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Leader's Line

Stream Etiquette

DENNIS McTEER, PRESIDENT

Last August, fishing the San Joaquin River with my sons, two fishermen walked up and started fishing within a few feet of us. I have to assume that stream etiquette was not part of their fly-fishing education. I wouldn't say that I'm a goody two shoes but I've never been one to offend and I was taught at a young age to respect others. So a few years ago, when I took Joe's ON THE RIVER CLINIC, the concept of stream etiquette was easy to grasp.

In this day of modern technology, enthusiastic anglers are initiated to the joys of fly fishing through books, videos, CD-ROM's, DVD's, and other instructional media. These media focus on the technical aspects of fly fishing, but they fail to emphasize an aspect of angling essential to mutual enjoyment of the sport, the ethics of stream etiquette.

As the number of anglers joining our ranks increases each year, the need for stream etiquette becomes more important than ever before. Ironically, stream etiquette seems to be practiced less and less.

Yet, stream etiquette is a practice as important to fly fishing as learning how to cast a fly or mend a line. In essence, it is the practice of showing respect for others and their right to share equally in the enjoyment and use of our waters and natural resources.

Simply put it is an unwritten list of common sense practices and rules of respect for anglers to follow while fishing streams and rivers. Traditionally, beginners learned stream etiquette from their mentors. Though vestiges of this tradition are preserved in the culture of fly fishing, as the sport is transformed into an "industry," they are becoming increasingly rare. Awareness of these rules must be consciously built, actively taught, and tirelessly maintained. This awareness begins at home.

In an effort to improve everyone's enjoyment of fishing, please consider the following points:

- ❖ If someone is fishing a hole and you want to fish it, kick back on the bank, relax, and wait for one of two things to happen: the other angler will move on, or invite you to join him. Never wade into a hole if someone else is

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Chris King: Northern California Steelhead and Big Trout

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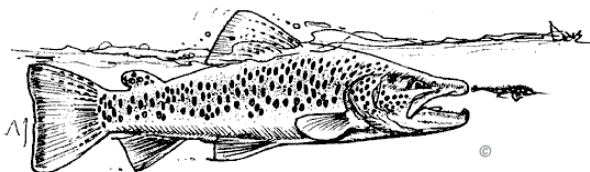
Chris King, the Owner and Operator of Sac River Outfitters, is our speaker for our September 27th meeting. He and his guides take over 600 trips a year. The LBCC and its individual members have taken numerous club trips with Chris and his guides.

Chris is an FFF Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor and is also certified in Two Handed Fly Casting as well. He learned fly-fishing from his father and after a year in college, he settled in Breckenridge, Colorado. Already a world-class skier and snow boarder, he concentrated on fly-fishing in the spring and summer. He soon came to the attention of Summit Guides at the Keystone Resort and began teaching fly-casting to the resort guests.

He worked at the House of Hardy where he was trained in the science of rod building. While there, he ventured to Scotland and learned spey casting and he met Mel Krieger. Soon he moved to Northern California where he was head instructor for the Mel Krieger Fly Fishing School. He has also guided for The Fly Shop in Redding. In 2003, he established Sac River Outfitters.

His presentation will concentrate on the Trinity and Lower Sacramento Rivers: when and where to go, what to use and even access points to the best fishing spots. His guides regularly produce rainbow trout up to 18–20 inches and steelhead averaging over seven pounds.

As an added bonus, Chris might be staying over and if he does he could conduct a Saturday clinic in single-handed spey techniques. This has become a very popular clinic—stay tuned, we'll let you know as soon as we can!



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Ken Iwamasa Returns to Long Beach

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We are honored to have Ken Iwamasa as our speaker for the meeting to be held on FRIDAY August 24th. Ken is excited about it because he is a graduate of CSULB having received both his BA and MA degrees in fine arts and is looking forward to returning. He is now a professor of art at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

He is frequently a visiting artist or guest lecturer at universities and colleges throughout the nation and his artwork, prints and photographs are frequently seen in museums and galleries in the west in solo exhibitions and juried shows. He is a renowned artist and he brings that skill to fly-fishing.

A long time fly fisher, he will describe fly-fishing opportunities and techniques in Colorado. He will also conduct a fly tying session on Saturday for 15–20 participants, concentrating on new patterns he has recently developed. His flies and methods have been displayed in numerous publications. His artist's eye brings great precision and skill to his flies. But he couples that with focused observation while on the water.

Ken authored a book on fly tying some fifteen years ago that was very well received. IWAMASA FLIES has been long out of print but used ones are available from Amazon, AbeBooks.com or eBay. He is often cited by other tiers for his unique patterns. His creations are quite often seen in fly tying magazines. Some of his flies are found in the American Fly Fishing Museum.

Ken's most recent writing appears in the September issue of Fly Fisherman magazine. He has been fishing for and studying the *Hucho hucho taimen*, the world's largest salmonid, in Mongolia.

This should be an exciting evening. The details about the Saturday fly tying session will be available shortly. Hope to see you at both events.



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
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

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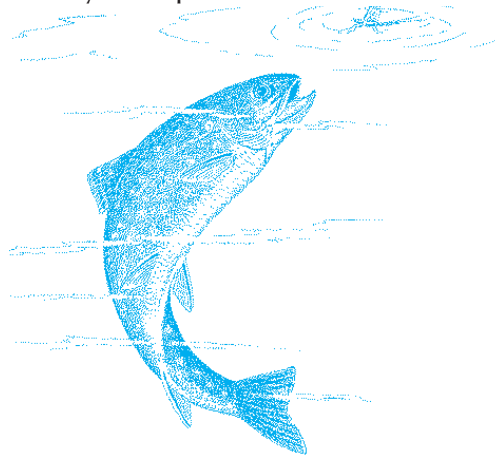
fishing it. Common courtesy and stream ethics require you wait until they finish or invite you to join them.

