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Leader's Line

Where Does the Time Go?

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

Although April brings the newness of spring, it also brings the end to the club's operating year. So the Annual General Meeting on April 6th will bring about a transition to a new club year including a new president and a new Board of Directors. This process of regular change allows for new thinking, new faces and a continuing renewal of energy and vitality in the club.

It's been my privilege to serve you as your president this year. I've enjoyed the opportunity and the challenge to help the club continue its tradition of excellence. We have seen lots of improvements in the condition of the clubhouse, in the quality of our trips and in the growth of our membership. These changes for the better all happened because of the support, dedication, commitment, talent and time that your board members, program chairs and fellow members have so graciously given to all of us.

The coming year will be an especially important one because we will sponsor the ACA National tournament in August. Mark Lipe chairs the Nationals Committee and under his leadership, the event no doubt will be a great success. Nevertheless the support from the new president and board will be critical as well. That's why you need to come to the Annual General Meeting on the 6th and cast your vote for the club's new board.

The Awards and Installation dinner will happen on the 23rd. Please, don't forget to fill out your reservation form and send in your check so you can be part of the fun, celebration and recognition.

One of my disappointments this year is that I didn't get my casting instructor's certification. Yet the preparation, practice, coaching, reading and studying for the event has helped my casting enormously. Our Master Casting Instructors, especially Bob Middo and Joe Libeu, have been great. The candidates have developed a great sense of mutual support and camaraderie. Sometimes the journey is more important than the destination and I will continue my efforts until next year when I'll go for it again. In fact, I'm sure I'll have a lot more time to concentrate on casting.

See you on the casting pond.

Scott Sanchez Fly Tying Workshop

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Saturday, June 24 Scott Sanchez will be conducting an all-day fly tying workshop. The morning session will focus on trout flies, while the afternoon session will deal with saltwater flies and streamers, 3 1/2 hours in each session, with an hour-long lunch.

Reservations will be accepted *no earlier than* May 26. The cost will be \$40 per person, which must be paid in advance and accompany the reservation form that is printed in this issue of Target Talk. Scott will work with up to 30 tiers (yes, we have confirmed this) so get your reservation in as soon after the May 26 date as possible. If you would like to participate in just the saltwater/streamer session, you can split the cost with another member who prefers just the trout flies.

Many consider Scott Sanchez to be one of the more innovative tiers working today. He integrates natural and synthetic materials into productive, time-saving and easy-to-tie flies. He started tying at 12 and was teaching at 14. He's been working the fly fishing industry for more than 20 years, as assistant manager at Jack Dennis Sports, wholesale manager at Dan Bailey's, tying flies commercially, book and video production, and guiding, consulting and as a pro rep. He has won the One Fly contest three times. Scott's popular books include *INTRODUCTION TO SALTWATER FLY TYING* and *A NEW GENERATION OF TROUT FLIES*.



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Bob Jacklin Coming in April

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

We don't normally have a monthly meeting in April, but Bob Jacklin is going to be in the area. We decided to have a special meeting so that he could come to visit friends, and talk to us about fishing in the West Yellowstone area. Mark your calendar for April 28.

Bob Jacklin has been an outfitter and guide in West Yellowstone longer than anyone else. He has owned his shop and guide service for more than 30 years and has been guiding since 1969. He is world champion fly caster and a world-renowned fly fisherman. He guides and runs his shop during the fishing season, and travels all over the country giving presentations and classes on both fishing and casting.

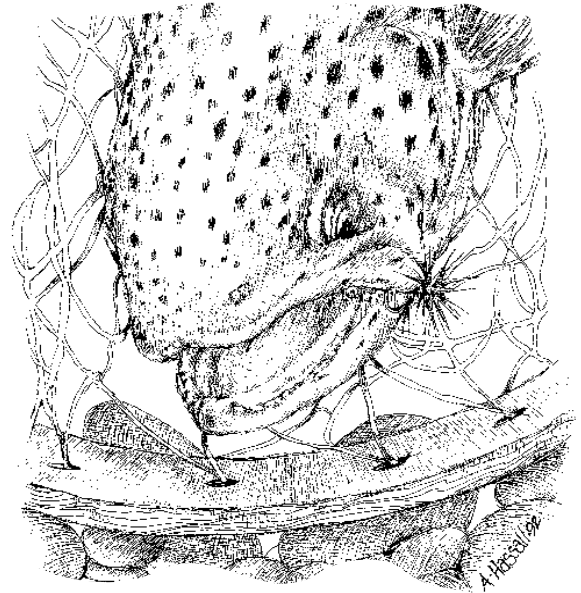
Bob has served on the City Council of West Yellowstone and is the Western Rocky Mountain Council President of the FFF. His innovative fly patterns for western and eastern waters are known and fished by some of the finest fly fishermen in the world. A FFF Certified Master Casting Instructor, he gives free casting clinics all summer long on Sunday evenings.

Bob co-authored FLY FISHING THE YELLOWSTONE IN THE PARK with Gary LaFontaine, and has a popular DVD entitled FLY TYING WITH BOB JACKLIN. St. Croix Rod Company recently honored him with his own signature rod, the Legend Ultra U865.4, an 8 ½ foot, 4 piece travel rod.

West Yellowstone is surrounded by literally hundreds of miles of blue ribbon trout water within an hour's drive in any direction. Montana's wild trout fisheries, the Henry's Fork, the Madison River and the waters of Yellowstone National Park are all nearby. Bob will talk about casting to a 20" rainbow in the largest and one of the most

pristine spring creeks in North America—Henry's Fork.

We'll hear about fishing in the tranquil waters of Yellowstone National Park, with geysers erupting in the background, while landing a wild brown on the Firehole River. This area includes some of the most natural and finest trout water on earth.



Club Membership Requests

**JEFFREY SADLER,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

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

- ❖ Mike, Mike, Tammie, Hunter and Laci Baracochea from Lakewood
- ❖ Dave Frostad from Long Beach
- ❖ Joe Holtzman from Mission Viejo
- ❖ Brian Ida from Los Angeles
- ❖ Tony Velardi from Artesia

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

Bishop, Brrrr...

