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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line

## August in July

**DENNIS MCTEER, PRESIDENT**

It's July and the lucky members who signed up for Joe Libeu's ON THE RIVER CLINIC will be attending the last of the classroom sessions, followed up by the big weekend, fishing in the Mammoth Lakes area. Lucky, because last year we had to suspend the dates for the clinic until January due to the unavailability of the San Joaquin until late in the season and we had to wait for the high flows to subside on the Lower Owens.

Education of our membership and the public is one of the club's primary objectives. For those participating in the ON THE RIVER CLINIC, this will be one the highlights of their year. The students will not only learn how productive fly-fishing is, but also that it is the most fun and relaxing form of fishing. The fly-fishing learning curve can be long, but those of you attending this class, will cut years off of the "trial and error" method of instruction.

Speaking of the current season, the discussion around the casting pond turned to the hatches and conditions around the Eastern Sierra. The consensus is that the water and bug activity is at least a month ahead of normal. I'll be interested to see what is in store for us as summer bakes on. So July is the new August, just as 50 is the new 40 and Thursday is the new Friday.

What a difference a year makes. Last year we

were dealing with the high water conditions from a 2006 snow pack that was 180% of normal. In fact it was all the BIG WATER talk last year that prompted us to have Pat Jaegar, of Eastern Sierra Guide Service, speak in April about the strategies to deal with big water and early season runoff.

In fact it is the driest year on record in Los Angeles and the Sierra snow pack is at its lowest level since 1990. Another poor year and we may be in for some severe water issues in California, so be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Remember, 60% of the water usage goes to watering of landscapes.

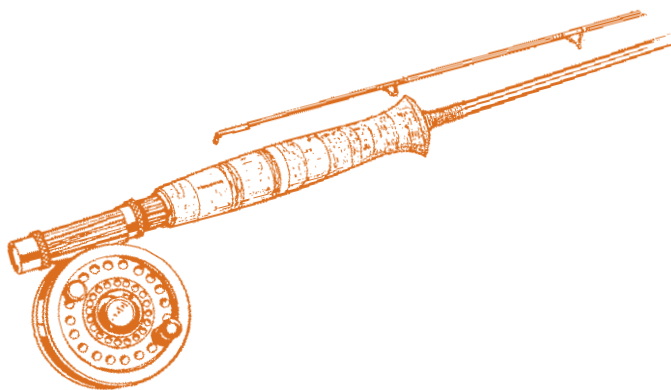
The July club trip is the Brookie Bash. The Brookie Bash is one of the most well attended club events, let alone trips. Last year we left from the Mosquito Flat trailhead. The trailhead is aptly named and

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with last year's big water, the biters were out in force. This year we should have many fewer mosquitoes, but don't forget your bug repellent. However, the Brookie Bash is not all about spraying deet and The Phantom usually has something special planned as part of the trip.

Brook trout are the main quarry but last year I was fishing next to Maria Rivas when we saw Big Moe come out of the depths and chase the brook trout. This is also the trip where you can catch double and maybe even triple digit numbers. Count your fish and you may win a special award, courtesy of Bob Graham.



## Plan Now For Great Fishing

**CARL LASKI, 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 2007:

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| ♦ July 20-22      | Brookie Bash Trip |
| ♦ August 11       | Surf Fishing Trip |
| ♦ September 21-23 | Kern River        |
| ♦ October 19-21   | Mammoth #2        |
| ♦ November 1-5    | Fall Steelhead    |
| ♦ December TBD    | Delta Striper     |
| ♦ December 17     | Surf Fishing      |

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# Back-Country Brookie Bash, Little Lakes Basin on Rock Creek

JEFFREY SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Back for the tenth straight year is the most popular Brookie Bash. Probably as close to a guarantee for catching trout that there is. An absolute guarantee for a lot of fun (unless you're a Brookie). Older (more experienced) members will assist the beginners until they too become Brookie bashers. Brookies, Rainbows, Browns, Cutts and, yes, maybe Goldens. A chance for THE SIERRA GRAND SLAM.

*"...Brookies and Rookies were made for each other".*

**When:** The back-country hike itself starts at 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 21 from the trailhead at Mosquito Flats Campground. (Elevation is approximately 10,000 feet)

**Where:** Midway between Bishop and Mammoth on 395 is Rock Creek (Tom's Place). Drive up (West) Rock Creek 10.7 miles until you can't drive any more and you're at Mosquito Flats Campground, park only in authorized spots.

**The Trail:** Good trail with Rock Creek on the left. Moderate elevation change. About 1 mile in is Heart Lake which looks like a good meeting point and is midway to Long Lake. We will pass or be near a half dozen named lakes and a bunch of smaller ponds plus connecting creeks.

**Lodging:** To be determined but in Mammoth. Check with Carl Laski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

**Pre-Trip:** Wednesday, July 11, 7:00 PM. Same old place.

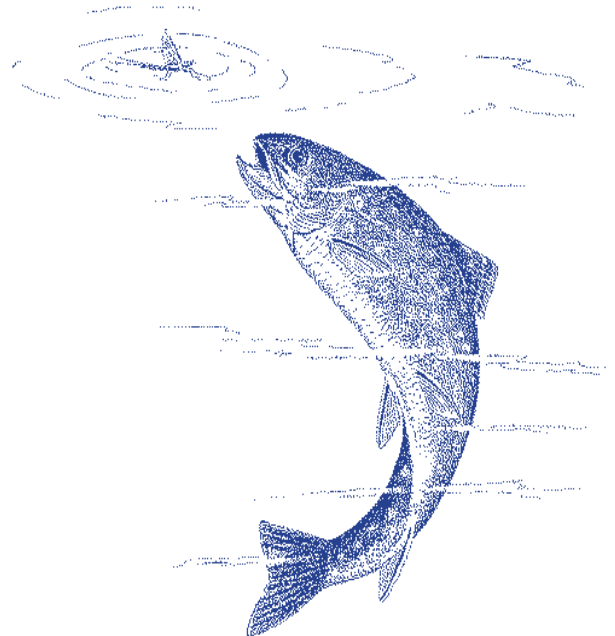
Haven't decided on the most exciting contest yet but I'm thinking about a:

## ONE FLY — ONE HOUR!

Yes, one, and only one dry fly of your choice. Yes, you choose the hour. Yes, you count the fish. Then report the hour, fly, how long before a big fish (or branch) ripped it off and the number of trout caught.

*Prizes galore and honor beyond your wildest imagination!*

Scores tabulated by Official Tournament Scorer (Sadler). Prizes awarded by Official Tournament Chairman (Sadler). Rules by the Official Tournament Rules Committee (Sadler). Official Counter of Trout: (Sadler.)



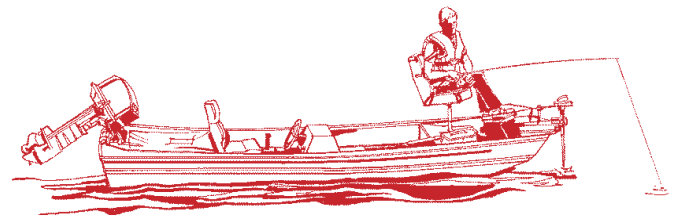
# Why I Fish the Long Beach Breakwall

LARRY ALBACH, MEMBER

People are always amazed when I tell them that I fly fish a half hour from the house in the saltwater and catch fish to 6 pounds on a regular basis. Being a lazy sort in my advanced geriatric state and looking for the least traumatizing way to entertain myself in the great outdoors on a regular basis and maximizing time spent playing as opposed to driving, I've penned the following real life experiences as truthfully as possible.

I'm 15 minutes from the Long Beach 2nd Street launch ramp, 15 minutes down the channel and to middle of the break wall, inside or outside, the Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard and Lifeguard boats are about all the time looking for terrorists and giving me the evil eye, and at times running me down eventually just to be sure that I am doing alright (Mark can attest to the Coasties vigilance about our welfare) and I just know they want to unleash that 50 caliber that's on the foredeck at something, (I would), police boats slide up asks how the fishing is.

The mornings entertainment over, it's 30 minutes back to the house, plus 15 minutes at the car



wash to wash the boat and trailer off, Boat Bitch (generic term here, no slur to the ladies, backseater is always bitching about something) wipes down boat while I do maintenance of motor, flush it etc. and put equipment away, plug in battery charger, then take a nap while it's charging, it's now 2:30 in the afternoon after my nap, been up since the crack of 6:00 AM, total drive time one hour, (remember 30 minutes is behind the wheel of boat) got 5 solid hours of fishing in, arms sore from all the casting—no down time here trying to untangle from trees/bushes or crawling up and down sides of stream. Catch from 5 to 50 fish up to 6 lbs on a good morning, all released, after taking pictures.

