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Leader's Line

Healing Waters

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

Inspired by the nationally acclaimed "Casting for Recovery" program for cancer survivors, Project Healing Waters is a joint activity initiated by Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers in the nation's capital. The Project offers wounded military personnel from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Medical Center opportunities to learn or enhance fly fishing and fly tying skills, and to use and enjoy those skills on fishing outings.

The project provides basic fly fishing, fly casting and fly tying classes for the wounded personnel ranging from beginners to those with prior fly fishing experience who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. All services and activities of the Project are provided to the participants at no cost. Fly fishing and tying equipment are provided to the Project participants, including gear that accommodates their special needs.

The concept originated with Ed Nicholson, retired Navy, who is now Project Director, and the leader of the fly casting and fly fishing components. Casting classes are held on local ponds before heading out to fishing spots. The group has fished in many locations, sometimes as guests at private clubs, fly fishing schools, fishing shops or guide services—all complimentary.

It has been challenging at times to teach amputees and those with disabilities to cast and fish, especially if that someone had only one arm or one

hand. Simple tasks that we take for granted, such as stripping line, reeling in line, or tying on a new tippet, require new approaches. Manufacturers such as Pflueger and Vivarelli have helped by donating specially-made automatic reels.

In 2005, John Colburn, retired Army, started the fly tying program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for military personnel wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq. The first class consisted of four men with artificial left arms and one man with a badly damaged arm. They were taking the tying class as part of their occupational therapy to learn fine motor skills with their new artificial arms and hands. [Kudos for one of our own: a search for the best publication to use for these classes resulted in the selection of BASIC FLY TYING, illustrated by John McKim.]

Simple acts of adjusting the vise, placing a hook

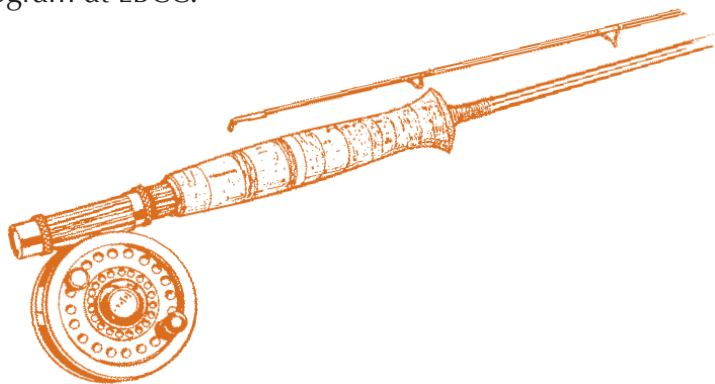
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in it, and starting the thread on the hook required special techniques because of the different types of prosthesis and injuries. Then there was whip-finishing. Instruction had to include a great deal of individual attention because each student had his own difficulties. Many of the tools needed to be modified or replaced with other types to make it possible for the students to tie flies.

Colburn remarks that the motivation and determination of these guys is something to see. He taught the students to tie a Woolly Bugger, an easy fly that normally takes less than an hour to learn. But, because of their individual difficulties, the class lasted nearly three hours. Given an assignment to tie a dozen more flies before the next class, one student who's prosthetic had been in the repair shop all week tied his dozen with one hand and his teeth. The students know that, besides learning something useful, they are developing the fine motor skills that will help them do many other things with their prosthesis and injured limbs. They are also involved in the fly fishing part of Project Healing Waters so they will be able to use the flies they tie on their fishing trips. Colburn's motto has become *"It isn't that you can't do it, it's that we haven't figured out a way that you do it."*

Project Healing Waters has been a remarkable program for those involved since its inception, for both the "teachers" and the "students." There has been some discussion about LBCC offering a similar program to the patients at the Long Beach VA Hospital, and preliminary contacts have been made. We'll let you know if we are able to wade through the layers of bureaucracy and actually start a program at LBCC.



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Spey Casting with Simon Gawesworth

DENNIS MC TEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

We are very fortunate indeed. On Friday, November 17th, Simon Gawesworth, a very popular and sought after speaker will be giving the program at our club's Monthly Meeting. Simon has visited our club several times in the past, having provided clinics for the few who drew the lucky straw. Simon is not only an authority on Spey Casting, but is also one of the finest casting instructors available today.

