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Leader's Line

April in Montana

DENNIS McTEER, PRESIDENT

It's April in Montana. The air temperature is about 28 degrees. Thankfully there's no wind. Truie Brobston, our guide for the next 4 days, launched the boat and it starts to snow. Not just a little flurry but it's really coming down. The air temps warm and cool and the snow turns to rain and then sleet. It feels more like winter steelhead.

Even though it's April there are few signs of spring. The snow covers the scenery off the river. There were 70 degree temperatures a couple weeks before the ice storm that dropped the power lines into the river upstream.

We put on our gloves, oops; I only brought one pair of gloves. Note to self: keep your hands dry as long as possible. The nymph fishing is good and Dennis Swing and I are each catching some fish. On days like this it is all about fishing from the boat, catching 18" browns and rainbows and letting the guide unhook your fish.

Flash to a gravel bar. Truie sets Dennis up to fish a seam and he immediately gets some grabs and starts catching fish. The guide takes me up to the top of the run; he is peering in to the water that is no more than a foot deep. We take but the smallest bit of shot off the leader. He points to a fish. I look for a couple minutes before I spot what I think is the fish. I cast upstream and I'm too far

out, too far in and finally I make the right cast and the indicator hesitates but I'm too late.

I've got a lot to learn. I might have stood where I saw the fish. The flash of a large trout in pursuit of your fly in very shallow broken water is a sight no true fly fisherman will ever forget.

Flash to another shoreline. The fish are eating individual midges. At least that's what we surmise; the fish are rising to some no-seeums. We put tie on dry flies. I have a BWO on the front so that I have some chance of seeing my fly. Truie pulls the lopping shears out of his boat and heads to the shoreline to make like a Boy Scout and build a fire. We call in another boat and they help gather firewood.

Truie gets the lunch out of the boat and heads back to the campfire: "Whenever you guys are ready."

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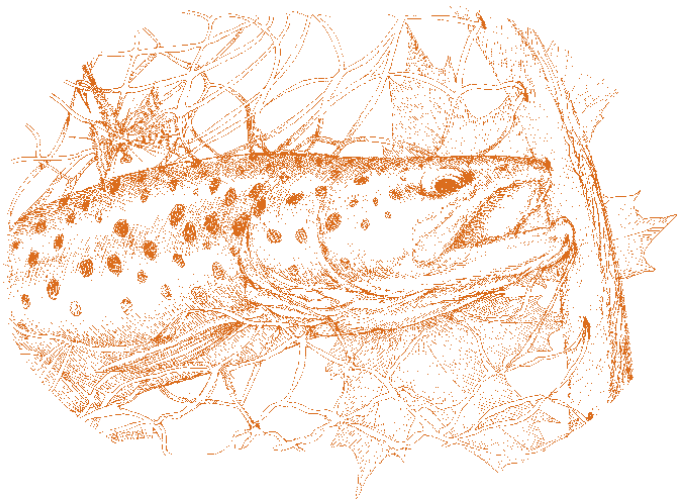
I can't feel my fingers but the fish are rising. Truie: "Are you guys ready yet." We each catch a couple fish but the bite isn't going full speed. We head up to the fire and there is white bean chili and a warm fire. The fire feels great; we even take off our jackets.

We head down to the river and the fish are still rising. They are in pods, close to shore in less than two feet of water. The bite turns from midges to the BWO's. The BWO's cover the water and the pods of fish are competing for the naturals and our flies. We catch a bunch of fish. At least 4 and less than 40. I don't have the counter and who cares, we're having a great time.

Dennis spots a large rainbow. After a few casts, he's hooked the fish. Truie is standing next to Dennis and starts running down stream to grab his net. He explains later that he never runs for his net...except for a big fish. The hook pulls and it's an LDR. They say you always remember the ones that get away.

There is just no substitute for being in the right place at the right time. It doesn't help to be in the right place with the right fly if you can't make a precise cast.

We are just wrapping up the annual casting classes. Baba Hari Dass, an Indian Yogi says: "Teach in order to learn." Or, maybe that was Joe Libeu. Well, whoever said it, I think it's true. Students and teachers all benefit from the classes and besides, you make new fishing friends. See you out on the pond.



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The Kern River Valley was HOT!

