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Leader's Line

Do You Noodle?

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

While chatting with friends in LA, one of them said, “If you fly fish, you must know about noodling.” Noodling? Is that like making pasta? As luck would have it, my son’s girlfriend is from Oklahoma and she filled me in.

Noodling is the practice of fishing for catfish using only one’s hands. The origin of the name comes from the word “noodle,” which is slang for a foolish person or idiot. That sounds about right.

Known also as dogging, hogging, tickling, graveling, or grappling, and legal in only a handful of states, noodling is hand-fishing for flathead catfish, which can weigh over 100 pounds, in holes and hollow logs in rivers and lakes. Catfish spawn from May to August, and during this time the fish burrow holes into the banks of streams and lakes. Females lay their eggs and the males defend the nest. Experienced noodlers say it is easy to identify a catfish hole; it will be clean, with sandy sides, because a catfish will churn the water with its tail to keep sand off the eggs and algae out of the hole. Holes with slimy sides and muck mean even less desirable creatures dwell within.

Noodlers wade out and feel for holes or logs. They swim underwater to depths of as much as twenty feet. They stick their hands inside the holes and wiggle their fingers. If the fish takes the “bait,” it bites or engulfs the hand, and may spin, causing the sandpaper-like teeth to shred the noodler’s skin. The noodler tries to gain control by jamming the hand down the fish’s throat and grabbing the gills, and then resurfaces with quarry in tow. A real pro will stick one arm down the mouth and out the gills, the other hand in the opposite direction in the gills and out the mouth, and lock arms. Sounds like fun, eh? Ideally, the fisherman is in water shallow enough to be able to stand, because battling a catfish of this size can be difficult—and being able to breathe helps.

People have drowned while participating in this form of fishing. There is a danger of not being able to surface because a catfish is too strong, and also the possibility of getting trapped in debris.

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Snapping turtles, cottonmouth snakes and beavers, which also live in underwater holes, claim their fair share of noodlers. Although wearing protective gloves would seem reasonable, many noodlers say gloves increase the chances of getting snagged on material in the holes and reduce the sensitivity that is necessary.

The origin of the "sport" can be traced to American Indians who held red cloths in their hands as bait. During the Depression, hand-fishing was a cheap way to put food on the table. Today it is limited to the South, in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Tennessee.

The stereotypical image of a noodler is a rough-cut, macho "river rat" and it is true that the vast majority of noodlers are men. But there are exceptions. According to ESPN Outdoors, one of the sport's best spokespersons was Kristi Addis, Miss Teen USA 1987. She told judges at the pageant that one of her favorite pastimes was grabbling for catfish in the Yalobusha River in Mississippi. Can you imagine what the judges' reactions must have been? The 2005 Okie Noodling Tournament was won by 17 year-old Misty McFarlin, who had finished second the previous year and who wrestled in a 51-pound catfish one-third her own weight.

I think I'll pass on this type of fishing for now.



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The White Elephant Auction Is Coming

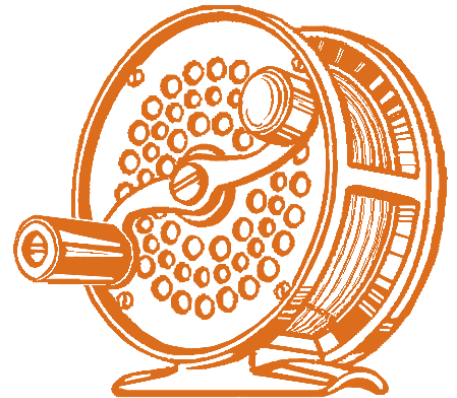
JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Give us your Tired, your Poor, your Humble Masses...

...of Fly Fishing Stuff!

On February 22, 7:00 PM the Sunshine Committee; Art Murphy, Joe Libeu, Mark Tsunawaki, and Jeff Sadler, needs a few good men and women to donate the following to the annual White Elephant Auction:

- ❖ Stuff your brother-in-law gave you for Christmas.
- ❖ That old fly tying kit you were going to get around to one of these days.
- ❖ That new Sage TCR rod (aka: baseball bat) you can't cast.
- ❖ The tying material you bought to tie three flies but you have enough for 3,000.
- ❖ Etc., etc., etc...



P.S. We don't take junk.

P.P.S. We don't take spouses.

P.P.P.S. Yes, donations are tax deductible.

Remember, the meeting is February but we would accept donations to any Sunshine Member earlier in order to arrange for professional appraisers or additional Brinks guards.

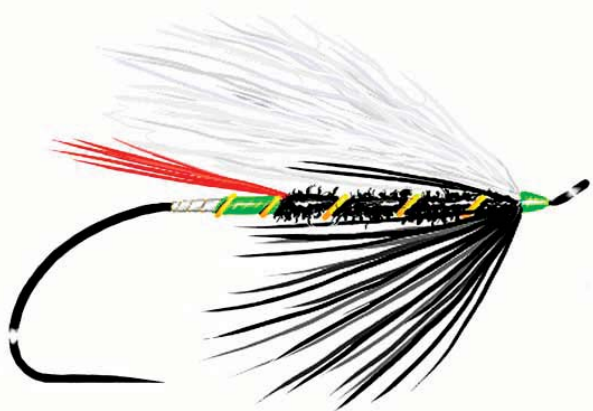


Trinity River Steelhead Trip

GARY CHARLES, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

*"It was the best of times;
it was the worst of times."*

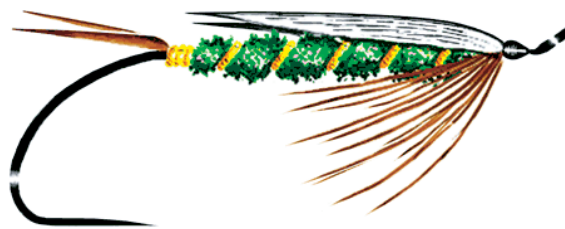
Like Charles Dickens' introduction to the *TALE OF TWO CITIES*, this year's and last year's steelhead trip to the Trinity can only be described "in the superlative degree of comparison only." Such was the dramatic difference between our experiences on these two outings.



