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Big Shots

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

The American Casting Association's National Tournament is just days away. Two of the "big shots" in the ACA will be among our guests, and I thought it would be nice to know more about them.

**ACA PRESIDENT PAT MCFADDEN,
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

From the time his father introduced him to the sport at the age of 11 in 1978, Pat McFadden was hooked. Casting in the juniors classification at his first national tournament in 1979, Pat won two gold medals and one silver in the plug games.

As an intermediate at the national tournament in 1982, he cast 284 feet in accuracy plugs, tying the national record which still stands today, and also set a new national record in 1/4 oz. accuracy at that competition. In 1997, he qualified for the All American team in his home town, where his father, who by then had retired from tournament casting, could watch Pat get his patch. In addition to many local tournaments, he has participated in 15 nationals during his 28 years of casting.

Today, tournament casting for Pat is about seeing friends. The national tournament has become more of a week-long family reunion than a serious tournament, although he still very much likes to compete and do well.

After serving as vice president of the ACA for the last three years, Pat is now in his first year at president. He also chairs the ACA National Tournament Committee. This will be his first tournament at our club.

**ACA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DALE LANSER,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

Three generations of the Lanser family have been involved in tournament casting for 55 years.

Edward Lanser competed in his first ACA tournament in 1952, the first of more than 40 national tournaments and numerous international tournaments. Ed was one of only four casters to cast a perfect score of 100 in both the Dry Fly and Wet Fly events at the same national (Wet Fly was replaced by the Trout Fly Event in 1970). Ed is a Hall of Fame Honoree of both the International Casting Federation and the American Casting Association. He holds or ties the national record for Dry Fly, and for three events in the Senior

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Men classification. As ACA President in 1961, Ed Lanser accepted the key to the City of Long Beach from our mayor during the opening ceremonies of that national.

Ed and his wife Jane had three sons, Dale, Donald and James, all of whom were tournament casters. At our 1961 tournament, the Lanser family made up the entire team from St. Louis Bait & Casting Club. Dale came to Long Beach just to watch, but decided to enter at the last minute, and took home several medals. For both Don and Dale, Long Beach in 1961 was their first national tournament.

Dale Lanser married Darlene, who first cast in a national tournament in 1975. In 1989, their children, Denise and Danielle, joined Don's two daughters, Yvonne and Jennifer, to make up a second team from St. Louis Fly and Bait Casting Club that consisted of Grandma Jane and four granddaughters.

In 1988, Dale was appointed Executive Secretary of the ACA, making him an Ex-Officio Member of the ACA National Tournament Committee, and his wife Darlene was appointed Treasurer, positions they still hold. This will be Dale's 41st national tournament!

Welcome these and other casters to our club. If you sign up to help at the tournament, you'll get to know other club members better as we all pitch in to pull off an exemplary national tournament—again. Try casting one or more of the games. Learn from the best tournament casters in the country. Join us!



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August Meeting: I'll Try the San Diego Sampler

DENNIS McTEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

This month's meeting will be at the normal date and time, Thursday, August 31st at 7:00 PM. The presenter is Peter Piconi of Fly Fish San Diego. San Diego is known as "America's Finest City" and what would America's finest city be without fly-fishing? The meeting will have something for everyone: surf fishing along miles of sandy beaches, Mission and San Diego Bay for a myriad of species, the inshore kelp beds and blue water for various pelagic species.

Peter is a Southern California native before heading to Northern California where he graduated from Humboldt State University. While at Humboldt, he earned his degree in Wildlife Management. He has worked as a biologist in California, Idaho and Alaska. While in Alaska, Peter decided that he didn't have to travel hundreds of miles to find a great fishery—he could simply walk out his back door to one of Southern California's best kept secrets: salt water fly fishing!

For 200 days out of the year you'll find Captain Peter Piconi leading anglers to corbina, halibut, yellowfin, bass, bonefish, barracuda, bonito, yellowtail, white sea bass and dorado. His expertise and detailed knowledge of local fisheries has made him one of today's pioneers of salt water fly fishing in southern California. He is nationally recognized as San Diego's premier guide and the "go-to guy" for answers to every angler's fly fishing questions.

Peter is one of fly fishing's most sought after experts and has been featured on the MIGHTY 1090 AM "LET'S TALK HOOK UP", OLN's "REEL OUTDOORS", and spotlighted in fly fishing instructional video's. Piconi is also an accomplished photographer and journalist. Publications include: Salt Water Fly Fishing and South West Fly Fishing.

Along with guiding trips on San Diego Bay, Captain Piconi instructs casting clinics, fly tying classes, surf schools, and leads trips to British Columbia, South America, Baja, Alaska, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and anywhere else fish are biting.



