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Leader's Line

Happy New Year

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

I know it's all wrong. But the new year for the club starts in April and goes to April 2009. Plus I'm sweating as I write this column because it's in the 90s.

Greetings from Xcalak, Quintanna Roo, Mexico where I'm spending some time stalking the ghost of the flats, the wily bonefish and some equally shy denizens of the shallow waters of Chetumal Bay. Today I spent the day wading in the sun through 85 degree water and muck, over coral and through mangroves and I loved every moment of it. Yesterday we stalked permit on our own, saw four and one of us had a good shot at hooking one. When good things like this trip happen you get to enjoy it three times: planning it, doing it and remembering it. We are working on part two.

On Thursday April 3, your club had its Annual General Meeting at which time it elected the slate of candidates developed by the nominating committee for the 2008–2009 year. Re-elected probably is a more apt description because although several folks changed their responsibilities, only two people changed their membership on the board. Mark Lipe rejoined the board again in the role of casting Captain. This is a busy, demanding job previously done well by Mark Flo. Mark Flo will take over as Membership Secretary with responsibility for welcoming new members and updating information on current members via the roster. It's a big job when you consider the fact that we have 550 members to keep tabs on.

Jeff Sadler who ably stepped in during the year as 1st Vice President ends his term on the board after

some fourteen years in various assignments. He has earned a well deserved rest and much gratitude for his dedication to the club. Mick Woodbury will take over as 1st Vice President and bring his quiet leadership skills to one of the busiest most difficult jobs on the board. Rich Garrett continues as Treasurer; Frank Kropacek as Recording Secretary, Bettye Swart as 2nd Vice President and Bob Middo as Corresponding Secretary. Carol Katz and John Van Derhoof swap jobs as Senior and Junior Director and I'll continue as President.

I agreed to stay on as President after getting the approval of my Secretary of Domestic Affairs.

Our club just completed a tough year with the

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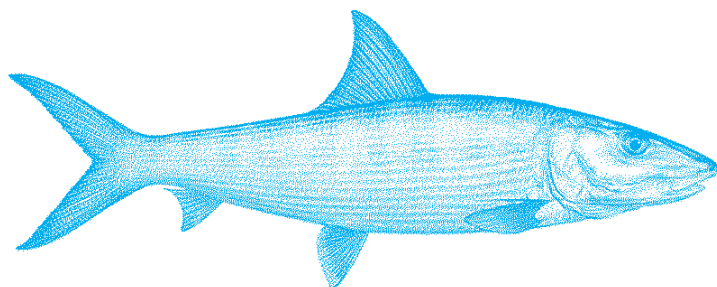
loss of three people from the board earlier this year and, of course, the fire. Despite that we have ended the year with a solid plan for repairing the clubhouse, a growing treasury from the rebuilding fund, and an experienced board with continuity and commitment to the best interests of the club. The coming year will bring lots of challenges but I'm confident that we will do what needs to be done and I'm grateful for the chance to work with such a great team of talented people who have committed their time and effort in service to all of you.

Next year's challenges involve: raising the funds we need; repairing the clubhouse; getting our lease extended; restoring the clubhouse contents and artifacts; operating our club within budget; continuing to provide our excellent educational programs, revitalizing our club trips and improving our website.

On topic of the clubhouse, we now await the approval of the planning and building department of the city so that we can get started on the repairs. In the meantime, we have begun a program of Sunday clean up days during the month of April under Mark Flo's leadership so that when we get approvals for our building plans we can get started quickly with the repairs. Your board also approved the selection of a contractor who will do the repairs.

So we have an exciting year ahead with ambitious plans and with the help of a great board and the collective talents of all of you we will get lots done and have fun together.

Besides, its time to enjoy some of Doug's margaritas, tell some fishing stories and smoke some cigars on the beach.



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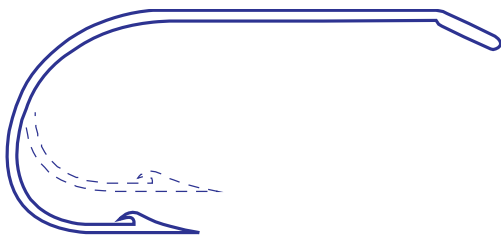
Or “*Here be Dragons*” the quote ancient cartographers used when they came to the edge of the maps of their known world. Dragons, draco, drakul; words to describe mythical beasts. Well we have our own mythical beasts in fly fishing and in this series, based on my presentation in March, we will discuss some of them.

