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Leader's Line

Number Eight

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

Number Eight is coming. July 31 through August 5 we are hosting our eighth American Casting Association National Tournament. Our first was in 1947, followed by 1954, 1961, 1971, 1978, 1984, and 2000. Each has had its casting highlights as well as personal interest stories. You'll have to come to the 2006 version to see this year's history in the making, made even more interesting this year because of prize money. The Oakland Casting Club is putting up \$1200 for cash prizes and hopes to be able to award even more by the time the tournament begins. Do volunteer to help and come to watch.

Tournament casting started in America in the 1860's, and in 1907 the precursor to the American Casting Association was formed. Back then, rods were made of split cane and steel, and contests were held on the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in Washington D.C., Madison Square Garden, and Golden Gate Park. Imagine!

There was a great deal of excitement regarding our first national tournament in **1947**. Two young women were coming from Patterson, NJ, for the dedication ceremony of our newly-enlarged cement casting pond just days before the start of the tournament. One of these celebrities was 18 year-old Dot Vogel, who won her first national championship at 11 and first world record at 14. A year earlier she was the highest scorer out of a field 224 male, female and junior competitors at nationals.

The other sensation was a 20 year-old tap dancer

teacher named Joan Salvato, holder of several national titles, including Dry Fly Accuracy Champion for the preceding four years. By 1947, Joan was already outcasting men in tournaments. Joan would later win 17 national titles and one international title, would become the Fisherman's Distance Fly Champion against all male competition in 1951, and would record her longest cast in a registered tournament of 161 feet in 1960. In exhibitions, many remember seeing her wearing an evening dress, high heels and lovely jewelry, casting perfectly synchronously with two rods, one in each hand.

5,000 people attended our 1947 tournament which awarded more than \$25,000 in prizes. 180 casters were entered in a single event, the 5/8 oz plug, miraculously completed in just 90 minutes—which must be a record in itself. The

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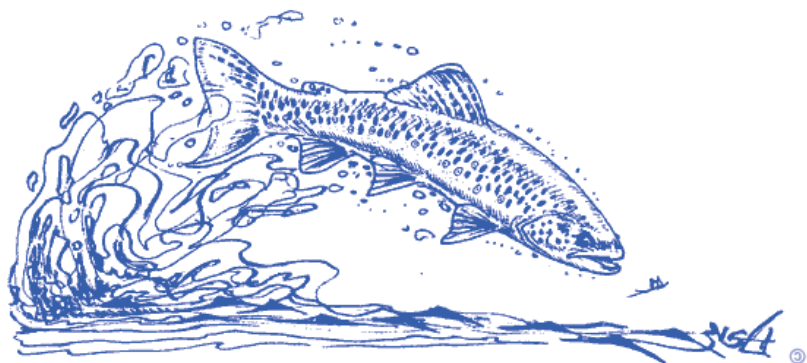
Scott Sanchez Fly Tying Workshop

DENNIS McTEER, 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, whereas the afternoon session will deal with saltwater flies and streamers, 3–5 hours in each session, with an hour-long lunch.

Reservations will be accepted *no earlier than* May 26, 2006. 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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A Year of the Yellowstone River and Livingston, Montana Area

DENNIS McTEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The June Monthly Meeting is Friday, the 23rd and our presenter is Scott Sanchez. The program will show the seasons and blue ribbon fisheries the Yellowstone and Livingston, Montana region has to offer. You will see the waters Dan Bailey and Joe Brooks made legendary and take an in depth look at the only un-dammed major river in the United States, the Yellowstone. A number of tributary streams are included in the show. Also included are photos and histories of classic Dan Bailey flies. These are matched up with fishing, scenic, entomology and wildlife shots to give you a full flavor of the area.

Scott started fly-fishing and fly tying at the age of 12. He grew up in Salt Lake City and tried his self-taught fly-fishing skills on the trout of the Wasatch front. Fortunately, these fish were forgiving of novice abilities. At age 14 he taught his first fly tying class.

He has worked in the fly fishing industry for over twenty years. This includes being assistant manager at Jack Dennis Sports, wholesale manager at Dan Bailey's, tying flies commercially, helping with video and book production for Snake River Books, guiding, consulting work for Dan Bailey's, working at the Austin Angler and being the Texas representative for Scott Rods.

Scott is a member of the Scott Rods Pro Staff, and is the fly tying columnist for AMERICAN ANGLER. He is featured in the video "Understanding Fly Tying Materials" and has done fly tying demonstrations as well as slide shows, fly tying and fly-fishing instruction. He has written articles and sold

photos to American and Japanese publications, and his flies have been featured in many books and magazines. His photos have won regional and national awards.