Last year, we traveled to Redding, only to find Northern California in the midst of a deluge. The high water levels and the turbid water quality limited our fishing of the Trinity to less than three hours. Half the anglers managed to land no more than a handful of fish among them. We spent most of our time, in the motel, restaurants, or The Fly Shop. Due to torrential rains, the guides cancelled fishing the next day. Despite the 10 hour drive that faced us, we were happy to head home after less than a half-day of fishing.

This year, we hit everything right. Rain passed through Redding shortly before our arrival. The weather turned mild. The water was clear. Although the mornings were cold and frosty, as

each day warmed, the steelhead readied to play. And, play they did!



Our group of six varied in terms of experience. Some had never caught a steelhead. Others had never taken one on a fly rod. Some others were a bit more seasoned. Regardless of experience, all were eager for the challenge.

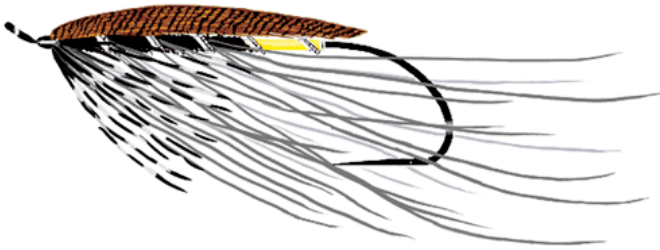
On Day One, Jerry Green quickly proved his prowess by netting three steelhead. Unfortunately, Jerry took ill that evening; and he was unable to fish on Day Two.

Regrettably, Jerry wasn't the only club member that suffered illness. A few days before the group was to leave for Redding, Bob Graham came down with flu symptoms and a nagging cough. He was unable to make the trip. Being both the good friend and humanitarian that I am, I felt compelled to abandon my carefully planned weekend to fill in for my hapless companion. I scrambled at the last minute to make a few calls, pack my gear, and meet with Jerry Green, Dennis McTeer, and Dennis Swing to carpool north.



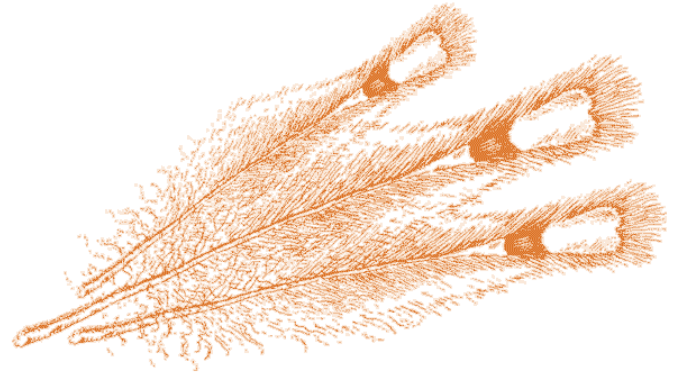
Rich Garrett and Mary Lou also made the trip. Mary Lou took steelhead on each day. So did Rich, and in good numbers. In fact, the fishing was so good that Rich instructed his guide, "Slim," to arrive late on the second day to allow Rich to sleep in. Although his time on the river was limited, on Day Two Rich enjoyed both good fishing and gentlemen's hours.

The team of Dennis Swing and Dennis McTeer also met with success. Despite a red skiing jacket and other apparel more fit for the slopes than the stream, on Day Two Dennis Swing was on fire; rapid fire. Several strong steelhead put a deep bend in his new custom-built Z-Axis. Not to be outdone, his fishing partner, Dennis McTeer, landed the biggest fish of the trip. And yes, he has the photo to prove it.



I caught a few fish too. Of course, my success was sweetened with the knowledge that these were Bob's fish. As you know from Bob's recent Target Talk article, Bob catches big fish. After catching Bob's fish, I am becoming a believer.

The contrast between this trip and the same trip a year earlier couldn't be more dramatic. The first was a total bust; the second was the stuff that dreams are made of. The trip was sensational. I never thought steelhead fishing could be so good. If you've never tried it, I recommend adding it to your plans. When you hit it right, it's pure joy. I hope you have a chance to join us on our next steelhead outing. Regardless of the fishing, we're sure to have fun.



A.K. Best's Fly Tying Workshop

DENNIS MCTEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

On Monday, March 5th, A.K. Best will conduct a fly tying workshop at the clubhouse. A.K. taught a workshop last year to a sold out-group and there's no doubt that there will be no empty seats this year.

The workshop is limited to 10 participants. In order to make the enrollment process as equal and fair as possible, please follow the directions below:

1. The tying workshop can only be open to club members. Membership status will be checked.
2. The cost is \$45, prepaid with the reservation, payable to LBCC and mailed to Dennis McTeer, 8532 Catalina Ave, Whittier, CA 90605.
3. Do not mail or deliver reservations to the clubhouse or the club's P.O. Box.
4. No reservations will be accepted before February 15th, no exceptions.

The reservation form can be found at the back of this edition of Target Talk. Good Luck and hope to see you there.

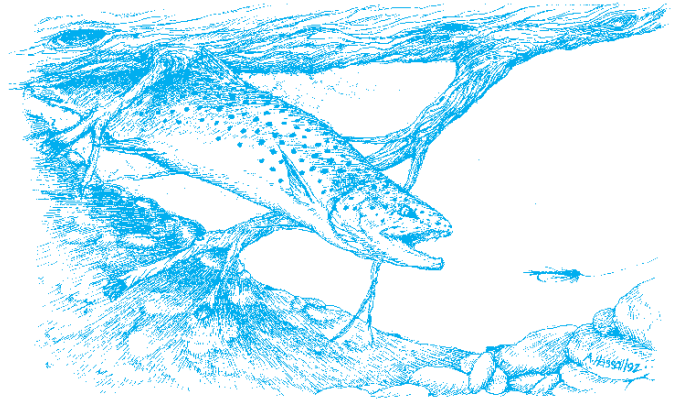
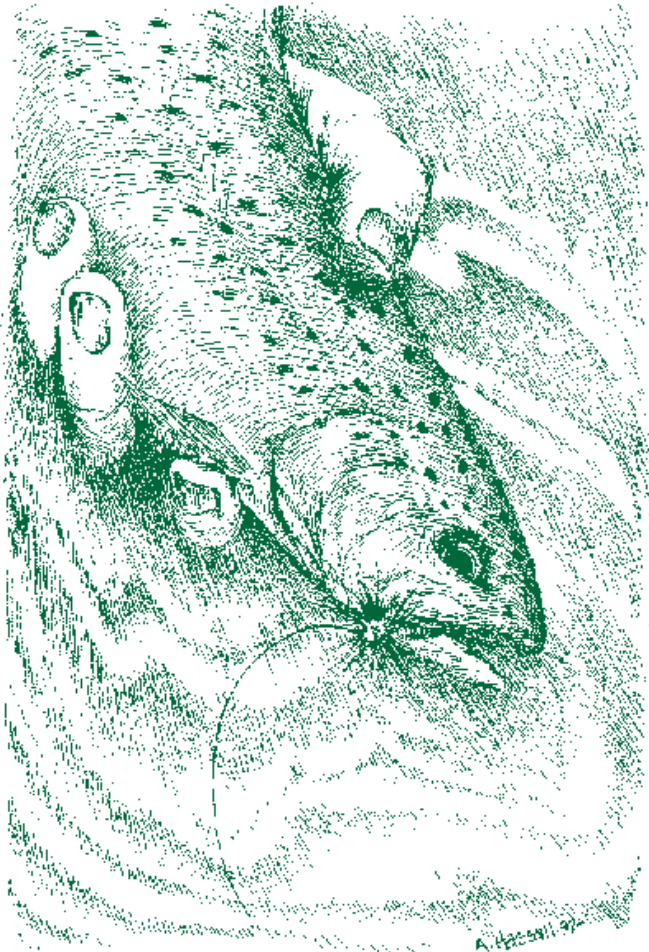
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Another Successful "On the River Clinic"