The easiest dragon to slay is the mythical hook size ranging from small to large:

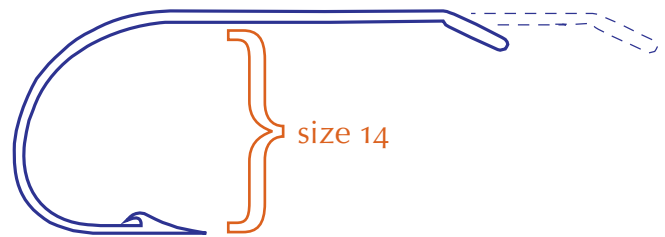
...28,26,24,.....8,6,4,2,1,1/0,2/0,3/0... Even this is a strange scale with the smaller sizes being even and the larger the number the smaller the fly (yes, there are odd sized hooks but not very popular). There is a “1” in the center of the scale and then we go to “1/0” pronounced “one aught” and continue with larger numbers being larger hooks. Got it???? Well, hold on...

A very distinguished member and I were having an interesting discussion on this very subject one evening and I posited that a “wide gape” hook made no sense as gape was the unit of measure for hook size. The other member said not only did wide gape make sense, it was correct as the hook size is based on shank length.

So, if he takes a size 16 and widens the gape to size 14 gape then he has a size “16 wide gape.” If I take a size 14 and shorten the shank to a size 16 I have a size “14 2x short.”



Open the bend of a 16 to a 14 gape... and have a “#16 wide gape”.



Shorten a size 14 hook to a size 16 length...and have a “#14, 2X short”.

Both of these hooks are absolutely identical in shape, so, your turn to vote now. Which of the two descriptions is correct???

BOTH and neither. As William E. Schmidt says in the opening line of HOOKS FOR THE FLY: *“Standardization is sadly lacking in the hook industry with each maker having their own standards.”*

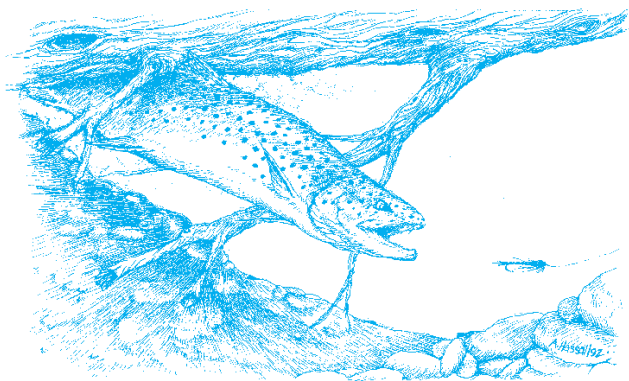
The point of this is to convince you that all standards ain’t... Some lie, some exaggerate and some are ignorant when telling you “facts.” But in this case there is no truth. The purpose of my talk and these articles is to convince you to do your own research or science and come to the conclusion as to what fits your fly fishing style best, which is not necessarily the hot newly advertised breakthrough.

Good Luck, Jeff

"Working with Veterans is One Way to Say Thanks"

RAY MARKS, PUBLISHED IN BUFFALO NEWS, 3/23/08

Last August, I began volunteering at the Veterans Hospital in Batavia teaching fly fishing and fly tying skills as part of the veterans' therapy to cope with physical and mental injuries suffered in service to their country.

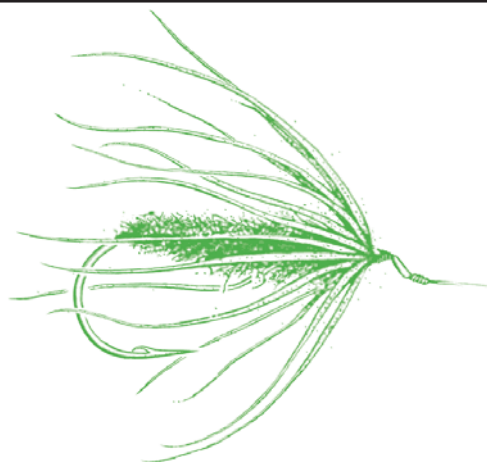


After a successful career in Western New York broadcasting, I entered the world of retirement but was unable to just sit around and bask in my newfound free time.

In addition to working on environmental issues, I decided to volunteer with Project Healing Waters, founded at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. It occurred to me as I work with men and women who served our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and, yes, Vietnam how little thanks these men and women get for putting their lives on the line so that we may enjoy our freedoms.

I thought about why it took me all these years to reach out a hand to these great Americans, who make it possible for all of us to go about our daily lives.

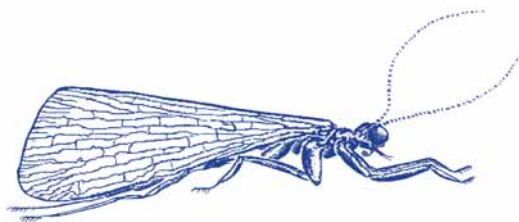
Sharing some of our time with Americans who came home from war but now face post traumatic



stress disorder or numerous other injuries, or are just plain lonely, seems like the least we can do.