Scott's books INTRODUCTION to Saltwater Fly Tying and A NEW GENERATION OF TROUT FLIES are highly acclaimed and are a welcome addition to angling literature. Scott has been the featured guide on many national TV programs. He has been around the One Fly Contest since its inception and his Double Bunny has won the prestigious event three times. Scott is in demand at One Fly time for his bombproof flies. Many consider him to one of the more innovative tiers. He has over twenty years of experience fishing the Greater Yellowstone area. He has fly-fished for numerous species in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Florida, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, California, the Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Brazil, Belize, and France.

Hey, we are not done on Friday; see the Scott Sanchez Fly Tying Workshop article in this edition of the newsletter. We probably won't be tying some of Scott's more famous patterns such as the Budweiser Frogs or the Energizer Bunny but when you get a look at the Glass House Caddis or the Convertible, you won't want to leave for the Eastern Sierra without these in your fly box.



Summer Is Here!

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Well, the calendar says so. I do know that last night was the first night I slept without the down comforter and that the maintenance man came by to light the pilot light on my heater for the first time in eighteen months. Also I notice kids in the swimming pool after school, but screaming because of the cold water. June gloom has begun and it is only early May. Summer is at least nearing. It is time for you to plan some fishing trips.

Reports on the beginners' casting class trip to the San Gabriel and the May trips to the streams in the Bishop area and to the Green River in Utah will appear here next month. In

June, we are off to Mammoth. There will still be snow; Mammoth Mountain has extended its ski season through Fourth of July. Mammoth is a favorite venue because of the diversity of waters available. The ice will probably not be off of all of the lakes, but sometimes that means that the fishing at the inlets will produce large and hungry fish. Crowley is already fishing well; the Troutfitter



reports that anyone who didn't catch fish there on opening day didn't have a hook on! The Upper Owens, Big Springs and Hot Creek should be hot! There are numerous other smaller streams to explore. Get a good guidebook to the area and try fishing some new fishing spots rather than where you usually go each year. Explore.

The Brookie Bash in July annually attracts more than thirty anglers of all skill levels. Last year, Kevin Anderson, a junior member, beat us all and

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The trip is limited to 12 people; the cost includes transportation and lodging. I will create and cook, with the help of everyone, a menu for each night.

Cost of the trip is **\$650.00** per person including transportation to and from Idaho Falls.

To secure a spot or for further information please contact Joe Libeu at Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures, 310-749-6771.

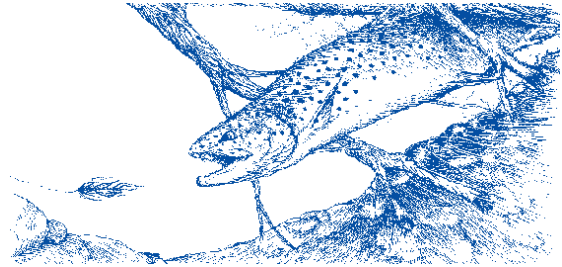


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won the Sierra Grand Slam award. His mother wasn't far behind in the fish count! It is hard to keep the Brook Trout off your hook on this trip. Try fishing with any fly tied with a little red. This is a terrific trip for beginners because you will be successful and it is always fun. Bring a camera; the scenery is fantastic.

If you have just finished the beginning-casting classes, the next logical step for new members is to sign up for the free ON THE RIVER CLINIC where you learn about bugs, proper equipment, and all manner of fishing techniques in a classroom setting and then attend streamside clinics. There you will apply your new skills under the watchful eyes of experienced anglers. In the past, this trip has been in July but rumor has it that the trip might be in the fall when conditions are more certain. Just watch the calendar. In any event, you must register for the whole class in order to attend the clinics on stream.

August has two trips: a surf fishing day trip and a weekend off shore charter. Surf fishing is gaining in popularity and each trip seems to draw a larger group. To accommodate the growing interest, we scheduled two such daytrips this year; April and August. The off shore trip requires reservations and a deposit, so you must sign up through Gary Charles. This is our first charter in several years and it should be a challenge. We scheduled these August trips around the ACA National Casting Tournament so that you have time to assist the club in hosting this event. Come and see some expert casting. It is humbling. (Memo to self: *back to pond*).



September finds us back in Mammoth to get in some Indian Summer fishing on Crowley Lake and the other lakes and streams in this broad area. It will probably be warm in the daytime but cooling off in the afternoon.

