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Target Talk

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Leader's Line

Transitions

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

As you will see from this issue of Target Talk, the last month has been a busy one for the club. The first trip of 2008 to the Lower Owens was a big success. Our board made some adjustments in assignments, the membership renewal process began, the clubhouse rebuilding fund drive started, the pond was cleaned, club casting events continued, the nominating committee finished its work, planning for the Awards & Installation Dinner began and clubhouse reconstruction planning efforts produced some real progress.

Your board made some adjustments in order to finish out the club year in March at full strength. Bettye Swart who was Corresponding Secretary agreed to change her assignment and become 2nd Vice President with responsibility for club trips. Bob Middo agreed to join the board as Corresponding Secretary replacing Bettye. The Nominating Committee (Joe Libeu, Mark Tsunawaki, Paul Burgner and Dan Rivett) has developed a slate of candidates for your consideration and approval at the Annual General Meeting on April 3. I'm pleased that the prospective new board will have experienced members who can provide continuity and stability for club year 2008–2009.

The last year brought some real challenges to the club. The board struggled with turnover of members from some key posts. Then we had the fire in December. Yet experienced members like Jeff Sadler stepped in to help fill the void and the whole club rallied behind the rebuilding effort for the clubhouse. Our next year will demonstrate our

club's talents and character as we rebuild.

Al and Judy Ross have agreed to lend their considerable help to organize the Awards & Installation Dinner. You will see they have developed a fresh approach to the event and they have obtained the permission of our friends at the Long Beach Bowling Club to utilize their facility for the dinner. We owe LBBC a debt of gratitude for their generosity in allowing us the occasional use of their facility for club activities. The same can be said for the VA for making their classroom facility available for the fly tying clinic.

This month has produced a lot of behind the scenes progress on the clubhouse rebuilding. After a detailed, arduous and sometimes frustrating process our insurance company has mailed us two checks: one in the amount of \$43,000.00 for the damaged contents of the clubhouse and one

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Women in the Outdoors

BETTYE SWART, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Sierra Sisters of the LBCC: Bettye Swart, Carol Murphy and Wanda McCarger, would like to announce a great opportunity for women fly fishers: "WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS" the weekend of May 2-4, 2008 at Fort Tejon Ranch. The ranch is located about two hours drive on the Grapevine. Three hundred women took part in 2007.

This is an incredible experience for a very nominal fee of \$75.00. Camping and hotels are nearby. Meals are included and the food is plentiful and very good. The format is two days of various outdoor courses—29 last year. Courses for fly fishing are: advanced fly fishing, float tubing the very private Tejon Lake for warm water fish, beginning fly fishing and fly tying, more fly fishing choices may be added this year.

This is an event not to miss. Sorry guys, this is for women only through the National Turkey Federation. The registration material usually arrives the end of February or middle of March. Early registration is highly recommended.

If you are interested in joining us, you need to contact Bettye Swart 949-462-9553 as soon as possible. When I receive the registration material I will contact you. It is a fun time!



San Juan River Fishing Trip Cancelled

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

The trip scheduled for mid March to the San Juan has been cancelled. The Water Authority will increase the flows from 750 cfs to 2100 cfs the week prior to our trip. The change will diminish the quality of the fishing and make walking and wading considerably more difficult. We may reconsider scheduling the trip for some time in November.

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Tackle & Techniques for Fishing the San Juan River

JEFF SADLER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

On March 28 at Meeting Hosted by the Past Presidents John Tavenner will deliver a presentation on the San Juan River, New Mexico

John Tavenner's presentation, "TACKLE AND TECHNIQUES FOR FISHING THE SAN JUAN RIVER", gives the viewer not only what it takes to catch fish on one of the most beautiful rivers in the Southwest, but information that will improve their own techniques on other rivers as well. He will provide a fresh look at the techniques that are rarely talked about, such as mending, extending drifts and fighting and landing big fish on light tackle. On the subject of mending, Tavenner will include a video clip demonstrating techniques that the viewer will appreciate.

Guide, fly designer, author and lecturer, John Tavenner has been fly-fishing and fly tying for over 30 years. He moved to New Mexico in 1983. He first fished the San Juan River in 1985 and fell in love with it. He guided his first trip on the San Juan in 1987.

John moved to Aztec in 1991 and began guiding full time on the San Juan for Rizuto's fly-shop. He then became head guide of Soaring Eagle Lodge in 1996. He and his wife, Monica, started Sandstone Anglers, Inc. in 1999.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

- April 4: LBCC Annual General Meeting
- May 30: John Van Derhoof: "MOST WONDERFUL PRESENTATION"
- June 27: To be determined, but hopefully a House Warming Party.
- July 25: Joe Libeu: "TIPS AND TECHNIQUES"



NOTE: Meeting nights are changed to the last FRIDAY night at 7:00 PM unless informed otherwise.

