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# Target Talk

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## [Leader's Line](#)

### The Gals

**CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT**

I couldn't help but notice that I'm just the fourth female club president in 81 years, which started me wondering about the women of the past, which got me digging through the boxes in the attic—again.

#### **LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CASTING CLUB**

In the beginning, there was Long Beach Women's Casting Club, formed on August 9, 1940, with 25 charter members and Esther Metzger as the first president. This was only the second women's casting club in the entire west; Golden Gate's being the other. The group hosted their first casting tournament in 1942. They were good.

At the Little Grand National Registered Casting Tournament in Santa Monica in 1947, Geraldine Thorn, won the 5/8 oz. Accuracy Bait with a 97, topping both men and women contestants by 4 points, while Dorothy Hunt scored a 99 in Dry Fly. A few months later, Dorothy cast a perfect score of 100—only one living man had ever done this to date.

The 64 members of Long Beach Women's Casting Club co-hosted the 1947 National Tournament with Long Beach Casting Club. Although Dot Vogel of New Jersey won the Women's All Around Accuracy Award (combination of 6 events), our

Dorothy Hunt was second in All Around Accuracy, Accuracy Baits and Accuracy Flies, the latter two each being a compilation of three events. Her All Around Accuracy score was just three points less than that of Miss Vogel's. Geraldine Thorn had two third place finishes.

At the 1954 National Tournament here in Long Beach, Mildred Wolfe was crowned All Accuracy Champion after winning five of the seven events she entered. She set new world records in 5/8 oz. Accuracy and Combined Bait Events, and new national records in 3/8 oz. Accuracy and 1/4 oz. Accuracy, the latter with a score of 99. The one point deduction came after missing a target by just two inches.

In 1958, Norma Collins won the Women's Skish Spinning Event, placed second in three events and third in two events at the national tournament. Jenny Bishop placed third in three events and fourth in four events. The following year, 1959,

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# Another Chester Story

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Several people asked at the last monthly meeting whether there were other Chester stories. Are there ever...

Chester, the Wonder Dog, was not registered with the AKA ("a German shepherd/mutt mix") but Gary LaFontaine dubbed him as the world's greatest fishing dog. One day Gary was fishing with his brother in identical kick boats on a lake...

*"We started casting against the cliffs on the far shore and soon Jay hooked a fat, 13-inch cutthroat. My faithful dog seemed a bit upset as he watched Jay play the fish, but he stayed firmly planted on my kick boat. It was a touching display of his confidence in me. I didn't get a strike on my first few casts, but Jay soon hooked another nice cutthroat. My boy Chester stood up and paced a bit on the back platform of the kick boat, but he sat down and stared at me. It was a touching display of his devotion to the one who cared for and loved him. My next few casts were ignored by the fish, but Jay hooked a third big cutthroat. I heard a splash and turned around to see Chester swimming over to my brother's kick boat. It was a disgusting display of a 'catch-fish-or-cut-bait' mentality that grips overly competitive fishing dogs."*



Now you know how I feel when Gary Charles, my own faithful fishing buddy, wanders off to angle on his own if he sees I am not catching enough trout with him!

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# Tips & Techniques

DENNIS MC TEER, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Sometimes it's the little things that make all of the difference for the 10% of fishermen who catch 90% of the fish.

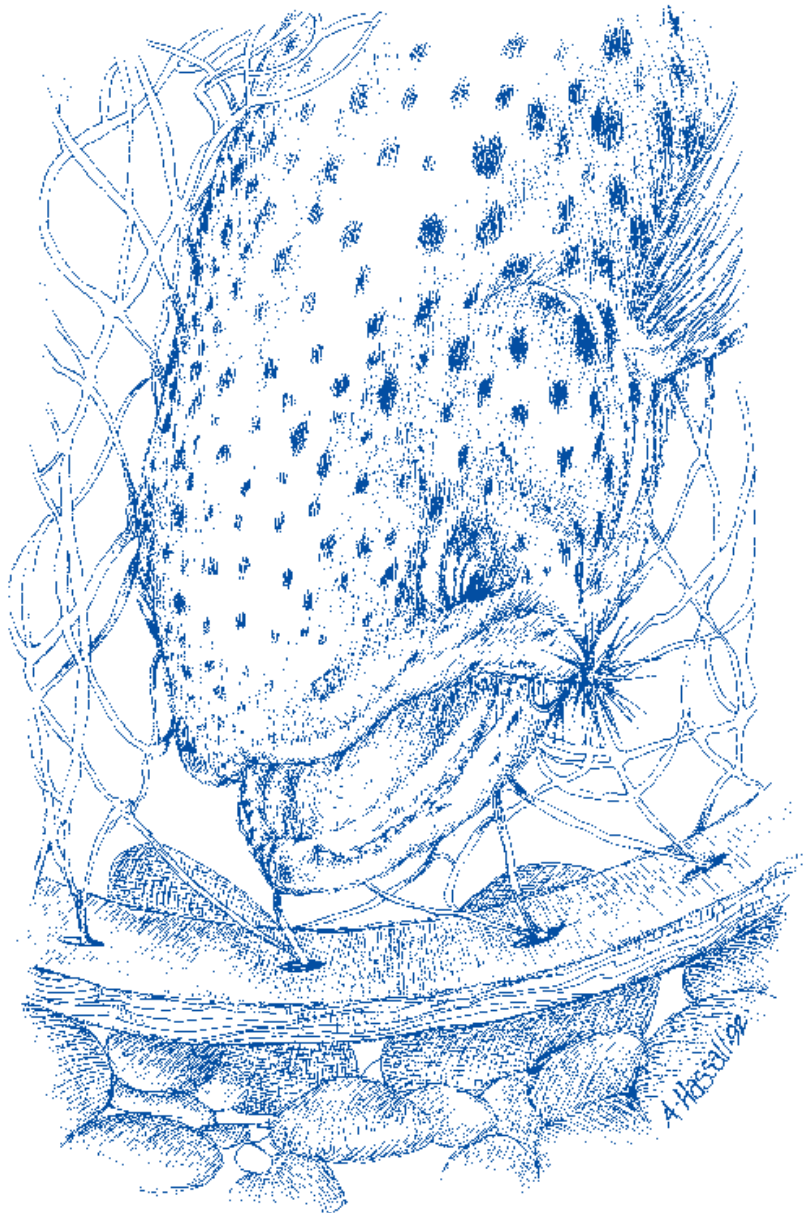
The July monthly meeting is our Fourth Annual Tips & Techniques and it will be held on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. If you are like me and have found themselves in a pool next to "The Phantom", using the same fly, (seemingly) the same technique, and yet you go fishless while his rod is constantly bent, then this meeting is for you. Whether you have been fishing since they invented hooks or you have just started, don't miss this meeting. You will learn something new!