These summer trips are designed to get you fishing no matter what your skill level might be. Just sign up, meet some terrific liars and try your hand. This will be the time to gain some new knowledge from the more experienced anglers who are always glad to help. Last year I was fishing on the Upper Owens below the monument and I mentioned to Craig Haines (a newer member but an older angler) that I needed help with my streamer presentation. He immediately went back to his truck, grabbed a chair and a beer, sat down and conducted an afternoon clinic with me on streamer and wet fly fishing. I learned a lot from him that day and, no, he didn't offer me a beer.

You can't learn much about fishing in your living room with a dry line, so come on out and join us. We always have fun and the fishing trips are a great way to get to know your fellow club members. And we practice non-discriminatory, equal opportunity humiliation. Certainly we will provide ample chances for you to place your quarters in jeopardy! It will take the heat off me.



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event was won by Joan Salvato, who had driven cross-country from New Jersey in her dad's 1938 Chevy. The drive took a long time because she and her mother kept getting lost in corn fields, had to back-track, and lost their bearings on poorly marked gravel roads. Joan won the raffle for a 6 to 7 foot teardrop trailer that included a mattress, 2-burner stove, sink and cupboard, all very small. Later, Joan said that she was "looking for a man who would fish all day, dance all night, and fit into the small trailer" which meant being well under 6 feet tall. She found him in Lee Wulff, and together they became known as the "First Family of Fishing".

At this same tournament, Marvin Hedge, who had introduced the double haul in 1936, won the Distance Fly event with an average cast of 165 feet, and Joan set a new world record with a cast of 122 feet in Trout Fly Distance. Long Beach's Jim Corbell and Cliff Wyatt each won one event.



1954 brought a second national tournament and 350 competitors to LBCC. Fourteen events covered distance and accuracy with flies, plugs and spinning tackle, as well as special skish games. Two protégés of ACA Hall of Fame Honoree Myron Gregory of San Francisco won headlines. Future Hall of Famer, 18 year-old Jon Tarantino was crowned All-Around Champion for both the distance and accuracy events for the second straight year, this time setting a new world record and winning 13 first places. Jack Crossfield, a 22 year-old medical student, broke 16 year old world records that casting experts figured would never be touched, one by 13 feet and the other by 11. Myron himself did okay by equaling the world record set in 1938 in Distance Salmon Fly with a cast of 200 feet. More world records were established by Ben Fontaine in Skish Fly Distance and Trout Fly Distance. All-Around Fly Accuracy

Champion Don Meyer, at 17 the youngest competitor, and Ray Norton, at 54 the oldest competitor, were only the fourth pair in 46 years of casting to compile perfect 100 scores in Dry Fly Accuracy.

LBCC's **1961** National Tournament coincided with the 100th anniversary of tournament casting in the US. This was the scene of the legendary 10-round cast off between LBCC's Ed Thomas, the eventual winner with 10 perfect scores, and Steve Aleshi, another ACA Hall of Famer and national record holder. Steve started as a prize fighter, but at 112 pounds was too light and took up casting instead (yeah, the two sports are really similar). He practiced in a tough neighborhood in Kansas City, and was proud to have taught many "would-be-delinquents" the fundamentals of casting.

In **1971**, our fourth national tournament featured some extraordinary youngsters. At just 14 years of age, Steve Rajeff won the Anglers All-Around Award (for 6 accuracy events and 2 distance games) and the All-Fly Cup (for the best showing in all six fly events). He established three new records: Distance Flies, total points in the All-Accuracy competition, and total points in the Accuracy Flies. Another teenager, our own Craig Rohrer, twice Western Indoor Overall Accuracy Champion, outscored his talented dad Allan in four events.

Steve Rajeff would later win or tie the All-Around Championship 32 consecutive years, possibly the longest winning streak in any amateur competitive sport. He would hold the U.S. record in ten individual events and four of six combined events, and win the bi-annual International Casting Sport Federation's World Championship 13 times.

While being interviewed for the newspaper, rather than dwell on his own accomplishments, competitor Mel Kreiger spoke about being proud to have introduced George Rajeff and his 11

year-old son Steve to casting in 1968. There were some other memorable appearances at our 1971 tournament. Ann Strobel, professional caster and international casting champion, made a big impression not only because of her phenomenal casting, but also because of her short shorts (okay, very short shorts).

