitch. The tournament itself had approximately 39 participants including 22 out of town casters from Phoenix, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose and Seattle. Henry Mittel from the Oakland Club captured the honors for All Around Distance and Accuracy. The opportunity to observe some of the best compete provided lots inspiration and learning opportunities. Moreover, the tournament provided experience that will be invaluable as we get ready for the Nationals in August. I was pleased to see that the tournament was such a family affair. Spouses and children provided an appreciative audience. Our head count at dinner on Saturday night came to 65 people.

After seeing four youngsters participate in events and seeing the involvement of families, I think there still may be hope for our sport of fly fishing, despite the pessimism expressed in a LA Times article published on February 13th, 2006 (FISHING'S LURE LOST ON YOUNG by Hugo Martin). The Times did have some very nice things to say about our club. Yet they overlooked the fact that despite the decline of interest in the sport of fishing, our club has never been busier or more vibrant. Our membership has grown steadily over the past years and now exceeds five hundred. We must be doing something right.

By the end of February, when you read this edition of Target Talk, the memory of the Southwestern

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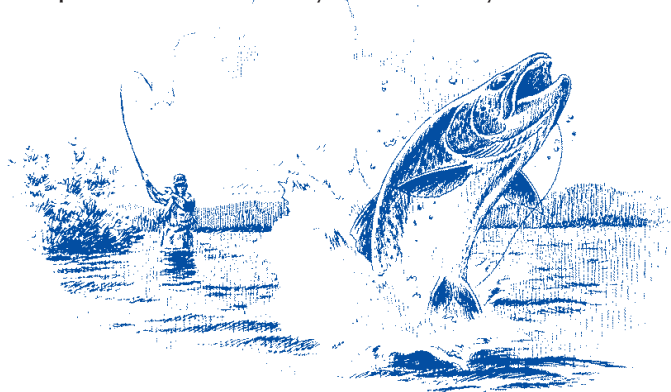
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will be growing faint. Our trips to the Lower Owens and to the San Juan will also be in the memory bank. And we will be wondering why we bought all that stuff at our club's White Elephant sale, the Ontario and Fred Hall shows will be fresh in our minds and we will be looking forward to the Newport Bay trip and the presentation from A.K. Best will be just around the corner.

It's not too early to remind you that our Annual General Meeting will happen on Thursday April 6. What is the Annual General Meeting? How is it different than our usual monthly meetings? The annual general meeting is a gathering of the membership for the purpose of electing individuals to positions that provide leadership for the club in the coming year 2006–2007. You need to be there so that, as a member in good standing, you may vote for or against the slate of candidates suggested by the Nominating Committee. The board also provides you with a summary of the financial condition of the club and of key events that occurred in the past year. It's your club, so be there, be heard and make a difference.

After the new board has been elected, the club has the Awards and Installation Dinner on Sunday April 23rd at 6:30 PM at the same location as last year, Buster's Beach House overlooking Alamitos Bay in Long Beach (use the reservation form in this Target Talk). The Awards dinner provides an opportunity to celebrate a successful year, thank our members for their contributions, recognize others for their achievements, tease people about their mistakes, enjoy good food and friends and just have fun.

So rest up indeed. Get ready for the busy months ahead.



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A.K. is Coming!

