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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line

# Woulda...Coulda...Shoulda...

**RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT**

If you had the chance to do things over again in the past week or month or year, what would you do differently? When Lionel Richie sings about this in one of my favorite tunes, I smile because of the irony. It's not such a bad idea—to live a life free of regret. Time plays a central role; windows of opportunity pass by quickly. Most often you have only a moment in time when you get just one chance at that trophy fish.

The good news is that fund raising looks very encouraging; many members have stepped up and shown their generosity. The bad news is that sooner or later the program will end, and if you have been in the procrastination mode you may be left with the regret that you *woulda, coulda, shoulda* helped.

Over the past month, we made continued progress on the clubhouse, not that you can tell from its current condition. Your reconstruction team under the leadership of Paul Burgner, completed its review of bids from contractors, a couple of whom submitted estimates with costs that would make your hair stand on end. Nevertheless the team recommended and the board approved a building plan and a general contractor referred to us by Joe Richter, a LBCC member with construction experience. Joe has also agreed to oversee the project and so we owe him a considerable debt of gratitude. Plans have been submitted to the city and once approved we will apply for a permit.

Before rebuilding begins, we will have another club house clean up day on a Sunday morning to be determined.

Perhaps you have been wondering why rebuilding the clubhouse involves such extensive work when the fire itself damaged only a small portion of the structure. The reason is that smoke damaged the entire interior of the building. The extensive repair and treatment is the only way to eliminate most (and we hope all) of the residual smoke smell.

You may recall that the city estimated that the approval process for our lease extension could take eight months. The latest news, is that our request is getting expedited review which means the decision could be made much sooner.

As you will read elsewhere in this month's issue, our club activities have continued without

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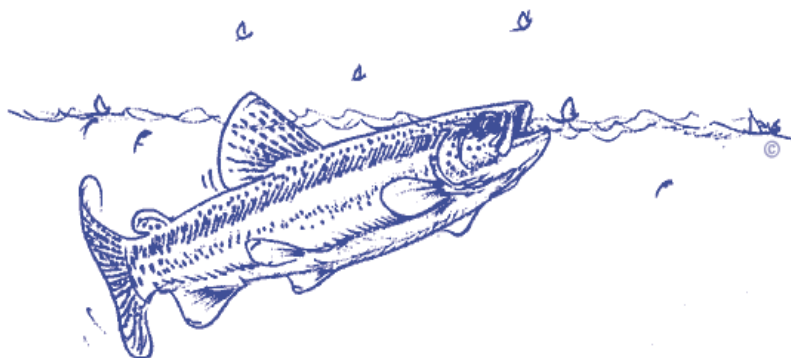
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interruption. We had a great club outing to the Lower Owens under the sponsorship of Mark Flow and Yash Iseda; Jeff Sadler provided an engaging, thought provoking talk at our monthly meeting; we completed our fly tying clinic. The fishing show cycle—Pasadena and the Fred Hall—has run it's course. Our club was well represented as we offered show participants free casting and fly tying lessons. Soon we will see a crowd of eighty to one hundred earnest new faces learning to cast at our pond.

In our last meeting your board resolved an outstanding issue regarding our general liability insurance. Our current carrier does not provide the coverage we need to sponsor all our club activities, in particular teaching fly fishing to LBPHW participants via an ON THE RIVER CLINIC. So we have switched to a new carrier endorsed by the FFF.

As part of the change, we will also begin to require that non member guests sign a release that exempts the club from any liability related to their participation in events other than monthly meeting and banquets. Perhaps it's a sign of the times, but it has become a standard practice among fishing clubs because it reduces risk to the club and to you, our members.

April brings the end of our 'club year'. By now our Annual General Meeting will have already happened and the Awards and Installation Dinner will be in its final stages of preparation. I hope you have utilized the opportunity to make your voice heard on the selection of your new board. After I have completed my annual "flats" therapy program, I expect to see you at dinner as we celebrate the completion of what has been an eventful, challenging year.



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# 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## 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 Night on Friday, April 4, 2008. Thereafter, we will be meeting the students at the pond directly. The pond side classes will continue on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and May 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, again starting at 7:00 PM.