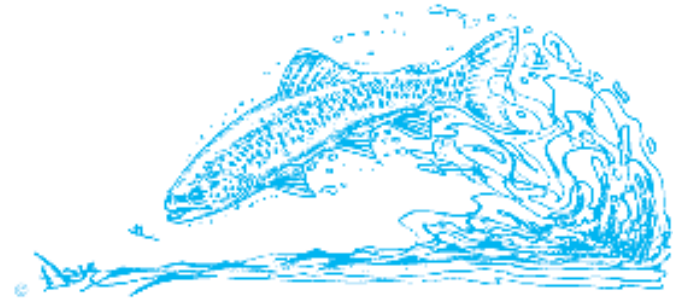
BOB GRAHAM 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Once again, I do the work and Gary gets the credit. We had a hole in the fishing calendar for April. It's a tough month to plan for because opening day is the last Saturday and the venues can be limited by spring runoff. Last year we just went surf fishing. No creativity at all. This time Gary suggested the Kern River rather than going back yet again to the Lower Owens. Gary felt that the winter had been mild in Sequoia National Forest and the chances of spring runoff were fairly remote. So I went fishing while he packed all his new gear for Christmas Island.

I knew it was going to be a good day; the wildflowers through the Kern River Canyon along SR 178 were in full glory. One hillside was covered in purple. More sensitive men like Gary would call it lavender, but to me it was purple. The orange California poppies were out and the yellow mustard plants added contrast to the green hills.

Business in Bakersfield delayed me a little arriving in Kernville about 2:00 PM on Thursday. I went directly to the Troutfitter and was met by Maria Rivas coming up from the river. Guy Jeans had placed her under the bridge where she caught 20+ on dries. Her smile definitely indicated the skunk was off. We had a quick lunch next door (The new owners will have cervezas soon—license is pending. The food was good and the restaurant busy). The afternoon was cool and we caught several nice trout. I can't tell you where.

Friday was a guided day with Guy Jeans. We went to Camp #3 where he put us in some riffles in the middle of the river. Most of them were only a few feet deep. We fished the pocket water behind each rock. I nymph fished but Maria had a tandem dry fly rig. Despite my success, Guy convinced me to try the dries so I could catch up



with Maria who was simply slaying them. There was no hatch, so we created our own! And the fish started rising. Occasionally, I sighted a fish and pointed it out to Guy. Once he verified my sighting, he informed Maria and she cast where he pointed. I think the longest it took was three casts to take each feeding trout.

Guy offered several choices for fishing in the afternoon. We chose the most adventurous: the Lower Kern. We were after small mouth bass on a fly! The fly was like a reddish brown wooly bugger with a sparser body and longer tail to imitate a crawfish. The split shot was only 5–6 inches from the fly and the stripping action made the fly perform zigzags vertically in the water. It drove the bass crazy and even the small ones attacked with alacrity and pulled hard. Their size was a surprise because even the smallest ones fought furiously.

I caught a huge fish that really bent my rod. Guy came running with the net and Maria with the camera. Every time the fish broke the surface, Maria would remark at the size! I had a hard time controlling this heavy weight. Once landed, it turned out to be a "Kern River bonefish" a 14-inch sucker. And worse, it was foul hooked in the pectoral fin. No wonder I couldn't reel it in. Maria took pictures of Guy kissing it!

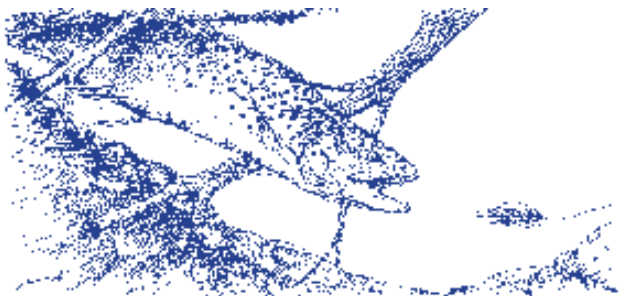
All the trout taken that day and throughout the weekend were wild and some were juvenile. Guy insisted on netting each one rather than let us release the fish in the water by quickly removing the hook under water. He celebrated each of the youngsters because the river is returning to a vibrant wild trout fishery separate from the put

and take stockers.

Saturday morning more than two-dozen club members met at the fly shop at about 8:30 AM. Actually, Guy opened early because he knew we were all coming. My mistake; I didn't know he didn't open until 9:00 AM. We didn't arrange a Saturday seminar on the river like last year. Instead, we were greeted by enthusiastic tales from those who had fished on Friday. Everyone who fished had a grand time. No one professed the need to be put with a more experienced angler so we just split up into small groups and attacked the river.

In years past, we have been totally skunked where only a few caught any fish at all during the trip, let alone in numbers. We would hang out at McNally's drinking our coffee or at the fly shop seeking answers where to go. Where were the fish? This year they were everywhere.

We filled Guy's shop seeking the best flies rather than asking where to go. Indeed, most of the members were suggesting venues to each other. We dispersed throughout the basin and all reported great success. It seemed almost anything worked. The water was 50–52 degrees, the insects were active and the fish were hungry and willing to play. Those who turned over rocks were staggered at the size and quantities of the insects in the river. Stoneflies shucks littered the banks.