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

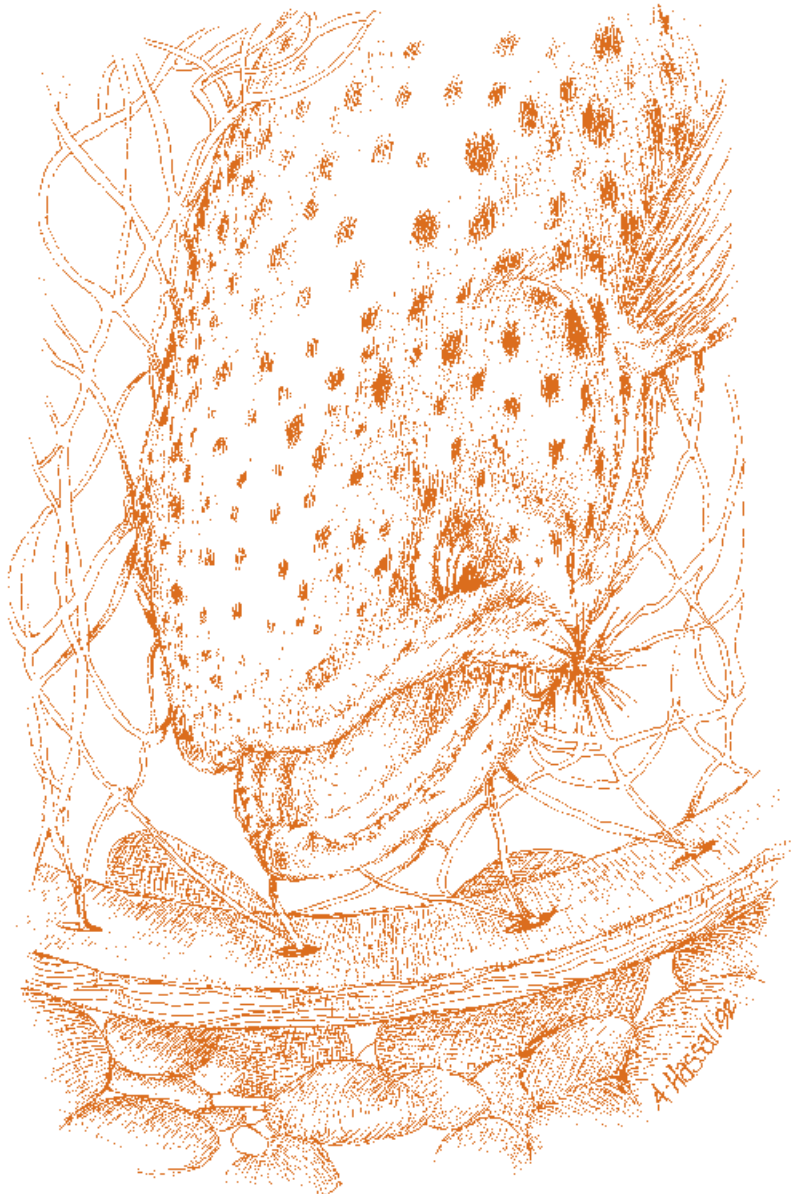
The speaker for our March 31 monthly meeting is A.K. "Archie" Best, one of North America's most respected and experienced fly tiers and fishermen.

What most people don't know about A.K. is his background in music. After growing up on a farm in Iowa, he earned both BME and MME degrees from Drake University. He was a musician in the 56th Army Band in Japan, and has been a professional musician, music educator, symphony orchestra conductor and concert board member. Somewhere along the line, he became a fly fisherman.

A.K. has been tying flies and fly fishing for over thirty years, and has lectured and demonstrated his extraordinary skills all over North America. His countless magazine articles, eleven videos and five excellent books have shared his vast knowledge with both beginning and accomplished tiers the world over. He is well known also as a humorous sidekick to John Gierach in many of their mutual adventures.

He ties traditional flies with well-thought-out variations. For many years, A.K. was a production tier, personally taking his flies to shops to market and sell them in the days before most commercial tying was moved off-shore. When he talks about tying a hundred dozen or so flies before getting it just right, he isn't kidding. He has studied the naturals extensively, and pays meticulous attention to the colors used in tying. He is fond of using quills (stripped and dyed rooster neck butt hackles) in order to get the most realistic looking, best shaped and segmented bodies possible.

A.K. books include several on fly tying: PRODUCTION FLY TYING, DYING AND BLEACHING NATURAL FLY TYING MATERIALS, A.K.'s FLY BOX, and ADVANCED FLY TYING: THE PROVEN METHODS AND TECHNIQUES OF A MASTER PROFESSIONAL FLY TYER. The most recent publication is FLY FISHING WITH A.K.



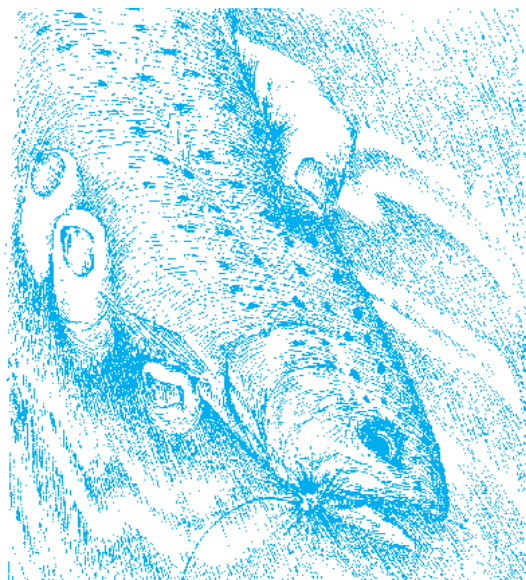
The highest accolades come from his peers, such as Left Kreh: *"Many great fly tyers are not serious fly fishermen. A.K. is both. He is one of the truly great tyers of our age."*

His pal John Gierach writes *"The mark A.K. Best puts on fly patterns is easier to see than it is to describe. The first thing you notice about his flies is that they're beautifully tied: neat, crisp, and elegant... He fishes them, reties them, fishes the new ones, and so on, not broadly inventing new patterns for every hatch, but carefully adjusting this or that until something clicks. In a word, he's methodical. Or maybe relentless."*

Join us on Friday, March 31, to hear A.K. Best discuss "Paying Attention." His excellent photographs and wit will combine for an enjoyable and educational evening.