One of the many rewarding moments at the VA Hospital recently occurred when a Vietnam veteran who had problems moving his arms seemed reluctant to try casting a fly line in the hospital gym. With some gentle prodding, he tried. Before long, while sitting in a chair so that he could prop the casting arm on the arm of the chair, he started casting fly line 30 feet. The look in his eyes and the obvious feeling of accomplishment this warrior was feeling brought a tear to my eye.

Is this something I should have started long ago? How many times have I enjoyed the freedom to get in the car and commute to work without worrying about some enemy lurking nearby? How could I rarely think about the men and women who sacrifice everything so we can be free?



Every two weeks, our vets who participate in this form of therapy also learn to tie flies for fishing. Intricate winds of thread and exotic materials are placed on a hook often no longer than a finger nail. The soldiers learn new skill sets and dexterity and

the patience it takes to learn the craft.

Once again the thrill of accomplishment lights their faces as each and every one of them successfully creates a fishing fly made with their own hands, often shaky from some kind of combat experience. This is what keeps me going back week after week, and I plan to do so as long as I can.

I met Army Capt. Evind Forseth during this experience. He was seriously injured when a roadside bomb exploded in Mosul, Iraq. Forseth, who lives in Maryland, came here in August to help me launch our program here. This man, who lost feeling in the right side of his body and who once lay in a coma for weeks, is now enjoying fly fishing again just like he did as a youngster in his native Montana.



I watched him casting and it was like seeing a scene from "A River Runs Through It," a movie about the art of fly fishing.

My life will never be the same after working with these wonderful people. I'm glad I finally started to show my appreciation, though it took my retirement to get me started. Better late than never, I suppose.

So, You Only Want to Fish for Trout?

JEFF SADLER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Here is a listing of upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you there.

Friday, May 30 at 7:00 PM: John Van Derhoof, presents SO, YOU ONLY WANT TO FLY FISH FOR TROUT? John's program will explore the world of fly fishing from his own experience's.

Many of you know John and know that he is a Past President of the club. He is also a Master Certified Casting Instructor and Board of Governor Emeritus of the FFF Casting Instructor Certification program. Additionally, he was last year's recipient of the FFF's prestigious Buz Buszek Memorial Award for lifetime contributions to the art of fly tying.

John started fly tying and fly fishing (yes, in that order) back in 1963 and over the last 45 years he has fished all over the country and many parts of the world. He taught Sage Fly Casting and Fly Fishing schools with Les Eichhorn and Lani Waller for many years all over the Southwest as well as in Mexico and Alaska. He has been a demonstration tier, caster and presenter at numerous of national and international fly fishing conclaves and events.

Come join us for what will be an enjoyable and educational evening.

NOTE: The Friday meeting location changed to Recreation Park Community Center. 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.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

June 27: To be determined.

July 25: Joe Libeu: "TIPS AND TECHNIQUES"

Wanted: A Few Good Men & Women

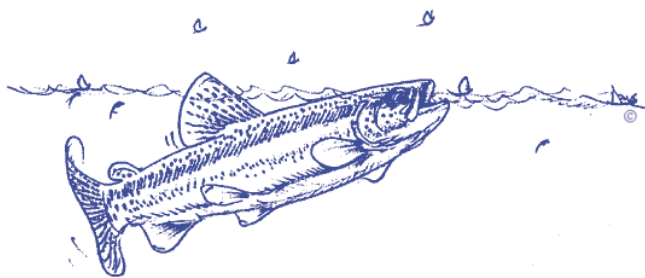
JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Wanted: Instructors for the San Gabriel Casting Class Fishing Trip to be held on Saturday, May 17 from 7–8:00 AM until Noon

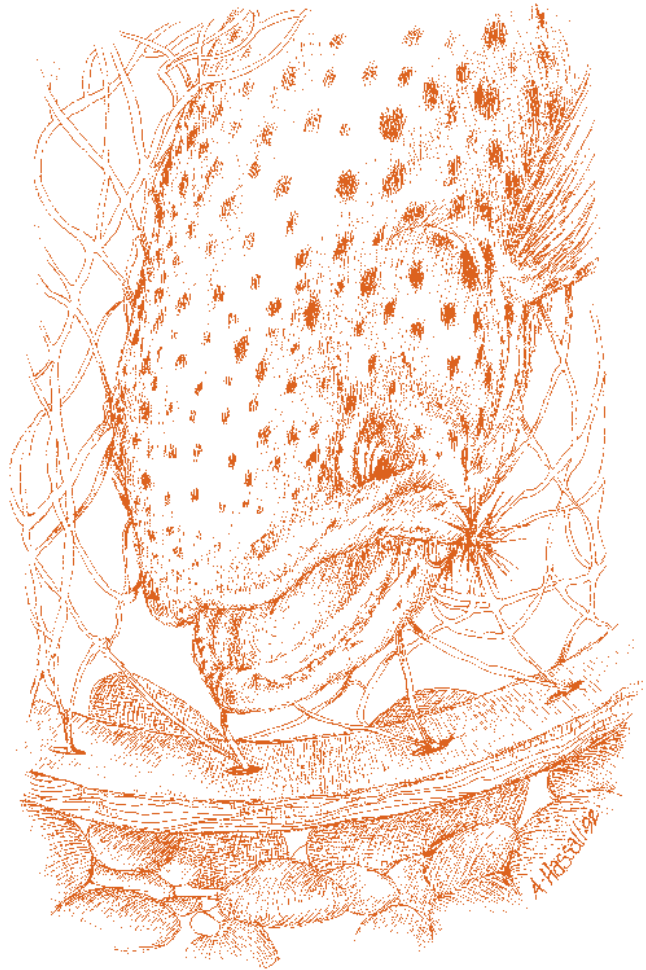
Meet in the large parking area ½ mile after the East Fork turn-off on the East Fork road.

