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Leader's Line

Great Stuff!

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

First, let me thank you for your generosity in making donations to the BAGHDAD SCHOOL OF FLY FISHING. Club members have donated six rods, six reels, seven lines, 105 fly boxes, two rod/reel cases and 18 dozen flies. Students in our fly tying classes have contributed more than 13 dozen flies! Randy Allen, a club member who now lives in Washington, is sending a tying vice and high end fly boxes. The fly tiers of Parkersburg, West Virginia, have exceeded the 1000 mark, so the school really needs fly boxes—until they get our shipment!

I will ship everything to Joel Stewart, who founded the BAGHDAD SCHOOL OF FLY FISHING, so that he can send it all to the troops. There is a donation box outside the library in the clubhouse. I'll leave the box in place, and keep shipping stuff to Joel, as long as you keep making donations. Once again, your generosity is amazing, especially at a time of year when you are also being asked to donate to our annual White Elephant Auction and to the SWC FFF Fly Tying Workshop and Fundraiser. Thank you so much.

Joel shipped out in February 2006, and now his replacement is doing the same. In a touching farewell memo, LTC Bill Jones wrote: *"So...this is the end of the odyssey—this chapter, anyway. This has been an island of grace and decency in a sea of trouble and I am so thankful to have been a part of it. Thanks, as always, to the generosity of everyday people, the guys in Baghdad can get out on the water and, maybe for a few moments, forget where they are."*

PROJECT HEALING WATERS

PROJECT HEALING WATERS is coming to LBCC and the Long Beach VA Hospital! Rick Hilles, Mark Tsunawaki and I met with several department directors and other staff to discuss the program, the possible applications, and the benefits for everyone concerned. We observed patients working in the wood and jewelry-making shops, and talked with a number of them. If the amount of enthusiasm on the part of the three department directors and others with whom we met is any indication, PROJECT HEALING WATERS will be a major community outreach project for our club, a very meaningful way of "giving back."

As I described in a previous issue of TARGET TALK, PHW began in the nation's capital. Military personnel with severe wounds and/or limb amputations were taught fly tying, fly casting

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Moby Bass is Coming!

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

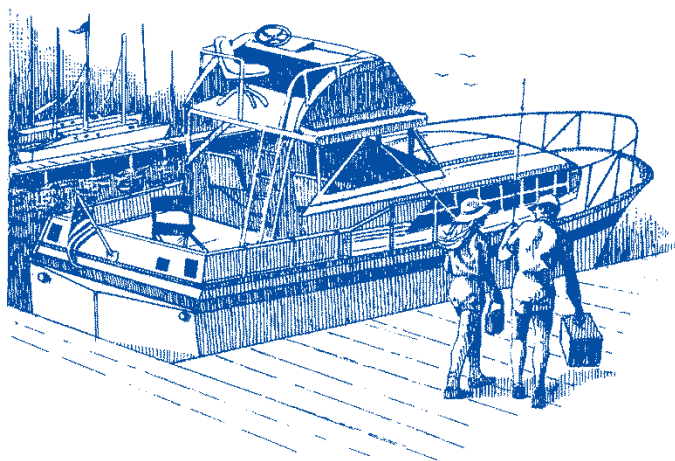
You heard the presentation (by Captain Brian Webb) at the last club meeting! You saw his slides! Some anglers even took careful notes and marked up maps and charts! The annual Newport Bay Bass Tournament is coming March 17th.

The competition is fierce; the bass are big! And Matt Rickerd is determined that there will be no three-pete: Sadler will *not* win again.

The Pre-Trip Meeting is set for March 7th at 7:00 PM. Matt will once again host the evening, revealing a few (but not all) of his secrets. Come and join us even if you don't plan to compete. You'll certainly learn a lot and you just might change your mind. The competition is...well...very competitive. And you get your name on the Howard T. Isley Perpetual Trophy if you win.

Has the Rickerd dynasty been broken? Is it true that Dean Rickerd is returning from Oregon to insure that Sadler does not succeed? Are the rumors true that Mitch Rickerd is ready to replace the old man as bassman? And what exercises are being done in the dead of night by the Phantom?

It's a quick morning of intensive fishing and then off to celebrate St. Patrick's Day as you will. Hope to see you there!