If you haven't pre-registered for A.K.'s 6-hour tying workshop on Saturday, April 1, don't miss this opportunity! All participants must pay in advance

and must be club members. The fee is \$40, and lunch will be provided. A reservation form is printed on the back page this issue of *Target Talk*. There is a limit on the number of tiers that can be accommodated, so mail your check as soon as possible.



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Call Joe Libeu at 310-749-6671 or email Fishlfgf@ix.netcom.com for any additional information or to sign up for the clinic.



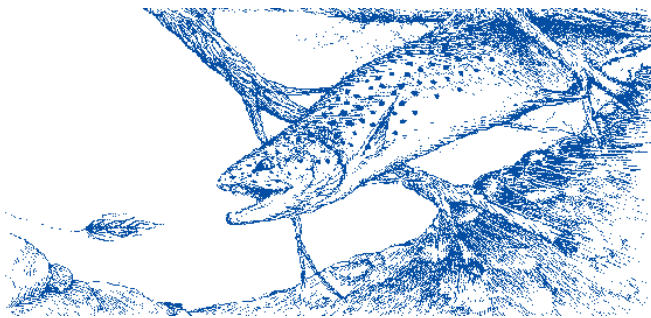
When The Fishing Gets Tough...

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

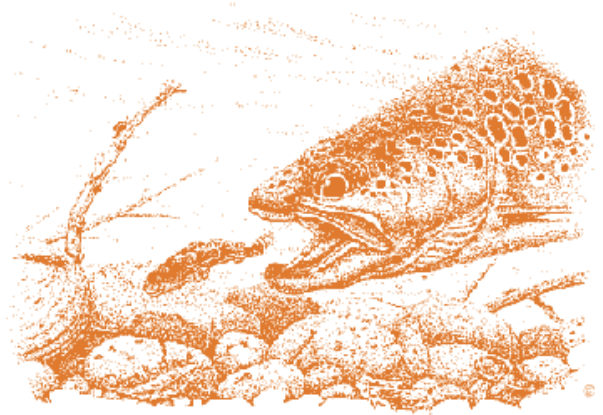
When I left that Thursday morning at 5:00 AM for the January 2006 trip to the Lower Owens, the full moon was poking out of the fog. It was big, round and bright orange. With the wisps of fog floating across its face, I could only think, "Oh, oh! Werewolf Moon."

I was almost to Lone Pine, going at roughly the speed limit, when a white pickup flew by. The driver waved but the truck was moving too fast for identification. When she slowed down to subsonic speed, I recognized Maria Rivas, anxious to fish. By chance, we later filled up at the same gas station and then made arrangements to have breakfast at Bishop International Airport. The breakfast was definitely good and we were the only irregulars. Everyone else was known by name and all ordered the same thing: "The usual".

Joe Libeu warned me that the Lower Owens had been re-sculpted by the long period of high flows and that there would be snow on the ground. Boy, was he right. The meadow was still covered by a foot of snow having melted by half from the storm the week before. He reported that the fish were not holding where they normally did in the past.



Maria took me to Yash's secret hole above the wild trout section (apparently you're not deemed an experienced angler in this club unless you have a designated secret spot in your own



name). We both caught some fish there. The water temperature was below 40 degrees. My thermometer only goes down to 40 degrees but it shows by its color that the water is colder. It was blue, almost as blue as I was.

Rick Hilles, Dennis McTeer, Dan Rivett, Marv Dworzak, Yash Iseda, and Sue Vestermark joined us for dinner Thursday at Amigos and then for fishing on Friday. I fished below the wild trout section, exploring new water. Access was the problem in some areas; a 16-inch chain saw is the recommended additional gear to deal with the willows. (Where does that fit in my vest?) But I did locate some water that appeared like and fished like many areas of the more popular upper reaches.

Saturday morning at the bridge, Mark Flo volunteered and took new members David and Irene Fujiura out for a morning of fishing in the cold. Julius later introduced them to the joys of soft hackle. Thank you Mark and Julius. Ed and Barbara Flior tried to declare themselves beginners for the fourth season but we saw through their disguises.

