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What "A" Team!

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

The 98th American Casting Association National Tournament is over. We have much to be proud of. A lot of people did a lot of work that began well before the tournament. To each of you who contributed in any way to the massive production of hosting a national casting tournament, your time and efforts are so very much appreciated. This amazing club has so many who step forward to help. Thank you all.

For the last year, our ACA Tournament Committee has been planning and preparing for this event, under the extraordinary direction of Mark Lipe. Knowing Mark, I'm sure that he will submit an article listing and thanking those who have helped, but I must pay homage to Mark himself. He took on this huge responsibility while working full time and having a young child at home. He took it on even though he knew how time-consuming it would be because he was National Tournament Captain in 2000. Mark, it is an honor to know you and to have worked alongside you. Your organizational skills and attention to detail made us all look good. On behalf of Long Beach Casting Club, I thank you.

We are once again indebted to Jerry Marrotta and Yash Iseda. This time they, along with Stan Holden and new member John Lincoln, have re-tiled the small bathroom to match the kitchen tile. Dan Rivett, Bob Graham and Dennis McTeer removed

the old linoleum and plumbing fixtures, and did the rest of the demo. Stan got all the materials donated. Not content to merely re-tile the bathroom, Yash tiled a trout on the floor and has plans for more of his artwork. In addition to providing all of us with an up-dated and sparkling clean bathroom, they did all this is a terribly hot period of July. As if that wasn't enough, they painted the porch railings. Thank you so much.

On another note, a recent fishing trip to Montana made apparent the pay-off for time spent practicing the casting games. It was such a thrill to be consistently able to put a fly exactly where I wanted to, just in front of a rising fish, or within a foot of the bank, or avoiding obstacles. Whether or not you ever compete in a casting tournament, the accuracy and other skills you learn will make you a much better fisherman, and I encourage

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you to give the casting games a try. The pay-off for the practice is huge.

There is casting practice every Tuesday and Thursday evening, and, beginning September 10, every other Sunday in fall and winter. There is no need to feel intimidated by the games because our club has many outstanding casters who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise. It took my husband and me about three years as club members before we got up the nerve to give the casting games a try, and now we are wondering why we didn't do it sooner.

Try it—you'll like it.



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:

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| ❖ September 22-24 | Mammoth Trip #2 |
| ❖ October 13-17 | Nor-Cal Trip |
| ❖ October 20-22 | Mammoth Trip #3 |
| ❖ November 10-12 | Steelhead Trip |
| ❖ December 16-17 | to be determined |
| ❖ January 19-21 | Lower Owens Trip #1 |
| ❖ February 16-18 | Lower Owens Trip #2 |

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National Tournament a Big Success!

MARK LIPE, TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

Steve Rajeff from the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club won his 34th ACA National Championship by earning 18 position points. The Grand All-Around Champion dominated the field by finishing first in 9 of the 12 events. Henry Mittel and Rene Gillibert, both from the Oakland Casting Club, came in second and third in the All-Around with 24 and 48 position points respectively. Scores were impressive as 13 national records were broken at the distance field and two perfect scores of 100 were posted by Oakland's Chris Korich in the Dry Fly event and Steve Rajeff in Trout Fly game.

Seventy-two casters from 12 different ACA Clubs competed for medals, cash, and pride in the 98th National Tournament July 31 – August 5, 2006. Although some Casters competed in their first national tournament, Richard Fujita from Columbus, Ohio, competed in his 58th ACA National and Zack Willson also from Columbus, competed in his 50th.

Many casters traveled afar but none more than Oliver Paege from Germany who competed in the ICSF Arenberg and Skish Fly Accuracy events. These events were showcased at the tournament and will be part of the upcoming ICSF World Championship in Ireland where tournament casters: Jay Clark, Chris Korich, Kazu Koshimitsu, Henry Mittel, Jered Mertens, Pam Peters, and Steve Rajeff will compete. The 5 wt. Combination Accuracy/Distance event was also entertaining as 18 casters showcased their skills with target accuracy and casting a fly 100' + as casters' demonstrated tight loops and double haul mastery.

The Long Beach Casting Club received kudos from many tournament casters and guests. Praise focused on our club's hospitality and with



the operation of the tournament itself. From Opening Ceremonies to the Awards Banquet, the tournament was well organized and ran smoothly. The casters appreciated the closure of the nearby dog park thus limiting any possible distractions when casting. The quality and number of Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction items was impressive and individuals were elated when they won. Many individuals proudly wore the polo shirts and T-shirts with the featured tournament logo.