- ❖ You should give 30 to 50 yards of space to another angler. If there isn't that amount of river available, you should first ask the other angler if it is okay to fish close by. When walking along a bank, know where an angler is fishing to, not just where he or she is standing. Ask the other angler whether he or she is moving up or down river, and then fish in the other direction. Ninety percent of all confrontations and run-ins could be avoided if fishermen would take time to communicate.
- ❖ Be aware of others and what they are doing. Pay attention. Look around, and see what's happening. Some people get so intense and caught up in what they are doing that they don't take time to relax and enjoy nature. Observe fly hatches from a distance to avoid spooking fish for others. Look far upstream and downstream, and if you see angler casting to a rising fish get out of the water and walk around him or her and the fish. When passing another angler on the stream, stay well back from the bank.
- ❖ Remember, whoever is working UPSTREAM has the right-of-way. If you are going downstream, get out of the water. If you are going up, hope the other guy knows this.
- ❖ If you meet another fisherman who is just sitting on the bank, ask from a distance if he or she is resting the pool or just relaxing. Some people wait for a hatch at a particular place. If that's the case, get out of the water and go a distant spot.
- ❖ Treat spin and bait fishermen with the same respect would another fly fisher. They have just as much of a right to be on the stream as you, and nothing gives the fly fishing community more of a bad reputation than someone preaching arrogantly to other fisherman.
- ❖ If someone is using improper stream etiquette

it is best to politely explain your views and opinions to them. This will have greater results than harshly complaining or making rude comments.

- ❖ Leave with everything you bring. Litter is a threat to the environment, everyone's enjoyment of our natural resources, and our fishing privileges.

Peace, quiet, and solitude are attributes we all seek when fishing. The opportunity to fish in a contemplative way allows anglers to enjoy each day on the water to its fullest. Such days are possible only when everyone practices stream-side ethics and good manners. The bottom line on stream etiquette is: extend the same courtesy to others that you expect from them.



Steelhead Deposits Are Due

BOB GRAHAM, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Just a reminder that a \$300 deposit is due from those of you who have signed up for the Steelhead trip November 1–5, 2007. The cost of the trip this year is \$825.

There are only a few openings left as of early July and I will maintain a wait list in case there are cancellations. The total cost must be paid to Marriott's before Labor Day.

Northern California Trip Report

BOB GRAHAM, 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Our most recent fundraising event for the Sunshine Committee occurred at the end of June. For the last two years the trip has really been two trips with a few days guided fishing in Redding and then to Clearwater Lodge for another few days. This year we divided the trip with the Redding portion being scheduled for later this year. The plan was to fish only from Clearwater. Well good plans get changed.

First, even limiting the trip to Clearwater didn't lower the cost enough to attract the number of anglers we expected. We had sixteen last year and only four this. And second, it is a long drive and those who did attend made arrangements for additional days. So the four of us left early for the trip and in fact fished the Redding area again. Rich Garrett and Mary Lou up a guided float trip on the Lower Sac with Slim (of Mountain Man fame) and Maria Rivas and I hit the Trinity River. We went first to The Fly Shop in Redding to check on local conditions. The whiteboard announced Good to Great fishing in every venue listed. We asked Sandy, a long time resident and sales rep at the shop, where to go on the Trinity River. He fishes there frequently and pointed out a location where he only uses a seven-weight rod to get the left over salmon, big steelhead and trout. We set off with his directions drawn on scrap paper with great anticipation.

Maria and I fished his recommended spot below Lewiston Dam all afternoon (in the high nineties) with modest success. We stayed there until 9:00 PM and then realized we had forgotten about both lunch and dinner. It was too late to eat so we skipped both meals, had a full breakfast at Marie Callender's the next day and returned to The Fly Shop. Sandy explained we were not quite in the right spot; we had to fish a little further



downstream. So we returned to the Trinity, located the right spot and dramatically increased our take. We found the deeper pools where the big boys were hiding. But we left them undisturbed; my skills were not up to trophy trout that day.

We quit in late afternoon and headed to Clearwater Lodge, which is about ninety minutes to the east of Redding. We arrived at 7:00 PM hoping to clean up before the 7:30 PM dinner. We were met with the first of many changes in Clearwater this year: dinner was at 6:00 PM. Rich and Mary Lou joined us a little later and we had a reheated but delicious meal of roast tenderloin of beef, garlic mashed potatoes and veggies. Even the leftovers are good at this lodge. We also met with our guides to plan the next two days of guided fishing.

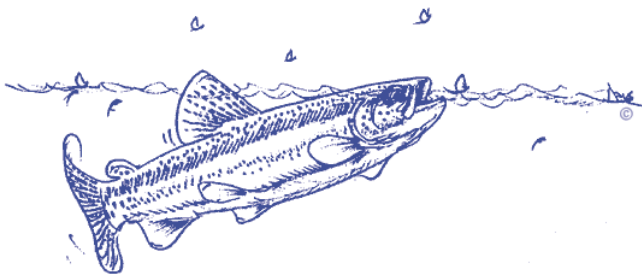
Maria and I were assigned Dax Messett, a long time guide there who was one of Maria's instructors at Clearwater House when she first learned to fly fish through one of the famous courses. Our first venue was Carbon Bridge on Hat Creek for the morning trico spinner fall. You fish from shore; wading will damage the weed beds and harm the sensitive ecosystem. Using tiny size 20 and 22 flies and twelve foot leaders tapered to 7X, we cast above and beyond the fish rising on a glassy surface and then dragged the fly back into the feeding lane with an upstream lift of the rod thus producing both a straight line and leader and also an automatic mend. The stream was gin clear, glassy (no wind) and all we saw

were heads actively feeding and loudly gulping. It was necessary to choose a specific head to cast to; presenting to the entire pod was useless. That would be ignored.

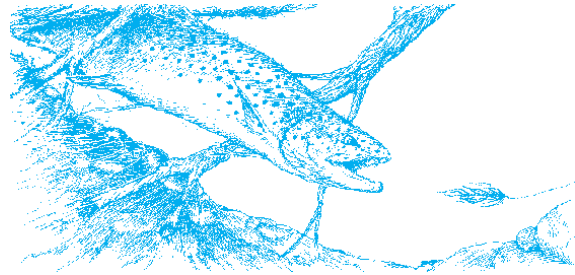
The afternoon we spent floating the Fall River using small nymphs and fishing the famous Fall River Twitch with the boat perpendicular to the current and floating the rig downstream using long leaders to the feeding fish. An afternoon hurricane on the river and some boat equipment problems forced us to quit a little early that day. Among other things, the trolling motor became detached as we approached the dock with a huge tail wind pushing us briskly. Dax had his back to the dock so I had to fend off the bow from the dock and the upturned outboard motor of the boat next to us. I had visions of slicing a goodly portion of my anatomy (and there is a goodly amount of it) on the exposed propeller.