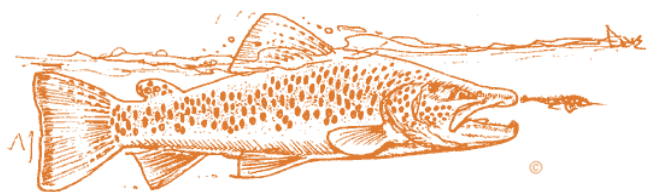
CONNIE BULLOCK, PAST PRESIDENT

An entourage of about 25 fisherman arrived in Bishop for a long weekend of fishing over the President's Day holiday. A few fishermen arrived a couple of days prior and some heavy fishing was done prior to Saturday. I'm convinced they cleaned the fish out. The remainder of us showed up Friday and we met for dinner at the new Japanese restaurant in town. It's quite good, you must try it.

We met Saturday morning for breakfast and then proceeded to meet at the bridge off Chalk Bluff Road...brrrr, it was chilly...more like invigorating. There were some new faces so we paired up and took off for a fun filled day of fishing. Jun Watanabe worked with Larry and Bob and showed them his soft-hackle style. They caught fish and

are now dyed-in-the-wool soft-hackle fisherman. We never saw them again until dinner.

Judy and Al Ross were off learning some techniques with Joe Libeu. Maria Rivas was doing her magic with the fish accompanied by Yash Iseda and Sue Vestermark. You need to see the look on Maria's face when she's going fishing—it's truly a "fish-face" and you don't want to get in her way as she's heading for the river. We could hear this "Wahoo!" quite often, knowing that she was pulling in another one. It didn't matter if it was nymphs or dry flies, the "Wahoo's" continued.



The day was magnificent with puffy clouds hanging over the peaks of the mountains, which was enough to take your breath away. Several

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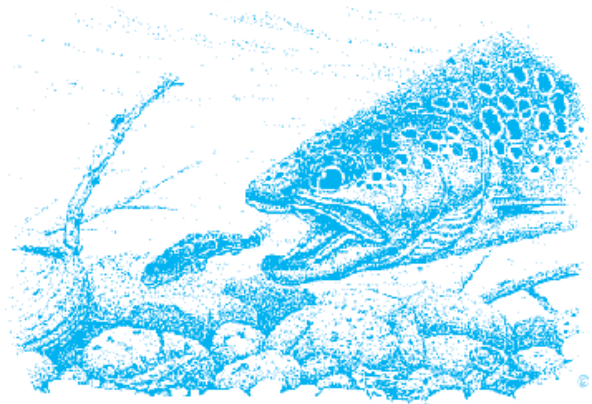
times during the day we experienced this light fluffy snow. It looked like small popcorn and a sight to behold. It actually got a little warmer when it started snowing.

One of the funniest moments of the weekend involved three LBCC fly fishing members, Wanda McCarger, Carol Murphy and Bettye Swart. Tom Camp, from the Santa Clarita Casting Club, and I were fishing an elbow area of the river and we heard this laughter coming from around the bend. Tom thought someone had really hooked into a good sized fish; it sounded little too hysterical to me, but we didn't know.

We learned later in the day that Wanda, who is new to fly fishing, jumped off an embankment and her boots sunk into mud up to her ankles. At first Wanda was stunned and didn't know what to do. She yelled for her friend Carol who proceeded to laugh at her predicament. Carol, being the good friend that she is, offered her fly rod as a helping hand and told Wanda to grab a hold of it so she could pull her out. We all cringed when we heard that.

Fortunately, it only pulled apart causing a great deal of continued laughter. So, Carol decides to lean over and help Wanda out and of course, you guessed it, she went head first into the mud nearly knocking Wanda over and sliding face and head first into the mud. Both Wanda and Carol were laughing so hard while trying to reach their other friend Bettye on the 2-way radio to get some help. Bettye was less than sympathetic making everybody laugh even harder. Wanda finally managed to get out but the hysterical laughter could be heard all over Chalk Bluffs. Do I hear a JA Award? You can only imagine how these ladies were teased at dinner that night. It was great fun.

The next day we all converged on the Lower Owens again and the fishing proved to be much slower, except for Judy Ross. After a day on the river with "the Fishmeister", Joe Libeu, she was



knocking them dead. I was standing 20 feet away from her, rigged up similarly and couldn't get a nibble. After 6-7 fish Judy shared her secret and gave me a WD40. Thank you Judy, it made all the difference in the world. Of course, we could hear a "Wahoo" every now and then and knew Maria was at it again.

It was a great weekend with good company, good fishing, good food and lots of laughter. It doesn't get much better than that. See you on the river the next time.

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

TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR 2006:

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| ❖ Apr. 22 | Surf Fishing Trip |
| ❖ Apr. 28-30 | Opening Weekend |
| ❖ May 19-21 | Opening Weekend |
| ❖ May 25-30 | Green River, Utah |
| ❖ Jun. 15-18 | Shad and Yuba River |
| ❖ Jun. 16-18 | Mammoth Trip #1 |
| ❖ Jul. 21-23 | Brookie Bash |
| ❖ Aug. 19 | Surf Fishing Trip |

Club Sportfishing Trip

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

In August, we venture into Mexican waters for a sportfishing adventure. The primary target will be various species of tuna. These may include albacore, yellowfin, bluefin and bigeye. We may also be presented with a chance to take yellowtail, dorado, and other big game fish.

To make this trip a reality, the club chartered the Eldorado for a two-day trip. The Eldorado is based at Point Loma Sportfishing, 1403 Scott Street, San Diego (619) 223-1627. The Eldorado is an 85-foot sportfishing vessel with a 22-foot beam. Maximum cruising speed is 11 knots. The boat has bunk beds, two heads with showers, a galley that seats 20, and three live wells. The crew is experienced, first-rate, and comes highly recommended.

The boat will depart from Point Loma on Friday, August 11, 2006, at 9:00 PM. We will fish for two full days on Saturday, August 12, 2006, and Sunday, August 13, 2006. The boat will return to port on Sunday, August 13, 2006, between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The fishing destination is the Outer Banks, subject of course to fishing conditions. From a lunar standpoint, the fishing dates are good, with the first day of fishing occurring four days after the August 9th full moon.