NOTE: Meeting location changed to Recreation Park Community Center unless informed otherwise. This is a park building directly (slightly west) across 7th Street from our clubhouse at the opposite corner of 7th and Federation. Brick front building with entrance facing 7th Street and parking on Federation.

It's Show Time

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

Be sure to mark your calendars now and plan on attending The Fly Fishing Show, in Pasadena at the Pasadena Center. This is the show's sixth year and it will provide you with numerous programs designed to improve your fly fishing ability. It was a great show last year.

The Fly Fishing Show hours are:

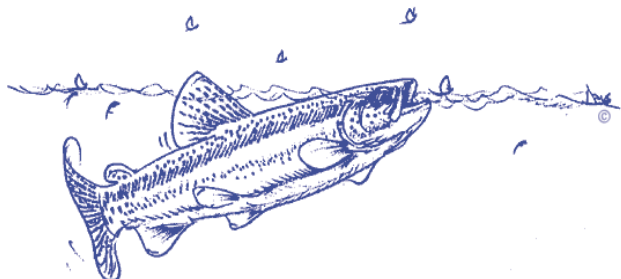
- ❖ Saturday, March 1st from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM
- ❖ Sunday, March 2nd from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Also, don't forget the Fred Hall Show which will be held on March 5th–9th at the Long Beach Convention Center. If you would like to volunteer to work any of these shows, please call Paul Burgner @ 562-634-1515.

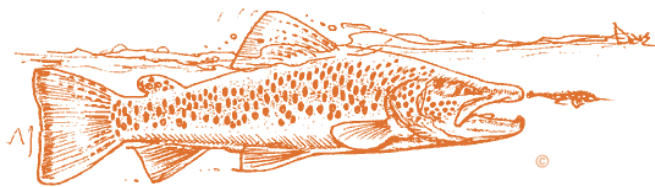
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for \$203,000.00 for the repair of the clubhouse structure. As you may know, we have received two bids so far that put the cost of repairs well beyond \$300,000 which is why we are raising funds for another \$50,000. Plus your board and the reconstruction team (of Paul Burgner, Dan Rivett, Nani Blyleven and Joe Richter) still have a lot of work to do to develop a plan that fits within our resources. I know the costs seem high but bear in mind that in addition to the actual structural damage, the entire clubhouse has to be repaired from smoke damage. Next steps will involve submission and final evaluation of bids, selection of a contractor, signing a contract, getting licenses, permits and approvals from the city.

We have also worked closely with our representatives from the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine to develop a letter requesting a twenty year extension of our lease so that we will be able to enjoy the return on our rebuilding investment over the long term. The letter which is available for you to read on our website describes the history of our club, our contributions to the community, our objectives as a club and our other good works to educate others about fly fishing. Without making any commitments, our city representatives have expressed their optimism regarding the likelihood of approval—a long process that could take eight months.



A key consideration in our favor involves the substantial "capital" improvements we have made to the clubhouse since the original lease was granted. As well as the capital improvements that



we will do—because they just make sense—as part of the rebuilding effort as well as those that we reasonably expect to do over the life of the next lease. All our capital improvements represent changes needed to keep our club functioning in a manner consistent with our objectives and in support of the needs of you our members. The approval of our lease extension represents a major milestone; it will cement the mutual commitment between our club and the city and assure our long term viability as a club and as a member of the Long Beach community.

As spring is around the corner, I hope you will observe stirrings of renewal: a new board elected, celebration of awards earned in the last year and plans for the next, preparation for casting clinics and the sweet noise of construction equipment as rebuilding gets underway.

Open House for Long Beach Bowling Club

ALAN ROSS, MEMBER

The Long Beach Bowling Club has graciously offered the use of their clubhouse for our April 19th Awards & Installation Banquet. They are having an open house Saturday, May 10, 2008. For anyone who would like to try lawn bowling, they are offering free lessons, pizza and drinks at their club house, 1100 Park Ave., just north of the LBCC.

For more information, call their President, Pat Gonzales, 714-969-5862.

Casting Instructor's Workshop

GARY CHARLES, CO-CHAIRMAN

This year, Master Certified Casting Instructor, Stephen Lim, and I are hosting the club's annual Casting Instructor's Workshop. On behalf of the club, we wish to take this opportunity to invite the participation of experienced instructors, and first-time instructors, alike. This is a great opportunity to promote the sport, help the club and in the process, benefit personally as well.