I get to drive a bass boat at freeway speeds, with a seat height that's less than a foot off the water's surface, as fast as conditions permit, got a comfy seat to sit on while fishing, coffee at hand, snacks within reach, no bugs to swat away, sonar showing structure to fish, push a button with my foot to point trolling where I wanna go, so don't have to cast too far and strain my shoulder, cast without hanging up in the damn bushes, but do get backseater occasionally, got a place to lay down to relax the back and nappy for awhile if needed, while drifting along being gently rocked to sleep by waves, until work boat comes by pushing a 6 foot bow wave that slops water over the side to wake me up. Never know what's gonna jump on the hook, hole in hook is damn easy to see, using handline sized 17 lb fluorocarbon for tippet on a 1 aught hook, not no wispy will o' the wisp 7x tippet, smallest calico is bigger than any trout on the West Fork, longest walk is from the front of the boat to the steering wheel.

**Closest trout:** the West Fork, is an hours drive on the best day, but closer to 1½ hr. Start up mountain



road, slam on brakes to miss deer on switch back, pour hot coffee all over crotch—what a wake up call if you're getting sleepy—now your behind someone that is scared of anything that's not a straight line, brakes to 15 mph for every change in direction.

Finally reach gate and park alongside road, swat bugs while rigging reel to rod, string it up, spend 10 minutes trying to find hole in eye of fly and stuff 7x tippet thru it. Knotting is another story trying to see and wrap a gossamer thread into a knot while using 3x magnifiers to find it, clean magnifiers again. Put on waist waders, (it's only a little stream) get help to put on wading boots, then tie the laces, grab the walking/wading staff or stick to support myself and to beat off snakes. Walk past the bridges to wild trout area, stumble down snake infested rock surfaces, hoping that I don't fall and use Sage rod for support on the way down, it's too light and I don't think it'd help, but naturally I'm not falling towards walking stick.



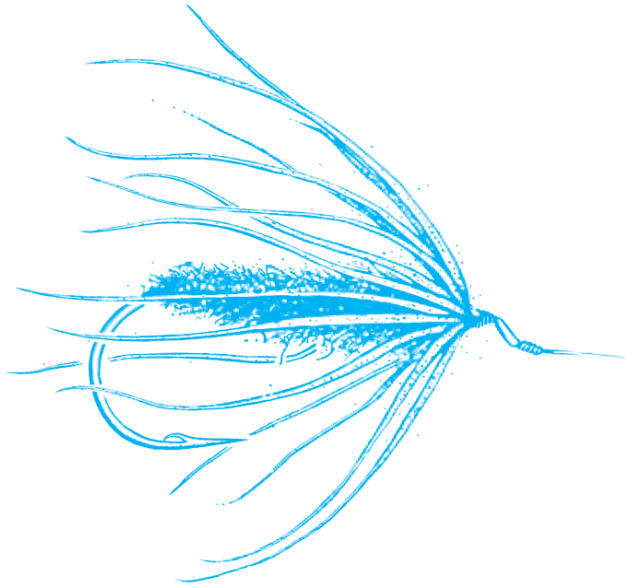
I slip in the mud at streamside while trying to find a clear place to cast, lean walking stick against something cause I can't keep more than one thing



in both hands at a time. I shake out some line, fly hooks up on crap in the stream, drag it back and try to tie on something else while balancing in the water, just hoping that I'm not gonna drop anything else in the stream, roll cast it around and see numerous strikes while I'm trying to control the line and get all the slack out of it. Finally, I get slack out, roll cast, hang tip of rod up in the tree that I forgot I'm under, untangle the line again. Tie on another fly cause it's stuck on some debris while I was trying to untangle rod tip from tree, follow 6" trout working him for another strike, forgot that I left wading staff behind. I'm having trouble finding it cause it looks like a dark piece of wood, stumble in the stream cause ain't got staff, rod goes underwater, but at least don't hit nothing with it this time, water goes over top of my waist high waders cause staff is leaning against a tree somewhere so can't gauge water depth.

Left tippet material back in the car, gotta go back to get it, may as well have coffee while I'm there and look at the trees and the trout rising where I just walked past closer to the gate and car, yellow jackets start buzzing around my head so start swatting them with hat, only pisses them off, so move away, faster and faster, damn, I should have run down hill and not uphill, soda can is full of them when I sneak back, so pour it out and choke down dryer sandwich.

No phone service, cell or otherwise, fire danger can get extreme at times, no help at all during



the week, hardly anybody there if something transpires, somebody is robbing your car of everything of value, or the "Rangers", who only patrol the parking lot on rare occasions, are writing you a ticket cause you forgot to put the illegal sanctioned "Adventure Pass" in the window, which only advertises you're away for at least 5 hours, a coyote urinates on you're tires, making the rubber crack eventually, the battery died because you left the lights on while you were rushing to be first on the stream, you didn't park pointing downhill, can't call AAA, no cell service remember? You're stuck behind school bus going down the hill and the driver's on the cell phone and ain't no way gonna pull over to let you pass, takes half hour more to get down to the freeway, 20 miles back on the 605 freeway during rush hour, and there's 3 accidents already, and car pool lane is down for repair, don't matter, you forgot your blow up car pool doll anyway, it's 5:00 PM when you get home at best, you're mad and blood pressure is way up there from the drive and traffic, wife is mad cause you've been out "funning" yourself all day while she's home doing your chores and just daring you to ask where the hell's dinner. You know better and suggest a nice restaurant for a change.

Now you wonder why I prefer to fish the Long Beach break wall for entertainment?

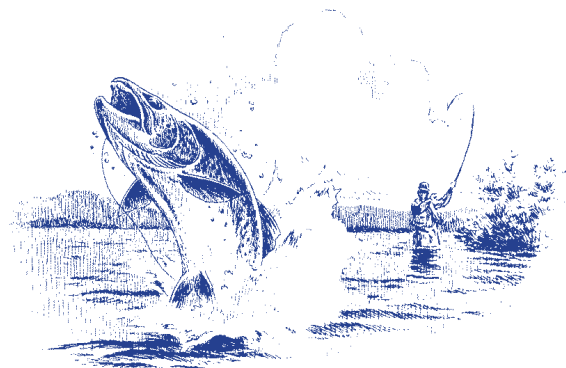
## Silent Auction of Yakima River Guided Fishing

CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

**M**ark Shimazu of Seattle has generously donated a guided fishing trip, the proceeds from which will be used to purchase materials for Project Healing Waters at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. This trip, with a value of \$400, is being sold in a silent auction that will close at the August 24<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

The winning bidder will get a one-day float trip on Washington's Yakima River for two people with Mark. The day includes lunch, beverages, leader, tippet and flies. Mark guides on the Yakima River in the summer and fall, and then works closer to Seattle in the late fall and winter for salmon and steelhead. New club member Dennis Martinez knows Mark and would be happy to tell you what a great opportunity this will be for the winning bidder.

The bid sheet will be posted in the clubhouse if you would like to take advantage of this generous offer. Not only will you be getting a day of guided fishing, you will be supporting Project Healing Waters, the program dedicated to providing fly fishing and fly tying experiences to our wounded warriors, to enhance the physical and emotional rehabilitation of the active service and veteran patients.



# The 2007 National Casting Call

DALE HARMAN, PHW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A river runs through it. This phrase conjures up images of long tailing loops on a wide Montana stream. But in this case the river is running directly through our nation's capitol. While not traditionally considered a fly fishing destination, Washington D.C. and the famous Potomac River offer up a special breed of fly fishing each year with the spring migration of Hickory and American shad. This annual event brings members of Congress, top-level state and federal agency officials, captains of the fishing and boating industries, conservation organization leaders and others to the banks of the river to wet fishing lines and learn more about the need to protect fish habitat across the nation.

The 2007 National Casting Call (formerly the Congressional Casting Call) was held on Monday, April 30 at Fletchers Cove in the C&O National Park in the nation's capital. Sponsored by the American Fly Fishing Trade Association (AFFTA), along with partners that include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the National Park Service, and Trout Unlimited, the event brings together angling advocates and fish habitat conservationists with members of Congress, the Bush Administration, and other policy makers to discuss issues that are important to the fly-fishing industry.