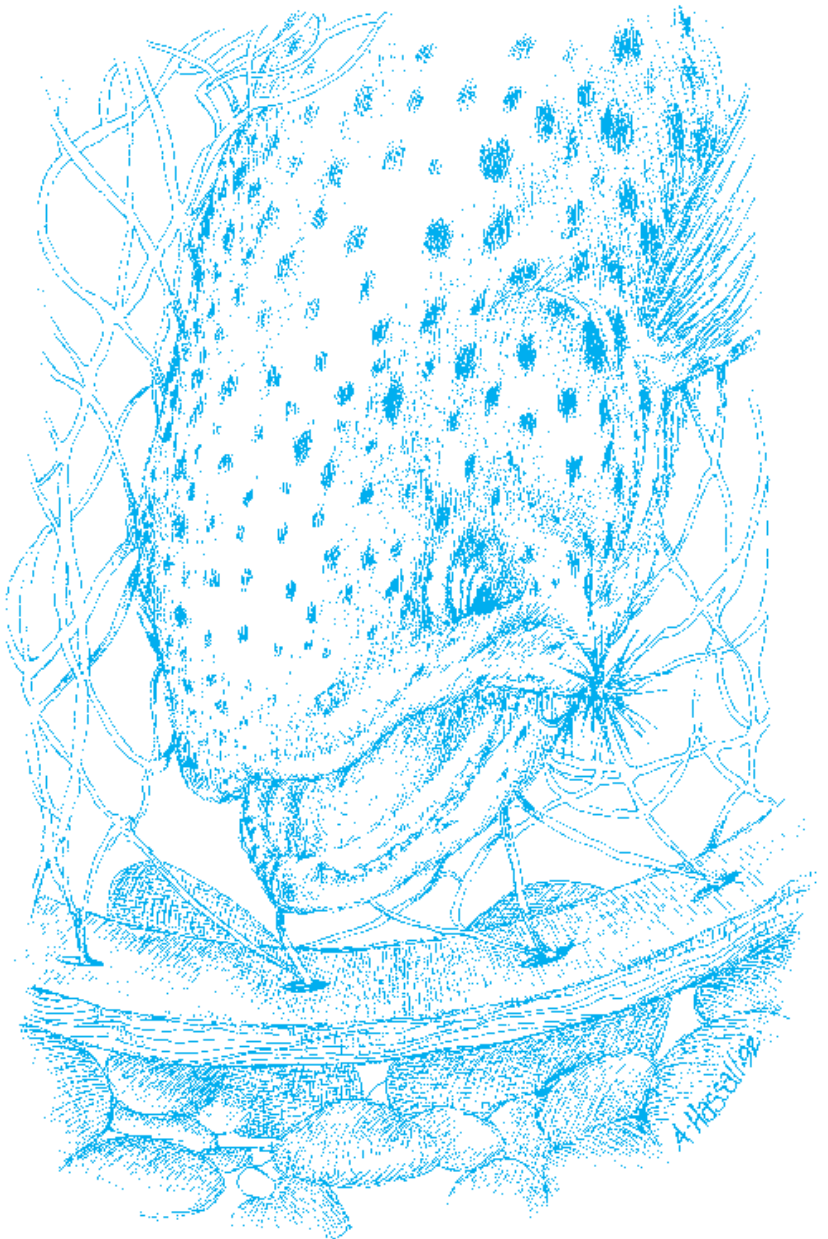
Simon is a Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) Certified Master Casting Instructor, on the FFF Casting Certification Board of Governors and a member of the Two-Handed Casting Instructor's Committee.

Simon Gawesworth has been teaching fly-casting professionally for over 27 years and is acknowledged as one of the foremost authorities on Spey casting. His video, INTERNATIONAL SPEY CASTING is recognized as one of the finest instructional tools available and he has a new DVD coming out next year in conjunction with Rio Products titled MODERN SPEY CASTING.

In 2004, Simon's publisher released his book SPEY CASTING. Simon generously donated this book and his video to our club and you can find them in our library.

Interest in Spey casting has seen a tremendous growth in interest that has led to new rod technology, casts and lines. Stop by the pond on most any Thursday night and you will see club members standing in the pond with 14' rods doing their best impression of Luke Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Simon attracts hundreds to his casting demonstrations at "Speyclaves" and fly fishing consumer shows. Come early to this meeting and take advantage of this opportunity to hear him in the intimate setting of our clubhouse.



Beginning Fly Tying Classes 2005-2006

MARK TSUNAWAKI,
COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN

Beginning on October 26, 2004 at 7:00 PM the Long Beach Casting Club will start our annual Beginning Fly Tying Class. This year's class will be organized by Art Murphy, Joe Tanyi, Mick Woodbury and Mark Tsunawaki.

This is one of the club's most eagerly awaited classes and it draws people from all over Southern California. Simply put, it is most comprehensive fly tying course you can take for the money—which, of course, is no money at all! All kidding aside, this class has few, if any, peers in the area.

