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Leader's Line

Steelheading on the Trinity River

DENNIS MC^CTEER, PRESIDENT

This will be my last Leader's Line, I have resigned my position as President of the Long Beach Casting Club for personal reasons. I want to thank the Board of Directors and all of the volunteers and members who have been so supportive in the past 7 months. Rick Hilles who is a Past President and has been serving as the Senior Director will finish out the term.

I just returned from a club trip to Northern California. We fished the Trinity River and the Lower Sacramento. The focus of the trip was the steelhead on the Trinity River and this is shaping in to another epic year. There are tons of fish in the river and consequently there are tons of fishermen; in boats and along the banks.

As we floated the river, we saw many new side channels and small mountains of gravel and river rock that have been staged along some of the runs. The gravel that would be naturally available for the salmon and steelhead spawning beds is locked now behind the Lewiston Reservoir dam. Piles of gravel are brought in now to supplement the aggregate that comes out of the various tributaries to the Trinity system.

Dam releases in the spring mimic the spring flows to move the gravel and rock and cleanse the river in what is essentially a tail water fishery. The

current flows are about 300 cfs but when they have the cleansing flows, the river is ramped up to 7000 cfs. Prior to the building of the dam, flows in wet years were over 11,000 cfs. Before the dam, the river had a very different landscape with a wide flood plain and none of the thickets and brush that now line the river.

This is my fourth time in the area but the first time that I've been on the river with any real volume of fish. We had a lot of touches and got some fish to the net and although I had inkling, I can now see why so many people are obsessed with chasing after the bright chrome fish.

Thanks to Bob Graham for arranging the trip and giving us the opportunity to experience this fishery. Thanks also to Cal Trout and Friends of Trinity River who have worked to protect,

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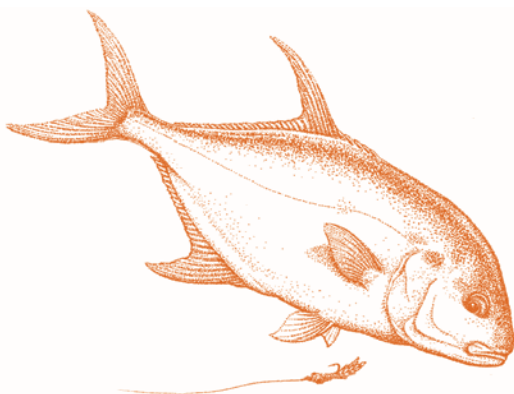
Happy to Help

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

On behalf of the board and the club I'd like to thank Dennis for his service on the board and his leadership as President. I've very much enjoyed working with him and I appreciate the time and effort he has invested on behalf of the club. I like fishing with him too although you never know what is going to happen when you get him in a drift boat.

When the board asked me to serve out the remaining term as president I told them I'd be happy to help although I'd prefer to focus on just things fishing: trips, casting, fly tying rather than the activities involved in running the club. Besides, I think I'm the target of a vast casting instructor conspiracy to keep me off the pond so my casting doesn't embarrass the club.

For those of you who don't know much about me, I served as president in the '05-'06 term. You may recall



that was a time when members pitched in did lots of club house renovations. I've served on the board from '02: first as Recording Secretary, then two years as First VP (I had to do it over again until I got it right) then as president, junior director and now senior director. I love fly fishing and since I retired 8 years ago, I get to do it a lot. I love the Long Beach Casting Club too—the people, the programs, the opportunity to learn—and that's why I'm happy to do what I can to help out.

As always, much remains to be done and I hope you'll be happy to help too.

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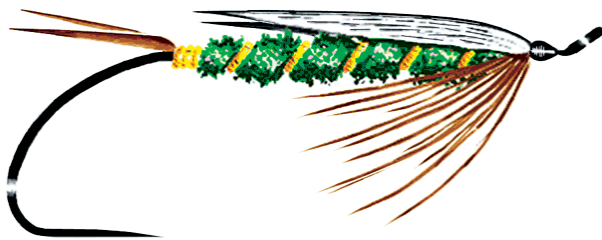
High Anxiety!!!

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

The November steelhead trip was a huge success. The anticipation level simply dwarfed that of all prior trips. Although the club trip was scheduled for only three days fishing, many went up to Redding early, barely keeping their excitement in check. Our enthusiasm was stoked by fishing reports from Brant Bounous (Travel) and Bob Marriott (Boss) of Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store and their signal success over three fishing days about ten days before. Bob had landed a 30" plus steelie and had the pictures to prove it. Brant had to be satisfied landing "many" steelies in the 26"-28" range. He is not a counter and refuses to discuss actual numbers.