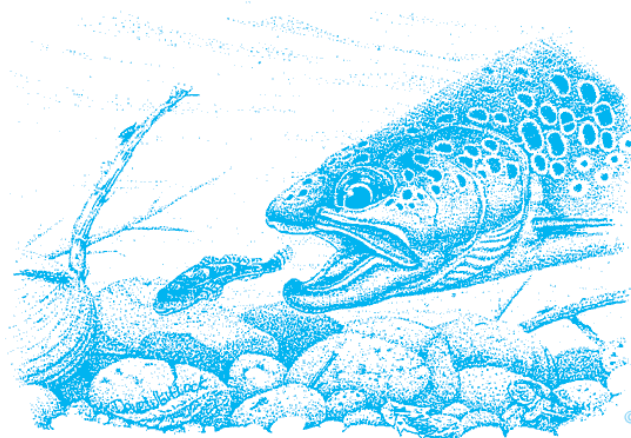
The goal of the workshop is to assure that all instructors who participate in the club's beginning casting clinic are on the same page in providing guidance to students. By avoiding, or at least minimizing, conflicting instruction, we eliminate or, at the very least, reduce a major source of confusion to new students.

At the same time, we raise the standard of instruction through the use of proven techniques that aid students in understanding and applying fundamental casting concepts.

For these reasons, participation in the casting instructor workshop is necessary for Beginning Casting Clinic instructors. The club will conduct the workshop on three consecutive Wednesdays, beginning March 26, 2008. Each session begins at 7:00 PM, and will last approximately two hours.

Though instructors need not be on hand for Beginning Casting Clinic orientation on April 4, 2008, instructors are needed for casting lessons on five consecutive Tuesdays, beginning April 15, 2008. Each lesson begins at 7:00 PM, and will last approximately two hours.

This is the club's biggest event of the year, in terms of attracting new members. It offers participating instructors the opportunity to develop, or improve, their instructing skills. In the process of teaching,



our casting skills improve as well. Everyone benefits. Steve and I hope to see you at the workshop.

LBCC Public Beginning Casting Classes

BOB MIDDO, RECORDING SECRETARY

Our annual Beginning Casting Classes are set to begin in April. The first night's class will be held at the Long Beach Recreation Park Community Center at 7:00 PM for the initial orientation on Friday, April 4, 2008. Thereafter, we will be meeting the students at the pond directly. The pond side classes will continue on April 15th, 22nd and 29th, and March 6th and 13th, again starting at 7:00 PM.

If you plan on helping out, please remember that it is necessary to attend the Casting Instructor's Workshop first. This workshop is one of the major reasons why we have such a successful and envied program. I might add by the way, that the workshop is also a great learning experience for those wishing to become an FFF Certified Casting Instructor.

Changes in the Awards & Installation Banquet Reservations

ALAN ROSS, MEMBER

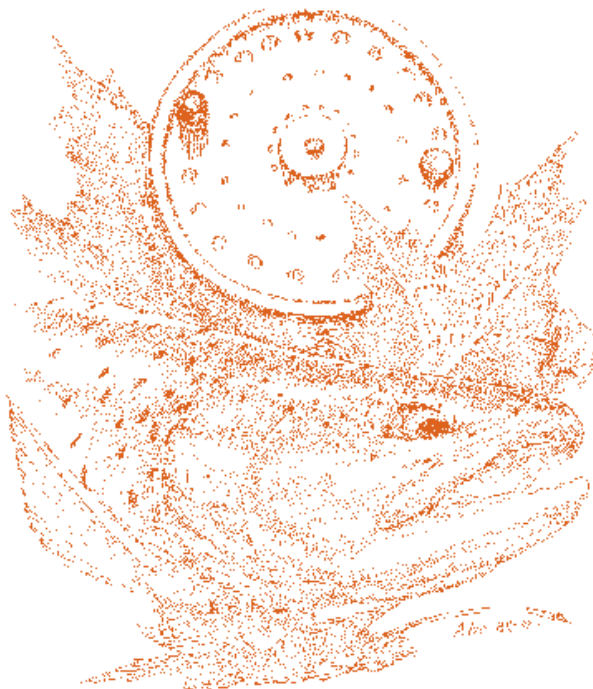
The Banquet Committee is concerned that because of the low price and outstanding fellowship at the upcoming banquet, we may have an overflow crowd for the dinner. Seating inside the Long Beach Bowling Club is limited to about 50 people. Therefore, we have decided to set up additional places outside on the patio. Also, since lighting on the patio is limited, we are moving the start time up to 5:30 PM.