A popular rig was a Yellow Sally nymph with a trailing Robo Nymph (a flashy bead head pheasant tail). Mike Garcia and John Houston reported a fantastic day with this rig. Once I found that the fish were ignoring the Robo in favor of the

golden, I cut off the trailer and fished the golden deep. Sweet success.



I directed those who attended the Pre Trip meeting to the Steelhead Run where Maria and I caught several large fish last October. I talked with a half dozen members who said they fished there within eyesight of each other. After careful inquiry, I determined that none of them was actually where the fishing was best but they were all taking fish, seemingly at will.

Connie Bullock wet-waded on Friday at the Steelhead Run, which was perhaps a good idea because the weather was definitely warming. She said she caught so many fish she was simply astounded. Only in the high seventies on Thursday, the heat increased to the mid-nineties by Saturday afternoon. Jeri Vaillancourt (a Sierra Sister) wore fleeces under her waders and was quite hot. She discovered that if she waded deeply enough, the water would pour over the top of her waders and cool her off!

Speaking of stumbles, Scott Read and Steve Swift admitted to a double pas-de-deau plunge but were silent on the circumstances. Were they buddy wading or buddy dunking?

Dinner Friday night was at the Kern River Brewing Company. A blue grass band performed. Fortunately, Al Ross didn't know the words, so we were spared his joining in. However, Brenda Thomasson knew the words and the tempo so she participated with gusto, tapping on the table. Jim is a new member but knows the river well and took others to his favorite spots. This was Spring Nature Weekend with lots of activities mostly centered on bird watching. When Jim and Brenda

were exploring the area to determine where to fish, they discovered some volunteers setting up the course for Saturday. Brenda immediately signed up and ran a 10k on Saturday!

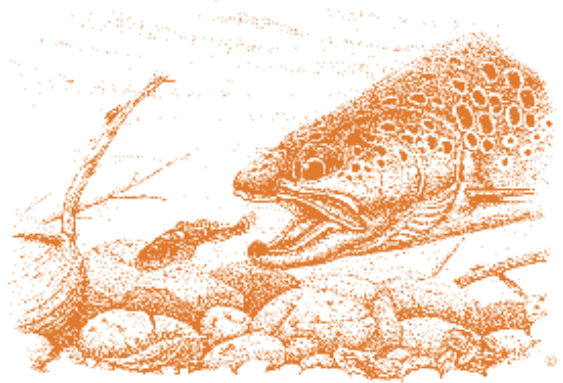
The other major activity on Saturday was the Trout Festival at the hatchery. Guy had set up a casting competition with a Sage fly rod as first prize. Mark Tsunawaki was on the river to fish only for one day and, being a rated caster, could not participate. Maria took third place and I only a fourth, out of forty contestants. I was pleased until Joe said he was disappointed that it was not a one-two punch.

The Hatchery provided free hotdogs, chips and sodas. The rangers let kids catch some of the brood stock. If successful, there was a fish cleaning station and a barbeque so you could taste truly fresh fish. However, the fish had to be caught with your bare hands! It was a real experience watching these kids fish like grizzlies in Alaska. Well, no. They fished using their hands; grizzlies just open up and fish.

Wildlife highlighted this trip. Friday morning we discovered a herd of at least a dozen cows meandering down Sierra Highway. That explained the full fence and gate at the Golden Trout Resort: to keep the cows out. Upon returning from KRBC that night, I rounded a curve and nearly ran into a cow on the road. (And Dennis Leon almost ran into me!) She took up a whole lane and her head was over the center stripe of the road. She didn't move until I slowly went around her. Then she moved her head with the clear intent to impale my Explorer with her ample horns. (No, Gary, it was NOT a pink elephant!) We also sighted an eagle and a red tailed hawk. On Sunday morning, going into town for breakfast, I came upon a covey of 30 or 40 mountain quail. They didn't bother to fly until I was almost upon them. I should have had Kim Dunbar with me for quail feathers. But hunting season was obviously over.

So we went from Thursday in the high 70s to

Saturday in the mid 90s. It was typical summer fishing in the spring. Everything seemed perfect. And the fishing was simply spectacular. In short, the Kern River Valley was hot. Thanks again, Gary, for all my hard work!



Club Membership Requests

MICK WOODBURY,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Please welcome the following new members who joined this month:

- ❖ Hasty Arnold (spouse, Grace) of Venice
- ❖ Michael Hall of Torrance
- ❖ Bob Mager (spouse, Andrea) of Laguna Beach

Welcome to the club. We wish you much success and lots of fun. The more you get involved the more you'll learn and the more you'll enjoy.