Help the new casters actually work on moving water. Because this is an extension of the casting class we should concentrate on casting. Hopefully, by this time the rookies will have a fairly decent casting stroke but will need help on mending and line control. Concentrate on:

- ❖ If they don't STOP on the backstroke, they will lose flies in the bushes behind them, good lesson.
- ❖ If they don't pause, they may buggy whip the fly off, good lesson.
- ❖ If they don't stop on the forward cast, they can't mend, good lesson.
- ❖ If they don't stop and drop, they'll never strike properly if they get hit, good lesson.
- ❖ Mostly they can't see the fly on the water, help them because it's critical.



I would recommend using dry flies as this is basic fly fishing and while nymphs may be more effective, it's tougher to teach the casting at their level. However, do whatever you think is best.



Catching fish is a plus but not required, some will, most won't.

This is YOUR chance to pay back what LBCC has taught you over the years. Each of us will bring our own style, set-up, strategy, etc. and pass it on to help the new casters on what may be their first fly fishing experience.

Remember, they may not know anything so don't assume they know what a tippet is, or a mend, or a dead drift, or a current seam or anything. Be prepared to explain everything in English not anglish.

Rule 1: You need a parking pass and a fishing license.

Rule 2: Have fun with them

Rule 3: see rule two

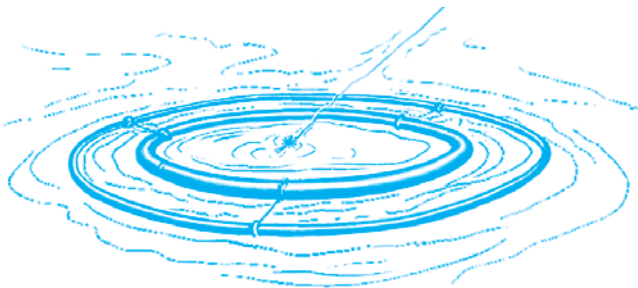
Interesting History

CAROLE KATZ, SENIOR DIRECTOR

Jim Adams of Berkeley sent memorabilia of the legendary Dick Miller from which to make copies to replenish historical memorabilia lost in the fire. All the literature was from the 1930s and '40s and it is fascinating. Although the newspapers were nearly full of articles about the war, there was some really interesting information about casting.

Huntington Beach resident Dick Miller was a world champion distance caster. When he set his first world distance record, he exceeded the existing record by more than 50%, in front of **12,000** spectators, and Miller's record stood for 17 years. He held world records in all five distance events, won 25 national first places, set 32 world records and could cast equally well with either his right or left arm.

The Los Angeles Times in 1937 started an annual National Sports Awards Dinner that drew a star-studded audience of world-famous personalities from stage, screen, radio and sports. In 1943, for example, the Biltmore Bowl was packed with more than 800 fans. Bob Hope was master of ceremonies, Bing Crosby performed and actor Harold Lloyd helped to present. Celebrities like Pop Warner, Jim Thorpe, Joe DiMaggio, Esther Williams, Johnny Weismuller and Babe Didrikson Zaharias were



there. Sterling silver medallions were presented to the award winners in baseball, boxing, football, track & field, swimming, tennis, handball, bowling,



basketball, golf, jockey, swimming, tennis and (trumpets blare) fly casting! Dick Miller won the medallion for fly casting—every year from 1937–1943. Imagine, casting getting that kind of recognition!

Another interesting article was about Clare Bryan. Considered the greatest bait caster ever at the time of his death, Clare Bryan was a world, national and state champion. He held the record of casting a perfect score in both 3/8 ounce and 5/8 ounce accuracy events in the same tournament on the same day. He gave casting demonstrations on the stage. Called the “World Champion Trick Caster,” he could perform the following feats at a distance of 50 feet:

- ❖ Cast the plug through an embroidery hoop which is held on a young lady's head while she faced the caster with no protection whatsoever.
- ❖ Twirl the plug around a particular joint of her finger.
- ❖ Break a china plate in her bare hand.
- ❖ Flick the ashes from a cigarette or flip one-half of a cigarette from her lips.
- ❖ Twirl the plug around a baton, calling the number of turns it will make before it stops.
- ❖ Hit a bull's eye after casting under a hazard no more than knee high.
- ❖ Flip a poker chip from the lady's fingers.
- ❖ Cast the plug into a man's silk top hat or into his pocket.

