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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line

## Inspiring, Rebuilding and Fishing

**RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT**

At our May meeting we heard a presentation from Carole Katz, Senior Director, on our first year's experience with Project Healing Waters. Carole filled in for John Van Derhoof (who has scheduled his presentation for a future meeting) because she can talk for hours about Long Beach Project Healing Waters (LBPHW) at a moment's notice. Our club has had a tremendous success, made a positive impact on the lives of disabled vets and in addition to the satisfaction gained from just doing the right thing, has gained much stature, visibility and good will. Although the start up involved challenges, it also benefited from the sponsorship of a talented, dedicated group of people who are passionate about their work. Club members who work on PHW tend to be that way. LBPHW just makes you inspired.

As many of you have noticed, the progress on the clubhouse repair has continued unabated thanks to the talents our Reconstruction team of Paul Burgner, Joe Richter, Dan Rivett and Nani Blyleven. In fact, our attention has now turned to the idea of a reopening celebration and auction. As you will read in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter, the reopening will happen in mid August—most likely Saturday August 23. We intend to celebrate our success, thank all those who have had a hand in helping with the rebuild, auction off some interesting and valuable items and just have a good time. Plan to be there.

After listening to the fishing reports at our May meeting I got to thinking about a discussion with Bettye Swart, Second Vice President, about club trips and what makes a club trip successful.

A club trip vs. an ordinary fishing trip—what's the difference? In addition being sponsored by LBCC, a club trip includes the opportunity to hang out with other members, form and renew friendships, help each other, learn from each other. It's a group experience.

Successful trips don't happen by accident; they involve advance preparation. We select a good location; recruit a knowledgeable trip leader, announce the trip early; write an article promoting the trip; make sure people know who to contact; select one or several outfitters who will have the ability to provide guide services to those who want them, hold a pre-trip meeting with interested parties; provide info on location, costs, conditions, flies, techniques, guides—everything

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you need to know. In our Pre-trip Meetings, we make sure transportation issues are addressed; fishing partners are resolved. We also get a release and medical info from non-member participant-guests.

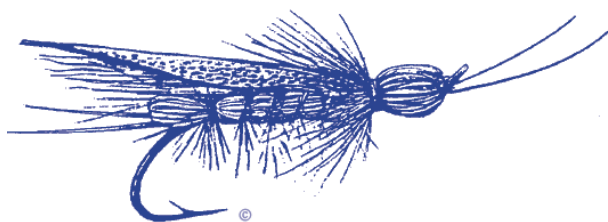
Ideally, every trip should be open for as many members who want to go: we plan to have multiple hotels, accommodations, outfitters, guides, camping. We try not to get caught in the middle; instead, we refer members directly to a pre-screened list of accommodations and guides.

An experienced trip leader makes a big difference. He or she will arrange for common area for communal gatherings, common restaurants for meals including barbecues if possible. Also, he or she will design learning opportunities for example; at beginning of each day offer inexperienced people help with rigging up, selecting flies, reading water. Usually on trips we will partner up experienced with inexperienced people for the morning of the first and second days. We also help new people with introductions to others. If possible we ask a guide to do a briefing on evening of day one. Then we finish up the trip with a celebratory dinner including awards, jokes, and sharing pictures.

When the trip is done you always hear how it went. Sometimes we get an article for Target Talk on trip highlights. Of course we always get the story at the next monthly meeting.

If you have a favorite place that you would like to visit on a club trip, let Bettye know. Even better, if you have a spot you would like to share with club members and be the trip leader for the event, volunteer. Bettye and her team deserve lots of recognition for providing a great service to the club.

Speaking of trips, I'm feeling the personal need for inspiration, rebuilding. I need clean mountain air, the sound of rivers and a tug on my line—Rocky Mountain therapy this time. Then I'll see you around the pond.



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# Tips & Techniques

MICK WOODBURY, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Sometimes it's the little things that make all of the difference for the 10% of the fisherman that catch 90% of the fish.