As the new board gets settled into their respective duties, I'd like to remind you that membership questions, corrections, changes of address, etc. can be addressed to me at www.mick@rwmktg.com, or at 714-840-5649. If I don't know the answers, Jeff Sadler has *promised* to be in the wings.

San Gabriel River Update...Nothing as Lovely as a Tree.

MICK WOODBURY, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The last two San Gabriel River excursions have had quite good fish counts, reports Chuck Moore. Chuck, Stan Holden, Kaz Hata and Bob Henrich—when they weren't fishing—kept out of trouble by planting and/or watering saplings.

In April a silver fox made another appearance. Apparently there is a good population of the little guys in that area. The workers planted four trees, which sounds pretty simple, but the rocky soil makes it a bit tougher than digging in your backyard. Following the tree planting, the crew adjourned to the stream to enjoy the many benefits of eager trout. Chuck fished for an hour and caught 30 (and fishermen *never* exaggerate), all on dries.

Returning in May the four trees had multiplied to fifteen as other groups have joined the efforts to keep the San Gabriel area beautiful. Watering 15 trees carrying 5 gallon water buckets made the fishing all the more appreciated. The catching was *"even better"* says Chuck who didn't even bother counting. They fished the handicapped areas and caught lots and lots. *"The fish are everywhere,"* says Chuck, *"you can see them in every hole."*

One of the other chores involved clearing one of the handicapped ramps of boulders placed by pranksters who obviously didn't know the concept of karma.

The next trip is June 13th and you can call Chuck (563-868-0240) for the details. Remember, you're welcome to bring friends, your wife, kids, or even somebody else's.



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
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

Fishing Yosemite Waters!

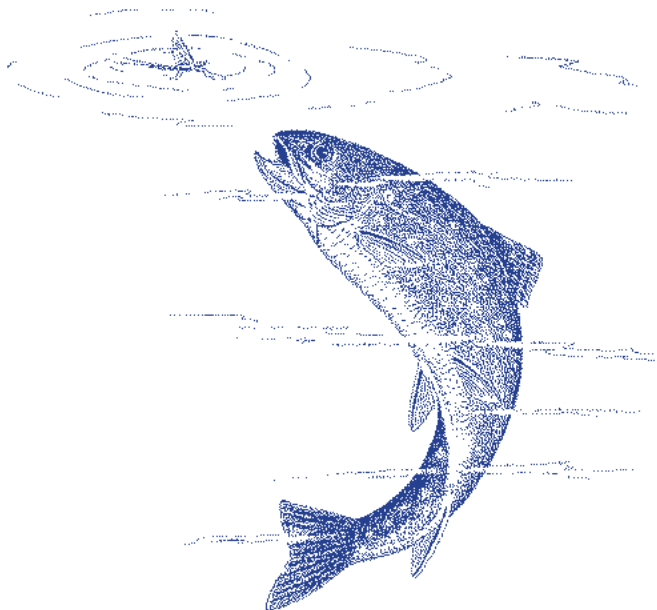
BOB GRAHAM, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Jimmie Morales was born and raised in Central California. He has fished the Yosemite waters for thirty years and wants to introduce them to you.

Jimmie is an Orvis endorsed guide and leads anglers through the Kings River system, the San Joaquin (California's second largest river drainage) and the Merced River. He guides in Yosemite Park, Sierra National Park and the Kings Canyon National Park. He even has steelhead trips on the Merced and Tuolumne Rivers.

He will be our speaker for the June 28 regular monthly meeting. For those of you who are looking for additional local venues to ply your skills, this will be an important presentation. He promises lots of pictures of beautiful fish taken in accessible waters that are closer than those we fish on the Eastern Sierra. Check out his website at www.sierraflyfisher.com.

Reserve the date and join us!



Outing Update

CARL LASKI, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Iwould like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Graham for his excellent job on planning the outings over the past year. I always looked forward to reading Bob's articles in Target Talk and enjoyed his sense of humor.

At the time of this writing, we have a group heading up to Mammoth on May 18–20, 2007 to fish the streams and lakes. I stayed at McGee Creek Campground two weeks prior with a high school friend and was blown out of the Eastern Sierras. We encountered an 18-wheel semi laying on its' side about one mile north of Mohave on the way home. I'm hoping that the winds will cooperate this coming weekend...

We have a second trip to Mammoth planned for June 15–18, 2007 and the ever popular Brookie Bash on July 20–22, 2007. If you are interested in either one of these trips, please contact me as soon as possible. I will leave some flyers at the clubhouse for both trips. Please check the Calendar section of this Target Talk to find the dates of the Pre-Trip Meetings for both of these trips.

