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Leader's Line

Are You Fishtified?

DENNIS M^CTEER, PRESIDENT

I just got back from the best fishing trip that I've had in months. Of course I hadn't been fishing in months but even if I had, it still would rank up there at the top. The only thing that might have made the trip better was if it had been a club trip. But first...

The November club trip is to the Redding area and the plan is to catch some Trinity steelhead. After the first of the year we are headed to the Lower Owens that is always a popular trip for the new members and the old hands alike. We are scheduled to fish the Lower "O" in January and February.

In preparation for the Lower Owens and winter fishing is the Saturday Fly Tying Workshop with Maria Rivas on November 10th. Maria is kicking off the Saturday workshops and will be using her excellent tying skills to tie nymphs, perfect for the upcoming winter season.

...Now, back to my trip in September. I have some friends who live in Billings, Dan and Geri Broyles, who met me down at the Big Horn River for a couple days of fishing and hi-jinx. I also fished with one of our illustrious past presidents, Rick Hilles, who was up at the Horn with his lovely wife Lillian.

Dan is still a young guy, but in his younger days

was a world-class skier, hang glider and worked as a guide. He's also a hunter, fly fisherman and has done it all when it comes to outdoor activities. Dan introduced his wife, Geri, to fly-fishing. Geri has been fly-fishing only a few years but is now one of the best you'll ever meet. She is also an excellent fly-tier and I decorated a fair number of fish with her creations.

If you fish the Big Horn, you've probably seen Dan and Geri; their Claka is hard to miss. Their boat is called Jaws II and has shark teeth; like the painted cowling on P-40 fighter planes of the famous "Fighting Tigers" that fought in China and Burma during WWII. The tiger jaws are in memory of Dan's uncle who is the last MIA from the Flying Tiger American Volunteer Group. Instead of enemy flags, Dan's bow is decorated with pictures of wading fishermen, trout and jet boats.

We'd caught a lot of trout—more than 5 and less than 50, when we came upon some rising fish

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along the bank. Dan and I took turns. I made a few errant casts and handed off the rod to Dan. Dan was hooked up in no time and we netted and released the fish. Now it was my turn and we spotted a big nose taking BWO's near the bank, under an overhanging bush about a foot above the water. The only thing missing was a headwind.

I made a couple of casts that fell short. I lengthened the line and had another cast off to the left. I made a cast that Dan said had the fly hanging from the lowest branch. Now I couldn't see the fly on the branch but if that was the way it happened, then that's what I meant to do. The fly pulled off the branch and the fish took the fly. We were using 6X and thankfully the fish just eased back into Dan's net. My biggest dry fly trout, a 22" rainbow.

Luck or skill, it felt pretty good and during the afternoon Dan, Geri and I talked about my fish and how trout fishermen evolve, from worms to flies, to catching a lot of fish, then to big fish and a lot of big fish, to catching a big fish that lives in a tough lie. I'm hardly that evolved, sometimes my knuckles drag the ground, but there are those moments fishing that you always remember.

The discussion turned to what to call it when are you satisfied or content to the point where you don't need or want to catch any more fish. Dan and Geri came up with a new word: Fishtified.



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Skip Morris for November Meeting

JEFFREY SADLER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Hare's Ear or Pheasant Tail???

Our November speaker developed a fly which combines the best of the pheasant tail and the hare's ear and calls it the Skip Nymph (for a description google "skip morris"). Skip Morris, a renowned author and fly tier, has also written on many subjects near and dear to our hearts most notably: DRY FLYS, and for the rest of you: nymphs, bass bugs, foam bodies, etc. plus a book on custom graphite rods.

Please note: this month's meeting is FRIDAY (not Thursday), November 16th at 7:00 PM.

Skip will be speaking on "Fishing the Surface of a Trout Lake".

Trout lakes are sadly misunderstood—and they represent a whole world of fly fishing that too many anglers, either through unfamiliarity or uncertainty, are missing. Skip is well versed on this topic as he co-authored FLY FISHING TROUT LAKES with Brian Chan in 1999. This program leads you patiently by the hand and guides you through the techniques, tackle, and flies that take trout feeding in the top layer of a lake. Here you will learn about lake entomology, the intricacies of chasing and catching path-rising trout, when to expect surface feeding on chironomids, and a great deal more. Along with ideas and images that entertain.

Skip Morris has eleven books out on fly fishing and fly tying. His latest is WESTERN RIVER HATCHES. To date, he has played host on four fly-tying dvds/videos. He writes regular columns for *Flyfisherman*, *Flyfishing & Tying Journal* and *Salmon Trout Steelheader* magazines.

For years, Skip supported his writing and fishing by playing guitar several nights a week and teaching it at a college. Now he is too busy writing, fishing, and performing fly-tying clinics to do more than practice the guitar an hour or two a day and perform only occasionally. Skip and his wife, Carol, and their three cats live on Washington State's Olympic Peninsula.



Membership Requests

MICK WOODBURY,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Please welcome the following new members:

- ❖ Jade Katsuda and Justin Sterling (family membership), Long Beach
- ❖ Stephen Lim, Hacienda Heights
- ❖ Thomas Negen, (spouse Dale Ann), Lakewood
- ❖ Tony Stellar, (spouse, Diane), Corona Del Mar
- ❖ Douglas Terrel (spouse, Barbara), Long Beach

Welcome to the Long Beach Casting Club. As a new member, we wish you good times, great success and improved fishing. And if you've never been to our meetings—you might want to bring a quarter!

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

Your Continuing Education

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

There is always more to learn about our favorite activity. We have had a few Saturday Seminars in the past generally given by our monthly speaker in their field of expertise. We are fortunate to have some very experienced members in the club who are simply dying to teach you something! These will be casual and informal sessions lasting for a few hours on Saturday mornings so you'll have time for the honey-do's in the afternoon (or casting if you are simply hiding).

The amazing thing is how difficult it is to schedule such additional classes. The club calendar is packed with activities, trips and events. So we will be lucky to arrange for more than one class a month and some months you'll have to read a book instead.



Maria Rivas will start the semester on November 10th with a class on tying nymphs. Her flies are deadly in virtually all places I have fished with her. Indeed, last February we opted to fish on the Sacramento River, rather than freeze on the San Juan. Chris King, our guide, asked to see her "Jewelry Box". She separates her nymphs into bead heads and plain. Chris picked out a couple



of flashy bead head flies and tied them on both our rigs. While we remembered the wisdom Joe Libeu that he'd never turned over a rock and found a live nymph with a bead head and flash, these flies kicked fin!