Rich and Mary Lou returned and Rich was in great consternation. He heard a plop sometime during the day and when he got to the Lodge realized that his glasses, glass case and license were all missing from the pockets of his LBCC fishing shirt. Boy, was he agitated.

The next day they fished the Fall River and had a fine day with no wind. Numerous fish were caught the largest being 17 1/2" and 19". They won't say who caught which. But both are nice fish for that river. (Mary Lou found Rich's missing stuff safely stashed in his truck).



That day Maria and I returned to the trico spinner fall with our guide. It was a little tougher because the breeze had come up and that put the fish down. I switched to a dry dropper system and



caught one on the dropper. We then went to Lost Creek and worked our way downstream of the little parking lot. There we entered a long and wide run of slow, crystal clear water and practiced our long line presentation to small but challenging wild native red band trout. If the presentation is drag free, you are rewarded with a slashing take. These beautiful trout still have their paar marks even as adults.

The next day all four of us returned to Carbon Bridge for the spinner fall and again faced difficult fishing with the wind coming up from time to time. Nonetheless, we were happy to hear the screams of joy when Mary Lou hooked into a couple of nice fish. Rich dropped all his split shot onto the ground and then reached down and grabbed one to attach to his leader. He carefully inserted it into his mouth and chomped down on it to secure it to the tippet. He bit into a rock! I guess he does need those glasses.

After the spinner fall quit for the day, we ventured further upstream to the Powerhouse Riffle. Two fly fishermen were already there. We met a departing angler in the parking lot who was skunked that day. When Maria and I faced the two other fishermen, it occurred to us (separately) that they weren't fishing where the fish were (or should be). My first fish came on the second cast. After a few more, Maria moved a little to the downstream side and cast into a pool. She hammered a 17" fatty (that only took three casts!) and then three more fish in less than a half an hour. They were all good-sized beauties. The other fishermen, having been skunked, left dejectedly and Rich and Mary Lou joined us for some good fishing.

That night was our first hex hatch. The Hexagenia

limbata is a huge yellow mayfly that hatches at dusk on the Fall River in great profusion. The hatch only lasts for about six weeks and we planned this trip around this event. The sun was setting behind Mt. Shasta when we arrived to set up the boat perpendicular to the current. In anticipation of the hatch, we floated some adults down stream and teased some action. When the hatch started in earnest, it was sheer bedlam. The fish make slashing, splashing attacks and there are multiple takes. So you can cast into the ring left by a fish being confident that he will take it on his next rise.

We didn't have to be delicate in our presentation and slapping the water does not affect the frenzy. We did have two rods set up for the evening although we each used just one. But the fishing was interrupted several times for a generous application of dry shake to be sure the fly was floating with a high silhouette. We fished the Lower Fall River the first evening and then changed places with Rich and Mary Lou on the Upper Fall River the next night. The hatch normally starts a little before 9:00 PM and ends abruptly at 10:00 PM when it gets too dark to fish.



Rather than drive straight home from Clearwater, we met at the Soda Creek turn off on the Upper Sacramento River which was recommended by Rich's guide. He gave us precise directions from the parking lot next to the railroad tracks. Maria and I went into Dunsmuir first and checked out the Ted Fay Fly Fishing Shop. While Maria was watching someone tie some Copper Johns at the vice, I talked to the salesman about the upper river and successful nymphs and methods. We purchased a bunch of local flies and headed off to meet Rich and Mary Lou.



Maria and I hiked down to the runs suggested by Rich's guide. It was a beautiful day; one meant to be fished for trout. The sun was dappling through the trees, there was a slight breeze and the river was cold. Occasionally the trains would come by. Only one blew his whistle and that was when I was trying to tie on a fly. I nearly dropped the fly box I was so startled. I caught a few fish but Maria went with none that day. When we returned to find Rich and Mary Lou, it was reported that she had caught a nice fourteen incher. But she also fell in, which was actually a cooling experience.

Rich also had a hookup there. After he tied on a fly with a clinch knot, he grabbed the tag end of the tippet with his teeth and tightened the knot. Unfortunately, it slipped from his teeth and he impaled himself "right in the corner of the mouth, just the way you are supposed to hook a fish." Fortunately, it was a small fly. Unfortunately, it was not de-barbed yet. Ouch!

We were fishing in the Redding area where the temperature was in triple digits. That's when my air conditioner finally quit. Maria and I left Redding the next morning about 4:00 AM but the temperature was already in the 70s. Much of the trip home was spent with the windows opened, which only circulates hot air. She may never fish with me again!

One of the purposes of club trips is to expose members to new rivers to fish, to explore new waters. I think we have achieved those goals fishing in the intermountain area around Hat Creek, Pit River and the McCloud. I, for one, will be going back on my own, but it appears that as a club, we need new places to explore. I can hardly wait to see what the new outings leader has up his sleeve. Give him your ideas as well.

Let's go fishing!

Allan & Barbara Rohrer Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

The 2007 Federation of Fly Fishers Lifetime Achievement in Fly-Casting Instruction Award was given to Allan and Barbara Rohrer. This award is given to someone who is an instructor in the art of fly casting, an innovator in fly casting techniques, a motivator of students, perhaps a “legend” in the fly casting world. The recipient should be someone who has committed his or her life to advancing the sport of fly casting, who may have been instrumental in developing the FFF’s Casting Instructor Certification Program, someone known for sharing his or her knowledge of teaching with others, who has made significant, long-term contributions to the art of fly casting instruction.

THE ROHRER’S

If Lee and Joan Wulff were the First Family of Fly Fishing, then Allan and Barbara were the Second Family. They were a team, dedicated to fly fishing, to casting, to teaching and to the FFF. Allan’s death in 2002 was a huge loss for all of us.