Maria Rivas and I went up on Halloween and stopped at The Fly Shop for local conditions and reports. The white board behind the counter flashed "Good" or "Great" for all the rivers in the area. We went up to the Trinity River to the Steel Bridge put in area and rigged up in mid-afternoon. Unfortunately, it got dark quickly and we only had an hour or so in the water. While we packed the car in the dark, however, we did hear some loud splashes from the water and saw the wakes in the moonlight.

The next day we arrived at the hotel to inform the front desk of the names of roommates of the



arriving club members. We had breakfast there with Dennis Swing and Rod Pabst. Then we all ventured back to the Fly Shop seeking suggestions



for fishing for the day. Since we were scheduled for three days of steelhead, we decided to fish the Upper Sacramento to explore for trout. I led in my Explorer and Rod trailed in his Cadillac sedan, quite slowly over the bumpy rutted dirt roads along the railroad tracks that parallel the river. We fished the deeper pools and runs with modest success. Results were a little better when Maria hooked a fish with a bright green cased caddis hanging out of its mouth. Now we had a better clue about what was being taken. We switched to Green Rock Worms and Cased Caddis flies and enjoyed better success than using the flies suggested by the Fly Shop. Well...she did. I had ganged my tippet spools together and intended to move from a 5X to a 4X. But I didn't separate the spools to clearly see the size and ended up breaking off a lot of fish on 7X tippets! Duh!

After we had a hearty breakfast the following day, the guides met us promptly at 7:00 AM in front of the hotel. Jeff Parker greeted Dennis McTeer with a curt "You stay in the boat!" Later that day, they met a guide on a busman's holiday and Dennis had to repeat the whole story of how he fell out of the boat last year! Rich Garrett and May Lou fished the Lower Sac with Ryan and caught lots of trout just below the spawning salmon redds. Dennis and Rod did likewise. The rest ventured over Buckhorn Summit to fish the Trinity River for the steelhead. Al and Judy Ross fished with Brad, a new guide who we met in Douglas City.

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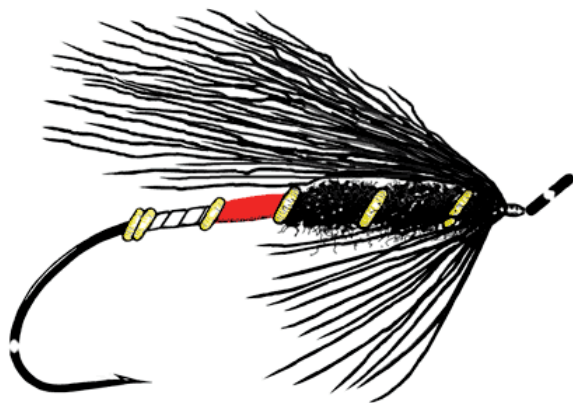
Apparently Judy stuck two steelies on her first two casts and Brad stated "You can fish in my boat anytime, lady!"

Kathie Kim arrived with a hope she would catch one steelhead. If she could do that, she felt the trip would be a success. Steelhead fishing is not like trout fishing from a boat. On some trips a reasonable day would include netting upwards of twenty or more trout (if you were counting). But a steelhead is known as a fish of a thousand casts. In fact my shoulder gave out the first afternoon after waving my 7 wt. rod around for hundreds of casts. As Dave Richey put it in STEELHEADING FOR EVERYBODY, *"Winter steelheading is known more for its challenge than for its productivity. Still, it is almost always possible to catch some winter steelhead, providing you have more than one day to fish."*

Almost is the operative word. Last year, many of us were skunked at least one of the fishing days. Lani Waller just released his DVD series STEELHEAD LEGACY. One DVD consists of reruns of his classic twenty-year-old tapes on steelhead fishing on the Deschutes and Babine-Skeena



systems. The second DVD is a recent update using modern spey-casting techniques. While the movie is carefully edited to show multiple landings of large fish, Jeff Pill, the producer, confided in me that the first nine days of the two-week filming went without a single fish having been caught. If



Lani Waller can be challenged by steelhead, how can mere mortals expect more?