Priority inside seating will be based on the date we receive your reservation. We will let you know if your reservation number is above 50 and give you the opportunity to cancel. It is important that you send in your reservation soon.

The Annual Awards & Installation Banquet will be at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, 1109 Federation Dr., just north of the LBCC at 5:30 PM, Saturday, April 19th. The price is only \$3 per person and the club will provide the main entrée. The rest of the meal is pot luck. You will need to bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. If you have questions, please call Judy or Al Ross, 310-379-2015, alanross@earthlink.net. All money collected over the costs will go the building fund.

Casting and fishing awards will be given, as will special club awards, and the new Board of Directors will be installed. This will be a great chance to meet your new officers, talk with friends about all that has happened since the fire, and find out how the rebuilding is going.

Send your reservations in now and don't be left out in the cool.



Long Beach Casting Club Fishing Awards!

FRANK KROPACEK,
RECORDING SECRETARY

It's that time of the year to compile the entries for the Fishing Awards of the Long Beach Casting Club. We have a few entries but we also have quite a few categories without applicants.

Please refer to section on "Fishing" in the club roster. Blank entry cards are available in the clubhouse by the trophy case.

Entries will not be accepted after March 17, 2008.

Winners will be announced at the 2008 Installation and Awards Dinner and published in the next roster.

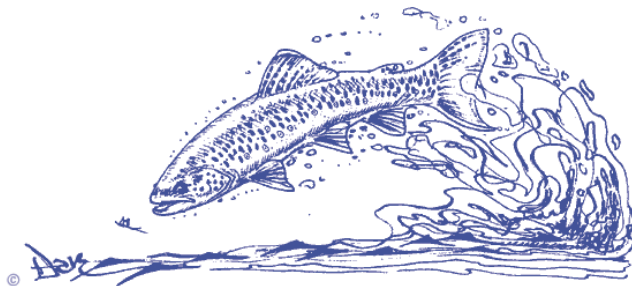
Rebuilding Fundraiser

CAROLE KATZ, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

The Board estimates that we need to raise approximately \$50,000 in order to restore the clubhouse and its contents, and to make a few capital improvements requested by the city in order to extend our lease. A Fundraising Committee was appointed and plans are being developed. Cash donations will be oh-so-gratefully accepted, and should be tax deductible because Long Beach Casting Club is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

In addition to asking for cash donations, we will have a raffle and auction in a few months. As we go to press for this issue, we have already received an Outcast Trekker float tube, Cortland rod, Orvis reel, rod case, and Brodin net. Montana Fly Fishers has also generously donated a four night stay at the Leaning Tree Lodge that includes all meals, and three days of guided fishing on the Big Horn River!

If you can help in any way with obtaining donations, please contact me at 714-731-7044. Donations do not have to be fishing-related. Dinner at a local restaurant, tickets to the Pageant of the Masters, a day at the spa for a lucky lady, gift certificate to a favorite store, a book or DVD, anything legal will be happily accepted, in addition to the usual rods and reels.



Once we receive donations, we will be selling raffle tickets, both inside and outside the club,

and we will schedule a silent and/or live auction for some exciting prizes. We anticipate having the auction in conjunction with a lunch or dinner social get together, but more will be announced about those plans at a later date.

Some Things Never Change...

UNKNOWN

While going through a stack of old club papers this article caught my eye. I found it in a 1956 issue of Target Talk. No author was listed. Some things never change...

Carole Katz

TEN WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

1. Don't go to the meetings.
2. If you do go, go late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of going.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and members.
5. Never accept office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but, if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the president to give your opinion on some matter, tell him you have nothing to say.
8. After the meeting, tell everyone how things should have been done.
9. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary, but, when other members use their ability to help matters along, howl out the organization is run by a clique.
10. Hold back your dues or don't pay at all.

You don't have to practice all ten, any of the ten will do it.

Why Fly Fish?

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

A recent Saturday found me at The Fisherman's Spot in Van Nuys with Dennis McTeer. Once a month, they have a Discovery Day and invite guest speakers and outfitters to lure people into the store. It almost felt a little naughty not spending a Saturday afternoon and a lot of money at Marriott's. I am well known for my lack of sales resistance, so any fly fishing shop proprietor is glad to see me. Margie has solved Dennis' impulse shopping problem: he's not an authorized signer on the checking account. But I am not immune.

So Ken Lindsey was happy to see me. He immediately took me to the counter where he displayed a brand new DVD. Since it was one I didn't have in my library, I was sold. "SOULFISH, A FLY-FISHING ADVENTURE" asks the question "Why do we fly fish?" It then takes over two hours to attempt to provide an answer.

