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Leader's Line

A New Year

DENNIS McTEER, PRESIDENT

I hope this isn't too much rubbish about me but I wanted to give you a little background about me and how I ended up at the Long Beach Casting Club.

Fishing has always been an important part of my life. My earliest recollection from childhood—I was 3 or 4 years old—was fishing related. We were camping along the Kings River and I slept in the bed of my dad's '55 Cameo Carrier. My mother fished with a cane pole, a string attached to the end of pole and a salmon egg on the business end of the string. She hooked a trout that was as long as your arm and all hell broke loose in the river. I remember a lot of excitement on the bank before the fish gained his freedom.

Flash forward a few years and there were a lot of weekends and summers spent with my grandfather at the old wooden Belmont Pier. We would buy live bait at the end of the pier for bonito and used frozen or salted anchovies for bottom grabbers. Once in a while I'd go out on the bait barge with my dad to catch the bigger models. We would also go on the party boats every now and then. I knew my dad really loved me when he took me on the party boat because he never got over his mal de mar.

Margie and I have two sons, Justin and Ryan. Before they got too interested in cars and girls, we'd go fishing, every week, usually on Sundays. We always went in the afternoon and I spent most of the time focused on the kids. I never had to force fishing on them and a mackerel or a short barracuda was as good as any trophy.

I had always planned to learn to fly fish. Ten years ago Margie asked what I'd like for my birthday. I suggested that we both take the one day beginning course at Marriott's. That was in October and it was just the two of us in the class with our instructor, Bill Calhoun.

That following spring at the Fred Hall Show, the Federation had a booth at the back of the main hall. I filled out one of the post cards for the casting class. I think I talked to Paul Burgner. I told him that I'd taken the one-day beginner class at Marriott's. Paul told me "If that class cost a

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hundred bucks, this casting class is worth a thousand." So, if anyone asks where we got this McTeer guy, it's all Paul's fault.

I filled out the card, not knowing if I'd get actually get the invitation to the class or a lifetime barrage of timeshare junk mail. A couple months later I got the card back and Margie and I took the class. I've not been the same since.

Guy Manning ran the class, gave us some basics, told a few corny jokes and sent us out to the pond. Bob Byrd and Jamie Murphy had Margie and me casting tight loops in a matter of weeks. What's happened to my casting since, you say...hey, go easy on criticizing my loops!

Do you want to know where I got the fly fishing bug? It was at 7th and Federation Drive in Long Beach. But I wonder if my love for fishing started at age 3. Last year Jack Turner said that he couldn't understand people that don't fish. I can't understand people who fish only once in a while. It would be like breathing only once in a while.

What I've learned about fishing and fishers these past few years has enriched my life. That said, I'm looking forward to a new year and it will be an honour to serve on the board as your president.



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Fishing Chronicle:

Masochistic Micro-Midging Maniacs

San Juan River, February 23–27, 2007

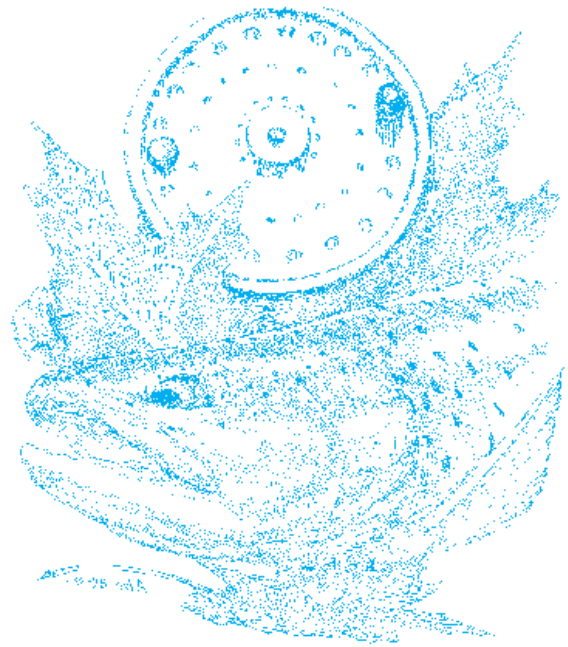
RICK HILLES, PAST PRESIDENT

Masochistic, because you would have to be in order to enjoy the challenge of fishing in 20-50 degree temperatures, while standing in 40 degree water. Micro, because you are using tiny flies #18-24 on 6x tippet. Midging, because nymphing with midge patterns is the primary way to catch fish at this time of year. Maniacs, because you have to be a little crazy—happy, but crazy—to do it.

The trip had a very good turn out. A total of 15 participants: 11 club members plus 4 non-club friends and 2 non-fishers with nine staying at the Octagon Inn, four at Angler's Hearth and two at Abe's. The Octagon Inn again provided an excellent facility and outstanding service at a very high value. Home made communal dinners at the Inn created an atmosphere for good fun and enjoyment. The Angler's Hearth B&B turned out to be a good facility for couples.