Steelhead are anadromous trout who are heading up river from the ocean to spawn. They only have their minds on sex, so food is not of great interest. By the time they got to where we were fishing, they had already swum several hundred miles. Many had lost their bright silver coloration and had begun to regain their trout colors. They rest in the daytime in deep pools and runs and waste very little energy. Accordingly you have to virtually hit the fish on the nose with your offering and incite a reaction; you can't rely on hunger.

The Trinity is a relatively narrow river as steelhead rivers go. And it is only knee deep or less in most places where we waded. The fish however are holding in deep resting areas before they proceed upstream to their spawning grounds.

But success was had. Mary Lou netted a steelhead that measured 30 1/4". Kathie and Judy also landed 30" fish. Terry Komisak *said* he did but there was some skepticism expressed by his boating partner. Most of us caught steelhead maxing out in the 26-28" range. But these are hard fighting fish and any fish landed is an accomplishment.

The Trinity was fairly crowded with anglers fishing from shore. The difficulty is that the pools and runs where the fish actually hold are few and the shore fishers tend to camp there for long periods of time. On the first two days Maria idled away the time while waiting for Chris and me to return

from shuttling the trailer. She grabbed a guide rod from the drift boat and made a couple of casts. It took her only two casts to catch a nice steelhead right in front of three bait fishermen. They had been there for several hours without any action. The second day she had no witnesses but the smile gave her away.

We also had lots of wardens. Kathie and Tom Camp had their rigs thoroughly checked. It is a violation on the Trinity to have your weight more than 18" from your top fly. The reason is that they don't want the fly to float so much higher than the weight that it can be used to snag the steelhead. The wardens were not checking licenses, which



was good. Slim was demonstrating something to Rich and Mary Lou and caught a huge steelhead. As we came around the bend in the river, Rich was netting Slim's trophy. But I noticed that Slim did not have his license out and visible like the rest of us did. The game warden on the Feather River only asked about our fishing success; he seemed more interested in a consumer poll than



enforcing the rules.

And of course we had falls: Terry was the only member to swim. But three guides slipped into the water. I am sworn to secrecy, so I won't tell you that Chris King fell in face first while exiting the boat. He then warned, "Watch out, it may be slippery here."

The final night we stayed in the dining room after the complimentary cocktail hour and Maria bought pizzas for the group. This was a blessing because after three full days of fishing, we were too tired to decide where to eat. So we sat and told lies about our trip.

I did achieve a personal best: I finally out-fished Maria. We were on the Feather River the last day and we both caught several adult steelhead and a few juveniles ("half-pounders"). Then we began catching some native California fish. Maria caught one and I landed six large golden fish,



one measuring 18"! But the California Squawfish are simply ugly, especially when they are large. It is now more politically correct to call them what they are.....Suckers!

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improve and sustain this river.

The only negative were the numerous fishermen along the banks using various angling methods. Many appeared to be keeping more than the limit. Along some of the more accessible runs, they are lined up along the bank and the river was littered with carcasses of fish that had been filleted.

There is nothing wrong with keeping a hatchery fish but the limit is one hatchery fish a year! People should keep their one hatchery fish a year, we can grow more but judging from the carnage along the bank it appears that they far exceeded the limit. It's just surprising to see this in 2007. At one point, a group started fishing across the river from us and they started casting over our lines—guess they missed the class on fishing etiquette.



Mammoth Outing Report

CARL LASKI, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

In October 2007, the Long Beach Casting Club outing to Mammoth included Dennis McTeer, Mark Flo, Gary Kosaka, Gary Charles, Charles Course, Ed & Barbara Flior, Andy Stillitano, John Stine, Rob Peterson, Douglas Terrel and Carl & Marissa (daughter) Laski.

During the Brookie Bash a few months earlier, we stayed at the Sierra Megeve condos in Mammoth which are nice accommodations, but further away from town. In fact, it's far enough away from town that the bears felt quite comfortable to stop by the condo at 2:00 AM to go "dumpster diving". At night, you could hear the bears go from condo to condo and pounce each dumpster in an attempt to open the lid.

Marissa and I arrived at the Sierra Megeve condos around 10:00 PM on Friday for the October outing. I was tired...it was cold. Since I have grown to be quite an experienced outdoorsman living in Los Angeles & Orange County my entire life, I figured the bears would be hibernating in October. I decided that there was absolutely no risk in leaving a large ice chest strapped down in the back of my truck.