The July monthly meeting is our annual **TIPS & TECHNIQUES** hosted by Joe Libeu and it will be held on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM the Community Center. If you are like me and have found themselves in a pool next to a club member using the same fly, (seemingly) the same technique, yet you go fishless while his rod is constantly bent, then this meeting is for you. Whether you have been fishing since they invented hooks or you just started, don't miss this meeting. You will learn something new!

As in the past, the meeting will be a Round Robin—a series of presentations set up with small group discussions on the subtleties of our sport on subjects such as: demonstrating tying flies, rod building, tying leaders, knots, explaining strike indicators, fly lines in the fresh water and saltwater just to name a few.

The timing couldn't be better. We recently finished our Beginning Fly Casting Clinic and we are at the start of what should be a very good season—once the runoff is finished. I never fail to pick up some new information at this meeting and we seldom get this much talent together at one time to give up their secrets. One of the great things about our club is the wealth of experience and knowledge that we have. Another is all of the educational programs that are offered and this is yet another opportunity for you to cut down on your learning curve.

You can walk around, listen to the various presenters, hear from the best talent our club has to offer, take notes and become one of the 10% catching 90%.

Whoever said *"Don't sweat the small stuff"* was not a fly fisher.



## Long Beach Casting Club Trips 2008

BETTYE SWART, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

It is about time to choose your next club trip, the offerings are great for the summer. Please join us as we get those great tugs on the line.

- ❖ July 2 Pre-Trip Meeting: Brookie Bash at LBLBC 7:00 PM
- ❖ July 11-13 Brookie Bash  
Streamkeeper: Jeff Sadler
- ❖ July 31 Pre-Trip Meeting: Surf Trip Meeting at LBLBC 7:00 PM
- ❖ Aug. 17 Surf Trip/RAT Beach, Torrance  
Surfkeeper: Bob Middo
- ❖ Sep. 17 Pre-Trip Meeting: Kings River Classic @ LBCC 7:00 PM
- ❖ Sep. 26-28 Kings River Kaweah Fly Fishers  
Streamkeeper – Jeff Sadler
- ❖ Oct. 8 Pre-Trip Meeting – Kern River @ LBCC 7:00 PM
- ❖ Oct. 17-19 Kern River  
Streamkeeper: Ariel Levin
- ❖ Oct. 22 Pre-Trip Meeting–San Juan River at LBCC 7:00 PM
- ❖ Nov. 7-10 San Juan River, New Mexico  
Streamkeeper: Rick Hilles
- ❖ Dec. 3 Pre-Trip Meeting: Laguna Niguel Lake/Float Tube @ LBCC 7:00 PM
- ❖ Dec. 13 Laguna Niguel Lake Float Tube  
Streamkeeper: Bettye Swart

Need questions answered then call Bettye Swart. See you on the water!



# The One Lane National Park

**BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER**

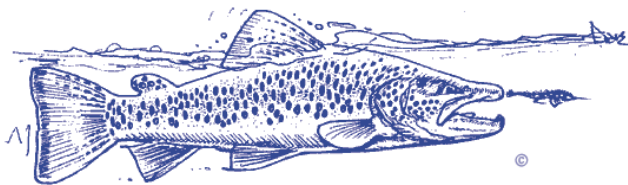
The Lees Ferry trip occurred in April again this year. Maria and I went a day early. She had purchased a new digital camera and wanted to take a lot of pictures of the area because this was her first trip.

I picked her up at about 5:00 AM and we were off. We ate breakfast in Baker, California at the Coco's restaurant consisting of their egg special with potato pancakes. Lunch was in St. George, Utah. We stopped at Chuck-A-Rama for their buffet. Thursday must be geriatric day; we were the youngest diners by a good 20 or 30 years. We both ate light, still tasting the potato pancakes. We also cut our meal short. The lady behind me in the booth was having difficulty with her fried chicken. It stuck in her teeth. So she took her teeth out and picked at them with a fork to dislodge the chicken. When she started to reach out her teeth for the glass of water, it was time to leave!

We stopped at the Albertson's to purchase our supplies. I had rented the house at Cliff Dweller's



for the trip and we wanted to cut down on expenses by cooking in. While Maria was able to get her beer, Albertson's is not a state store so I was not able to get my beverage of choice. But



the panic didn't set in until we were on the road. Colorado City was not open yet (the entire city) and I couldn't find the store in Fredonia.