For the second year Project Healing Waters was invited by AFFTA to participate in the Casting Call. Our organization has undergone a great deal of growth since last year's Casting Call and many in attendance were excited to hear of our expansion as a non-profit organization and our growth to involve military and Veterans hospitals throughout the country. Additionally, many of the



wounded service members currently being cared for at Walter Reed Army Medical Center had the opportunity to try their hand at shad fishing including Mr. William "Bill" Johnston (USMC, Viet Nam), PV2 Jeff Breezee, USA, SPC Sam Floberg, USA, SPC J.R. Salzman, USA, and his wife Josie, CPL Rob Kislow, USA, SGT Dennis Cline, USA, SFC Diane Cochran, USAF, 1LT David Folkerts, USA, CPT Eivind Forseth, USA and Mr. Barry Yancosek, Instructor of Fire Arms Training (FATS Program), WRAMC. Because of the excellent weather and ideal water conditions, many shad and perch were caught.

The comeback of the shad to the Potomac is a fascinating story demonstrating that when people work in partnership to protect, enhance and restore fish habitat, everyone wins. This year marks the first anniversary of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan, which was launched at this same gathering last year. The mission of this fast-growing effort is to protect, restore and enhance the nation's fish and aquatic habitat through partnerships that foster the best conservation methods and it has already begun to replicate success stories all over the country like those of the shad.

Project Healing Waters was privileged to be a part of this year's National Casting Call and looks forward to future participation as we strive to protect and restore our national fisheries and introduce more wounded warriors to the restorative powers of a day on the river with a fly rod.

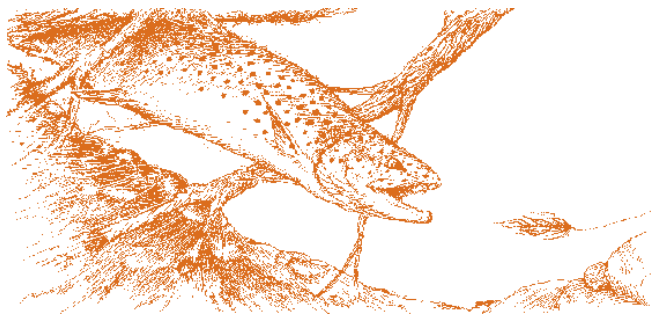


# The Fishing was Simply Fin-Nominal

BOB GRAHAM, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

The annual Green River trip over Memorial Day weekend was sparsely attended. Last year three dozen anglers ventured forth but this year only 12 went: eight in the Red Canyon Lodge and four campers. But we were rewarded for ignoring the price of gas; the cicadas were out and the fish were willing. The whiteboard in the fly shop said it all. Under the A Section it announced "Awesome".

When we arrived at Trout Creek Flies in Dutch John, Utah, we were amazed that there was so much room in the parking lot. And there were no crowds in the shop. Denny Breer was glad to see the club even though we were not as numerous as in the past. Joe did not do a Green River trip this year; he was on the flats at Christmas Island. We also noticed that the campgrounds were only 25% reserved. So tourism was way down this year.



The first day Bob and I floated the river and for the first time ever, I fished with dry flies all day. We used large cicada patterns and were richly rewarded. The big Brown Trout eagerly attacked the cicada imitations. Some strikes were slashing, splashing, violent attacks. The fish inhaled the cicadas and the guide had to probe deeply to remove the fly. Others were slow motion vertical rises from the deep much like "Jaws". On the slow takes, you had to remind yourself to breathe. I held my breath watching the entire take and

sometimes, the rejection. We also observed a new defense mechanism. Some of the trout rose with mouths wide open and then turned down after connecting with the fly. But they kept their mouths open. The end result was that when you set the hook, you merely removed it from the fish! How frustrating.

A word about cicadas. There are two species of cicadas on the Green. The one we fell into is the *Platypedia*, a small (up to about 2½ inches) locust with a three to five year life cycle. They emerge from the warmed ground and climb trees for their sexual dalliance. After they mate, they lay their eggs in leaves and stems. When the nymphs emerge from the eggs, they fall to the ground and burrow under roots where they live for the three to five year cycle. This is a revolving hatch and annually some of the cicadas leave the ground and take to the air. But they are awkward fliers and many end up in the river. The other species is the *Okanagana*, which grows to three inches. Reports are of great thrashing takes of these enormous insects. These have a life cycle of 13–17 years. Only a few of these are seen each year.

No big foibles to report on that first day. Well, Jeff Sadler did take a full body immersion swim in his waders. And, of course, Steve Lee rushed to his aid with camera in hand so the moment is preserved for posterity. Then again Steve decided to fix a hard-boiled egg. He put it in coffee mug filled with a half cup of water and set the microwave for a mere 60 seconds. But at 48 seconds, the egg exploded!

We had arrived during the planting of the Rainbows for the Memorial Day weekend. The hatchery boat drifted down the center of the river while the ranger emptied nets of small fry into the river. The voracious Browns followed along and got an early lunch. The Rainbows had to dart for cover to survive. Most were not quick enough to figure it out. Those who did survive readily tried to catch the dry flies we served on the following days. However, they were unpracticed at slurping



dries and quite often simply missed, coming up short or missing to one side or the other. Having seen this, our guide the first day wanted to fish with streamers and had two rods set up to do so. But Bob and I declined and decided to fish only for the cicadas and we were glad we did.

The dining room at Red Canyon Lodge overlooks an artificial pond stocked with trout. One evening a father-daughter team ventured forth with a rig baited with cheese (I think). Dad would cast and then hand the rod to the eight year old. By the time he passed over the rod, there was a fish on, and she would reel it in. In the beginning, she got no closer than ten feet of the wriggling fish. But by the end of the fishing session, she was up close and personal. But not so close that she would touch it—yet. I don't think Dad knew that once she is hooked on fishing, the cost of this new sport would rival college tuition.

The next day we all walked and waded. Steve tried to duplicate Jeff's swim from the previous day but only got a little wet, about half. The fishing was a little slow. From the drift boat, you are constantly casting toward shore because the cicadas are falling from the trees. But from shore, you spook the fish long before you get a chance to cast. So I switched to nymphing, waded out somewhat and caught a few on red Copper Johns. Bob remained successful on dries.

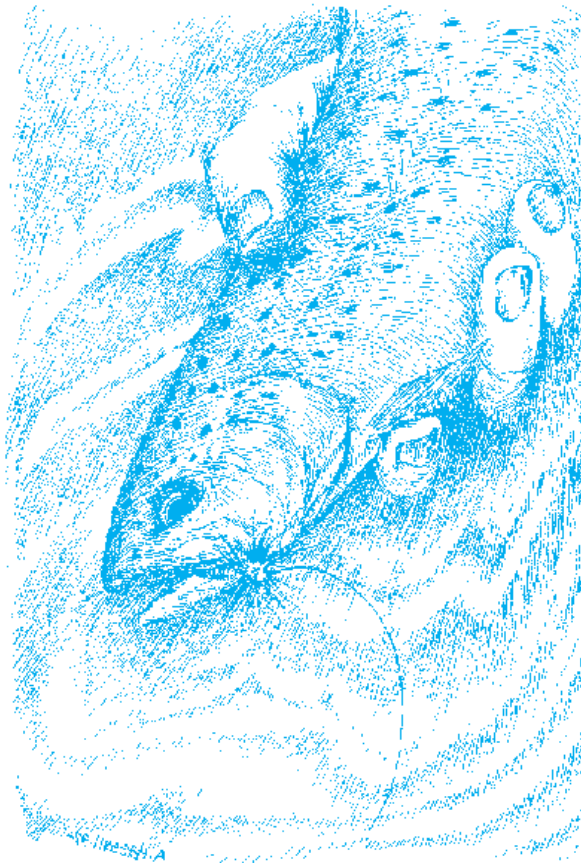
On Sunday, Bob and I drifted and stayed with cicada patterns all day. Our guide patiently waited to net fish hoping that there would be a double

hookup. We recorded six doubles that day and actually have pictures of the last three. John Yosan's son, Dennis, somewhat new to fly fishing, had a personal best that day. Joe Rosenthal and Ben Tortorichi suffered low numbers. But Jane Lee scored the amazing double. She caught a 12" Rainbow. While bringing it in, she noticed a considerable difference in the fight. The weight had changed considerably. A huge Brown had attacked the hooked Rainbow broadside. She brought the fish in and Julius netted them both. The Brown was not hooked but simply never let loose of its meal! She was suitably fined by the Sunshine Committee for fishing with bait.

Not to be outdone, Julius also tried a double. He hooked a nice fish and then it simply released itself. Julius kept on fishing (no recast) and caught another, which also released itself. A double LDR on a single cast!