During our fifth national tournament in **1978**, Golden Gate's Steve Rajeff set national records in seven events and teammate Chris Korich won three events. Chris is another caster who started as a teenage phenom and went on to become world champion. He speaks fondly of one of his early competitions here at Long Beach, when he was struggling with practice for the Wet Fly Event. Our own Ed Thomas took the time to give Chris some pointers, even though it nearly made Ed late for his own event. Chris won the event and credits Ed's guidance.

LBCC members performed admirably. Allan Rohrer qualified for the All American Team and was among the top five accuracy plug casters. His wife Barbara was the top finisher among the women in Accuracy Flies, Accuracy Plugs and All-Accuracy Combined events, while our Ed Mosser established a new record of 166 feet in the Angler's Fly Distance.

Steve Rajeff won eight events at our **1984** National Tournament, usually alternating first and second place with Chris Korich, who placed first in two and second in six events. The LBCC team of Ian Walker, Allan Rohrer, Dean Rickerd, Matt Rickerd and Ed Mosser placed third in the Club Team Event.

In **2000**, we hosted our seventh national tournament. Steve Rajeff was at it again, winning seven events and the All-Around. Long Beach's Matt Rickerd was selected to the All American Team following a second place finish (after 3 cast-offs), two third places and a fourth. Steve, Chris

and Matt scored perfect 100's. Our Ian Walker finished third in two events and sixth in another, while Jamie Murphy finished in the top eight of three events. To demonstrate how tough the competition was, Jamie's score of 98 only got him fifth place! Bobby Spear had two first place finishes and three thirds among senior men.



Come see history in the making this summer. Today's superstars of casting will be here, July 31–August 5, for you to see, to talk to, and to

learn from, like their predecessors before them. Don't miss it!

LBCC has a reputation for hosting superb national tournaments, so let's all chip in to continue the tradition. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, whether experienced or not, we need *you*. Call Tournament Captain Mark Lipe at (310) 660-3662 to volunteer to help.

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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| ❖ June 16–18 | Mammoth Trip #1 |
| ❖ July 21–23 | Brookie Bash |
| ❖ August 19 | Surf Fishing Trip |
| ❖ August 12–14 | Off-Shore Blue Water |
| ❖ September 22–24 | Mammoth Trip #2 |
| ❖ October 13–17 | Nor-Cal Trip |
| ❖ October 20–22 | Mammoth Trip #3 |
| ❖ November 10–12 | Steelhead Trip |

Something New at the Nationals!

MARK LIPE, TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

The 98th ACA National Tournament which is scheduled July 31st–August 5th will feature some NEW GAMES, NEW RULES, and for the first time...a SPECIAL TEAM CASH AWARD. I hope the information below entices you to participate in this year's National Tournament. It's a wonderful experience and a great opportunity. It even gives you an excuse to buy some more casting equipment.

Because the Long Beach Casting Club is one of the 21 ACA affiliated clubs, our membership is eligible to compete in this prestigious tournament. For tournament rules and regulations, click on "Our Games" on the ACA website americancastingassoc.org. Registration forms are located at the clubhouse or you can log onto the ACA website and go to page 4 in the 2006 Spring Issue of the ACA Newsletter THE CREEL.

RULE CHANGES

At last years annual business meeting, it was passed that the scoring for all plug accuracy events and with the dry fly accuracy game, a maximum of minus 5 points would be obtained for any final casts beyond 5 feet from the 30" diameter target. In years past, you could obtain scores of minus 6 to a maximum of minus 10 depending upon you lack of accuracy. My plugs scores already are going to improve this tournament, as I typically have at least one bad cast that causes the line to catch itself and the plug halts to a stop at least 10 feet short of the target and Judge shouts "score 10, yellow target".

The rule regarding Single Event National Championships previously stated that in divisions where the participants were 17 years of age and over, an event would not be cast if there were less

than 5 participants competing. Now, an event can be cast regardless of the number of participants. When participants are less than 4, the number of medals awarded may be limited. For example, when there are 3 participants, only the gold and silver medals are awarded.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

This year's tournament offers something special, in that we have two International Casting Sport Federation (ICSF) events scheduled on August 3rd and 4th. The Skish Fly Accuracy (ICSF Event #1) and the Spinning Arenberg Plug Accuracy (ICSF Event #3) will be cast on grass and will follow ICSF rules and equipment guidelines. Your 9' Bass Bug Rod with a WF-9 line would meet the requirements for the Skish Fly event. The events were scheduled to entice some of the International Casters to come to our National Tournament and also to showcase the events to ACA members. Although ACA members will be able to cast the events unofficially, we may have to limit the number of participants to ensure that it does not interfere with the scheduled ACA events. We will give priority to those casters who will be competing in this year's ICSF World Casting Championships in Ireland. Registration for events will be done on site.