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Kelly Galloup on Streamer Tactics

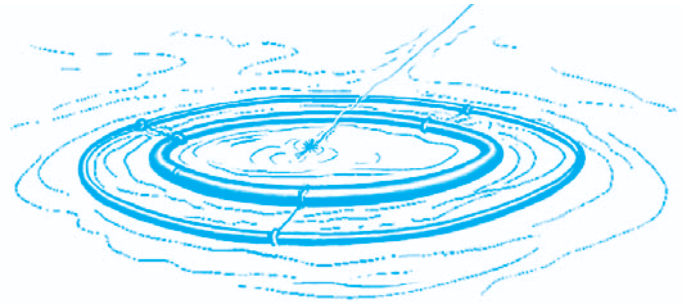
DENNIS MC TEER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

On Thursday, March 29th, our guest speaker will be Kelly Galloup. Please join us as Kelly talks about Streamer Tactics and be sure to ask Kelly about fishing the Madison River. Whether you are new to the sport or want to learn about this style fishing, this is a great opportunity to hear from one of the experts.

Kelly started his fly fishing career at the age of 13 tying flies for the local tackle shop. He started guiding at the age of 16 and is still guiding to this day some 31 years later. He owned the Troutsman fly shop in Northern Michigan for 20 years. In 2002 he sold the Troutsman and moved to Montana where he and his wife Penny bought the Slide Inn lodge on the banks of the Madison River. Kelly has written two books *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout* and *Cripples and Spinners*.

Kelly has been published in nearly every major fly-fishing periodical in the country and is one of the Editors at Large for FLY FISHERMAN MAGAZINE. Kelly is also one of the hosts of FLY FISH TV on the Outdoor Life Network.

Being one of the most sought after speakers in the country, Kelly spends much of his winter months speaking for clubs and Sport shows. In 2003 Kelly received the Living Legend award from the FFF.



A Great Southwestern Tournament

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

We hosted our annual Southwestern Tournament the weekend of February 10-11. Approximately 35 casters competed in weather that was far better than what had been predicted. The big news of the tournament was that our Mark Tsunawaki finished THIRD in the overall standings, a compilation of scores for every event.

Third! Congratulations, Mark.

Once again, a lot of our members came out to help and put on a great tournament. You all know who you are and I thank you. You helped with setup and cleanup, with registration, with apparel and raffle sales, with four meals and perpetual coffee, with a warm fire in the fireplace, with equipment check-in, with judging and recording and scoring, and a million other things.

As usual, our guests were highly complimentary about the tournament and our famous hospitality.

Thank you all.

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fly fishing as a continuation of their physical, vocational and occupational therapy. Many were re-learning fine motor skills with a prosthesis, or adjusting to life without the use of a hand or arm. Those involved with this program, both the instructors and the patients, were so enthusiastic about its success that the Federation of Fly Fishers is promoting the project and assisting clubs in reaching out to local VA hospitals.

We will be working with active duty personnel similar to those just described, in addition to retired veterans. Although the retired vets have had time to adjust to their injuries, the Long Beach VA Hospital has had more than 3000 patients with serious injuries from Iraq and Afghanistan, some of them critical. Whatever program or programs evolve will be multi-faceted because of the mixed patient population, their needs and abilities. It looks like we will be teaching fly tying in one of the VA classrooms, and casting lessons at our facility. They are also very interested in fishing trips in the future.

Ours is one of only five clubs in the country that have begun this outreach to the VA hospitals so far. PHW will be a long term commitment, and we will, of course, need volunteers. I'll keep you posted as the needs are more clearly defined, but feel free to contact me if you are definitely interested.

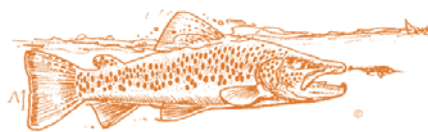
AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET

Despite the formal sounding name, the annual AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET is fun. The banquet is Alamitos Bay at sunset, good food, and many of your fishing and casting friends. There will inevitably be some speeches (all short), the officers will be installed (very brief ceremony) and awards will be handed out (for casting and fishing). The Annual J.A. Award is always a lot of fun, thanks to Joe Libeu, who milks it for everything he can. The highlight of the evening is the Bob Bird Sunshine Award, which is given to an *"individual who has given time, service and energy in the continuing development and support of Long Beach Casting Club."* This is a

very high honor for one of our members. You won't want to miss seeing who wins the J.A. Award and the Bob Bird Award.