I obviously didn't get any of his genes...

Clubhouse Rebuilding Auction

CAROLE KATZ, FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This summer we are going to have a Clubhouse Rebuilding Auction and the White Elephant Sale combined. This social event will be a major fundraiser for the Rebuilding Fund, and provide everyone an opportunity to check on the progress of reconstruction. We haven't set a date yet, but it will be a weekend day and we'll serve lunch or dinner. Here are the donations so far:

TRIPS:

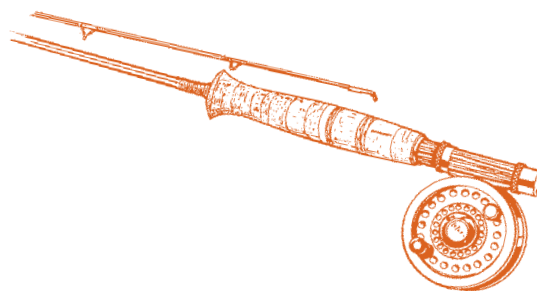
Donated by Montana Fly Fishers, this trip includes three days of guided fishing, four nights accommodation and all meals for two anglers. This two-for-the-price-of-one trip will have a minimum bid of \$1200.

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 drifting the Owens in Bishop in the fall or winter for two anglers.

Another two-for-the-price-of-one trip, this one on the famed San Juan River in New Mexico with John



Tavener of Sandstone Anglers. For two anglers for two days, this trip will have a minimum bid of \$400.

Gary Gunsolley of Brock's Flyfishing Specialists in Bishop has donated two days of guided wade fishing for two anglers.

Like flats fishing? How's a day fishing for one or two anglers in the Florida Keys with Master Certified Casting Instructor Gordy Hill sound?

Or, a two-for-the-price-of-one trip with Conway Bowman.

Want a change from fishing? Bid on a Bed & Breakfast Package for two at the Ritz-Carlton in Marina del Rey.

Two-for-the-price-of-one day of fishing with Jeremy Gilbertson on the Big Horn River. Minimum bid will be \$250.

EQUIPMENT:

- ❖ Orvis Battenkill 3-4 wt. reel.
- ❖ Cortland Endurance 9 ft, 8 wt, 4 pc rod and tube.
- ❖ Brodin fishing net.
- ❖ Fine wooden fly boxes.
- ❖ Catayak, a catamaran kayak that enables the caster to stand.
- ❖ Outcast Trekker Float Tube.
- ❖ Heddon 7 ft bamboo rod for a 4 wt line with a single tip, refinished by John Van Derhoof.
- ❖ Rio Skagit Versitip, Bonefish, Gold Trout, and Striped Bass fly lines.
- ❖ Sage RPL 996-4 rod.
- ❖ Sage RP 690-4 rod.

- ❖ Stone Creek Combo, 590-4 rod, reel, line, case.
- ❖ Three DB Dunn two-piece rod cases.
- ❖ Wave two-piece rod case.

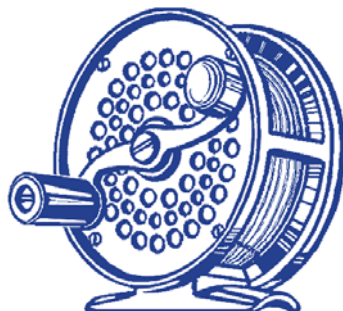
Books & DVD's:

- ❖ Rick Hafele's book NYMPH FISHING RIVERS & STREAMS with its DVD.
- ❖ Rick Hafele's DVD FISHING LARGE WESTERN RIVERS.
- ❖ Skip Morris's ART OF TYING THE BASS FLY book.
- ❖ Skip Morris's waterproof GUIDE TO WESTERN RIVER HATCHES booklet.
- ❖ Simon Gawesworth's MODERN SPEY CASTING DVD.
- ❖ Scott Sanchez's NEW GENERATION OF TROUT FLIES book.
- ❖ Scott Sanchez's SALTWATER FLY TYING book.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ❖ \$20 gift certificate for Ferraro's Cucina Italian Restaurant.
- ❖ Signed limited edition print "Golden Trout" by Rick Aeschliman.
- ❖ Three framed drawings by Scott Sanchez.
- ❖ \$300 in gift certificates from Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store.
- ❖ \$750 in gift certificates from Brock's Flyfishing Specialists.
- ❖ Ten half-day rentals of a Catayak, a catamaran kayak, in Huntington Harbor.
- ❖ And, for the sentimental among you, fire-scarred LBCC fishing shirt, polo shirt, T-shirt or hat.
- ❖ A Single Lifetime Membership in the FFF.
- ❖ A Couple's Lifetime Membership in the FFF.