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

On the first weekend in January, the participants in the ON THE RIVER CLINIC ventured forth to the Lower Owens for the practical portion of there education. This free course is designed to teach new fly fishers the basics and is normally scheduled immediately following the free casting clinic given every spring.

Sixteen hours of classroom work covers such subjects as gear, equipment, entomology, the physiology of fish, reading the waters, where fish hold and why and other topics designed to give the novice a solid foundation in this dynamic sport.



Book learning is just knowledge but it doesn't become a skill until it is practiced...

The conclusion of the course is a weekend trip with on the water demonstrations and a live fishing experience with a volunteer instructor. Many consider this course the crown jewel of the educational curriculum offered by the club.

Calendar conflicts led to postponement of the late spring class and then DWP ramped up the Lower Owens to un-fishable rates of flow further delaying the date. Joe wasn't able to conduct the classroom instruction until winter and we rushed to the river as soon as the DWP lowered the water. The delay changed the character of the student body slightly.

Normally the class consists of brand new fly fishers drawn from the casting class, but this year there were many who had been fly fishing for a while but who wanted to improve their skills. The reputation of the clinic drew some old salts. And it was well worth it. This is a dynamic sport and there is always new information out there. Joe continually adds new tips and techniques, different insights and unique observations concerning our passionate pastime. It's all in the details.

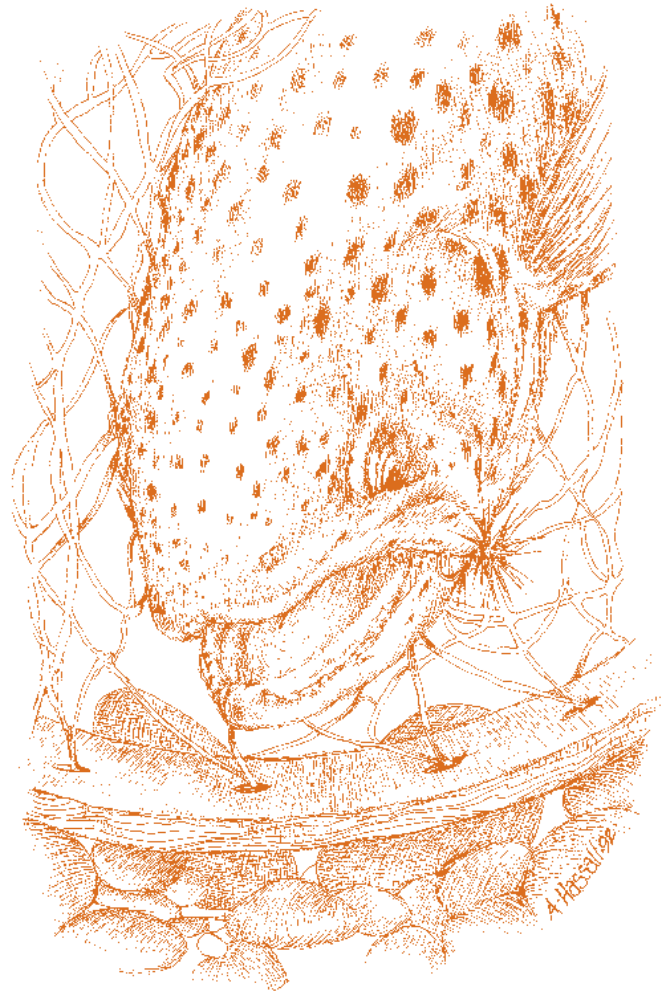
The class is limited to twenty members (or so). We had more than twenty for the classroom work, about fourteen on the river and half as many experienced volunteers. Joe demonstrated both dry fly presentations and several nymphing

techniques in the water. A few times his strike indicator moved and then disappeared from sight. It came up, gasping for air, twitching in the current. Joe said it was “just a weed jerk”. Or did he say it was “just a weed, jerk”? Later that morning, Dan Rivett demonstrated both streamer tactics and fishing with soft hackle flies.

The first variable one learns to deal with is the weather. I drove up on Thursday afternoon and it rained from Little Lake to Bishop. No fishing; it was too dark and rainy when I arrived. Friday morning opened with roaring winds, cold Northerlies with cloud free skies. I rigged up on the river, unsure whether I wanted to challenge the wind blowing in 25–30 knot gusts. But then Past Presidents Margaret and Trevor Walker arrived, waved, proceeded to the river and immediately began fishing. They had been there for a week and a little breeze wouldn’t deter them.

Embarrassed by them, I proceeded to tie on my rig in a novel way. My rod was secured to the side of my Explorer and the line was blowing horizontally. I just tied on my terminal tackle and let the whole thing flap in the wind!