We arrived at Cliff Dweller's Lodge to cold weather, high winds and swirling dust devils. We did try to explore the area a little but the sandblasting continued. We had an early dinner and got to meet some of the guides. Ours happened to be there. All the Lees Ferry guided trips were cancelled that day because of the high winds. Jeff English, our guide, was enjoying a beer (or two) and we started the conversation about the conditions. Although it was quite cold and windy, the weather was supposed to improve.

We explained that we would be on a photographic tour the following day. Jeff recommended trying a certain unmarked road at 5:30 AM to capture the sunrise on the Vermillion Cliffs behind the lodge. Unfortunately, we did not take notes. He thought there was a sign at the gate through the fence but he couldn't recall what the sign said.

The next morning we arose early (she was already tying flies when I knocked on her door). It was cold and crisp but the wind had died down to about 10–15 mph. I was dressed in four layers including two shirts, a wind stopper and my rain jacket that serves to keep out the wind and the cold. This was my basic steelhead attire. We couldn't see the fence along the side of the highway in the dark until we crossed the Navajo Bridge. On the other side of the canyon we did locate the fence and two gates. Both of the gates had chains across the road and signs that read "Keep Out" in great big red letters. We were on the reservation and clearly this was someone's driveway. So we kept out.

We found a small hill beside the highway that raised the camera above the barbed wire fence. Maria



set up her tripod and attached the new camera. We then waited for the sunrise on the Cliffs while enjoying some hot motel coffee. We took a series of photos of the sunrise and its progression across the plateau. After that it was time for a real breakfast and more hot coffee.

Later that morning we located the correct fence and the right gate. This unmarked road does not appear on any map. The road extends from the highway about a mile and a half to the canyon rim. However it traverses three fifty-yard wide rock fields which require a high clearance vehicle although not four wheel drive. I immediately feared another Rush Creek incident where I just went too far. And there would be no help: cell phones don't work there. But we could see immediately why Jeff called this a one-lane national park. The view of the cliffs was simply spectacular. And because we were five or seven miles closer to the cliffs, the colors were far more vibrant.

The road leads to the canyon rim and we did go that far. It runs through a field of Brady Pincushion Cactus that are small dwarfs with big spines. The signs warned about hiking in the area and being sure that the soles of your shoes were thick and heavy. The spines will penetrate sandals with ease and they only go in one direction.

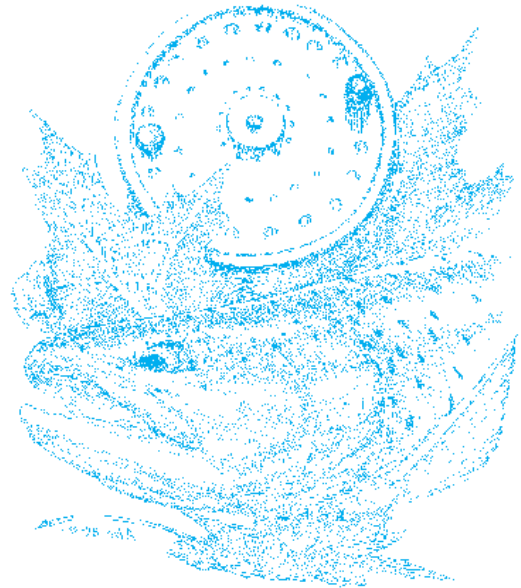
Jeff takes first dates on this road. They do a belly crawl to the rim to look over the canyon wall. They



also throw a rock or two to see the effect 1,500 feet below. Jeff is single!

That afternoon Connie Bullock and Rod Wilmot

arrived. A retired fireman, he was on one of the steelhead trips last winter. The house was now full.



We sent them on a tour to the boat ramp and began dinner preparations. That night we had grilled steak and baked potatoes and a large chopped salad. I had exhibited my usual sales resistance with the butcher: the rib eyes were almost two inches thick. No one could eat more than half of their meat!

The next morning was our first panic: the coffee pot didn't work. The on button did not move and I couldn't get the program cycle to start. Fortunately Rod beat the button enough so it would depress and start. After that, we left the button on and just unplugged the pot as necessary.