The food during the opening ceremonies and throughout the tournament was delicious and plentiful. The weather cooperated with temperatures in the low 80's with some unseasonable humidity near 50%. Not bad, considering that many casters traveled from geographical areas where the temperatures were in the mid 90's with even higher humidity percentages.

The Long Beach Casting Club was well represented with 20 tournament casters. Casters won medals for first, second and third place positioning and wooden plaques were earned for fourth, fifth, and sixth place finishers in all ACA events.

Many dedicated committee members and volunteers who worked tirelessly drove the success of the tournament. As tournament captain, I want to thank EVERYONE who contributed to the tournament. It was because of YOUR talents, dedication, and generosity that the 98th ACA National was a huge success. It was a tournament that the Long Beach Casting Club can be proud of and will always be remembered as one of the best Nationals ever.

Notes from the Pond

FRANK KROPACEK, CAPTAIN

Our clubhouse was really a beehive of activity the closer we got to the ACA National. Yosh Iseda and Jerry Marotta tiled one of the bathrooms and did an excellent job, despite the hot and humid weather we had been experiencing. Stan Holden constructed the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place stands for the awards presentation. Very ingenious—they fit inside one another for more convenient storage. He has also logged more miles than he cares to think about in keeping Yosh and Jerry supplied with the materials needed to complete their endeavor as well as the completion of his own projects.

Our July 23 pond cleaning found our volunteers coming forth once again. Ed Flior got quite a workout hauling the high pressure hose behind Mark Tsunawaki who was directing the water stream. Andrew Flior, Tony Lark, Gregg Stumpf, Rich Garrett and Jeff Katz were busy raking up and getting rid of the debris which litters the pond. Marv Dworzak and Jay Anderson pitched in wherever the need arose.

Mark Lipe, alternating between the pond and clubhouse, was helping us as well as assisting Carole Katz who was busy making the clubhouse look really good.

Thanks, again, to Mark Tsunawaki for his much needed assistance in repairing the casting targets. He is a very willing worker and problem solver. Every time I ran into a glitch, he thought of a way around it. We allowed the pond to thoroughly dry and Tuesday repainted the distance lines. Jeff Sadler, another ingenious problem solver, helped in the painting and on Wednesday, we started filling the pond readying it for the first wave of casters.

Bob Graham was out that afternoon and sprayed

algaeicide and that kept our pond looking good.

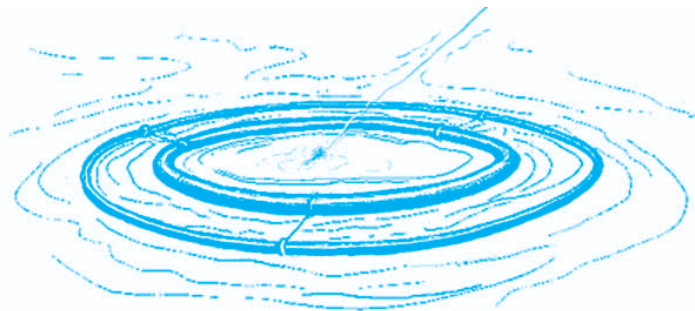
The Long Beach City Parks Department was extremely responsive to our needs. Their maintenance crews were out on Friday, trimming and doing all the things needed making the area look good, and took extra care in the grass cutting, raking, etc. and really did a great job.

That same morning found Jerry Marotta, Yosh Iseda, and John Lincoln painting everything green on the porch of the club. I offered to help them, but news of my mishap with a can of spray paint—brought to the attention of club members by Jeff Sadler—made them leery of my talents and explained they only had three paint brushes (I saw Jerry hide two of them just in case I insisted on helping).

My thanks to all of you who volunteered your assistance in making this a tournament a success. All the planning in the world is useless unless we have the people to turn the plans into reality. Space does not permit thanking them by name: that will be done in the next Target Talk. The volunteers were ready, willing, and able to pitch in when and where the need arose. You all were the driving force which made the tournament a success as the favorable comments indicated.

Our Tuesday casts are drawing to a close and we have had some nice turnouts for the events. We expect more casters once we resume our Winter Cast schedule and delicious breakfasts.

See you then.



How Did We Do?

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

The ACA National Tournament is over and we can be proud of how our casters performed. Twenty casters represented LBCC. Several of them were casting in a national tournament for the first time, while others were experienced competitors.

Those who participated were John Field, Bill Heard, Frank Kropacek, Joe Libeu, Mark Lipe, Rei Lipe, Guy Manning, Mike McClay, Bob Middo, John Napoli, Matt Rickerd, Mitch Rickerd, Alan Ross, Jeff Sadler, Bob Spear, Mark Tsunawaki, John Van Derhoof, Chris Walker, Ian Walker, and Carole Katz.