See you there.

Project Healing Waters at Togus V.A. Hospital

**DAVE HEDRICK,
KVCTU PHW COORDINATOR,
WATERVILLE, MAINE**

After a month of operation, Project Healing Waters at the Togus VA Medical Center includes two women, one of whom is confined to a wheelchair by multiple sclerosis. We have one man with a prosthetic right arm and hand who, despite initial fear of failure, is leading the pack in enthusiasm. We have several with spinal or peripheral nerve damage with weakness or poor coordination of arms and hands but who are ambulatory with crutches or braces. One man is blind...he ties the best flies so far. Most of these vets are between the ages 40 and 65, all were injured in line of duty but not all in combat. We have no vets from the Middle Eastern conflicts and I'm told only two Afgan or Iraq wounded have made their way to Togus so far.

The Kennebec Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited has an extremely active education program in local schools and have built up an extensive inventory of fly tying materials, rods, and reels for these programs. These supplies have been made available to the PHW Togus program until it gets up and running, has a stable number of regular participants, and can develop its own inventory of fishing gear and expendable materials through purchase or donation. I have had no trouble so far in attracting volunteers from within my chapter and from two adjoining TU chapters.

We are also blessed by the fact that two Master Casting Instructors from the Northeastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers have volunteered. These gentlemen have special skill in instructing persons with disabilities. It was amazing to see how the blind vet was taught to cast by "feel" and the amputee was given confidence in use of his non-dominant arm to cast.

We are supported within the VA by the Chief of the Recreation Therapy Department who has backing from the Administration. She has obtained medical clearance for each participant, has a small budget we can draw on, and can get transport for day-long outings. She had 18 vets express interest in the program but only 8 showed up for the first session. The same 8 and an additional two came to the second session. One of those was a woman who was only interested in tying flies for the artistic expression, the other was a nursing home patient who did not have the stamina to finish the first hour.

On the first day we obtained photography releases from the participants following VA rules. Because we have winter in Maine far into April, we have not been outdoors yet. Fly tying is done in the dining area of the Rec. Therapy Department and casting instruction is done in the gym. We are limited there to half of the floor space which means we can only teach casting to four students at a time until we can get outdoors. By May we will be able to access ponds and streams on the VA grounds which we have arranged to have stocked through our friendly relationship with a state fisheries biologist.

Because of the better availability of volunteers, I had wanted to have our classes during evening hours or on weekends. The vets would have none of that. Most are outpatients who come to the hospital for clinics or therapy during weekday business hours. Many drive for an hour to get



there. (Togus is the only VA hospital in Maine.) Many depend on others for transport. When they get home and have dinner they do not want to come back to the hospital in the evening. I do not expect I will have objection when the time comes to go fishing on a sunny Saturday however.



With a month under my belt, I can summarize as follows: getting volunteers and offers of gear, fishing destinations, lodging, whatever, is NOT a problem. I am disappointed that more vets did not participate...many who were initially interested decided tying and casting looked too complicated. (I hear this from lots of able-bodied people at our public demonstrations who maybe saw Brad Pitt do it in A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT and are curious about how it all works but then fear they can't do it after a closer look.)

Among the eight or nine who have come to both sessions, it is universal and sincere: "I am amazed that I can do this!", "This is beautiful!". I found 4 of them "window shopping" at the Maine Sportsman Show last Saturday and had to tell them not to buy any equipment or sign up for any expensive fly-in trips to Labrador just yet until we get a little more experience.

Our first outing will be in May when approximately 3 million river herring will be making their annual spawning run up the Kennebec River near Togus. These fish are about 3/4 pound and a foot long and take a small fly readily. They aren't much to eat or look at but run and jump like their cousin the Shad and are a great first fish to take on a fly rod. Later in summer we have been offered the facilities of a historic fishing lodge in the Rangeley Lakes Region of Maine famed for brook trout and bass. We may also take a day trip to

the Moosehead Lake Region about 4 hours from Togus for trout and landlocked salmon. I have not even begun to think about the logistics of these trips.

"Project Healing Waters salutes all of our brave armed forces, and strives to serve those who have come home wounded and aid in their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying."

Thanks from Baghdad

**CHRIS CURTIS,
BAGHDAD SCHOOL OF FLY FISHING**

Thank you very much for your support to the school. Actually we are operating more as a club at this point than a school. I am not a master instructor by any means. I am the keeper of the equipment. I work with the newcomers and provide the supplies that people like you have so generously donated. Most of us have ever changing work schedules, so we all wet a line at different times.

Things are somewhat busier for most than they were 6 months ago. Please forgive me for taking so long to write. It is no way indicates a lack of great appreciation for your support. Please pray for our safety and the success of the Iraqi people as they fight for their independence.