Overall, the fishing was disappointing but the trip was saved by the camaraderie, good food, nice lodging and the can do attitude of the group. We did a lot of walking and wading. The fish count was low but those caught ranged in size from 14 to 24 inches. John Tavenner, our outfitter from Sand Stone Anglers, provided excellent guides.

The River was uncrowded and easily wadeable with the flow at 550 cfs with turbidity at one to two feet and a temperature of 40 degrees. Just before we arrived dam control folks decided to change the water release from the left gate to the right gate which is 40 feet deeper. The change caused the release of sediment and moss which reduced visibility to one to two feet and also dropped the already cold temperature by 3 degrees. The changes put off the fish.



Cleated wading boots and a wading staff proved essential to staying safe and dry—well most of the time. Despite those precautions, one of our group slipped and fell in within the first hour. Air temperatures hovered in the 20s to the 50s. We had high wind warnings on three days. Frost formed in the guides in the morning and evening. Yet everyone coped well with the cold conditions and stayed warm thanks to Jeff Gross' suggestions.

Conditions required the use of bigger and brighter flies. No one caught fish on streamers or on dries. We caught fish on the following flies:

- ❖ #18 red midge larva – the biggest producer
- ❖ #16 tan or pale yellow egg pattern (also used as an attractor)
- ❖ #14 San Juan Worm in brownish red; variant: the chamois worm
- ❖ Green leech dead drifted to resemble moss clumps (upper flats)
- ❖ #20-22 midge pupa in red or black (zebra midge)

We will do it again in '08 but in March, from the 13th to the 18th, instead of February. We have a lot of fishing spots to visit/revisit. Lillian already has the menu planned.

Iron Carl invites you to the May trip to Bishop/Mammoth!

BOB GRAHAM, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The elections at the AGM confirmed Carl Laski as the new 2nd Vice President. But then there is the back-story...

Dan Rivett (a member of the Nominating Committee) asked Carl if he'd like to be on the Board. Apparently, while Dan discussed the active outings program that LBCC has, he *forgot* to mention (at least in Carl's recollection) that the position Carl would be nominated for was 2nd VP, to *organize and run* the fishing trips. Big omission, Dan! It was not until the Wednesday Casting Instructor's Workshop immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting that Joe told him point blank what the job requirements were. Carl thought he was only a Board Member at Large.

And this explains the blank look on Carl's face when Dennis McTeer and I approached him at the Pasadena Fly Fishing Show and told him that we had tried to coordinate the speakers and fishing trips to generate and accelerate enthusiasm.

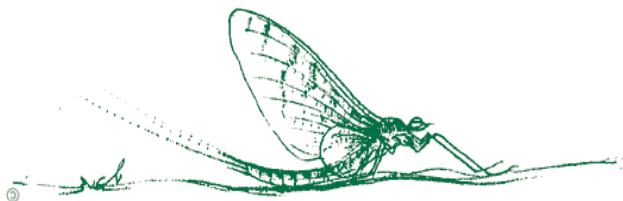
But Iron Carl has agreed to serve. The good news is that he holds the same position at another club and the venues they fish are a little different from ours. So he will bring new insight and ideas to our fishing program. His first trip is the May trip to Bishop/Mammoth. It will go forward!

The destination club trip is to the Green River in Utah over Memorial Day Weekend. Two years ago Gary decided to add a local trip for those who couldn't attend that trip for whatever reason. The location depended on the weather.

As you no doubt know, the fishing on the Lower

Owens has improved incrementally since the first of the year. In addition, Mammoth has not received the snowfall it has experienced in the recent past. So those fisheries should be in good shape early in the season. Mark your calendars for May 18–20 for an Iron Carl trip. The Pre-Trip Meeting will be May 9th.

I'll be there; I hope to see you on this trip!



New Members

**MICK WOODBURY,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

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

- ❖ Jesse Bailey, Long Beach
- ❖ Dominic Carollo, Torrance
- ❖ Donald Clark, San Dimas
- ❖ Mark Fischer, Lakewood
- ❖ Nick Furjanick, Seal Beach
- ❖ Robert Gosin, Westminster
- ❖ Scott Martini, Harbor City
- ❖ Dennis Martinez, Long Beach
- ❖ David Wallace, Long Beach
- ❖ David Young, Rolling Hills Estates

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

2007 MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

At the April 5th Annual General Meeting, Jeff Sadler reported the club had 571 members (up from 532 in 2006). There were 476 Individual members, 49 Juniors, 33 Life members and 13 Associate members.

The Easter Bunny Meets Pacific Steelhead!

BOB GRAHAM, 1st VICE PRESIDENT

The day before Easter, I finally received the DVD's I had ordered. I reported last month about the anticipated release of Lani Waller's videos on Pacific steelhead fishing.

We have growing interest in Steelheading within the club. We've had several good trips to Northern California seeking these trophies and more trips are planned. The anglers returning from these trips usually had sore shoulders and big smiles.