For more information on the ICSF events, contact www.castingsport.com and click on "Rules". Then click on "Tournament Rules", and then select either "Event #1" for Fly Accuracy or "Event #3" for Spinning Accuracy Arenberg Target.

5 WEIGHT COMBINATION ACCURACY / DISTANCE

A 5 weight combination accuracy and distance



event is scheduled for Saturday, August 5th. The event can be cast for accuracy, distance, or a combination of both. The five-minute combination game consists of false casting to eight targets ranging from 20 to 80 feet. One of your eight final casts requires a curve type cast at the second target, which is located directly behind and touching the first "obstacle" target. The objective is to land the fly in the target without touching the "obstacle" target. Another cast will be at the farthest "bonus" target, which is 60–80 feet away.

After the accuracy portion of the game is completed, the event continues as you cast for distance but within a designated casting lane for score. Before the event, you are allowed a one-minute preparation time where the caster can strip line off the reel and place the line on the ground. The equipment requires a 5-wt WF floating line with the first forty feet of fly line plus leader does not exceed 12.50 grams (193 grains). The head of the fly line must be 35–40 feet long. The leader length must be between 7'–9 1/2' with a maximum tippet diameter of .009" and a minimum tippet length of 18". The fly is tournament dry fly with hackle not less than 3/4" and not greater than 7/8" in diameter. The rod length cannot exceed 9'-1".

Scoring during the accuracy portion of the game will award the caster 500 points when the fly hits on or inside each of the 30" diameter targets. When the fly hits outside the 30" diameter target but on or within the 54" judging ring, 300 points will be awarded. A fly landing outside the 54" judging ring will be assessed 100 points. The total score for accuracy is the sum of scores minus penalties. If you "tick" the water during false casting during the accuracy game, you will be assessed a penalty of 10% of your score on the next target. If the caster fails to meet the objective when casting at the "obstacle" target, a penalty equal to the achieved score shall be assessed. The distance portion of the game will score the best 2 casts with the score being

the number of feet times 10. If casting distance only, only the best cast will be recorded.

For more information regarding the rules and regulations, please log onto the ACA website and refer to page 9 of the April/May Issue of the ACA Newsletter THE CREEL. I personally am looking forward to this event, as it will challenge my casting skills with double hauling and performing some kind of a curve cast. These skills are going to improve my fishing too! The event will be free and registration will take place during the tournament.

SPECIAL TEAM AWARD

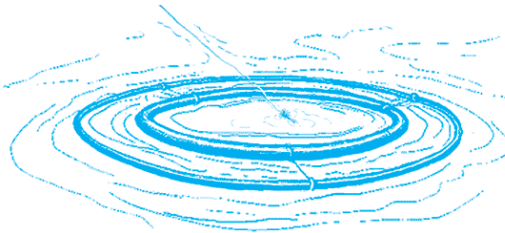
The Oakland Casting Club is sponsoring a generous \$1200 Special Team Award and is asking for other club's and/or corporations to contribute to add to the prize money. A pre-determined four-member ACA Club Team will each participate in six events: Trout Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz. Plug Accuracy, 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy, Angler's Fly Distance, and 1/4 oz. Plug Distance. Each caster's score is divided by a reference score. A reference score is the winner's

score in each of the divisions and events at the previous ACA National Tournament. For example, if an intermediate caster scored a 90 during the Trout Fly at the 2006 ACA Nationals, his/her score would

be divided by 87 which was the winning intermediate score last year. That situation would score a 103.4% $(90/87) \times 100\% = 103.4\%$ toward his/her team's total. The team with the highest sum wins the special team award.

CONCLUSION

"Score Perfect" and be part of this prestigious event. The V.W. McCabe Memorial Award is the perpetual award given to the Member Club who has the most registered casters competing in at least one event. The Oakland Casting Club won this award at our last Nationals in 2000 as they had 13 and Long Beach had 10. Let's make Long Beach proud and win this award!



His Name Was Stormy, Part 1

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

As a prelude to last year's Kern River trip, I took a four-day horse-pack trip into the Golden Trout Wilderness over Labor Day weekend. Some have asked for a report, so here goes.

There were eight anglers, our guide Guy Jeans (Kern River Troutfitters), Shane the packer/wrangler and Joleen, master chef and horsewoman. The anglers covered an age spectrum of 30 years. Most were experienced fly fishers.