As in the past, the meeting will be a Round Robin—a series of presentations set up around the clubhouse with small group discussions on the subtleties of our sport on subjects such as: knot tying, fly tying, nymphing, strike indicators, fly casting, still water fishing and kayak fishing just to name a few.

The timing couldn't be better. We recently finished our beginning fly casting clinic and with all the snow pack, we are at the beginning of what should be a very good season. That is, once the runoff is finished. I never fail to pick up some new information at this meeting and we seldom get this much talent together at one time to give up their secrets. One of the great things about our club is the tremendous wealth of experience and knowledge that we have. Another is all of the educational programs that are offered and this is yet another opportunity for you to cut down on your learning curve.

You can walk around, listen to the various presenters, hear from the best talent our club has to offer, take notes and become one of the 10% catching 90%.

Whoever said *"Don't sweat the small stuff"* was not a fly fisher.





# Fishing Bishop in May

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Last year Gary added a Mammoth trip for those who couldn't go to the Green River. The Mammoth location was changed to Bishop because of lingering winter in that area. Only three anglers attended last year. This year there were five people at the pre-trip meeting, so I thought we would have a much better turnout. The only way to know for sure is to see who shows up for breakfast at 7:00 AM on Saturday, right?

Wrong! Only one came along with me.

Because of work, I left late and drove up under gray skies on Thursday. I was enthusiastically looking forward to fishing the evening rises. But on arrival in Bishop the afternoon hurricane was in full force. Fishing on Thursday was over.

Friday, I had the Lower Owens to myself in the morning, so I fished the Club Hole, wading out into the cold waters flowing at 350 cfs. It was a memorable day: bright and sunny, with many cooperating fish. While I was having lunch, Mark, a guide from Brock's, came up and asked for permission to fish the Hole with his client, a teenager named Clint. A Sage rod for Christmas was to be tested out.

Clint could not reach the foam line with his casts, so Mark and I took him out into the middle on the gravel bar and stood on either side of him holding him firmly in place. An hour and a half of fruitless casts brought some scowls to his face. Then the afternoon clouds moved in and there was a fish on! Good thing because Mark was preparing to end the fly fishing and to take Clint and his younger brother down to Five Bridges for a little bait casting. Clint played the fish well (with Mark's constant coaching) and it turned out to be a very nice 13-inch Brown Trout with vibrant colors. A large, fat fish. Mark was still holding on

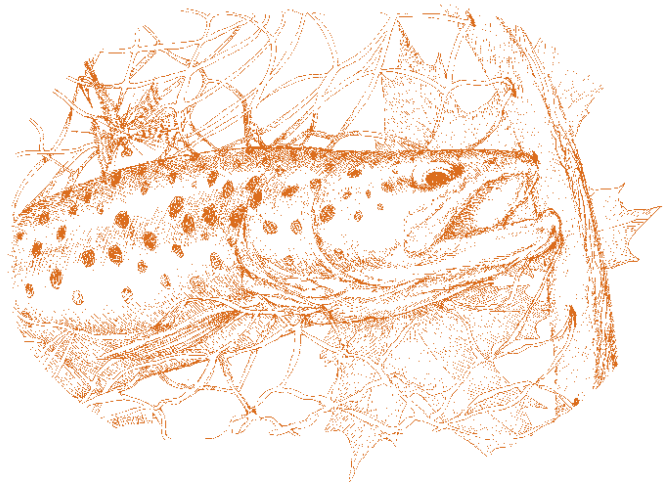
to Clint so he asked me to land the fish.

Once the hook was out, I took the beautiful fish over so Clint could hold his prize. His face really lit up. He was there with his grandparents, Dad and brother but no one brought a camera. Mark's was in his truck. Here was his first fish caught on a fly and no camera to record it!

That fish was certainly the highlight of the trip. Saturday I had breakfast with Steve Fiduc, an experienced fisherman returning to club membership. We decided to fish the Upper Owens and spent all morning exploring the murky waters searching for fish all the way from the monument to the Lake. We were skunked, along with all of the spin fishermen and bait casters present. As the winds came up, Steve went up to Big Springs for shelter and I tried the meadow section of Hot Creek. Again, we both got skunked.

On Sunday, Steve learned about the hazards of fishing with me on trips that I plan! It rained and he didn't have appropriate gear. So he stayed in Bishop to buy a rain jacket as soon as something opened for business. I went north intending to explore Hot Creek again but the rain intensified the farther north I went. So I ended the trip and headed home.

After all I had to pack for the Green River trip...