At the boat ramp we met with our guides to prepare for a day on the water. We had originally planned on switching guides and fishing partners every day but the guides had a different idea. Jeff English was the first guide hired by Terry Gunn shortly after the dam was completed. He likes fishing with experienced anglers since he searches out wilder fish in secluded locations. In contrast, Tom Jones is the newest guide and has only been on the river this season. He is a born teacher and Connie and Rod liked him a lot. He also guides in Mammoth so they will see each other this summer.

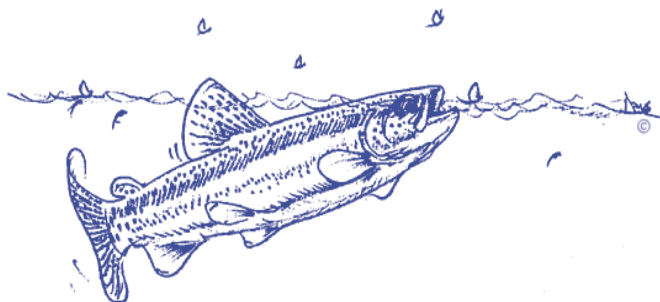


Our first stop was Two Mile Bar. Jeff rigged Maria with a dry-dropper setup with a Stimulator as a strike indicator and a Tiger Midge as the killer nymph. She caught 3 or 4 nice fish before he had me rigged! I used a two-nymph rig again with a Tiger Midge on the bottom. Later we motored up stream in the jet boat for a lot of sight fishing. The weather had calmed down and the temperature was pleasant.

We returned to the dock with memories of having caught a lot of fish. We learned that Rod and Connie had stayed over the same run at Four Mile Bar all day. Tom was thorough in his training (Rod is somewhat new to fly fishing). But they were catching fish all day and there was no reason to move.

Dinner was accompanied by too much red wine and a series of LAPD (Maria) stories and LAFD (Rod) tales.

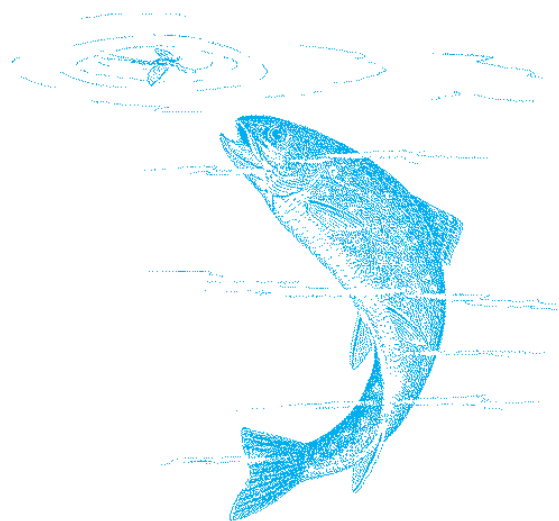
The next day was a challenge. On Sundays, the dam does not increase its flow. Apparently when the water does not fluctuate as normal, the fish simply rest. We spent the day fishing over resting lies to fish that had lock jaw. When Connie and



Rod had no production, they took a tour of the river and saw the petroglyphs and other canyon sights. Maria just gave Jeff the afternoon off and we returned to the ramp. Maria spent the afternoon tying more Tiger Midges. The ones that I had with me were all size 18. These fish preferred at least a 16 if not larger.

The next day was our last day, so we awoke with

great expectations. The weather was now quite warm with no wind—in the 90s in the canyon. The four of us started at Four Mile Bar where Connie



and Rod had fished two full days. After a short while, Jeff was getting quite antsy and we had to depart to find more fish. Maria and I fished up near the dam and had a very productive morning. We returned to Four Mile Bar to lunch with Connie and Rod. He ended up being the Hot Rod on the trip having landed a fish measuring more than 18". And he has the photo to prove it.

We finished with another short photographic excursion. On the road to the boat ramp is an area of balanced boulders. Huge multi-ton granite boulders sit on tiny pedestals of softer sandstone that have weathered away. The result is a rock mushroom that looks very precarious.