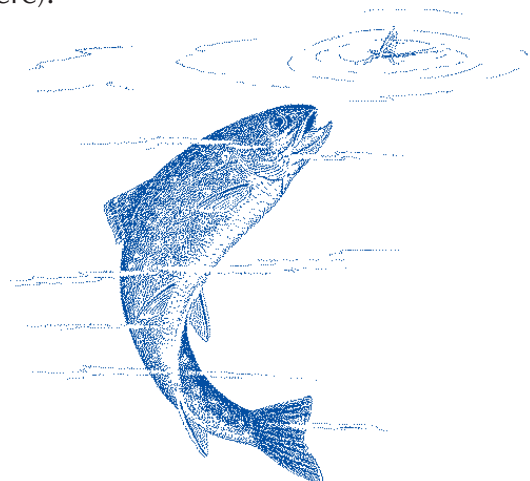
We joined the RV campers and their families on Saturday at the river: Shig Takehana, Chester Chau, Henry, Julius and Jane Lee. They reported having some very good meals! Henry slept in a domed tent that looked like an igloo each morning covered in snow and frost!

I had a list of 35 who committed to attend this

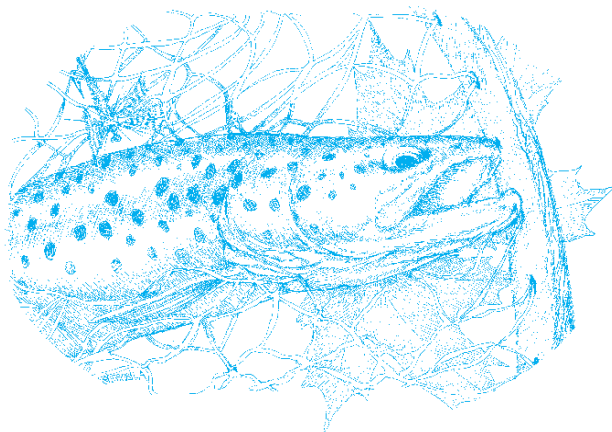
trip. The weather reports, the adverse road reports or other factors caused about a third of them to cancel. Those who did fish had tough going, not just from the cold. The meadow was partly thawing each day in the bright sunshine but then froze again each night making walking a chore. Saturday also brought dark overcast, rain, heavy snow at times and a mid-afternoon winds. (Mike Allen claims they never had any weather when he was 2nd Vice President)

Saturday night found us at the Pizza Factory telling tales. Some members were skunked and those who were able to catch fish only caught a few. The conclusion was that the full moon on Friday the thirteenth, the bright sun, the adverse weather, very cold water and the changed river course combined to make fishing a distinct challenge. The paucity of success stories reflected the conditions.

Gary thinks I am too much the Pollyanna, overselling the potential success on our club trips. But that's not true. I will be fishing the San Juan this month (by the way, the Navajo Reservoir has already turned over and the river is clearing, so the fishing should be great by the time we get there).



So Gary offers some somber tips for Lower Owens #2 trip that will be held that same weekend. He says that there will be more snow (don't forget your tire chains), a tornado or two, bright sunny days with subzero temperatures and perhaps an



earthquake. He is planning for a full moon on the Monday of that week. He suggests adding snowshoes or cross-country skis to your gear list. Also, there will be no rooms in Bishop to rent because the skiers have already taken them. So he says stay home!

Not! Gary's high stress job requires that he fish regularly. He says he has a note from his doctor. So go out and have fun with your friends from the club. Hopefully, as Mel Krieger once dreamed, the fishing will be so good you won't want to be interrupted by fish.

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:

- ❖ Mar. 18 Newport Bay Bass Tourney
- ❖ Apr. 28–30 Opening Weekend
- ❖ May 26–30 Green River, Utah

It's a Dog's Life

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Those familiar with fly-fishing literature know well the reputation of Gary LaFontaine. Gary was an icon as a fly fisher, innovator of flies and a creative scientist examining what really triggers a fish's instinct to strike a fly. We lost Gary to ALS some years ago, but he rarely fished without Chester, the Wonder Dog. Chester was known to run over and kiss a freshly caught fish. But if Gary's fishing buddy failed to set a hook, he would turn his back in disgust or, in extreme cases, lift his leg on him. Chester had high standards.

It seems Gary wanted to fish a private pond famous for its brown trout. His buddy, Andy, arranged permission from the owner, an apparently gruff and stuffy retired Army Major from the east who rarely let locals onto his private reserve. Gary insisted on bringing Chester as usual. The story continues in Gary's words:

"You don't understand," Andy said. "It's not me. It's the owner. This guy makes fun of any dog that comes on the place. He thinks he has the smartest dogs around."

"What does he do?"

"First thing he always does is sit his black Labs down, put dog biscuits on the ground, and then he tells the dogs not to eat them. And the dogs won't until he tells them to."

For the next few days I tied flies and trained Chester. No problem with that—teaching Chester wasn't like training, it was more a discussion about how things should be done. Chester quickly understood how he must respond to that biscuit lying on the floor.