June Mammoth Trip

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Thirteen anglers showed up for the June Mammoth Trip over Father's Day weekend. We had one condo for three nights; one member elected to stay at Motel 6 rather than challenge the bunk beds. Tim Constantine and Craig Haines opted to camp at Convict Lake. Skiers and snowboarders were still present and all the motorcycles in California had congregated for a weekend rally.

The weather was perfect if you disregard the hurricanes in the afternoon. But the fishing was simply tough. Spring runoff kept all moving water high and over the banks. The Lower Owens was at 700 cfs and we didn't even slow down going by it. The East Walker was down from 900 to 700 cfs plus. It was reported that you could hook fish on Woolly Buggers but it would be impossible to land any. The Upper Owens was discolored; you couldn't even see the weeds. When we asked at The Troutfitter where to go to have a good time, they threw up their hands and said, "Home."

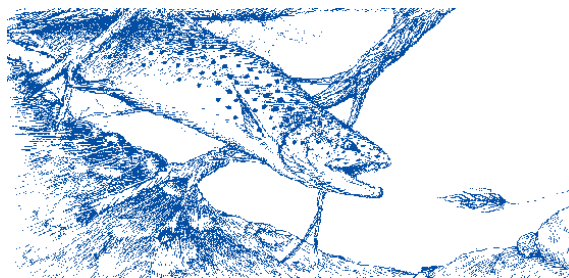
We had four absolute beginners with us: Dennis Swain, Joe Gustaf, Gene Peltier and Flo Smith. The men had just completed the Casting Class. We all offered to help them but they seemed most comfortable with Dennis McTeer who showed them the basics on Crowley on Friday and then Hot Creek and Rock Creek on Saturday. Gary Charles personally tutored Flo; she repaid his kindness by catching an 18" Brown as her first fish in the Eastern Sierra. Gary never even saw a fish that size all weekend except through the viewfinder!

While Dennis had the others out in float tubes, Gary, Flo, Maria Rivas and I ventured to Rush Creek. Gary wanted to try it again. We had not been there since the fiasco last year that nearly destroyed my car. Gary led us north around the June Lake loop so he could show Flo the sights. Then we stopped at the Grant Lake overlook suited

up, rigged our rods and then decided where to go. Gary wanted to fish below Grant Lake. He led us to the turnoff, following a Jeep towards the stream. Suddenly the Jeep turned around, apparently afraid we were following them to a secret spot.

Maria and I hiked upstream from where we parked and then proceeded to fish downstream. Gary and Flo went downstream. The creek was a torrent of rushing water. White caps and flumes were everywhere. After a while Maria and I separated; she was proceeding to fish faster down the creek than I was. I was trying to fish methodically in the few soft water spots I could find. I lost several rigs and returned to the car for some cold water and to tie on yet another rig.

The Sheriff pulled up in his Jeep and wanted to know if I had any bites. Well, I had to confess "No." He explained that we were fishing in the spillway not Rush Creek and fish don't come up in it because the current is too strong. In fact, in his twelve years on the force, he had never seen water coming over the spillway at the dam! Of course, I couldn't wait to get back to Gary to tell him the good news that he had once again led me astray on Rush Creek! We then went above Grant Lake to the Aerie Crag day use area and fished above and below the picnic areas. When the water is flowing at a normal rate, this may be a good area to return to. But bait fishers congregate there.



That afternoon, Gary, Flo, Maria and I fished the meadows section of Hot Creek. The flow was about 270 cfs and nymphing with WD 40's, tiger midges or scuds with a heavily weighted rig proved to be the right tactic for me although the fish were few. Gary fished dries and it seemed as if he caught

the same fish three or four times. Then the winds came up and there were no bugs in the air. Maria managed to catch a large Brown and had a large smile on for the rest of the day.

Jim Phillips and his wife, Beverley, had success floating on the smaller lakes. But even though the other club members had some success on Crowley, breakfast on Saturday was somewhat glum. The fishing so far had been difficult, the water had been so fast it was virtually un-fishable and the afternoon winds had really tortured us. The beginners were discouraged. So we offered to go back to Hot Creek for some classes on casting and fishing techniques, if they wanted. There would be no trees to catch.

Overnight, the flow on Hot Creek had dropped to 150 cfs and winds stayed calm all morning. Gary, Flo, Maria and I were on the meadows waiting for the students but Dennis took them to the canyon section instead. Apparently everyone caught a few fish either on nymphs or caddis fished dry and had a good morning. At lunch, Dennis brought a caravan of four cars into the Interpretive Center parking lot to see that area and then to proceed on to Rock Creek. Gary, Flo and Maria joined them adding another two vehicles. Not wanting to be a part of this parade, I stayed on Hot Creek.

When they arrived at Rock Creek, Maria saw only a narrow stream and lots of trees, so she returned to Hot Creek where she continued to catch fish. I caught a nice fat Brown and Maria was running over with the camera when I made the rookie mistake of giving him some line and then lowering my rod just a hair. Ping! Fish gone!