This year's class will be run by Gary Charles and Stephen Lim with John Van Derhoof hosting the Orientation Night.

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.

# Astronomy 101 or is it Astronomic 101...

**BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER**

Sometimes the star and planets just align themselves up and provide powers to your life not ordinarily seen. The stars have aligned themselves to inevitably lead to a final result. And they are still so aligned, controlling my life.

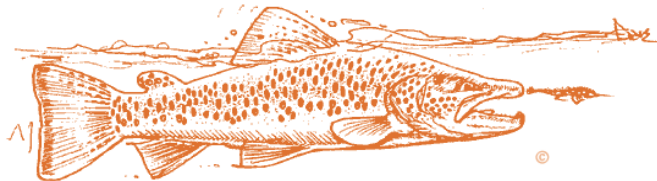
Last year on a guided trip with Guy Jeans on the Lower Kern River below Lake Isabella, Guy introduced Maria and me to smallmouth bass fishing in the same venue as trout. Within forty feet of each other, Maria and I were fishing for two different species at the same time. The fishing was memorable as was the hike through some fairly turbid water to get to the secret spot.

Guy Jeans was making a presentation at one of the Discovery Days at The Fishermen's Spot in February to promote fishing in the Kern River watershed. He excitedly introduced me to the new Sage Bass rod. There was only a small parking lot so I did not try it out. But the Sage display area at the Pasadena Show was adjacent to the casting pond, so I got to throw it there. And a beautiful casting rod it is.

Last week I also received in the mail, a DVD I had ordered. John Barr and Landon Mayer just released

WEAPONS OF BASS PRODUCTION. This is a sequel to their very popular HOW TO LAND THE BIGGEST TROUT OF YOUR LIFE. The latter was mentioned by

me previously in Target Talk and depicts them fishing throughout the West catching huge trout predominantly on Copper Johns, Barr's most famous pattern and the single largest selling fly in the country. Landon also published his first book

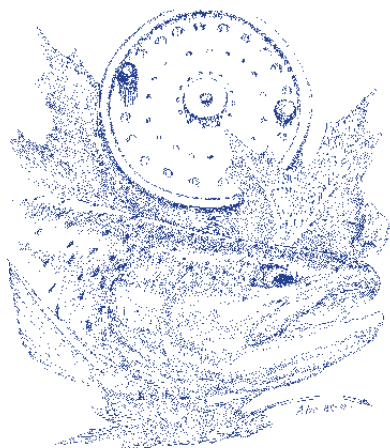


last year entitled HOW TO LAND THE BIGGEST TROUT OF YOUR LIFE. Proof of his success is a full color shot of Landon holding a huge cutthroat that was caught on a #18 Rojo Midge on a 6X tippet. This is the cover photo on the May 2008 edition of FLY FISHERMAN MAGAZINE.

The bass video takes them around the country fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass, brim and carp. This tape is a complete introduction to bass fishing. The compelling moments included footage of them with huge fish on the fly either from float tubes or pontoon boats. Bass are hard-hitting fish; there's absolutely no subtlety. They are opportunistic, aggressive assassins. Sometimes they simply inhale the fly on the run; other times they will strike airborne and come down on top of the escaping meal. In the background you could often see conventional anglers in conventional bass boats looking on in awe.

Filmed over the course of a year, this video shows how to fish weed beds, ponds, lakes and even the quiet shallow eddies on rivers known to hold trout. In terms of flies, they fished just four patterns. One, of course, was the Copper John for the smaller brim: perch, sunfish and the like. One was the Meat Whistle, another creation of John Barr. It is designed to sit on the bottom and simply pulsate in the micro current.

Thus the seed was planted that bass fishing was something I should learn more about. The ultimate weapon they used for bass in the video was the





new Sage bass rod; it was off to Marriott's for me where I managed to talk them into selling me one. It comes with the proper 330-grain line. You have to buy the reel separately (which, of course costs more than the rod and line combined). The reel both Sage and Marriott's recommended has a sealed, smooth drag system and can be used for redfish (this October) or even stripers (next year). It must be a popular rod; Marriott's can't keep it in stock. I bought the last one in my size that day.