Even before we climbed out of Andy's truck, the owner

of the pond was crossing the yard trailed by two black Labs. The man scowled at Andy, as if he didn't remember him or the invitation to fish. When he spotted Chester he stopped suddenly, staring at my faithful mongrel like Chester might be a threat to his breeding bitches, and he asked, "What's that?"

I smiled, "That's the world's smartest dog."

The Major humphed, puffing up, and tossed a dog biscuit on the ground. "My dogs won't eat that biscuit until I tell them to."

Chester never moved and I said, "Neither will mine."

The Major glared, "All right. Let's see which dog holds the longest."

That had me worried. I hadn't trained Chester for endurance, but there was no way to slip the contest. I told the Major, "You go ahead and set them."



He put his dogs in position, dropped a biscuit in front of each, and said, "Don't touch that." Then he walked over to Chester, dropped the biscuit, and in the same stern voice, meant to intimidate, said, "Don't touch that."

Chester, not easily intimidated, never dropped his gaze. He stared back at the Major for a moment; and then he looked over at the Labs and, without a glance at his biscuit, trotted over, ate the other biscuits very slowly, and came back and sat in front of his.

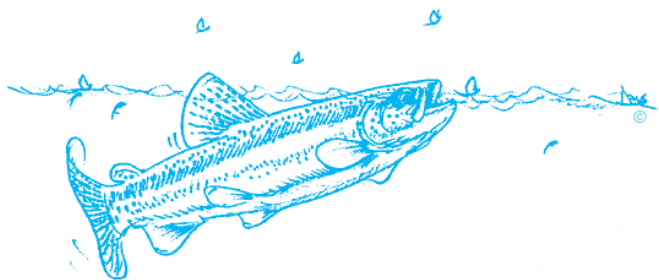
And that's how we got to fish the best brown trout pond in the valley, then and many times after.

From Gary LaFontaine, *FLY FISHING THE MOUNTAIN LAKES*. 1998. Greycliff Publishing

We Need Your Ideas!!!

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

Gary is a nocturnal creature; I like to see sunrises. (Actually, I like to see that the sun has risen and I am still available for another day). So on the last club trip, Gary began his first consideration of next year's club fishing trip calendar at about 11:30 one night. My creative forces had evaporated well before that.



We had discussed the various constituencies we served in the club this past year. We had to offer trips to help acclimate beginners to this great sport as well as to offer new venues to the experienced egomaniacs that believe they can catch fish in a teacup or anything else holding water. We were well aware that some club members even fish at times other than on club trips. Some use the club trips as a mechanism to locate new waters with the intent to fish there later on their own. And some simply will not fish alone in a new spot; they derive their pleasure by exploring new areas with more experienced people with no intent to return without the safety of the group.

A major concern of ours is that fact that because of our large membership base, we sometimes have the ability to overcrowd a given location and stress the fishery. On several occasions last year we scheduled two different trips to separate waters at the same time to avoid that situation. And we tried to include additional destination trips even though they were a challenge for those with such baggage as jobs, family and finances. While we tried to adhere to the club "favorite"

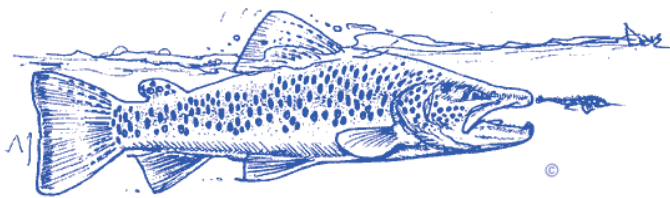
trips, we also tried to identify new venues worth exploring. And all of this was done in full recognition that not all of our members could possibly attend all of the club trips.

We asked you in last July's Target Talk to "TELL Us WHERE TO Go". We sought constructive ideas about fishing trips you might like to see in the future. The response was under-whelming; most of the ideas took the title too literally and simply cannot be shared in this forum. In short, we received no substantive feedback.

And yet we find ourselves at the beginning of a new season. Arrangements for many trips require considerable time and planning. We have some preliminary thoughts and need your input.

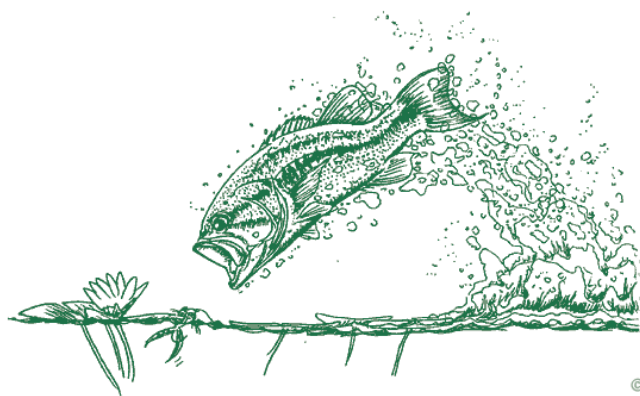
In May, in addition to the Green River Trip, Gary might like to put together a lake fishing trip for bass or trout or other species. Contact him if you have any interest or know of ideal locations.