The replay of the day over pizza Saturday night at the condo revealed that everyone was recharged from a good day's fishing. One of the beginners observed that it was far more important to cast accurately to twenty feet than to cast across the pond. So his practicing at the club will be a little different. Another learned the importance of testing knots *before* you cast. But we have four new fly



fishing addicts.

Sunday, Craig and Tim got skunked at Big Springs and Long Ears so on Monday they hired a guide for a half-day on Crowley. They each were rewarded with personal fly-fishing bests: a 21" Rainbow for Tim and a 20" Brown for Craig. And big smiles!

Plans are being made by club members to return for the Brookie Bash in July and the club trips in September and October. Conditions should be great. I hope you can join us.

Just don't let Gary suggest a side trip to Rush Creek.

Clubhouse Closing Time

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

The official clubhouse closing time is 11:00 PM.

There are a number of reasons for this, but one of the most important is the fact that the park's posted closing time is 10:00 PM. We don't want to do anything to jeopardize the generous relationship we have with the City of Long Beach.

The Board anticipates the cooperation of those who use the clubhouse in the evening.

Win Big!

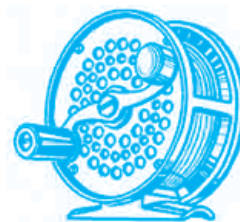
CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

Remember those bright yellow raffle tickets that came in the mail a few weeks ago? If you haven't returned them yet, you are missing the opportunity to win one of many great raffle prizes. No prize will be less than \$50 in value, and some are \$600 in value. You don't have to be present to win, but you do have to purchase one or more of those colorful tickets.

There will be drawings of these raffle tickets at the ACA Tournament we are hosting. The first winners will be chosen on Monday, July 31 at the Opening Ceremonies, and then during the tournament on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 3-5. At \$5 per chance for more than 40 prizes in excess of \$50 value, the odds are excellent that YOU could take home a new rod, reel, line, gear bag, etc. Contact Mark Lipe at mlipe@elcamino.edu or (562-494-1169) or come to the tournament if you want more tickets. Don't miss this opportunity!

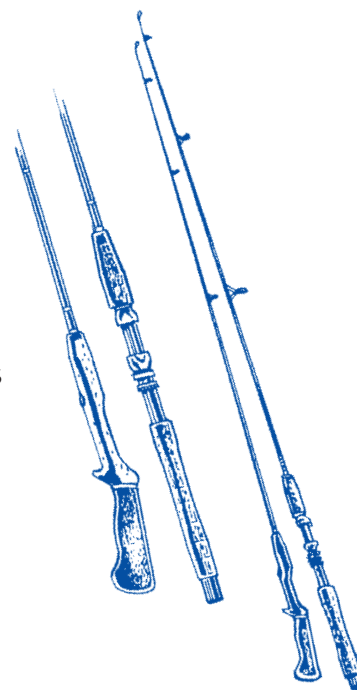
We are expecting even more items, but here's what we have at press time:

- ❖ Echo rods (5 & 6 wt.)
- ❖ T & T rods (5, 6 & 8 wt.)
- ❖ Scott rod (5 wt.)
- ❖ Winston rods (4 & 6 wt.)
- ❖ Lamiglas rods (8 wt. & 4-10 wt. spinning)
- ❖ Reels from Okuma (5-6)
- ❖ Nautilus reel (5)
- ❖ Waterworks-Lamson reel (6-8 & 7-8)
- ❖ Shimano reels
- ❖ Airflo Ridge Lines
- ❖ Airflo Sixth Sense Lines
- ❖ Belly Button Belt
- ❖ Rolling duffle
- ❖ Patagonia Great Divider Gear Bag
- ❖ Snowbee XS Fishing Bag
- ❖ Buck's Bag Float Tube
- ❖ Fly boxes, line cleaning kits, lubricant
- ❖ Gift certificates from Marriott's, Teeny, Big 5
- ❖ Books on tying and fishing
- ❖ Note cards



There will also be a SILENT AUCTION of items that concludes on Saturday afternoon at the clubhouse. You can place a bid in person at any time during the tournament. So far, the Silent Auction will include:

- ❖ Pontoon boat from Brock's
- ❖ Fishing kayak from Dana Point Jet Ski
- ❖ Custom portrait by artists Carl and Carol Rischer
- ❖ Classic Guide Stockingfoot Waders from Simms in your size
- ❖ Rhythm 3 reel, 5-7 weight lines, engraved "**2006 ACA Tournament**" from Ross
- ❖ Torque T-6 reel, 6-7 weight lines, from Galvan
- ❖ Orvis Zero Gravity rod, 5 wt, 9', 4 pc., from the Orvis Shop in Pasadena
- ❖ StreamDance rod from Loomis, details to follow
- ❖ XP rod, 5 wt., 9 ft., 4 pc. from Sage
- ❖ CST Spey rod, 8/9 wt., 12'9", 6 pc. from Lamiglas
- ❖ TF1026 Trout Fly Accuracy rod blank from American Casting Association
- ❖ TF1027 Dry Fly Accuracy rod blank from American Casting Association