Long Cast,
Chris

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Club Awards for 2007

MIKE McCLAY, RECORDING SECRETARY

LBCC 2006-2007 CASTING RECORDS

Dry Fly	100	John Van Derhoof
Trout Fly	99	Libeu, Van Derhoof
Bass Bug	97	Matt Rickerd
Wet Fly	99	Rickerd/Tsunawaki
1 /4 oz. Plug	90	Lipe/Rickerd/Tsunawaki/ Van Derhoof
3/8 oz. Plug	96	Matt Rickerd
5/8 oz. Plug	93	Allen/Lipe/Rickerd
Open Plug	91	Larry Allen
Steelhead Distance	153 ft.	John Field
¼ Ounce Distance	126 ft.	Mark Tsunawaki
Trout Fly Distance	105 ft.	Walker/Middo

ACCURACY FLIES

TROUT FLY	DRY FLY	BASS BUG	WET FLY
A Class			
1. Libeu	1. Van Derhoof	1. Lipe	1. Tsunawaki
2. Van Derhoof	2. Rickerd	2. Rickerd	2. Van Derhoof
3. Napoli	3. Napoli	3. Van Derhoof	3. Allen

B Class

1. Jeff Katz	1. Rick Hilles	1. Carole Katz	1. Jeff Katz
2. Rick Hilles	2. Carole Katz	2. Kropacek	2. Hilles
3. Bill Heard	3. Bill Heard	3. Rick Hilles	

C Class

1. Rich Garrett	1. Mark Flo
2. Mark Flo	2. Rich Garrett
3. Alan Ross	3. Jeri Vaillancourt

ACCURACY PLUGS

1/4 oz. plug	3/8 oz. plug	5/8 oz. plug
A Class		
1. Van Derhoof	1. Lipe	1. Lipe
2. Tsunawaki	2. Tsunawaki	2. Tsunawaki
3. Lipe	3. Kropacek	3. Rickerd

ALL ACCURACY GOLD BARS

1. Mark Tsunawaki	1662 Master Level
2. Mark Lipe	1654 Master Level

INDIVIDUAL EVENT GOLD BARS

Dry Fly:	John Napoli, Matt Rickerd, John Van Derhoof
Trout Fly:	Joe Libeu, Matt Rickerd, John Napoli, John Van Derhoof
Bass Bug:	Mark Lipe, Matt Rickerd, John Van Derhoof

PERPETUAL CASTING TROPHIES

Ray W. Sutton	Best All Accuracy	Mark Tsunawaki
Ed M. Williams	All Fly Accuracy	John Van Derhoof
Frank Messersmith	Best Bass Bug Accuracy	Mark Lipe
Don Lenhart	Best 3/8 Plug Accuracy	Mark Lipe
Ed Thomas Memorial	Most Helpful Casting Instructor	Bob Middo

FISHING AWARDS

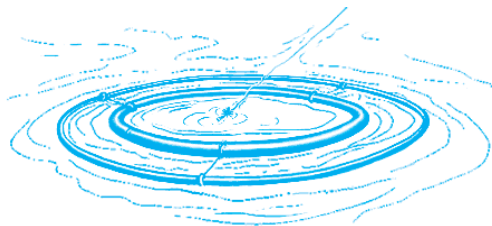
Largest Golden Trout	Kevin Anderson (6 inches)
Largest Salt Water Fish	Ron Finney (31 inches)
Largest Rainbow Trout	Carol Murphy (22 inches)

PERPETUAL FISHING TROPHIES

Howard T. Isley Newport Bass Tournament	Matt Rickerd
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BOB BIRD SUNSHINE AWARD

For continuing longtime service to the LBCC	John Van Derhoof
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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:

❖ 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

Project Healing Waters to Begin at Long Beach VA

CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

We have a start date! Wednesday, May 23, at 1:45 PM we will start teaching fly tying to disabled military personnel at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. There will be 15 "students" in the initial group.

The first class will be an orientation session, followed by classes every other Wednesday on June 6 & 20, July 11 & 25, and August 8, with supervised practice sessions on alternate Wednesdays. We are teaching the Woolly Bugger, Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear, Beadhead Pheasant Tail Nymph, Elk Hair Caddis and the Adams. Would you like to help? If so, please let me know.