June would be a good time to go shad fishing below Red Bluff if there is interest. Please let me know. Because of the distance and time involved getting there, maybe we should incorporate that into a longer trip returning to Northern California (Lower and Upper Sac, McCloud, Fall River, Hat Creek)? Or would you rather return to that area in October?



In August, in addition to the one-day surf casting trip, Gary would like to set up an overnight off-shore charter trip for about eighteen to twenty anglers. We have to make arrangements now to reserve a good boat for a definite time. Again, contact Gary to let him know your interest level.

After he returned from our November trip to



the Kern (where most of us were simply skunked except on the high meadows), Tom Camp, a member from the Santa Clarita Casting Club, hired a guide and reported a 20 plus fish day. Should we return to the Kern as a group?

We would like to do some serious steelheading this year. Since I am no weatherman, we didn't fulfill our wishes last year because storms shortened our trip. We could return to the Trinity. Or should we try the Rogue, Deschutes or North Umpqua in Oregon? Reservations would have to be made now with deposits.

Since not all members will attend all trips, we need the comments from those who will attend the trips of their own choosing. We cannot set up the trip of your dreams, however, much as we'd like to. And none of us can afford a destination trip each month or resort trips to far off locations other than occasionally. Please let us know the interest level of these proposed trips or give us your own thoughts where you'd like to fish with the club. We're in the Roster and always around the clubhouse. Contact us.

Another Green River Trip Reminder

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The final payment for club's Memorial Day trip to the Green River in Utah is due by the end of March. We have reservations for all six cabins at the Red Canyon Lodge. I will maintain a wait list in the event there are cancellations.

It is also time for the campers to start planning. Brant at Marriott's is willing to take the reservations for guides and work with Denny Breer to be sure the club's campers get some good ones. As you know, the better guides are reserved earliest, so sign up with Brant as soon as possible. I hope you can join us.



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Club Membership Requests

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Bill, Kathryn, and Lillian Babcock, a professor from Long Beach.
- ❖ Joe, Ann, Caitlin, Rachel, and Tara Gustaff, a CPA from Lakewood
- ❖ Tom Harper, a lawyer from Phoenix, Arizona
- ❖ Kenny Howell, a former member in the '80s, from Long Beach
- ❖ Richard, Barbara, and Dylan Inskeep from Anaheim
- ❖ Larry Krupka from Orange
- ❖ Carol Murphy, claims supervisor from Lakewood
- ❖ Philip Stone, truck driver from Long Beach
- ❖ Nancy Torres, HR Specialist, U.S. Army Reserve, from Los Alamitos

If you're keeping count this is 11 new Individual members and 5 Juniors. We are now at 513 total members with the breakdown as follows:

Individuals	425
Juniors	41
Life Members	32
Associates	15
Grand Total	513

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

If you have any questions, corrections or changes of address or phone numbers please contact me at: (310) 377-3868 or fotofish@earthlink.net



LBCC Casting Instructors Workshop

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

Our annual Casting Instructor's Workshop will start on March 29, 2006 at 7:00 PM and run for three weeks (April 5th and 12th). This is in preparation for our Casting Classes that will be six weeks long beginning on April 4th with the information/orientation session while actual casting begins on April 18th.

We have found that having this instructor workshop helps us with standardizing our teaching methods. This keeps instructors on the same page while teaching and is beneficial and appreciated by our students. If you think you want to help with the casting class you will need to attend these workshops. If you can not attend all of the workshops, please contact me to discuss how you can help.

Our club is known for its teaching excellent throughout the United States and we want to insure a quality program for our students. This is why we stress the importance of attending our Casting Instructor's Workshop. I look forward to all individuals attending our workshop and let's make our casting classes better then ever.

Thanks for the Help!

MARK TSUNAWAKI, CO-CHAIRPERSON

The Beginning Fly Tying classes are complete and again we had an excellent group of students. And, as usual, there were many returning students that wanted to polish up their skills from previous years.

I only managed to revise the menus this year and I will revise some more minor errors and yes, we will try to work on new videos sometime in the near future. Somehow, I will figure a way to video the instructors' demonstrations without the hands and fingers constantly in the way, hmmm?

I wish to express my thanks to all of the instructors and members, who unselfishly volunteered their time and efforts to teach, demonstrate and assist in making this another fantastic year.