The opening shows Mike Weir trucking through Mongolia for taimen. The largest salmonid on earth eats dogs, ducks and fishermen's hands. A size 12 Royal Wulff is not considered an attractor fly for these monsters. One also broke Mike's rod in the butt section; he had to hand line the fish to ground. These fish are the size of small canoes!

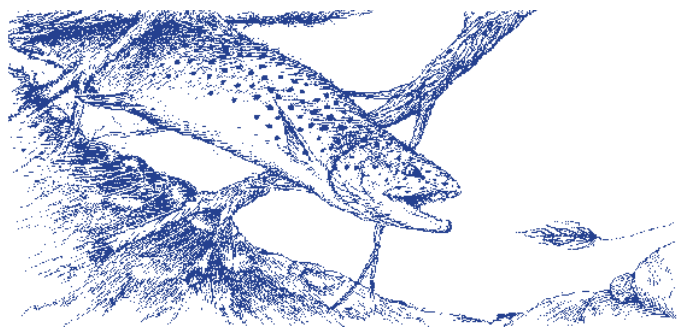
We venture to Brazil where Andy Burk searches for Peacock Bass. Then to Belize where a teenager catches a grand slam in one day: tarpon, bonefish, permit and trevally. Apparently a grand slam is obtainable on a week long fishing trip but rarely in one day. Then off to Louisiana for more flats fishing, this time for Redfish. All big specimens.

And Rachel Andras takes us to Christmas Island to make the point that fly-fishing is gender neutral and even women can fly fish. Does this need to be mentioned? In our own club, Connie, Maria, Judy, Mary Lou, Nicole and Kathy regularly out fish the men. One manufacturer has gone overboard,

however. They have created a powder blue fishing vest designed especially for women. Absurd! In a sport where there are no fashion police, designing stylish clothes is misplaced. Then again, Gary will be happy to expound on the various colors of black that he coordinates so well for his fishing outfits.

Not all of the footage is filmed in foreign, exotic venues. There are scenes on the Provo River in Utah where Lance Egan was competing to qualify for Team USA. He is shown casting, netting and measuring numerous fish in a time trial for most length in a specified period. There are also cameo appearances from Lefty Kreh, Jack Dennis and Brian O'Keefe.

I don't know that the filmmakers answered the inquiry or that the inquiry was serious but they did show some amazing fishing action. The new cameras make all the fish that are landed seem huge. Certainly this wasn't a scientific study; perhaps it was just an excuse to go fishing and then write off the cost. But it was good advertising for Joe's flats trips. I think he's going back to Christmas Island in 2009 and the trip is filling up. The last few DVD's I have watched all concentrate on saltwater fishing and it does look exciting. The tales from the club members who have gone and who are planning on going in the next few months simply amplify the enthusiasm.



Is it necessary to find an answer to why we fly fish? Can't we enjoy it without a reason? After all, an un-examined life is still worth living.

Personally, I fly fish because my golf game sucks.

Your Proposed LBCC Officers for 2008–2009

**MICK WOODBURY,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

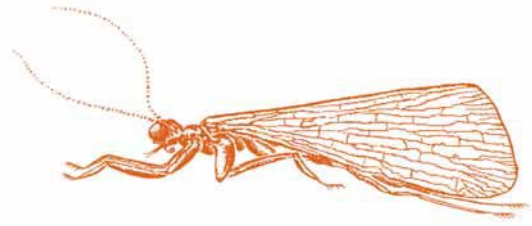
It's time to select new officers for the Long Beach Casting Club. Here is the proposed slate of officers for the 2008–2009 Board of Directors:

President	Rick Hilles
1st Vice President	Mick Woodbury
2nd Vice President	Bettye Swart
Corresponding Secretary	Bob Middo
Recording Secretary	Frank Kropacek
Treasurer	Rich Garrett
Membership Secretary	Mark Flo
Captain	Mark Lipe
Junior Director	John Van Derhoof
Senior Director	Carole Katz
LBCC Advisory Board	All Past Presidents

The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting on April 3, 2008. Any ten members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Such nominations shall be made in writing and be signed by said and delivered to the Corresponding Secretary before the election. Refer to the Long Beach Casting Club Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, for the procedure to nominate candidates from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting is your opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the Long Beach Casting Club and to have a say in our club and be a part in its direction.

I hope to see you there.



Maggie Merriman Entomology Workshop

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

On Saturday, March 29, 2008 join Maggie Merriman at the Long Beach Veterans Administration Hospital Campus for her 10th Annual BASIC ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR FLY FISHERS.