So, how did we do? Twenty-nine top ten finishes! Not bad. In alphabetical order, here's how our casters did.

John Field was fourth in the Two-Hand Fly Distance Event with a cast of 220 feet. Bill Heard cast a tenth place score in the 5 Weight Demonstration Event.

Joe Libeu won second place in the Senior Men's Trout Fly Accuracy with a 94, and finished fifth in the Dry Fly event with a 96. We were proud to see him on the award stand getting his ribbon.

Although Mark Lipe had an almost overwhelming number of responsibilities and distractions at this tournament, he competed in ten events. His best finish was seventh in the 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy Event. Mark's son, Rei, competed in the Youth Class and won third place in the 3/8 oz. Plug Accuracy Event. He too got a neck medal on the award stand, although it took a little coaxing to get him up there.

Guy Manning came "home" to Long Beach Casting Club and competed in five events. His protégé, Dustin Revel, was the Intermediate Class



Angler's All-Around Champion and set many new national records.

Mike McClay competed in five events, placing ninth in the 5 Weight Demonstration Event. Bob Middo was sixth in the same event, and was LBCC's sole entry in the Angler's Fly Distance Event.

It was a pleasure to see John Napoli back with us and casting beautifully after his recent medical problem. He finished in the top ten in three events: sixth in Trout Fly with a 96, seventh in Dry Fly with a 98, and ninth in All Fly Accuracy, a combination of three event scores.

It was also nice to have Matt Rickerd with us again. Between his job and a shoulder problem, we haven't seen a lot of him. In the Dry Fly Event, he tied for second place with a score of 99, and then after two cast-off's finished fourth, just out of the medals. He was fifth in Bass Bug, tenth in Trout Fly, tenth in 1/4 oz. Plug Accuracy, seventh in 3/8 oz. Plug Accuracy, and tenth in 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy. These scores put him in sixth place in the All Fly Accuracy Combined Event, ninth in the All Plug Combined Event, and seventh in the overall standings. In the international events, he placed fourth in the Arenberg and sixth in the Skish events. His son, Mitch, cast in one event, the 5/8 oz. Plug, and won it!

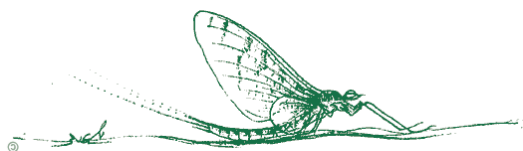
Alan Ross competed in two events, as did Jeff Sadler. Jeff finished sixth in Trout Fly with a score

of 91. Bob Spear was third in Bass Bug, fourth in 5/8 oz. Plug and sixth in Dry Fly. All three were competing in the Senior Men Class.

Mark Tsunawaki competed in three events. His best finish was eighth in Bass Bug, with a score of 94. John Van Derhoof cast in four events. His Dry Fly score of 99 (just one point less than perfect) in the first round put him in a five-way tie for second place and finished sixth after the cast-off. Ian Walker entered two events and earned a score of 5070 in the 5 Weight Combination Event, which put him in third place. His nephew Chris competed in just one event this time, but we were happy to see them both again, along with the new puppy.

Lastly, I cast in two events. After suffering from a major case of nerves in my first event, the following day I cast a 92 in Trout Fly, which tied for third place. My 90 in the cast-off was not good enough to get on the medal stand, but I celebrated my scores with what is now known as my "Victory Dance." At least no one can accuse me of being stoic.

I do hope more of you will join us at the casting games. We really do have a good time, and we are much better fishers because of it.



Congratulations!

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

In addition to his sterling performance as Captain of the 2006 ACA National Tournament, Mark Lipe was elected to the American Casting Association Board of Directors at their Annual Business Meeting.

Congratulations Mark—we know he will do a fine job in this new role!

Best Brookie Bash Ever

JEFFREY SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Somehow each year is better than the last and this is a long series of great trips. So, how good was it? The members caught over 300 Brook trout on Saturday on dry flies. The Sunshine Committee is more important than you think as it has influence "ON HIGH". The committee arranged for perfect weather on the day of the trip. Within 20 steps of the last participant, Maria Rivas, reaching her car the skies unloaded but that's okay, it was perfect while we fished. The 30 LBCC members were scattered over the trail so no matter where you were, you had someone to chat with. The area is big enough that if you like to be alone you could be.