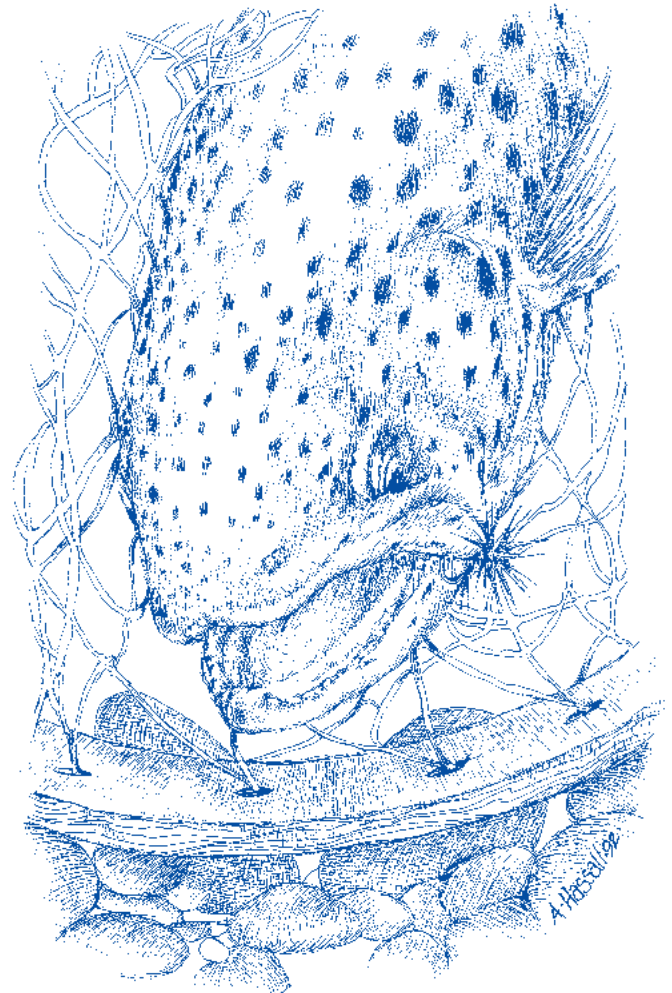
Lani produced three tapes on the mid-1980s on basic and advanced steelhead fishing techniques. They became classics, heavy favorites and quickly sold out. For reasons not to be fathomed, Scientific Angler didn't produce any more than the first run. These were part of their great Fly-Fishing Mastery Series. I had tried for the past several years to get my hands on these tapes and even approached Lani directly at the Ontario Fly Fishing Show a few years ago. Alas, they were simply out of production. The Internet sites I tried did not have all three and those products that were available were advertised as not being in very good condition. But Lani told me to wait because they were being reissued.

The new DVD's are entitled Lani Waller's Steelhead Legacy. The first disk holds each of the three old (but classic) tapes on fishing for steelhead. There is additional narrative overlaid on the tapes bringing them up to date. The first two were filmed on the Deschutes River in Oregon. The third was taped in the Skeena, Babine, and Kispiox rivers watershed in British Columbia. All demonstrations were using single-handed rods and most used floating lines.

The second DVD has the new material where Lani fishes with a two handed rod. This was filmed in British Columbia. The fish were all bright chromies and huge. While it does update techniques, it also has a reverential tone. Clearly Lani loves Steelheading and respects the majestic beauty of these fish.

We have a steelhead trip planned to the Trinity River in November and the speaker for the September meeting, Chris King, will discuss steelheading in Northern California.

Having no life to speak of, I have watched these DVD's a few times already. My set only cost about \$40, but I am renewing my passport and looking at maps of British Columbia. Don't buy these DVD's unless you have spare money for airfare!



Bridge Over Bubbled Waters

MICK WOODBURY,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The March San Gabriel trip “couldn’t have been better,” reports Chuck Moore. “We started the day by watching a little silver fox. It wasn’t a bit shy. We looked at each other for a while and then it went about its business. It was as cute as a button.”

Joining in the fun was Kaz Hata and his son Evan. The *work du jour* was to continue painting the supports of the San Gabriel River Bridges. Last month, Jim Fisher, Stan Holden, John Lincoln, Bill Luther and Chuck painted the supports on the Highway 39 Bridge. This time the team moved upstream. Chuck says, “You don’t realize how high those bridge supports are until you stand under there and look up. But what an improvement—years of graffiti, gone in a flash!”

The team broke out rollers, trays and extension handles, opened paint cans, and began painting in weather that was perfect for a work party that actually did some work. An interesting side note was how Chuck got the materials. At his local Wal-Mart the manager rummaged through the bins to find damaged packages which she offered at a huge discount. Even mega companies can show a conscience for conservation.

With the painting completed, the attention turned to fishing, which Chuck says, “was the best it’s been all year.” Chuck reported catching about 30 in the first hour, not bad, even when you know every fish by name. Evan, a non-fisherman, caught fish and Kaz, on the shared rod, also caught several. Chuck reports, “There were 15 to 20 fish in every hole and the hot fly was the Royal Wulff (*sadly...Sadler will be even more...Sadlerish*).

The monthly event is the second Wednesday

of the month, a change from last year. For you forward-thinking planners, the trips are April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12. If you haven’t taken Chuck’s Grand Tour up to the dam, it’s highly recommended. He can be reached at 562-868-0240 if you have questions.



Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2006

BOB GRAHAM, 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
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
October 26, 2007 (Friday)	Rick Hafele UNDERSTANDING EMERGERS
October 27, 2007 (Saturday)	Rick Hafele WESTERN HATCHES WORKSHOP

Notes From the Pond

FRANK KROPACEK, CAPTAIN

Facility preparation for the Southwestern Tournament began on January 31 when a hardy and determined band of pond cleaners assembled at the clubhouse. In spite of a few setbacks, their successful endeavor, plus a couple of cups of Aquashade had our pond looking great for the Sunday practice. Mark Lipe and Mark Tsunawaki did the culinary honors that morning.

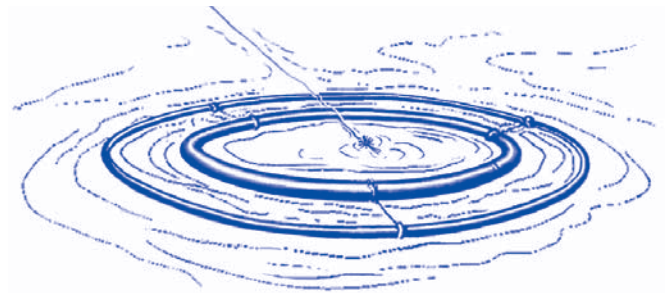
The Southwestern ran very well, thanks to the many volunteers who pitched in when and wherever the need arose. Dennis McTeer and crew provided a great Saturday lunch for club members and guests with Bruce Takanaka and Charles Moore cooking up the traditional spaghetti evening dinner. This club knows how to run a tournament, maintaining an "A+" in the hospitality department. Despite a brief early Sunday morning shower, the Sunshine Committee breakfast even brought the sun out (despite a few clouds) and it turned out to be another perfect day.

So many of our favorite people commented on the appearance as well as utility of our clubhouse and pond and voiced how glad they were to be here once again. The only downside was when the tournament wound down and our out of town guests began to leave for their homes. For those of you who missed the tournament, you missed out on a great chance to meet and interact with a terrific group of people. If you ever get into those areas where they live, you would have someone to contact to find out where you can find good fishing sites.

March 11th saw our final winter cast for the season. Sunday was another beautiful day and Chester Chau and company (Charles Moore, Julius and Jane Lee) providing an outstanding brunch. They went all out on this last cast with a meal that will not be forgotten for a long time. This last year has

seen our clubhouse chefs really raise the bar on the quality of our Sunday food.

As this will be my last Target Talk article as captain, I want to thank ALL of you that were so instrumental with your assistance during the summer and winter casts as well as your willing participation in the National and Southwestern tournaments plus the pond cleaning chores. You really made the club look good and upheld our reputation for hospitality and smooth running events.



Plan Now For Great Fishing

CARL LASKI, 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:

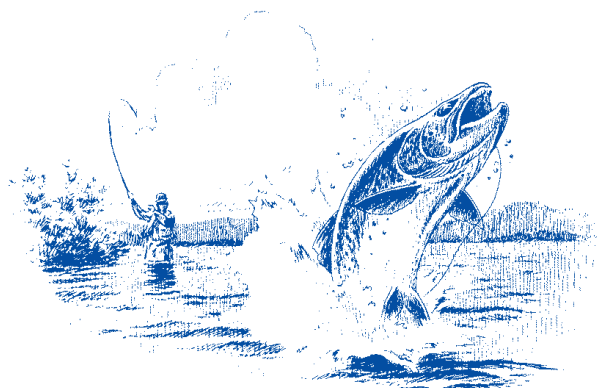
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| ❖ May 18-20 | Bishop/Mammoth |
| ❖ May 24-29 | Green River, Utah |
| ❖ June 15-18 | Mammoth #1 |
| ❖ June 22-27 | Clearwater Lodge Trip |
| ❖ July 20-22 | Brookie Bash Trip |
| ❖ August 25 | Surf Fishing Trip |
| ❖ September 21-23 | Mammoth #2 |
| ❖ October 26-28 | Mammoth #3 |
| ❖ November 1-5 | Fall Steelhead |
| ❖ December TBD | Delta Striper |
| ❖ December 17 | Surf Fishing |

Spring in Lee's Ferry

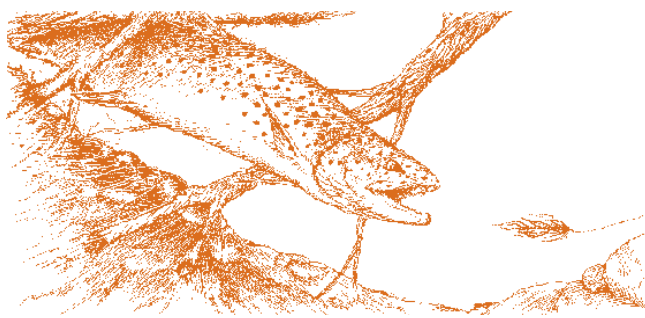
BOB GRAHAM, 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Lee's Ferry seems to enjoy a love-hate relationship with many anglers. Some have reported that it is not as good as once it was. But, now, you can only enjoy it as it is.