The final day, Bob and I floated again on the spur of the moment. Fortunately a guide was available. We have decided this is a drifting venue even though we have been successful wading. The guide started

us off at the dam put-in with Sailor Ants (one of Sadler's favorite patterns) and Fat Albert's, a hopper imitation. He saved the cicadas for the central part of Section A. Ironically, the inveterate walkers also rented a raft. Julius, Jane and Steve Lee boated with Jeff Sadler. The first discovery was that Jeff does not know how to row a boat. After they went around in circles for a while, Steve commandeered the vessel and they began to make progress downstream. They reported good





fishing but even better camaraderie.

John Yosan, his son Dennis, Joe Rosenthal and Ben Tortorichi also floated. They had another good day, John estimating a 20+ fish afternoon. He hooked one nice Brown on a cicada imitation. When he netted the trout, it expelled a live cicada! Joe Rosenthal said the last day was the best for him. Ben was in the bow of the drift boat in the morning and caught all the fish. When it was Joe's turn in the afternoon, he reported that large numbers of fish were hooked. The guides like the guy in front to have a long line out so that when the fish take the hook, they don't see the boat. This also is a challenge for line control however and Joe admits missing a great number of fish.

This cicada hatch was not huge. We did not see trout boiling all over the river as depicted in some of the legendary feeding periods. But it was enough of a hatch to keep most of the fish interested in looking up for their meals. We still observed lots of trout down deep in the pools casually eating the nymphs.

All told, this was one of the best trips to the Green River. Fishing with the cicada patterns was a challenge and a drag free drift was necessary to entice the fish. If you managed to do so, the fish were actively willing to take the fake. Seeing the rise and the strike was a real thrill. It was not as easy as nymphing from a drift boat but far more enjoyable. I'll be there next year and I hope we run into the cicadas again.

## You Missed a Great Evening

**BOB GRAHAM, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT**

The "bonus" meeting was held without the usual formalities. Indeed, no member of the Sunshine Committee was present. Your quarters were safe for one night. Nonetheless, many of the members who attended put on their name badges. We ignored the normal trappings of our monthly meeting and went straight into the presentations.

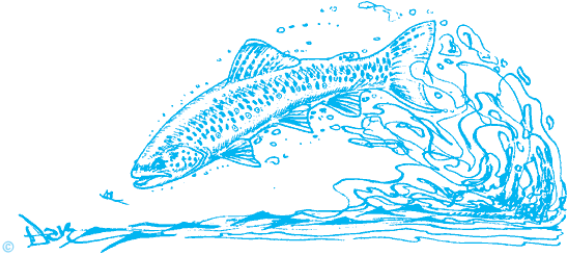
Dennis McTeer had arranged the speaker through Ken Lindsay at The Fishermen's Spot. Ken brought along Les Landau, their travel person, and the main speaker, Chappie Chapman.

Les started the evening with a collection of his own slides taken over four trips to fish in New Zealand with Chappie. He emphasized both the size of the fish, the clarity of the water and the simple fact you have to walk. A lot.

Chappie is a native Kiwi and has guided full time for the last twenty years and part time for many years prior. He is a certified instructor by the FFF and will sit for his Master's exam this fall (his words). Modesty aside, he claims, he intimately knows 200 rivers on South Island and about 100 on the North Island.

Chappie's presentation was more technical and he thoroughly explored the how's and why's of fishing in New Zealand. His favorite outfit is a 5 wt rod overlined with a 6 wt line. Primarily this is because the casting is to short distances, usually less than 30 or 40 feet. So you need to load the





rod quickly. The 7½ foot leader is tapered to 4x with a long 5x tippet. The total length is about 14 feet. The color of the line is critical. If you bring white, yellow or orange, Chappie will send you home with a note! Similarly, your clothing must be in neutrals, olives and tans.

All the fishing is wading and sight fishing. No boats are used. The guide precedes the angler and locates a fish. He then motions the client forward and, with stealth, places the client in the best position. He will tell the client the location of the fish and where to cast. This is a true team effort. And the client should cast where he is told to whether he sees the fish or not.

Two elements were repeatedly stressed to prepare for a New Zealand trip. First is to practice casting for accuracy. These trout are wary in the gin clear water. You'll only see twelve to twenty fish a day and you'll only get two or three casts before your prey becomes aware of your presence. So you must keep the false casting to a minimum and must accurately present your fly within a 20–24 inches circle. Secondly, all the fishing is hike-in so you need to be in good physical shape.

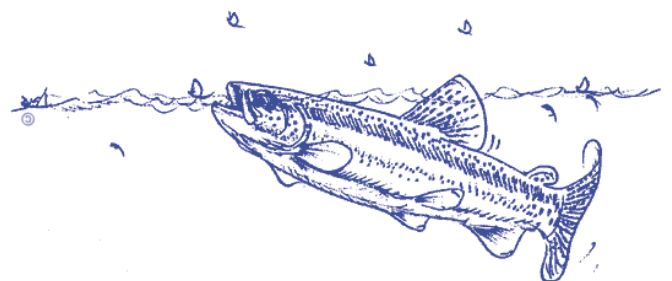
Chappie generously donated an autographed copy of his book *DANCING RIVERS* to the club library. In it he explains each of the river types in New Zealand and the topography of the area in which they are found. He describes, in detail, how to rig and catch fish in his homeland. His presentation emphasized that the need for a guide is paramount. Sight fishing requires experience and stealth. Some tourists believe they can fish on their own and they often spook trophy trout long before they catch a glimpse of them. So it's ironic that his book so carefully details the how-to's

when what he really wants you to do is arrange for guided fishing.

One question that was never fully answered was posed by Mike Allen. "Why are there only a few large fish?" You never hear of anyone catching a fish less than 20–24 inches. (They measure their trout in pounds not inches). Chappie's explanation had something to do with the fact that three sheep in a paddock will be big and fat but thirty will be thin and possibly underfed. (They talk a lot about sheep in New Zealand). There seems to be more than enough food in the biomass to support large populations of fish. Maybe the Browns are consuming the trout fry. Maybe there are no females. The slides only depicted fish with pronounced kypes. These Rainbows (originally planted from the Russian River) grow at enormous rates...to five pounds within two to three years. But why do only a few seem to do so?

Because of creeping senility (he claims), Chappie read much of his presentation. Also he wanted to cover all of his material. Only when he looked up, removed his glasses and related an anecdote to punctuate his written material did his true personality and sense of humor emerge. But there was a crowd around him after the formal presentation when he was more naturally in his element, just telling stories and giving advice with a broad smile.

Thirty of us gathered on this Thursday night and watched almost two hours of slides showing the glories of fishing in New Zealand. Both speakers kept us from squirming in our seats. It was a captivating and informative evening. Truly, a "bonus".





# Proposed ACA Changes for 2008

MARK LIPE,  
LBCC MEMBER AND ACA DELEGATE

ACA Officers, Life Members, and Club Delegates will soon be voting on proposed amendments of the ACA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations. Being the Long Beach Casting Club's ACA liaison, I want to share these proposals with you. Copies are at the clubhouse and available upon request. I will be voting (absentee ballot by mail) for the Long Beach Casting Club on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Your input would be appreciated! Please contact me at mlipe@elcamino.edu or 562 494 1169.

**PROPOSAL #1** wants to replace the National Tournament Regulations section 9. Judges subsection C) with the following: *"C) Fly Distance: One (1) judge plus sufficient personnel for spotting and staking each cast."* This new version better reflects the needs for Fly Distance and has the same language as D) Plug Distance.

**PROPOSALS #2A & #2B** helps clarify the contradictory language relating to assistance and preparation time during the Angler's Fly Distance event. In the Rules Governing Inland Events, Fly Distance, Section 4, Method of Casting, Subsection C) Procedures, Point i) Initial, Sub-point a currently reads *"a) Angler's Fly Distance – Caster may have assistance in removing line from reel and in straightening line, which begins the preparation time. When preparation time begins, and throughout the event, caster shall be allowed no further assistance."* Proposal #2a would replace Sub-point a) with the following: *"a) Angler's Fly Distance – Caster may have assistance in removing line from reel and in straightening line. Once preparation time begins, and throughout the event, caster shall be allowed no further assistance."* Proposal #2b recommends removing Section 20 of the National Tournament Regulations as the information on preparation time, its start, maximum duration, and its end are all defined in the rules for Fly Distance, Section 3, Subsections A) and C).