Gary Charles and his faithful sidekick Flo Smith thought they could flee the madding crowds by going all the way to the spine of the Sierra's. Not far enough as they were interrupted by Rob Peterson and his sons who had crossed to the West slope and were on the way back.

The other good news is that everyone got a chance to test their favorite repellent. The mosquitoes provided an enthusiastic test base. I used a combination of Cutter's Deet and Advanced and they both worked. Some worked better than others.

Margie McTeer with her cap on backwards (a sign of a serious photographer) looked like she needed some action so I located a "dyne-o-mite" spot and called her and Dennis over. Margie is a screamer and between her and Mr. Modest-Mouth (that would be me) apparently we were having so much fun we were heard 3 lakes away.

And the Grand Champion is...?

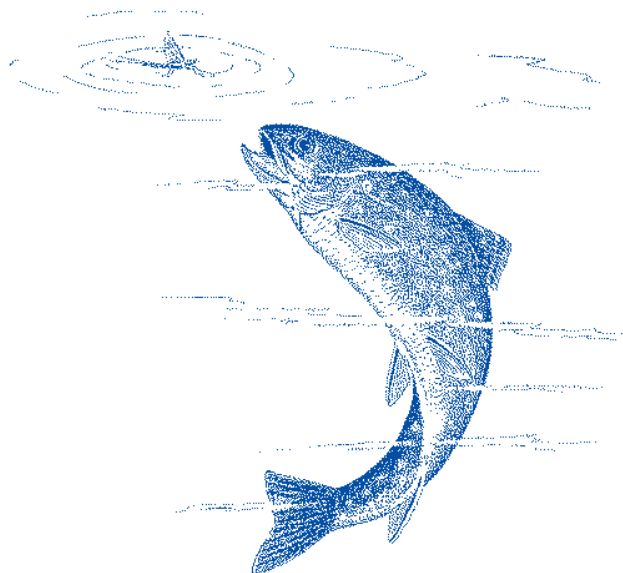
Well, Kevin Green, Dennis McTeer and I had three species of trout on dries by Saturday. Bob Graham tried to convince the Rules committee that a weighted pheasant tail was somehow a dry.

Danny Rivett pulled a Golden out of Long Lake so he had three. Oddly enough, Danny never snagged a Rainbow but I saw him harvest a score and more of Browns on Thursday alone (in the hail storm). Several of us went to the “secret” Mammoth Lake for Cutthroats on Friday and while the fish gave me four chances I couldn’t connect. Maria Rivas caught one between me and the shore as I was wading deep (too deep, as it turned out). So...

THE 2006 BROOKIE BASH DRY FLY CHAMPION IS:
MARIA RIVAS

Some of you may not know Maria as well as you should. Maria works hard, lives a fair distance away, and has family responsibilities that make it difficult for her to get to LBCC. But, her priorities are correct as she seems to schedule in a lot of fishing trips.

You’ll know her immediately: immaculately outfitted, perfectly tied flies for all occasions neatly arranged, tight loops, but most importantly, what her friends call, her “fish face.” When Maria is on her “A” game her focus makes a heron’s look silly. The fish simply do not stand a chance. She and Danny split high rod for Saturday as they modestly would only admit to 40+. I know them both well, they don’t lie.



Fall in the Eastern Sierra

BOB GRAHAM, CO 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

As good as the fishing has been this summer, we had to contend with high and off color water, high temperatures and a healthy assortment of bugs. The water is now gradually lowering and the clarity is slowly getting better. This of course means that the fishing should also improve! By fall we should have normal summer conditions.

The September and October trips to Mammoth seem to bring out the float tubes and Crowley should be exciting. There are lots of other still waters and streams to test your skill. We have noticed on the last two trips to Mammoth that a growing percentage of beginning fly fishermen are attending the trips and busily learning new techniques. That’s good—this is a teaching club.

Gary and I will be in Yellowstone with Joe Libeu’s trip on the evening of the Pre-Trip Meeting, September 13th, and Craig Haines has offered to be the trip leader. He is a newer member but an experienced fly fisherman. Tom Loe of Sierra Drifters recently dubbed him the “Long Beach Casting Club Ace” for some nice large trout caught on one of their guided trips. The Pre-Trip Meeting is September 13th but don’t wait to make your deposit; give Craig plenty of time to make the condo reservations and the bed assignments. His contact information is in the Roster but he is also frequently at the clubhouse. The trip is September 22–24.

As always, even if the condos are fully booked, please join us on the water. You’ll just have to make your own sleeping or camping arrangements. But otherwise, come and fish with us, join us for meals and swap lies during cocktails. There are normally enough chips, dips and nuts to go around!