The cost of the trip is \$480.00 per angler. This amount is split between two payments. A 50% deposit of \$240.00 is required at the time of reservation. The 50% balance of \$240.00 must be received on or before Friday, June 30, 2006. Before departure, each angler will be assessed an additional \$29.00 for the cost of Mexican fishing permits at \$13.00, per day, and excise taxes of \$3.00. Depending upon oil and gas prices, each angler may also be assessed a maximum fuel surcharge of \$12.00, per day, at departure.



Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and Sunday are included in the cost. A steak or prime rib dinner is featured on Saturday. Meals include one soft drink. Not included in the price are: snacks, additional drinks, food orders between meals, tackle rental, fish cleaning, and gratuities. Each angler will have an open tab, which the crew will collect at the end of the trip.

Please note that no ice chests, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or firearms may be brought on the vessel. No exceptions. If found, the boat will return to the dock and all charter monies will be forfeited.

This is a "limited load" charter. The trip will be limited to 25 anglers. Reservations will be taken on a "first come—first served" basis. Reservations must be submitted on the form shown on the last page of this Target Talk, include a deposit of \$240.00 per angler, paid by check, sent by U.S. Mail, and postmarked Wednesday, April 12, 2006 or later. Reservations submitted by any other means or postmarked before April 12, 2006 will not be accepted, and will be returned.

Once the trip is filled to capacity, a "wait list" will be kept; in the order deposits were received. Deposits for those on this first-tier of the "wait list" will be returned. Others will be added to a second-tier of the "wait list" upon request; in the order requests are received. In the event of cancellation, amounts received by the club are refundable only upon receipt of payment for the trip, in full, from the substitute angler. In the event,

no angler from the “wait list” fills the vacancy; the canceling angler must fill the vacancy or forfeit all amounts paid.

Unless preempted by National Casting Tournament events, the sportfishing pre-trip meeting is Wednesday, August 2, 2006, 7:00 PM, at the club. Please contact Gary Charles with any questions. Gary may be reached at (310) 398-5517, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM daily.

Deposits Revisited

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

A club member met with an unfortunate result. He wanted to go on the Green River Trip but discovered he was not on the list. He forgot to make the timely deposit to Marriott’s and accordingly was moved to the wait list in favor of someone who paid for the trip.

He won’t be left behind; he is making his own arrangements. Indeed, we were informed that another club member had arranged a roommate, guiding and accommodations through Marriott’s even though he is not staying in one of the original six cabins we reserved. It is possible to work around a forgotten deposit but it is easier to make the timely deposit on the trips that require one.

I mention this because the Mammoth trips will soon be upon us. If the deposit is not made on or before the Pre-Trip meeting, we may not be able to accommodate you in the reserved condos. So please make every effort to avoid the disappointment of not being able to enjoy fishing with your friends. Please plan ahead, make sure you have the kitchen pass and make the timely deposit.

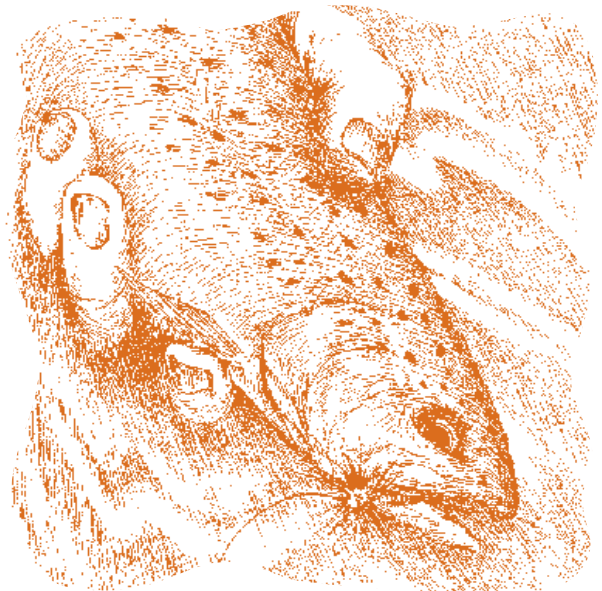
More than the Shirt Off My Back!

BOB GRAHAM CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

I usually brought back a shirt from the destination trips we took this past year (I don’t have pictures of twenty four inch trophy trout like *some* other members). But we have started to bring back other souvenirs as well. From last October’s Northern California trip, we brought back a certificate for two nights’ stay for two *with meals*.

Guy Jeans (Kern River Troutfitters) and Chris King (Sac River Outfitters) have both agreed to provide a certificate for a day’s guided fishing on their home waters. We will have these on a five or ten square raffle at one of our monthly meetings. This helps the club raise money, it gives the outfitters and lodge more exposure and gives you an opportunity to get a guide and learn some new techniques or improve old rusty skills. Everybody wins. So bid frequently.

And when you are in their area, stop by and say hello. Identify yourself as a club member, buy some flies and seek advice on the current conditions. And do thank them for supporting the club. They are very generous.



Why You Don't Want to Fish the San Juan

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

The drive is way too long to do in one day: 12 1/2 hours.

If you partner up with someone else, all you talk about is fishing; sometimes you even smoke cigars.

People in the group keep you up late laughing, cracking jokes, teasing one another. It's just not very dignified

It's just too cold to fish; the fish don't eat when it's so cold; there is just no way to keep warm.

There is just no dry fly fishing; all you do is micro nymphing. All those hundreds of heads you see sticking up in Texas Hole at 5:00 PM are just looking at the scenery.

The light distorts your vision: 14 inch trout look like 16 inchers; 18 inchers look like 20 inches.

You just have such a hard time getting those trout to the net. They just fight like hell; won't give up; even the little 14 inchers think they can outsmart you. They just have a bad attitude.

You never know when the reservoir will turn over (from the temperature inversion) and ruin the fishing with off color water with lots of junk in it. Despite the fact that they publish that it already turned over in December, you never know.

You have to fish those tiny little midges with 5x and 6x tippet; everybody knows you can't get tippet through the eye of those flies, even with those nice magnifiers on the brim of your hat.