**PROPOSAL #3A, #3B, & #3C** also deal with Angler's Fly Distance. In the Rules Governing Inland Events, Fly Distance, Section 3. Time, currently reads: *"C) Preparation Time – Two (2) minutes of preparation time shall begin when the caster first begins to retrieve line after initial stretching."* The proposed #3a amendment recommends the following *"C) Preparation Time – Two (2) minutes of preparation time shall begin when the judge declares the box open."* This proposal empowers the judge to begin preparation time for the next caster as soon as dealings with the previous caster have come to a reasonable conclusion. It will no longer be possible for a caster to stall the progress of the tournament. This procedure is in line with the current rules and practices for plug distance and fly accuracy. In the rules Governing Inland Events, fly distance, Section 4. Method of casting, Subsection C) Procedures, Point i) Initial, whose text depends on the acceptance or rejection of proposal #2 with the following recommendation: *"Casters may have assistance in removing line from the reel and in straightening line before and during preparation time. Casters shall be allowed no assistance during casting time."* Proposal #3c is to remove Section 20 of the National Tournament Regulations, unless it has already been removed by the acceptance of proposal #2.

**PROPOSAL #4** adds the following: *"H) 5-wt. Accuracy, 5-wt. Distance, or 5-wt Combination"* to a list of Special Events under the Rules Governing National Championships, Section 2.

**PROPOSAL #5** wants to remove section 5 in Article VIII Annual Meeting which currently reads: *"5. Opening – The Annual Meeting shall be opened with a prayer offered by a clergyman or a member of the host club"*. This proposal does not aim at prohibiting the offering of a prayer, but it leaves it up to the organizers of the meeting whether or not they want to follow this custom.



# New Additions to My Library

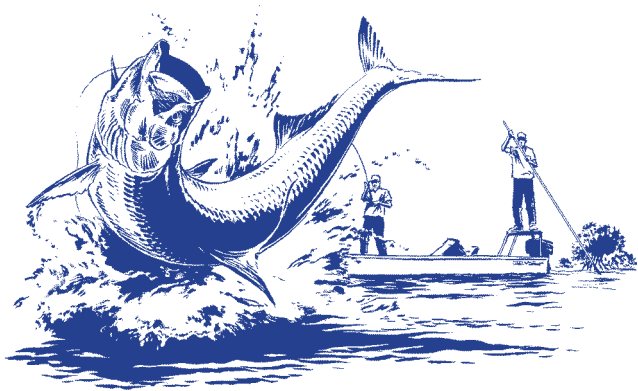
**BOB GRAHAM 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

I was in Marriott's to return a DVD. It only cost me \$200.

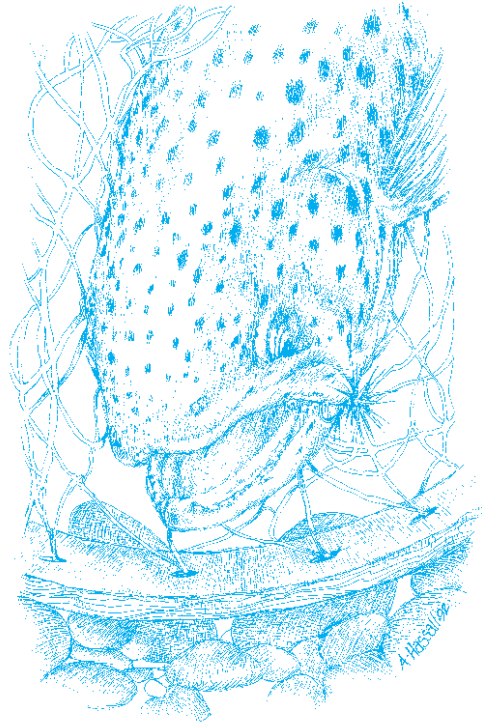
I returned *CHASING SILVER* a video on steelhead fishing because I already had a copy. I tried to blame it on Brian Webb, who sold it to me, but he claimed to have total ignorance of the extent of my video library.

So I brought home a copy of *CHASING SILVER*, a Tarpon Journey. This is a film taken from a TV series highlighting tarpon fishing in the Florida Keys. It's about two hours in length showing nothing but struggle. Extraordinarily big fish to be caught on a fly. These fish are huge and are renowned for their aerobatics. The film shows them jumping and whirling. Some of the ones landed went at least four or five feet in length. I mean these are big fish.

But I also bought *IN SEARCH OF THE RISING TIDE*. This DVD focuses on Andros Island and bonefish. It includes considerable footage of several of the local legends of the sport. Fly-fishing for bonefish



was developed in this area. One of the guides interviewed was Charles Smith, the creator of the Crazy Charlie. His son, now a very respected



guide in his own right, was featured catching some very large bonefish. The water was so clear that the boat seemed to be floating in air rather than resting on the water.

Another DVD I purchased with my "credit" was *RUNNING DOWN THE MAN*. Picture two crazy (young, athletic) anglers running up and down the beaches of Baja, searching for and then catching cruising Rooster Fish. The dorsal fin is segmented and looks like a rooster comb. These fish, too, were huge.

The rest of my buying was for a chest pack (on sale) for the San Gabriel River trip with the beginning casting class. In the ultimate return to reality, I caught nothing but dinks. Some of the fish that I hooked had less water resistance than my fly line. When I set the hook, a few went airborne!

The metal detector as you exit the store seems to sound if I have any room left on my credit card. They know I have no sales resistance and they call me back inside. There's always something more I need.

# Mammoth Outing Report

**CARL LASKI, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

In May 2007, the Long Beach Casting Club outing to Mammoth included Bill Boehlert, Gary Kosaka, Craig McLaughlin, Scott Martini, Gene Peltier, Charles Wheeler and Carl Laski.

Gary Kosaka started the trip early on Wednesday with 12-14 fish at Little Virginia, but was skunked on the East Walker on Thursday so he returned to Little Virginia. On Friday, Gary fished Rock Creek Lake and caught 8 fish.

Craig McLaughlin drove up on Thursday morning and fished Intake 2 above Bishop and had a number of grabs on a soft hackle. He tried Little Virginia the remainder of the day and caught a few more. On Friday, Craig went to East Walker and did not do well on dries or nymphs until he chucked the indicator and went deep. He caught five browns between 8" and 15" within about half an hour.

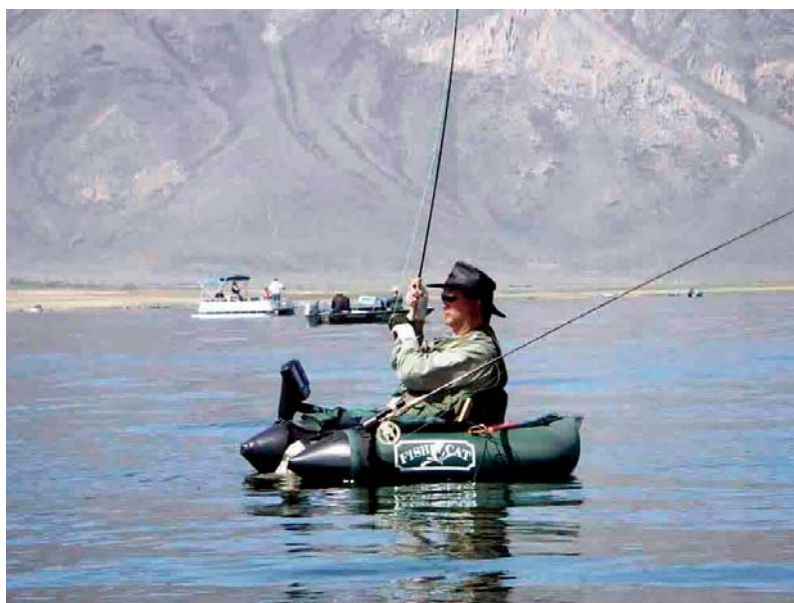
I fished the East Walker on Friday for the first time. After fishing a stretch of the river for awhile, I caught a brown trout. I was later approached by a young gentleman who was wearing a plaid shirt with a golden lab trailing by his side. He pulled his plaid shirt aside revealing a DFG uniform and badge. As requested, I showed him my fishing license and swung my fly rod around so he could inspect both flies to verify that they were barbless. When fishing any body of water, it is so important

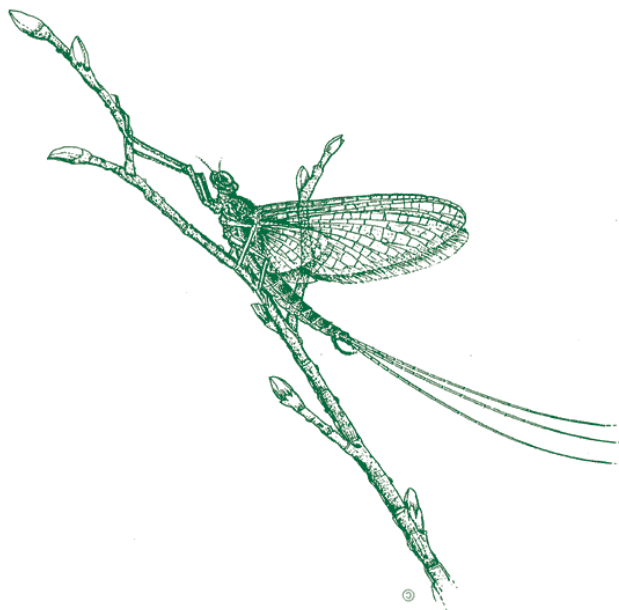
to follow any special regulations. On the way from Bridgeport to the condo in Mammoth, I stopped at the Whoa Nellie Deli, a shockingly gourmet oasis located in the Tioga Gas Mart on the turnoff from Hwy 395 to Hwy 120 (Tioga Pass) just south of Lee Vining. I had the Cowboy Steak Sandwich which was \$13 and worth it, but left no room for dessert!