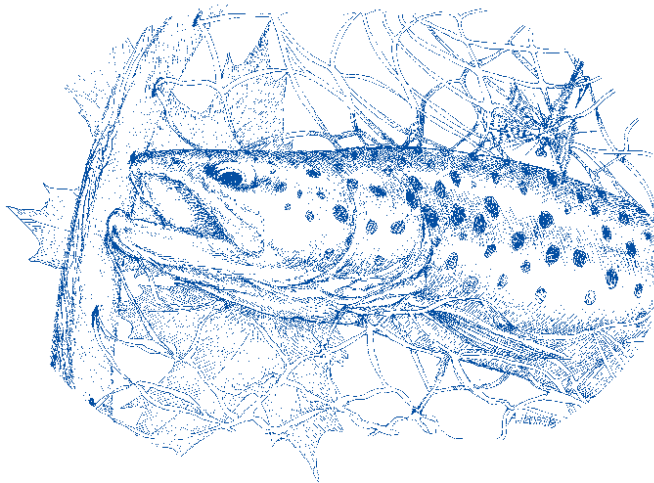
Then Joe came by and, just like he advocates, he walked the river before he touched his rod. In fact, he walked for nearly an hour. He did a complete survey because the winter had carved out a new river bed. The channel was pretty much



the same but the contour was decidedly different in most spots. In years past, winter fishing between Christmas and New Years has been spectacular. No crowds and eager fish. This year it was still flowing at 600 cfs through the holidays. For the Clinic it was down to 129 cfs.

A few adventurous fish were just beginning to explore the reaches of the river. They had spent the past six or seven months in the deepest pools holding on to rocks. With the lowering of the water so recently, only the bravest (and alas the smallest) had ventured forth from the safety of the depths.

Saturday, the class met at the footbridge in the

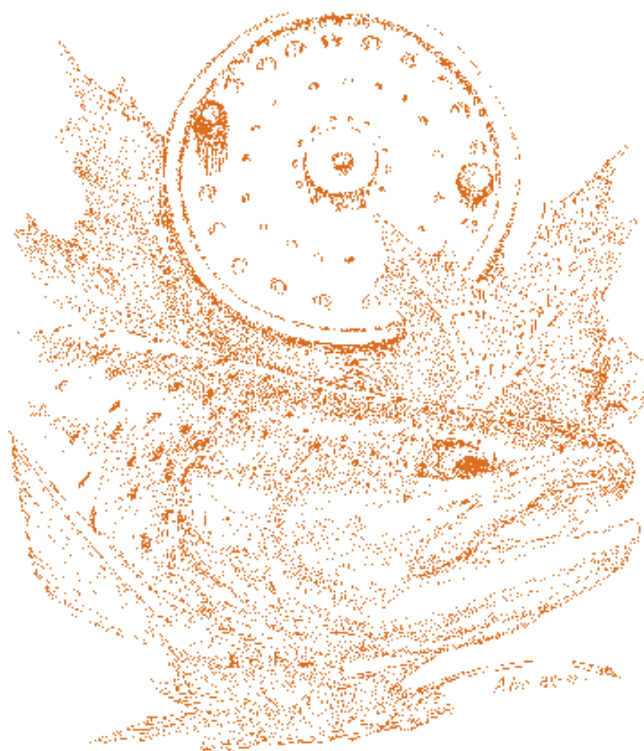


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Pleasant Valley Campground and proceeded as a group to the river. Joe then guided us along the river showing us how to read water and what to look for to find fish. This class segment was especially important because this year we had to search for the fish; they were not hiding in same places they had in the past. In the afternoon we broke up into smaller groups and each instructor had a student or two. Because some of the anglers were in fact experienced, it was just like fishing with a buddy.

Jerry Allyson brought his grandson along. With the able teaching assistance of Dennis McTeer, Corey managed to get several strikes. He beamed about that, but in true LBCC style, his proudest moment was reveling in the glory of the fish that Grandpa caught! That night, Corey ravaged the video games at the Pizza Factory (Memo to Sunshine Committee—this is a better use of my quarters). The truly impressive event, though, was seeing this ten-year-old at the end of his evening shake hands with each of the adults, looking us each straight in the eyes and telling us what a great time he had. Now that's style! I'll look forward to fishing with him in the future.



The afternoon warmed up and my two students, Bob and Bill were in tee shirts. However, as the sun sank the temperature dropped. Although they disclaimed that they were cold, Joe had donned his jacket with a hood, his cap with earflaps and gloves. Bill is experienced and landed seven nice trout that day. Bob is still working on the nymphing technique but catching on quickly.

Royal Wulff reported that there was a little sailboat regatta at his favorite spot with a mayfly hatch of considerable duration. But the fish were not there or were not looking up yet, so dry fly fishing was slow. He and some of his students were successful later however. Everyone was rigged for nymphing but Jeff always carries a rigged dry fly outfit that he loans to worthy anglers to try to convert the heathen from the dark side of nymphing.

Gary fished with Bill, a new student. After a few fish, Bill escaped back to his room to warm up. Randy Teeple was there as a student. Normally seen at the pond with his spey rod, he took the class to learn about nymphing. He lamented that most weekends finds him with a bagpipe in his hands rather than a fly rod.