You have to watch that darned strike indicator like a hawk because, just when you look away to admire the scenery, is when you get a strike and if you fish with a guide or if your partner sees it happen they will yell at you to pay attention. Besides, the fish are so tricky you can hardly tell if they have taken

your fly because they just twitch the indicator just a little bit or move it in a funny direction.

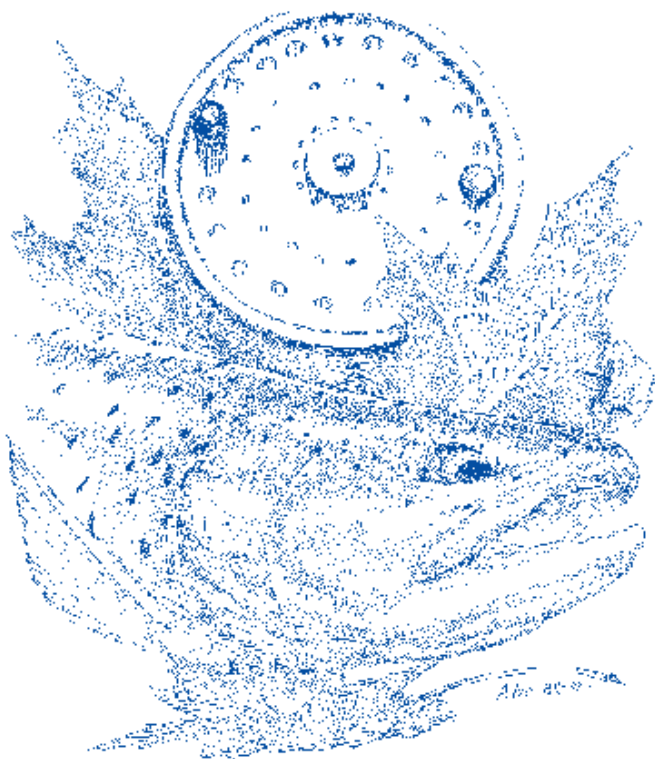
You just don't get to have much choice on fly selection, plus you don't have the chance to show how smart you are in figuring out what the fish are taking. It's just midges, midges, midges above Texas Hole and some BWO nymphs from T-Hole to the Gravel Pit take out.

Once in awhile you will get one of those big 20 inch plus trout on your tiny midge and then boy,

do you have problems. Sometimes they will go all the way down river and take all your fly line and even go into your backing. It takes a real long time to reel all that line back with a mad fish on it. Ask Marv Dworzak; he had a 24 inch on his line or ask Jeff Gross; he almost lost all of his line downstream.

Your fish net can get real stinky from netting all those fish. Sometime you have to keep netting them until it gets too dark to see.

You just can't lose any weight even though you





are walking and wading from dawn to dusk. Guys bring salmon steaks, shrimp, wine and whiskey. Then they have Ana go to Aztec and buy rib-eye steaks. They have big barbecue dinners that go on to all hours. You don't even get a chance to eat at the local gourmet restaurants because you make your own breakfasts and lunches. Plus Dennis brings all these snacks, candy, sweet rolls and other goodies to eat.

The Octagon Inn doesn't have enough privacy. You have to share your room with one or even two people. It only has three bathrooms. You have to hang out in the living room with everyone else. You can't watch your own programs on their satellite TV. People are always fussing with the fire in the fireplace. And Dennis, the guy who owns it, comes in each morning and goes into your room and straightens up and makes your bed.

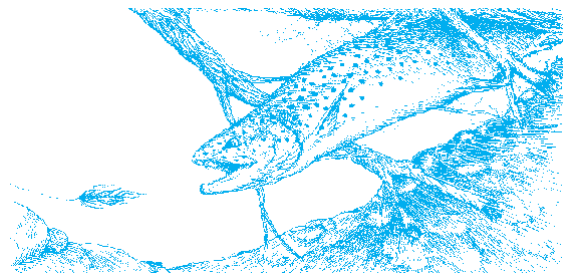
The river is just too crowded in February. Besides everyone who went on the trip wants to go back.

The San Juan Trip: A Second Opinion

BOB GRAHAM CO 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The devious anglers who went to the San Juan River this year planned to denounce the trip so that there would be no interest outside the group that attended and leave no competition for openings next year. Alas, Marv Dworzak was proud of that 24 inch, seven-pound trophy rainbow that he caught and showed 8 x 10 glossy pictures of it to anyone who stopped moving in the clubhouse!

We stayed at the Octagon Inn again this year, an eight-sided building with three bedrooms holding three beds each. The shape was not homage to Native American architecture; rather the owner is a retired contractor from New England who decided to try something new after building more than 600 square boxes in Massachusetts. The Inn



has a large living room and a complete kitchen and dining area. Two BBQ's and a smoker in back completed the cooking facilities. And cook we did.



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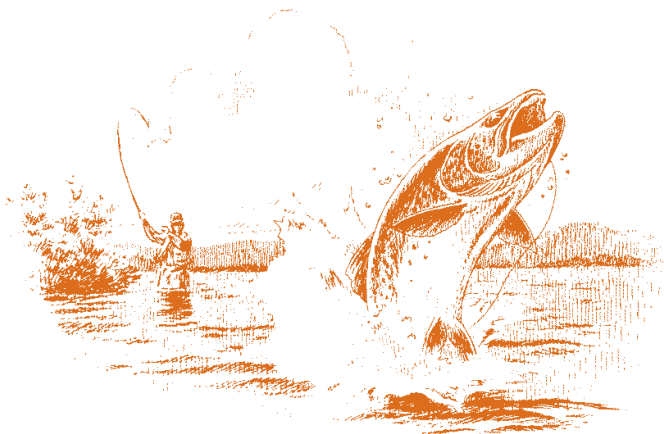


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The Inn provided a light breakfast and we brought lunch fixings for sandwiches. Rich Garrett has a friend, a commercial fisherman in Alaska, who gave him a freezer full of salmon filets and bags of huge prawns. Rich shyly asked if he should bring some along. Normally on club trips we complain that we are too tired after fishing to attempt to cook meals. Nor does anyone want to do the organizing. But we enthusiastically accepted.