Gary Charles will follow Maria on December 8th with Freshwater Knots and on January 19th with Saltwater knots. He will describe his courses separately.

We will announce additional seminars as they are planned. And, if you have a particular subject you would like additional information about, please let me know. Otherwise you'll be stuck with what I find interesting. Obviously, some classes will be meant for beginners and others for the more experienced. In any event, it is always fun to get together with friends on a Saturday morning.

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 2007 AND 2008:

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| ❖ November 1-5 | Fall Steelhead |
| ❖ December 14-16 | to be determined |
| ❖ January 11-13 | Lower Owens #1 |
| ❖ February 15-17 | Lower Owens #2 |
| ❖ March 22 | Newport Bay Bass Tourney |
| ❖ April 4-6 | Carpenteria Surf Trip |

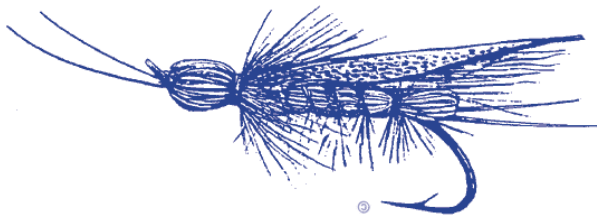
Of Course it Rained!

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

The September club trip was to the Kern River. Since it was planned for the opening weekend of the deer season and the Autumnal Equinox, we were sure to get rain. Actually we were rained on simply because I was the trip leader. Just ask those who attended or who have been on other such trips.

I stopped in Kernville at Guy Jean's fly shop and stocked up on Kern River flies. I also learned that Guy had arranged for his club's annual Bridge to Bridge Tournament. Sixty or so anglers would be competing in various events from the bridge in Kernville to the Johnsondale Bridge: largest fish, most fish, fewest fish etc. They also planned a barbecue on Saturday night after the casting competition. Carl Laski added this trip to the calendar without knowing about this event. Then again, Kernville is a happening place: the following weekend would be the 13th Annual Turkey Vulture Festival. You know I couldn't make that up!

I checked into the Falling Waters Resort on Thursday, in shock. I stayed in what can only be denominated as the Rose Room. The pink patchwork quilt and frilly pillow shams were covered in roses. There were at least a half dozen



flowered prints adorning the walls. There was even a frieze around the room at the height of a chair rail. But the eight inch wide piece of wallpaper was meant to be directly underneath crown molding at the top of the wall. There was a repeating pattern of a horizontal trellis with



twenty roses in various sizes. All told: at least 440 roses on this decorative strip. However, it was hung upside down and the eight hundred tassels were all pointing up. There were several silk stem roses in crystal vases. To complete the ambiance, there were three potpourris in the room.

I had made reservations there at the suggestion of Al and Judy Ross. When they finished laughing after seeing my room, they took me down to have a glass of wine in theirs. It also had lace curtains and nearly a dozen stuffed bears in various colors (pastels) and sizes (mostly large). The fire place had a very long ELL-shaped mantel and every porcelain nick knock known to man was displayed.

Craig Haines and Tim Constantine stayed at the Sequoia Lodge. Falling Waters did not have in room phones and Craig didn't have my cell phone number. So he called the manager from his room and sent him to give me Craig's cell phone number so we could make arrangements for dinner. Of course my cell phone was at home being recharged. So I drove up the road to find Craig and Tim. When I arrived at their room, Craig was laughing because his cell phone could not find a satellite (their room was appropriately decorated in early LL Bean: pine trees, bears and moose on the quilt and wall hangings consisting of hunting and fishing prints). And the rain started.

Craig and Tim had already caught several fish behind their lodge. So the skunk was off them but they didn't land any. Friday Craig and Tim

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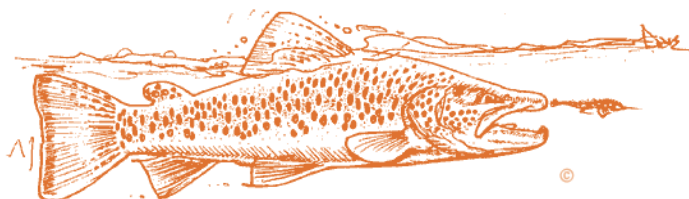
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hired a guide; he was the same one who guided Judy when she broke her ankle last spring. He thought it was only a sprain, as we all did that day. But Dave revealed for the first time that Judy had come off a 50 fish day. Lucky for us, she slipped near the bank after having quit fishing for the day.

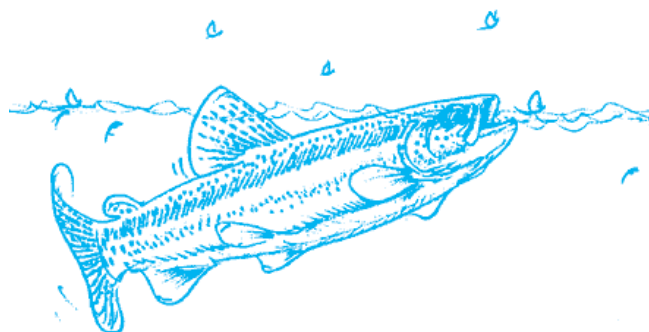
Dave is an expert at reading the water but he has trouble reading signs. Craig and Tim tried to ignore the “**NO TRESPASSING**” signs where Dave led them to. Then again, they are not terrorists...except to fish. They had a very successful outing with Dave fishing upriver near the Johnsondale Bridge.

Milt Huber and Howard Uller were also on the trip. They fished hard on Friday and Milt only caught four fish. So they signed up with Dave for a half day on Saturday. That greatly improved their production. Howard fell in the river for the first time fishing in forty years. So he went promptly to the fly shop to purchase a wading staff at the end of the day.

Friday night's dinner was at the Broken Oar. This is the restaurant (formerly Ewing's) where Al fed the raccoons through the louvered windows on one of our trips. It's now sort of a South Pacific themed eatery where the staff all had flowered shirts. The menu was predominantly chicken and fish but with a western homage to steaks as well. They don't quite have it all together yet:



Judy's New England clam chowder didn't quite fit the theme. Nor did our waitress; although she was friendly and gracious, she was from Czechoslovakia not Polynesia!