Formula for Determining the Weight of Fish

MARTY SELDON, from the June 2006 FFF ClubWire

The use of formulas to make estimates is common in medical practice and many other fields. They generally use scattered data points and yield approximate results. In determining the weight of fish, the value of the constant (K) is adjusted dependent on the species of fish and how fat or skinny it is. The formula for fish weight is: The (Girth) squared in inches, times the (Length) in inches, divided by a (Constant = K) is equal to (=) the weight of the fish in either pounds or grams (or $G^2 \times L / K = \text{Weight}$).

USING INCHES AND POUNDS:

For slender fish similar to trout: $K = 900$

For fat bodied fish such as a permit or a fat black bass; $K = 800$

Fat Black Bass Example:

Girth = 18 in. & the Length = 17 in.

$$18 \times 18 = 324$$

$$324 \times 17 = 5,508$$

$$5,508/800 = 6.9 \text{ pounds, the weight of the fish}$$

Trout Example:

Girth = 13 in. & Length = 16 inches

$$13 \times 13 = 169$$

$$169 \times 16 = 2704$$

$$2704/900 = 3 \text{ pounds, the weight of the fish}$$

USING THE METRIC SYSTEM IN CENTIMETERS AND GRAMS:

Girth and the Length are in centimeters (1 in = 2.54 cm) and the weight is in grams (1 pound = 453.6 grams). The formula is the same except:

For a slender fish similar to a trout, $K = 31.1$

For a fat fish such as a largemouth bass or a permit, $K = 27.8$

Fat Black Bass Example:

Girth = 45 cm, Length = 43 cm

$$45 \times 45 = 2025$$

$$2025 \times 43 = 87,075$$

$$87,075/27.8 = 3132 \text{ gms} = 3.13 \text{ kg} = 6.9 \text{ pounds}$$

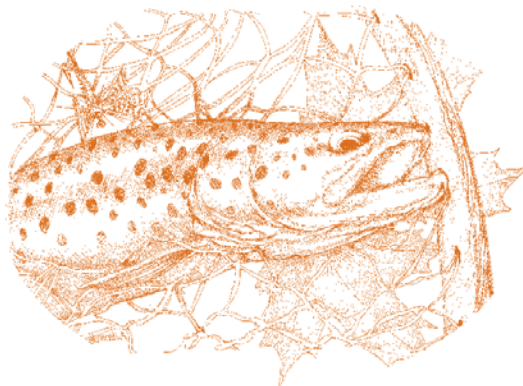
Trout Example: Girth = 32 cm, Length = 41.5 cm:

$$32 \times 32 = 1024$$

$$1024 \times 41.5 = 42,496$$

$$42,496/31.1 = 1366 \text{ gms} = 1.37 \text{ kg} = 3 \text{ pounds.}$$

Well known angler, author, and FFF Silver King Award winner Dan Blanton advises that the Constant $K = 800/27.8$ should be used for bonefish, tarpon, redfish, striped bass, and similar species. Barracuda, pike, and trout that are not excessively fat or girthy are more accurately described, as are Pacific bonefish that have less girth by using $K = 900/31.1$.



Fly Fishing for California Striped Bass

DENNIS MCTEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

For our September Monthly Meeting, John Sherman will be presenting his slide show “Fly Fishing for California Striped Bass” which will visually take you through California’s unique striper opportunities. John’s passion for Striper fishing began at the age of 18 on his first trip to California Delta. Since then he has chased stripers aggressively year round. John now lives in Discovery Bay, California on the San Joaquin Sacramento River delta with his wife Natih and dog Portis.

His favorite species to take on a fly are steelhead, stripers and any saltwater fish. John was born and raised in Visalia, California where he learned how to fly fish through Buz’s Fly & Tackle, the well known and popular local fly shop, at the age of 8. Since then fly-fishing has been a passion that has evolved into a career. John is a fly fishing sales representative for many of the top fly fishing manufacturers including Sage, Simms, Umpqua, Rio, Galvan, Action Optics-Smith, Tibor, Outcast, Redington and Scientific Anglers.

While attending Chico State, John worked at the Powell Fly Shop and guided on the Feather and Sacramento Rivers for steelhead and salmon. After graduation, he spent two months fishing British Columbia’s famed Steelhead Rivers. John has fished the West Coast from Alaska to the Baja Peninsula for steelhead, salmon, stripers, black bass, trout and numerous blue water species. He has also hosted numerous trips to Central America for Bonefish, Tarpon and Permit, and in South Carolina and Louisiana for Redfish also known as Channel Bass.