You will learn how to “Match the Hatch” and how to select the correct fly for a given situation. Maggie stresses the use of common English names and not the biological “Latin” names many associate with entomology, so you can leave your *Acroneuria californicas* at home.

The class will begin around 9:00 AM and run until 12:30 to 1:00 PM. The cost for the workshop is \$45.00 and includes samples of insects, corresponding flies and an extensive handout. Bring a snack, note pad and some fly boxes to look at and compare the insects.

You must Pre-Register for the workshop by mailing the fee to: Maggie Merriman, 19791 Coastline Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

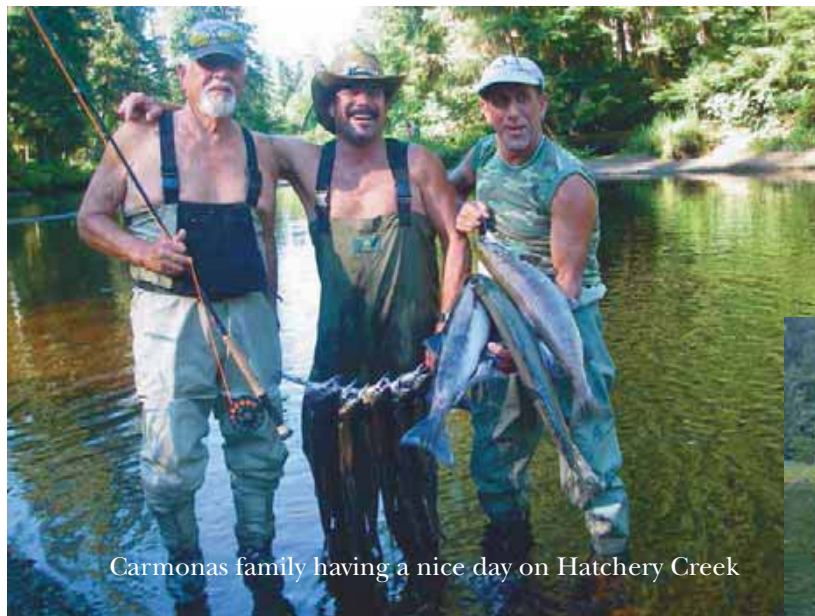
Or you can call her with any questions you may have at 714-969-5829. You will receive an exact map of the location upon registering.

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Every fly fisher dreams of catching wild Alaskan Salmon while knee deep in clear cool water. If you've called Alaskan resorts to check on prices you may have been

discouraged by the over \$1000 per day tab commonly charged by even the not-so-special fishing resorts. On this junket the emphasis is on terrific fishing, good food, and enjoying each other's company.

The Fish Rich Group has been fishing Coffman Cove for 6 years and we've got it dialed in. Mike Allen, Denny Farrier, and Carl Rischer are retired members of LBCC.

Week One & Week Two

August 8th to 15th

August 15th to 22nd

- These bullet lists are for both weeks
- Fly Fish the streams and tidal rivers with Carl Rischer and Mike Allen
- Skiff Fish the Bays and Coves with Richard Williams and Denny Farrier
- Four Hobie Outbacks for Kayak Fishing
- Fly tying in the evenings
- Each fishing friend gets one day fishing the Inside Passage with a guide on the Silver Talon
- Six full days of fishing each week
- Seven nights in the Coffman Cove Bunkhouse
- All your food is included.

North-Southwestern Tournament: Long Beach Weather in the Bay Area

**ALICE GILLIBERT,
PRESIDENT OAKLAND CASTING CLUB**

February 10th usually sees the casters from Golden Gate, Oakland, and San Jose in Long Beach for the annual Southwestern Tournament at the Long Beach Casting Club facilities. A fire in the clubhouse forced the Long Beach club to cancel this year's tournament.

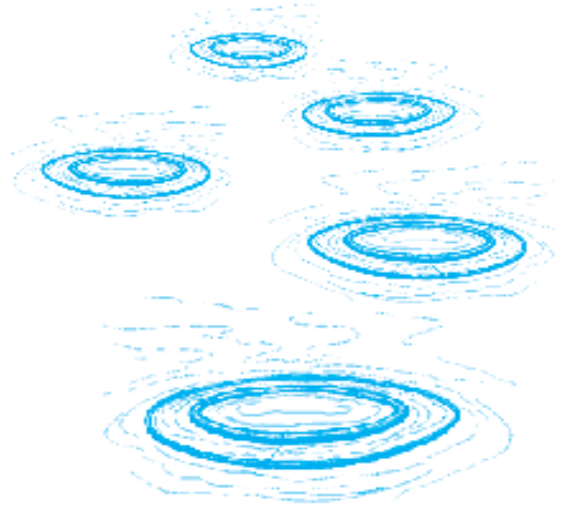
At the suggestion of Rich Brown and coordinated by Kazu Koshimizu, Henry Mittel, and Dan Zimmerlin, a tournament was scheduled for just flies in five events, and was temporarily renamed the North-Southwestern Tournament. It was decided that this tournament would be held as a fundraiser supporting the Long Beach club and the rebuilding of their clubhouse.