The rod is only 7'11" long to comply with the rules for bass tournaments. I believe Sage is addressing the bass fishers as a new customer base. Or maybe they are simply attempting to get more fly casters into bass. Either way, I am there. This looks exciting!

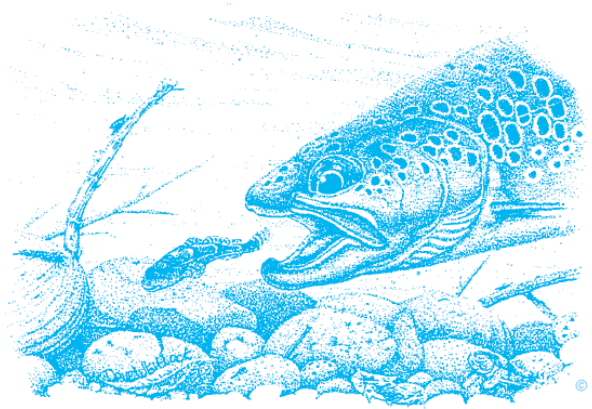
But such a short rod presents some potential difficulties fishing from a float tube. So as Joe was wrapping up the sale, he suggested I needed a new pontoon boat for safety. He showed me the half dozen or so that Marriott's has hanging from the ceiling.

Of course with a new pontoon boat, I'd certainly need a larger car. A float tube is a challenge for my two-door Explorer. Gary has been cajoling for



years for me to get a much larger car or even truck so that I can drive to the venues we fish; my car can't carry all our gear. A third angler (or more) is impossible to bring along in my vehicle and Gary is tired of driving all the time. He is lobbying hard for me to upgrade.

So the stars have aligned against me again. I bought an inexpensive, interesting and informative DVD. A few weeks later, I have the basic bass fishing equipment, and am looking towards a new boat and truck. Did I tell you that bass bugs are more



expensive than trout flies? And the manager called from my apartment complex. It seems they will have an extra carport for me next month.

Fly-fishing is just not for the fiscally responsible!

## Club Membership Requests

**MICK WOODBURY,**  
**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

Please welcome the following new members who joined us in January and February:

- ❖ Dok Arvanites, (spouse Gale), South Pasadena
- ❖ Joe Austin (spouse Debbie), Torrance
- ❖ Michael Kilpack, Long Beach
- ❖ Ariel Levin and Karen Cearley of Los Angeles (family membership)

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

For any questions or corrections contact me at (714) 840-5649 or email me at [mick@rwmarketing.com](mailto:mick@rwmarketing.com).

# Adventures with Gary, Part XXXVII

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

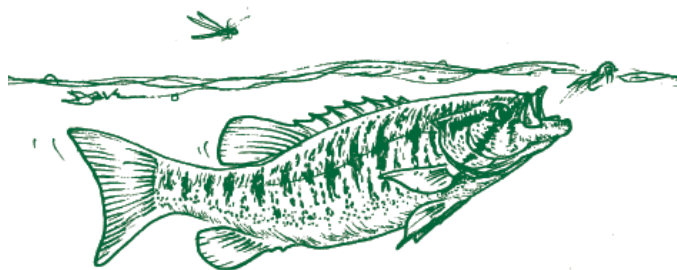
We participated in the club trip over President's Day weekend to the Lower Owens. But Gary doesn't fish with crowds. On Sunday we ventured north to the Upper Owens.

It was a pastoral scene with three feet of snow covering the meadows above the bridge at Brown's Campground. There were eight or ten cars already parked in the turn out. A car pulled behind me and the angler got out. He was a visitor from the Roaring Fork Valley in Colorado; we exchanged lies, admired the sunny day and rigged up. Much to my surprise, he donned aluminum snowshoes. He said he intended to hike well above the area where others had trampled the snow. Anglers without snowshoes were limited to fish where the snow was packed.

Gary and I started across the snow. It was well packed for the first half mile and was crusty from having melted and then froze repeatedly that week. Gary assumed that the snow would hold his weight even where other anglers did not pack it. He, of course immediately sank up to his knees.