The outfitter had selected mounts for each of us based on our declared riding experience. I got Stormy who had one bad eye due to dust irritation. Stormy was given to obstinacy; after all, he had been on these trails far more often than I. I discovered he also liked to blaze his own trails, to my abject horror. Like an overachiever, he tended to get up close and personal to the behind of the horse immediately in front of him. But he didn't want the responsibility of leading, so he was lost if there was no horse ahead of him. He simply wouldn't move. If I ever go again, I'll tell them that I've never ridden before and have been afraid of horses ever since I fell off that mechanical horse in front of Woolworth's.

We rode in for eight hours on the first day. It was very dusty. The bandanas that Guy required proved useful, but hot. Lunch was at Trout Meadow, a beautiful long, fenced meadow. I noticed Stormy looking at me with his good eye thinking he could scrape me off on the barbed wire as we rode along the fence! But lunch included a small apple so we made peace. Lunch was brief; we had come to fish not to ride.

An hour's ride later, we arrived at the Little Kern River Bridge. The river is only about twenty

feet across and is at the bottom of a deeply cut V-shaped gorge. It's absolutely beautiful. Golden trout lie in the pools beneath the bridge.

That first afternoon was a series of mishaps. We went down one narrow trail only to find it blocked by a deadfall. We each had to turn around and retrace our path back up. Tim's horse, Julio, was in front of Stormy and kept backing down. Stormy is a natural charger, so he just went around and virtually galloped up the steep hill. Julio kept backing and then sat down and rolled over on top of Tim. He stayed there for several minutes until Joleen could pull him off. Tim was shaken but not injured, fortunately.

Later, on another steep pitch, the wrangler's horse and the lead mule got into a heated conversation over control issues. Shane was not included in the discussion. The ending came when the Shane's horse circled and ran downhill between the mules, tying an overhand knot in the string of mules clothes lining Shane in the process, throwing him to the ground. He was not injured. Shane is definitely not a horse whisperer; he firmly swatted the offenders, instructed them loudly on appropriate behavior and took the lead again.

We quickly set up camp on the Kern River just above Little Kern Lake. Some of the group rushed to set up their rods and started fishing. I quickly took some painkillers.

Evening was truly special; the darkness was interrupted by billions of stars. We had a marvelous meal around a campfire (we needed headlamps to see our food) and shared stories. Everyone seemed to have brought a bottle or flask of his favorite liquid. Being a good ol' boy from Tennessee, Shane was partial to his "Jack". It evaporated in the high altitude.

At dawn, we had a delicious breakfast of bacon, eggs, potatoes, melons, juices and two pots of hot cowboy coffee. Then, off to fish.



We went upstream by foot, fishing pools and riffles. These fish rarely see anglers so everyone was successful with many Kern River Rainbows being caught in the 16–20 inch range and several up to 24 inches. I nymphed a couple of pools but I quickly broke off every rig I tied on 7x and 6x tippet. I didn't even get a chance to set the hook; these freight trains just took the fly and snapped the inadequate material on the first run. Using 4x, I was able to land several of these beautiful fish, a genetic merger of a coastal Rainbow and a Golden Trout. They were very silver with small but very distinct spots, a red band and parr marks.

To be continued next month...

Club Membership Requests

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Jerry Allison and Corey and Cassidy Laughy of Long Beach
- ❖ Ray Burns of Redondo Beach
- ❖ George Godwin of Huntington Beach
- ❖ Tony and Denise Lark of Los Angeles
- ❖ Bill Luther of Long Beach
- ❖ Mel Otis of Sunset Beach
- ❖ Gary Sanders of Lakewood
- ❖ Dennis Tsuyuki of Torrance
- ❖ Mathew, Stacey and David Wolf of Hacienda Heights

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

For any questions about your membership or corrections to your address, telephone or email information contact me by phone or by email.

Do You Know the Way to Lee's Ferry?

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

It seems each year there is interest in fishing Lee's Ferry over the Christmas Holidays, but we never seem to get quite enough people to commit.

The famous tailwater fisheries like the Green River, the San Juan and the Bighorn developed into great venues after the flows stabilized below the dams. For some reason, the Colorado below the Glen Canyon Dam was reputed to be somewhat better when the fluctuations washed orange scuds up on the gravel bars and then released those scuds on the flood. Nonetheless, it is a good fishery with stable water flows and we want to try it.