Again this year, the banquet will be at Busters Beach House, 168 N. Marina Drive, Alamitos Bay, on Saturday, April 21st at 6:30 PM. You must send in the RSVP form on the last page of this newsletter by April 12th. You'll see a choice of entrees on the RSVP (prime rib, Jamaican chicken, and fresh fish), with a cost of \$30 per person.

Basically, this is a pleasant evening for socializing with friends. No one has to cook, do the dishes, or take out the trash afterward. Do join us.



Membership Notice

JEFF SADLER, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Mark Allen of Dana Point
- ❖ Greg & Mechas Grinnell of Hermosa Beach
- ❖ Terje Gudmestad of Hermosa Beach
- ❖ Burt Labowitz of Anaheim
- ❖ Craig Matthias of Huntington Beach
- ❖ Tony Smith of Huntington Beach
- ❖ Todd Somsel of Phoenix, Arizona

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

The Watchbird is watching you. Have you renewed yet? The deadline is nearing and if you don't renew the Watchbird will come looking for you.

For any questions or corrections contact me at (310) 377-3868 or fotofish@verizon.net.

SWC FFF President's Message

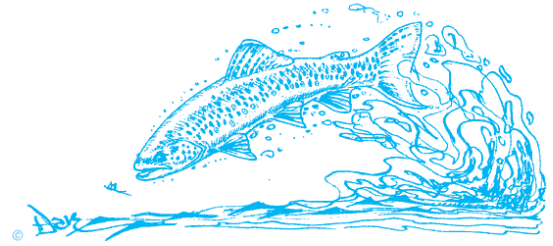
BOB MIDDO, SWC FFF PRESIDENT

More than once, I have been approached by fellow fly fishers and asked *"Why should I spend \$35 to join the Federation of Fly Fishers and what do they do for me?"* My enlightened response is, *"The FFF is the only organization that makes sure your right to fly fish is heard and supported through education, restoration and conservation efforts."* Next they ask *"But what's that mean for me?"* Well, here is what I tell them.

Typically, the average fly fishing angler from Los Angeles spends more than \$50 in gas to fish the Eastern Sierras. What would happen if nobody cared about our rights as fly fishing enthusiasts? The New Zealand Mud Snail and other invasive species would spread. Catch and release, and barbless artificial regulations would be ignored or overturned. Wild trout areas would be decimated or turned into a "put and take" fishery. Over-development could deplete the natural water supplies to the point of permanently damaging the local streams and rivers.

A little closer to home, the average fly fishing angler from Los Angeles probably spends \$10 in gas each time he or she goes to the West Fork of the San Gabriel River, several times a year in order to spend a pleasant day fishing a wild trout stream right here in the Los Angeles basin. Again, here is what might happen if nobody cared. Graffiti would cover every rock, bank and tree. Diapers, discarded barbecues, beer cans, etc., would litter the banks. Man-made dams would dominate the stream every 50 feet, and, finally, there would be no more wild fish.

The FFF is your voice and the organization to make sure these things don't happen. In some instances, we are at the forefront of many of these issues, specifically the New Zealand Mud Snail,



the FRVC and our local streams, and now Hot Creek. With some other issues, we may not be visible, but you can be sure that we are there in the background giving our support, lobbying, lending a helping hand, educating the public, and doing whatever we must to make sure fly fishing is not forgotten or left out in lieu of saving a fishery. So the question now becomes: Do you think supporting an organization that does do all this and more is worth \$35 a year, less than the cost of gas for just one trip to the Sierras?

Or would you rather just hope for the best for our fisheries?

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.

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	Mark Flo
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.



Quill Burning and Dyeing Workshop

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

Al and Judy Ross, with assistance from John Van Derhoof, led a Saturday morning workshop on February 3rd that came about as a result of A.K. Best's visit to our club last spring. They demonstrated the "burning" of turkey feathers to remove the barbs and expose the bare quills, which were then dyed a variety of colors for fly tying. A.K. is especially well-known for his quill body flies.

Al and Judy obviously put a lot of time and effort into planning the presentation and setting up the classroom for the participants. John brought samples of feathers he has dyed and many of his incredible flies. All the participants burned and dyed some of their own quills, and none of us left with ruined bleached or dyed clothing.

I speak for all the participants when I extend a thank you to Al, Judy and John for all their work. There is talk of similar workshops in the future, so, if you are interested, contact Al or Judy Ross.

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 located at the back of this Target Talk 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.