The tying vices and equipment have been donated by Carl Ronk and the instructional tying books and DVD have been donated, as have some of the tying materials. If you have any extra supplies that you are willing to contribute to this great project, please let me know. For these particular flies, we will need the following materials:

Hooks: Size 6, Daiichi 1180,	Medium olive chenille
Mustad 9674 or Tiemco	Mottled turkey tail feather
9395 Size 12, Daiichi	Natural hare's mask
1560, Mustad 3906B or	Peacock herl
Tiemco 3761 Size 10,	Elk or Deer hair
Daiichi 1180, Mustad	Muskrat, grey synthetic,
94840 or Tiemco 5210	(or can use Hare's mask)
Thread: 6/0 black (can use	dubbing
for all), tan and rust	Grizzly hen neck hackle
thread	Grizzly, ginger and brown
Small gold wire or tinsel	dry fly quality neck or
Lead wire: size #10 or #15	saddle hackle

Project Healing Waters is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled military

personnel, both active duty and veterans, through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. As of mid-April, Project Healing Waters programs have been started in Arizona, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey and Washington DC. Programs are in the process of starting in several other states.

We at LBCC are proud to be contributing to Project Healing Waters. If you are available to help with the fly tying classes or if you have some extra fly tying materials accumulating dust, please contact me at (714) 731-6044 or Katzhogan@cox.net.

Thanks!



Notes from the Pond

MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

I am happily trying to get up to speed as your new Captain. We started the Tuesday night casting games on May 22, and will continue through August 28th. Casting starts at 7:00 PM.

Whether you are new to casting or have been in the club for some time, please come down and join us. It's fun, and helps you with all aspects of your casting, line control and, most important of all, your fishing. Also we will be doing a pond cleaning Sunday June 10th at 8:00 AM—your help is appreciated. All are welcome to lend a hand, and push a broom.

See you there!

Fly of the Month: Black Bear-Red Butt

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Those of you who just took the advanced fly tying class I taught a couple of weeks ago will recognize this month's fly. The Black Bear-Red Butt is a venerable and effective Atlantic salmon and Pacific steelhead pattern that introduces fly tiers to a host of different techniques that can be applied to a wide variety of different types of fly fishing patterns.

It teaches a relatively unknown and very strong method of attaching hair and hackle tip wings. This method, popularized by Ed Haas uses the looped eye of the salmon fly hook to hold the wing pointing forward before binding it down. Then after the rest of the fly has been tied the wing is folded back to its desired position creating a small head and a wing that is virtually impossible to pull out.

Another technique that is learned is the proper way to tie in and wind both flat and round/oval tinsels. Flat tinsel should always be wound from front to back to front and each turn should butt up against the previous turn. There should never be any overlap or "shingling" of the each successive turn. This creates a very smooth body that does not allow any location where a fish's tooth could grab. This fly also teaches the tier how to properly tie and wrap floss as well as a technique to keep the floss from changing color or darkening when it gets wet. Finally, a method of hackling is used that allows the hackle flow back toward the body naturally and without a number of unnecessary thread wraps.

The Black Bear-Red Butt is a great fishing fly and has many variations such as all black or with a green butt. It can be tied as a standard salmon/steelhead wet fly on a standard hook for winter or early spring fishing, as a low water pattern tied as a smaller size on a larger hook for summer/low water conditions, or even with long, flowing body hackle of a spey pattern.

Materials for Tying the Black Bear Red Butt:

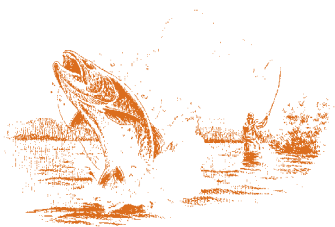
- Hook: Sizes #10 to #2/0, looped eye salmon style; Partridge Wilson; Tiemco #7989; Daiichi #2051 'Alec Jackson' or Mustad #36890.
- Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 primrose or light cahill
- Wing: Black bear hair or black (natural or dyed) squirrel tail or calftail.
- Tag/Ribbing: Fine oval or round gold tinsel.
- Body: 1/5 Flat silver mylar tinsel; 1/5 Fluorescent red floss; 3/5 Black African goat or seal substitute
- Hackle: Black rooster, poor quality dry fly.



Instructions for Tying the Black Bear Red Butt:

- 1 Attach the thread at the mid-point of the shank. Remove the wing material from skin and slide it between the shank of the hook and loop of the eye. Don't use too much hair as it will be hard to fold later. Measure the length of the wing by folding it back towards the bend—it should not reach the bend. Bind the butts of the wing down with tips pointing forward.
- 2 With the thread at the mid-point of the shank, tie in the flat silver mylar tinsel and then the extra fine oval gold tinsel on the lower back side of the hook. To help hold the flat silver tinsel in place as you start to wind it, cut a small scallop in the tinsel very close to the end.
- 3 Hold the fine oval gold tinsel back along the shank with your left hand and wind the flat silver mylar edge to edge—no overlap—to the spot directly over the point of the barb. As you wind you will have to keep pulling the fine oval gold tinsel back and along the hook shank. Reverse direction with flat silver mylar back to the starting point and tie off. Tie in one or two strands of fluorescent red floss.
- 4 Make sure that your fingers are dry and free of dirt and oil. Stroke the floss flattening it into a ribbon. Wind the floss evenly with a slight overlap on top of the flat silver mylar. Proceed to a point halfway down the mylar and wind back to the start and tie it off. The mylar beneath the floss will cause the floss to glow even when wet.