On Saturday, the sixty or so Southern Sierra Club anglers were concentrated above Fairview or McNally's for their tournament. The summer water temperatures in the main stem of the Kern had been in the high sixties and seventies so the fish that survived swam as far upstream as possible. The best fishing was with a guide. I caught a few on Friday but was totally skunked on Saturday. I fished with the Rosses (who both caught several fish) in a secret location where they had fished with Dave last spring.

That night Al, Judy and I went to the Kern River Brewing Company for dinner. A sign of the economic impact of the low water conditions: no live music on Saturday, only on Friday. So we didn't have to endure Al's blue grass singing! And the restaurant was only 25% occupied. Craig and Tim merely walked across the highway from their lodge in the rain and ate at Cheyenne's which they describe as a very rustic steak and rib joint.

We know Judy's ankle is better. On Sunday, Al and Judy hiked up the trail to the Wild Trout section. This requires a 45 minute trek over a rough trail before you even get to fishable water. They were rewarded with some nice fish.

The seven of us enjoyed each other's company, in the rain, fishing to finicky prey. And we had fun outdoors. Gore-Tex lives! I bet you spent the day inside, avoiding the rain and watching football or something. Come join us fishing; just remember your rain gear!

Venison Stag Reminder

Saturday, December 1, 2007
6:00 PM Social Hour & 7:00 PM Dinner

Is the Venison Stag Holiday Dinner on your calendar? You may still have time to attend one of our club's most important and enjoyable social events of the year.

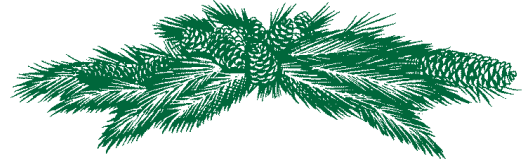
This is a great opportunity to sit down to a tasty prime rib dinner with friends during this prelude to the hectic holiday season. The price is only \$18.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children if prepaid by November 16th, and \$25.00 at the door. Unfortunately, because of our growing membership, we can only accommodate those without reservations *if* there is room.

We always appreciate those who volunteer to help with some aspect of the dinner, whether it is the decorating, kitchen work, or cleaning. We'd welcome your assistance also. Here's how you can help:

- ❖ Saturday, November 10th at 9:00 AM: we'll be cleaning the trophy cases, windows, light diffusers, and dishes.
- ❖ Friday, November 30th at 10:00 AM: we'll be setting up tables and decorating.
- ❖ Saturday, December 1st at 6 AM: table servers get to eat first and then help with serving the dinners.
- ❖ Saturday, December 1st at a time to be determined by Shauna: kitchen help.
- ❖ Saturday, December 1st after the dinner: dishwashers and cleanup.

Contact Bettye Swarte at blzpaddle@aol.com, 949-462-9552, or Carole Katz at katzhogan@cox.net, 714-731-6044, to volunteer to help.

There's an RSVP form on the last page of this issue



of Target Talk. Please send it with your check before the deadline of November 16 to the club PO Box or give it to any Board member.

Bettye is making a fishing tree. It's like a Christmas tree but all the ornaments will be fishing related. We'll set the tree up the week before the dinner so members can bring ornaments and the tree can be ready in time for the Stag. It will be fun to see what decorative ornaments people make or find. There will also be some beautifully wrapped gifts under the tree that will be raffled the evening of the Venison Stag, but you have to be there to be a lucky winner.

Come and enjoy the good fellowship, camaraderie and great food.

Long Beach Casting Club Programs for 2007

JEFFREY SADLER, 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
November 22, 2007	Skip Morris FISHING THE SURFACE OF A TROUT LAKE

A Dry Fly Fisherman Apologizes

JEFF SADLER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

I'm sorry, I don't need to catch the most or the biggest fish to be perfectly happy.

There, that's it. I've said it out loud and in public. But it's not the saying, it's the living of that simple statement that makes me a dry fly fisher. For most of us this is hard to believe.

We've all heard the old saw that goes something like:

*"First I want to catch a fish,
Then I want to catch a bunch of fish,
and finally, I want to pursue bigger fish."*

I believe there to be an alternate path after the second statement is completed: "I want to catch the toughest fish on a dry fly." Not necessarily the biggest or the most but the fish that takes everything I can bring to the sport and sometimes still laughs at me. Oddly enough, I tend to remember the fish I've missed more than the fish I've caught.

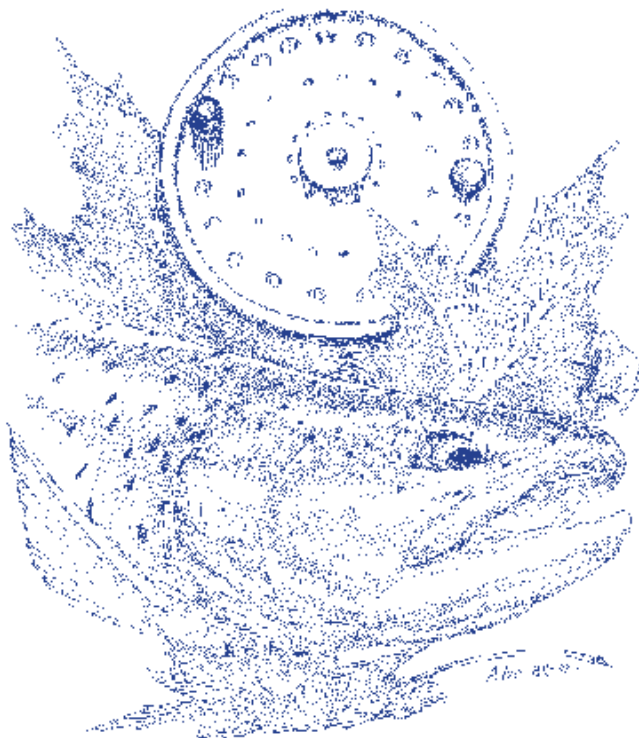
As an example, we were fishing the Green in Utah recently and the fish I remember is this one. I spotted him out about 20 feet in two to three feet of clear water. Lying on the bottom but occasionally moving left/right to take something and very occasionally

edging slowly up and slurping off the surface. Perfect, let's get him. The fly-du-jour was a cicada and that's what I had on so that's what I started with. Three good casts, totally ignored. An ant, same result; so much for terrestrials. Baetis were known to be in the area so I tied on a #20 BWO parachute. Cast, he finned up looked, refused. Cast again, same result. Cast again, didn't even look. Next cast was too long over him but I let it drift as I didn't want the lift to spook him. He finned up slightly toward me and struck, not the fly but the knot between my 5x leader and 6x tippet, a surgeons knot with 1/8 inch tags. What was that all about?