He returned to the packed snow and we proceeded to the barbed wire fence. Gary carefully held the top wire down and gingerly stepped over the fence. Well my weight left me lower in the snow so it was more difficult for me to challenge the fence. So rather than join the Vienna Boy's Choir or suffer more holes in my waders, I opted to go along the fence until I got to the stile. Since I was wasting valuable time, Gary went off to fish without me.

There were a dozen or so fishers on the river. I was hoping we would have a good hatch since the day was bright and sunny although the temperature was in the low twenties. Gary did manage to find a



hatch and in fact fished with dry flies all day. I was fishing in the next serpentine twist down stream of him and fished to slow rising fish taking emergers. The takes were slow rolling rises forms showing lots of dorsal fin, back and tail. I tied on a dry dropper rig. My dry fly was too white and simply got lost in the foam line, so I ended up fishing by feel. But the fish were willing and I enjoyed a good day on the water.

We fished right through lunch and quit in the late afternoon. If the fish are eating, we don't. When we returned to the parking area the Game Warden was there taking a survey of the numbers and sizes of the fish caught. I tried to be as accurate as possible since I was talking to the Government. Gary just said, "Put me down for half of what he says he caught."

Only a few mishaps to report. On one cast, my rod separated and the top two sections ended up in the water. The retrieve was too slow and a fish struck. So I landed a fish with a two-piece rod. Another time, my reel fell off into the snow. Then, of course, after loading the car at the parking area and driving off, I noticed a strike indicator bobbing in front of the windshield. Fortunately, I had only gone about a quarter of a mile but even more fortunately, the rod was securely tucked under the roof rack and not in any real danger. But Gary rubbed it in any way.

Yes, fishing with Gary is always an adventure and sometimes I actually catch fish!

# LBCC Club Trip Tippets

**BETTYE SWART, 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

## CHANGE IN THE CLUB PRE-TRIP MEETING LOCATIONS

All pre-trip meetings will now be held at the Lawn Bowling Club Clubhouse on Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 PM. The Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, 110 Park Ave, is just north of the Casting Club. Usually, the Pre-Trip meeting is a week and a half prior to the club trip.

Always refer to the Calendar of Events in the Target Talk for any updates. Still confused, call Bettye Swart 949-462-9552, or refer to your roster for Streamkeepers phone numbers.

## UPCOMING LBCC TRIPS

As you read this issues, the LBCC has already completed three great club trips, and where were you? I have a motto that all fly fishers might want consider, “when was the last time you fished somewhere for the first time”. The board is working very hard to provide lots of opportunities for fun fishing with your club members.

I want to thank streamkeepers: Mark Flo, Dan Rivett, Yash Iseda, Jeff Sadler and Matt Rickerd for stepping up to the stream and leading our last trips.

Now the fish are calling and here are the upcoming LBCC trips:

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| April 4–6  | Carpenteria Surf Trip; Streamkeeper is Carl Laski   |
| May 2–4    | Women’s Fly Fishing/Lake Tejon/Women in the Outdoors; Streamkeeper is Bettye Swart (no Pre-Trip meeting and pre-registration is required) |
| June 27–29 | Mammoth Float Tube & Stream Frenzy; Streamkeeper is Maria Rivas and Bettye Swart. Pre-Trip meeting  |

July 11–13 is June 11, 2008.  
Brookie Bash; Streamkeeper is Jeff Sadler. Pre-Trip meeting June 18, 2008.

Start packing your gear and be part of the LBCC tradition of fun, friendship and fly fishing.



## Bishop Trip #2

**MARK FLO, CAPTAIN**

As club outings go, the Bishop Winter trips are one of our most popular excursions. A lot of us have been there before and the newcomers are given a hand by the “old hats” at the stream side. The catching was hit and miss, with some reporting good luck and others finding the fishing slow.

The weather was great for February—in the 50s in the sun and down to the 20s as soon as the sun set.