# The Green River, Again!

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

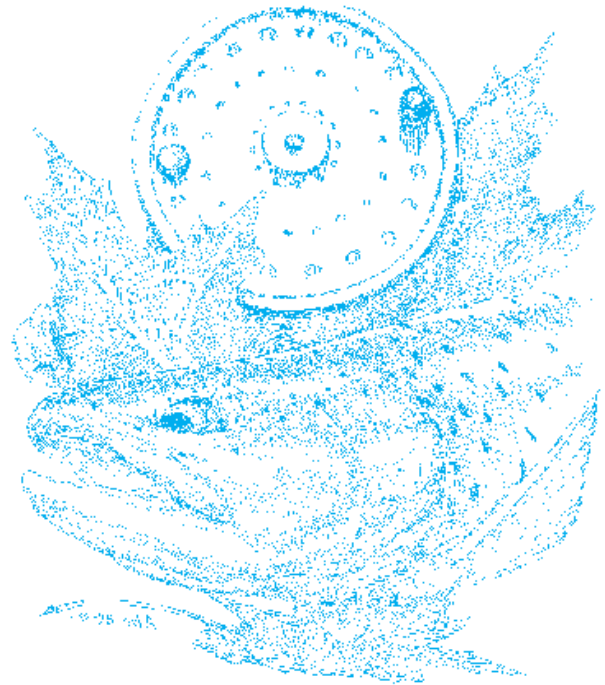
I was challenged recently to only submit articles to Target Talk that are less than a thousand words. Having been trained as a lawyer, this is a seemed impossible. But I can do it: for a complete report on the Green River trip this Memorial Day weekend, read last year's report. In fact, try the articles from the year before or even three years ago. It appears to be becoming the same trip but the temperament of the river changes annually thus continuing its interest.

The flows were steady at 4,500 cfs this year. The weather was variable with highs in the low eighties for two days and then one morning we woke to two inches of snow on the cars. The usual mountain thunderstorms passed us by this year but the storm systems brought winds. The afternoon hurricanes occurred daily making casting hazardous to the guide's hat and health.

Our guide was impressed that club members seemed to be prepared for anything. One day we wore sun gloves and the next, neoprene wind stoppers or wool gloves. Unlike last year, rain jackets were worn because of the wind.

We had reserved the six Alpine Cabins at Red Canyon Lodge as part of the club trip; two of the Ponderosa Cabins were arranged by members on their own. We also had a large contingent of campers bringing our total numbers close to thirty.

The only cogent question asked at the Pre-Trip Meeting (consisting entirely of past participants) was from Jeff Sadler: "*Was the lamb barbecue on Friday or Saturday?*" It was a success again this year: the lamb and chicken were cooked to perfection by Shig Takehana, Chester Chau and the sou chefs (a new heavy metal rock band?). It was topped off by a delicious peach cobbler



and ice cream. Jeff brought a case of private label LBCC wine for the event. The next night's menu consisted of salmon and tri-tip. Unfortunately, three boats missed that second barbecue, having taken a late float (noon to 8:00 PM) and then opting for a quick bowl of hot soup and an early bedtime after a very cold and blustery afternoon on the river.

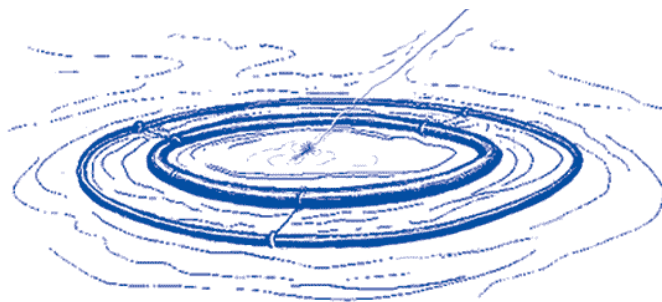
Another social highlight was the celebration of Judy Ross's 39<sup>th</sup> birthday (again). Yash Iseda entertained us with newspaper origami. Al Ross ordered a huge carrot cake with a single candle. The sixteen of us could only consume half of the cake.

The flies, rigs and fishing methods used were the same as in last year's report. Success varied from day to day, angler to angler and depended largely upon whether one floated or waded. Everyone caught enough fish to want to return, though maybe not on the same weekend. The dry fly advocates want to wait until June or July in hopes the cicadas will return. If you have strong feelings one way or the other, please let me know. But do plan on coming next year—it's always a great trip. (This is fewer than 500 words!)

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Norma won the 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy with a score of 98 at the national tournament, and was the All-Accuracy Champion of the Western Mail-In competition.

During the 1960 Western Casting Tournament in San Francisco, Norma Collins won Skish Fly Accuracy with a score of 95, besting all the men, including ACA Hall of Fame Honoree Jon Tarantino! For the second consecutive year, Norma was the top woman caster of the tournament. At the 1961 Western Casting Tournament, Jenny Bishop was Fly Accuracy Champion, and Norma Collins was Bait Accuracy Champion.



Carol Green earned the title All Around Champion at the Western States Indoor Casting Championships in 1967, and then two years later at the same tournament won three plug events in just the first day. Jenny Bishop finished second in three events.

At 1971 nationals, Barbara Rohrer placed second in Accuracy Flies, third in Accuracy Baits and was Trout Fly Accuracy Champion. Ellie Turner was the Dry Fly Accuracy Champion, and finished with a third, two fourths and one sixth place finishes. Jenny Bishop, still casting beautifully at the age of 84, took second place in Dry Fly Accuracy, and had one third, one fifth and one sixth place finishes.

Against 14 female competitors at the 1978 national tournament, Barbara Rohrer won the Accuracy Flies, Accuracy Plugs and All Accuracy Combined Events for Women. She won Bass Bug, 3/8 oz Bait Accuracy, 5/8 oz Plug, and finished second in three events. In the combined scoring, Ellie Turner was fourth in Accuracy Flies and All Accuracy, and sixth in Accuracy Plugs.

At 1984 nationals, Barbara Rohrer was fourth in Accuracy Flies, while Margaret Walker was sixth. In Accuracy Plugs, Barb and Margaret were fifth and seventh, and, in All Accuracy, Barb was fifth and Margaret sixth.

**RECOGNITION**

In April, 1967, Long Beach Casting Club held Jenny Bishop Night, in recognition of her decades of helping women and youngsters with the sport of casting. She passed away in 1977 at the age of 90, after casting for more than thirty years.