Around 5:00 AM, I awoke to an all too familiar sound of bears slamming the dumpsters. My eyes popped wide open, "It can't be!" I was concerned of the potential damage to the ice chest and paint job on my truck.

Honestly, my initial thought was, "*The Sunshine Committee is going to eat me alive!*" Fortunately, the bears (3 of them) missed the ice chest in the truck. A lesson learned and concluded that bears are not afraid of condo full of fly fishers. Deer, elk and peacocks instinctively fear fly fishers since many of their relatives have ended up as a wing



or body on a fly.

On Saturday morning, the wind at the condo was howling. I don't recall anyone in a big hurry to rush out of the condo and start fishing. It was one of those, "I think I will have a second cup of coffee" mornings. Crowley was so blown out that the marina would not allow any boats on the water. Despite the wind and cold temperatures, the group fanned out over the Upper Owens and Hot Creek and reported success on both numbers and some quality fish.

Due to the passing front, float tubing with my daughter, Marissa was not an option. We opted to visit Bodie ghost town. The Eastern Sierras are so rich with geological features and history. Marissa and I really enjoyed walking the dirt streets of Bodie and peering in windows for a glimpse of what life was like in 1879. If you asked people, "What was the 2nd largest town in California around 1879?" they would never guess Bodie. Between our visit to Bodie and feeding a hungry teenager, I didn't fish the entire weekend. I can wait to fish Crowley next year.

Six pack of Marissa's favorite soda at Indian Wells Brewery...\$6
Caramel apples at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory...\$8
Entrance to Bodie State Historical Park...\$12
Spending a weekend with my daughter in the Eastern Sierras...Priceless!

Venison Stag & Monthly Meeting

CAROLE KATZ, PAST PRESIDENT

This is a reminder that there is *no* regular monthly meeting in December. The Venison Stag will be our December gathering. The Venison Stag Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 1st, beginning at 6:00 PM, with dinner served at 7:00 PM. Those without reservations will only be accommodated if there is room, so please send or call in a reservation as soon as possible to Carole Katz (714-731-6044).

This is a great opportunity to sit down to a tasty prime rib dinner with friends during this prelude to the hectic holiday season. 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.

Also, don't forget Bettye's fishing tree. It's like a Christmas tree but all the ornaments will be fishing related. We've set up the tree up already so members can bring ornaments in, hang them and the tree can be ready in time for the Stag.

Happy Holidays to everyone!



Thursday Night at the Movies

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

Our first movie night drew two-dozen members. Some were looking for the balcony. The chosen film was Rick Hafele's ANATOMY OF A TROUT STREAM. Rick spent an hour showing us the characteristics of riffles, runs, pools and flats, how to fish them and what insects to expect. It was a basic tape but still had nuggets of information that even the experienced could take away. A short Q&A session followed where experiences were shared.

Last month's Target Talk outlined the tapes for December. After that, and in preparation for the Lower Owens trips where we mostly fish with nymphs (except, of course, Royal Wulff), I'll show a few nymphing videos. On January 3rd we'll see Rick Hafele's tape NYMPH FISHING BASICS. On January 31st we'll watch NAKED TRUTH ABOUT NYMPHS. On February 7th Kelly Galloup's new DVD NYMPHING BY THE NUMBERS will be shown.

Gary Borger's tape on DRY FLY FISHING will be shown on February 21st. Then on March 13th we'll move on to midge fishing with Brian Chan's CHIRONOMID TECHNIQUES. Later in the spring we will learn about wet flies, soft hackles, saltwater and still water techniques.

These tapes and DVD's provide a lot of information in a short period. Come prepared to take copious notes especially if the material is new to you. Even old salts will learn some new details, tips and techniques. Better yet, if you find a video that you like, get one for your own library. They are worthwhile to watch again and again.

We also have videos available in the club library for your viewing at home. The casting DVD's that the club recently purchased will soon be in

the library and available for check out for short periods of time. The librarian is still formulating the rules and regulations for these popular tapes.

As always, if you have ideas or subjects that you want covered, let me know. Hopefully, I'll have a tape or two.



Membership Requests

**MICK WOODBURY,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Please welcome Gary Sanders to our Club. He and his wife Laurie reside in Lakewood.

As a new member, we wish you good times, great success and improved fishing. And if you've never been to one of our monthly meetings—you just might want to bring a quarter!

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

Project Healing Waters

CAROLE KATZ, PAST PRESIDENT

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc., is a volunteer, non-profit organization, initiated by members of Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers. PHW serves military personnel who have come home wounded or injured to aid their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying, and by using and enjoying these skills on fishing outings.