Gone but not Forgotten

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

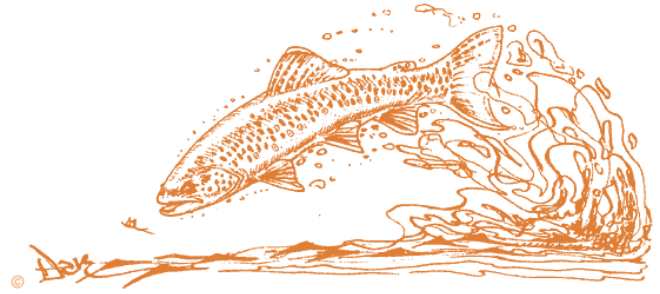
We had to cancel another destination trip this year. I don't like the term cancellation so maybe we'll just call it a postponement. Or did we plan too many destination trips?

The Steelhead Trip to the Rogue had to be taken off calendar. We only had one angler sign up as of the beginning of July. One difficulty in planning destination trips is that accommodations have to be arranged, guides (on some trips) have to be reserved several months in advance. Most importantly, deposits from the anglers have to be made. For the Rogue trip the full amount of the trip had to be prepaid by Labor Day. With only one fisherman signed up, it was deemed far better to cancel, release the guides and preserve the name of the Club in the destination circles. And we wanted to preserve the full amount of the refund to all anglers.

We also had to cancel the Shad and Yuba River float trip in the spring despite what we thought was some solid interest. In that case no one signed on although a few asked for more details.

The bottom line is that if there is a trip that interests you, especially the destination trips, it is best if you let us know as soon as possible and make the deposit (if required) early. We publish the calendar of most of the trips for the year. Monthly reminders and announcements are included in Target Talk. Bruce is planning an expanded trip area for members on the club web site. And, of course, Gary and I are always at the pond. So there are endless ways to keep up to date on trips being planned.

Gary, Dennis McTeer, Joe Libeu and I met recently to attempt to coordinate trips and speakers for the future so that if there is interest generated by a



speaker, we'll pencil in a trip. Or if a calendared trip suggests a speaker, we'll have someone talk about the area or maybe the techniques needed. It is scary being so organized, but the end result is that planning for both functions should be easier.

But this is your club, so let Dennis know which speakers appeal to you and tell Gary or me where you'd like the club to fish. We'll see if we can make it happen.

Membership Notice

JEFFREY SADLER,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Jim Fisher, remodeling contractor from Yorba Linda
- ❖ Gino, Mary and John Gioiello, longshoreman from Rancho Palos Verdes
- ❖ Ann Hurley, retired, from Seal Beach
- ❖ Richard Jimenez, marine clerk from Wilmington
- ❖ Shane Morrison, Associate Member from Colorado Springs

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

For any questions or if you have any corrections please feel free to contact me by phone at (310) 377-3868 or by email at fotofish@earthlink.net

What Goes Around in a Circle and Catches Bass?

DENNIS McTEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Last year I took my son, Justin, fishing on Haiwee Reservoir. We were on our way home from the Southern Sierra club trip. It was Sunday, and after breakfast, we told the group that we were headed for Haiwee. The rest of the group said they would catch up with us later that morning. Everyone had a good time but we'd had enough of the sand traps (small man made pools where the DFG plants trout).

I'd never fished this reservoir but I remember asking Yoshi about Haiwee. He said it was too shallow and warned me about the snakes. That's how I knew the fishing was good. Yoshi would always fish the Owens Gorge and when you asked how the fishing was, you only heard was about the rattlers; he didn't talk about the 50 fish days. And I hate snakes.

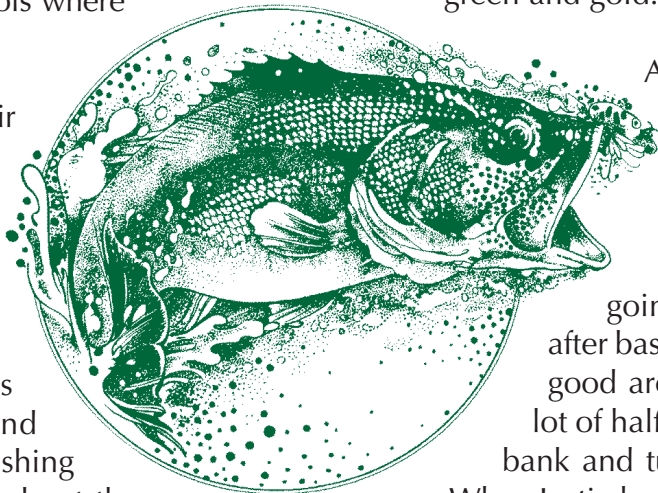
We arrived at the reservoir about 8:00 AM and pumped up the float tubes. The air was nice and cool. We were only a short distance from Highway 395 but it was quiet and you could hear the birds and leaves rustle. It's funny how some of the waters don't look like much from above but when you get down to the water, you get a whole new perspective.