We are focusing on the Christmas Holiday season, some time between Christmas and maybe shortly after New Year's. The optimum number would be six anglers. That would drive the cost down to about \$450 for a couple of days fishing with guides including lodging. The guides drive us up river to wade fish from the gravel bars. The absence of a large number of accommodations in the area limit the capacity on this trip and fewer fishermen would cause a slight increase in price trending towards \$650.

If you are interested, contact Bob Graham and give him the best dates you would be available.



Fly of the Month: WD-40

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

I know winter is over and it is time to start focusing on mayflies and caddis but you may be making a serious mistake. If you fish anywhere this spring or early summer it is likely to have abundant, hatching populations of Midge and Baetis and the WD-40 is one pattern that needs to be with you. Can you say the Owens (Upper and Lower if they ever stop the near flood conditions), the Green, the San Juan, the Colorado and several dozen more I failed to mention? Of course you can...

Spring is a day to day occurrence in the High Country. Winter continues to hang on with cold blustery conditions and the WD-40 is still a must have for these colder hatch conditions. The fly, invented by Mark Engler (also referenced as John) for use on the Frying Pan River in Colorado where large Midge and lots of Baetis mayflies are a preferred food source for the river's trout population. However the WD-40 is quite versatile in imitating other species of insects depending on the color, size and style that you use.

It is a good idea to carry the fly in several different colors to match local conditions including tan, black, pink, red and gray beyond the olive shown here. Vary the sizes to include a range of #16 down to #20.

This pattern has been around since the '80s and because of its popularity it has proffered more variations than you could shake a stick at. What is being presented to you is the original pattern as best as I can determine and it still, according to many, is one the best. You can add a bit of flash to the body or the wing case through the use of Krystal Flash or similar materials or add some weight and impart a jigging action by adding a bead head. Still other variations include adding a wing—in particular a short, upright emerging wing.

Fishing it dead drift with an indicator or a dropper dry fly is my favorite method of using the WD-40. Be sure to complete your drift and allow the imitation to rise through the water column like an emerging insect or you will be missing about 40% of your strikes. Continue to retrieve the fly slowly for a short distance before your next presentation and drift. Fishing the WD-40 in this fashion is a great way to spend the day.

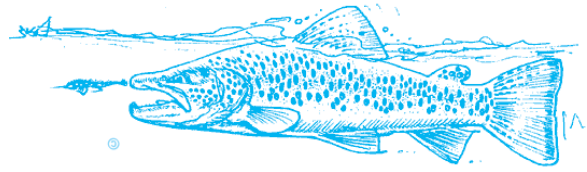
Materials For Tying the WD-40:

Hook: Midge emerger style such as a Tiemco #2487 in sizes #16–20
 Thread: Olive 6/0 or 8/0
 Tail: Wood duck flank fibers (hence the 'WD')
 Body: Thread
 Thorax: Muskrat dubbing including the guard hairs
 Wing case: Wood duck flank fibers
 Head: Same as body or black



Instructions for Tying the WD-40:

1. The WD-40 is a simple fly to tie and very effective fly to use. Start by placing your hook in the vise in the standard fashion. Attach your tying thread to the hook just behind the headspace and evenly wind down the shank to a point where the thread is directly over the point of the barb. Remove a clump of about 4 to 8 fibers, depending on the size of the fly, from a wood duck flank feather. Tie them in so that they extend beyond the bend and are about the length of the shank. Do not trim the butt ends as they will be used for the wing case.
2. Smoothly wind the body using your tying thread. I like to spin the thread counter-clockwise every 8 to 10 wraps to keep it flat and untwisted. The body should be a thin, smooth, slightly cigar shaped and extend about one-half to two-thirds the length of the shank.
3. Before you proceed to the dubbing fold back the butts of the tail and add any additional wood duck fibers you need in order to create the size of the wing case that you want. Your thread should now be at the beginning of the thorax.
4. Thickly apply muskrat dubbing, including the guard hairs, to your thread to form the thorax. For an even shaggier appearance you can use a dubbing loop. Wind the dubbing forward to the headspace evenly, avoiding overlap that could weaken the fly, and tie off at the headspace.
5. Pull the wood duck fibers forward over the top of the thorax giving them a slight twist to help keep them together. Tie the fibers down securely with a few thread wraps. form a small, neat head and whip finish. Using your bodkin pick out the underside of the thorax creating a hair and dubbing hackle and your WD-40 is complete.



Past President's Report

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Your Past Presidents got together last week at Buster's for our annual dinner. This year was modestly attended but as always the reminiscences and fun flowed freely.