Here is a tentative schedule of the flies and instructors:

- ❖ October 31, 2006: Jaime Murphy
Introduction to Beginning Fly Tying
- ❖ November 7, 2006: Mark Tsunawaki
Techniques and Demonstrations
- ❖ November 14, 2006: "Sierra Sisters" Swart, Murphy & McCarger
Ant (Wet Fly, Terrestrial)
- ❖ November 21, 2006: Carole Katz
Soft Hackle (Wet Fly, Emerger)
- ❖ November 28, 2003: Jun Watanabe
Boss (Steelhead Fly)
- ❖ December 5, 2006: Dan Rivett
Scud (Nymph/Crustacean)
- ❖ December 12, 2006: Paul Burgner
Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear (Nymph)
- ❖ December 19, 2006: Mick Woodbury
Pheasant Tail (Nymph)
- ❖ January 9, 2007: Joe Libeu
Clouser Minnow (Bass/Saltwater Streamer)
- ❖ January 16, 2007: Doug Uyematsu
Crazy Charlie (Saltwater Fly)
- ❖ January 23, 2007: Larry Albach
Woolly Bugger (Wet Fly/Streamer Fly)
- ❖ January 30, 2007: Matt Rickerd
Muddler Minnow (Streamer Fly)
- ❖ February 6, 2007: Jaime Murphy
Elk Hair Caddis (Dry Fly)
- ❖ February 13, 2007: Jeff "Royal Wulff" Sadler
Royal Wulff (Dry Fly)
- ❖ February 20, 2007: Kelley Van Derhoof
Adams (Dry Fly)
- ❖ February 27, 2007: to be announced
Parachute Adams (Dry Fly)
- ❖ March 6, 2007: John Van Derhoof
Humpy (Dry Fly)

Please join us.



Venison Stag Holiday Dinner

DENNIS M^CTEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Saturday, December 2nd, is the Venison Stag. If you just joined the club, the Venison Stag is our big annual social event. The menu does not include venison anymore but is now prime rib, cooked to perfection and served with a baked potato and sautéed carrots. Cheesecake takes care of the dairy side of the nutrition pyramid.

So come to the Venison Stag and celebrate the holidays with old friends and new. We expect you to bring spouses and significant others, siblings, offspring and friends. The Social Hour will begin at 6:00 PM with dinner being served at 7:00 PM. The price is only \$18 for adults (\$25 at the door) and \$6 for children. This is the best deal in town and we expect a big turnout.

Shauna Barton and her crew will be preparing the dinner and we will need an accurate head count. There is a reservation form in this edition of Target Talk. You can also give me a call at (562) 698-4746 or E-mail mcflyfisher@charter.net with any questions.

This year, Magician Matt Jarman will amaze you through close-up magic. Watch Matt, within inches of your own eyes, perform magic which earned him the title "champion" before an audience of magicians from around the world. Come early for the Social Hour so you can experience Matt's performance.

Now for the arm-twisting...

As with all our events, this is a volunteer effort. Some of the preparations for the dinner fall under the category of general cleanup. On November 11th I will need some volunteers to clean the light fixtures, dust the fish mounts, wash dishes and so

on. Also help is needed to do some last minute cleaning as well as decorating and setting tables the morning of the event. We will also need some servers. Lastly, we will need a clean up crew for washing dishes at the end of the festivities. Please give me a call or drop me an E-mail if you can help.



A Larry Albach Original

DENNIS M^CTEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Not only is our own Larry Albach an original, but also, Larry creates truly custom knives. From the handmade high carbon stainless steel blades to the bone handles, these custom made, one-of-a-kind knives, are works of art. He even makes the leather sheath that holds his creation perfectly.

This knife could be used to trim your spun deer hair flies. It would certainly get your point across if you were splitting hairs about the virtues of dry fly versus nymph fishing.

How do you get one of Larry's knives? Well, one of the highlights of the up-coming Venison Stag is a drawing for one of Larry's knives. To qualify for the drawing, you must donate time for one of the many volunteer projects or cleaning crews around the clubhouse and pond. The Board of Directors is excluded from the drawing but get involved, give back to the club and this beautiful knife could be yours.