In truth, it was a different fishery in the past. The federal government had managed the tailwater below Glen Canyon Dam as a trophy trout fishery until the environmentalists decided the huge resident trout (which are of course non-native) were eating the snail darter and the invasive trout needed to be eliminated to preserve the natives. Among other things, they flushed the large trout downstream and planted brood stock intended to mature faster but grow smaller than the former rainbow strain. Suffice it to say that when you mess with Mother Nature you are not in control. The snail darters were not protected (their population did not change) and the smaller trout proved to be quite resilient. We fished in what is the new fishery, with smaller trout not tempted to eat the snail darter. I am told the government has decided that the "protection" of the snail darter is a failed policy so they are returning to the former policy. This means the fishing will only improve in the near future.



The club trip at the beginning of April was attended by six of us. We were aware of the hesitation of others and as a group had no particular expectations. I, for one, had never been



there before and needed to cross this destination off of my places-I-must-fish-before-I-die list. May I live longer; I need to go back!

We found the fishery to be nothing short of fantastic. I fished for the three days with Jerry Green, a club member and deputy assistant on the travel desk at Marriott's. He has been encouraging me over the long recent past to go there despite the negative feelings of others. Jerry chose the most popular guides at Lee's Ferry Anglers based on comments received from other Marriott's clients and then randomly assigned them to the club anglers. Our guide opted for quality rather than quantity...he said. He failed. Miserably.

Jerry and I caught a lot of fish and all were good sized except when we intentionally fished at two of the slow water back eddies for schools of smaller 7"-12" trout with Jerry's 2 weight rod. What a thrill! We saw them circle the suspended fly and then a brave soul would attack. I had to remind myself to breathe while waiting for the strike!

The Rainbows in this drainage were in their spawning colors and were bright and vibrant; some had orange cutthroat markings or red gill plates. All that we caught were healthy and fat. The predominant food sources were midges and San Juan Worms in tan or orange. A basic egg pattern also proved successful.

The weather was nothing short of perfect. We had cloudless skies, moderate temperatures and cool nights. One night we did have heavy wind that thrashed the exterior doors at the lodge until I wedged a board under one door and secured another with a cinder block. The only daytime

winds occurred on the afternoon of the final fishing day, not enough to affect our casting where we were just below Glen Canyon Dam. At the end of the day, approaching the dock on the lower river, we did experience some wind driven chop on the water. Inside the heated and enclosed jet boat, Jerry and I barely noticed the wind.

Bob Allen and Rod Lochmann had wonderful success. I have fished with both of them and know that neither keeps a fish count. But they couldn't hide their smiles. Al and Judy Ross landed many large fat trout and didn't limit their trip to catching trout. They regularly stop to smell the roses on every trip. When they bored of catching fine specimens, they paused and asked their guide to teach them streamer-fishing techniques (not used at all here on the Colorado)! There are Brown Trout in the Colorado but they have not been seen in a long time. Maybe the guides fish with too shallow a rig.

Perhaps the Brown Trout are just keeping their heads down. The principle method of angling is the Lee's Ferry rig designed for shallow water nymphing. The guides are well aware of the water fluctuations and time their visits to particular sites based on the water flow and depth at that particular hour. The rig consists of a 9' leader tapered to 5x tied to a large dry fly. Mine was, of course, a Royal Wulff, about a size 4! When it twisted through the air on a cast, it sounded like a Black Hawk helicopter. Suspended below that on 18" to six feet of 7x tippet material was a dropper of a size 18 or 20

bead head midge pattern in tan, green, olive body or green Krystal Flash. Occasionally an egg pattern was used. Half way between the dry and the dropper was a split shot, normally size 6 or sometimes a 4. All the fish I caught were hooked dead center on the upper lip. There was no strike and turn for these adversaries. Some made a strong dash to freedom. Twice I was taken into my backing. The takes fell into two categories and our guide identified the take for each venue before we left the boat to wade the gravel bar. Some were slashing hard hits, *"with evil intent"*.

The others occurred when the strike indicator seemed to stop and then move on: *"he sippeth and he swimmeth away"*. For Jerry and me, these were the only two types of strikes we saw.

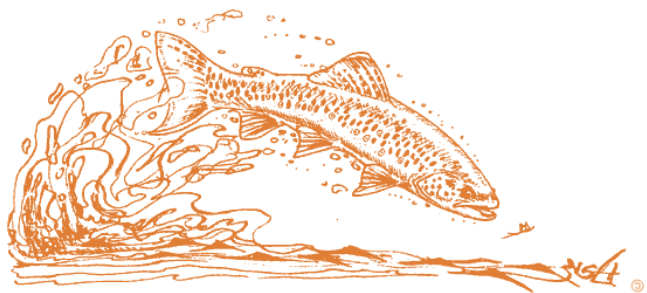
We tried to convince our guide to use a two fly nymph rig with a synthetic indicator. We were not successful but Bob and Rod cajoled their guide to let them do so and they reported a good catch ratio.