This was the first trip to Lees Ferry for all but me; but we've made arrangements to return next year. The fishing was great and the scenery simply magnificent. If you go, try the spring or the fall. The summer is beastly: temperatures in the hundreds and not all of the boats have canopies. The guides fish from dawn until about 1:00 PM to avoid the afternoon heat. But do give it a try. On the return trip, we left at 4:00 AM and Maria was at home in Rancho Cucamonga a little after noon. We even stopped for a sit-down breakfast in St. George. So it is as close as Mammoth.



# New to the Video Library

**BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER**

I have previously mentioned two destination DVD's on Colorado: FLY FISHING COLORADO'S MAJOR 6 and FLY FISHING 411: ROARING FORK VALLEY, COLORADO. Both were produced by local outfitters and guides and are meant to entice the angler to explore the area. I say "mention" because I did not purport to be so thorough as to constitute a review. Thus my words were few.

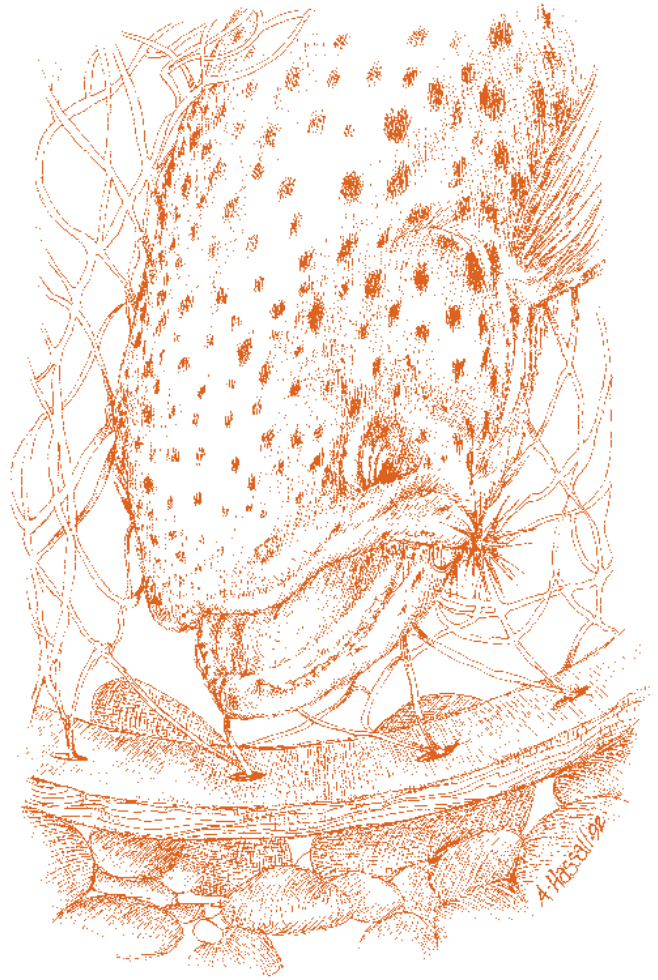
But I recently purchased a new DVD entitled FLY FISHING COLORADO that is simply worthy of expanded treatment and praise. It is produced by Colorado's Department of Wildlife and is subtitled A COMPLETE JOURNAL OF EVENTS AND DESTINATIONS. It is what it claims to be.

The video starts in the month of March and explains where to go for the winter nymphing opportunities. Thereafter, it reviews each month of the fishing year and explores where to go, what species to target and specifically which flies and techniques to use. It highlights specific hatches and then mentions where else in the state one might fish for the same hatch. It is simply an enormous resource to research.

It is a monstrous project that is not limited to trout. It also discusses Northern Pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, Kokanee salmon, Arctic Grayling and even Mountain Whitefish. It covers



the major hatches, some so thick that the bugs are on the camera lens and available for a close up inspection.



And it is not limited to cold-water streams. Major river systems are reviewed as well as Alpine lakes, reservoirs, and cold and warm-water impoundments. Tailwaters, backcountry hike-in venues and wild trout areas are discussed in depth also.