John is also an outdoor photographer and you have seen his work published in Fly Fisherman, California Fly Fisher, North West Fly Fishing and South West Fly Fishing magazine. He has been documenting his expeditions with a camera since the age of 10. You can see John’s excellent photography at: www.johnghsberman.com.



Hypothermia

RENEE MENARD, from the Idaho Fly Casters Club, Inc. Newsletter

When you're outdoors enjoying such activities as camping, hunting, fishing, and boating, be aware of weather conditions and whether you or others with you are wet and cold. The best approach to being cold and wet is to move indoors and get warm and dry early - before you develop hypothermia. Wear loose-fitting, layered, light weight clothing. Outer clothing made of tightly woven, water-repellent material is best for wind protection. Wool, silk or polypropylene inner layers hold more body heat than cotton does.

Hypothermia occurs when your body's control mechanisms fail to maintain a normal body temperature. Signs and symptoms that may develop include gradual loss of mental and physical abilities. Severe hypothermia can lead to death. Most healthy people with mild to moderate hypothermia recover completely without permanent injury.

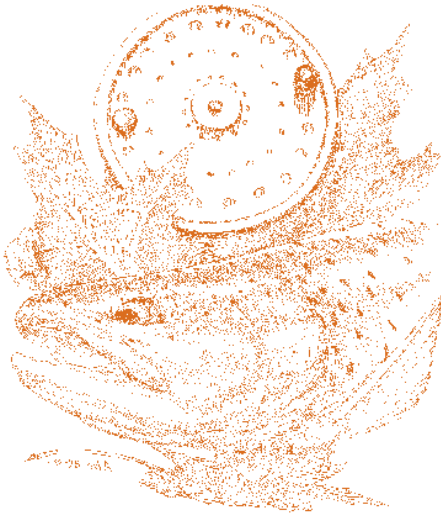
Hypothermia usually comes on gradually. Often, people aren't aware that they need medical attention. Common signs to look for are shivering, which is your body's attempt to generate heat through muscle activity, and the stumbles, mumbles, fumbles and grumbles. Other signs and symptoms may include slurred speech, abnormally slow rate of breathing and fatigue, lethargy or apathy. Severe hypothermia will eventually lead to cardiac and respiratory failure, then death.

Hypothermia can happen not just in cold winter weather, when there are low temperatures or low wind chill factors, but under more mild conditions as well. A rain shower that soaks you to the skin on a cool day can lead to hypothermia if you don't move inside to warm up and dry off. If you stay outside, evaporation of the water from your skin further cools your body, dropping your internal temperature. A wind blowing over the wet parts of your body greatly increases evaporation and cooling.

Factors contributing to your risk of hypothermia in cold water include the temperature of the water and the length of time you spend in it. Rescue time is crucial when a person accidentally falls into cold water. Chances of survival are affected by how cold the water is: The colder the water, the less the chance of survival. If you plan to ride in a watercraft, wear a life jacket. A life jacket can help you stay alive longer in cold water by allowing you to float without using energy and providing some insulation.

WATER TEMPERATURE	TIME UNTIL EXHAUSTION OR UNCONSCIOUSNESS	EXPECTED TIME OF SURVIVAL IN THE WATER
Under 32 F	Less than 15 minutes	Less than 15 to 45 minutes
32.5 to 40 F	15 to 30 minutes	30 to 90 minutes
40 to 50 F	30 to 60 minutes	1 to 3 hours
50 to 60 F	1 to 2 hours	1 to 6 hours
60 to 70 F	2 to 7 hours	2 to 40 hours
70 to 80 F	3 to 12	3 hours to Indefinite

The signs and symptoms of the person suffering from exposure to the cold are the strongest indications of hypothermia. Seek immediate medical care for any person who has been exposed to cold air or water and who is shivering, appears disoriented, shows a lack of coordination, has cold and pale skin, appears tired, and is slurring speech. Try to keep the person warm and dry, preferably indoors or at least out of the wind, until help arrives.



Club Membership Requests

JEFFREY SADLER,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Kathy Kim from Placentia
- ❖ Philip Hunkins from Tustin
- ❖ Richard Peter from Long Beach

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

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

Return to the Kern River

BOB GRAHAM, CO 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Last year we had a fall trip to the Kern River that was very well attended. If you recall, Guy Jeans (Kern River Troutfitters) not only sold us some special flies but he also presented a Saturday seminar on fishing tactics for the Kern. Nonetheless, most of the fly fishermen were skunked except those who ventured to the high meadows to fish for Golden Trout. Chuck Moore claims to have caught tons of fish before the Ranger kicked him out of a closed campground. But Chuck admits to throwing some heavy shiny metal objects.