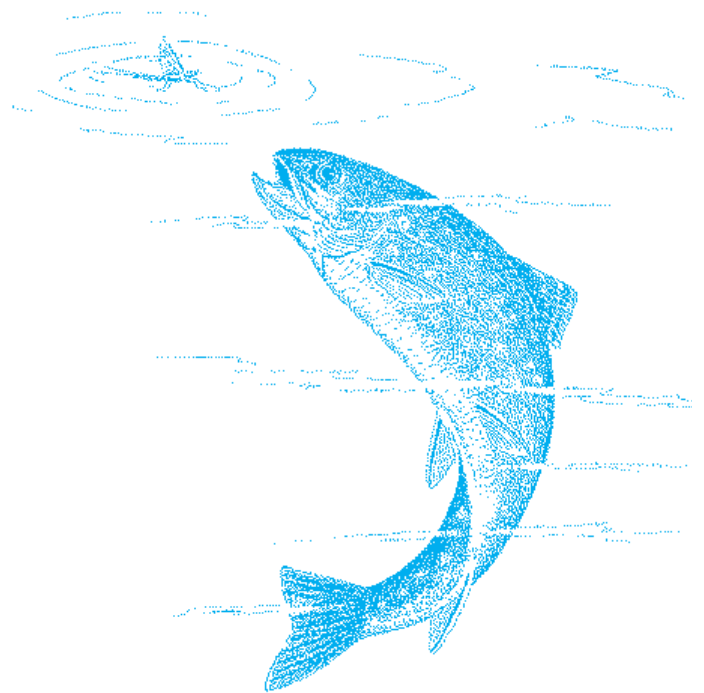
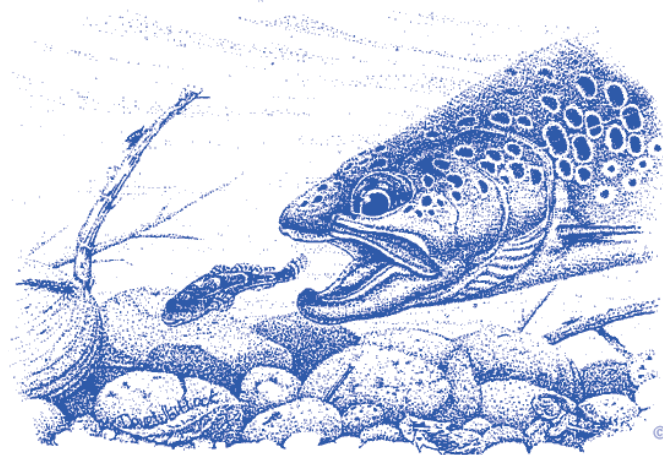


Joe teamed up with Steve Swift and related that Steve had a very complete vest but the inventory was so great that Steve could not locate anything. I fished with Steve the next day. Despite the fact that he had emptied the vest overnight to eliminate non-essentials, when I asked what time it was, it took a full half hour for him to locate the watch hiding in one of the vest pockets. His improving technique resulted in a couple of fish both days. But next trip he might listen to Joe and load the vest while he is wearing it so that he knows where things are.

Steve did show me with great pride the wooden fishing net that Scott Read had crafted for him this Christmas. Last year the hand-made gift was a fly tying station. Steve and Scott have been buddies since high school and are joined at the hip, it seems. Scott's wife apparently complains that the only thing Scott makes for her is mortgage payments. Some people don't understand the true importance of fishing!

The irrepressible John Lincoln was there claiming to be a newbie. He admitted that the class was a terrific experience and the fact that he caught some fish was just icing on the cake (spoken like a true chef).

Were there mishaps? Of course—it was a club outing after all.



On the vehicular side, the meadows were frozen solid in the morning. However, the mud softened as the day warmed up. And Steve Swift's truck was stuck up to his axles. Several volunteers risked muddy faces to add weight to the rear end and help push. The day was saved by Joe's towrope; Steve's truck was easily extricated.

On the ambulatory side was yours truly. Walking back to the cars at the end of fishing on Sunday with Steve, Dan Rivett, Van Lloyd and Jim Thomason, I slipped in one of the tire tracks going slightly uphill. There was absolutely no traction with my wet felts. I threw my right shoulder down so I could roll with my rod held high in my left hand. The rod was not injured. Van observed how lucky I was because the cow poop I fell in was so soft. Right! That's exactly how I felt!

This was a particularly good class. Perhaps because most of the students had at least some experience, they were quite intent on learning new techniques. Catching fish was secondary. And the camaraderie both on the river and at dinner was very high. People came away with increased skills and new fishing buddies.

Simon Gawesworth Two-Handed Casting Clinic

DENNIS McTEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

On Friday, March 23rd, we are again fortunate to have as a guest of our club Simon Gawesworth. Simon is one of the pre-eminent two-handed casting instructors in the world. He is graciously providing the club with a clinic for 12 lucky casters. The clinic will be held at the Long Beach Casting Club from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Because the workshop is limited to 12 participants on the pond and to make the enrollment process as equal and fair as possible, please follow the directions below:

1. The on the pond instruction will only be open to club members. Membership status will be checked.
2. The cost is \$20, prepaid with the reservation, payable to LBCC and mailed to:

Dennis McTeer
8532 Catalina Ave
Whittier, CA 90605

Be sure to include the reservation form with your payment.
3. Do not mail or deliver reservations to the clubhouse or the club's P.O. Box.
4. No reservations will be accepted before March 1st, no exceptions.

Note: Just because we have only 12 casting slots available doesn't mean that you can't come down to watch, listen and learn from a true master of the art of Spey Casting. Quite the contrary! Everyone is welcome. I know I'll be there.

The reservation form can be found at the back of this edition of Target Talk.

Good Luck and hope to see you there.



New Nominating Committee

**MICK WOODBURY,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

It's time again to assemble a new Board of Directors for the next year, 2006–2007. If you are interested in participating on the Board of Directors or if you would like to nominate someone to, please get in contact with any of the following newly appointed members of the Nominating Committee:

Joe Libeu, Mark Lipe, Dan Rivett, Mark Tsunawaki, Paul Burgner and John Van Derhoof.

Club members will be notified of the slate of nominees in this edition of Target Talk (at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting, April 5, 2007; Long Beach Casting Club Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 4).

Notes from the Pond

FRANK KROPACEK, CAPTAIN

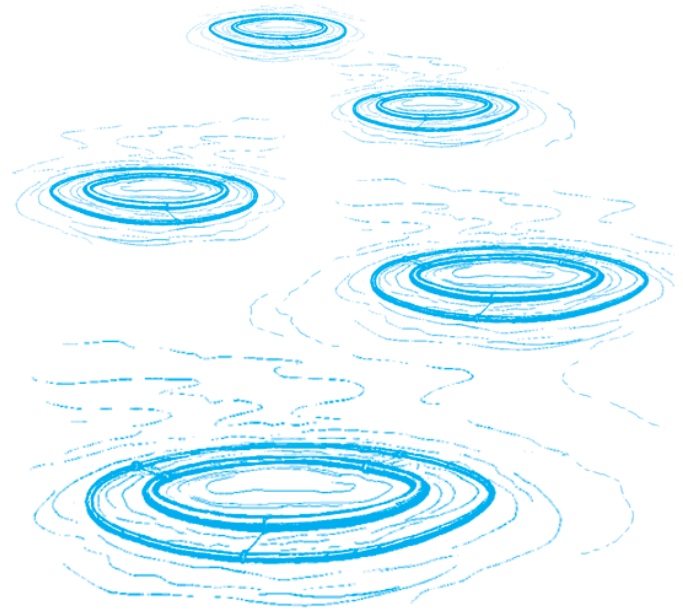
Our Sunday cast on New Year's Eve found a hungry group (what else is new) more than ready and eager to dig into a smashing breakfast courtesy of Rick and Lillian Hilles. Our Sunday chefs are consistently raising the bar with their culinary works. I wish most of the attendees would stick around and cast our games.