A special thanks to Milt and Patricia Huber, Art Murphy, Joe Tanyi, Chuck Moore and Mick Woodbury for all their help and assistance. Art and Joe helped co-chair this year's class, Chuck as always, was available for assistance, Milt and Patricia, graciously providing the fly tying tools and materials for the student each and every Tuesday night and finally, Mick Woodbury, who volunteered to assist in making the class run smoothly.

Thank you all!



Advanced Fly Tying classes will start February 28 through March 28, 2006.

We have volunteer instructors scheduled and hope to see many of you on Tuesday nights, starting at 7:00 PM.

The Fly of the Night; will be announced on the Tuesday night, prior of the class, so bring your tying tools and materials.

Long Beach Casting Club Fishing Awards!

MARK TSUNAWAKI, PAST PRESIDENT

It's that time of the year to compile the entries for the Fishing Awards of the Long Beach Casting Club.

We have a few entries but we also have quite a few categories without applicants.

Please refer to section on "Fishing" in the club roster.

Blank entry cards are available in the clubhouse by the trophy case.

Entries will not be accepted after March 12, 2006.

Winners will be announced at the 2006 Installation and Awards Dinner and published in the next roster.

Fly of the Month: Wiggle Hexegenia

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Every spring you read about them. Usually it's a bridge crossing the Mississippi River somewhere in Midwest. Its nighttime and, attracted by the lights, they have blanketed this roadway with up to a two foot deep layer causing the police to close it because the highway is too slippery to drive on. A dead or dying mass of 1½" long bugs and the end of the mating flight of *Hexagenia limbata*—the Great Lead-Wing Drake.

This is North America's largest mayfly and is quite prevalent in most parts of the country and is best known in California for its hatches on the Fall River. As to its size well, if one of these insects flies toward you I guarantee that you will duck. We think of mayflies as small and delicate creatures and most people are not quite prepared for this behemoth of the order Ephemeroidea.

The *Hexagenia* is found in slow moving, placid waters with silt bottoms and usually hatches after dark. Regrettably this makes fishing the hatch difficult, if not impossible, according to California Department of Fish & Game regulations relating to fishing after sunset. However fishing the Wiggle Hex during the legal hours leading up to the hatch can be effective on larger trout. *Hexagenias* are good swimmers and by adding the articulated body section this pattern provides for a lively and very realistic imitation.

This fly is also an excellent searching pattern any place where other larger mayflies occur. Mayflies such as the Brown, Green and Grey Drakes hatch in many other areas in the west and by adjusting the size and color of the Wiggle Hex you can easily match these hatches as well. Even smaller species such as *Callibaetis*, the Speckled Wing Dun of "Gulper" fame, can be effectively imitated with this articulated, "swimming" style of pattern.

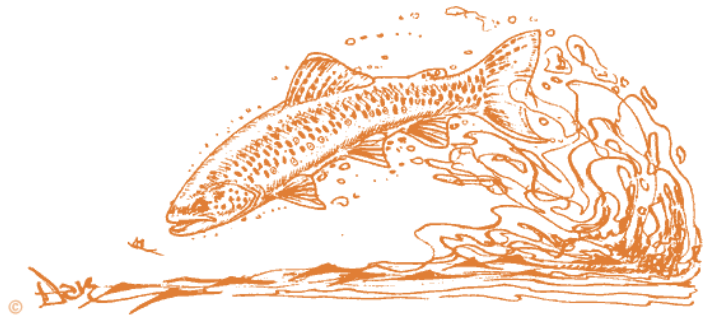


Materials for Tying the Wiggle Hex:

Hook:	Body—Mustad 9674 Ring-eye with 3/8" (9mm) to 5/8" (15mm) shank;
	Thorax—Mustad 3906 in size 16 to 12
Thread:	Black 6/0 to 8/0
Tails:	Tan ostrich herl (3 strands) or in a color to match the natural
Body:	Natural Hare's Ear dubbing or in a color to match the natural
Body Case:	Oak brown turkey or in a color to match the natural
Gills:	Natural philo plume or in a color to match the natural
Ribbing:	Fine gold wire
Thorax:	Brown dyed Hare's Ear or in a color to match the natural
Hackle:	Brown partridge or in a color to match the natural
Wing Case:	Oak brown turkey or in a color to match the natural
Head:	Black thread

Instructions for Tying the Wiggle Hex:

1. Place the body hook (9674) in your vise, attach your thread at the headspace and wind down to the point where you can achieve the length you need. Tie in one ostrich herl fiber that is about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the body. Apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and wind one turn. Tie in the other two tail fibers, one on either side of the center tail and not quite as long. Tie in the fine gold wire at the underside of the hook. Apply more dubbing to your thread and wind about 2 more turns.
2. Remove a $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide section of turkey wing quill and tie it in lying flat and extending to the rear. Select a philo plume (also called the aftershaft), the fluffy feather at the base of a ringneck pheasant rump feather, and tie in by the tip directly on top of the Turkey wing quill and pointing to the rear like the turkey. Apply more dubbing to the thread and wind the rest of the way back to the headspace. Pull the philo plume forward over the top of the body and tie down. Pull the turkey forward over the top of the body and the philo plume while allowing the fibers of the philo plume to peak out from underneath (simulating the gills) and tie it down.
3. Wind the ribbing over everything in the reverse direction of the body. Use your bodkin to keep from flattening down to much of the philo plume. Secure the gold wire and break off the excess by wiggling it back and forth until it breaks. This reduces the chance of the wire cutting your tying thread. Wind a small head, whip finish and apply head cement. Very carefully cut off the hook just beyond the where the tails are tied in.
4. Place the thorax hook (3906) in your vise and attach the thread at the headspace. Cut off a 2" long piece of 12lb. or 15lb. clear monofilament and pass one end through the eye of the body hook you just completed. Fold the mono in



half and carefully melt the mono ends into a small ball with a lighter or at a gas kitchen range. The melted ball creates a jam that is difficult to pull out. Bind the mono down along one side of the hook shank. The loop portion of the mono with the body section should extend just beyond the bend of the thorax hook and the body should move and swing freely. Add a small drop of Zap-A-Gap (a water resistant super glue) to the thread wraps to lock them and the mono into place.

5. With the thread now at the bend of the hook remove a $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide section of turkey. Tie in the wingcase by the butt ends and extending rearwards. Make a dubbing loop with your thread and place the thorax dubbing in the loop and spin away. Wind the dubbing forward to a spot just short of the headspace. The thorax wants to be shaggy so pick it out well with your bodkin.
6. Select a partridge hackle, fold it and tie it in by the tip. If you have difficulty folding the feather then just stroke the fibers so that they are perpendicular to the stem and tie it in this fashion by the tip. Wind the hackle 3 to 5 turns depending on the size of the fly you are imitating. Pull the wing case forward over the top of the thorax and the hackle. Push the hackle fibers to one side or the other before you fold the wingcase to avoid covering them up. Tie the wingcase down securely at the headspace. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Apply a drop of head cement and your fly is now ready for some fishing.

Calendar of Events

March

1-5	Week	7:00 PM	Fred Hall Show
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Newport Bay
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
11	Saturday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 PM	Casting Games: Director's Handicap
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
18	Saturday	8:00 AM	Newport Bay Trip
19	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pool Cleaning
20	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
24	Friday	6:00 PM	Simon Gawesworth Two-Handed Casting Clinic
25	Saturday	9:00 AM	Maggie Merriman Entomology Class
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying: Last Class
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
31	Friday	7:00 AM	Monthly Meeting: A.K. Best

April

1	Saturday	8:00 PM	A.K. Best Fly Tying Workshop (6 hours)
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Information/Orientation Night
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructors Workshop
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Surf Trip
			Casting Instructors Workshop
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
17	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: First night of Casting
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
22	Saturday		Club Trip: Surf Fishing
23	Sunday	6:30 PM	Annual Awards and Installation Banquet at Buster's Beachouse
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 2nd week
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Past President's Dinner
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
28	Friday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Bob Jacklin's Yellowstone Sampler

May

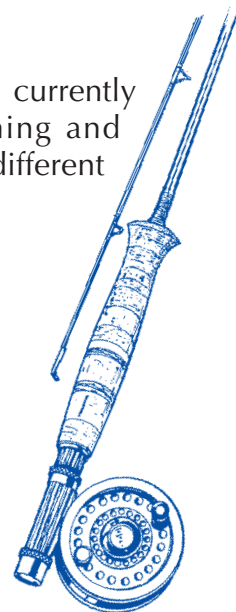
1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 3rd week
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 4th week
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Last Class
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
24	Friday	6:00 PM	Simon Gawesworth Two-Handed Casting Clinic
22	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Begins
25	Thursday	7:00 AM	Monthly Meeting: Past President's Meeting

Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

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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, including two Saturday fly tying workshops by two very different and outstanding tiers.

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
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	YELLOWSTONE River & Livingston Montana Fishing
June 24 (Saturday)	Scott Sanchez	Tying Workshop; 2 Sessions: Trout & Salt Flies



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- ❖ Enclose a non-refundable check payable to LBCC for \$40.
- ❖ Mail to: **Carole Katz, 1801 Bridle Path Way, Santa Ana, CA 92705.**
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