Yash organized dinner for us both evenings, Japanese food Friday night and pizza Saturday night. There were about 15 for dinner on Friday and 25 for pizza and salad, and lots of fish talk was heard around the tables. This is a great trip to hook up with fishing friends to share a room and car pool up the Owens Valley, saving hotel and gas expenses.



# Project Healing Waters

CAROLE KATZ, NATIONAL TRUSTEE

The purpose of Project Healing Waters is to serve military personnel who have been wounded or disabled, and to aid in their physical and emotional recovery by teaching the skills of fly fishing and fly tying, and by enjoying these skills on fishing outings whenever possible.



Here in Long Beach, word has gotten out among veterans about the classes we have provided and many are eager to participate. There was an article about LBCC and PHW in the local VA newsletter for the second time. Now we have a wait list of groups at the Long Beach VA Medical Center wanting to have a PHW program! We recently started fly tying for another group of patients in the Day Treatment Center. A few were in our previous series of classes and could be easily recognized by the big smiles they had on their faces when they walked into the classroom on the first day of this session. We've also had preliminary talks with members of the California Paralyzed Veterans Association branch at the Long Beach VAMC, and anticipate working with them after some adaptive splints are made to assist with casting.

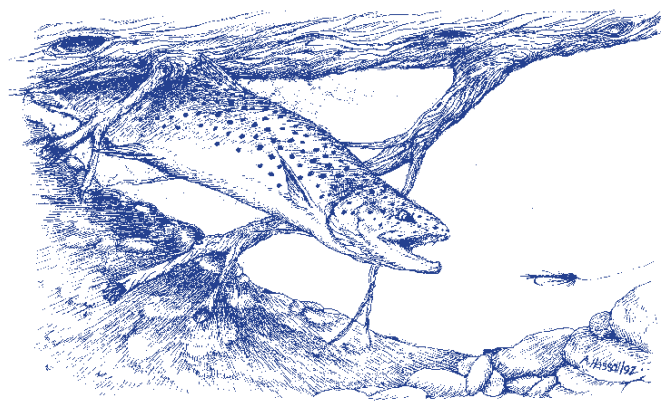
Another program is fully functional at the Sepulveda VA Center in Los Angeles. Programs are in the start-up phase in Palo Alto, Sacramento, Livermore, San Francisco, Honolulu, West LA, San Diego, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Prescott, Tucson and Salt Lake City. That's just the Southwest Region.

On the national level, this year will be an exciting one. In addition to a few dozen new programs

starting, PHW will get a great deal of publicity from this summer's release of country music star Rodney Atkins' song "THE RIVER JUST KNOWS". This song was written after fishing beside an injured serviceman in Montana and is a very moving tribute to those who have sacrificed so much. Plans are for Rodney to use PHW veterans in filming the music video.

Project Healing Waters will be featured in an article in VANGUARD MAGAZINE, which is published for employees of all VA facilities nationwide, and, we are working with the Military Order of the Purple Heart to increase the awareness of PHW within the VA system. The Second Annual Two Fly Tournament in Virginia on May 4, a major fundraiser in which wounded vets will be paired with pros to compete, will be televised on the Sportsman's Channel. Last year this event raised \$60,000. This should be a very big year for PHW.

In the past, our club members have taught paraplegics to cast at a local swimming pool and others taught classes at the VA hospital. Our club's PHW program continues that tradition of community service. If you would like to help, either by volunteering your time, or by donating, please contact me, or go to the website at [projecthealingwaters.org](http://projecthealingwaters.org). Those of us who



have been involved will tell you that it has been tremendously rewarding, and it has brought a great deal of recognition to Long Beach Casting Club.



# 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:

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

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.



## Notes from the Pond

**MARK FLO, CAPTAIN**

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the pond cleaning on Sunday, March 2. It was an outstanding team and we had it all cleaned up in less than two hours. The next pond cleaning will be April 13th at 8:00 AM. Fresh doughnuts and Starbucks coffee will be provided.

The Spring 2008 Sunday Casting Season ended with the Director's Handicap. We had 15 casters and a large contingent of onlookers. Carole Katz scored a 96 on Dry Fly and I think that might be her personal best. Chuck Moore and his crew cooked a delicious breakfast for everyone. I would like to thank all those who assisted the Cook for your support of our club activities.