Allan became involved with the FFF in 1965 and was one of the original lifetime members. Allan served as an FFF Director starting in 1977. Along with Joan Wulff, Lefty Kreh and other notable casters, Allan and Barbara helped create the casting program and were founding members of the FFF Casting Board of Governors. Allan and Barbara were very active in casting and education programs at the National Conclaves, and were instrumental in the establishment of the casting games that are held every year at the Conclave. Allan and Barbara ran these events for more than 20 years.

They gave freely of their time and energy to further the sport of casting. Allan helped teach at

the original Fenwick Flycasting School in West Yellowstone with Frank and Gladys Gray, and Jim and Carol Green. He helped Mel Krieger at many schools. When Mel proposed the original idea of Casting Instructor Certification at the Calgary Conclave in 1992, Allan and Barbara became members of the Casting Certification Board of Governors and were a driving force of this program.

Allan served as the Casting and Education Chairperson of the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers for years. He was very involved with LBCC, serving in many capacities, and was very active in the club’s casting games and tournament casting program. Allan and Barbara participated in the American Casting Association’s national tournaments many times. Allan was selected to the ACA All American Team in 1978 and was among the top five accuracy plug casters in the nation. Barbara won several women’s national ACA titles, including Accuracy Flies, Accuracy Plugs, All Accuracy (three combined events), as well as the Trout Fly National Champion.

Ever generous with his time, Allan served on American Casting Association committees. He was President of the Orange County Spin Fishing Club, the Sea Horse Spin Fishing Club, the Western Tournament and Casting Association, and LBCC. He led saltwater fishing delegations to fishing shows, where he was known as a remarkable fisherman.



Allan’s dedication and involvement with fly casting was honored many times with many awards: The Lew Jewett Memorial Award of the FFF in 1980, FFF Man of the Year in 1990, Man

of the Year of the Oregon Council, and the Long Beach Casting Club's Ed Thomas Memorial Trophy given to the member who has been most helpful in teaching others to cast a fly. Allan also received the Bob Bird Sunshine Award, given to an individual who, over the course of his membership, has given time, service and energy, unconditionally, in the continuing development and support of the Long Beach Casting Club; Allan is one of only six recipients of this prestigious award.

Allan and Barbara also received the Pauline Cathcart Award from the Pasadena Casting Club. This award is given to individuals who demonstrate a technical mastery of the classical method of fly casting, a long term commitment to teaching fly casting, and the ability to verbally and visually teach the mechanics of fly casting to students.

Very active with the FFF's Women's Outreach Program and a member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors, Barbara was awarded the Arnold Gingrich Literary Memorial Life Membership of the FFF in 1982. She was named the FFF Woman of the Year in 1986, the second woman to be so named, one year after Virginia Buszek Perry and two years before Joan Wulff were honored with this award. She was granted Honorary Lifetime Membership in Long Beach Casting Club in 1999 in recognition of her many contributions to the club and her many years of teaching casting. She remains an FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor and a Board of Governor Emeritus.

In the fall of 1991, the FFF initiated a Women's All Around Trophy for casting, and named it the Barbara Rohrer Cup to acknowledge Barb's work on behalf of the FFF in teaching and promoting casting.

Barbara was teaching or competing or fishing alongside Allan throughout their lives together. They were a remarkable couple. The Federation of Fly Fishers is better for having had their dedication and energy during the formative years of the FFF, and for so long afterward. They have touched the lives of so many of us.



"I'm delighted to know that the Rohrer's will be given the Lifetime Achievement Award. No one deserves it more than they do. I never got to work with them at Conclave because of my own activities, but they were always out there at the casting ponds, full of enthusiasm and giving help to all. Whatever they gave was from their hearts. I have nothing but admiration for them and, somehow, Allan will know of this honor." Joan Wulff, CBOG, 2007

"Whenever I think of Allan, I see a man so dedicated to casting and the casting certification program that even his inability to stand for any length of time did not stop him from participating in the certifications. He simply would arrange for a chair to be taken to the field. Rain or shine, Allan was there. Neither his interest nor his high standards ever waned." Floyd Franke, Chair, CBOG, 2002.

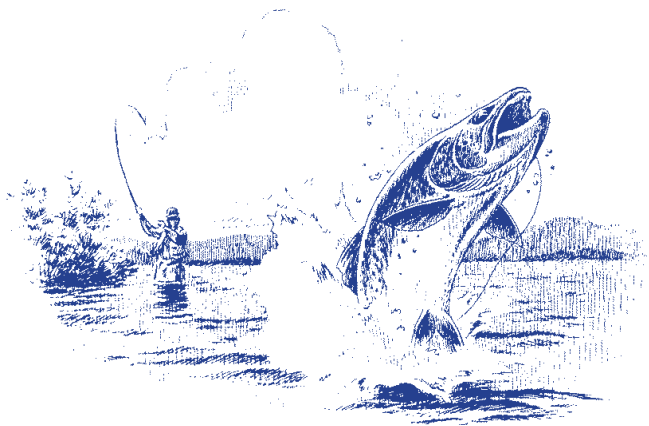
"The kindness and dedication of Alan and Barbara made a real difference to me as I grew up in the world of fly fishing. One of the most anticipated aspects of my youthful summer travel was attending the FFF Conclave and testing my skills in the casting games. It wasn't just the games that I loved, it was the fact that Allan and Barbara were there. They would welcome me happily and, when it came time to cast, they would give me direction and encouragement. The final time that I competed in the casting games, I did so only at the prodding of Allan and Barbara. I couldn't resist their enthusiasm. After all of my casts had been made and my scores tallied, I was holding the Colliander Cup. Without the 'casting games couple' I never would have enjoyed that special moment. Thank you." Jason Borger, CBOG, 2002.

Joe Libeu Wins Mel Krieger Award

CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

The inaugural presentation of the Mel Krieger Flycasting Instructor Award was recently given to Joe Libeu at the FFF National Conclave. This honor is given by the Board of Governors of the Federation of Fly Fishers Casting Instructors Certification Program to recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the FFF casting certification program, have dedicated themselves to fly casting instruction, and have shared their knowledge with others. The recipient should be *"someone who has dedicated their lives to fly casting instruction, is known as a motivator of students, is known for sharing his knowledge of teaching with others, and has made a significant, long-term contribution to the art of fly casting instruction"*.