The guides are very successful catching trout on the rising and falling water flows using the shallow nymphing technique and have developed their system to fit that fishery. But I am reasonably sure that other nymphing or streamer methods may be very effective in the deeper pools although it would require the guides to relearn the contour of the river bottom.

On the second day, Jerry and I began fishing a run early in the morning. It was to be Jerry's best day. He landed at least thirty that morning and



many got away. But he stuck his finger with the hook in a Glo-Bug pattern that was not de-barbed. So he had to twist the fly around to make a big hole in his finger in order to remove it. He finally succeeded and then rested his rod while he



nursed his bloody digit, washing it off in the river. At that moment, a fish swam through his legs and grabbed the egg and darted away. So here's Jerry with his left hand bleeding in the river while he's playing a nice Rainbow with his right. Quite a sight! After some effort, he was able to land the trout. The canyon walls echoed with laughter! He labeled that morning as prodigious. The fishing on the other mornings was just excellent.

The accommodations at Cliff Dwellers Lodge were more than perfect for us. We stayed in a three-bedroom house with a kitchen, large dining room, a game table alcove and a TV living room area with two couches. We made little use of these amenities because we all turned in before 9:00 PM each night, happily exhausted. We made breakfast at the house each day and met our guides between 6:30 AM and 7:30 AM at the boat ramp only 20 minutes away from the lodge. Lunches were provided on the boats and we ate dinners at the Lodge. The dinners were superior to many Southern California restaurants. This was not your typical diner or franchise fare; the chef could truly cook and her presentations were excellent. I needed an emergency plan to return to the South Beach diet!

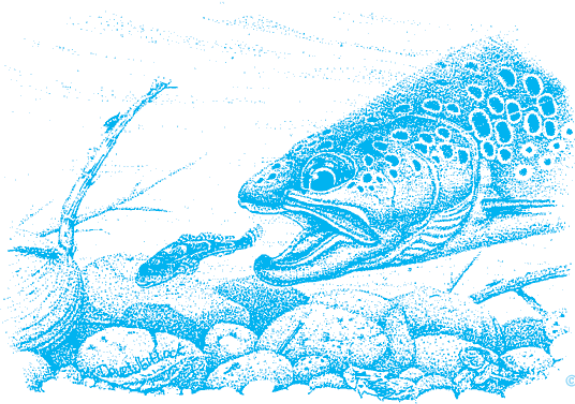
Unfortunately, the Lee's Ferry fishing method requires constant attention to the movement of the dry fly strike indicator. They use this rig because

the dry fly is so sensitive *"you can see a trout passing gas."* But if you lift your eyes from the river, you are blessed with the sight of high red cliffs on either side of the river reaching 700–1200 feet above you. Polished hematite shines a glassy black. Jerry saw California Condors soaring above the ridge. The scenery is out of this world. I took so many pictures of the surroundings that the camera had no film to take the picture of Jerry holding a large fat Rainbow. Our guide used the echoes to provide harmony for his songs and whistling.

Another wondrous sight was the Vermillion Cliffs behind the Lodge. Stripes of all hues of red across a huge mountain backdrop. What a sight! We were also amazed at the huge boulders weighing many hundreds of tons sitting on tall skinny rock pedestals sculpted by the wind and rain looking like they would topple over any minute. These were present on the valley floor at the base of the cliffs. Many of the best examples were within walking distance of the Lee's Ferry Lodge.

This fishery is open year round. While the river fluctuates up and down from 1 to 4 feet daily, the flow rate is published monthly so the guides are able to plan each day's fishing in advance. The three days we spent on the Colorado River found us all virtually alone. Each guide took his clients to his own favorite spots. You did see other jet boats from Lee's Ferry Lodge traversing the river occasionally and we saw quite a few large river rafts. We happened to be there for final certification runs for new rafting skippers so there were several check rides being given. But, for three days we were fishing no closer than a half-mile to a mile of any one else. ("No bloody people" as our guide put it). That one time was





payback.

Jerry and I had waded fished a trough maybe twenty feet off shore successfully for a while before lunch one day. When we left the water to move to our boat anchored at the beach, a rental boat promptly moved into our spot. Having left our chairs, rods and other paraphernalia in plain sight low on the beach, our guide informed the interlopers that we were resting the area and would be back to fish again in a few minutes. They promised to move when we were ready, but failed to do so. After a very quick lunch, our guide gathered up our gear from the beach and we motored to the center of the river to an island (then under water) on the other side of the trough. Jerry and I waded out and each landed a several fish immediately, facing directly at the trespassers. We then packed up and left. The others remained without a strike for the several hours that they were there. Sweet!

Every exploratory trip like this begs the question, "*Will we return?*" The response for the six of us is "*In a heart beat.*" Lee's Ferry is only nine and a half hours away driving time so add whatever stops you normally make. It is closer than Redding, the Green River or the San Juan, our other recent destination trips. There are fourteen miles of water from the Glen Canyon Dam to the take out location. Club trips are the domain of the new 2nd Vice President. But if he considers this venue, there are six participants ready to join the list to go.