Everyone pitched in without assignments. Rick Hilles and Jeff Gross handled the barbecuing chores. Rick and I brought rubs for the salmon and Cajun spices for the shrimp. I sautéed the shrimp in olive oil, butter and the spices while Bob Allen made salads. So two nights we had salmon, shell-on shrimp and salad. Saturday night we chipped in and bought rib eye steaks each about two inches thick. With the steaks, we had roasted potatoes and salad and, of course, more prawns. Everyone brought their own personal liquid sustainer and we had lots of wine. The cleanup crew virtually sterilized the kitchen. You could have conducted surgery after they finished! Everyone worked as a team without a leader, just doing what needed to be done.

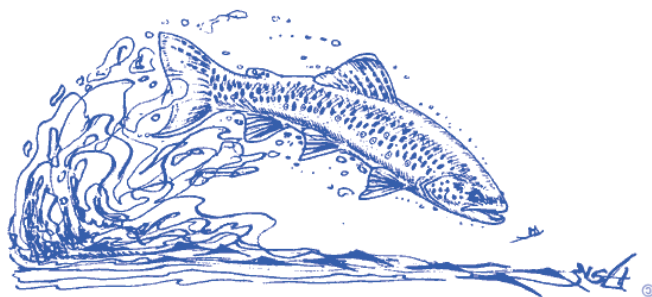
Oh, the fishing you ask. Marv was not the only one to catch any fish, no matter his delusions. The water was clear this year and when the sun came out, you could see the huge and numerous fish, but not all were feeding. We all arranged for guides on the first day to walk and wade the river and hopefully learn its secrets. Micro-midging, again.

Marv and Rich took guided float trips on Saturday and Sunday. We saw them from shore in a green cloud with oars sticking out. They were enjoying their cigars in the fresh, crisp mountain air. Rick and Jeff also floated on two days. Their guide paid Jeff a great compliment: he said Jeff caught a fish virtually every time he got his line wet. Unfortunately, Jeff spent most of his day untying the knots and tangles in his fly line.

Bob, Rod Lochmann and I waded below Texas Hole and enjoyed two days of exploring, getting away from the noisy fishermen that the San Juan seems to attract. The fishing was simply remarkable. No one has confessed to catching fish smaller than 12 inches and most were in the 18-22 inch range.

The weather, as predicted, was cold: teens and low twenties at night and into the forties in daylight. Radiant heat on the one sunny day helped but mostly it was cold and windy. Thursday and Friday the wind blew at about 45 mph with gusts to 75! Afternoon winds were the norm and Marv lost a hat to Mother Nature.

We contributed the food that we each brought to be shared. So the cost of the trip was limited to the \$200 each for the lodge and whatever guiding you wanted. We joked that it was probably cheaper than the Lower Owens trip held the same weekend. The San Juan has become a favorite venue. It will probably remain a part of the club's fishing calendar and I'm sure that if the club does not schedule a trip, those who have fished there this year and last will find a way to get back on their own. This was a truly special trip.



Mea Culpa

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2nd VICE PRESIDENT

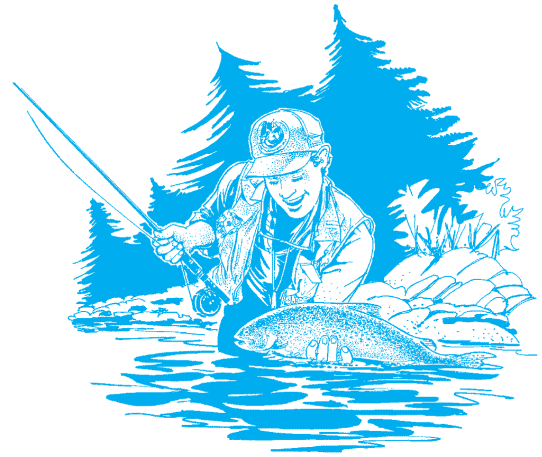
At the Ontario Fly Fishing Show, I learned that the owner of the Pit River Lodge, where we stayed on last year's October trip to Northern California, had purchased Clearwater House on Hat Creek. The merger seems a perfect fit. Clearwater House gets expanded space and lodging for its considerable education programs and fifteen guides and the Lodge gets increased occupancy.

I immediately called to arrange lodging for a similar October trip fearing that the merger would limit the Lodge's ability to accommodate a large group from the club. (Be sure to check out the extensive calendar of events at www.ClearwaterLodge.com)

I posted notices in the clubhouse and discussed the ramifications of these developments with some of those who had attended the trip last year. The result is that the twelve spaces I had booked were immediately reserved with full deposits. The Board felt this exposure was too limited and that I should apologize to those who might want to go but haven't been to the club lately.

I have since expanded the size of the trip, adding two boats in Redding and two rooms at the lodge for an additional four people. Dates for the trip are October 13–17. We spend three nights lodging with two guided fishing days in Redding with Chris King and Sac River Outfitters. That portion of the trip will cost about \$550. We then go to the Pit River Lodge (now Clearwater Lodge on the Pit River) for three nights. Guided fishing there is optional. The cost is \$175/night double occupancy, without a guide but it does include your meals.

If you are interested, contact me ASAP. And please accept my apologies.



Let's Try Shad!

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Several members have suggested a shad trip. So, what the heck, let's do it! We are announcing this trip even before all the arrangements are complete.

Present plans are to stay in Chico, so we drive up on June 15, and fish for shad on the 16th. On the 17th, we will take a guided float trip on the Yuba River. We then return on the 18th. Chris King, of Sac River Outfitters is arranging the guides. Currently we are planning on 8 anglers however if there is enough interest early we may be able to expand the size of the group.

The cost, as of this writing, has not been finalized. My best guess for three nights lodging and two guided days of fishing would be about \$550-600. If you are interested, contact me; first come, first served etc. with a refundable deposit of \$100 to hold your place. We can't, in good faith, make the deposit nonrefundable because the details have not been ironed out. But if you are interested, let me know and please send the money!

I hope you can join us.

A Great Southwestern!