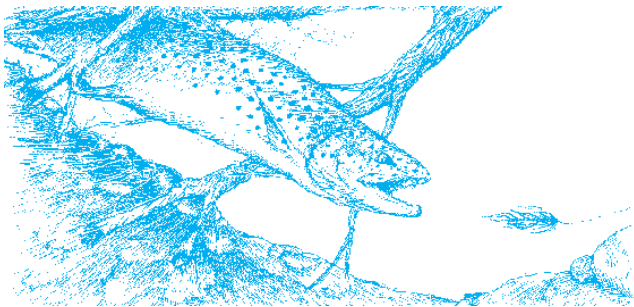
Whither Mammoth

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

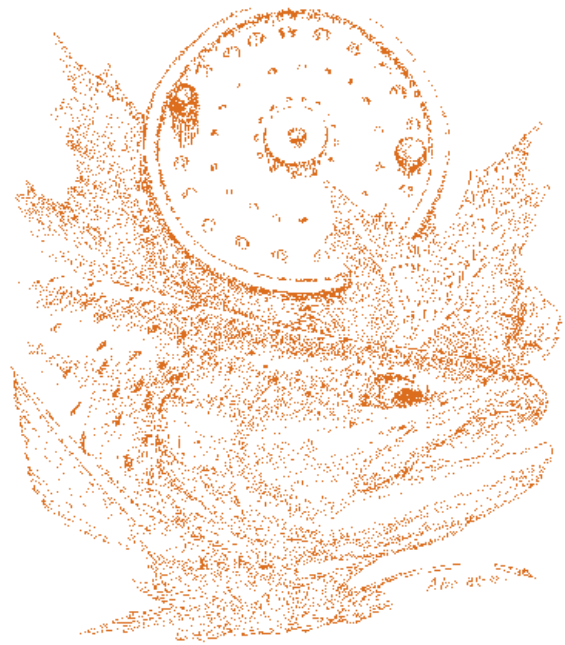
We had fifteen adventurous anglers on the September trip to Mammoth. Despite what I thought was careful planning a year ago, I managed to schedule to club trip on the same weekend as the Double Haul in the Fall, meaning you could walk across Lake Crowley on all the float tubes. I will try to avoid it next year.

One condo stayed for three nights and the other for two. Craig Haines was the trip leader and did an excellent job in arranging the rooms and diverse personalities. One creative touch this year: he didn't assign anyone to an upper bunk. What a concept!

Craig, Rich Bell and Gary Kosaka lined up a guide and a boat for Friday morning, planning to meet there at 6:30 AM. I roomed with Craig and heard some blue language at 6:15 AM when Craig first awoke. He rattled around and I am sure they were at the boat launch shortly after 7:00 AM. No need to rush: white caps on the lake and 40-45 knot winds met them there. Rich immediately returned for a nap.



Gary Charles played master instructor to Gene Peltier and his friend Travis. Saturday morning found them hunched over Gene's fly box where Gary was naming the flies and determining which flies needed to be added. Gary—a dedicated dry fly fisherman—couldn't understand why Gene had apparently cut off the wings on some of the



flies. I had to identify the nymphs Gene had in the box. Gary took Flo Smith (another beginner having taken up fly fishing this year), Gene and Travis to the Twenty Lakes Valley behind Saddlebag Lake. They all caught a variety of fish except on Odell Lake. Apparently the water taxi operator didn't tell them that it was barren until the boat trip out.

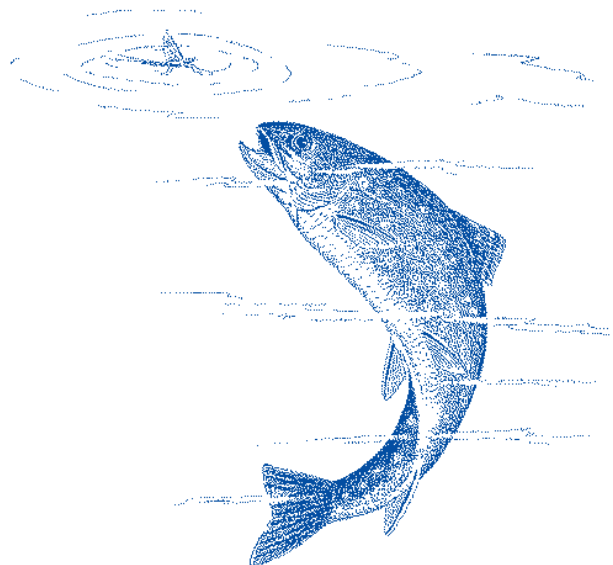
The San Joaquin produced numerous fish for Phil Hopwood, John Lincoln and others. The smaller lakes, Rush Creek and Bishop Creek all produced good numbers and happy anglers. Craig took Jerry Allison to Convict Lake, rented a boat and got skunked. Even worse, Jerry's line managed to wrap the propeller because Craig, at the helm, was backing down to avoid other fishermen in tubes.

This was a typical Mammoth trip. Anglers ventured all across the Eastern Sierra it seems. Some one asked me where we are planning on fishing on the October trip to Mammoth and I had to answer simply I don't know. First, I think everyone checks out the fly shops to see where the fish are active. I know I did. Before I left I had planned to fish the Lower Owens because the latest fishing reports on the Sunday before the trip were ecstatic over flows in the 250 cfs range. However, when I stopped in at Brocks' Fly Shop, Gary Gunsolley told me that,

on the Tuesday before the trip, the DWP ramped the flow up to 600 cfs again—quickly I changed my plans. I did go by to see the river roaring and spilling over the banks.

I think more importantly, some people come on the fall trips specifically for stillwater fishing and arrive fully equipped with their float tubes and gear. I only occasionally float and spend most of my time on the streams (and occasionally on spillways). And what a wealth of streams there are in the area. This trip I concentrated on Hot Creek but spent some time on the Upper Owens below the monument where pink scuds proved to be the killer fly for me. The others fishing with me stayed with streamers and nymphs and had a rough morning.