In the fall of 1991, the FFF started a Women's All Around Trophy for casting and named it the Barbara Rohrer Cup to acknowledge Barb's work on behalf of the FFF in

teaching and promoting casting. The first winner, fittingly, was our own Margaret Walker. A Master Certified Casting Instructor and FFF Casting Board of Governors member, Barbara was made an Honorary Life Member of the club in 1999 in recognition of her many contributions to the club and its casting program.

**THE MERGER**

In 1980, the winds of change, in the persona of Cathy Bowen, came to Long Beach. Her husband was a very good tournament caster, and they both wanted to be members of LBCC, not LBWCC. Some LBCC members welcomed the admittance of women, while many were adamantly opposed to this and threatened to cancel their memberships. Legal counsel advised that the club, being located in a public park, could not discriminate against any potential member and Cathy eventually became the first female member of LBCC.

Just six months later her husband was transferred to St. Louis by McDonnell-Douglas and they moved. Several sources have told me that, years later, two of the men most adamantly opposed



to allowing women to join the club admitted they had been wrong, that admitting women had been, in fact, a good decision.

No other women applied for membership for several years, but, at the AGM in 1983, the Board announced a decision to actively recruit female members and families. Of the 5 or 6 women who applied for membership that night, at least two were wives whose husbands were members (Margaret Walker and Kathy Plocher). Another applicant was Marta Mell. All three are still members.

### MADAMES PRESIDENTS

After serving terms as Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Captain, Margaret Walker was elected the first female club president in 1989. During her presidency, an auction raised a remarkable \$6543.00, 75% of which was earmarked for speakers, there was a massive cleaning of the attic and clubhouse that filled more than two dumpsters, and the club hosted the casting games of the Senior Olympics. The club received its federal tax exemption as a 501(c)(3) organization, and lease negotiations were begun with the city which would take nearly three years to complete. With characteristic good grace, Margaret credits those achievements to the hard work of others.

Shauna Barton, second female club president, held that office from 1994 to 1995, after serving as First VP, Second VP and Treasurer, and having taught the rod building class for three years. During her presidency, rods and other equipment for juniors were purchased, and a real effort to recruit youngsters was launched.

Shauna started the South Bay Lady Anglers, a group of 70 saltwater fishing women. With as many as ten trips per year, they have fished from Alaska to Mexico, but concentrate in the Oxnard to San Diego area. Most of you know her as the primary chef of Venison Stag for the last 7–8 years.

Connie Bullock was elected club president in

2000, after three years as Membership Secretary. During her presidency, two major events took place: the highly successful 92<sup>nd</sup> American Casting Association National Tournament, which earned a \$5000 profit for the club, and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic, a club birthday party open to the public. Approximately 100 attended to partake of the games, entertainment and lots of food.

During her presidency, the club website was launched, a Kids Clinic was offered, Larry Albach's annual knife raffle began and Thursday night casting returned. Connie started a new club in Santa Clarita, closer to her current home. The Santa Clarita Casting Club has grown to 37 members, and offers casting clinics and fly tying classes. They haven't completely severed their ties to us, though, as they still "tag along" on LBCC trips.

*This is the last of three articles about our club's history. I hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as I have enjoyed discovering it.*

Long live Long Beach Casting Club!

## Plan Now For Great Fishing

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> 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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| ❖ 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       |

## Notes from the Pool

FRANK KROPACEK, CAPTAIN

At the end of the casting classes, the pond was really looking bad! So bad that several of our club members agreed that the pond cleaning was not only necessary, but should be done as soon as possible. On the spur of the moment, a pond cleaning was scheduled the Sunday before our Tuesday evening casts began.

I was really appreciative of those club members who showed up for the task on such short notice. Thanks to Rich Garrett, Mark Lipe, Mark Tsunawaki, Bob Graham, Gary Charles, John Green, and Jeffrey and Carole Katz, the latter there nurturing her flower beds and doing several other things that needed doing. I do hope I acknowledged everyone, please forgive me for the inadvertent omission and accept my apologies.

Our Tuesday night casts are drawing more casters and we did have a busy night with our June 6 cast. Now is the time to start getting out and preparing for our National ACA Tournament. We need club members to help as score/timekeepers and as secondary judges, who will work with a primary judge to insure accurate scores for each caster. We will be posting a list of man/woman power needed for this tournament. We are working on a schedule to stagger participation so we don't have more volunteers than we need on a particular day. At our Southwestern Tournament we had more volunteers than we needed for Saturday and not enough on Sunday. We want to avoid that for this upcoming tournament.

So come on out and sharpen those casting skills on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Let's show our guests that we not only can run a tournament well, but provide some tough competition for them.

We don't do this often so let's make it a tournament to remember.

## Annual Brookie Bash and Dry Fly Championship

JEFFREY SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Brookies, Rainbows, Browns, Cutt's and, yes, maybe Goldens. A chance for The Sierra Grand Slam.

Back for the ninth straight year is the popular Brookie Bash. Remember...

*Brookies & Rookies were made for each other.*

Probably as close to a guarantee for catching trout that there is. An absolute guarantee for a lot of fun (unless you're a Brookie). Older (more experienced) members will assist the beginners until they too become Brookie bashers.

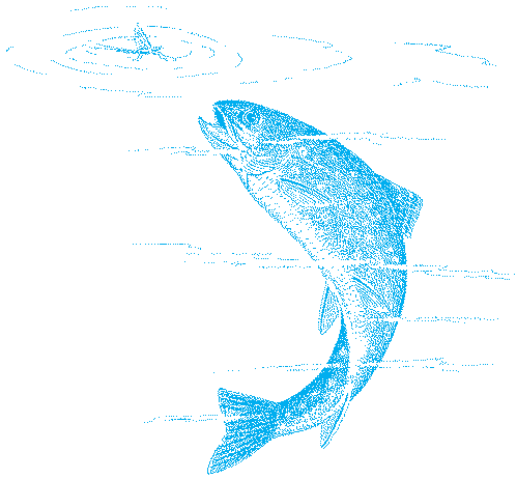
**WHEN:** The back-country hike itself starts at 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 22 from the trailhead at Mosquito Flats Campground.