2006-2007 Fly Tying Classes Have Come to an END!

MARK TSUNAWAKI, CO-CHAIRPERSON

After 21 weeks of fly tying instructions, we have finally come to an end. It is now time to take these flies that have been tied and try them out.

I wish to thank all the instructors and assistants who graciously came on Tuesday nights, rain or shine, hot or cold, to help make all the classes informative and enjoyable.

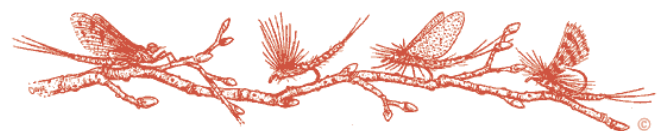
We introduced (5) new instructors to the roster this year. The Sierra Sisters (Wanda McCargar, Carol Murphy & Bettye Swart), Mick Woodbury and Jun Watanabe, all who did a great job and I look forward to having them volunteer in the future.

Thank you to Milt and Patricia Huber for dedicating their time bringing and supplying the students with the tools and materials for all the classes.

The second session of classes were cut shorter due to the fact that we finally did not hold classes at Christmas and New Years. But we did have (2) excellent classes where Doug Uyematsu taught how to tie his new invention the "Ghost Minnow" and Naomi Okamoto from the Pasadena Casting Club, demonstrating her version of a "Sedge Fly".

I want to thank the other chair people, Art Murphy, Joe Tanyi and Mick Woodbury for all their help and a special thanks to Dave Breiter and Lynn Inskeep who were always there to help out.

Until next year...



Fly of the Month: RS-2 Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

It seems as though the more I go to my fly box for a dry fly the more I pull an RS-2 emerger out. It is amazing in its versatility for spring creek and tailwater conditions.

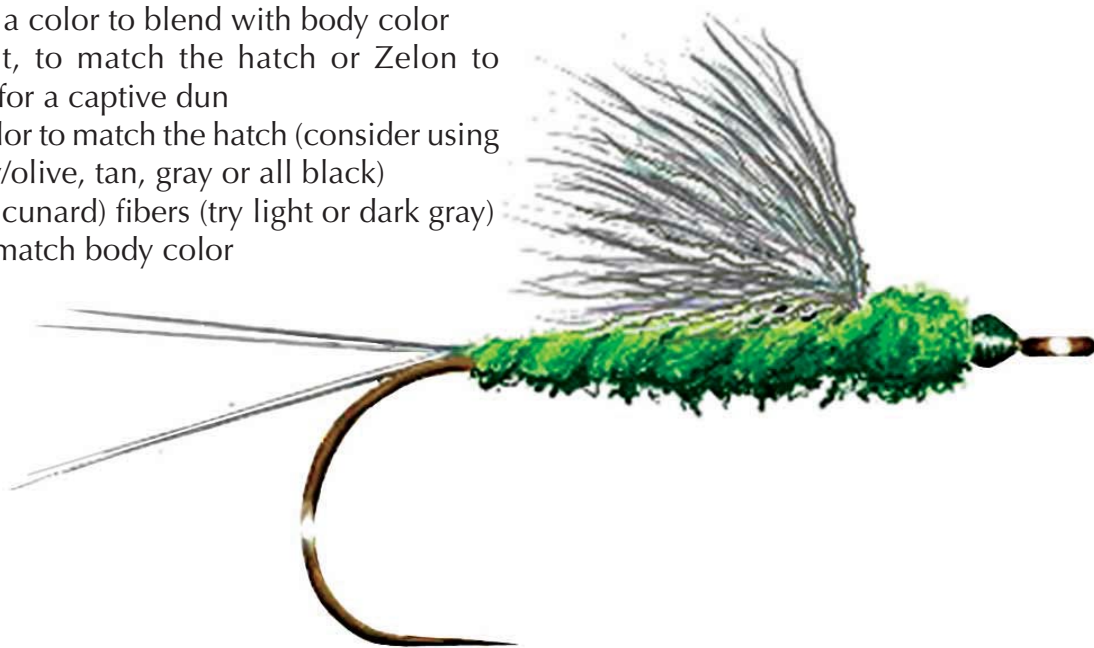
The fly was developed by Rim Chung of Castle Rock, Colorado. His idea for the pattern was to create a simplified nymph that resembled an emerging mayfly. His designed fly evolved into the RS-2 (Rim's Semblance #2). The success of the first version of his fly encouraged further improvements until the RS-2 evolved and Rim rarely uses another fly pattern and has fished his fly all over the US, Canada and even in Korea.

Tie it as a Pale Morning Dun with a light gray tail, pale yellow/olive body, and a light gray wing. As a Blue-Winged Olive, use a dark gray tail, an olive body, and a dark gray wing. Or as an Adams/caddis tie it with a light gray tail, a gray body and a dark gray wing. This particular combination is one of my afternoon favorites on Hot Creek. When fishing at the beginning of an expected Trico spinner fall, start by using a tan body RS-2 with light dun wings and tails until the spinners appear on the water.