There is certainly no one more deserving than Joe.



Joe has been fly fishing since 1973 and has distinguished himself as a teacher of fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing at all levels. He has taught thousands of fly fishermen and women nationwide. He teaches the teachers of our sport.

Joe has been a FFF Certified Casting Instructor

and member of the Advisory Council since 1993. In 1997, Joe earned the FFF Masters Fly Casting Instructor certification and, in 2000, he was elected to the FFF Board of Governors. In 2004 and 2006, he served as the FFF National Conclave Casting Chairman. Joe was elected to the Casting Board of Governors Executive Committee in 2005, on which he continues to serve; as a member of this committee, he is one of those who guide the FFF casting program. Joe is also a member of the Continuing Education Committee and the Master Test Review Committee. Currently Joe is responsible for teaching, training and testing individuals who aspire to become certified and master casting instructors.

In terms of his fly fishing credentials, Joe has been a guide since 1998. He was on the National Pro Staff of G. Loomis for five years, and has been on the Pro Staff for Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store for the last several years. Joe is a consultant for the Costa Azul Resort in Mexico and is responsible for training their panga captains in conventional and fly fishing. He is also a field tester for Airflo Products.

Joe is the owner of Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures, which offers classes and private instruction, as well as fly fishing excursions to a variety of destinations, both domestic and international. Joe has been a fly fishing consultant to Ronnie Kovacks' Fishing Expedition for three television shows, and is often on Ronnie's Saturday morning radio shows. He has also been a guest fly fishing expert on the Western Fishing and Boating Radio broadcasts, and appeared in a fly fishing commercial for Zocor in 2004.

Six years ago, Joe developed a very popular ON THE RIVER CLINIC for the Long Beach Casting Club, which he continues to teach. He has been an Assistant Instructor of Beginning Fly Fishing at UCLA, and has taught MASTERING THE ART OF FLY FISHING at CSULB and at El Camino College. He provides on-going instruction on club trips in saltwater, warm water and cold water fishing,



and has organized and guided the Long Beach Casting Club's casting program for the last five years.

Joe has had a major influence at the Long Beach Casting Club, where he has taught fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing for many years, and has served in numerous positions, including President. He received the our prestigious Bob Bird Sunshine Award in 2006 for his years of service and support of Long Beach Casting Club. He has also received Ed Thomas Memorial Trophy twice as the member who has been the most helpful in teaching others to cast a fly.

In 2004, Joe was the recipient of the Pauline C. Cathcart Award from the Pasadena Casting Club, given to individuals who demonstrate a technical mastery of the classical method of fly casting, a long-term commitment to teaching fly casting, and who demonstrate the ability to verbally and visually teach the mechanics of fly casting to students in classroom and streamside settings.

Joe is an extraordinary teacher, and has affected the fly fishing lives of thousands of us, in many parts of the United States. Joe's expertise is astonishing, but he is a kind and gentle man who freely gives of himself to so many of us.

We—the fly fishing community—are fortunate to have him.

Silent Auction: Fish with Conway Bowman

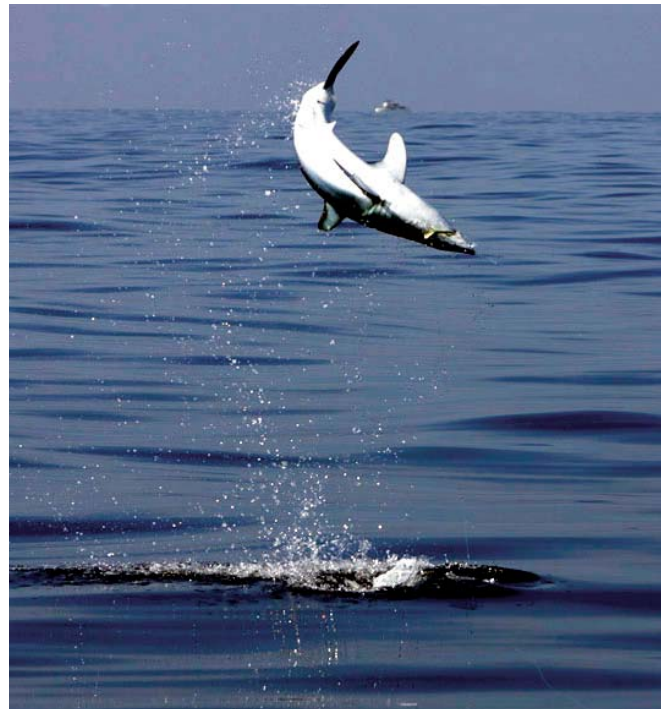
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Conway Bowman, the speaker at our May meeting, generously donated a 2 for 1 trip. Mako sharks are the target species but if you check his website: bowmanbluewater.com, you will see all the near shore and offshore species on the agenda, from calico bass to Jaws.

Conway Bowman was featured in the July 2007 Men's Journal, the March 2007 issue of Sportfishing and the recently concluded Primal Predator series on ESPN2. He is also working on a new program "Fishing on the Ragged Edge".

The auction is for a \$300 certificate, to be used to pay for 1/2 of a daily charter, to fish with Conway Bowman on his Triton boat off San Diego. He can accommodate up to 3 anglers at a time. Get a couple friends and bid for this trip.

The auction will end, August 31st, at the close of our monthly meeting.



Notes From the Pond

MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

Casting has been going well with 10 to 15 casters per night showing up. Everyone is enjoying themselves out at the pond during these very nice summer evenings.

On Sunday, August 19th at 8:00 AM we will be having a pond cleaning. As an inducement I will be tying a dozen woolly buggers for give-a-way at the end of the cleanup.