If you note in your Roster under Officers and Directors you will see that the "Advisory Board" is all Past Presidents. We think of ourselves as the Supreme Court for the club and during our meeting noted that the ship is afloat and staying the course. Two suggestions were made and were brought to the Board of Directors and approved.

1. All LIFE MEMBERS should be listed in the Roster as are all Past-Presidents due to the efforts, expense and commitment required to become a Life member.
2. The parking space just outside the kitchen should be designated "For the President of the Long Beach Casting Club ONLY." Each of the Past Presidents thought this was way too late and should have come in during their respective reigns. During the Board meeting only Carole objected saying everyone will think it was her power grab. Don't think so, not her idea, besides she blushed slightly when she thought of it. Modesty becomes her. Our thoughts were simple, honor the President and he/she always has a trunk load of junk for or from the club.

Calendar of Events

June

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| 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 |
| 7 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Pre-trip Meeting: Mammoth #1 |
| 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 |
| 15 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Activity Night: Casting and Tying |
| 16-18 | Weekend | | Club Trip: Mammoth #1 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

July

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| 5 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 6 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Activity Night: Casting and Tying |
| 10 | Monday | 7:00 PM | Nationals Committee Meeting |
| 11 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Tuesday Night Casting |
| 12 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Pre-trip Meeting: Brookie Bash |
| 13 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Activity Night: Casting and Tying |
| 18 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Tuesday Night Casting |
| 19 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Pre-trip Meeting: Off Shore Charter |
| 20 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Activity Night: Casting and Tying |
| 21-23 | Weekend | | Club Trip: Brookie Bash |
| 24 | Monday | 7:00 PM | Nationals Committee Meeting |
| 25 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Tuesday Night Casting |
| 25-29 | Week | | FFF Conclave in Bozeman, Montana |
| 26 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Past President's Dinner |
| 27 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Monthly Meeting: Joe's Tips & Techniques |
| 31 | Monday | 9:00 AM | ACA National Tournament Begins |

August

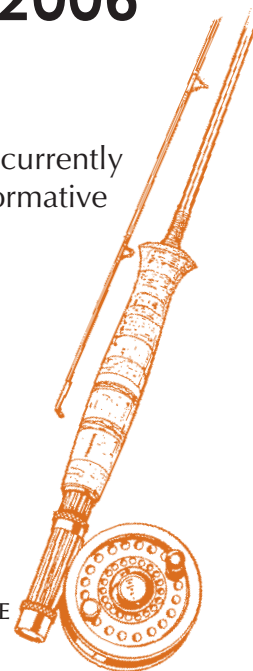
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| 1-5 | Tuesday | 9:00 AM | ACA National Tournament Continues |
| 5 | Saturday | 6:00 PM | ACA Tournament Awards Banquet: No Host Bar |
| 5 | Saturday | 7:30 PM | ACA Tournament Awards Banquet: Dinner |
| 7 | Monday | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 8 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Tuesday Night Casting |
| 9 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Pre-trip Meeting: Surf Fishing Trip |
| 10 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Activity Night: Casting and Tying |
| 12-14 | Weekend | | Club Trip: Off-Shore Charter Fishing |
| 15 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Tuesday Night Casting |
| 17 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Activity Night: Casting and Tying |
| 19 | Saturday | | Club Trip: Surf Fishing |
| 22 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Tuesday Night Casting |
| 24 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Monthly Meeting: Meeting Hosted by the Past President's |
| 29 | Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Tuesday Night Casting |
| 31 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Monthly Meeting: Peter Piconi on Fishing San Diego |

Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

DENNIS MC TEER, 1ST 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 workshops—one for tying and one for casting.

| DATE | SPEAKER | TOPIC |
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| June 23 (Friday) | Scott Sanchez | YELLOWSTONE River & Livingston Montana Fishing |
| June 24 (Saturday) | Scott Sanchez | Tying Workshop; 2 Sessions: |
| July 27, 2006 | Trout & Salt Flies | |
| August 31, 2006 | Joe & the Gang | TIPS & TECHNIQUES |
| September 28, 2006 | Peter Piconi | FLY FISHING SAN DIEGO |
| October 27, 2006 (Friday) | John Sherman | SAN JOAQUIN DELTA |
| October 28, 2006 (Saturday) | Bruce Richards | THE CASTING STROKE |
| NOVEMBER 17, 2006 (FRIDAY) | Bruce Richards | ANALYZING YOUR CASTING STROKE |
| | Simon Gawesworth | to be announced |



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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 _____

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.

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