Use it as an emerging dun or a captive dun by tying it with a zelon tail to match the body. Tie it with a longer wing and cut off the tail and use it as a caddis imitation or shorten that wing to imitate a midge. Either way, it does catch fish. Another plus is that it takes virtually no time to tie—what an amazing concept!

Materials for tying the RS-2:

- Hook: Dry fly in sizes 14-22
- Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 of a color to blend with body color
- Tail: Hackle, split, to match the hatch or Zelon to match body for a captive dun
- Body: Dubbing, color to match the hatch (consider using olive, yellow/olive, tan, gray or all black)
- Wing: CDC (cul du cunard) fibers (try light or dark gray)
- Thorax: Dubbing to match body color





Instructions for tying the RS-2:

- 1 Attach the thread to the hook and wind the thread down to the bend. If you plan to tie a standard RS-2 then start by applying a very small amount of body material to the thread. Wind 1 or 2 turns to form a small ball of dubbing that will help split the tail. Remove 1 to 3 hackle fibers depending on the size of the fly and tie them to the far side of the fly. Using the same amount of hackle fibers, apply them to the near side of the fly. If you are going to tie a captive or crippled dun do not put down a dubbing ball and tie in 6 to 10 Zelon fibers that are roughly the same color as what the body will be. They should be as long as the shank of the hook.
- 2 Apply more dubbing to your thread creating a tapered rope and wind this about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the shank. If you are lazy like me then just slide any remaining dubbing down the thread and out of the way for the next step but still handy for later.
- 3 Select one CDC puff or feather for the wing. If you are using a feather then strip the fibers off of each side of the stem and tie them in. The length should be just short of the end of the body. If you are using a puff just tie it in and make it the proper length. If, when you are finished, the wing looks too long then shorten it by plucking the ends with your finger nails and not scissors which will look unnatural.
- 4 Slide any remaining dubbing on your thread back into position or apply a small amount if there was none remaining after you did the body. Dub over the tie down spot for the wing and then forward to the headspace. Wind a small, neat head and whip finish. Apply some head cement and you are ready to go.

Avoid the Speed Trap; Use a Tailing Loop!

BOB GRAHAM, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

A few years ago, I prepared a map to the Pleasant Valley Campground. I did it because when I first joined the club, there was no map. Everyone seemed to know how to get to the Lower Owens except the newbies (like me).

I tried to make it a little humorous and included some small drawings of such things as Marv fishing in the Club Hole from morning until dark. I also identified a speed trap on the northern exit from Bishop. I have been challenged on how I know there is a speed trap where I depicted it.

The first clue is the quantity of CHP units giving out tickets on virtually every trip.

The second clue (for you who remain clueless) is the placement of the posted speed limit signs. In downtown Bishop, the basic speed limit is 25 mph. As you round the curve northbound at the junction to Route 6, it changes to 35 mph. Shortly thereafter, it changes to 45 mph. As you get ever more anxious to fish on the Lower Owens, you are tempted to gradually increase your speed out of town as you do leaving the other towns along 395. Wrong!

The next change of speed limit is to...35 mph...for a mile near the casino and the shopping areas. Then back up to 45 mph leaving the congestion and again gradually accelerating up to highway speed.

Think of it this as a fly cast: if you gradually and smoothly drive out of Bishop north bound, you will accelerate to a stop, most likely in front of some flashing red lights. Instead, you need to intentionally throw a tailing loop: gradually accelerate and then abruptly drop the speed of your cast and then accelerate again. This will create a tailing loop and avoid a speeding ticket.

Fly Fishing the Ragged Edge

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On Thursday, May 31st, our guest speaker will be Conway Bowman. Conway Bowman's name is synonymous with "extreme" fly fishing.

For Conway, home base is San Diego, where he guides for bluewater species on the fly—most notably killer mako sharks. If you are not familiar with fishing for mako sharks then here is your chance to become acquainted with one of the most exciting game fishes on the planet. Makos are renowned for their toughness, long runs and spectacular jumps—yes, sharks that jump!

His exploits have been chronicled in various books and magazines, including FIELD &

STREAM, MEN'S JOURNAL, SALTWATER SPORTSMAN, and WILD ON THE FLY. But Conway's fly fishing prowess doesn't stop there. As former host of ESPN's "IN SEARCH OF FLYWATER," Bowman has traveled the world in search of Atlantic salmon, wild trout, bonefish, and tarpon.



He currently holds the IGFA world record for redfish caught on the fly. Bowman is now principal owner of the "Ragged Edge Fly Fishing School." For more information about Conway visit his website at: www.bowmanbluewater.com

Once again, this is a great chance to see the "wild side" of fly fishing so don't miss out. See you there...

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Calendar of Events

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

June

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Mammoth #1
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
10	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Clearwater Lodge
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
15-17	Weekend		Club Trip: Mammoth #1
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
22-27			Club Trip: Clearwater Lodge
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jimmie Morales, the Western Sierra

July

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Brookie Bash
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pond Cleaning
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20-22	Weekend		Club Trip: Brookie Bash
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26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Mas Okui, Hot Creek
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games



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