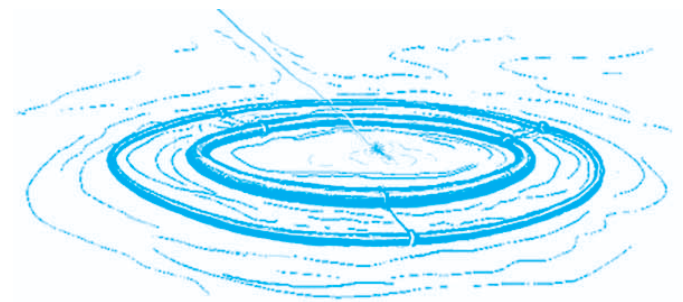
Mammoth trips are unique in that there is so much diverse water that people seem to wait until the last minute to decide where to fish. Sometimes the decisions are made as a result of dinner discussions but often plans are not solidified until early morning breakfast at The Breakfast Club. We only had a few beginners but they all were teamed up with experienced anglers and regardless of whether they caught fish or not, all reported having a good time. So no matter your skill level, please join us. But dress warmly; I think winter is coming early.



Improve Your Fishing Skills—Part Two

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

We had a great turnout for the first casting game orientation on Sunday, October 8th! At this session, we worked on the Dry Fly Event. The breakfast was great, the weather was perfect, and there was a nice mix of those wanting to learn and those with experience.



The next orientation session will be on Sunday, December 10th. This time we will talk about the Trout Fly Event, which is similar to the Dry Fly Event but with the addition of a wet fly and roll casting round. There will be breakfast at 8:00 AM, followed by a brief description of the rules and equipment, and an on the water demonstration. There will be plenty of time to practice and get additional pointers.

Bring a 6 weight rod and a double taper line if you have them. Don't worry if you don't have exactly the right gear—use whatever you have or club rods in the beginning. A 5 weight rod will do, as will a weight forward line. If you decide you want to pursue this, you can add to your equipment collection later.

Learning these games, regardless of whether you ever compete in a tournament, will greatly improve your casting technique and your fishing skills. And it's fun. Join us!

San Gabriel River Secrets Revealed

MICK WOODBURY,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I finally arranged to go on one of Chuck Moore's monthly conservation trips. Sure, I'd been to the San Gabriel River before—the first time was back in high school. And since then I've both hiked and biked in, but never very far. But this time, I took the grand tour. I came away with a new respect for this treasure that's tucked away in our backyard, and I wasn't alone in feeling that way.

It was one of those chamber-of-commerce mornings that makes people stay in California. Steve Atkinson, Ernie Ertley, Stan Holden, John Lincoln, Jim Minx, Chuck Moore, Keith Pommella, Dennis Swing and I met at the gate and the early birds did a bit of graffiti removal in the parking area until everyone arrived. Caravaning through the gate (sure beats hiking or pedaling) the nine of us stopped occasionally during the first mile or so to spray out some graffiti.

We stopped at the signs that Chuck's groups had prepped earlier and everyone helped post ten or so laminated posters, announcements and information sheets. Nine enthusiastic volunteers—ten posters—two staple guns and a hammer, yeah, it was pretty tough. But no one complained and most just had fun.

We then ventured upstream to the first handicapped access fishing area and broke into two groups: the fishing group and the grand tour group. Dennis Swing and I took the tour; everyone else fished.

Chuck knows every inch of this stream and has lots of stories: "A rattlesnake was on that rock right there...I saw a bear climb straight up that cliff...a



lot of turtles are in that hole...the mountain lion was in the gulley...my biggest fish here was 17-inches...here's Sheriff Hole..."

We climbed the eight miles to the Cogswell Reservoir, got the latest scuttlebutt from one of the workers, then crossed the dam and learned how much water it will hold. It drains an area of 40-square miles and a mere one inch of rain will fill the reservoir ten feet!

Making our way back down to Glen Camp for lunch, we met up with the fishing group and heard about their exploits. We were joined by Rene Marquez who serves as the stream coordinator and also represents the Pasadena Casting Club. He shared some of his stories, particularly some of the outrageous situations he's handled over the years. A devoted guy, he makes you appreciate people who care enough to give back.

There are lots and lots of fish. (An interesting note: the Department of Fish and Game reports that of the anglers who filled out survey slips, the average catch was 7.5 fish. Are you a better than average angler?) Everyone had a ball and I for one, came away with a much greater appreciation for the wild trout that live so close.

THE NEXT TRIP

The November trip will be on the *second* Wednesday, the 8th. Because there were so many cars, we'll park in the Environmental Education facility and car pool from there. With a chain link fence the cars will be completely safe and you won't need an Adventure Pass.

The facility is on the left hand side, just past the staging area and less than a mile from the gate at the San Gabriel River. Make the trip, you'll have a ball. You can reach Chuck at 562-868-0240.