Okay, so now I pulled out my Picky Fish Killer: size 28 grey thread body, CDC back wing, sparse hackle. Cast, drift, rise, no hesitation, take. I made no hesitation, lifted, and watched the fly fly out of his open mouth. Sure, we're supposed to say "God save the Queen" between take and set to allow him to turn down and close his mouth and I barely got to "G..." Score: Me 1, Fish 1, no harm, no foul.

There is a reason for this little story and it illustrates one of the great beauties of dry fly fishing. Everything is visible and in front of me, nothing is hidden, nothing is arcane, and I can learn from what I've seen. On the missed fish I learned what he wasn't taking and changed, I learned what he was almost taking and changed, and I was reminded that to catch fish I should drink less

coffee and allow time for success. No other form of fishing allows me to spend a half hour stalking,



learning, and adapting and have a chance to succeed. Fishing like this is more akin to hunting than other forms of fishing.

Another beauty of dry fly fishing is the beauty of the location. I prefer the Green to the Bighorn even though the fishing is better and the trout are meaner on the Bighorn. But the red cliffs and scenic beauty of the Green make the Bighorn's wheat fields seem rather mundane. The spectacular marble cliffs of Lee's Ferry do not make up for the fact that it's basically a nymphing fishery.

We make our choices individually and for different reasons and this is good or we'd all end up at the same place at the same time.

The beauty of the dry fly cast and its elegance add a lot to my day's success, regardless of fish count. There is simply no poetry in allowing my line to flow taut downstream, turn my hand over, thumb under the rod and chuck-and-duck as two weighted flies, a fuzzball indicator, and lead weight go flying by my head in nymphing. Anything with weights involved does not strike me as classic form. Effective, but not classic.

Be honest now, when you go out to practice your casting stroke, what are you doing? Most likely you are performing the calm, elegant dry fly cast and presentation because it reminds you of "A River Runs..." (was it the charm of Brad Pitt acting or the style of Jason Berger casting that brought so many to our sport?)

The Long Beach Casting Club is not as

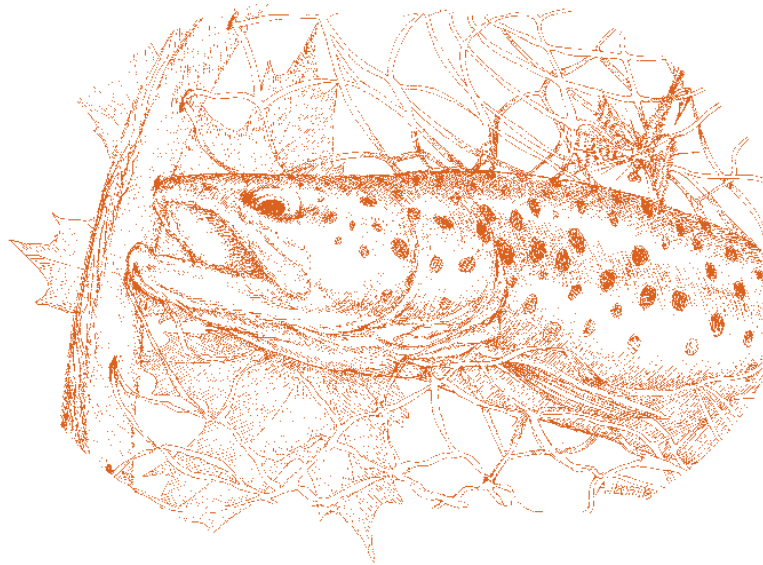
competitive as it used to be, but casting is still a part of the legacy and a good part of what's important to us now. We practice—we learn, we practice—we teach, we practice—we go fishing. And the beauty of the cast fly is the beauty of the dry fly. We spend years getting slack (the enemy)

out of our cast and as soon as we make the forward stop on our presentation, slack becomes our friend. In dry fly fishing, more than any other, the mending and tending of the line is equal to the importance of the presentation cast itself. This is why the dry fly minority tend to use double taper lines. It has absolutely nothing

to do with casting, it has everything to do with mending and tending.

My dry fly set-up is a 4 weight nine foot graphite rod, reel, double tapered line, nine foot tapered knotless leader, 6x tippet, and fly. Simple. Classic. And deadly for the type of fishing I like best. This is why you will recognize me on a river as the old guy in a cowboy hat with two rods. I consider myself a decent nymph fisherman but my nymph set-up is so radically different than my dry fly that two rods keep me from spending fishing minutes sitting and knot tying.

Before we go much further I would like to dispel a myth. "All you dry fly dudes are purists/elitists." Au contraire, mon frere, not guilty. My earliest memories are of fishing in Kansas during WWII (which gives you a hint as to how old I am) for rough fish with cane poles and worms or grubs. This was a family affair and we loved it. Later



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at around 11–12 years old I spent a lot of time at a lake in San Francisco with 25 cents worth of



liver, hoping for trout but excited with bullhead. (Incidentally, do not leave left-over liver in your tackle box in your closet for too long or you will definitely hear from your mother.) On my 15th birthday I got my first new rod and as my dad worked for Sears Roebuck it was a J.C. Higgins Ted Williams spinning model. I have it to this day and still use it with pride.

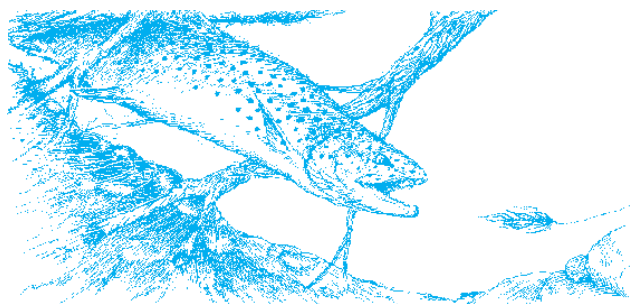
So what, you ask, was that micro-biography all about? It explains that I've fished all my life and only picked up fly fishing about 20 years ago. I love fishing. I love fishing with dry flies, nymphs, streamers, soft hackle, Rapalas, worms, Velveeta (one of the few baits I can actually eat), hoppers,

squid, anchovies, sardines...whatever. I don't care, I love it all and I respect anyone that fishes with anything. It's just that I personally prefer dry fly fishing to rising trout and all other forms of fishing tie for second place. So while I cannot speak for all dry fly folks I will say "let's go fishin'" with whatever is appropriate to the waters and the company. I love it all.