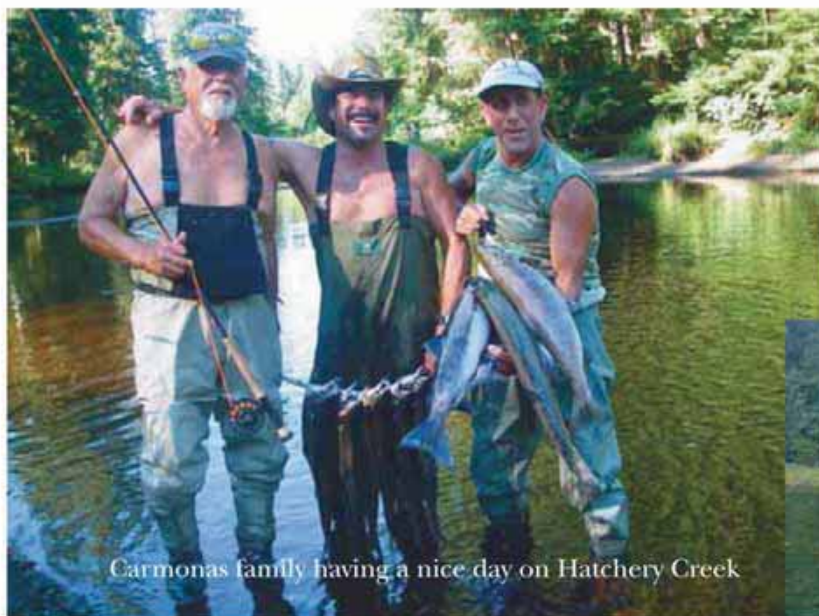
I would also like to thank everyone who participates for their support and help with the casting program. No one person does this alone. Mark Tsunawaki, Mark Lipe, Frank Kropacek and John Van Derhoof have given me much appreciated help and support in learning the Captain position. Without their assistance, I could not have done it. Also, the Pond Cleanup crews have been magnificent, and with everyone pitching in and helping, we are setting time records that will be difficult to beat!

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## Fish with your Friends at Coffman Cove on the Prince of Wales Island in Southeast Alaska

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.

# Clubhouse Rebuilding Raffle & Auction

CAROLE KATZ, FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

**W**e're planning a raffle and auction to supplement the Clubhouse Rebuilding Fund and donations are starting to come in. No date has been scheduled yet, but here's a list of the donations we have so far.

Fish the Big Horn. Donated by Montana Fly Fishers, this trip includes three days of guided fishing, four nights accommodation and all meals for two anglers. This two-for-the-price-of-one trip will have a minimum bid of \$1200.

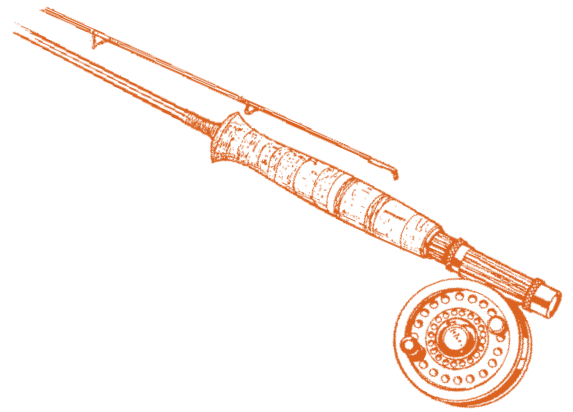
Out of Sitka, Alaska, and donated by Classic Casting Adventures, this trip includes three days of guided boat fishing with all fishing equipment provided. This two-for-the-price-of-one trip will have a minimum bid of \$1200.

Donated by Eastern Sierra guide Pat Jaeger, this trip includes a day of guided fishing in the Bishop or Mammoth area for two anglers, gourmet lunch included.