After we put on our waders I noticed something was missing. We had only one pair of fins! If I was a little quicker, I would have told Justin that he forgot his fins but being the good dad I told him that I would try kicking with my size 13's. He

didn't argue and took off with both fins.

We were both in the water when the rest of the group arrived. Even with my size 13's I couldn't go too fast. Thankfully there was no wind. I was just trolling and the fly was probably more realistic at the slower speed. I remember hearing Denny Rickards say that most people strip their fly too fast when fishing still waters.

About 30' from shore I had a fish short strike my marabou muddler. The fish came back, hit the fly again and a fat rainbow hit the air, jumped several times, doing its imitation of a dorado. The only thing lacking was the iridescent blue, green and gold.



After flailing around for a while Justin took some pity on me and gave me one of the fins. Have you ever rowed a boat with one oar? So there we are going in circles, catching bass after bass. The bass fishing was very good around structure. There are a lot of half submerged trees on the far bank and tules near the parking area.

When Justin had both fins, he was probably kicking up some food, as there was a flotilla of carp on his heels. This reservoir has a healthy population of fish.

Some club members fished from the shoreline in their waders and caught some nice fish. I think Dan Rivett was first to hook one of the bass. The wind came up by 10:00 AM it was all over. I've passed by the reservoir many times since and I'm sorry to say, I didn't stop.

Sadly, Haiwee is now closed to the public. The reservoir is the last place this water sees the sunlight before it goes in a pipe and travels to Los Angeles to water our lawns. The closure is based on Homeland Security concerns for the safety of the country's water supply.

Fly-Rodding the Federal Breakwall

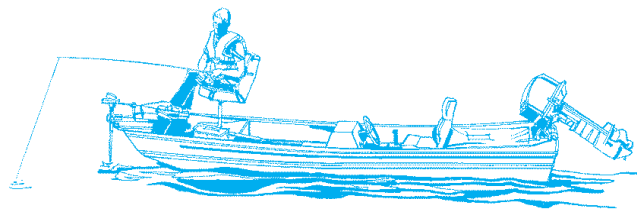
LARRY ALBACH, MEMBER

It's that time again! It's too hot and congested at the local lakes, so I'm off to hammer the rocks and beat the water to a froth with the ol' fly rod for a morning of purely, delightful entertainment. Or, if the wind is whipping up over 12 mph, then out comes the baitcaster/spinning rod and I'll be tossing single tail grubs at the rocks and retrieve down the face and along the bottom. Both techniques have been highly productive for me.

Using the Airflow full sink, maximum sink lines and EZ baitfish imitations, in the last 3 weeks, I've hooked halibut, barracuda, calico bass, and sand bass. I've been using 6, 7 and 10 weight rods of the 9 foot persuasion. So far the bonito have been few and far between with the odd mackerel too. But the bonito are coming in closer from the reports I hear. Then the real fun begins—let's see a sissy trout act like these bonito do.

The most productive technique for me has been to lay off about 60' and cast to the rock face. Let it work it's way down the face and retrieve it with twitches along the bottom and back up to the boat. I've been averaging 20 fish in 3 hours. That includes resting the old back and a coffee break. Can't get too intense, I need to relax the wrists and shoulders at this stage of life. Using the trolling motor on my bass boat allows me to maintain position for casting without spooking the quarry.

The outside of the wall demands the utmost attention; the tides, swell and wind can quickly force you too close to the rocks. Especially when re-rigging and not keeping your eyes open. Been there—done that! This is a real incentive to learn proper distance casting (lobbing is a more correct term with the full sink lines) so you can stand off farther. But, if it's not too rough, this seems to be where I've caught the biggest fish, and the most



varied types. Low tide, high tide or moving in or out hasn't really proven to be much different, as long as there's movement of the water.

Shorter leaders are the normal option here, I use 8' maximum to start with and it gets shorter as I break off and re-tie. About 8 to 10 lb. tippet is what I usually work with and I have been using 8 lb. P-Line for tippet material. We're not talking spooky trout here; these critters have teeth and an attitude. Just try lippping a barracuda for entertainment!

On the grubs and baitcaster combos, I'm using 12 lb. P-Line, a 1/2 oz. lead head and single tail grubs 3 1/2" long in a variety of colors. When the bite is wide open, the spoons come out with Siwash barbless hooks for quick and easy release and loooooong casts to cover the maximum amount of water as fast as possible. I've always used artificial lures, so have no info on any organic baits other than they make my hands smell yucky.