While initially focusing on military personnel in the Washington, DC area, the Project has expanded nationwide and is offering its services to active military personnel and veterans in military and Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals. All services and activities of Project Healing Waters are provided to the participants at no cost.

From its inception three years ago at Walter Reed Army Hospital and Bethesda Naval Hospital, Project Healing Waters now has established programs in Maine, Virginia, Massachusetts, Arizona, and several in California, New Jersey and New York. Programs are in the start-up phase in more than 22 other locations. Recently Project Healing Waters was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the Department of the Army for its support of the men and women who serve.

Here at the Long Beach Veterans Affairs Medical Center, we started working with a group of 12-17 vets with psychiatric disabilities, including post-traumatic stress disorder. PTSD is becoming very common among returning military personnel. We taught fly tying weekly for one hour from May 23rd to August 15th, followed by casting instruction from September 17th until October 24th.

On Friday, November 2, we had a two week session on water, with videotaping and some games, followed by a lunch catered by the Chief of Volunteer Services. There was enthusiastic



competition to determine the order of placement in the lunch line by hitting targets in the water.

I want to thank all the volunteers who have made this happen: Mark Tsunawaki, Jeff Sadler, Dennis Martinez, David Brooks, Al & Judy Ross, Jim & Donna Minx, Julius & Jane Lee, Dan Rivett, Stan Holden, Burt Labowitz, Mick Woodbury, Joe Richter, Rick Hilles, Jeff Gross, Larry Albach and Frank Kropacek. Many others have offered to help, but because of scheduling conflicts or medical problems, they haven't been able to join us yet. I also want to thank all those who have made donations to this rewarding program.

Future Club Trips

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:

- ❖ December 14-16 no trip
- ❖ January 11-13 Lower Owens #1
- ❖ February 15-17 Lower Owens #2
- ❖ March 22 Newport Bay Bass Tourney
- ❖ April 4-6 Carpenteria Surf Trip

Notes from the Pond

MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

I would like to thank Frank Kropacek for running the last pond cleaning and also Jerry Marotta, Yosh Iseda, Joe Libeu, Dennis Martinez and Rich Hilles for helping to keep our pond clean.

The next pond cleaning will be on Sunday, December 16 2007 at 8:00 AM Donuts and coffee will be available at 7:30 AM. Please come out and help. I will be tying a dozen flies to give away after we are done.

Our December Casts will be on the 9th and 23rd.

- ❖ On December 9, the games will be ¼ oz. Plug, Trout Fly and Bass Bug (ACA scoring).
- ❖ On December 23, the games will be 3/8 oz. Plug, 5/8 oz. Plug, Dry Fly, 5 Wt. Accuracy and Wet Fly (ACA scoring).

Our January Casts will be on the 6th and 20th.

- ❖ On January 6, the games will be ¼ oz. Plug, Trout Fly, Bass Bug, (ACA scoring) and Trout fly, Steelhead and 1/4 oz. Distance (WTCA scoring).
- ❖ On January 20, the games will be 3/8 oz. Plug, 5/8 oz. Plug, Bass Bug, 5 Wt. Accuracy, (ACA scoring) and Wet Fly (WTCA scoring).

TROUT FLY ACCURACY: A quick look at the game.

1. Equipment

- A) Rod Length - Shall not exceed nine feet (9') overall; Weight - Unrestricted
- B) Reel - Unrestricted
- C) Line Type - shall be standard fly fishing line of plastic floating type. Shall not exceed .053" in diameter maximum (6 weight maximum).
- D) Leader - not less than nine (9) feet in length with a tippet at least eighteen (18) inches long that does not exceed .008 inches in diameter.