**WHERE:** Midway between Bishop and Mammoth on 395 is Rock Creek (Tom's Place). Drive up (West) Rock Creek 10.7 miles until you can't drive any more and you're at Mosquito Flats Campground, park only in authorized spots.

**THE TRAIL:** Good trail with Rock Creek on the left. Moderate elevation change. About 1 mile in is Heart Lake which looks like a good meeting point and is midway to Long Lake. We will pass or be near a half dozen named lakes and a bunch of smaller ponds plus connecting creeks.

**LODGING:** See Gary Charles' article on the next page.





**PRE-TRIP:** Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 PM. Same old place.

**FLIES:** For Brookies: Brookie Basher, Royal Wulff, Sierra Bright Dot or anything with RED in it.

For the rest: standard stuff like caddis, mayfly, mosquito, ants, beetles or hoppers.

**WHAT:** Rod/reel light for the streams, long for the lakes (I use a 9' 4 wt.). Light tippets 5x/6x. Waders, remember, you must hike in them, not totally necessary but useful. Bug repellent, sunscreen, water, lots of water, lunch, camera with lots of film (or RAM), hat, polaroids, etc.

### SIERRA GRAND SLAM DRY FLY CHAMPIONSHIP

A chance of a lifetime for fame, honor and prizes. Keep track of the species of fish during the week-end caught on dry (floating) flies only and report them to the Official Tournament Recorder (Sadler). In order to qualify for any award you must catch a Brookie on the Brookie Bash on Saturday on a dry fly.

Species eligible include Brookie, Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat, Golden and other which may be bass or whatever. Scores tabulated by Official Tournament Scorer: Sadler. Prizes awarded by Official Tournament Chairman: Sadler. Rules by the Official Tournament Rules Committee: Sadler. Official Identifier of Trout: Sadler.

## Brookie Bash Accommodations

GARY CHARLES, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

You won't want to miss the Brookie Bash, historically the club's most popular trip. The time to plan is now.

As an accommodation to members, the club reserves condos at Mammoth for the event. To reserve a room for Friday night and Saturday night, a deposit of \$75, per person, is required. To reserve a room for three nights, including Thursday night, a deposit of \$100, per person, is required. The final rate will be determined by dividing the rental charge equally among the number of persons making reservations. Additional assessments to cover rental fees will be assessed and/or excess deposits will be returned at the time of the trip. To avoid under/over booking, we need a final head count by July 12, 2006. As a result, the Pre-Trip Meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday, July 12 2006, at 7:00 PM. In planning for the trip, please bear in mind the following:

- ❖ Condos for Friday & Saturday nights are available only on a combined basis;
- ❖ Lodging fees are non-refundable. To avoid forfeiture you must find a substitute;
- ❖ Rooms will be pre-assigned.
- ❖ Lodging is not guaranteed unless payment by mail is received on or before July 11, 2006, or payment is made in person on or before July 12, 2006

Early sign-up will be available at the June 23, club meeting. If you are unable to attend the pre-trip meeting, your spot will be reserved only if Gary Charles receives your payment by the above referenced applicable date. Gary may be reached weekdays at (310) 398-5517. Space permitting, the club will attempt to accommodate individuals who miss the deadline. Please remember that lodging at Mammoth is limited this time of year.

# His Name Was Stormy, Part 2

**BOB GRAHAM, CO-2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Dinner that night was Indian tacos, the scones freshly made in camp... Joleen is part Native American and a great cook. Several anglers volunteered to take her home!

After breakfast the next day, we rode the horses upstream about an hour. Guy started me off on a bugger/dropper set up without success. We continued upstream a ways where I tried the LBCC nymph rig without success. Then he tied on his system of a golden stonefly with a prince nymph dropper. Two size AB split shot were attached about eight inches above the top fly. This gets the upper fly to the bottom and the dropper fly moves freely in the water column.

Guy and I moved to a deadfall extending into the slow moving river. Casting in to the shadows, I began to catch a few. Then Guy got out his camera and told me where to cast. The wind had come up and, with a heavily weighted nymph rig, my roll casts were not textbook in form. When I finally got the flies where he wanted them, I had *"Fish On"*! It turned out to be a 14" Brown Trout, a complete surprise to Guy. Browns have not been planted there in my lifetime (a very long time). And they had been electro-shocked for removal many years ago. But Guy had the landing on film as proof for the Forestry Service biologist.

When I returned to the gravel bar where the horses were tethered, I saw Shane fly-fishing (his first time) with the able coaching of Guy. Not bound by GQ or the Orvis catalog, Shane was fishing in his heavy-duty Carhartt wrangler overalls and cowboy boots. No slave to fashion,

he. The smile on his face confirmed that he had landed one and was anxious for more! But we had to leave. We had an hour-long ride back to camp and horses don't have headlights.

At camp, we had prime rib, baked potatoes, corn and chocolate cake. Joleen even made tortillas from a family recipe. Dinner was mellow as exhaustion was setting in. Fishing twelve hours a day was taking its toll. Dave grabbed his camp fiddle and entertained us with Irish reels. We could not move so we did not dance.

The last morning was our trip out. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, and, for some, leftover chocolate cake or tortillas. Shane had a breakfast burrito. It took a while to decamp. I'm not sure anyone really wanted to leave, let alone face another eight hours on the trail. Shane worked hard to separate the gear into equally weighted bundles for each side

of the mules. We didn't leave until noon.

After lunch we stopped to fish at the Little Kern River Bridge. Chris caught two nice Goldens before the rest were even rigged up. Then Jason caught a few and we all joined in the fishing fun. After 30 or 40 minutes, it was time to go. Unfortunately, Stormy was not to be found. He had released himself and set off for home, alone, without his burden. Guy rode after him, and finally brought him back.