On Saturday, the group headed to Sandy Point at Crowley Lake. Several of us watched in amazement as Scott Martini assembled his 8 foot pontoon boat. This fishing platform was huge! If you painted it a camouflage color and equipped it with a machine gun, you would expect to see

it in a Chuck Norris movie. Gary was the first to bring several fish to the net. Fishing was slow to fair, but most of the grabs came on a #16 Tiger midge. I managed to hook 4 fish and land 3. There was a massive midge hatch and while sitting in his float tube, Gene Peltier tried to swat away a midge that was

buzzing by his ear. Well...he swatted the midge alright, but also knocked his sunglasses off his face which sunk into the algae bloom abyss. It's a good thing that Gene had a dark pair of wrap around safety glasses from work in his car. He looked like race car driver Richard Petty! After eating lunch, Bill Boehlert was standing on shore and saw me hook a fish. In his rush to join me, Bill launched his float tube, kicked out to where I was anchored and then realized that he forgot his vest! Bill was persistent and hooked a few fish. The group decided to fan out and try other areas before meeting back at the condo for dinner.





As outing chairman, I like to do a final walk through of the condo on Sunday morning before we leave. During my walk through, I found a check book on the kitchen counter. It was so nice and considerate of Charles Wheeler to leave a blank check for the cleaning lady!

Craig, Scott, Gene, Charles and I finished the trip Sunday morning at Rock Creek Lake. Craig drove around the east side of lake where many fish were rising to a hatch. However, the wind kicked up and it shut down. He fished near the dock with others and had some success. Craig made a move to the back of the lake near the inlet, waded out on the sand delta and caught a dozen or so. Scott hooked a dozen fish on the north shore while stripping a fly with a peacock body and black overwing. While Scott and I were kicking into the launch ramp, I hooked a frisky little stocker. As I was stepping out of my float tube, I tripped on my swim fin and took a brief, but refreshing dip in Rock Creek Lake.

Gary passed on Rock Creek Lake and returned to Sandy Point at Crowley Lake. Around 10:00 am, the bite started and managed to catch 4 fish by 11 am, a 15", 20", 13" and 14". He was just about to call it quits and head home when another 20" trout hit his #16 Tiger midge.

## Notes from the Pond

### MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

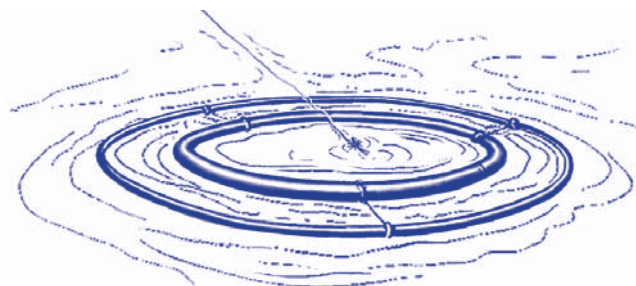
We had a pond cleaning this morning, June 10<sup>th</sup>, and had more than 20 participants. What a crew! We were done in 1½ hours—a possible club record. A great big thanks to Dennis Martinez, Gino Gioiello, Bill Boehert, Dennis McTeer, Bob Middo, Bettye Swart, Carole Katz, Jeff Katz, Rich Garrett, Bob Graham, Mark Tsunawaki, Frank Kropacek, Jane Lee, Julius Lee, Yash Iseda, Rod Palest, Rick Hilles, Andy Stillittano.

I will be tying a dozen flies for a drawing for all those who helped clean the casting pond. Mark's FAMOUS Killer Cadis Pupa. Don't let John Van Derhoof see them.

The casting schedule for Tuesday nights in July is as follows:

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> ¼ oz. and 5/8 oz. plug, Trout Fly, Bass Bug; WTCA scores
- July 10<sup>th</sup> ¼ oz. and 3/8 oz. plug, Trout Fly, ACA score/ Trout Fly, Steelhead, ¼ oz. plug distance; WTCA score.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> 5/8 oz. plug, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 5 Wt. Accuracy ACA score/ Wet Fly; WTCA Score.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> ¼ oz. and 3/8 oz. plug, Trout Fly, ACA score/ Trout Fly, Steelhead, ¼ oz. plug distance; WTCA score.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> 5/8 oz. plug, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 5 wt. Accuracy; ACA score.

Casting starts at 7:00 PM so I'll see you on the pond.





# FFFSWC President's Message

**BOB MIDDO, FFFSWC PRESIDENT**

**M**y goal has and remains to be to increase participation and membership within our Council, and I'm happy to say both are occurring. Never before have I seen more folks attending our meetings, not only here in Los Angeles, but in Bishop as well. Our membership is up 6%, and continues to grow.

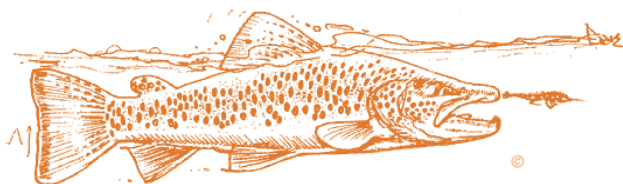
Better attendance and increased membership means that we as a Council get more input on what's important to you individually and as a club. We are your organization and therefore we need you to tell us what to do and how to do it. A good example of this is our new e-mail system to alert all clubs within our Council on important conservation issues, and to coordinate our efforts with the Northern California Council. This had not been done in our Council before and was implemented because someone had a good idea, said it was important, and we agreed. Again, with more participation come more ideas.

Increased participation and membership is great, but what I'm really thrilled about is the response we got when we put out the call for Hot Creek. Members from all the clubs within our Council donated flies, fly tying tools, art work, etc., demonstrated their skills, or helped run our Fly Tying Expo and Auction. Plus, let's not forget those clubs who sent their representatives to help install the new Hot Creek Signs. To all that helped, thank you very much! It was really great to see all of our clubs coming together as one for a good cause.

Finally, this is the first time in a long time that we have had a full working Board. Not only are all the positions filled, but more importantly these positions are filled with new faces, new clubs,

and a renewed desire to help focus the council on the needs of our clubs and members. With a complete Board we can now start to work on issues and projects that have long lain dormant or stalled such as membership, education, women's programs or youth, but we still want to know what is important to you or your club. So I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Fish Hard!



## New Members

**MICK WOODBURY,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

**P**lease welcome the following new members who joined us this month:

- ❖ Kay Kajikawa, (spouse Judy), Torrance
- ❖ Bill Kulungian, (spouse Karen) Fountain Valley
- ❖ Steve Milliken, Rancho Palos Verdes
- ❖ Kelly Shelton, Long Beach
- ❖ Keith Shindledecker, Lakewood
- ❖ Andrew Stillittano, (spouse, Debbie) Rancho Palos Verdes
- ❖ Jason Tucker, (spouse Debbie) Chino

Welcome to the University of Fishucation. As a new member, we wish you good times, great success and improved fishing. And don't forget: when you pick up your membership packet—bring quarters!

If you have any questions, changes or corrections to your address, phone or email contact me at (714) 840-5649 or [mick@rwmarketing.com](mailto:mick@rwmarketing.com).