FRANK KROPACEK, CO-CAPTAIN

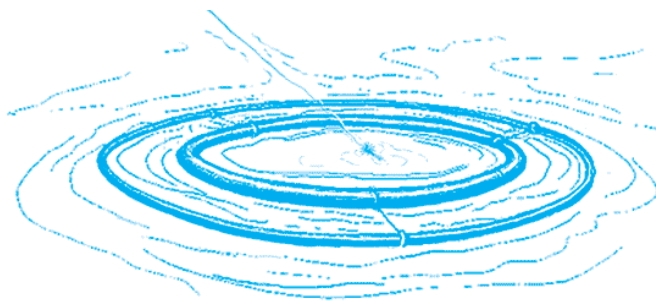
Our Southwestern Tournament took place on February 11 and 12. People started arriving on the afternoon of the 9th, gearing up for the weekend competition.

For those of you who did not attend (or cast) you missed out on a terrific tournament—terrific due to (1) our participants from Washington, Northern California, Arizona, and Nevada (we are always glad to see and renew our contact with a great group of our favorite people) and; (2) the LBCC members who volunteered their time, pitching in whenever and wherever there was something that needed doing. Space does not permit mentioning all of them but our gratitude for their participation is not diminished one bit. All of you made the LBCC really look good and it is appreciated, believe me. The hospitality and efficiency made all the difference in the world. Finally, (3) the summer like weather was a far cry from the cold and rainy weather we experienced last year.

Kim and Debbie Dunbar fired up the barbecue for the Saturday lunch, Charles Moore and Bruce Takenaka produced another great spaghetti dinner for Saturday evening, and the Sunshine Committee cooked up a great Sunday breakfast. Carole Katz came up with a finishing touch lunch as the tournament was winding down on Sunday afternoon. Thanks to all of you helping set up, assist, and clean up for the clubhouse activities.

We received many favorable comments on the clubhouse appearance as well as the new planter and sidewalk with the Dan Rivett Bridge between the clubhouse and pond. Memories of crossing the “river” to gain access to the pond were relived.

We had our own version of “WHO’S ON FIRST, WHAT’S ON SECOND” on Sunday morning. Our casting stations are marked 1 through 5 and we



used 2, 3, 4 & 5 but designated them as stations 1, 2, 3, & 4. Mark Tsunawak made a valiant but futile attempt to clarify the situation over the P.A. system and Matt Rickerd solved the problem by removing the station numbers from the scoring tables. Tom Gong had a lot of fun with this and will probably not let me forget it for at least ten years (he remembers everything).

The tournament was over and it is always a little sad to see everyone preparing to return home. Everyone I talked to enjoyed themselves, thanks to the great work of our club members. As I said earlier, if you weren’t there you really missed out on a lot of fun as well as observing some great fly and plug casters. Our Director’s Handicap comes up Saturday, too late to advertise the event for the newsletter, and that will be it for the end of our 2005–2006 casting calendar.

All in all, it has been a great year and thanks, again, to all of you who helped make it so.

Help!!!!!!!

JEFFREY SADLER,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Your exalted Membership Chairman lost all the address/name/phone/spouse changes given to me prior to March 1. Don’t ask how I did it and I won’t tell.

In any case: *please* send any changes for the Roster so we all can share good information.

Rules of the River

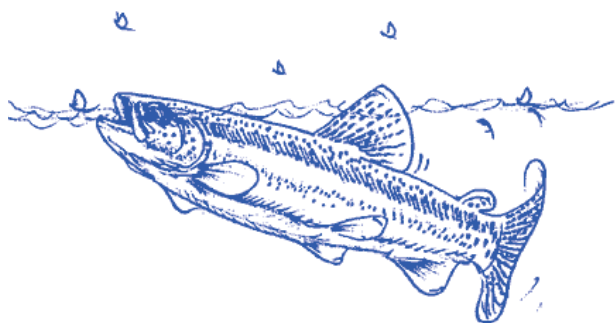
RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

Both the Lower Owens and the San Juan provide excellent opportunities for winter trout fishing. The weather can be cold but not consistently harsh. And at this time of the year, these fisheries have much less pressure than usual, so you can avoid the crowds that can make it difficult at other times of the year.

The February Lower Owens trip often draws 20 to 40 participants from the club. A number that large can create problems for other anglers outside the club who expect a day of quiet fishing.

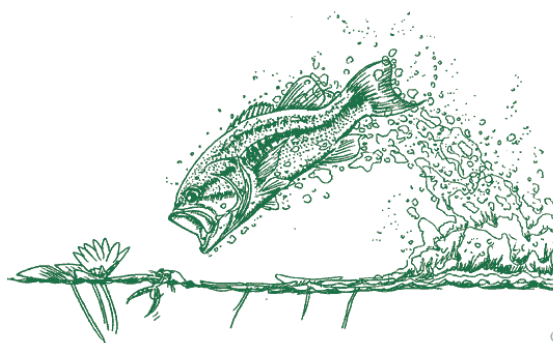
Bear in mind also, one of the club's objectives: "to maintain a high standard of true amateur sportsmanship and promote social relations..." How you behave toward others (anglers outside the club) not only reflects on you personally but also on the Long Beach Casting Club.

The topic of fishing etiquette always seems to evoke vibrant stories of unhappy, emotionally charged encounters on the river with some



knucklehead. (Of course, the knucklehead is the other guy.) I witnessed an incident on the Missouri where one angler objected to another fisherman who intruded upon his space. So he bit the tip off of the other fisherman's fly line and then slashed his tires in the parking lot. It's only fishing!!

An unpleasant confrontation can ruin an otherwise good day of fishing and can be avoided by keeping



in mind some simple guidelines. After all fly fishing etiquette is nothing more than courtesy and common sense based on the golden rule, "do unto other (fishermen) as you would have them do unto you."

After doing a little research, I found an article called RULES OF THE RIVER by A.K. Gudmundson. I've borrowed from it to share with you.

A very important rule to remember is to respect another angler's space. As to how much space that is, a good rule of thumb is twice as much as you think. Unreasonable you say? Bull! Move to the next pool, or down to the riffle leading out of the pool. Distance can be your greatest ally on a stream.