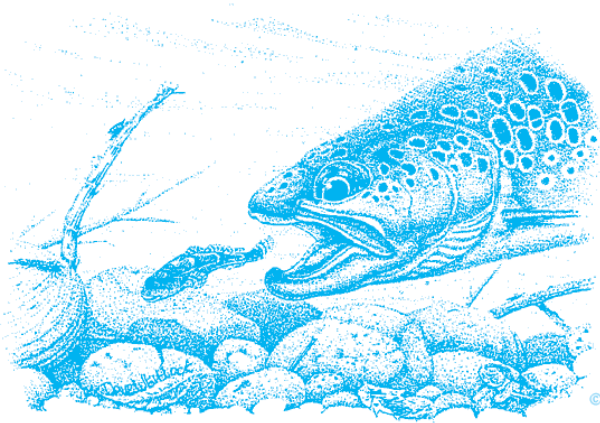
Many is the time where I've been tempted to do a dry-dropper. Last week on Bishop Creek it was spectacularly successful. But let's not kid ourselves, the dropper makes it nymphing, not dry fly fishing. The cast is flawed by the dropper, I cannot put the dry 6 inches off the opposite bank or I tangle the dropper in the weeds, and how do I mend, to manage the dropper or manage the dry? It's close but not close enough to dry fly fishing to count.

There is an almost forced etiquette in dry fly fishing because of the area required to cast properly. Most fishermen and all dry fly fishers will extend stream courtesy to a fisher and leave enough room to make everybody happy, except on the San Juan River.

I don't know where folks come from that fish that river but they seem to be oblivious to the most common of all fly fishing courtesies. Not all that were there, of course, but some were swinging streamers through all the lies and positions regardless of other angler's activities. There I was on the San Juan stalking my third and probably



last fish of the day. The air was below 32 degrees, the water wasn't much warmer and I was doing



On Casting Clubs

DON ZAHNER, from *FLY FISHERMAN*, SEASON OPENER Vol. 10, Number Four, April 1979

It is both a matter of recorded fact and happy coincidence that a fly rod of the proper size, action, line and terminal tackle is, in the majority of cases, the most efficient, fulfilling and sportsmanlike tool for the care and feeding—and even the catching—of fish.

the San Juan Boogie: fish turns away—take a half step forward—freeze, fish turns away—take a half step forward—freeze...and so on until I'm kneeling up to my chest within striking range of the fish who is over a braided current, under a rock and tucked in a corner. Lo and behold, here comes a Texan in a Hawaiian shirt, vest, cigar, and streamer walking between me and my fish. "Excuse me Sir..." He walked right on through. Fish gone, dude gone, day gone.

I was pissed but waited it out, re-stalked and caught the fish. Was it the same? Nope. A dry fly fisher would have respected the effort of a fellow angler and walked around. Actually, a true dry fly fisher would have stopped on the bank and watched and enjoyed the catch every bit as much as the person in the water.

So, have I convinced you to become a dry fly fisher? I already know the answer. No. If you don't believe already you never will. To be a dry fly fisher is not a matter of learning or convincing, it is in your spirit or it is not. You may take the path towards bigger fish, or more fish, or more exotic locations to find your destiny and I will gladly cheer you on your way and not diminish my joy in dry fly fishing.

Maybe this short essay will bring some of you out of the closet and you can feel free to admit: "I'm sorry, I don't need to catch the most or the biggest fish to be perfectly happy."

"We add "catching" advisedly, because the fly fisherman can become so involved in the aesthetic delights of casting that he finds it unnecessary to direct his fly at a fish. This type should be watched carefully, but if the condition reaches manic proportions there is a place for him—although not on the stream.

"Just as upland-game hunters got rid of their less desirable element through the development of trap and skeet, so have anglers developed their own funny farms—they are called "casting clubs," and they hold casting tournaments. Some of the members can cast farther than they can see. When they're not doing that, they are casting by the numbers into a series of thirty-inch, floating metal rings. They manage to do a fantastic job of this, and would probably raise hell in a good trout pool if the right fellow was running ahead to position the metal rings."



(It can be noted that Don Zahner wrote several pieces that landed body blows at tournament casting. I remember being in Ball & Frank's Sporting Goods, a fly fishing haven in downtown Long Beach that was owned by club members, and listening to Cyril and Jimmy Ball, Johnny Frank, Verne Garten and other club members grouse about what Zahner had written this time.—Ed.)

What Sets this Club Apart?

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

I attended the pond cleaning on August 19th. I say, "attended" because my help was not needed. So I turned my attention to my (then) official duties providing the necessities for the next meeting: the cake and ice cream. At least a dozen members were already there to clean the pond when I arrived. But the fact that there was no telephone call needed to recruit the cleaning team says a lot.

No, the volunteers simply showed up because it was on the calendar. And there was a healthy mix of new members and experienced pond cleaners. Some would have you believe that it was to receive a chance at a small box of flies tied by Mark Flo. If you saw the sad group of woolly buggers he presented as a reward, you would know *that* was not the impetus. And the winner, Ron Finney, was a first time pond cleaner who does not know how to use such bugs!

Then, in planning for the Ken Iwamasa fly tying clinic, I sent an email to several fly tiers in the club. Ken had asked for volunteer fly tiers to assist in the clinic. But he was not specific on what he wanted them to do. So when I asked for volunteers, I could not be specific on what would be expected of them. Everyone immediately agreed to serve, and a few asked, almost as a second thought, "What do you want me to do?" One replied, "I can help. Tell me when and where." That's all.



It's that spirit that sets our club apart. It's that willingness to serve.



Sometimes there will be a telephone tree to contact prospective volunteers. Rick Hilles used this technique quite effectively when he was recruiting physical labor for the concrete removal and new construction of the sidewalk and bridge. He concentrated on calling on relatively new members to supplement the longer tenured members who were already committed. And they showed up.

We must celebrate your willingness to be the laboring oar. There are many tasks that need to be accomplished and there always will be in a club like ours.

When the floors were refinished, we needed people to remove the wall fixtures consisting of the photographs of the past presidents now going back better than eighty years, plaques, bamboo fishing rods and our numerous examples of trophy fish. These were removed by volunteers, carefully packed and stored for the refinishing. Then several weeks later, the artifacts were returned to their proper spots on the walls. I met many new members on those occasions who have since become friends and fishing buddies.