Good Luck and hope to see you there.



For Sale! Huber's Hackle Haven

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Milt Huber has decided to retire—really retire! Milt's fly fishing store Huber's Hackle Haven, located in Torrance for more than 30 years, is up for sale.

Milt and his wife Patricia have been helping the Long Beach Casting Club for years by coming down and selling materials to the students of our annual Tuesday night Fly Tying classes. Now he wants to sell his business to spend more time with the family, going fishing and golf. If you are interested in purchasing his business give Milt a call at (310) 324-7748.

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Fly Fishing by the Numbers

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Several people complained about the length of my last article regarding Joe's ON THE RIVER CLINIC. I tried to mention as many anglers as I could. While the complainers appreciated my personal comments about them, they felt that all the names following theirs should have been deleted as surplusage!

So let's try numbers to report on the January Lower Owens trip:

11-1 Degrees...The outside air temperatures at breakfast. Also, the dollar limit for the breakfast pool. Many people tried to keep their price low by ordering oatmeal. Joe tried to compete in the pool with two scrambled eggs but he chose Eggbeaters for which there is a \$1.25 surcharge. Oooops.

25-40 Mph...The speed of the wind gusts that began promptly at 3:00 PM—daily.

3...The number of reels brought by Al Ross.

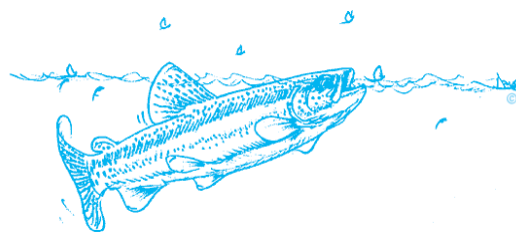
0...The number of rods brought by Al Ross.

2...The number of true beginners on this trip: Elaine Gold and son Landon. John Lincoln tried to claim beginner status but Yash Iseda taught him for two days and now John is an associate professor.

1/2...The amount of John Lincoln's body immersed in the river after the fall.

0...John's chances of talking the Sunshine Committee out of a quarter fine.

100 Percent...That's my efficiency rating. I took Landon across the footbridge and just slightly upstream. I took



his rod and showed him the down stream roll cast, the slow pick up to lift the strike indicator off the water, the proper loading of the rod with a water haul, the upstream cast, the mend and then how to set the hook downstream. One cast, one fish. I told him to take the 9" fish off the hook and repeat. He was truly impressed; I was dumbfounded. I did not fish the rest of the day. How do I beat that?

1-22...The number of fish caught in a day by a single angler on this trip.

12 Inches...Landon's largest fish. He loved the vibrant spots on that beautiful, fat Brown Trout and they were too many to count.

19...The number at dinner on Friday night at Yamatani's Japanese restaurant for teriyaki, tempura, sushi and such. Sake served in screw top bottles?

47...The "Honey Do's" that Dennis McTeer must finish before Margie will let him fish with us ever again.

18...Average length of time in months taken by Dennis for the last three tasks he did complete—each.

4 1/2 Feet...That's not the depth of the new Club Hole. It's the height of the gravel above the water at the spot where Marv normally stood in the past.

6...That's the length in feet of the delicious submarine sandwich provided by Yash Iseda and Dan Rivett for the Saturday tailgate lunch, a tradition.

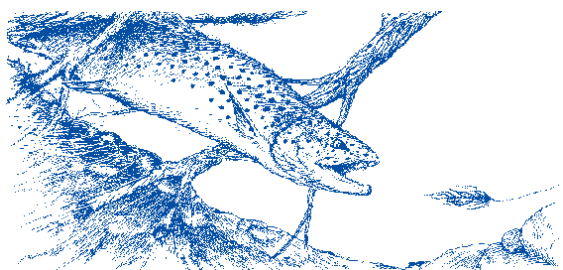
15...That's the number of lunch diners offended by the odor erupting from Gary's 4WD truck when he nearly got stuck in the cow poop-filled pond that he spun through to get to lunch. Major smell.

3...The dry roads used by those of us with 2WD vehicles to get to lunch, without mishap, but avoided by Gary.

4...The number of students in Joe's nymphing class who joined us for dinner.

6...The number of extra large pizzas ordered. Each was different so there was a great variety. Joe's favorite was spinach and pineapple and it was good!

27...The number of minutes taken by Gary at that



pizza dinner to lecture John (one of Joe's students) on the wonders of spey casting.