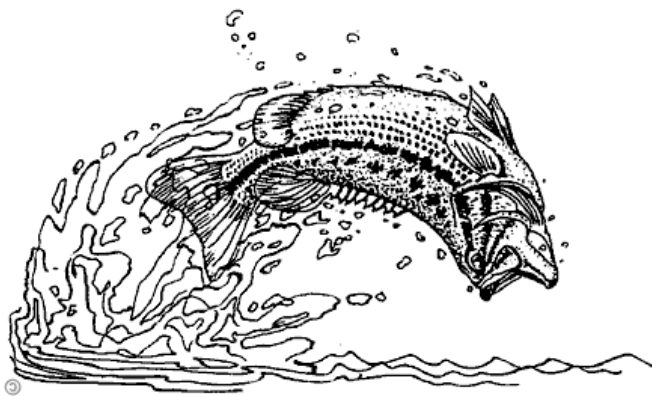
We have our last two Tuesday Night casts in August:

- ❖ August 7 – ¼ oz. Plug, Trout Fly, Bass Bug, And Trout, Steel Head, ¼ oz. Plug distance—WTCA rules
- ❖ August 14 – 3/8 oz. Plug, 5/8 oz. Plug, Dry Fly, Wet Fly—WTCA Rules.

Our Sunday casts begin with the Captain's Handicap:

- ❖ August 26th starting at 8:00 AM – 3/8 oz. Plug, 5/8 oz. Plug, Trout Fly, Dry Fly, Bass Bug—WTCA Rules.

See you on the Pond.



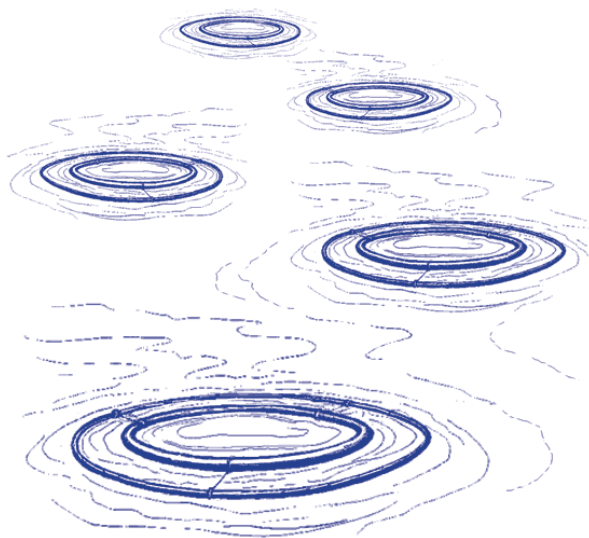
Silent Auction of Yakima River Guided Fishing

CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

Mark Shimazu of Seattle has donated a guided fishing trip, the proceeds from which will be used to purchase rods and reels for the vets 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 24th monthly meeting.

The winning bidder will get a one-day float trip on Washington's Yakima River for two people. 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.

The bid sheet is posted in the clubhouse. 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.



Project Healing Waters at Long Beach VA

CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

The first class of Project Healing Waters at the Long Beach VA was May 23, and, since, then, LBCC volunteers have returned every Wednesday to teach fly tying to disabled military personnel. The group is generally three women and twelve men. Our fly tying volunteers have been enthusiastic, fun and just great to work with: Mark Tsunawaki, lead instructor, Dennis Martinez, Al Ross, Mick Woodbury, Dan Rivett, Jeff Sadler, Rick Hilles, Jim Minx, Jeff Gross, Larry Albach, Julius Lee, David Brooks, and me, Carole Katz.

We began with an orientation class that described the various tools, and taught how to put the hook in the vise, start the thread and use the whip finisher. Like many of us when we were beginners, many of them found the whip finisher to be a challenge. The following week we held a supervised practice session and taught the half hitch and double hitch to some.

The first fly was the woolly bugger, which everyone was able to finish in our one hour allotted time period. When we returned for the practice session the following week, each did another woolly bugger. The gold-ribbed hare's ear was next. Most of the students tied two of these, and with a little less supervision.

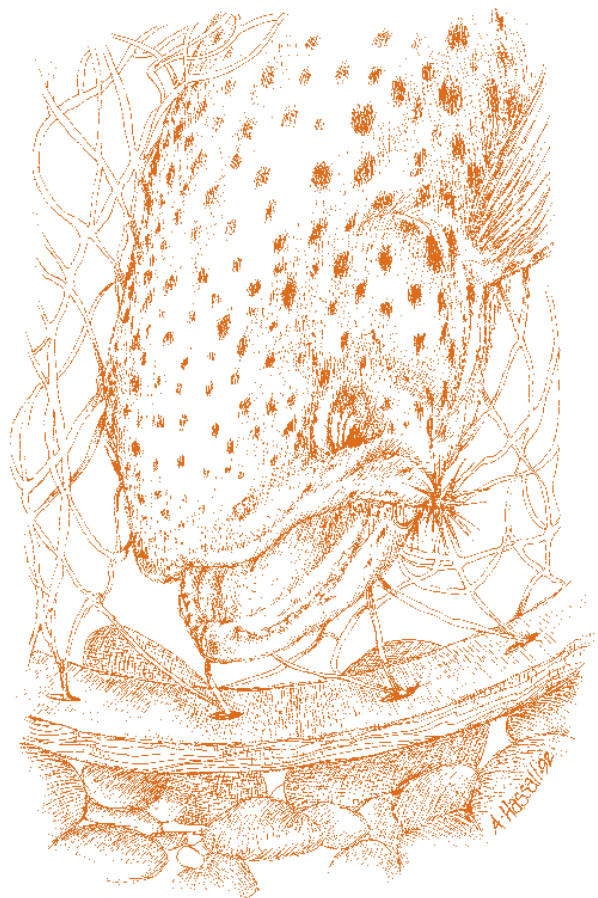
We plan to continue through the end of August with teaching a fly one Wednesday and then having a practice session the following week. After that, we will teach casting, and then hope to do some fishing locally.

In anticipation of casting and fishing, we need 15 rods and reels. Initially, we were hopeful of getting an adequate number donated, but that isn't going to happen. Pflueger has offered to sell

us a 5–6 weight rod and reel combination for \$40 each, but, for that, we need cash. So, if you have any unused 5 or 6 weight rods or reels that you would be willing to donate, please call or email me. Likewise, if you have any unused cash, we'll take that too!

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. Project Healing Waters programs have been started in Arizona, California, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey and Washington DC, and are in the planning stages in several other states.