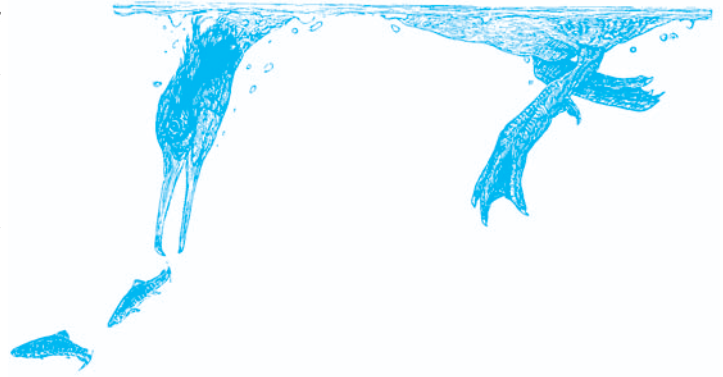
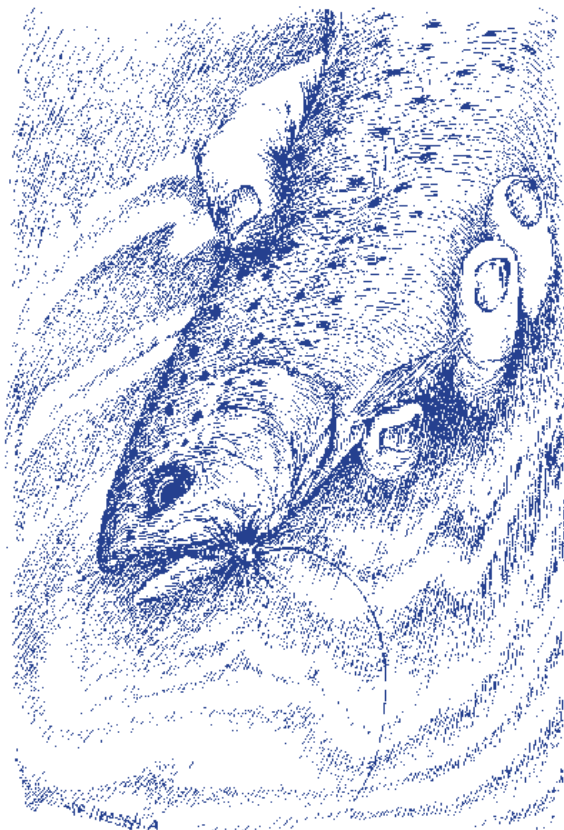
When we hosted the 2006 National ACA Tournament, we were lauded about the smooth, well-organized structure and the seeming ease with which it occurred. A year of detailed planning went into it, effectively led by Mark Lipe, but bottom line, the volunteers made it happen.

There were even a few days when the number of volunteers exceeded the tasks to be done. What other organization can claim excess volunteers?

This club is special. In large part, it is because of volunteers. Those people who serve without expectation of personal gain; no, you only serve to contribute. Personally, I think that when one joins an organization, you should do so with the intent of being active and being able to contribute whatever time and energy you can, keeping in mind the time demands of your own busy life. Clearly, many other members think the same way.

And that is what sets our club apart.

Carole Katz and Bettye Swart are chairing the Venison Stag Dinner Committee. They will soon be calling for volunteers for all of the myriad tasks that need to be accomplished to put on this wonderful event. Please help!



Thanks!

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

We just completed the first Intermediate Casting Clinic held at the club in many years and I think it proved to be very successful. There were about 50 in attendance every night with no fall-off as the class progressed. The feedback that we have received from those participating has been very helpful and positive and it looks as though we will probably want to repeat this course again next year. I want to thank all of you who came out to learn for making the class enjoyable for myself and the instructors.

We tried to accomplish a lot and had a very aggressive outline of things to teach. I also think we realize that certain things need to change before next year's addition to make the class even better.

I would like to thank all of the instructors that gave up there Wednesday nights to come down and help out. You certainly made my job very easy. I also think that many of the instructors, especially those working on their certification exams learned a great deal. That, of course, benefits everyone.

Thanks again!

Notes from the Pond

MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

Our Sunday Casts are off to a great start, and lots of hungry casters are showing up for breakfast. The September 30th cast had Allen and Judy Ross prepare a GREAT chili relleno feast, followed by an impressive casting turnout. The next time you see Bill Heard congratulate him on his prefect 100 in Dry Fly accuracy.

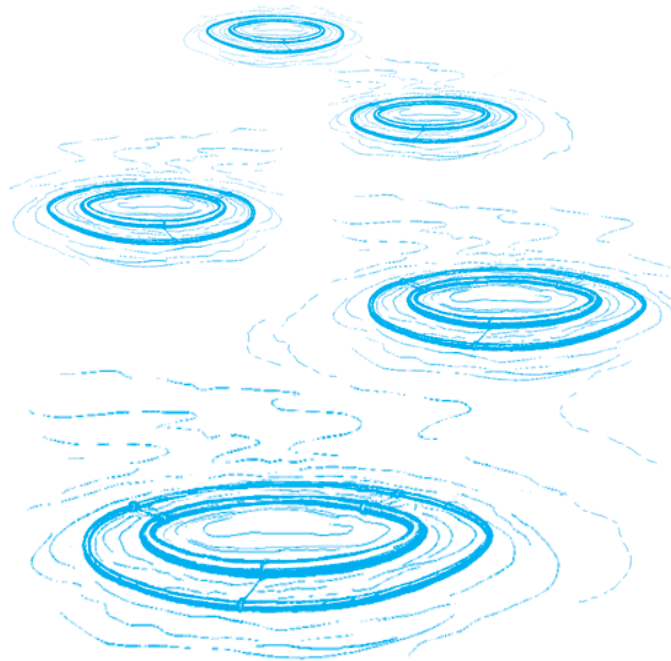
In November we will have two casts with Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM and casting at 9:00 AM:

November 11th — Games are ¼ oz. Plug, 5/8 oz. Plug, 5 weight Accuracy, Wet Fly (ACA scoring except Wet fly). This is a mail-in cast. Thank you Mark Lipe for coordinating it.

November 25th — Games are ¼ oz. Plug, Trout Fly, Bass Bug, and Trout, Steel Head, ¼ oz. Plug Distance (WTCA Scoring).



The crew showing up for pond cleaning have done a terrific job and I thank all of you for your help in keeping our pond in great shape. Ron Finney won the last fly give-a-way for helping with the clean up. The next pond cleaning will be on the December 16th so please come out and help. Also I will donate another dozen flies for the pond cleaning give-a-way.