Finally, Larry Albach has outdone himself with a spectacular knife that is being sold with raffle squares.



LBCC Club Trip Tippets

BETTYE SWART, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

From Friday June 27th thru Sunday June 29th Maria Rivas and Bettye Swart will be hosting the sixth LBCC trip. Please join us for some of the best stillwater and stream fishing in all of the Eastern Sierra.

We can organize two groups: the float tubers and the wader people. Float tubers may float Convict—bruiser rainbows, Crowley—tackle busters, Twin Lakes—beautiful brookies and the list goes on and on.

Depending on the run-off conditions and the fish reports there will be many choices for the wader people. Did you know that Hot Creek is one of the top 10 best dry fly trout streams in America and only three miles from our base camp in Mammoth?

Site 38 at Shady Rest Campground in Mammoth will be the hub of activity. Particulars will be discussed at the Pre-Trip Meeting on June 11th at 7:00 PM at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club. Accommodations are self selected. Camping reservations should be made early. Please call me as I have unlimited knowledge of camping and motel options.

If you have not tried fly fishing from a float tube, what are you waiting for? There are times I have caught and released more than the limit. Fishing from a tube creates another world of opportunities and adventures. The Pre-Trip will cover all the essentials needed. Rentals of the necessary equipment are available in Mammoth. Again, reserving early is the key.

If you have any questions please call Bettye Swart 949-462-9553.

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Week One (August 8th to 15th)

Space available

Week Two (August 15th to 22nd)

Almost full

We've been fishing these waters as fishing friends for six years and we've got it dialed in. We'll share what we've learned about the area, and show you the flies and techniques that work for us. We're not your guides, we're just a group of fishing friends. Of course, we have adventures of a lifetime (every year) and bring home enough AK scrumptious fish to feed our families for a year.

COFFMAN COVE BUNKHOUSE on Prince of Wales Island, Coffman Cove, AK

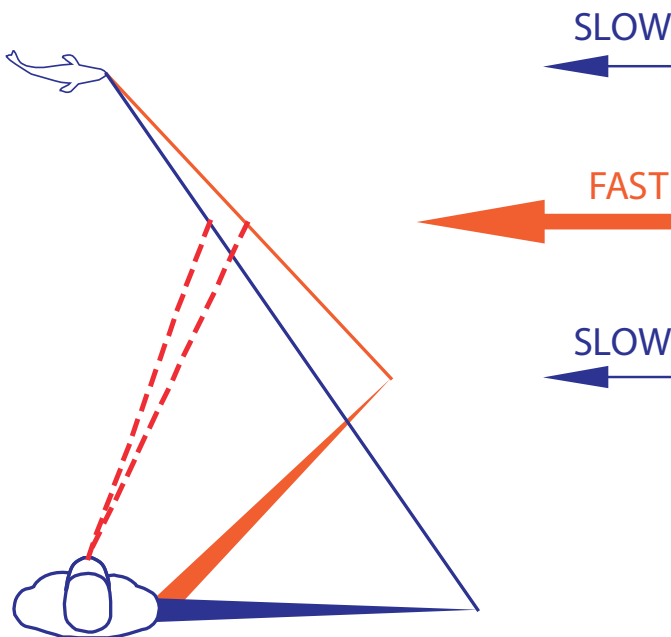
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Reaching for the Reach Cast

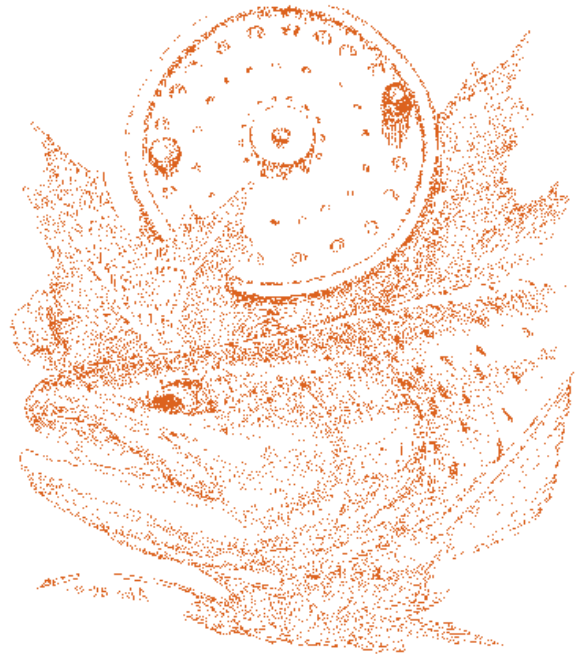
**SOON LEE,
FFF MASTER CASTING INSTRUCTOR
FROM THE LOOP, WINTER 2008**

Some instructors teach students the reach cast by reaching out directly upstream so that the rod finishes parallel to and hugging the near bank of the river. It is perhaps better to teach the student to reach so that the rod is pointed diagonally upstream with the tip of the rod placed at fast water. There are two reasons why this “mid-stream reach” is better than the “bank reach”.