Thanks go to the casters, Tim Rajeff with Echo, Reno Fly Shop, Simon Gawesworth with Rio, Don Labbe, Armano Bernasconi, for their donations to the auction which raised \$1831.

The weather was beautiful. The casters were in great spirits. We hadn't seen Ricardo Nunez at the tournaments recently but he still has his "skinny" loops. Kate Blubaugh came down from Reno and a new caster, Donna O'Sullivan, did well, taking the C division in Angler's Fly with 104'. Rich Brown, after casting only a short time, won a first place, tied for first in three events and came in second in Angler's Fly with 147'. Henry Mittel, always one to watch, in his cool fashion took five of the six A division events. Glen Nugamo from the San Jose club won the 5 wt. combo, a new and challenging event in accuracy and distance. His smooth casting and good scores, cigar clenched in

his mouth, brought cheers and "*he's the man*" from the bench sitters.

There was a warm feeling throughout the day knowing we were doing a little bit for our friends down south.



Notes from the Pond

MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

We are back to casting! We will have a pond cleaning Sunday, March 2 at 9:00 AM and I will bring donuts and Starbucks coffee.

The next cast will be...drum roll please... dat da da daaaa... THE DIRECTOR'S HANDICAP! TA! DA! on Sunday, March 9. It will be our last Sunday cast. Breakfast at 8:00 AM and casting starts at 9:00 AM Chef Chuck Moore will be flipping pancakes and cooking eggs outside on the lawn—just like camping! The games will be 3/8 oz. and 5/8 oz. plug, Trout Fly, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz. Distance.

Come on out and have some fun casting at the pond.

Fly of the Month: Bend-Back Sculpin

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

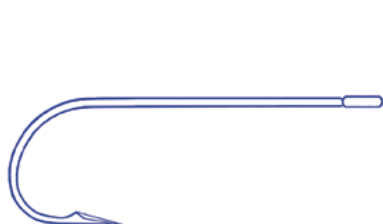
If you're not losing flies your not fishing deep enough!" Sage advice from the experienced. But even though the philosophy is sound the practicality certainly is not. You can lose only so many flies before a lack of flies or frustration wins out. Well here is a style of fly that will let you fish the bottom and help to limit your losses—the Bend-Back.

Based on the old central draught (say draft) style hook the bend of a bend-back acts like a keel and forces the point to ride up and out of harms way. The fly will glide easily over the tops of rocks logs your partners foot with nary a snag. You can use this style of fly for trout fishing, bass fishing bonefishing, any where you need to fish into structure.

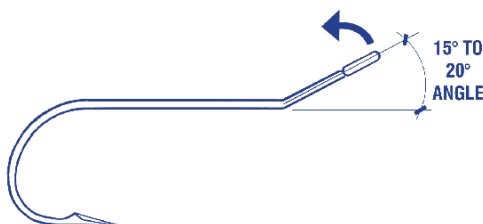
The sculpin pattern used to illustrate this style is great for big fish in and amongst rock lined freestone stream bottoms where these squat little baitfish live. Rivers like the Madison, the Box Canyon stretch of the Henry's Fork, the Kern, the Kings, all are excellent choices to try this pattern.

Materials for tying the Bend-Back Sculpin:

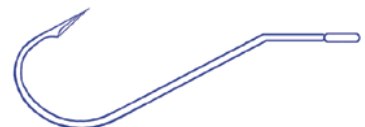
Hook:	4xl streamer hook with a ring eye (Mustad 9672 or Tiemco 400) in sizes #8 to #2
Thread:	Black or olive 3/0
Body:	Cream colored wool yarn over lead wire (.025")
Wing:	Olive dyed rabbit strip for matukas
Pectoral Fins:	Chukar partridge or sharp-tailed grouse body feathers
Head:	Olive ram's wool tied on, combed and trimmed



NORMAL HOOK



BENDING THE HOOK



FINAL HOOK READY FOR VISE

Instructions for tying the Bend-Back Sculpin:

1. With a pair of pliers, grab hold of the hook about 1/4" behind the eye and bend the eye up at about a 15° to 20° angle. Invert the hook and place into the vise keeping the portion with the eye and its 1/4" of shank horizontal. Wind the lead wire on that portion of the shank that is adjacent to the bend. Winding it too far forward will cause the fly to flip over and ride point down.
2. Attach the thread like normal and wind down past the lead and tie in the wool yarn. Wind the thread back to bend in the shank and follow it with the wool yarn to the same spot.
3. Tie in the rabbit strip wing. The hide portion of the strip should just touch the point of the hook.
4. Prepare the pectoral fin feathers by trimming away the lower portion of the feather to a short stubble leaving about 1/2" of the tip remaining. Tie one feather on each side of the hook at the bend in the shank. Grab the feathers with your fingers and flair them outward dramatically.
5. Cut off a clump of ram's wool about half the diameter of a pencil and about 1 1/2" long. Tie in on the near side of the hook allowing it to flair over the top and bottom and then tie in another clump on the far side of the hook. Fold back the ends of wool pointing forward and throw a couple of thread wraps in front of them to keep them in place.
6. Repeat this process as many times as is necessary to move down the hook to the eye. Comb the hair out with a stout bodkin or lance and trim the head so that it is flat on both the top and bottom and fairly wide at the sides. Tie the fly onto a short yet beefy leader attached to a high density 20' sink tip and fish the bottom with reckless abandon.

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Calendar of Events

March

1-2	Weekend	9:00 AM	Pasadena Fly Show
2	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying at the VA: Adams & Parachute Adams
4 & 6			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
5-9	Wed./Week	9:00 AM	Fred Hall Show
7	Friday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
9	Sunday	9:00 AM	Casting Games: Director's Handicap
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying at the VA: Humpty
11 & 13			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
13-17			Club Trip: San Juan River, New Mexico with Rick Hilles
14	Friday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Newport Bay Bass Tournament
14-16	Weekend		Marriott's Simon Gawesworth Workshop and Clinic
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying at the VA: Royal Wulff
18 & 20			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
21	Friday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Carpenteria Surf Trip
22	Saturday		Club Trip: Newport Bay Bass Tournament
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying at the VA: Review, Alternate Techniques & Demos
25 & 27			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
28	Friday	7:00 PM	Club Meeting: Past President's Meeting; Tavenner on the San Juan
29	Saturday	9:00 AM	Maggie Merriman Entomology Workshop at VA

April

2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
3	Thursday	6:00 PM	Board Meeting at Lawn Bowling Club
		7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting at Lawn Bowling Club
4	Friday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Orientation at Rec. Park Community Center
4-6	Weekend		Club Trip: Carpenteria Surf Trip
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
13	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 1st Night
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
19	Saturday	5:30 PM	Awards & Installation Dinner at LB Lawn Bowling Club
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 2nd Night
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting and Tying
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 3rd Night

May

4	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 4th Night
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
9	Friday	7:00 PM	Old Board/New Board Meeting
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 5th Night
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 6th Night
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
30	Friday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: John Van Derhoof

Special Note: Due to the fire many the club's activities have been decreased or curtailed entirely until the club has been repaired and is once again functioning. Until such time as the club is back to normal operation the Club's website will be of primary importance in keeping you up to date with club functions and activities. Be sure to double check all dates and times on the website. The Club's website can be found at: www.longbeachcastingclub.org.

San Gabriel River: Making a Difference

MICK WOODBURY,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

M*any hands make light work*" summarizes how Chuck Moore and his able LBCC volunteers accomplished so much along the San Gabriel River during 2007.

The team's accomplishment list included:

- ❖ Cleaned, painted and refurbished two large signs at the One-Mile Bridge.
- ❖ Painted over graffiti at Three Bridges.
- ❖ Cleaned the faces and painted the catch & release signs.
- ❖ Cleaned the faces and painted the handicap signs.
- ❖ Painted the railings at the handicap areas.
- ❖ Policed picnic grounds, handicap areas and wherever the group worked.
- ❖ Planted trees.
- ❖ Watered the trees (5-gal buckets of water are heavy!)
- ❖ Transported and placed under-utilized picnic tables from other areas.

- ❖ Repaired, painted and replaced table top and bench boards as needed.
- ❖ Made a volunteer presence known.
- ❖ Showed by example what can be done to improve the San Gabriel experience.
- ❖ Caught and released fish (every outing but one).
- ❖ Showed others how to improve their fishing.
- ❖ Had a good time getting to know one another.
- ❖ Most important of all—made a difference!

Combined, the FRVC and LBCC put in over 2,400 man hours on the West Fork last year and the work will continue in 2008.



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