We arrived at the pack station after dark. The outfitter was very concerned because he had expected us by late afternoon. We cleaned up and joined in lively conversation over chips, home made salsa and cold beer. The outfitter's wife prepared a super dinner of tri-tip, sweet corn on the cob, baked potatoes and apple crisp.



On a scale of ten, the fishing was an 11 or 12. The transportation, however, was left wanting. The trip was too far for anglers who do not constantly ride a horse. So the next trip, my "horse" better be named Huey and go whump. whump, whump, whump!

## A Little TLC for the San Gabriel River

**MICK WOODBURY,**  
**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Chuck Moore knows that all work and no play is a bummer. So here's his idea that combines a well-conceived forestry conservation program with a little fishing.

On the first Wednesday of every month, at 9:00 AM, Chuck and any volunteers who want to join in will meet at the parking lot on the West Fork. From there, they'll drive up stream (no long hikes or bike rides) until they reach a pre-designated project site. The kick-off assignment will be to repair and prep a sign at the first bridge. Other projects might include area clean-up, over-painting graffiti, handicap access-area clean up, etc. After a morning of light work, they'll break for lunch and a little fishing.

Chuck will serve as liaison with LBCC, while coordinating projects with the U.S. Forestry Service, and other participating clubs.

This is a great way to give back to the community while helping maintain a remarkable little fishery. If you're interested, please call Chuck at 562-868-0240 so he knows how many volunteers to expect. Bring you own lunch, plenty of water, and don't forget your Adventure Pass or Golden Passport and your fly rod.

## Club Membership Requests

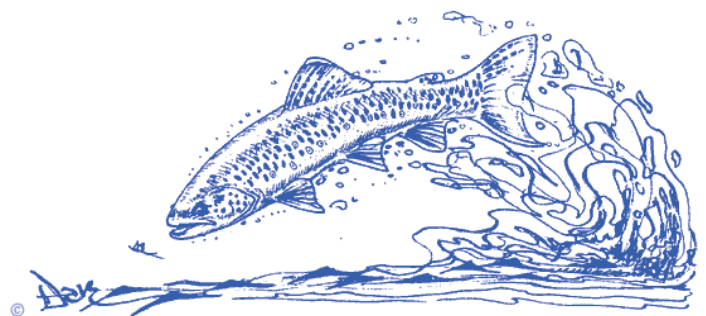
**JEFFREY SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

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

- ❖ Andy Aguinaldo an auto mechanic from Long Beach
- ❖ James Beasley of Gulfstream Aerospace from Seal Beach
- ❖ Larry Berg a teacher from Laguna Niguel
- ❖ Henry Heuer an attorney from Los Angeles
- ❖ Gene Peltier a manager from Lakewood
- ❖ John Lincoln a chef from Long Beach (a chef? Hmmm Sunday casts may get better).
- ❖ Hank Orzynski retired from Redondo Beach
- ❖ Lynn and Dirk Ruffin RN/MD from Palos Verdes
- ❖ Jonathan Saltman of Cypress
- ❖ Steve Swift an art director from Placentia
- ❖ Dennis Swing retired from Rancho Palos Verdes
- ❖ Janice Wheeler a financial planner from Claremont
- ❖ Michael, Kymberly, Hannah, Michael, and Orion Zona an MD from Garden Grove

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

If you have any questions or corrections to your contact information please call me by phone at: (310) 377-3868 or by E-mail at: fotofish@earthlink.net.



# ACA Proposed Changes

MARK LIPE, TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

Proposed amendments regarding the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the American Casting Association will soon be voted on by ACA Officers, Life Members, and ACA Member Club Delegates.

The voting will take place at the Guesthouse Hotel, Coastline Room during the ACA Annual Business Meeting on August 3rd from 5:00–7:00 PM. Copies of the proposals and current Bylaws, Rules and Regulations are available in the Clubhouse Office (right bottom drawer). A copy of these documents can be obtained by contacting me at [mlipe@elcamino.edu](mailto:mlipe@elcamino.edu).

Listed below is a summary of proposed changes:

1. Change of the ACA logo with example listed.
2. Increase the percentage of 25% to 30% of entry fees at Annual Tournament to organization hosting the tournament.
3. Add 5 wt. Combination, Accuracy, and Distance game to Special Events.
4. Any caster or official observing a rule infraction will have the right to appeal with a protest fee which would be refunded when ruled in favor of the appeal.
5. Utilize a 54" outside diameter "judging ring" in addition to the 30" target.
6. Allow dry fly to be oiled or treated.
7. Judge will ask if Caster is ready and when acknowledged, the Judge will announce the word "start" or "time in" for all fly accuracy events.
8. When permissible, laying down line anywhere behind the front edge of the casting box is acceptable with all fly accuracy events.
9. For the beginning of Dry Fly and Trout Fly Accuracy games, enforce that all remaining line must be on the reel when entering the casting box.
10. Allow a maximum of 3 practice casts prior to accuracy plug events.
11. Executive Committee voting and implementing Emergency amendments.
12. During Bass Bug game, allow the caster to call interference before their next forward cast when temporary hang-ups occur on a target.
13. Membership annual dues increase from \$50 to \$100.
14. Remove 3/8 oz. plug accuracy from Recognized Events and add to Special Events.
15. Change maximum numbers of demerits from five (5) to two (2) with all fly and plug accuracy games and have all penalties one (1) demerit.



As the Long Beach Casting Club Delegate, I would like your opinion and comments regarding the proposed amendments as I will be casting a vote at the August 3rd ACA business meeting.



# National Tournament Update

## MARK LIPE, TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

The 98th ACA National Tournament will soon be in full flight with soaring lines, tight loops and accurate plug landings. The tournament begins with a Practice Day and Opening Ceremonies on Monday, July 31st. The Distance Events begin at 8:00 AM on August 1st and 2nd and will at the Long Beach El Dorado Regional Park–Glider Field. The Accuracy Events will start at 8:30 AM at the LBCC Pond on August 3rd through August 5th. The tournament will conclude on August 5th with the Awards Banquet at El Dorado Golf Course Main Dining Room with a no host bar beginning at 6:00 PM and dinner served at 7:00 PM.