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!

TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR 2006:

- ❖ August 12–14 Off-Shore Blue Water
- ❖ August 19 Surf Fishing Trip
- ❖ September 22–24 Mammoth Trip #2
- ❖ October 13–17 Nor-Cal Trip
- ❖ October 20–22 Mammoth Trip #3
- ❖ November 10–12 Kern River Trip

Notes from the Pond

FRANK KROPACEK, CAPTAIN

We had a pond cleaning on the 25th of June and thanks to all of those who helped. The group included Bob Middo, Richard Garrett, Mark Lipe and, of course, our super volunteer, Barbara Flor, who brought the two most important men in her life; husband Ed and son Andrew. She's very good at volunteering them for all sorts of things, but the two guys are always willing to help out.

Mark Tsunawaki, Ernie Ertley, John Lincoln, Richard Jimenez, and Dan Rivett also pitched in, hauling out and using the gear necessary to clean the pond. While all mentioned were busy on the concrete, Yosh Iseda was on the roof of the clubhouse, cleaning off the debris that those massive Eucalyptus trees are so good at dropping leaves, twigs, etc. all over the place.

Your hard work paid off and as the clean water started filling up the pond.

However, with the hot weather, grass clippings from park maintenance and park users over the July 4th weekend, our now "clean" pond doesn't look so hot. We will be using it, anyway, on our next Tuesday cast and I encourage all of you to come on out and practice—the 2006 National Tournament is right around the corner. There are copies of the casting game schedules in the clubhouse. Look for the green folders and they will tell you what we will cast for that evening.

We are going to need quite a bit of help in this tournament. Scorers, timekeepers, secondary judges, and a lot of support people to keep things running. We will need, at least, eight people for both the morning and afternoon starting on Thursday. It's going to be hot and we want to rotate people as often as possible so they don't



have to spend that much time in the sun. We will change scorers and timekeepers at the same time the judges in the water will be changed. If you can help us out, let us know.

If you have never been to a national tournament, it is quite an experience and you will have the opportunity to watch a lot of good casters in action. The other plus is these are terrific people and personally, I always look forward to seeing and visiting with them.

Another pond cleaning has been scheduled for Sunday, July 23. We will meet on Sunday morning, clean the pond, and leave it to thoroughly dry for a couple of days. On Tuesday, July 25, we will be re-painting the lines and foot markers and can use your help. We will start the pond filling shortly afterward as casters will be out in force practicing and preparing for the Tournament.

There are sign up sheets in the clubhouse—if you can help, let us know. We will be glad for any and all assistance you can give us to make this a successful tournament.

Thank you for all of your help and support.

It's Showtime!

The National Tournament is Finally Here

MARK LIPE, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

On July 31st–August 5th, the Long Beach Casting Club is hosting for the 8th time, the ACA National Tournament. As tournament chairperson, I would like to thank the tournament committee for their dedication and insight. Because of their involvement and skills, I feel confident that the upcoming casting tournament will be one of the best ever! I am very proud to belong to a club, whose membership supports our efforts by providing monetary donations, purchasing raffle tickets (*hope you win!*), and buying tournament merchandise. As tournament captain, I also want to thank the volunteers who will be working diligently and contributing to the tournament's success.

Not only will the tournament showcase some of the finest casters in United States and Canada but it's a time when casters socialize—rekindling old friendships and beginning new ones. Casters typically share fishing stories and are willing to share casting tips and strategies used in tournament casting but *only* after competition. The camaraderie associated with tournament casting and those directly involved in angling and casting clubs is something to be treasured.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

After a full day of practice on Monday, July 31st, we will initiate the tournament with our Opening Ceremonies beginning at 5:00 PM. The event will take place at the Long Beach Casting Club with a formal Presentation of Colors directed by the United States Coast Guard, Auxiliary 11th District South. After some welcoming remarks, we have a wonderful social with complimentary appetizers and non alcoholic beverages. You do not want to miss this event! It will be a great time with an opportunity to meet the tournament casters, their

families and special invited guests from the City of Long Beach. In addition to selling tournament merchandise, we will be selling raffle tickets and selecting some winners. You also will be able to start the bidding on some wonderful Silent Auction items.