This tape covers the anglers' year highlighting the best fishing month by month. The photography is incredible. A topographical map in relief shows the contours of each venue much as a virtual helicopter. This video would be an enormous help in planning a fishing trip. But it also depicts areas that already experience heavy pressure because of its current popularity; anglers are often shown standing around waiting their turn on the available runs. So I hope they don't sell too many of these DVD's before I get a chance to explore Colorado! I don't need additional crowding!



# The "A" Team vs. The Green River

## (Final score: "A" Team 3, Green 1)

YASH ISEDA, DAN RIVETT & JEFF SADLER

3 to 1, what does that mean? Well, we had three winner days and a wipe-out. Starting with the bad news: if you can't row a boat, don't rent one. We had high expectations with a pontoon-raft with a fly fishing frame that everybody says is a piece of cake. The wind made it a piece of something else. Yash got us in a corner and every time we tried to escape out the wind blew us UPstream. Wrong.

We finally got out of that and Danny put us into the shallows and we had to walk the boat out.



(incidentally, never walk downstream of a boat, it pushed me in (dunk 1)). I think we caught 3 fish all day and worked like crazy. The rowing frame has the front fisher sitting about 5 feet in the air making a perfect foresail. We wouldn't have made it through Mother-In-Law rapids if I knew where it was, as it turned out I went through it without knowing it with only two 360 degree donuts.

But, we had three good days. How many fish,

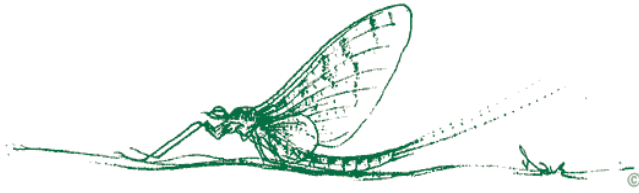
you ask? We don't know, but enough to put grins on our silly faces. We've been fishing together so long we don't count, there's no need as each of us know the other two are good. Yash tends to nymph, I tend to dry, and Dan experiments; we all did well. Dan and I were walking back for lunch and spotted Yash on a peninsula about mid-stream. "Lunch", we yelled. "Hell no" he responded, and then we saw the water in front of him exploding with rising fish. Forget lunch. It is a testament to our relationship that three guys can fish very near each other for the same school, catch fish, and not tangle lines.

Yash is our designated scout as he found a 20 foot stretch full of fish eating his nymphs and Dan was 30 down and I was 30 feet up in virtually identical water and nothing even after throwing the box at 'em. Yash let Dan take over the hot spot and he went 3 for 3 on successive casts. He then made his big mistake by losing a fly. While he was changing I drifted my full fly line through his run and nabbed a few myself. Ain't friends nice?

No, we didn't use guides as all of us are experienced enough on the Green to make fishing more important than catching. When a guide sets up your rig, ties on his flies and says: "cast there", you catch fish. But it's not really fishing as we wanted to work the entire problem ourselves. We did fine, thank you very much. Maybe we would have caught more with a guide but we couldn't have been more satisfied.

Here's Danny, waist deep throwing perfect Long Beach Casting Club tight loops double hauled to mid-river complete with an aerial mend and just crushing rising trout. Standing next to him was one of two women we had fished near for two days and she seemed to think she knew Dan well enough to advise him on casting, mending, catching, etc. Unfortunately, she was the louder of the two and Dan is such a gentleman he did not "accidentally" snag her hat and cast it mid-stream. Later, he admitted to trying to do so; I guess he's got to practice his casting just a little more.





### THE PROVO (Score: Provo 4, "B" Team zero)

Yeah, we got demoted. On the way home Dan had received some top-secret info on the Middle Provo. Well, it was running a little high. High enough to put me under and I pulled Yash with me. Ain't buddy-wading wonderful? Yash steadied up and yanked me out. Two soaked dudes and two broken rods.

### NEXT YEAR

We'll sponsor this as a club trip again, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP willing, as it traditionally pulls in over 20 people.