Marine Life Protection Act

APRIL WAKEMAN, MEMBER

Although many fishermen focus solely on fishing our inland streams and lakes, all fishermen should be aware of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) because what happens on the ocean will move inland—it's simply a matter of time. The MLPA was passed by the California legislature in 1999 as the companion bill to the Marine Life Management Act of 1998 (MLMA). While the MLMA addresses fishery management the MLPA focuses on habitat and ecosystem based management.

After several failed attempts to implement the act, the Fish and Game Commission in August approved a comprehensive network of marine protected areas (MPAs) for the central coast region. At this time no one is sure whether the next area to be considered is north or south.

There are basically three types of MPAs—marine conservation areas, marine parks, and marine life reserves. By definition an MPA is simply a discrete geographic area regulating marine life or habitat which has been so designated. If you are familiar with ocean fishing regulations then you know that between abalone closures, no trawl zones and other regulations, all state marine waters already meet the first two criteria. To make all California state waters (out to three miles) an MPA simply needs to be designated. Fishermen have always supported conservation by respecting limits and seasons, a designation would acknowledge our support of the ocean resources.

All is not quite that simple however. The MLPA has a unique definition of marine life reserve. Unlike all other jurisdictions (state and federal) and other California state laws, the MLPA defines a marine life reserve as a “no take” area where no consumptive activities are allowed. The size

and location of these no take reserves is the contentious issue. By the way, barbless hooks and catch and release practices do not qualify as a non-consumptive activity.

Uncaught fish belong to all the citizens of the state. All Californians want a clean ocean filled with an abundance of marine life. As they say, the devil is in the details.



Plan Now For Great Fishing

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

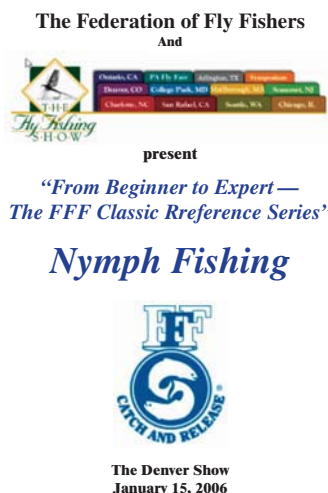
Here's the line up for club fishing trips for this year and next. We need you to join us! I hate catching all those fish without witnesses.

TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR 2006 AND 2007:

- ❖ November 10–12 Steelhead Trip
- ❖ December 16 Surf Trip
- ❖ January 19–21 Lower Owens Trip #1
- ❖ February 16–18 Lower Owens Trip #2
- ❖ March 17 Newport Bass Tourney
- ❖ April to be determined

THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS SEMINAR SERIES

"From Beginner to Expert – The FFF Classic Reference Series"



SEMINAR TOPICS

- ❖ A Basic Introduction to Fly Fishing
- ❖ Fly Casting
- ❖ Fly Tying
- ❖ Knots
- ❖ Food Sources
- ❖ Dry Fly Fishing
- ❖ Nymph Fishing
- ❖ Lake Fly Fishing
- ❖ Salt Water Fly Fishing
- ❖ Fly Fishing for Steelhead
- ❖ Fly Fishing for Bass

PURPOSE:

To increase the *national visibility* of the FFF by participating in major fly-fishing shows across the country.

To help substantiate the FFF's position as **THE** major fly fishing educational institution in the country.

APPROACH:

The modules from the FFF Fly Fishing Instructor's Handbook will be the basis for the individual seminar topics. A copy of the module will be provided to the student as an inducement to take a seminar and as a means to distinguish the FFF instructional opportunity from all others.

Those who eventually attend all 11 seminar topics, either at shows or through local fly shops, will receive a badge, a certificate, and a posting on the FFF website for having achieved this unique accomplishment.

Non-FFF participants signing up for two or more seminars at the same show will be given a one-year FFF membership. Current FFF participants will be given a one-year extension.

PROCEDURE:

Each Council within which a major fly-fishing show is featured will have the responsibility of conducting a selection of the FFF Classic Reference Series Modules and securing the instructors to do so. Each session will run for 90 minutes. The particular seminars to be featured will be

the decision of the Council.

Each Council will endeavor to man a booth at each show at which the Seminar Series will be promoted. The materials (FFF Fly Fishing Instructors Handbook and the individual bound modules being used at that particular show) will be prominently displayed and used to promote the seminars.

PROMOTION:

FFF Headquarters will orchestrate the promotion of the series through the website of the particular national show at which the series is featured. It will promote the series on the FFF website, FLYFISHER magazine, and other fly fishing publications that will provide free advertising space.

REVENUES:

Each seminar will cost the participant \$65.

All revenues derived from a given seminar will go to the Council orchestrating the presentations, less the cost of the individual module handouts, the percentage to the Show owner, and the cost of the one-year membership or one-year extension.