If after that long drive, and longer hike you find someone fishing the pool you came all this way to fish, feel free to be disappointed, but don't feel free to wade in. If you are determined to work that favorite stretch, go elsewhere while waiting till the other angler is done. Of course if you are first in the pool, it's your pool for as long as you choose. But rather than monopolize it all day, you can also choose to allow others to fish through when they ask.

If you approach a fisherman and you aren't sure if you are intruding (maybe he is just sitting on the bank) the best thing to do is to break the ice and ask. On the other hand, if someone barges into the pool you're working, talk to him. Explain politely the error of his ways. If that fails and they decide their fishing is more important than yours, don't stoop to his level. Hard as it seems, I recommend you move on. First you're less likely

to catch anything with them in the pool. Second the stress of having to be around this person is not worth the trouble.

If you are working your way downstream and come across someone working upstream, yield to the angler working upstream. Also, if you are working your way upstream, and come across someone working upstream only slower than you, get out of the water and walk at least as far as you could fish in half an hour upstream. Give them plenty of undisturbed water to work.

If you see someone working a fish, or waiting one out, give them a wide berth, preferably by going to the next pool. Or, if you find yourself sharing a pool with one or more anglers, yield to anyone fighting a fish.

Avoid using the stream as a path. Walk from pool to pool on the bank. Leave a pool as quietly as you entered it. This means the pool needs less rest for the next angler that comes to it. If you are lucky it may be you.

Talking to another angler is acceptable, and quite proper. Not talking to another angler is acceptable, and quite proper. But I think a cheerful hello is never out of place.

Do not tolerate litter around you. Pick it up.

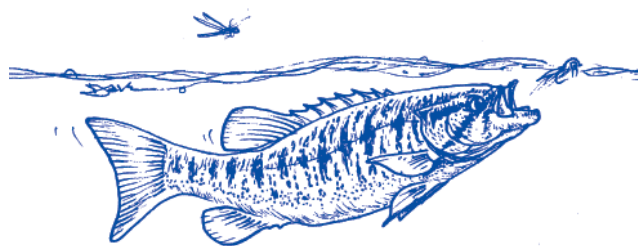
Offer advice only if asked, ask only if you are willing to listen.

Cell phones and two way radios should only be used if absolutely necessary and then only in a manner that doesn't disrupt the peace and quiet of other anglers. Have you tried vibrate?

Be mindful of your manners and language around other anglers especially around youngsters. They learn best by example.

Lying is still acceptable, even expected, if asked how you did, or where you were. Lying about

what fly the fish are taking is not as decorous, but tolerated. Lying in the grass and taking a nap is one of life's great joys.



A Giant Apology for the A.K. Best Disappointment

CAROLE KATZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Sometimes our best laid plans go awry, and that was certainly the case with the A.K. Best Tying Workshop. Never in the months of emails and correspondence did he ever mention that he has an absolute limit of ten tiers in a workshop. We made plans for the workshop that would have been similar to our fly tying clinics, utilizing our video system to prevent good views for all students.

The ten-person-limit was not known to us until Sunday, February 26, after which we tried to effect a compromise with Mr. Best so that we would not have to turn away any of those who had pre-registered, but he refused.

That being the case, we were forced to consider either canceling the entire workshop, or keeping to a limit of ten students, but with an increased fee to cover A.K.'s fee. Unfortunately, some workshop registrants had to be turned away, but they will be given priority for the Scott Sanchez workshop—in addition to our most sincere apologies.

What Happened to All That Money?

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

In February 2005 we raised funds to support clubhouse restoration projects. The funds combined with a special donation and a board allocation, have been spent or earmarked for remaining projects.

Here is a summary of improvements to the clubhouse that have been made over the past 20 months.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Special Donation	\$5,000
Board Allocation	\$5,000
Restoration Fund	\$22,000
Total	\$32,000.00

COMPLETED ITEMS \$ SPENT \$ REMAINING

Digital Video Projector

Flat screen TV
Door repairs and replacements
Telephone moved to office
Audio Visual Upgrades
Electrical upgrades
Upgraded chairs
Kitchen re-painting and hardware
Downspouts & gutters
Security system
Window repairs and replacements
Walkway
Floor and Wall Refinishing
Curtains cleaned
Kitchen ceramic counter
Planters and garden

Total **\$26,415.00** **\$5,584.00**

ALLOCATED ITEMS

Bathroom ceramic tiling		
Exterior Repairs: Siding & Other		
Total	\$5,584.00	\$0.00

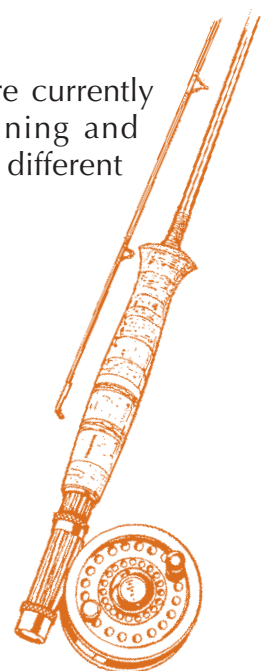
Many thanks to the many members who so generously contributed their time and money to improving the club house for all of us.

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

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
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
July 27, 2006	Joe & the Gang	TIPS & TECHNIQUES
September 28, 2006	John Sherman	SAN JOAQUIN DELTA
October 27, 2006 (Friday)	Bruce Richards	THE CASTING STROKE
October 28, 2006 (Saturday)	Bruce Richards	ANALYZING YOUR CASTING STROKE



Fly of the Month: Moose Midge

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

When the average angler hears the words “midge hatch” I am sure they inwardly cringe (I know that I used to). The image of tiny flies, gossamer tippets and 20-foot long or longer leaders can do that to you. The thought of tying flies in sizes 20 through 24 most certainly adds to the sense of gloom and despair. While I can’t help you out with the first part of your quandary this month’s fly can help with the latter. The Moose Midge is a very quick, very easy, durable and realistic pattern in sizes all the way down to and beyond those microscopic #24’s.