It was suggested that I give a quick rundown of some casting games in the TARGET TALK. This is what I grabbed out of the ACA rule book:

DRY FLY ACCURACY:

Equipment

- ❖ Rod shall not exceed 9'6"
- ❖ Reel and Line are unrestricted
- ❖ Leader shall not be less than 6 feet in length

Penalties

- ❖ 3 demerits for an Improper Strip, Tick, Sunken Fly, Improper Retrieve, and Improper Cast.

Demerits for Accuracy

- ❖ A fly falling in the target shall be scored perfect.
- ❖ For each foot the fly misses the extreme edge of the target shall be 1 demerit, with a maximum of 5 for each target.

You can look up all the rules in their entirety at the ACA website: www.americancastingassoc.org (also note the pond photo on the web site).

Next Month **TROUT FLY.**

Coming Soon to a Library Near You...

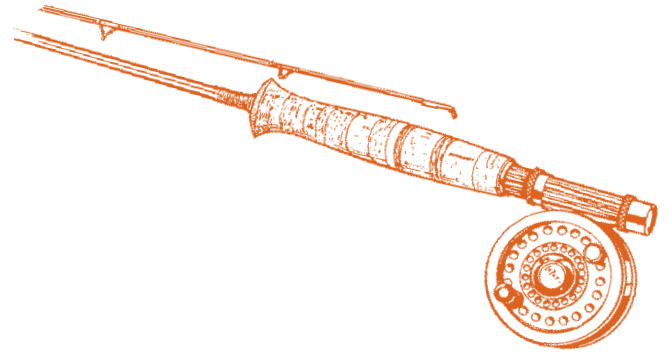
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Okay, so you are working on improving your fly casting. You have taken a bunch of classes down at the club and have been practicing but you also want to work on it on your own at home. No problem! There are dozens of DVD's out now and some can provide tremendous insights into the how's and why's of fly casting. The problem is which are the right ones to purchase?

The club is currently in the process of updating our library by adding DVD's and has compiled a list of what we think are the best of the best titles. If you want to start or add to your own library here are some DVD's you should seriously consider:

Mel Krieger:	THE ESSENCE OF FLY CASTING; THE ESSENCE OF FLY CASTING II; and FLY CASTING FAULTS & FIXES
Joan Wulff:	DYNAMICS OF FLY CASTING
Chico Fernandez:	FLY CASTING; and ADVANCED FLY CASTING
Bill Gammel:	TEACH YOURSELF TO FLY CAST
Lefty Kreh:	LEFTY KREH ON FLY CASTING; and LESSONS WITH LEFTY
Brian O'Keefe:	INTRODUCTION TO FLY CASTING
George Roberts:	SALTWATER FLY CASTING
Prescott Smith:	TAMING THE WIND
Doug Swisher:	BASIC FLY CASTING; ADVANCED FLY CASTING
Tom White:	EFFICIENT FLY CASTING

These are all excellent DVD's and will provide you some great information from acknowledged experts.



Thursday Night at the Movies

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

Casting, Tying and Activity Night on Thursdays adds a new dimension. We'll play some movies on various aspects of fly fishing:

- Nov. 8th **ANATOMY OF A TROUT STREAM** by Rick Hafele. Some basics on entomology and reading the water.
- Nov. 29th **FEEDING LIES**. Fascinating footage of trout underwater.
- Dec. 6th **BUGS OF THE UNDERWORLD**. Ralph and Lisa Cutter's latest video of bugs in their own world.
THE HATCH. An award winning short on salmon flies in the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River in Colorado.
- Dec. 13th **SUCCESSFUL FLY FISHING STRATEGIES**. Gary Lafontaine offers several places to fish from in different locations on the river and suggests the best approach.

If you have particular subjects you'd like to see, let me know. Also, check out one of the videos from the club library and watch it in the comfort of your own home. Another benefit from being a member!

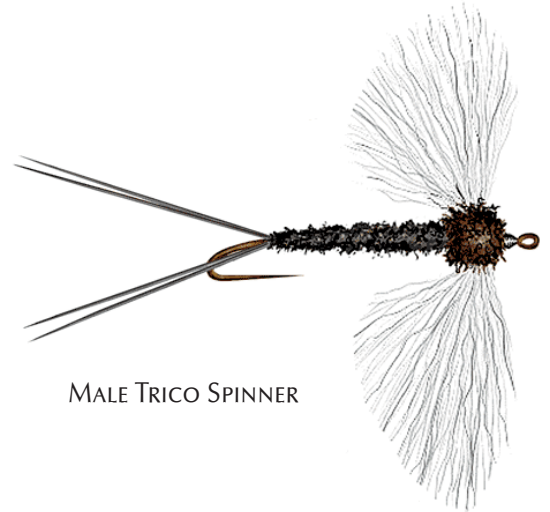
Fly of the Month: Trico Spinners

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

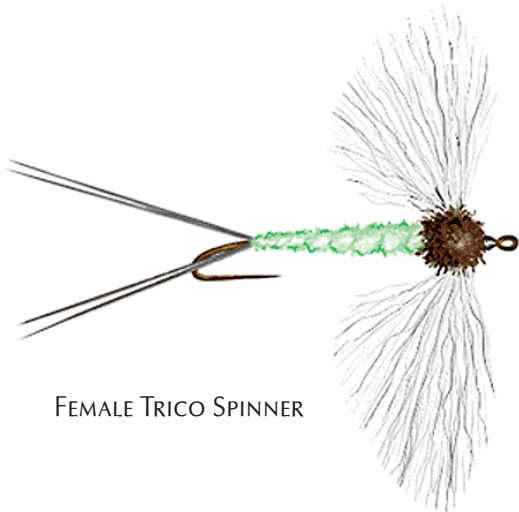
While I am aware of the saying “to much knowledge is a dangerous thing” I tend to ignore it. It’s not the information, it’s how you use that’s dangerous, right?

With fly fishing so much of what we accomplish is based on what we know. Understanding the relationship between the trout and its food is certainly one of the biggest keys to success. Through one of our bigger challenges, a Trico spinner fall, I have learned that reading about and observing a specific insect can make all the difference in the number of trout you catch and release. That and practice...

Tricorythoides, also known as a White-Winged Black, is a diminutive yet abundant mayfly that inhabits lakes and slower moving streams and spring creeks. It is a hatch that requires long, fine leaders and downstream, drag-free floats. I have fished Trico imitations on Henry’s Fork, Silver Creek, Hebgen Lake, Williamson River and even our own Hot Creek and Owens River. One of the more enjoyable mornings I have spent fishing was on the South Fork of the Platte River below Spinney Reservoir in Colorado with my wife Kelley and Joe Libeu. Joe will, without one second’s hesitation, regale anyone willing to listen with stories of me running full tilt downstream trying to keep up with a hot fish. All true and, before you ask, I lost the fish...