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Watch for the new FFF Fly Fishers Seminar Series at the March fishing show in Pasadena (previously held in Ontario), March 3–4, 2007.

Think Green!

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe but the Green River trip is just around the corner. Well...

We have scheduled the trip for Memorial Day Weekend, 2007 and have reserved the six double Alpine Cabins at Red Canyon Lodge for five night's lodging and five days fishing beginning Thursday May 24 and departing Tuesday May 29. We have requested guided fishing days for Friday and Sunday. If you want additional guided days, just let Brant at Marriott's know. But do so as early as you can. We have six boats set aside for us and if we need more they must be reserved as soon as possible. The good guides and waterproof boats tend to go fast!

This early announcement is necessary because the full payment must be made by mid-March, so budget accordingly. Total cost has not been finalized but the same configuration last year cost about \$700. To date, we haven't been informed of any increases in the price.



We had a total of nearly thirty anglers on each of the last two trips to the Green River including a fair number of campers willing to brave the early morning frost. So line up a roommate and fishing buddy and sign up early with Bob Graham. Again

this year, Marriott's will handle the deposits. The initial deposit is \$300.

Hope you can join us.



Cooks Wanted

MARV DWORZAK, SENIOR DIRECTOR

The casting club has always had casting games on a couple of weekends every month during the fall and winter. This year the games are being held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM (see your TARGET TALK for the schedule). Prior to the cast, at 8:00 AM, breakfast is served (for a nominal fee) to any member of the club that would like to attend.

What we need now are some volunteer chefs. The breakfasts don't have to be anything fancy, we have a well equipped kitchen, and the club will reimburse you for any food or supplies that you have to purchase. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

Drop by for a great breakfast and try your hand at casting. Hot coffee and a fire in the fireplace will be waiting for you.

Contact Marv Dworzak at 714-892-2798 with any questions you may have.

Fly of the Month: Kaufmann's Stimulator

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

What the heck is it? The Stimulator is one fly that evokes just that kind of reaction. Sort of a caddis fly, sort of a stone fly, sort of a hopper; this pattern works so well under so many different circumstances that it should be included in your fly box.

Developed by Randall Kaufmann this fly is, in my opinion, one of the best attractor patterns around. The secret to its success lies in its qualities of illusion. It isn't anything specific but the bushy wing and tail, the palmer hackle all combine to make it look alive and quite edible whether there are ants on the water, mayflies or nothing at all.

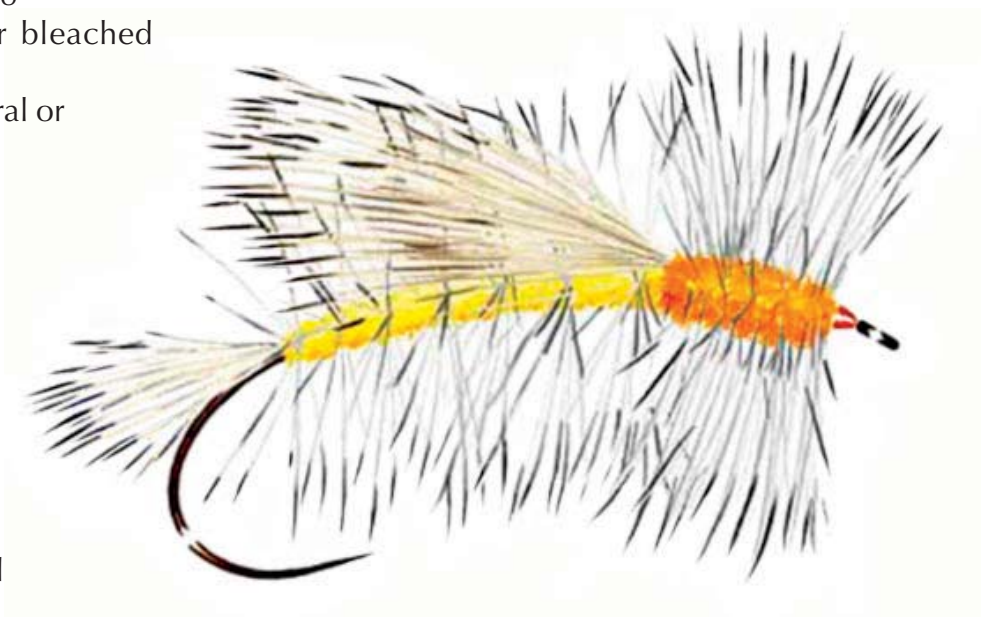
Tie the Stimulator in a variety of sizes and colors. Yellow is an excellent all around color but orange, olive and black can all be very effective. The all black version is particularly effective and quite visible at dusk. For Sadler there is even a "Royal" Stimulator.