First, a mid-stream reach actually places the fly line further upstream in fast water than a bank reach (see diagram).



Secondly, and more importantly, drag is difficult to avoid with a bank reach. The proximal fly line in slow water holds back the fly line in fast water and drag on the fly occurs immediately. Stripping in line quickly and smoothly in tandem with the drift is extremely difficult. Lifting the rod tip vertically several feet to clear the proximal fly-line off the

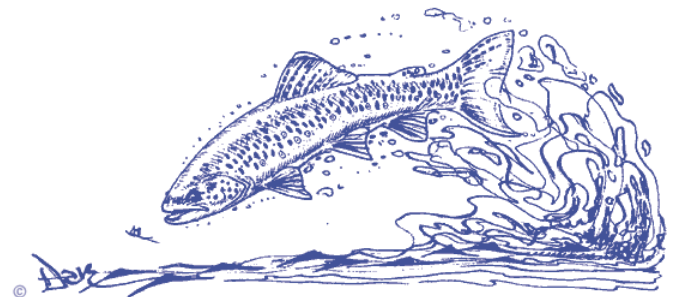


water produces a long hanging fly line belly which pulls the fly towards the caster.

With a mid-stream reach, all a caster has to do as soon as the fly line lands is to lift the rod tip inches off the water, pointing it at the fly as he follows the fly line downstream. The further upstream the mid-stream reach, the higher he needs to raise the rod tip as he follows the line downstream. A little judicious stripping in of the line will help to keep the rod low. Drag should not be a problem.

One circumstance a bank reach may be useful is if a fly fisher is fishing off the high outer bank of a river bend, casting to slower water on the inside bank. It must be a determined fly fisher who finds himself in such a situation.

Soon Lee resides in Upland, California



Fly of the Month: Soft Hackled Beadhead Brassie

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

This pattern was first introduced to club members, I believe, back in August of 1997. With the immense popularity of the Copper John I thought about the many similarities between the two. Both are variations on the famous Brassie and both feature many of the same materials: copper wire, peacock herl and partridge hackle. Both have a beaded head.

When I first tied this pattern back in the early '80s I was looking for a way to add to the Brassie's versatility. It was such a great pattern by itself but I felt it tended to be limited to imitating midge larvae and emergers. By adding the bead and hackle to the fly I could increase its action in the water making it appear more alive—it would also start to look more like mayflies, caddis and other types of aquatic insects. Maybe John Barr had similar thoughts when he came up with the Copper John.

I have had excellent results with this fly over the years, both with a beaded head and without. Fish it dead drift for trout with an indicator. Vary the length of your tippet and the amount of weight you use as water depth, current speed and weed banks (Hot Creek, of course) dictate. This fly also works well on pan fish and small bass, using a very short quick retrieve.

You can add many additions to this fly like goose biots for tails making it even more like a Copper John. If I want a bulkier and heavier fly I will start winding the copper wire body at the thorax, down to the bend and back again.

Materials for tying the Soft Hackled Beadhead Brassie:

- Hook: TMC2487 in sizes #16 to #20 or similar
- Head: Copper or Brass bead
- Body: Fine Copper wire
- Thorax: Peacock Herl, full and thick from a peacock eye stick; not strung
- Hackle: Brown partridge, tied sparse





Instructions for tying the Soft Hackled Beadhead Brassie:

1. Put on a small copper or brass bead and attach the thread on the hook and wind a "jam" forcing the bead against the eye of the hook.
2. Wind down the shank and tie in the copper wire along the far side of the hook winding the thread back just short of the bead. Whenever you remove excess wire it is always best to break it by wiggling back and forth until it breaks rather than cutting it with scissors or wire cutters. This will mean less wear and tear on your tools and the wire end will have fewer sharp edges which can cut your thread or other materials as you wind over it. Wind the wire forward to the thorax and remove the excess.
3. Tie in the peacock herl and wind the thorax (3 to 5 turns). A note about peacock herl. Always try to buy your peacock herl on the "eyed" stick straight from the bird. Herl coming from commercially strung bundles is usually very poor quality—short fibers and on thick stems. The peacock eyed sticks are superior in quality and off a wide range of herl sizes and thicknesses. As an added bonus, you use the herl from the eye itself, remove the fibers with an eraser and use it as a multi-hued quill body. When wound it looks exactly like the real body of a mayfly!
4. Tie in a short brown partridge hackle with one side stripped off and wind 1 to 1½ turns. Keep the hackle sparse and leave a very small gap between the last turn of hackle and the bead for your whip finish.
5. Whip finish between the bead and the hackle being careful not to flatten the hackle. Your fly is ready for some serious fishing.