This year we have again booked all the cabins at McNally's for the weekend of November 3, 4, and 5. This will be before the end of fishing season and not too close to Thanksgiving. It should be early enough that the snow would not yet be on the high meadows. Then again, we got hail, rain and snow last year.

Guy's web site (www.kernriverflyfishing.com) offers a new enticement—photos of clients catching chinook salmon. They were planted in Lake Isabella years ago to eat the shad and trash fish. Now they are migrating into the main stem of the Kern. I'm going up a day early for a guided trip with Guy on Friday. But this is an unguided club trip so you can save your nickels for a new rod.

Contact me right away if you are interested; you'll need to make a \$100 deposit. Or make your own arrangements and let's meet on the river. Guy assures me the fishing will be good and there will be no crowds. Guides don't lie.



Fly of the Month: Looped-Wing Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

One of the most difficult tasks in fly fishing is determining which fly fish are eating during a hatch. Some waters in this country, like the Henry's Fork or Silver Creek, are so well known and documented that you can find lists and charts of mayfly species and other insects that might be hatching on the day you are there. Unless your chart says that there will be twelve insects on the water the day your are planning to fish this can dramatically reduces the number of options you are faced with. However, it is not much help for the rest of the North America.

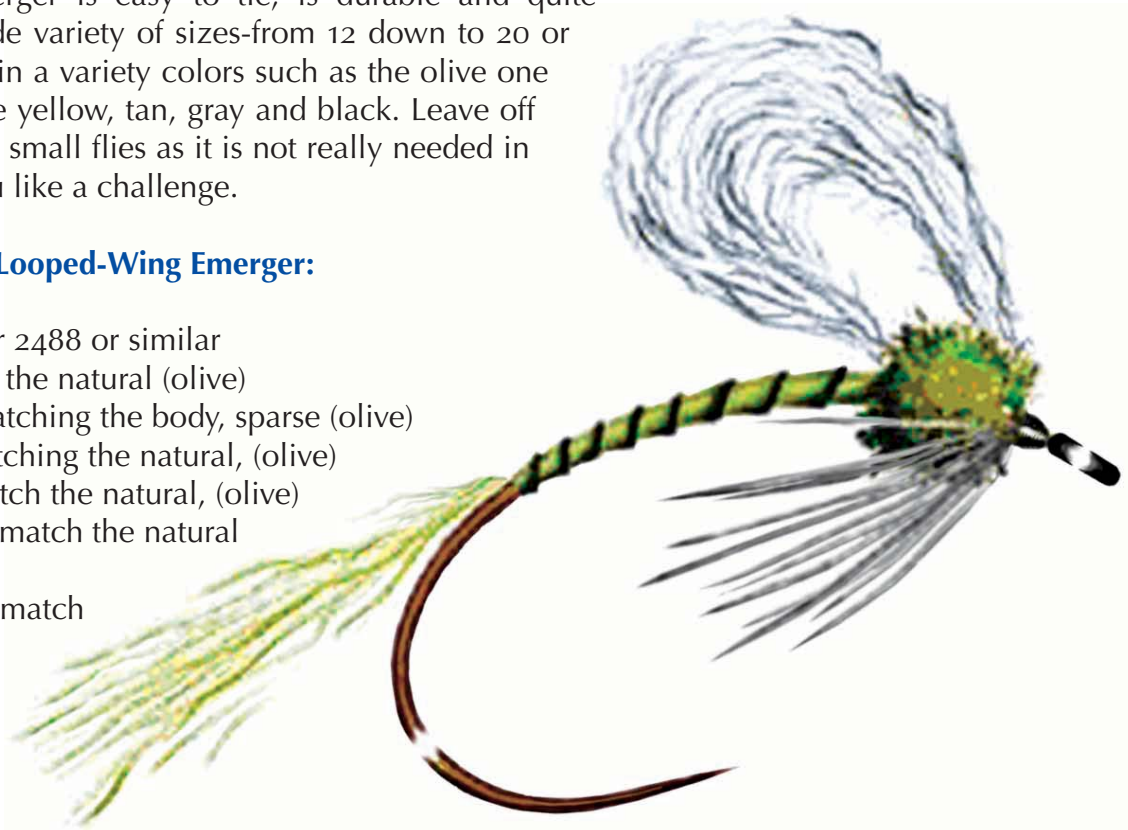
When the life of a fly fisher is tormented with the vagaries of fly selection then, often times, a generic approach should be made. When fish are being finicky something like the Looped-Wing Emerger is an appropriate choice. This pattern performs several functions very well but the two key ones are illusion and universality. It rides low in the water like any good emerger should and gives the illusion of an insect that is trapped in the surface film (meniscus). The materials used in the Looped-Wing Emerger are selected specifically to allow the fly to float with the wing and thorax in the film and with the tail and body below the surface. Even the tail offers the illusion of being either a tail or a shuck still attached to the insect struggling to pull itself free of it.