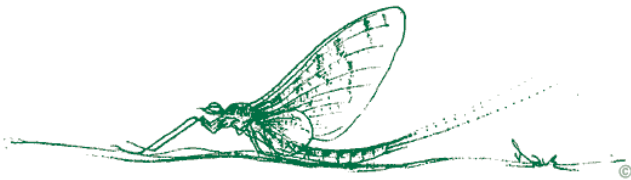
3.5 Minutes...The time within which Gary admits he exhausted his knowledge about the wonders of spey casting.

32–48 Degrees...Reported high temperatures. It seemed much warmer because of the radiant heat from the sun; if you were standing in the sun. Layers of clothing were removed during the day...Alternatively, in inches: the waist expansion as a result of the pizzas.

530...The members in LBCC who missed a wonderful weekend of fishing with friends.

4...The number of speed traps you avoided as a result of not attending.

17¾...The percent of relatively accurate facts contained in this article. Gary insisted on full disclosure.



Cincinnati to Host 2007 ACA National

MARK LIPE, MEMBER

The American Casting Association (ACA) Executive Committee has accepted the bid for the 99th annual casting championship. The Cincinnati Casting Club will host this prestigious tournament on July 30–August 4, 2007. More information will soon be available through the ACA website americancastingassoc.org.

If you are unable to attend the tournament this summer, set your sights on attending the historical 100th ACA National Tournament in San Francisco in 2008.

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's class is a great way to learn about what trout eat.

This class will help you become a better fly fisher or fly tier. You will learn how to "Match the Hatch" and select the correct fly for a given situation. Maggie uses common English names, not the "Latin" names associated with entomology.

The class will begin around 9:00 AM and run until 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.



Lee Moran

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

We have just received the sad news that Lee Moran, Long Beach Casting Club president in 1957–1958, has passed away.

Our condolences go out to Lee's family; you have our deepest sympathies

Silent Auction of Pack Trip Ends March 29

CAROLE KATZ, PRESIDENT

The FlatIron Trout Fitters pack trip to the high country in the heart of Northern Wyoming's scenic Cloud Peak Wilderness is being sold in a silent auction that will close at the March 29 monthly meeting.

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.

Information, photographs and a bid sheet about the trip are posted in the clubhouse. This is a great opportunity for you to try your skills in a new and scenic area.

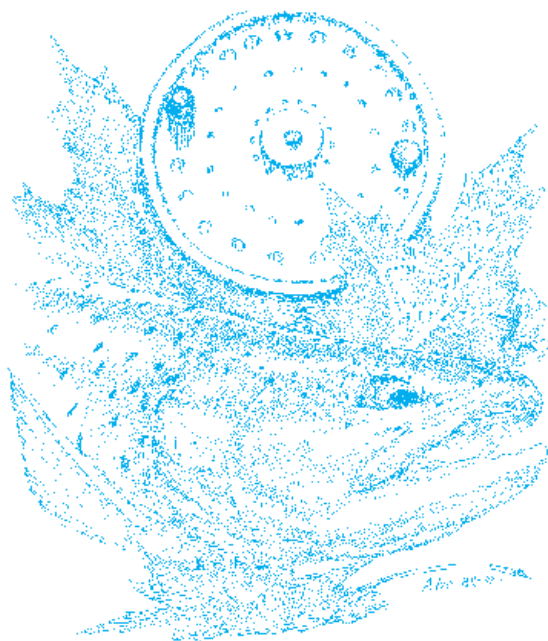


Special Brunch for Director's Handicap

MARV DWORZAK, SENIOR DIRECTOR

Chefs Chester and Chuck will be going all out to prepare a special brunch for the Director's Handicap on March 11. For the last breakfast of the season they wanted to do something special and I know you won't be disappointed. Please note that the time has been changed to 11:30 from the normal 8:30. Coffee, juice, and some muffins will be available prior to the cast.

Don't miss this one!