You should also consider changing the hackle colors. I prefer using grizzly for the body hackle but some tiers swear by brown hackle. On occasion I will change the thorax hackle to brown dyed grizzly, dark dun dyed grizzly or olive dyed grizzly. The dyed grizzly hackles help to add the illusion of movement to the Stimulator or any fly, for that matter.

Whatever the Stimulator is doesn't really matter. What does matter is that the fly works and works very well. Tie some up and take them out for a test drive.

Materials for tying the Kaufmann's Stimulator:

- Hook: 2x or 3x long Tiemco 2312 or 200R, Daiichi 1270 or Mustad 79580, in sizes 6–16
- Thread: Orange, 3/0, 6/0 or 8/0
- Tail: Elk (natural, dyed or bleached to suit)
- Abdomen: Yellow dubbing (natural or a synthetic)
- Rib: Grizzly hackle, tied palmer style and the length the same as the gap
- Thorax: Orange dubbing (natural or a synthetic)
- Hackle: Grizzly or brown over thorax, dry fly style
- Wing: Elk (natural, bleached or dyed to suit)



Tying Instructions for tying the Kaufmann's Stimulator:

1. Attach your thread to the hook at the headspace and wind evenly down to the point of the barb. Cut off a clump of elk hair, remove the basal hairs and stack the tips. Tie in the elk hair for the tail, its length extending beyond the bend of the hook (about the length of the hook gape). Bind the butt ends of the elk hair on the hook shank as an underbody.
2. Select a good quality grizzly (or brown) neck or saddle hackle that has a length equal to or slightly less than the hook gape. Tie in hackle for abdomen with the concave side of the feather facing forward. Dub a tapered yellow body forward to about 2/3 the length of the shank.
3. Wrap the hackle forward, palmer style, over the abdomen and tie off. Remove another bunch of elk hair for the wing, knock out the basal hair and stack. Tie in the elk hair wing so that the end of the wing is even with the bend of the hook.
4. Select a good quality neck hackle that is slightly longer than the abdomen hackle. Tie in the thorax hackle with the concave side facing forward and dub the orange thorax forward to the headspace. Wrap the hackle forward, dry fly style and secure it firmly.
5. Form a small, neat head, whip finish, apply a thin penetrating coat of head cement and take your fly out for a spin.



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Calendar of Events

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: DF, WF, 1/4 oz., 5/8 oz.,
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
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: Lecture #1
26	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: TF, BB, 1/4 oz., TF Dist., SH Dist., 1/4 oz. Dist.
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Boss
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: Lecture #2
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying

December

2	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag
4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Scud
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Surf Trip
			On the River Clinic: Lecture #3
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
9-10	Weekend		On the River Clinic Trip: Bishop Area
10	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Sunday Cast: TF Orientation, TF, BB, 1/4 oz.
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
16	Saturday		Club Trip: Surf Trip
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Pheasant Tail
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Clouser Minnow
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
31	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Sunday Cast: DF, WF, 3/8 oz., 5/8 oz.

January 2007

2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Crazy Charlie
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
8	Monday	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Wooly Bugger
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: Lower Owens #1
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
14	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: TF, BB, 3/8 oz., TF Dist., SH Dist., 1/4 oz. Dist.
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Muddler Minnow
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
19-21	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens #1
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Elk Hair Caddis
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Bryan Webb, Fly Fishing Newport Bay
28	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: DF, WF, 1/4 oz., 5/8 oz.
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Royal Wulff

Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

DENNIS MC TEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Here is a list of the Long Beach Casting Club's Monthly Programs as they are currently scheduled. We have a great cast of presenters who will offer entertaining and informative programs.

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

DATE	SPEAKER/TOPIC
November 17, 2006 (Friday)	Simon Gawesworth SPEY CASTING
December 2, 2006 (Saturday)	none VENISON STAG HOLIDAY DINNER
January 25, 2007	Bryan Webb FISHING NEWPORT BAY
February 22, 2007	Sunshine Committee WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
March 29, 2007	Kelly Galoup STREAMER FISHING
April 5, 2007	Board of Directors ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
April 26, 2007	Pat Jaeger EARLY SEASON/HIGH WATER TACTICS



Congratulations!

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

A hearty congratulation goes out to Bill Heard. Bill recently passed his Master Casting Instructor Certification examination and joined the growing ranks of LBCC members (eleven and counting) who have passed this demanding test. The club's commitment to instruction is reflected in our members like Bill.

Once again, congratulations Bill.

VENISON STAG RESERVATION

Saturday, December 2, 2006 ❖ Social Hour: 6:00 PM ❖ Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 19, 2006

Name: _____

I will attend the Venison Stag on Saturday, December 2, 2006

I will bring _____ adults. Total number _____ @ 18.00 = _____ Total Enclosed:

I will bring _____ children. Total number _____ @ 6.00 = _____ = _____

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