Need some equipment? Bid on an Orvis Battenkill 3-4 wt. reel, a Cortland Endurance 9 ft., 8 wt, 4 pc. rod and tube, a Brodin fishing net or fine wooden fly boxes. Like float tubing? Place your bid on an Outcast Trekker Float Tube. Join the competition for a Heddon 7 ft. bamboo rod for a 4 wt line with a single tip, refinished by John Van Derhoof.

Want to brush up on your fishing knowledge? Go for Rick Hafele's book NYMPH FISHING RIVERS & STREAMS with its DVD, or his DVD ON FLY FISHING LARGE WESTERN RIVERS. Try Skip Morris's ART OF TYING THE BASS FLY book or his waterproof GUIDE TO WESTERN RIVER HATCHES booklet.

Got an empty space on a wall that needs some



impressive art? Bid on the signed limited edition print "Golden Trout" by Rick Aeschliman.

Can't decide? Then bid on three \$100 gift certificates from Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store.

We've just gotten started and anticipate more auction or raffle items, so stay tuned for the list as it expands. This is a way of augmenting the Clubhouse Rebuilding Fund while adding to your own fishing experience. Your support is really appreciated.

## Dues are Due

MICK WOODBURY,  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

**T**o all of those who have already sent in their dues, thank you!

To everyone else, please rummage through that stack of mail and get your dues in this month. You don't want to miss out on future Target Talks or have the Roster go to press without you.

Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> is the due date. No foolin'

For any questions or corrections contact me at (714) 840-5649 or email me at mick@rwmarketing.com

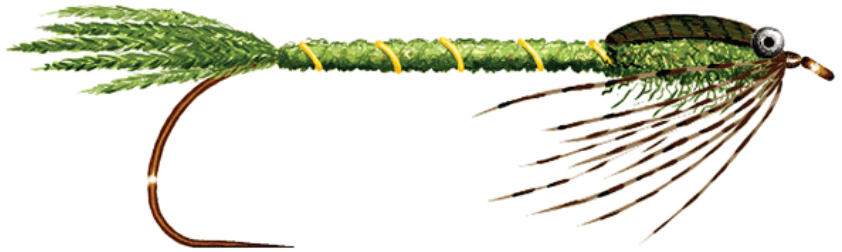


# Fly of the Month: John's Damsel Nymph

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Recently, I was browsing through Ernest Schwiebert's classic book *NYMPHS* and I realized that there is one insect that we fail to seriously consider imitating. That insect is the damselfly and it is one that is so common and a popular part of many game fishes diet. It can be found in almost every lake that you could fish as well as in slow moving sections and sloughs of many rivers and streams.

Damselfly's can be found slowly swimming near aquatic vegetation as they prowl for prey. They are available to fish as a food source at this time but nearly so as when they hatch. Hatching occurs between spring and summer but is generally heaviest during the late spring. During their hatch they crawl across the bottom or swim slowly to the shore where they crawl up onto structure and metamorphose into a flying adult. It is during this time that the fish cruise the shoreline while the damselfly nymphs come to them. Be sure to talk to one of our many members who live near Henry's Lake in Idaho about their famous damselfly hatch.

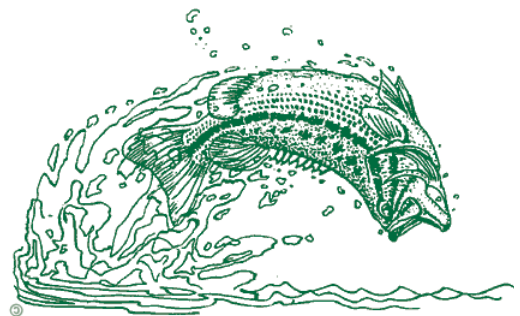


This is an excellent pattern for trout and bass alike and you should always have some handy when you are fishing in still water. Be sure to fish it as slowly as you can as damselflies are not noted for their speed. The bead chain eyes help impart a more realistic action as the naturals tend to dive towards cover when a predator approaches.

One final note this pattern is ideally suited as an articulated body. This imparts an even more realistic action to the fly. To accomplish this, dress the body of the fly on a ring-eyed streamer hook then, carefully cut off the hook. Next, attach one end of 15 pound test mono to the appropriate sized nymph hook, pass the rear part of the fly's eye on to the free end of the mono and secure the free end to the shank. Now tie the thorax, wingcase and head and you are done. It's a little more time consuming but well worth the effort.