We have the Southwestern Tournament on February 10–11 and you will be seeing sign up sheets as we need volunteers to sign up to insure another successful tournament. This club continues to outdo itself as far as hospitality and efficiency in running these events. If you have never attended or participated in the Southwestern, now is a good time to change that. We are always happy to see our out-of-town guests who we don't see often enough.

We have had some cold and windy weather lately. Marv Dworzak pitched in and we hauled out a TON of pine needles fouling our pond. Bob Middo also came over to pick up a few things and got busy helping us. Same day, our annual delivery of firewood arrived and Jerry Marotta, Yosh Iseda, and Keith Pomela joined us to get it stored. Hint: if you ever need help packing for a trip, call Jerry—he got more firewood into the outdoor shed than any of us thought possible.

Yesterday, January 11, Jay Jones interrupted his spey casting to help pull more needles out of our pond. Thanks to all of you for your helping without being asked. That is what sets our club apart from so many others. If you are having difficulty with casting or have a job that requires help, club members pitch in to help in any way possible.

We are trying to delay the pond cleaning until January 31 to insure a clean and attractive casting



pond for the tournament.

Do come out and practice so we can give our guests some competition in the annual February get-together. We always have a lot of fun on our Sunday casts and the more the merrier.

Our last cast for winter schedule will be on March 11 and then a long dry spell before we begin the summer schedule. Don't miss the few remaining casts—once they are done, there is no going back and you will regret missing out on the enjoyment and the camaraderie that makes this club unique.

Check Target Talk for a schedule of remaining casts and I look forward to seeing you on the pond.

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Your Proposed LBCC Officers for 2007–2008

MICK WOODBURY,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

It's time to select new officers for the Long Beach Casting Club. Here is the proposed slate of officers for the 2007–2008 Board of Directors:

President	Dennis McTeer
1 st Vice President	Bob Graham
2 nd Vice President	to be determined
Corresponding Secretary	Bettye Swart
Recording Secretary	Frank Kropacek
Treasurer	Rich Garrett
Membership Secretary	Mick Woodbury
Captain	to be determined
Junior Director	Carole Katz
Senior Director	Rick Hilles
LBCC Advisory Board	All Past Presidents

The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting on April 5, 2007. Any ten members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Such nominations shall be made in writing and be signed by said and delivered to the Corresponding Secretary before the election. Refer to the Long Beach Casting Club Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, for the procedure to nominate candidates from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting is your opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the Long Beach Casting Club and to have a say in our club and be a part in its direction.

I hope to see you there.



About Those Feathers of Yours...

ALAN ROSS, MEMBER

Have you wondered what it takes to “burn” feathers in an effort to prepare the quills for being used as a body on A.K. Best’s flies? And, once removed of their fibers, how do go about dying the feathers to get that perfect shade of green for a Pale Morning Dun? Well, wonder no more...

On February 3rd from 9:00 AM until noon the club will be offering a feather burning and dying workshop. The session will be limited to 20 people based on a first come first serve basis, and will cover the techniques used by A.K. Best necessary to burn and dye feathers. Assisting will be John Van Derhoof who has a lot of experience in dying feathers for his salmon, steelhead and saltwater flies.

The cost for the seminar will be \$16.00 which will cover the cost of turkey flat feathers (perfect for quill bodies). You can also order dyes at the workshop which will run \$37.00.

Please contact me with any questions about this seminar. You can call me at (310) 379-2015 or E-mail me at alanross@earthlink.net. I can give a lot more information on the materials and dyes available at the workshop. See you there!

Maggie Merriman Entomology Workshop

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

On Saturday, March 24, 2007 join Maggie Merriman at the Long Beach Casting Club for her BASIC ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR FLY FISHERS. Maggie has offered this class for the last several years and if you are new to the sport or want to learn about what trout eat then this is a great opportunity.

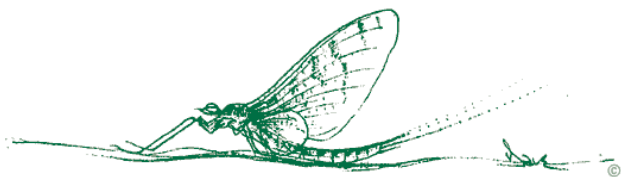
This class will help you become a better trout fisher or fly tier. You will learn how to “Match the Hatch” and how to select the correct fly for a given situation. Maggie stresses the use of common English names and not the biological “Latin” names many associate with entomology, so you can leave your *Acroneuria californicas* at home. It is in fact the same class she teaches at the FFF National Conclave.

The class will begin around 9:00 AM and run until 12:30 to 1:00 PM. The cost for the workshop is \$45.00 and includes samples of insects, corresponding flies and an extensive handout. Bring a snack, note pad and some fly boxes to look at and compare the insects.

You must Pre-Register for the workshop by mailing the fee to:

Maggie Merriman
19791 Coastline Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Or you can call her with any questions you may have at 714-969-5829.



2007—A Great Year for Fish!

BOB GRAHAM & GARY CHARLES,
CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Now that Santa Clause has rewarded you with new fishing gear, it's time to plan for the next six months.

LOWER OWENS: A favorite February venue. Make your own accommodations.

SAN JUAN RIVER, NEW MEXICO: Rick Hilles is organizing this club trip in February. About twenty have signed up in three different lodges—guides are optional. Contact Rick directly if you are interested. Learn how to catch big fish on #20 flies.

LEES FERRY, ARIZONA: We drive to the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam on March 31, 2007 and fish three days. Contact Bob ASAP if you are interested.

GREEN RIVER, UTAH: This annual trip takes place over Memorial Day weekend. Five night's lodging and two guided days fishing on Friday and Sunday. The other days we wade. You can, of course, add more guided days if you like. Make reservations at Marriott's but you must have a roommate and a boating partner.

Please join us; see if the new gear works!