# FFF Certified Casting Instructor Preparation Course

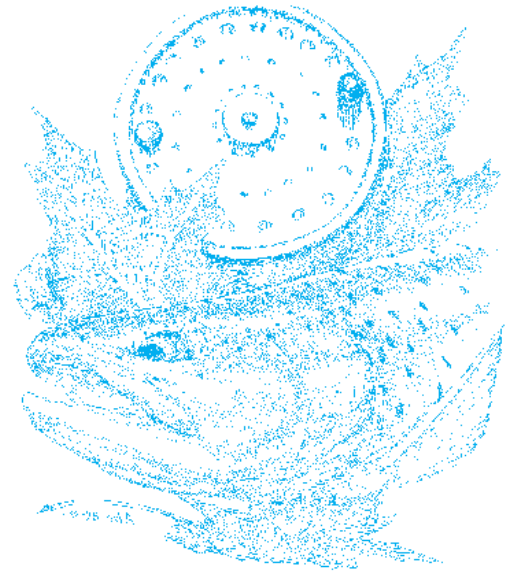
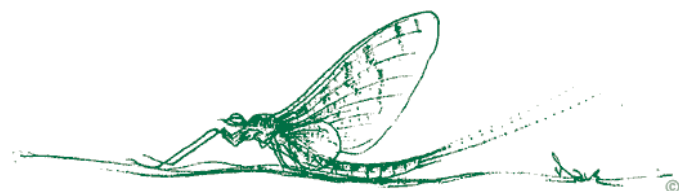
**BOB MIDDO, MEMBER**

Due to overwhelming demand, the club will be conducting a preparatory course for those individuals interested in becoming an FFF Certified Casting Instructor. This course is designed as an overview of the certification process and expectations, as well as a review and analysis of the participant's level of instructing and casting ability.

The Long Beach Casting Club has one of the most successful public casting classes offered in the country, and a large part of this success is due to the ongoing education program to encourage its members to become better instructors, or better yet, FFF Certified Casting Instructors. If you feel you need to take your instructing and casting ability to the next level, this course is for you.

The course will be limited to 18 individuals, and span four consecutive weeks, every Tuesday night starting July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a first come, first served course, so those interested in attending need to e-mail Bob Middel at: [threemiddos@aol.com](mailto:threemiddos@aol.com) ASAP to reserve your spot.

Finally, this is a CI preparatory course only, and therefore does not count as a CI Workshop. Those continuing on to their CI will still be required to attend an FFF CI workshop prior to their actual exam, but the good news is that it's free and mainly review.



## Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2007

**BOB GRAHAM, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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
July 26, 2007	Mas Okui <b>HOT CREEK</b>
August 24, 2007 (Friday)	Ken Iwamasa <b>IWAMASA FLIES</b>
August 25, 2007 (Saturday)	Ken Iwamasa <b>FLY TYING WORKSHOP</b>
September 27, 2007	Chris King <b>NOR-CAL STEELHEAD</b>
October 26, 2007 (Friday)	Rick Hafele <b>UNDERSTANDING EMERGERS</b>
October 27, 2007 (Saturday)	Rick Hafele <b>WESTERN HATCHES WORKSHOP</b>

# John Van Derhoof to Receive Prestigious Award

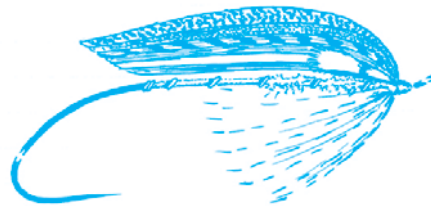
CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

John Van Derhoof has been selected to receive the Federation of Fly Fishers' highest honor for fly tiers, the Bus Buszek Memorial Award, at the National Conclave in August. This award is presented annually to the individual who has made significant contributions to the art of fly tying, and recognizes tying skill, innovation, and sharing knowledge by teaching or publication. We at LBCC know him as our Target Talk Editor, master casting instructor, tournament casting competitor and fly tying instructor. But there is so much more.

John has been tying flies for 44 years. As an innovative and extraordinary fly tier, for the last 25 years John has demonstrated, taught and written about tying all over the United States. For the same 25 years, he has distinguished himself as an expert fly casting instructor, and has served on several FFF national boards and committees. He is in demand as a tier, caster, rod builder, artist and personable walking encyclopedia of everything related to fly fishing.

He began tying salmon flies in earnest in 1979 and first tied as a demonstrator at the local Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave in 1981. John did demonstration tying at every FFF National Conclave from 1984 until 1992.

From 1984 to 1987, John taught the Atlantic Salmon Fly Class at the FFF Conclave. Several of John's students have won the Buszek Award: Boyd Aigner ('80), Billy Munn ('86), Dick Nelson ('87), Jimmy Nix ('89), Royce Dam ('94), Marvin Nolte ('95), Judy Lehmberg ('97), Bruce Staples ('01), Bill Heckel ('03) and Chris Helm ('04). Of the 28 Buszek Awards winners since 1980, ten, or 36%, have been John's students.



John has taught and/or demonstrated fly tying at approximately 70 regional conclaves all over the US. He has done demonstration tying at every Southwest Council of the FFF Regional Conclave, and won the FFF Southwest Council Fly Tier of the Year Award in 1992, the only recipient of that award.

John is a member of Phrozen Phantom Phlytier, a who's who in fly tying and fishing, the membership of which includes Lefty Kreh, René Harrop, Gary LaFontaine, Darwin Atkin, Craig Matthews, etc.

An indication of the desirability of his flies is that eleven plates of 1–3 flies have sold for over \$1000 each. One of his plates with a single fly sold for \$1700. John was one of five local salmon fly tiers who each tied a Jock Scott fly for a plate that sold for \$2400 at auction, and one of his salmon flies was traded for a \$2000 bamboo rod. He was one of the twelve tiers featured in a Phrozen Phantom Phlytier plate that netted over \$3000; this plate now hangs in the FFF Museum. With the exception of the rod all of the money raised by these plates benefited the FFF, an FFF Council or a local FFF club.

John was a tying contributor to Stephen J. Meyers' *STREAMSIDE REFLECTIONS*, published in 1990. He was one of sixteen American tiers of salmon flies featured in Judith Dunham's book, *THE ATLANTIC SALMON FLY*, published in 1991; his flies were in an exhibit at the Museum of Art of the University of California at Northridge in 1992 as a result of this book. John and his flies have been mentioned in books by Gary LaFontaine, Lefty Kreh, John Randolph and several others, as well as in *FLY FISHERMAN* and *AMERICAN FLY TIER* magazines. Every month since September, 1997, John has illustrated and written the popular "Fly of the

Month" articles for our Target Talk newsletter.

Some of the effective flies he has developed for salt, steelhead, bass and trout fishing include the Halo, Moose Midge, Hank o' CDC, Bend-Back Sculpin, Looped-Wing Emerger, Bullethead Cicada, Anchovy-Baitfish and John's Sliders for steelhead and trout. Gary LaFontaine loved John's Trout Slider and, in one of his books, described it as one of his favorite waking/attractor patterns. John's "novelty" flies were realistic flies tied with salmon fly materials and married wings, such as a full dressed Jock Scott on a 5/0 hook with an extended body. Other truly realistic flies using married wings with legs, antennae, eyes, etc., were tied on salmon hooks with salmon materials and included stoneflies, mayflies with extended bodies, caddis flies, damsel and dragonflies.

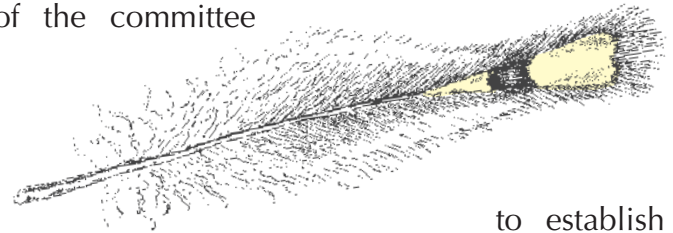
John's accomplishments extend beyond fly tying. He started working with Les Eichhorn of Sage in 1983 and taught Sage Casting Schools all over Southern California, Arizona and Nevada. He continued to teach these classes with Les, Lani Waller or by himself until 1991. He taught Sage Fly Fishing Schools in Alaska and Mexico with Lani Waller.

John was named to the FFF Casting Instructor Certification Advisory Committee at its inception in 1992, and received his Master Casting Instructor Certification in 1997. He was elected to the FFF Casting



Instructor Certification Board of Governors in 1999, a position he held until 2006. He currently is a Board of Governor-Emeritus.

John was one of the original members of the committee



to establish new FFF annual awards: the Lifetime Achievement in Fly Casting Instruction Award and the Mel Kreiger Instructor Award. He continues to serve on this committee.

An artist of considerable repute, John prepared the design and artwork for the pin that the FFF Lifetime Achievement in Fly Casting Instruction Award recipients receive. John also designed the FFF Casting Instructor Certification Decal. His submission for a new American Casting Association logo was recently adopted, and he created the tournament logos for the ACA National Tournaments in 2000 and 2006.