Midges comprise a larger percentage of a trout’s diet than most anglers realize. Many of you who fish the Lower Owens in the winter and early spring months would be surprised to know that many of those mayfly (Baetis) hatches you thought you were fishing to were actually a midge hatch. These insects are abundant in virtually every body of water and available to trout on a year around basis. In fact, in the winter months of the colder parts of the country, midges become more important than mayflies because they are more active and available at multiple parts of the water column. For those of you planning on a trip this spring to the Green River or a winter to early spring trip to the San Juan, keep this pattern in mind as the terminal end of your two-fly rig.

The Moose Midge is effective because of its realistic appearance. From the segmented body and the fluttering, lifelike qualities of the CDC wing to way that rests low in the water, this pattern looks alive. If the wing is reversed and tied in going forward the Moose Midge turns into the Moose Midge Emerger and rests in the surface with the hook down and accurately matches the natural. When tied in colors that match small, emerging mayflies, this fly can easily be substituted.

The Moose Midge is an effective and easily tied fly. It is deserving of a place in your fly box for those times you need an aspirin for your midge hatch headache.

Materials for tying the Moose Midge:

Hook: Tiemco 2487 or 2488 or similar style hook in sizes 16 to 24
 Thread: Black or primrose 6/0 or 8/0
 Body: Dark and light moose mane, flattened and wound on
 Wing: Light dun or tan CDC puff tied flat
 Thorax: Peacock herl

Tying Instructions for the Moose Midge:

- 1 Attach the thread to the shank just behind the headspace and wind down to a point about half the way around the bend. Select the moose mane fibers in the dark/light combination that you prefer. My basic pattern is 2 dark and 1 light however, 2 of the light combined with 1 of the dark



will produce a lighter body with a darker rib. You can also use moose mane that has been dyed shades of olive, red, tan/brown, pink or other colors to better match the natural insect. Instead of finding dyed moose mane you can use waterproof, permanent marking pens to color the fly.

Lay the moose mane onto your work top and carefully flatten the fibers with your thumb nail from the butt to the tip. Tie in the moose mane body material by the tips on the underside of the hook.

- 2 Advance the thread forward to the thorax area being careful that the result is smooth and edge to edge. Holding all of the moose mane fibers together, each side by side and in the correct order, carefully wind forward to what will be the end of the thorax. There should be no gaps between the moose mane fibers leaving a neat, segmented body. At this point you can color your body with a waterproof, permanent marker such as the ones made by Pantone without fear of marking anything else.
- 3 Select a dense, good quality CDC puff and, using the loose loop technique, tie it down flat over the body and secure the butt ends. The length of the wing should be about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ the length of the body. Select a nice quality strand of peacock herl and tie it in by the tip with the quill section of the herl going toward the eye of the hook. Wind the herl forward 3 to 6 turns, depending upon the size of the hook. Tie off the herl securely, form a small, neat head and whip-finish. Apply a small drop of a penetrating lacquer or head cement and the Moose Midge is ready for its maiden voyage.

Note:

If you want to tie an easy and effective midge emerger, tie in the wing with the CDC fibers going forward beyond the eye the length of about $\frac{1}{2}$ the body or less. Wind the peacock herl thorax over the butts of the CDC wing

and form the head and whip-finish in front of the wing. The fly will now rest hook bend suspended down in the water by the CDC puff.



Pitch In!

CAROLE KATZ, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

We need your help. Yes YOU! With more than 500 members, our programs are very well attended and the clubhouse is being heavily utilized. We need your help.

When the paper towel or toilet paper dispenser is empty, put on a new roll. Don't leave soda cans, cups, napkins or other trash lying around; throw it away. If you spill something on the floor or a table, wipe it up. If a trash can is full, take the bag to a bin outside (trash liners are under the island in the kitchen). If the kitchen floor, the bathrooms, or something else needs a once-over, clean it. After tying flies, pick up your own trimmings. Clean out the coffee pot at the end of a meeting. Wash your own dishes and silverware. If there is trash in or around the casting pond, pick it up. All these little things really add up.

If we all pitch in, everyone will have more time for casting, learning about fishing and socializing. The clubhouse and pond are valuable assets; the envy of other fishing clubs. Let's take care of those assets.

Calendar of Events

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
8	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 4th week
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Lake Fishing Trip
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Last Class
17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Green River Trip
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
19-21	Weekend		Club Trip: Lake Fishing
22	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Begins
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Past President's Meeting
19-21	Weekend		Club Trip: Green River
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting

June

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
12	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Mammoth #1 and Shad Trip
15	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	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
23	Friday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Scott Sanchez
23-25	Weekend		Club Trip: Mammoth #1
23-25	Weekend		Club Trip: Shad Fishing Trip
24	Saturday	9:00 AM	Fly Tying Workshop: Scott Sanchez
26	Monday	7:00 PM	Nationals Committee Meeting
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying

Sportfishing Trip Reservation Form

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:

Reservations must be submitted on the form shown below, include a deposit of \$240.00 per angler, paid by check, sent by U.S. Mail, and postmarked Wednesday, April 12, 2006 or later. Reservations submitted by any other means or postmarked before April 12, 2006 will not be accepted, and will be returned.

Make checks payable to: Long Beach Casting Club

Mail to: Gary Charles, 3939 E. Allin St., #218, Long Beach, CA 90803

Name: _____ Guest(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Deposit Information: No. of people _____ x \$240.00 = Total enclosed _____

AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET



Saturday, April 23, 2006 @ 6:30 PM

168 N. Marina Drive
Long Beach, California

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number in Party: _____ @ \$30.00 per person = \$ _____

Entrée Choices:

Buster's Catch of the Day Fish Qty. _____

Jamaican Jerk Chicken Qty. _____

Gidget's Cut Prime Rib Qty. _____

Make check payable to:
Long Beach Casting Club

Mail to:
Long Beach Casting Club
P.O. Box 90035
Long Beach, Ca. 90809-0035

Scott Sanchez Fly Tying Workshop Reservation Form

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:

- ❖ Fill out one copy of the reservation form for each member who wishes to attend.
- ❖ Enclose a non-refundable check payable to LBCC for \$40.
- ❖ Mail to: Dennis McTeer, 8532 Catalina Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605.
- ❖ Do not mail to the club's P.O. Box
- ❖ Reservations will not be accepted before May 26, 2006.

Member's Name: _____

Member's Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Payment Enclosed: _____



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