Long Beach Casting Club 2008 Club Trips

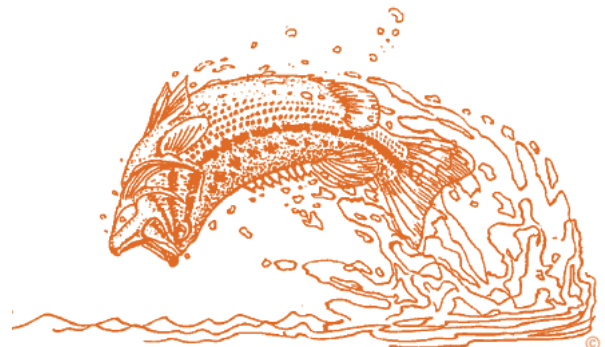
BETTYE SWART, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The preliminary LBCC trip schedule is below. More may be added. Outings without a firm date will be updated shortly. Please keep watching your newsletter for additional information, or contact the Streamkeeper or Club Outings Director Bettye Swart.

DATE	LOCATION	STREAMKEEPER
May 2-4	WITO/Women's Fly Fishing	Bettye Swart
June 27-29	Mammoth/Float Tube and Stream Frenzy	Maria Rivas
July 11-13	Brookie Bash	Jeff Sadler
August	Surf Trip	Bob Middo
September	TBA	TBA
Oct. 17-19	Kern River	Ariel Levin
November	San Juan River	Rick Hilles
December	Laguna Niguel lake/float tube	TBA

If you have ideas for a trip or a location that our club should visit then please contact me. We are still looking for some "Club Sages", those experienced fly fishers to organize more destination trips for the club. The Green River, Hat Creek, Lower Sacramento, you know the places.

Be a club hero and take us fishing.



New Membership Requests

MICK WOODBURY, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Please welcome the following new members who joined or rejoined us in March:

- ❖ Gerald Porter, Long Beach. Gerald was a member in the late 70's and early 80's.
- ❖ Ronney Sakoda, (spouse Coleen), Hacienda Heights

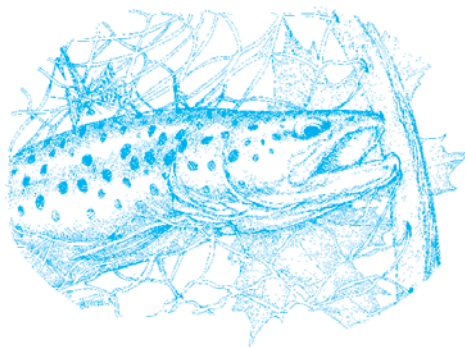
As new members, we wish you good times, great success and improved fishing. And if you've never been to a Club meeting—bring a quarter!

Since the annual meeting a year ago, the Club has received 26 new member applications which accounted for 29 new members. Today our

membership stands at 586, broken out as follows: 496 individual and family members, 50 juniors, 34 life members and 14 associate members. Seven moved away and one, John Greenup of Long Beach, a 2002 member, graduated to fly-fishing heaven. Save us a good riffle John.

If you're one of the few who still haven't paid your dues, time is getting short. Act now or risk losing your place in the roster.

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



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- 2008: October 18-19 and 24-26 (Women's Clinic)
November 1-2 and 8-9 (Advanced Nymphing class)
December 6-7 and 13-14
- 2009: January 10-11 and 17-18
February 1/31-2/1 and 7-8
March 6-8 (Women's Clinic) and 14-15

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Calendar of Events

May

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Old/New Board Meeting
2-4	Weekend		Women's Fly Fishing at Fort Tejon
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 4th Night
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting for San Gabriel
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 5th Night
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
17	Saturday	7:00 AM	Casting Clinic San Gabriel Trip
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
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	Casting Games
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Maria Rivas for Mammoth Trip at LBLBC
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
27	Friday	7:00 PM	Club Meeting: to be determined at Community Center
27-29	Weekend		Mammoth Club Trip

July

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Jeff Sadler for Brookie Bash
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Board Meeting at Lawn Bowling Club
			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting
11-13	Weekend		Club Trip: Brookie Bash
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
19	Saturday	5:30 PM	Awards & Installation Dinner at LB Lawn Bowling Club
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
23	Wednesday	1:45 PM	PHW Casting at VA
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
25	Friday	7:00 PM	Club Meeting: Joe Libeu's "Tips & Techniques" at Comm. Center
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 3rd Night
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting

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.



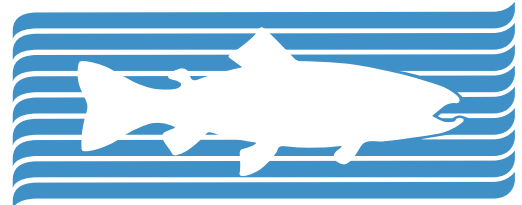
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