Opening Ceremonies is a great social event and is scheduled for Monday, July 31st from 5:00–7:30 PM. Here you can meet the tournament casters and special invited guests from the City of Long Beach. Let's showcase our casting pond and beautiful clubhouse with its many historical pictures and trophies of tournament casting. Let's welcome our guests with enthusiasm and host one of the best National Tournaments ever! Appetizers and non alcoholic beverages will be served.

Prizes for our Silent Auction and "Score Perfect" Raffle will be on display at the Opening Ceremonies. Placing a bid on a Hobie Mirage Outback Fishing Kayak or a Personalized Portrait Painting by Artists Carl and/or Carole Rischer will be intriguing. We will be selling \$5 "Score Perfect" raffle tickets with the opportunity to win some wonderful prizes. Winning raffle tickets will be selected throughout the six-day tournament. The following companies and individuals have donated merchandise for our Silent Auction and Raffle:

*American Casting Association, Angler's Book Supply, Big 5 Sporting Goods, Bob Marriott's Flyfishing Specialists, Brock's Flyfishing Specialists, Carl and Carole Rischer –*

*Portrait Artists, Courtland Line Co. Inc., Dana Point Jet Ski, Dennis Farrier, Hobie Pro-Staff, Down By The River Fly Products, G.Loomis, Galvan Fly Reels, Huber's Hackle Haven, Jim Teeny, Inc., Lamiglas, Loon Outdoors, Mike Allen, Hobie Pro-Staff, Okuma Fishing Tackle Corp., Orvis-Pasadena Store, Rajeff Sports, Ross Reels, Scientific Anglers 3M Innovation, Simms, Snowbee, Thomas and Thomas, and Ultimateflyfishing.com.*

Not everyone can win a raffle prize or win a silent auction. But for a sure thing, you can purchase at Opening Ceremonies a long sleeve T-shirt, sweatshirt, polo shirt, and/or a fleece vest jacket. Clothing is high quality material with an impressive embroidered tournament logo.

Tournament casting is something that challenges my competitive spirit and produces a forum that improves my casting and fishing skills. I look forward to the challenge of improving my scores but most of all; I look forward to the camaraderie associated with tournament casting. The opportunity of making new acquaintances, building friendships, and sharing knowledge is a rewarding experience. I hope you too have the interest and time to compete in this year's national tournament. It's a wonderful experience and a great opportunity. Please complete the Registration Form that is in this Target Talk issue and be part of the Long Beach Casting Club's rich history and tradition of tournament casting.



Note: Volunteers are still needed to perform score keeping, assist in the kitchen, and setting up and taking down perimeter flags, canopies, tables, and signs. Contact Mark Lipe at (562) 494-1169 or mlipe@elcamino.edu and let him know what days and what times you can help.

# Fly of the Month: Bullethead Yellow Sally

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Over the years I have always enjoyed the buggy, entomological aspect of tying and fishing flies. One of the first books I read was *MATCHING THE HATCH* by Ernest Schwiebert followed quickly by his masterwork *NYMPHS*. After reading these as well as others (notably *THE MAYFLY, ANGLER AND THE TROUT* by Fred Arbona) I spent more and more time at stream side watching what insects were making themselves available to the fish. One the insects that intrigued me was the Little Yellow Stonefly or Yellow Sally. I often noticed it on Hot Creek and the Owens River where I learned how to fly-fish (technically that's where I *began* to learn—we just never stop learning). The more I fished and the more locations that I fished at I noticed that the Yellow Sally was also there.

The Yellow Sally (*isoperla* sp.) is a very common species of stone fly that inhabits the cold, well-oxygenated waters of the North America's freestone streams and rivers. Here the nymphs live for 1 to 2 years and among the stones and gravels of the bottom feeding on plant matter. The size of the nymph, which is a golden brown in color, ranges from about a #16–#12 on a standard nymph hook.

They hatch in typical stonefly fashion by crawling to the shore climbing up out and up a branch or rock with the winged adult extracting itself from the nymphal case. The insects take to the air soon afterwards and look for a mate. What attracts the attention of the trout is return to the water of the females laden with eggs. It is here when the they are on the water laying their eggs that they are the most vulnerable and create for you, the angler, your best chance for success. Fish the Bullethead Yellow Sally on any riffle section of water on a spring or summer morning or evening. For all the Jeff Sadler's of the world this fly also makes for an excellent searching pattern when little else appears to be hatching and the thought of putting on a nymphing rig is repugnant.

## Materials for tying the Bullethead Yellow Sally:

- Hook: Tiemco 2312 or Daiichi hopper hook in size 14–20
- Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 primrose (light Cahill or pale yellow)
- Body: Rear  $\frac{1}{5}$ —scarlet red dubbing for egg sack  
Front  $\frac{4}{5}$ 's—lemon yellow dubbing dressed thin
- Body hackle: Ginger dry fly, sparse and about 1–2 sizes smaller than normal for the size of the fly.
- Hackle: Ginger dry fly at thorax
- Wing/Head: Light dun elk body hair tied in forward and pulled back over the thorax for a head and wing