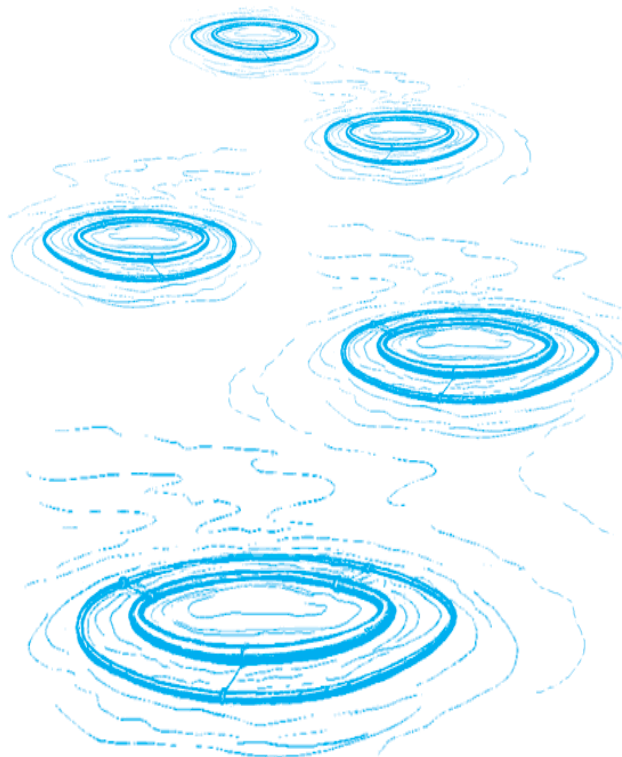
2. Method of Casting

A) Consists of three rounds: Round 1, Dry Fly; Round 2, Wet Fly; and Round 3, Roll Cast.

- 1) Round 1: Unlimited false casts to each target
- 2) Round 2:
 - a) Unlimited casts at the first target.
 - b) One false cast and 1 presentation to the next 4 targets.
- 3) Round 3: The caster shall roll a total of 15 casts to 5 targets in succession with 2 demerits for each failed target.

3. Scoring

A) For round 1 and 2 the accuracy demerits are: 1 demerit for being outside the first ring and 2 demerits for being outside the second ring.



Once again, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to keep our pond in working order, and to encourage those of you who haven't to come learn a new skill.

Know Your Knots

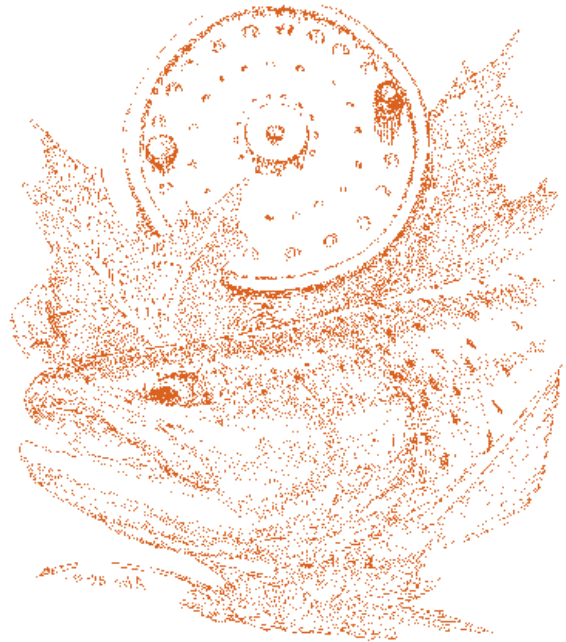
GARY CHARLES, MEMBER

Do you tie flies to tippetts with clinch knots, wondering if they will hold? Are you at a loss when wishing to use a loop knot to impart more action to a streamer? Do you need a tool to tie a nail knot? If this sounds like you, it's time to become proficient and know your knots.

On December 8, 2007, at 9:00 AM, the club will kick-off its new series of Saturday programs with a session dedicated to freshwater fishing knots. This is an opportunity to learn how to select and tie reliable knots and connections that suit a wide range of angling purposes.

This class is informal, and is geared toward beginning and intermediate fly fishers. All that is needed is a willingness to learn. Participants are encouraged bring finger nail clippers or nippers. Materials for the class will be supplied.

The duration of the class will be from two to three hours. The class is offered free to club members and non-members alike. This will be a fun session. I hope to see you there.



Saturday Seminars

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

Maria Rivas's Saturday Seminar on fly tying nymphs was postponed to permit the clubhouse cleaning for the Venison Stag. We will reschedule this for January 5th at 9:00 AM. She will tie the Lightning Bug and two other flies. This will be a participation seminar so bring your fly tying tools. Let me know by email if you intend to be there and I will send you the materials list of stuff you'll need for these killer flies.

Gary Charles' sessions on "Knots You Should Know" are still on: December 8th for freshwater knots and January 19th for saltwater knots. He will supply the ropes.

Additional tentative dates are set as follows, always subject to the adjustment of the calendar by the Board: January 26th, February 2nd and 23rd, April 26th, May 10th and 24th. Announcements of topics and speakers will follow shortly.