San Gabriel River Reveals Double D's

MICK WOODBURY, RECORDING SECRETARY

Our first trip of 2007 to the San Gabriel River *“turned out to be awesome. The weather was perfect and the company was terrific”*, reported Chuck Moore.

While the fishing was challenging, no one was skunked. One fish in particular got Chuck's attention: *“I was fishing dries to some scattered rises, when this fish stuck its nose out of the water like a periscope and came charging across the pool.” I thought, “This is great! But he drove right by my fly, ate some unsuspecting bug and submerged.”* Sometimes the things you remember most are the things that didn't happen.

After checking the 2007 calendar, Chuck has decided to change the San Gabriel trips to the second Wednesday of each month. With the 4th of July and some of the upcoming shows and club events, the change of date should avoid scheduling conflicts and open up the trip to more people.

The list of projects is growing and Chuck has spotted locations for picnic benches that could be forthcoming this year. He has up to six locations in mind as well as other projects for those of you who enjoy making a difference.

For those of you who are wondering about the double D's, they were deer and ducks, four of the first and about two dozen of the latter. Being still and watching deer at ease in their environment is an experience that's good for the soul. There was also a beautiful red tailed hawk in Devil's Canyon. Where else in metropolitan L.A. can you get this kind of experience?

The next trip is February 14th. That's Valentine's Day so you can do something nice for the stream



in the morning and still be home in plenty of time to be with those who matter to you.

Our next trip will be on February 14th, the second Wednesday of the month from now on. Give Chuck a call at 562-868-0240 if you have questions.

It's Show Time

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

The Ontario FLY FISHING SHOW has moved to Pasadena!

Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan on attending THE FLY FISHING SHOW. This is the show's fifth year and it will provide you with numerous programs designed to improve your fly fishing ability. It was a great show last year and this year should be even better at its new location, the Pasadena Center. THE FLY FISHING SHOW hours are:

Saturday, March 3rd from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 4th from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Also, don't forget the Fred Hall Show which will be held on March 7th–11th at the Long Beach Convention Center.

If you would like to volunteer to work any of these shows, please call Paul Burgner @ 562-634-1515.

Flatiron Trout Fitters Donates Trip!

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

Flatiron Trout Fitters and club member Dick Recchia have donated a great pack trip for two to the high country in the heart of Northern Wyoming's scenic Cloud Peak Wilderness. The destination is Flatiron Lake, a precious gem surrounded by the pristine Bighorn Mountains. The scenery is spectacular with wildflowers, crystal blue waters, snow covered granite peaks and plenty of wildlife.

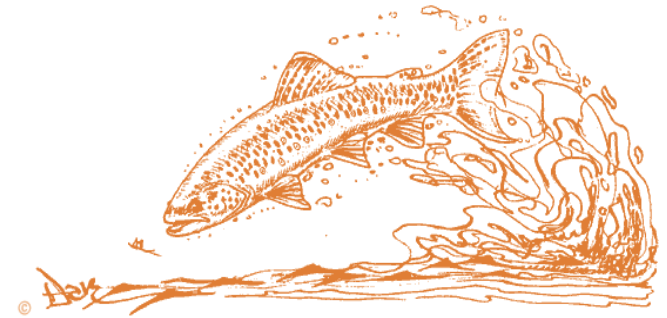
Because access to this area is restricted to foot and horseback, there is very little fishing pressure. In the several lakes and miles of streams, some as close as 100 feet from the tents, you'll catch cutthroat, brook and rainbow trout. Catches of up to 50–60 fish a day are the norm—not the exception!

The winning bidder will get a week of fishing for two from June through September 2007. It includes a complimentary shuttle to and from the Buffalo and Sheridan, Wyoming airports, a 5 hour horseback ride to a permanent tent camp, wall tents with propane heaters, cots with mattresses, all meals by a fantastic cook and a hot shower.

The price does not include transportation to and from Wyoming, fishing licenses and gratuities.

The club is going to auction this trip in a silent auction, beginning immediately and ending at the March 29th monthly meeting. Information and photographs about the trip will be posted in the clubhouse, along with a bid sheet for you to place your bid (the opening bid will be \$500). Stop by the clubhouse to look at the photographs and learn more about the area, and place your bid.

This is a great opportunity for you to try your skills in a new and scenic area.



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.

We still have openings on all of the destination trips. Sign up with Bob and spend your Christmas bonus wisely.

TRIPS SCHEDULED FOR 2006 AND 2007:

- ❖ February 16–18 Lower Owens Trip #2
- ❖ February 23–28 San Juan River, NM
- ❖ March 17 Newport Bass Tourney
- ❖ Mar 31–Apr 4 Lee's Ferry
- ❖ April to be determined
- ❖ May 18–20 Bishop/Mammoth
- ❖ May 24–29 Green River, Utah
- ❖ June 15–18 Mammoth #1
- ❖ June 22–27 Clearwater Lodge Trip
- ❖ July 20–22 Brookie Bash Trip
- ❖ August 25 Surf Fishing Trip
- ❖ September 21–23 Mammoth #2
- ❖ October 26–28 Mammoth #3
- ❖ November 1–5 Fall Steelhead
- ❖ December TBD Delta Striper
- ❖ December 17 Surf Fishing

Fly of the Month: CDC Midge Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Recently, I was reflecting on my last fishing trip to the Green River with a number of other club members. This trip, which was in early May, marked the earliest time of year for me to fish the Green. I soon discovered that my fly box contained a lot of mayfly imitations but was sadly lacking in midge patterns, especially emergers, which are very prominent at this time of the year.

On one of our wading days I found a nice pod of “scum suckers” (trout working in slow water eddies and surface foam) who happened to be feeding on midges that were smaller than I could see. All of my conventional patterns afforded only limited success until I found a size 22 black CDC Midge Emerger. After switching to this pattern I hooked and released several fish in quick succession. I also cried when I left that fly in the upper branches of Ponderosa pine realizing that it was my only one.

Midges hatch from lakes and streams throughout the year but tend to be more important to your fishing success in the winter and early spring. This stems from the fact that few other insects are crazy enough to come out when it is cold and the fish have to eat something. This pattern is best fished dead drift with an indicator or as the lead fly in a tandem set up with an elk hair caddis or as a dropper. It can also be fished as a dry fly but care must be taken to not set the hook too soon. This pattern with the black body and gold wire rib and the pink body version with the copper rib have worked well on Lake Crowley, the Owens River, the Green River, and the Colorado River at Lee’s Ferry.