## Materials for tying John's Damsel Nymph:

Hook:	3xl hook similar to Mustad 9672 or Tiemco 5263 in sizes 16 to 6
Thread:	Dark brown 6/0 or 8/0
Tails:	Olive or brown marabou from blood feathers
Rib:	Fine gold or copper wire
Body:	Olive or brown wool yarn dressed thin
Thorax:	Olive or brown dubbing
Wingcase:	Dyed olive or brown pheasant center tail
Hackle:	Brown Hungarian partridge feather
Eyes:	Small bead chain painted or marked black





### Instructions for tying the John's Damsel Nymph:

- 1 Place the hook into your vise in the conventional manner. Attach the thread to the hook behind the headspace and wind smoothly back to the bend of the hook. Remove about 6 to 8 fluffy strands from a marabou blood feather for the tail and tie it in. The tail should be about one-third the length of the hook shank.
- 2 Tie in the wire ribbing low on the back side of the hook. Tie in the wool yarn for the body. If the yarn is more than 2 ply then remove the extra strands, as this will keep the body thin. Wind the wool yarn smoothly up two-thirds the length of the hook shank with little or no overlap. You should untwist (counterclockwise) the yarn slightly with every turn to help keep the wraps flat and thin. Wind the wire ribbing in the opposite direction about 4 to 6 turns.
- 3 Prepare a section of dyed pheasant center tail about 1/4" to 1/2" wide and coat it with Flexament or head cement and tie in at the end of the body with the end to be folded over pointing towards the tail. Apply dubbing to your thread and wind the dubbing for the thorax to a point behind the headspace.
- 4 Prepare the partridge hackle by gently stroking the barbs out perpendicular to the stem. Tie the hackle in by the tip on the underside of the hook and wind the hackle 2 to 3 turns and pull all the hackle to the underside of the hook. Be careful not to over-hackle the fly. Tie in the bead chain eye using x-wraps and wind a small amount of dubbing around and in front of the eyes.
- 5 Pull the wingcase over the top of the thorax and between each side of the bead chain eyes and tie it down at the headspace. Form a small, neat head and whip finish to complete the damselfly nymph.

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# Calendar of Events

## April

2	Wednesday	1:45 PM	PHW Casting at VA
		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	1:45 PM	PHW Casting at VA
		7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting
13	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 1st Night
16	Wednesday	1:45 PM	PHW Casting at VA
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting
19	Saturday	5:30 PM	Awards & Installation Dinner at LB Lawn Bowling Club
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 2nd Night
23	Wednesday	1:45 PM	PHW Casting at VA
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting
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	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
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 at Community Center

## June

1	Sunday		Marriott Spey Clinic with Deck Hogan
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
5	Thursday		Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
6	Friday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
27	Friday	7:00 PM	Club Meeting: to be determined at Community Center

**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](http://www.longbeachcastingclub.org).

# Annual General Meeting

**JEFF SADLER, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**H**ere is a listing of upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, March 28: Meeting Hosted by the Past Presidents: "John Tavenner on the San Juan River". Please see last month's Target Talk for a full description of this program.

NOTE: The Friday meeting location changed to Recreation Park Community Center. This is a park building directly (slightly west) across 7<sup>th</sup> Street from our clubhouse at the opposite corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Federation. Brick front building with entrance facing 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Thursday April 3: LBCC Annual General Meeting, 7:00 PM

NOTE: this meeting will be at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club which is on Federation (as is our clubhouse) but at the corner of Park near the baseball field.

Please attend this Annual General Meeting where

all are welcome and all members can vote. Listen to each 2007–2008 officer recap last years activities. Vote for and meet the new 2008–2009 officers. Get a recap of the rebuilding activities. Get a preview of upcoming plans and activities. Ask the questions you've always wondered about. See you there!!!

Comming Attractions:

- 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"



## RSVP FORM

# AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET

**LONG BEACH LAWN BOWLING CLUB**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008, 5:30 PM**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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