EVENTS:

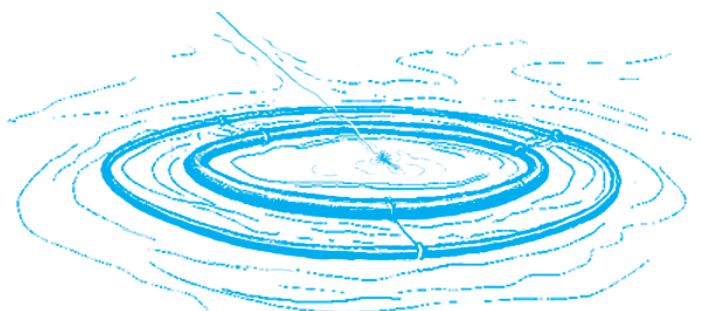
August 1st and 2nd will showcase the distance events at El Dorado Park, Glider Field Area III beginning at 8:00 AM. August 3rd–5th, will feature the fly and plug accuracy Events which will take place at the Long Beach Casting beginning at 8:30 AM. Registration is permissible on site but only 15 minutes before each event. Registration is \$30.00 plus a \$10.00 per event fee. For specific scheduled events and a registration form, log onto our website www.longbeachcastingclub.org or refer to the last months July issue of Target Talk.

AWARDS BANQUET:

The tournament will conclude on August 5th with an Awards Banquet at the El Dorado Golf Course Main Dinning Room. A no host cash bar will begin at 6:00 PM with a delicious buffet featuring chicken picata and carved roast beef as dinner entrees beginning at 7:00 PM. Reservation deadline for Awards Banquet Tickets is July 31st. If interested, contact Mark Lipe immediately at (562) 494-1169. Tickets are \$30.00 each.

Let's welcome our guests with style and host one of the best National Tournaments ever!

"Score perfect" and hope to see you soon!



Fly of the Month: Parachute Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

One of the greatest revelations of the last 20 years of dry-fly fishing has been the emerger. This style of fly and life phase of the mayfly and caddis has proven to be one the most effective weapons an angler has for taking fish in difficult spring creek and slow water conditions. This month's fly is a great pattern for taking full advantage of a mayfly hatch under those circumstances.

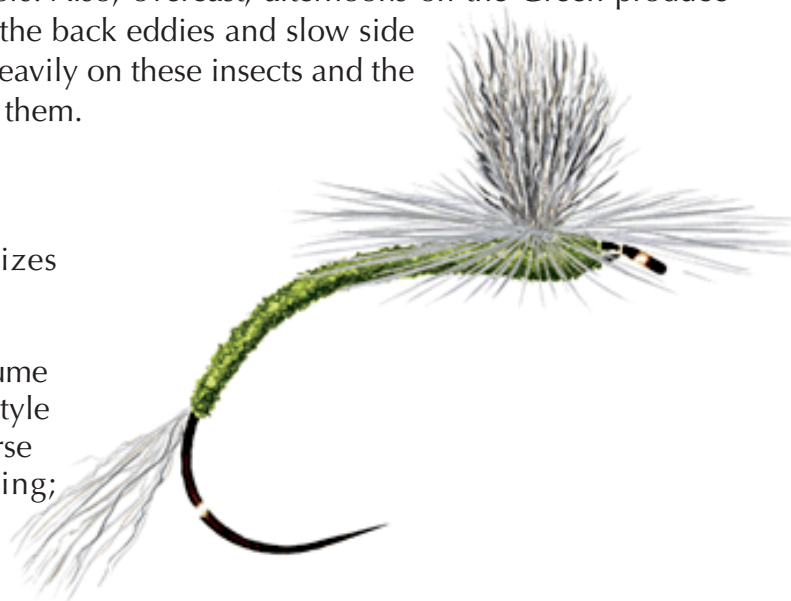
For those new to the sport and still learning about entomology and in particular the mayfly cycle of life I will provide a few insights about emergers. The four stages and the approximate length of a mayfly's life cycle are; egg (ovum, 1–3 weeks), nymph (nymphal 11–24 months with 20–30 molts), dun (sub-imago 1–4 days—sexually immature) and spinner (imago about 1 day—sexually mature). Anglers have imitated these stages, excepting the eggs, with success but now we have an additional intermediate stage to work with. As the name emerger implies, this phase of the mayfly is the transition from being an aquatic nymph to flying adult.

With many species of mayfly, especially fast water species, the molt or metamorphosis happens so quickly—a matter of a few seconds—that is seldom ever noticed and is of little benefit to the angler. In these instances the fish feed on the nymphs while they ascend to the surface to molt and pay little attention to the duns on the surface which, they have learned, will quickly fly away. However, for many slower water species like Blue-Winged Olives, Pale Morning Duns, Green Drakes, Sulphurs and several others their emergence is much more perilous. These mayflies struggle in the surface film for minutes trying to free themselves of their nymphal shuck. Others just rest and wait for their wings to expand and dry. These insects are an easy target and the trout know it. They quickly learn that these mayflies will not fly away and will ignore all other foods or imitations when emergers are present.

For those of you planning a trip to the Henry's Fork, the Big Horn or Hot Creek/Owens, be sure to have some of these flies in a variety of sizes and colors. Also, overcast, afternoons on the Green produce excellent hatches of Baetis and other species in the back eddies and slow side currents. Large trout, AKA "scum suckers" feed heavily on these insects and the Parachute Emerger is an excellent choice to fool them.