We at LBCC are proud to be contributing to Project Healing Waters. If you are available to help with the classes or if you have a 5 or 6 weight rod or reel accumulating dust, please contact me at (714) 731-6044 or katzhogan@cox.net. Thanks!



Some Move Mountains—Chuck Moves Mesas

MICK WOODBURY, RECORDING SECRETARY

The West Fork of the San Gabriel is an even nicer getaway now, thanks to Chuck and his monthly band of volunteers. Stan & Patty Holden, Jim Minx, Chuck Wheeler, Ryan Destephend from the DFG, Rene Marquez from Fisheries Resource Volunteer Coordinator (FRVC) and Chuck took on a heavy job and loved (almost) every minute of it.

Nearby Crystal Lake has been closed for four years and the picnic tables have been unused. Since these perfectly good tables (mesas for anyone who just moved here from Iowa) were being wasted, Chuck decided to take them to a better place. It's a dream he's had for a long time.

With permission from the Department of Fish and Game and help from his FRVC cohorts, he arranged to make the move. Then the DFG said, *"Since you're going to be there anyway, why don't you and your friends do some fishing and bring back your catch for our studies?"* Did I mention that Crystal Lake hasn't been fished in **four** years?

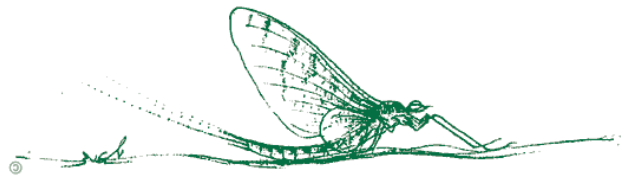
The place is loaded: Trout, bass, perch and catfish. These aren't West Fork sized fish—some are north of 12-inches! Since no one has been in there, not even the deer were afraid. One came down to the lake to get a drink, then spent the morning grazing on the grass watching these strange creatures who walked on only two legs. Even a little mouse came and stood next to Chuck to get a drink. Chuck got so distracted watching the show, got his line tangled, and it will probably cost him a quarter.

After lunch, they commandeered a fork lift to put four (heavy) tables onto a DFG truck. On the river, they were positioned just where Chuck had dreamed about.

It was a terrific day. Everyone had a good time and went home happy. The stream got four picnic tables, the DFG got their fish to study and Chuck had a dream come true.

Looking ahead, if anyone has access to lumber, Chuck will need to replace some of the wood on the tables. He'll need 2 x 10's, eight feet long.

Trips are on the second Wednesday of every month. Contact Chuck Moore for info.



Breakfast & Casting Competition

RICK HILLES, SENIOR DIRECTOR

Before we know it the end of summer will be near and our casting competition will shift to Sunday mornings instead of Tuesday evenings. As usual, breakfast will be provided before casting begins. As Senior Director it is my job is to round up volunteers to do one of the breakfasts on August 26, September 16 and 30, October 28, November 11 and 25; December 9 and 23, January 6 and 20, February 3 and 24, March 9.

The menu will be up to you—you can make it as simple or as gourmet as you like as long as it's ready by 8:00 AM for a hungry, appreciative cast of characters.

If you're interested or need more information please contact me at legacygroup@cox.net, or see me at the club where a sign up sheet will also be posted.

Local Surf Outing

CARL LASKI, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

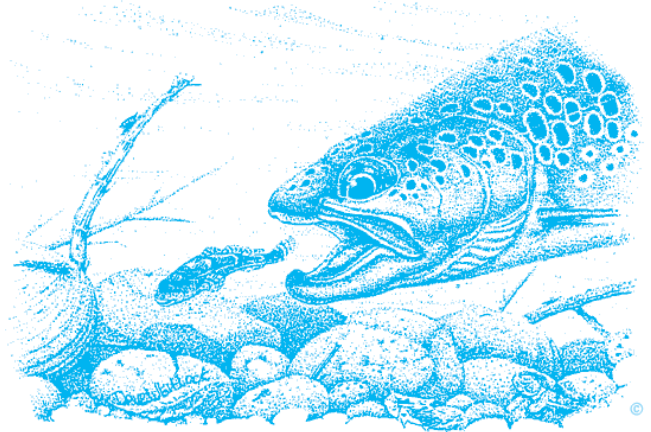
Are you ready to do some fishing in our own backyard? No...not the casting pond, I'm talking about the "big pond", the Pacific Ocean.

We will be fishing our local surf on August 11, 2007 (Saturday morning). The Pre-trip meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2007 at 7:00 PM. During the pre-trip, we will decide on the location depending upon local conditions.

After we fish in the morning, I plan to grill some hot dogs before we head home to mow the lawns and attend to other fun chores.

Since the summer time brings more people to the beach even early in the morning, this trip will be a fly and spin/bait fishing excursion. Due to safety concerns, fly fishing may not be practical with a steady flow of foot traffic along the waters edge. For this trip, I encourage you to bring a spinning or bait casting outfit.

If you need assistance on the equipment, tackle or reading the water, this trip and the Pre-trip meeting is a great opportunity to learn. Also, there are usually one or two experts from the club involved.



Intermediate Casting Clinic

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

The club will offer an Intermediate Casting Clinic this September. This is a class that has been given in the past and it will targeted towards individuals that want to improve their casting and fishing ability. Emphasis will be placed on fishing casts, increasing distance and line speed and improving line control. The cast will start on Wednesday, September 5th and run for a total of four consecutive Wednesday nights.

In order to make the class more effective we have placed a few requirements on who can participate. First, attendees must be Long Beach Casting Club members—this class will not be offered to the general public. Second, all attendees must have at least one full year of experience casting and fishing from the time that they took our beginning casting clinic—sorry.

If you have any questions about this clinic please contact me at 562-424-7313 or by email at jvanderhoof@peridian.net.

Fly of the Month: Bead-Head Hare's Ear

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

I was visiting with one of our beginning casting class students the other night and naturally the conversation got around to fishing. The student was curious about fly selection and asked a question many of us I am sure have been asked before. *"If you were limited to three flies to go fishing with, what three would you choose?"* I thought for a moment and responded *"an Olive and Black Woolly Bugger streamer, an Elk Hair Caddis dry fly and a Bead-Head Hare's Ear nymph"*.