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:

❖ 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 Stripper
❖ December 17	Surf Fishing

Winter Fishing and Cold Weather Survival

RICK HILLES, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

During a recent pre-trip meeting for the San Juan and for the Lower Owens, Jeff Gross shared the following cold weather fishing survival tips. Jeff has been a member of the ski patrol and has completed cold weather survival training. Here are some of Jeff's tips:

- ❖ Stay dry. Bring a change of clothes with you in your vehicle just in case you fall in.
- ❖ Make sure that you and your partner both know where the keys are hidden so you both can gain access to the car in an emergency.
- ❖ Avoid getting sweaty; layer up and down. Wear breathable clothing.
- ❖ Keep your head warm. Bring a balaclava; or a stocking cap to put on over top your fishing hat. Use your hood to block the wind.
- ❖ Keep your hands and feet warm. Invest in a good pair of finger-less gloves. Make sure your boots fit comfortably with enough room to allow your blood to circulate easily. If you dust your feet with cayenne pepper (don't forget to wash your hands), it will stimulate circulation in your feet. A good method to keep your feet warm involves putting on a thin pair of polypropylene socks, then covering your foot with a plastic bag like ones used to protect your newspaper, then putting on your wading socks. If you try it, you will find it works.
- ❖ Be aware of the signs of hypothermia: shivering, loss of fine motor coordination, impaired higher level reasoning and judgment. Take a walk, drink something warm, get back to the car or back to the lodge.
- ❖ Stay hydrated. Drink more often in cold weather; it will help to avoid hypothermia. Yes you will have to pee more often but that's better than getting cold.



Green River in May!

BOB GRAHAM, CO-2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Green River Trip to Utah is fast approaching. Although the trip is not until Memorial Day weekend, plans have to be made now because the entire cost of the trip through Marriott's must be paid by the end of March. At present, we only have one cabin (that would be mine) booked at the Red Canyon Lodge out of the six we have reserved. Like last year, I will maintain a wait list in the event there are cancellations. And members can also make their own arrangements and just fish with us.

It is also time for the campers to start planning. Brant Bounous at Marriott's is willing to take reservations for guides with Denny Breer at Trout Creek Flies to be sure the club's campers get some good ones. The caveat is this: the better guides are reserved earliest, so sign up with Brant as soon as possible.

For guide reservations, fly selections and river and weather conditions check Denny Breer's web site at www.fishgreenriver.com. In the past and in addition to the Green River, some of the members have fished the Provo River, Beaver Creek, Jones Hole and Strawberry Reservoir. This can be a very flexible trip. I hope you can join us.

Fly of the Month: Christmas Island Horror

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Until you have tried it you cannot understand the thrill of catching a fish in saltwater on a fly rod. Trout fishing is great fun but those creatures that inhabit the wet, salty parts of the earth make trout pale in comparison. I've heard through the club grapevine that Sadler won't fish in the salt because he can't use a Royal Wulff.

Tarpon are my personal favorite fish to catch, but running a close second are bonefish. Bonefishing is the saltwater equivalent of spring creek fishing for big, selective trout—only a bonefish is much spookier (Lefty Kreh once told me that “...*bonefish must suffer from terminal ulcers*”). It will take your entire fly line and a ton of backing in what seems to be a heartbeat and then turned around and come back at you just as quickly. My two favorite flies to use on bonefish are the CRAZY CHARLIE and its variations and the CHRISTMAS ISLAND HORROR. This fly is a blend of two of the most popular bonefish patterns in the world: Pete Perinchief's HORROR and Chico Fernandez' BONEFISH SPECIAL.

I usually tie this pattern with bead chain eyes and in a bend-back style. The resulting fly works great on the brown or tan colored flats of Christmas Island and also across eel grass beds of other locations such as Belize and the Bahamas. For spooky fish and more delicate situations leave off the eyes and this will allow the fly to land and enter the water more quietly. As a final bonus try tying this pattern with lead eyes in lieu of bead chain to help it sink more quickly. You will find this to be a very good pattern for our local surf fishing as it does a credible job of imitating a sand crab with an egg cluster.

Materials for tying the Christmas Island Horror:

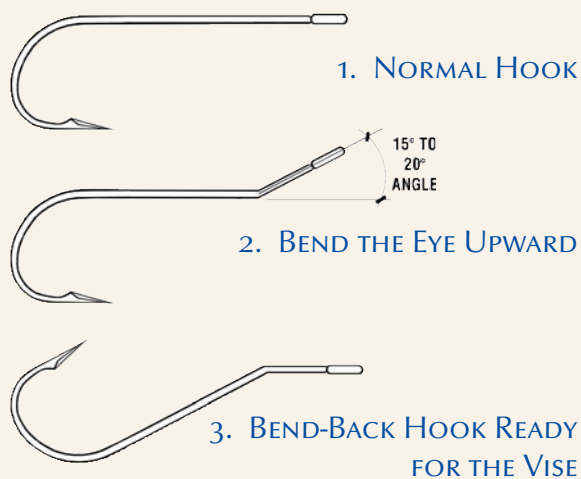
- Hook: Mustad, Tiemco or Eagle Claw standard saltwater hook, cadmium plated or stainless steel in size #2 to #8; bend-back style
- Thread: 3/0 or 6/0 white or yellow
- Eyes: Small silver or gold bead chain or chrome-plated dumbbells (optional)
- Tail: Bright orange marabou blood, tied short
- Wing: Tan bear hair or calftail (sparse) with a Cree hackle tip and 2 strands of yellow pearlescent Krystal Flash on either side
- Body: Small yellow chenille

Instructions for tying the Christmas Island Horror:

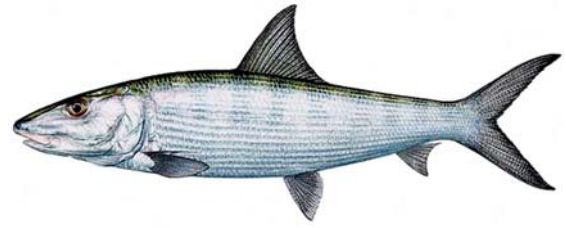
- 1 Using two pairs of smooth jawed pliers, grip the shank on either side of a point about one-fourth the length of the shank behind the eye. Carefully bend the eye of the hook upward at a 15° to 20° angle. Place the hook into the



How to Bend a Bend-Back:



- vice with point up and the hook eye horizontal. Attach the thread to the hook where you bent the shank and wind forward to the headspace.
- 2 Remove 2 bead chain eyes with their connector and attach them to the underside of the hook shank using "X" wraps. Wind the thread back down the shank of the hook a short distance bend-back point.
 - 3 Select a good quality, orange turkey marabou blood and tie it in so that the tips extend to the point of the hook. Select a sparse bunch of tan bear hair or calftail and tie it in over the tail. This underwing should extend just beyond the bend of the hook and should angle upward covering the hook point. If necessary wind a few wraps underneath the wing to lift it up.
 - 4 Select 2 Cree hackle tips from the base of a neck or even better a Cree saddle as these feathers have a much better shape. Tie in the feathers, one on either side of the underwing and with the dull (concave) side facing out. The hackle tips should extend just beyond the



- underwing. Cut off 2 strands of yellow pearlescent Krystal Flash and tie them in on the far side of the wing. Remove the excess Krystal Flash butts and tie them in on the near side of the wing.
- 5 Tie in the small yellow chenille on the far, underside of the hook and advance the thread forward to the headspace. Wind the chenille forward to the bead chain eyes. Continue winding the chenille using two complete "X" wraps—one angling in each direction. With the eyes completely covered continue winding forward to the headspace and tie off. Wind a small, neat head, whip finish and apply a couple light coats of head cement and the CHRISTMAS ISLAND HORROR is complete.

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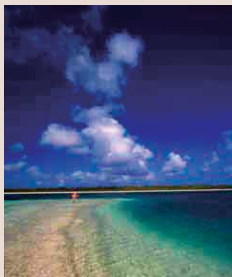
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Calendar of Events

March

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
3-4	Weekend		The Fly Fishing Show, Pasadena
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Humpy
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
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Pat Jaeger, High Water/Early Season Fishing
27-29	Weekend		Club Trip: to be announced

May

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #4
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting: Old Board/New Board
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #5
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Bishop & Mammoth
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Night #6
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Green River Trip
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
18-20	Weekend		Club Trip: Bishop & Mammoth
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
24-29			Club Trip: Green River, Utah
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Conway Bowman, Fishing the Ragged Edge

Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

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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
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	Jimmie Morales	Fishing the WESTERN SIERRAS
July 26, 2007	Mas Okui	HOT CREEK
August 24, 2007 (Friday)	Ken Iwamasa	IWAMASA FLIES
August 25, 2007 (Saturday)	Ken Iwamasa	FLY TYING WORKSHOP
September 27, 2007	Chris King	NOR-CAL STEELHEAD



AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET



Saturday, April 21, 2006 @ 6:30 PM
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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number in Party: _____ @ \$30.00 per person = \$ _____ **Mail by Thursday, April 12, 2007**

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-Mail: _____

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

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