- 5 Apply the dubbing to your thread. African goat is stiff and spiky and can be difficult to dub. Wet your fingertips



slightly, rub them together and forcibly apply it to thread. The dubbed body should be slightly tapered. Use a heavy dubbing needle to pick out fibers along the underside of the body to give it a slightly shaggy appearance.

- 6 Wind the tag which should be 2 or 3 adjacent turns of the oval gold tinsel and then continue winding the rib evenly and tie off. There should be 4 or 5 turns which defines the change between the different body materials. Select and fold the hackle and tie it in by the tip. If you cannot fold the hackle then stroke the fibers from the tip down until the fibers are perpendicular to the stem. Wind the hackle with each turn directly in front of the preceding turn. The hackle should be 3 to 6 turns depending on the quality of the hackle and the size of the fly. The hackle should extend about 2/3 of the way to the point of the hook.
- 7 Fold the wing back over the body and squeeze firmly at its base to help fold the wing back. Evenly wind thread over the base of the wing forcing the wing down over the body. When the wing is in the desired location you will see that you have already formed a neat head. Whip finish winding forward toward the eye. Touch the head with a permanent black marker, apply a couple of coats of head cement and the fly is complete.

On the River Clinic

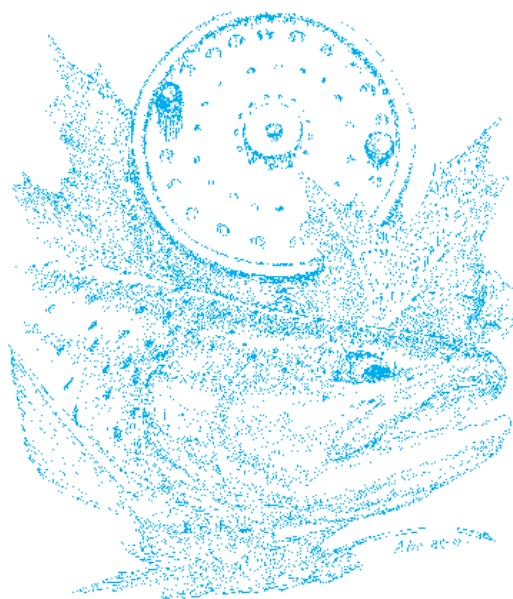
JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

The annual ON THE RIVER CLINIC, for beginning Fly Fishermen will start on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 and meet for three consecutive Tuesdays. We will meet at the LBCC Clubhouse at 7:00 PM.

There will be three nights of classroom instruction and a weekend trip to the High Sierras on July 14 and 15, 2007. The classroom information will cover equipment, rods, reels, leaders, knots, putting it all together, vests, waders, and a fishing checklist on the first night. The second Thursday night will cover flies and their life cycle, starter flies, rise forms, the trout itself, sight, and water temperature. On the last night of class, we will cover catch and release, the trout stream and how to fish them, fishing techniques, and streamside ethics.

The class is limited to 20 people. Class participants must be new club members only.

If you have any questions please contact me at 310-749-6771.



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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 included 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.



Calendar of Events

June

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
6	Wednesday	1:45 PM	Fly Tying at the VA Hospital
		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
20	Wednesday	1:45 PM	Fly Tying at the VA Hospital
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
22-27			Club Trip: Clearwater Lodge
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: 1st Night
		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	On the River Clinic: 2nd Night
		7:00 PM	Casting Games
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: 3rd Night
		7:00 PM	Casting Games
11	Wednesday	1:45 PM	Fly Tying at the VA Hospital
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Brookie Bash
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
14-15	Weekend		On the River Clinic: Trip
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
18	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
20-22	Weekend		Club Trip: Brookie Bash
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
25	Wednesday	1:45 PM	Fly Tying at the VA Hospital
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Mas Okui, Hot Creek
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games

August

2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting: Old Board/New Board
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
8	Wednesday	1:45 PM	Fly Tying at the VA Hospital
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
15	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Surf Fishing Trip
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
19	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Ken Iwamasa — Iwamasa Flies
25	Saturday	9:00 AM	Ken Iwamasa Fly Tying Workshop
			Club Trip: Surf Fishing Trip
26	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying



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