Fly of the Month: Parmachene Belle

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

The next time you walk into the Long Beach clubhouse take a look at the fly case on the wall opposite the kitchen. Story has it, that several flies or even that the top two rows of the flies in this case were tied by Zane Grey. Of course, no one knows for sure which of these were tied by the famous author and angler or not, but there is one that we know was not. The fly that I refer to is rather distinctive with its married red and white wings. It was tied by our late past president and one of the true characters of the club, Willy Waters. The fly is the Parmachene Belle.

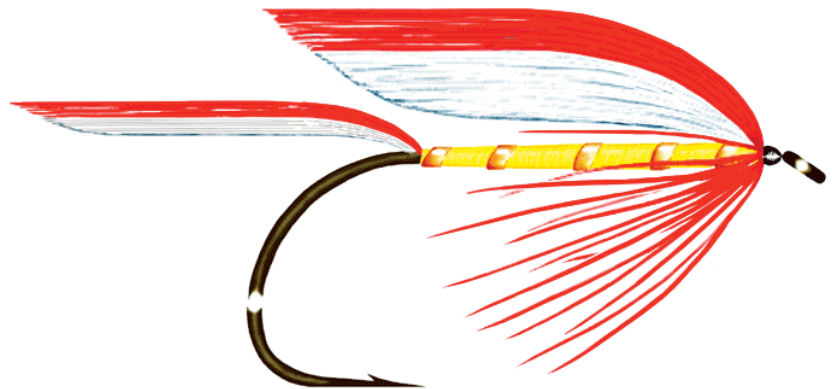
The Parmachene Belle is a classic northeastern U.S. lake pattern that was invented by Mr. Henry P. Wells in about 1878 for use fishing for landlocked salmon in his favorite lake, Lake Parmachene. At that time it was commonly believed that a particularly effective bait was the belly fin of a brook trout. Mr. Wells designed this fly to imitate just that. I used to use this fly a lot while trolling or fly and bobber fishing as youth in the Mammoth Lakes area, especially Lake Mary where my family vacationed for a week or two every summer in the '50s, '60s and early '70s. One of the very first fish I caught fly-fishing was on a wet Parmachene Belle in Hot Creek.

The last time I was in the clubhouse I was looking at this case and realized the history of many of these patterns were being left in the dust of modern tying practices and design. When I started tying flies back in 1963, we were still using duck and goose quill wings which various types of animal hairs and synthetics have now replaced.

For you tiers who have been tying for 20 years or more, I wonder when you last tied a quill winged wet or dry fly. Maybe its time to give some older patterns a try both at the bench and in the water. Besides, learning how to marry feathers is a great introduction to the artistic side of fly tying. Who knows, a feather wing Jock Scott salmon fly may be next.

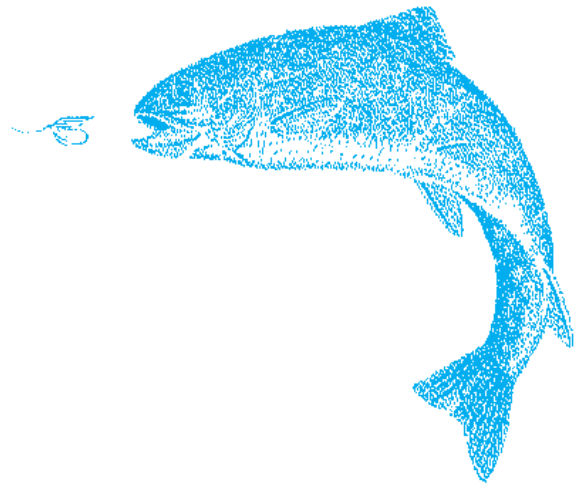
Materials for Tying the Parmachene Belle:

- Hook: Mustad 3906 or 3906B or equivalent. I prefer the slightly longer (1x) 3906B
- Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0
- Tail: Married strips of red and white duck wing quills or goose shoulder (nashurias)
- Body: Yellow floss with flat gold ribbing
- Hackle: Red hackle wound on or as a beard
- Wing: Married strips of red and white duck wing quills or goose shoulder (nashurias)
- Head: Black thread



Instructions for Tying the Parmachene Belle:

- 1 Place the hook in your vise, attach your thread and wind the thread down to a point over the barb. Select one white and one red duck primary wing quill or goose shoulder which also known as nashurias. If you are using duck wing quills, be sure to never use segments from the mid point of the wing toward the tip. I know it sounds wasteful (you could use them carefully on much smaller flies) but these sections have much thicker fibers that are difficult to marry and tie in. Now let's start marrying.
- 2 Separate your red and white quills into left and right sides. Please note that this description is for right handed tiers and that lefties need to reverse the operations. With the good side of the quill facing up, the left side, or near side of the wing, quills have the longer fibers on the left side and the biots on the right. The right side quills (far side of the wing) are just the opposite. This is important since you cannot marry left and right side fibers together. Remove 4-6 fibers of both



red and white left side quills and set them on the left side of your vise. Do the same with right side fibers and set them on the right side. Select the white, left side fibers and hold them near the tip and with the good side facing you in your left hand. The tip should be on the left. Place the red, left side fibers directly on top the white fibers and align the tips. Work the red fibers back and forth very slightly and they will start to grab the white fibers. When they grab, hold the butts of both

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Yellowstone in the Fall Do It Yourself

Join Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures on September 16th to the 21st 2008 for 4 days of fishing in the West Yellowstone area: the Madison, Henry's Fork, the Firehole, Ashton Bridge or wherever's hottest and 5 nights of lodging. We will be staying at a Ranch with lodging in the main house plus a cabin. The trip is set up as a "Do It Yourself". We will fish on our own without the use of guides. This time of the year you will hear the bugling of Elk, the start of cooler days and nights and the area is less as crowded.

The trip includes transportation and lodging only, we will do our own cooking. There will be long days and short nights and a lot of getting to know each other around the dinner table.



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 Fishlgrf@ix.netcom.com.



Calendar of Events

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
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

1	Tuesday		Happy New Year!
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower Owens #1
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting, Tying & "NYMPH FISHING BASICS"
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 Buzzer
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, Tying & "NAKED TRUTH ABOUT NYMPHS"

February

3	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Elk Hair Caddis
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower Owens
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting, Tying & "NYMPHING BY THE NUMBERS"
9	Saturday	9:00 AM	Southwestern Tournament: Casting Games
10	Sunday	8:00 AM	Southwestern Tournament: Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Southwestern Tournament: Casting Games
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Adams
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
15-17	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Parachute Adams
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting, Tying & Gary Borger's "DRY FLY FISHING"
24	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Humpy
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be determined

fibers with the right hand and stroke the fibers together from butt to tip until the new segment is married its entire length. Congratulations you have now married your first wing/tail. Do the same with right side fibers only this time hold the white fibers with off-side facing you and the fibers curving away. The tips will still be on your left side.

- 3 We will tie this fly with an open wing and tail configuration. This means that both the wing and tail sections will be tied in back to back with their tips flaring away from each other. Place the tail sections back to back with the left side facing you. The tail should be the length of the shank so measure it and tie it in using the loose loop method. I like to make one complete turn over the segment and tighten the thread and tail by pulling up. This provides more equal tension on the thread and collapses the tail more evenly without allowing it to roll.
- 4 With the tail tied in, trim the butts so that they will provide a smooth base for the body, allowing it to taper like a cigar. Tie in a 4–6 inch length of flat, gold tinsel. Advance the thread forward to the headspace with smooth even turns. Tie in a couple of strands of yellow floss and wind them smoothly to the tail and back to the start with a slight amount of overlap. Wind the flat, gold tinsel forward with evenly spaced wraps. About 5 turns should be right for most flies. Select a red hackle, I



prefer a poor grade rooster hackle to a hen hackle because the fibers are more translucent and the length should be about the width of the gap. Stroke the fibers out so that they are perpendicular to the stem and tie it in by the tip, and wrap the hackle about 4–6 turns.

- 5 Prepare the wing in the same fashion that you did the tail. You will need about 8–12 fibers of white and about 6 or 7 fibers of red. Marry the wings the same way that you did the tail. If you do it correctly they are very durable and actually tie in easier than a non married wing section of the same or narrower width. Again, hold the wing very firmly and use the loose loop method of tying it down that I described earlier. Pulling the thread up really helps with wider sections of wing—married or not.
- 6 Trim away the butt sections of the wing and form a small neat head. Whip finish the fly and apply head cement. Your first married wing fly is complete. When do you want to start a Jock Scott?

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 = _____ = _____

☐ Yes, I would like to help!

Please call me at this telephone number

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