It is universal in its ability to represent several different types of insects that are available to a fish and not just another mayfly. Mayflies, caddis, midges and even terrestrials—all of these insects could be represented by the Looped-Wing Emerger.

The Looped-Wing Emerger is easy to tie, is durable and quite effective. Tie it in a wide variety of sizes—from 12 down to 20 or even 22's and 24's and in a variety colors such as the olive one that is shown here, pale yellow, tan, gray and black. Leave off the hackle on the really small flies as it is not really needed in small sizes—unless you like a challenge.

Materials for tying the Looped-Wing Emerger:

- Hook: Tiemco 2487 or 2488 or similar
- Thread: Color to match the natural (olive)
- Tail: Zelon fibers matching the body, sparse (olive)
- Body: Goose biot matching the natural, (olive)
- Thorax: Dubbing to match the natural, (olive)
- Wing: CDC plume to match the natural (light dun)
- Throat: Dubbing to match (dark olive)
- Hackle: Dry fly hackle to match (light dun)



Instructions for tying the Looped-Wing Emerger:

1. Place the hook in the jaws of your vise and attached the thread just behind the head space and wind smoothly and evenly down to the point of the barb. Remove 6 to 12 (depending on the hook size) Zelon fibers for the tail and tie them in. Their length should be the same as the body or a little shorter.
2. Select a long thin biot and tie it in by the tip on the far side of the hook. Advance the thread forward smoothly to where the starting point of the thorax will be or about 3/4 the length of the shank. Wind the biot with a very slight overlap over the body to the start of the thorax and tie it off.
3. Select a good quality CDC plume (2 on larger flies) and tie it in securely by the tip at the start of the thorax. Apply dubbing to the thread for the thorax and wind forward to a point just before the headspace.
4. Grab the butts of the CDC wing and fold the them forward forming a loop and tie them down with only two or three turns of thread at the headspace. To make the process easier use a bodkin in your off hand. The bodkin acts as a support when folding the fibers over the needle. With just those couple of thread loops over the wing to hold it in place, grab the wing and the butts with both hands and slide the wing back and forth a few times. This helps to make the wing look fuller and more natural. Undo one of the wraps at the tie down and re-wrap a couple of turns of thread to secure the wing.
5. Select a good quality dry fly hackle from the butt of the neck. Strip of 12 to 18 fibers from near the tip of the hackle and tie them in as a beard. On larger flies I will fold the hackle, tie it in by the tip and wind 2 or 3 turns with the hackle flowing backwards. Bind them down and trim off the excess. Form a neat, small head, whip finish and apply some head

cement and the Looped-Wing Emerger is complete. Now, just add water.



San Gabriel River Reciprocates for TLC

MICK WOODBURY,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Chuck Moore's kick-off work party for the forestry conservation program was both successful and appreciated.

Chuck, Jerry Allison and Jim Minx met at the river and carpooled upstream to the work site. The *chore de jour* was to clean and paint a stream-side sign that had faded and weathered. After wire brushing the steel, clipping some weeds at the posts and applying fresh paint, the team agreed to a lunch and fish break.

Blue-winged olives were the hot ticket as Chuck, switching to his guide hat, put the workers on the best spots. Everyone had a good time and the river cooperated knowing all the fish would be carefully released.

Trips are the first Wednesday of the month, 9:00 AM at the stream. Call Chuck beforehand so he can tell you what tools are needed (August was hole drilling and the tools of choice were portable drills and extra batteries). The next outing is Wednesday, September 6th to install plywood panels. You can contact Chuck at 562-868-0240 if you have any questions.

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
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
FEBRUARY 22, 2007	SUNSHINE COMMITTEE	WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



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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.



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Calendar of Events

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 Trip
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

November

2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
3-5	Weekend		Club Trip: Kern River Trip
5	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Techniques and Demonstrations
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Ant
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
17	Friday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Simon Gawesworth
18-19	Weekend		Marriott's Fly Fishing Show
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Soft Hackle
26	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Boss
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying



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