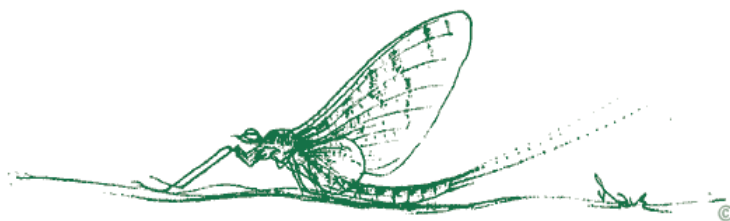
Materials for tying the Parachute Emerger:

Hook: Tiemco #2487 or Daiichi #1130 in sizes 14 to 20
 Thread: Olive (or match the natural) 6/0 or 8/0
 Wing: Dark dun (or match the natural) CDC plume
 Hackle: Dun (or match the natural); parachute style
 Tail: Olive (or match the natural) Zelon; sparse
 Body: Olive (or match the natural) dubbing; dressed thin
 Head: Olive (or match the natural)



Instructions for tying the Parachute Emerger:

1. Place the hook into the vise and attach your thread behind the headspace. Wind down to the mid-point of the shank and then back to the thorax creating a smooth stable base. Select a short, full CDC plume (use two if necessary) and tie it in with the tips pointing forward. Stand up and post the wing with few wraps of thread in front and around the base and add a tiny drop of head cement. The wing should be shorter than normal or about $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{2}{3}$'s the length of the shank.
2. Select a good quality hackle with a barb length equal to or slightly shorter than the length of the shank. Remove all of the list and any excess barbs from the stem and tie in the hackle alongside the wing with the dull/concave side facing forward. Make sure that enough bare stem is exposed so that you can later wrap about half a turn without hitting any barbs (about $\frac{1}{16}$ "). This will make cleaner looking parachute hackle with fewer stray barbs sticking out at odd angles.
3. Advance the thread about half the way down the bend. Select a half dozen to a dozen strands (depending on the hook size) of Zelon fibers for the tail and tie them in. The length should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the body and should be quite sparse. The idea here is to allow the tail to dip below the surface and not try to hold the fly up—that will be done by the hackle and CDC wing.
4. Apply dubbing to your thread and wind a thin smooth body. Wind the hackle parachute style approximately 2 to 6 turns around the base of the wing. Remember to wind from high to low. Tie off the hackle and apply more dubbing to your thread and smoothly dub the thorax from behind the wing to headspace. Wind a small, smooth head, whip finish and apply head cement and your fly is ready for your next trip.



Southern California's Home Waters: A Special Evening

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

Join our colleagues in LA for an informative night devoted to the fish and fisheries of the Eastern Sierra and Southern California, hosted by CalTrout, Wilderness Fly Fishers and other Southern California fly fishing clubs.

The featured speaker is Rob Lusardi, California Trout's Director of the Eastern Sierra District in Mammoth Lakes. Rob not only knows about the current state of our streams and fish but is directly involved in their preservation.

They will also be discussing the latest updates on steelhead in Southern California and the future of Piru Creek. Attendees are encouraged to participate in an open question-and-answer period. You do not want to miss this event!

DETAILS:

- ❖ Tuesday, August 15th
- ❖ 6:00 pm, no-host bar; 6:45, dinner; 7:30, program
- ❖ The Olympic Collection
- ❖ 11301 Olympic Blvd. (1 block west of the 405 Fwy)
- ❖ Underground parking is available for \$2.50
- ❖ Free parking is available on the street after 6:00 pm

Reservations are required and the event is \$26.00 before August 1—\$35.00 after (includes buffet dinner). Send \$26 check payable to: Wilderness Fly Fishers, c/o Larry Brucker, 1835 Holmby Ave, #201, LA, CA, 90025

Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

DENNIS McTEER, 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.

Unless noted otherwise Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM.

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
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
JANUARY 25, 2007	BRYAN WEBB	FLY FISHING NEWPORT BAY



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Yellowstone in the Fall Do It Yourself

Join Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures on September 9th to the 14th 2006 for 4 days of fishing in the West Yellowstone area on the Madison, Henry's Fork, Fire Hole or wherever the fishing leads us and 5 nights of lodging. We will be staying at the Slash E Ranch. The trip is set up as a Do It Yourself. We will fish on our own without the use of guides. This time of the year you hear the elk bugle, have cooler nights and days and the area is much less as crowded.

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.



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Calendar of Events

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

October

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Northern California
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
7-8	Weekend		Northwestern Tournament
8	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Mammoth #3
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
13-17			Northern California Club Trip
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
20-22	Weekend		Club Trip: Mammoth #3
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Kern River
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
27	Friday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Bruce Richards
28	Saturday	7:00 PM	Bruce Richards and Stroke Analyzer at the club pond
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Introduction Night



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