Materials for tying the CDC Midge Emerger:

- Hook: Caddis pupae/emergent type; Tiemco 2487 #16-20 or for smaller sizes on a light wire dry fly hook (Tiemco 101 with ring eye) in sizes 18–22
- Thread: Black or Primrose 8/0
- Wing: Light dun cul du cunard (CDC)
- Body: Krystal Flash ribbed with wire, good color combos are: black/gold, black/black, pink/copper, lime green/gold, pale olive/gold, red/gold & pearl/copper
- Thorax: Peacock herl
- Gills: Light dun cul du cunard (CDC)



Instructions for tying the CDC Midge Emerger:

1. Select your thread color; use primrose for any body color that would be dulled by a black background (just about everything) and use black for a black bodied fly. Attach the thread behind the headspace and wind down to about the middle part of the hook bend and tie in the wire ribbing. Wind the thread back to the thorax.
2. Tie in one or two strands of the Krystal Flash and wind it down to where the rib was tied in and back to the thorax. Tie off the Krystal flash with a couple of turns of thread.
3. Take the wire ribbing and reverse wind the rib to the thorax and tie off. Make sure that the ribbing is smooth and evenly spaced. Don't use too much as this will add weight to the fly and compromise its ability to float. You want it to look segmented but don't get carried away.
4. Select a nice quality CDC plume, measure it



so that it will extend $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ the way down the body. Tie in the CDC wing but do NOT trim off the butts.

5. Tie in the peacock herl making sure that the quill section of the herl is going forward therefore no flattening the herl fibers as you wind. Wind the thorax forward to the headspace and tie off.
6. Wind a small head underneath the butt ends of the CDC wing forcing them to stick up almost perpendicular to the shank of the hook and whip finish. Trim the butt ends of the CDC to the length shown in the drawing.

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Join Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures on a one week or two week package from May 28th to June 12th fishing for Bonefish and Trevally. We will arrive in Honolulu on May the 28th or June the 5th and return to the mainland on the 12th of June. All meals, fishing license, applicable taxes and ground transportation are included. Not include is airfare to and from Honolulu, airfare to and from Christmas Island, 1 nights lodging and meals in Honolulu, tips, and visa cost. You can choose to stay either the first week, the second week or both weeks.



The cost for this trip is **\$ 2195** per person, double occupancy, and will be limited to 8 people. A deposit of 50% is required upon booking.



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Calendar of Events

February

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
3	Saturday	9:00 AM	Feather Burning and Dying Workshop
4	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: Practice for the Southwestern
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Elk Hair Caddis
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower Owens #2 & San Juan River
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
10-11	Weekend	8:00 AM	Breakfast (Sunday only)
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: Southwestern Tournament
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Royal Wulff
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
16-18	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens #2
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Adams
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: White Elephant Sale
23-28			Club Trip: San Juan River, New Mexico
24	Saturday	8:00 AM	SWCFFF Fly Tying Workshop
25	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: TF, DF, BB, 1/4 oz., 3/8 oz., 5/8 oz.
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Parachute Adams

March

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
3-4	Weekend		The Fly Fishing Show, Pasadena
5	Monday	9:00 AM	AK Best Fly Tying Workshop
		7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Humpty
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Newport Bay Bass Tourney
7-11	Week/Weekend		Fred Hall Show
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
11	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Sunday Cast: Director's Handicap
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
17	Saturday		Club Trip: Newport Bay Bass Tourney
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Lee's Ferry
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
23	Friday	6:00 PM	Simon Gawesworth Spey Casting Class (through LBCC, see article)
24	Saturday	9:00 AM	Maggie Merriman Entomology Workshop
24-25	Weekend	9:00 AM	Simon Gawesworth Spey Casting Class (through Marriott's)
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Kelly Galloup, Streamer Tactics
3/31-4/4			Club Trip: Lee's Ferry, Arizona

April

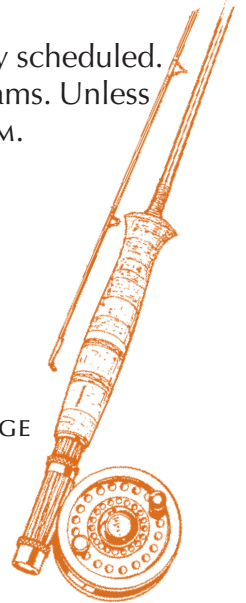
4/1-4/4	continued		Club Trip: Lee's Ferry, Arizona
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: First Night Orientation
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #2
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip Meeting: to be announced
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
21	Saturday	6:30 PM	Awards and Installation Banquet
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #3
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Pat Jaeger, High Water/Early Season Fishing
27-29	Weekend		Club Trip: to be announced

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
February 22, 2007	Sunshine Committee	WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
March 5, 2007	A.K. Best	FLY TYING WORKSHOP
March 29, 2007	Kelly Galloup	STREAMER FISHING
April 5, 2007	Board of Directors	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
April 26, 2007	Pat Jaeger	HIGH WATER TACTICS
May 31, 2007	Conway Bowman	FLY FISHING THE RAGGED EDGE
June 28, 2007	to be determined	TO BE DETERMINED
July 26, 2007	Mas Okui	HOT CREEK
August 24, 2007 (Friday)	Ken Iwamasa	IWAMASA FLIES
August 25, 2007 (Saturday)	Ken Iwamasa	FLY TYING WORKSHOP



A.K. Best Fly Tying Workshop Reservation Form

❖ MARCH 5, 2007 ❖

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:

- ❖ Fill out one copy of the reservation form for each member who wishes to attend.
- ❖ Enclose a non-refundable check payable to LBCC for \$65.
- ❖ Mail to: **Dennis McTeer, 8532 Catalina Ave, Whittier, CA 90605.**
- ❖ Reservations will not be accepted before February 15, 2007; NO EXCEPTIONS.

Member's Name: _____

Member's Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

SIMON GAWESWORTH TWO-HAND CASTING CLINIC

❖ FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007 ❖ 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM ❖

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-Mail: _____

Yes, I have attended the clinic before: _____ No, I have not attended the clinic before: _____

NOTE: Application must be received by the LBCC no later than March 7, 2007; NO EXCEPTIONS. Mail the application to:

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