John is known as an accomplished rod maker, having built more than 100 sought-after rods.

John has received many awards from Long Beach Casting Club, including the Ed Thomas Trophy for teaching fly casting (1992), Roy Fox Trophy for the best distance caster (1984, 1985), Ed Williams Trophy for the best accuracy caster (1984, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2007), and the Frank Messersmith Trophy for the best season in the Bass Bug Event (1982, 1983). In April, John received our club's highest honor, the Bob Bird Sunshine Award. He has occupied several board positions, including club president, 1982-83.

I personally have never understood how John has had the time to do all that he has, work full time as a landscape architect, have a lovely family, and still remain the amazing person that he is. Some of us mere mortals would need several lifetimes to accomplish what John has so far in his. He is a great fisherman and an even better friend to many of us. We are so very fortunate to have him as a member of our club.

# Fly of the Month: John's Beaded Pupa

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Of all insects that are available to a trout the midge is probably the most abundant of them all. It inhabits virtually all water types from but is probably most important in lakes, ponds and the slower sections of streams and spring creeks. Midges are also responsible for some of the most maddening and frustrating fishing around.

The Beaded Pupa is a pattern that can help to solve those difficult conditions. Fish it with a long leader, a strike indicator and little (a #8 or #10 split shot) or no weight. The fly is designed to rest in or just below the film where the real emerging pupa is the most vulnerable. It is here that the pupa rests for a moment before transforming into an adult. This pattern has worked well on lakes in the Sierras, including Lake Crowley, as well as on Hot Creek, and both the upper and lower Owens River.



This pattern also works very well on the Green River, the Big Horn or similar types of rivers in the slower water sections—especially on warm, but overcast afternoons. It is during these occasions that you will often see large trout sipping something small and undefinable in the “frog” water (back currents and eddies). You will need a long leader and tippet to fool these fish. As these conditions often relate directly to an afternoon rain storm that usually doesn’t last too long; I try to put together a fly and leader rig in advance and loop it on as a quick replacement of my normal rig. Saves time and stress when you are rushed to fish an ever-changing, dynamic situation.

It is very quick and easy to tie, especially if you want to do a dozen or so at a time. The pattern is also quite versatile—eliminate the hackle and the gills and you have a midge larval imitation that should be fished deeper and around structure and weed beds. Get rid of the gills and use a hackle and it becomes an excellent rock worm/caddis larva for fishing near the bottom especially at the tailout of a riffle.

Please give the Beaded-Pupa a try the next time you venture out on your next trip. No matter where that trip is you will find that midges will also be there and this fly just might make a difference.

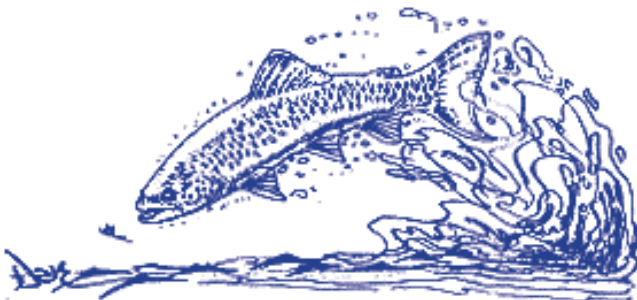
## Materials for tying the John's Beaded Pupa:

Hook:	Tiemco #2487 or equivalent in sizes 12 to 20. For smaller sizes use a Tiemco 101 dry fly hook with a ring eye	Thorax:	Peacock herl
Thread:	Black or brown 8/0	Gills:	Light dun or natural colored cul du cunard (CDC) puff
Body:	Translucent beads threaded onto 12# to 20# clear monofilament (depending upon the size); try olive, red, pink or black	Hackle:	Brown speckled Hungarian partridge tied short



### Instructions for tying the John's Beaded Pupa:

1. Attach the thread to the hook just behind the headspace and wind back to a spot just over the point of the hook. Cut off a 6-inch long piece of monofilament and, using lighter or gas range, carefully melt one end into a ball shape. The ball must be large enough to not allow your beads to slide over it.
2. Slide beads onto the monofilament to a length equal to the shank of the hook or a little (one bead) longer. With a pair of flat nosed pliers lightly crimp the monofilament immediately in front of the beads and in one or two other spots along its length. These flattened spots will create small jams that will help keep the body from being pulled out. Tie in the body so that the beads are very slightly loose which will allow them move a little and look more natural.
3. Tie in 1 or 2 pieces of peacock herl (depending on the size of the fly) and wind them forward to the headspace. At this point, if all you want to create is a midge larva or a caddis worm then form a small, neat head and whip finish.
4. Select a fluffy CDC puff/plume for the fly's gills and tie it in with the tips facing forward. The gills should not extend much beyond the eye of the hook. If you want to tie a caddis larva then ignore this step of the pattern.
5. Select a Hungarian partridge hackle whose barb length is about the width of the gap or smaller. Tie the hackle in by the tip, wind 2 to 5 turns and tie the hackle off securely making sure that the hackle flows back toward the body. Form a small, neat head between the eye of the hook and the gills, whip finish and add a small drop of head cement to complete the fly.



## PHW Donations & Sale

CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

The family of Jack Faith, retired Naval radar systems operator, has donated more than 300 items of his fly tying and fishing materials and equipment to Project Healing Waters. We have already put to use many of these things at our weekly fly tying sessions with patients at the Long Beach Veterans Administration Medical Center. Some of the donated items will not be useful to us and we are going to sell them at our monthly meetings.

There are lines, hooks, books, videos, tying materials, a tying bench and other things. One set of particular note is a Norlander Nor-Vise. In addition to the vise and thread keeper, there is a wooden storage case, a 27 by 18 inch acrylic tying bench made specifically for the Nor-Vise, two automatic bobbins, and twelve Norlander spools with either tying thread or floss. If you are not familiar with the Nor-Vise, go to their web page and watch the short video about how this automatic vise works. It's very interesting. If purchased new, this set would sell for more than \$500 without all the thread and floss.

Any money from the sale of these items will be used to purchase other materials and equipment that we need for Project Healing Waters. Stop by the Project Healing Waters table and do a little shopping.

# Mas Okui is the July Speaker

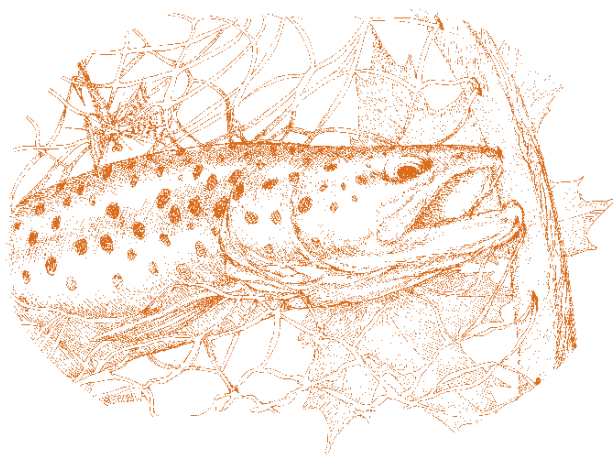
**BOB GRAHAM 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Mention Mas Okui's name and you immediately think of Hot Creek. He will make a presentation at the July 26<sup>th</sup> general meeting covering his favorite water. He will also describe his innovative way of fishing it: with a very long leader of 18–24 feet.

This is a rig and system he developed while he was interned at the Manzanar War Relocation Center with his father and two brothers for three years during WWII. A friendly guard gave him a fly rod and he fished Bair Creek that ran through the camp. He taught himself to fish as a ten year old. The rest as they say is history. He also developed the "Killer", a fly that is deadly on trout. It is

one of Yash Iseda's favorite flies. He will tie flies before the meeting and hopefully this will be one of them.

As a schoolteacher, he took many busloads of students to tour Manzanar even before the Park Service created the interactive interpretive center. He is also a frequent fly tier at fishing shows. This should be a very interesting presentation.



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Call Joe Libeu at 310-749-6671 or email [Fishlgef@ix.netcom.com](mailto:Fishlgef@ix.netcom.com) for any additional information or to sign up for the clinic.



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# Calendar of Events

## 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 in Mammoth
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
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
11	Saturday		Club Trip: Surf Fishing Trip
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
15	Wednesday	1:45 PM	Fly Tying at the VA Hospital
		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
26	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 Am	Casting Games
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying

## September

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
9	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Kern River Trip
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
16	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 Am	Casting Games
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
21–23	Weekend		Club Trip: Kern River Trip
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: 1st Night Orientation
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Chris King—Steelhead Fishing
30	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 Am	Casting Games



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