MALE TRICO SPINNER



FEMALE TRICO SPINNER

The Trico “hatch” is remarkably consistent from location to location. To fish the hatch and spinner fall correctly you need to know which form of the insects are on the water and being fed upon by the trout. The males hatch during the nighttime hours and congregate near the banks. The females start to emerge early in the morning hours and if you are fishing during this time try using a #18 tan RS-2 with an indicator and a small (#8 or #10) split shot or a tan or gray Comparadun or Sparkle Dun.

The females quickly molt from the dun stage and become sexually mature shortly after hatching and by 9:00 AM male and females will mate in swarms over the bank and water. It is here that the hatch becomes exciting as the males begin dying *en masse* on the water. You will

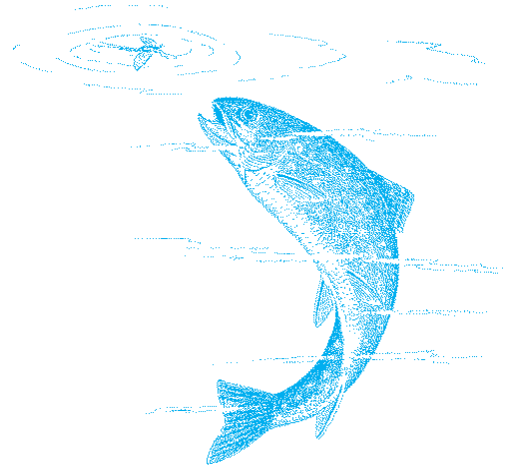
probably not notice the insects on the water but you will notice the increased trout activity with their steady, rhythmic rises as they feed on 6 to 12 of the hapless insects with each mouthful. Quickly change to the male version of the Trico spinner, as this is what the fish will be concentrating on. In the meantime the females will return to the stream bank plants to prepare their egg-sacks before returning to the water to lay their eggs and eventually die.

As more and more of the females return and, with fewer and fewer males left to feed on, the fish will usually switch over to keying in on the female version of the Trico spinner. Don't hesitate to change flies as soon interest in the male Trico spinner wanes. While everyone else is being spurned by finicky fish you will be happily hooking fish after fish until the spinner fall ends from around noon to 1:00 PM. Like all hatches, overcast conditions usually delay the process an hour or so but usually makes the hatch last a little longer than it normally would.

This is an exciting yet demanding fishing opportunity and when you have a successful day you will come to realize that a little knowledge indeed goes a long, long way.

Materials for Tying the Trico Spinner:

Hook: Light wire dry fly hook in sizes #18–#20
 Thread: Black 8/0
 Wing: Light gray Zelon fibers (do not use white as written in other pattern lists)
 Tail: Dark dun hackle fibers
 Male Body: Black Dubbing
 Female Body: Pale Watery (bluish) green dubbing
 Thorax: Blackish-brown dubbing around the wing



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The trip is limited to 13 people; the cost includes transportation and lodging. I will create and cook, with the help of everyone, a menu for each night. Cost of the trip is **\$700 per person** including transportation to and from Idaho Falls.

To secure a spot or for further information please contact Joe Libeu at Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures, 310-749-6771 or email at Fishlgf@ix.netcom.com.



Calendar of Events

November

1-5	Thursday		Club Trip: Steelheading in Redding
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Techniques & Demonstrations
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting, Tying & "ANATOMY OF A TROUT STREAM"
10	Saturday	9:00 AM	Fly Tying Workshop: Maria Rivas
11	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Ant
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
16	Friday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Skip Morris—Fishing the Surface of a Trout Lake
17-18	Weekend		Marriott's Show
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Soft Hackle
22	Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
25	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Boss
29	Thursday		Activity Night: Casting, Tying & "FEEDING LIES"

December

1	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag Social Hour
		7:00 PM	Venison Stag Dinner
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Scud
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: to be determined
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting, Tying & "BUGS OF THE UNDERWORLD"
8	Saturday	9:00 AM	Freshwater Knot Workshop: Gary Charles
9	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting, Tying & "SUCCESSFUL FLY FISHING STRATEGIES"
16	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Pheasant Tail
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
23	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
25	Tuesday		Merry Christmas!
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying

January

2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower Owens #1
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
6	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Clouser Minnow
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
11-13	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens #1
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Crazy Charlie
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Saltwater Knots Workshop: Gary Charles
20	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Woolly Bugger
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced
27	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Muddler Minnow
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying

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Instructions for Tying the Trico Spinner:

1. Attach the thread to the hook behind the headspace and wind down about $\frac{1}{4}$ the shank of the hook. Cut off about a 1" length of 20 to 25 strands of Zelon for the wing and tie them down perpendicular to the shank of the hook in spent-wing fashion using X-wraps. Do not use too much wing material—err to the side of being thin. Advance the thread to the bend of the hook. Apply a very small drop of cement (for this I much prefer Dave's Flexament) to the fibers at the base of the wings.
2. Apply a small amount of dubbing to your thread and wind 1 or 2 turns to create a ball to help separate the tails. Remove one or two hackle fibers for the far side tail and using the loose loop method tie it into place. Repeat this step for the near side tail.
3. Apply more body dubbing to your thread and wind a thin, neat, evenly tapered body to a point just before the wings. Apply the thorax dubbing to your thread and wind 1 turn immediately behind the wing, 1 complete turn diagonally over the base of the wing and 1 or 2 turns in front of the wing to the headspace. Form a small, neat head, whip finish and apply head cement.
4. Using a pair of flat nosed pliers pinch the base of each side of the wing flat and forcibly fanning out the fibers. The glue that was placed there at the beginning of this fly will now hold the fibers in this position. With your scissors first trim the wings so that they are each about the length of the shank then trim them to look like the distinctive shape of a mayfly that you see in the illustrations.



VENISON STAG RESERVATION

Saturday, December 1, 2007 ❖ Social Hour: 6:00 PM ❖ Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 19, 2006

Name: _____

I will attend the Venison Stag on Saturday, December 1, 2007

I will bring _____ adults. Total number _____ @ 18.00 = _____ Total Enclosed:

I will bring _____ children. Total number _____ @ 6.00 = _____ = _____

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