### Instructions for tying the Bullethead Yellow Sally:

- 1 Attach the thread at a spot over the point of the hook and advanced forward with smooth, even wraps to a point just behind the eye. Wind the thread to create a very small head making sure that the eye is closed off. Remove a clump of 20–30 elk hair fibers to be used for the wing, remove the shorts and basal hair and even the tips in a hair stacker. The amount hair used should err on the side of sparseness. Measure the elk hair over the body. The wing should not extend past the point of the barb. Reverse the wing so that the tips are pointing forward and tie them in as close to the eye of the hook as possible. Cut off the wing butts at an angle and bind them down insuring a smooth transition to the hook shank.
- 2 Wind the thread back to the point of the hook and apply a small amount of scarlet dubbing material for the egg sack to your thread. Synthetic dubbing material retains its color better when wet. Wind the egg sack dubbing about 1/5 the length of the body and kept thin in diameter, as these insects are slender and delicate in appearance. Select a good quality ginger hackle that is about 1 or 2 sizes smaller than a normal hackle for the size of fly you are tying. Remove the softer fibers and list from the stem and tie it in where you finished winding the egg sack with the concave side pointing forward.
- 3 Apply the lemon yellow dubbing to your thread and wind forward to the beginning of the thorax keeping the body thin. Wind the body hackle forward, palmer style, to the beginning of the thorax. Advance the thread to the eye. Select a good quality ginger hackle of the proper size for the fly your are tying, prepare it in the same fashion as the body hackle and tie it in just behind the eye.
- 4 Apply more lemon yellow dubbing to your thread and wind backward over the thorax and wing butts to where the body and thorax meet. Wind the hackle backward to the same spot with smooth wraps that allow the dubbing

to show slightly between the hackle stem. Tie off the hackle securely. Clip the top of the hackle over the thorax but leave the body hackle alone.

- 5 Grab the wing and firmly pull it back towards the bend of the hook. With the wing pulled back squeeze the fibers down between your thumb and forefinger. Give the wing a slight, 1/4 of a turn twist to help keep all of the fibers together and wind over the wing like you would on an elk hair caddis. Bind down the wing securely, whip finish and add a drop of head cement and you're ready to head off to the stream.

## Mea Culpa and an Apology

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

I have done some really stupid things in my life but this one ranks right up there. Carole Katz received a letter from Ken Iwamasa informing the club that he had read the Target Talk with the Fly of the Month article on his fly, the Tarcher Nymph. This was a problem because in that article I stated the Ken Iwamasa was deceased. I would classify this as a major mistake.

In researching the fly on the Internet I read in an article that he had passed away and did not confirm this fact before I went to print. This serves as a vivid reminder to me that anything that I write and publish on the Internet is available for, quite literally, millions of people to read. Also, anyone who submits an article to be included in the Target Talk is subject to the same scrutiny.

To Ken Iwamasa I, again, want to apologize and let you know how glad I am that I was wrong and that you are still inventing and tying great fly fishing patterns.

# Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

DENNIS MC TEER, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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
June 23 (Friday)	Scott Sanchez	YELLOWSTONE RIVER & THE LIVINGSTON MONTANA FISHING
June 24 (Saturday)	Scott Sanchez	TYING WORKSHOP; 2 SESSIONS: TROUT & SALT FLIES
July 27, 2006	Joe & the Gang	TIPS & TECHNIQUES
August 31, 2006	Peter Piconi	FLY FISHING SAN DIEGO
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
NOVEMBER 17, 2006 (FRIDAY)	Simon Gawesworth	SPEY CASTING
DECEMBER 2, 2006 (Saturday)	none	VENISON STAG HOLIDAY DINNER



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The trip includes transportation and lodging only, we will do our own cooking. There will be long days and short nights and a lot of getting to know each other around the dinner table.



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.





# Calendar of Events

## July

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

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	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Peter Piconi on Fishing San Diego

## September

5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
10	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: Orientation Class
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Mammoth #2
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
22-24	Weekend		Club Trip: Mammoth #2
24	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: John Sherman

# REGISTRATION FORM

## 98th American Casting Association National Tournament Long Beach Casting Club ❖ July 31-August 5, 2006

Please complete & return registration form by July 1, 2006.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Competitive Division: Please refer to page 12 of the ACA By-Laws to determine your Competitive Division status.

Circle One: **Senior Men** **Men** **Senior Women** **Women** **Intermediate** **Junior** **Youth**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** Individual ..... \$30.00  
Family ..... \$15.00 per person

**Event Fees:** Seniors, Women, Men, Intermediates ..... \$10.00 per event  
Juniors, Youth ..... \$ 2.00 per event

Official ACA Events	Date	Register Here
5/8 oz. Revolving Spool (2-Hand)	Tuesday, August 1	
1-Hand Fly	Tuesday, August 1	
2-Hand Fly	Tuesday, August 1	
5/8 oz. Spinning (2-Hand)	Wednesday, August 2	
1/4 oz. Spinning (1-Hand)	Wednesday, August 2	
Angler's Fly	Wednesday, August 2	
Dry Fly Accuracy	Thursday, August 3	
1/4 oz. Plug Accuracy	Thursday, August 3	
Trout Fly Accuracy	Friday, August 4	
Bass Bug Accuracy	Friday, August 4	
3/8 oz. Plug Accuracy	Friday, August 4	
5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy	Saturday, August 5	

### NOTES:

- The ICSF Arenberg 7.5 g. Plug Accuracy event (scheduled on August 3) and ICSF Skish Fly Accuracy event (scheduled on August 4) will not require a registration fee from ACA Casters.
- The 5 wt. Combination Accuracy and Distance demonstration event scheduled for August 5 will not require a registration fee.
- Registration for the 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy Team event \$10.00 per team (two maximum per Club) will be on site prior to the scheduled event August 5.

Registration Fee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Events \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Events \_\_\_\_\_ X \$2.00 (Junior and Youth) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Awards Banquet Buffet Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Total (in U.S. Dollars) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **The Long Beach Casting Club.**

Please send registration forms by July 1, 2006 to:

**Long Beach Casting Club, P.O. Box 90035, Long Beach, CA 90809, Attn: Marv Dworzak**

Payment for Official ACA Events is permissible on site, as registration closes 15 minutes before the scheduled event.



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Description	Quantity	Size	Price	Sub Total
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Polo Shirt			\$30.00	\$
Fleece Vest			\$40.00	\$
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$</b>
(If ordered & paid by July 1, 2006) <b>10% Discount</b>				<b>\$</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$</b>

Orders will be available for pick-up the week of the ACA National Tournament. Please send the completed form along with a check made payable to ACA/LBCC. Call or E-Mail about special size requests.



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