After almost 40 years of fly-fishing I had a pretty good idea what I would select. And, of course, my choices are just that, mine. Yours might be completely different. I think we would all choose patterns that we find easy to tie and more importantly proven fish getters. In these three flies I have complete confidence. All three are very effective at catching fish and all three are easy to tie. Both the Elk Hair Caddis and the Bead-Head Hare's Ear are also easy to modify with a pair of scissors right at streamside if needed to create a lower profile dry or an emerger or a thinly dressed slow water mayfly nymph. Also, all three flies have that one quality that we have alluded to over and over again: *"the illusion of life"*. They resemble nothing specific and everything in general and appear alive while they are doing it.

The Bead-Head Hare's Ear is one of the most productive flies that you can use and tie. It really should, without a doubt, be in everyone's fly box.

Materials for tying the Bead-Head Hare's Ear:

Hook:	Mustad 3906B 1x long nymph wet fly hook or equivalent
Head:	Brass or tungsten bead
Thread:	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Tail:	Hare's ear natural and in dyed colors especially olive
Body:	Hare's ear natural and in dyed colors especially olive with a gold wire rib
Wing case:	Brown mottled turkey quill, lacquered or Flashy synthetic sheeting
Thorax:	Hare's ear natural and in dyed colors especially olive well picked out



Instructions for tying the Bead-Head Hare's Ear:

- 1 Slide an appropriately sized bead over the point of the hook and up to the headspace. Place your hook in the vise and attach the thread behind the bead. Wind a small thread "jam" against the bead and wind evenly down to the bend. If you want the wing case to go over the bead then make sure that the bead has a small amount of space between it and the eye. You will need this space in which to tie off the wing case and to whip finish and complete the fly.
- 2 Select a ¼" wide section of mottled brown turkey wing quill which will be used for the wing case and cut it off. Apply a thin layer of head cement to the wing section and set it aside to dry.
- 3 Remove a small bunch of fibers for the tail from a hare's mask. These fibers should have both the guard hairs and a small amount of basal fur/dubbing. Tie in the tail which should be the length of the shank or a little shorter. Be sure not to use too much hair as the tail should look light and spiky not heavy or dense.
- 4 Tie in a 4" length of gold wire on the lower back side of the hook. Cut off a bunch of hair from a hare's mask containing both dubbing and guard hairs. Apply the dubbing to your thread and wind it forward to the mid-point of the shank. The body should be thin but the guard hairs should stick out giving it an unkempt, spiky appearance. This is what helps to make this fly work so well by giving it a lifelike quality in the water. Reverse wind the gold wire (in the direction opposite of the body) about 3 or 4 turns, tie off the remaining wire.
- 5 Tie in the now dry wing case by the tip end and centered on the top of the hook. Remove another clump of hair from a hare's mask containing both dubbing and guard



hairs and dub those onto your thread. Wind the thorax forward to the back of the bead. The thorax should be thick and full and you should pick out the fibers with your bodkin to create a hackle out of the dubbing and guard hairs.

- 6 Pull the wing case forward and tie it down either behind the bead or in front of it. I prefer to cover the top of the bead with the wing case. If you do want to cover the bead then before you do, push back the bead just a little to make room for the wing case and the whip finish.

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:

❖ 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

New Membership Requests

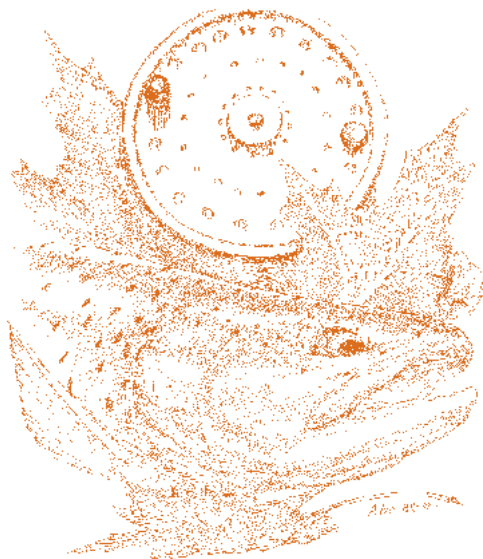
MICK WOODBURY,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Larry Bailey, (spouse Diane), Torrance
- ❖ Jim and Cindy Howe, Los Alamitos, (family membership)
- ❖ Dan Jamieson, (spouse Roxanne McMillen) Huntington Beach
- ❖ Dennis Leon, Whittier
- ❖ M.C. Otis, Glide, Oregon, (associate member)
- ❖ Rodney Pabst, (spouse Naydu), Seal Beach
- ❖ Don and Christie Scales, Seal Beach, (family membership)
- ❖ Philip Shaver, (Spouse Dene), Rancho Mirage

As new members, we wish you good times, great success and improved fishing. And if you've never been to a club meeting—bring a quarter!

If you have any questions or corrections contact me at: (714) 840-5649 or by email at mick@rwmarketing.com.



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The classes are limited to a maximum of 6 students with a minimum of 4 students. The cost for this informative 2-day class is only **\$275 per person**.

This includes an afternoon lunch. Not included are lodging, tackle, meals, license and transportation.

Call Joe Libeu at 310-749-6671 or email Fishlfgf@ix.netcom.com for any additional information or to sign up for the clinic.



Calendar of Events

August

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre Trip Meeting—Surf Fishing Trip
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
11	Saturday		Club Trip: Surf Fishing Trip
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
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
		2:00 PM	Marriott Spey Class
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
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Kern River
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
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: 1st Night Orientation
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Chris King on Steelhead Fishing
30	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games

October

1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: 2nd Night
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Mammoth #2
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
13 – 14	Weekend		Northwestern Tournament: Golden Gate
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: 3rd Night
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
19 – 21	Weekend		Club Trip: Mammoth #2
21	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: 4th Night
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Steelhead Trip to Redding
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Mas Okui, Hot Creek
26	Friday	7:00 PM	Rick Haefle—Emergers
28	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: 1st Night Orientation



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