### SOME THOUGHTS:

1. Travel on Sunday. Even though this uses an extra vacation day the weekends are a zoo.
2. Early to mid May gets the BWO hatch but misses the unreliable cicadas.
3. Stay at Red Canyon. Very nice cottages, reasonable prices, decent restaurant except it doesn't open until 8 for breakfast. Beautiful private lake with trout free for guests. Small general store and fly shop.
4. We will reserve guides for 0 to 4 days for those wishing to float. Recommended for first timers.
5. We will not arrange transportation but it's not all that difficult, drive or fly.
6. Don't bother with other streams except the Provo, they are all mud in the spring.
7. We will provide deer, elk, moose, antelope, beaver, otter, muskrat and the hiding place of a badger for your viewing pleasure. Plus a myriad of birds.
8. Pre-trip meetings for techniques, travel, and flies.
9. Somebody, not me, organizes the barbecue.

## Brookie Bash XI

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

*Brookies, Rainbows, Browns, Cutts and, yes, maybe Goldens and a chance for The Sierra Grand Slam!*

*Brookies & Rookies were made for each other!*

Probably as close to a guarantee for catching trout that there is. An absolute guarantee for a lot of fun (unless you're a Brookie). Older (more experienced) members will assist the beginners until they too become Brookie bashers.

**WHEN:** The back-country hike itself starts at 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 12 from the trailhead at Mosquito Flats Campground (Elevation is 10,000 feet).

**WHERE:** Midway between Bishop and Mammoth on 395 is Rock Creek (Tom's Place). Drive up (West) Rock Creek 10.7 miles until you can't drive any more and you're at Mosquito Flats Campground, park only in authorized spots.

**THE TRAIL:** Good trail with Rock Creek on the left. Moderate elevation change. About 1 mile in is Heart Lake which looks like a good meeting point and is midway to Long Lake. We will pass or be near a half dozen named lakes and a bunch of smaller ponds plus connecting creeks.

**LODGING, ETC:** Unknown but in Mammoth.

**PRE-TRIP:** Wednesday, July 2, 7:00 PM, at Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club.



Prizes galore and honor beyond your wildest imagination. Don't know yet what the contest will be but scores tabulated by the Official Tournament Scorer (Sadler) and the prizes awarded by the Official Tournament Chairman (Sadler). Rules by the Official Tournament Rules Committee (Sadler). Official Counter of Trout: Sadler.



## 2008 Summer Tuesday Night Casting Schedule – Events start @ 7:00 PM

Date	1/4 Oz. Plug	3/8 Oz. Plug	5/8 Oz. Plug	Trout Fly	Dry Fly	Bass Bug	Wet Fly	5 Weight Combo	Trout Fly Distance	Steelhead Distance	1/4 Plug Distance	Type of Cast
May 20	WTCA			WTCA		WTCA						Club Cast
May 27		WTCA	WTCA		WTCA		WTCA					Club Cast
June 3	ACA #1			ACA #1				ACA	WTCA	WTCA		Mail In & Club Cast
June 10		ACA #1	ACA #1		ACA #1	ACA #1						Mail In & Club Cast
June 17	ACA #2			ACA #2				ACA	WTCA	WTCA		Mail In & Club Cast
June 24		ACA #2	ACA #2		ACA #2	ACA #2						Mail In & Club Cast
July 1	WTCA		WTCA	WTCA		WTCA	WTCA					Club Cast
July 8	ACA #3	ACA #3		ACA #3					WTCA	WTCA	WTCA	Mail In & Club Cast
July 15			ACA #3		ACA #3	ACA #3	WTCA					Mail In & Club Cast
July 22		WTCA	WTCA		WTCA			ACA				Club Cast
July 29	ACA #4	ACA #4		ACA #4					WTCA	WTCA	WTCA	Mail In & Club Cast
Aug. 5			ACA #4		ACA #4	ACA #4						Mail In & Club Cast
Aug. 12	WTCA			WTCA		WTCA			WTCA		WTCA	Club Cast
Aug. 19	WTCA	WTCA		WTCA		WTCA	WTCA					Club Cast
Aug. 26			WTCA		WTCA			WTCA		WTCA		Club Cast

contact [www.americancastingassoc.org](http://www.americancastingassoc.org) for the rules of each game



# Tuesday Night Casts

**MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN**

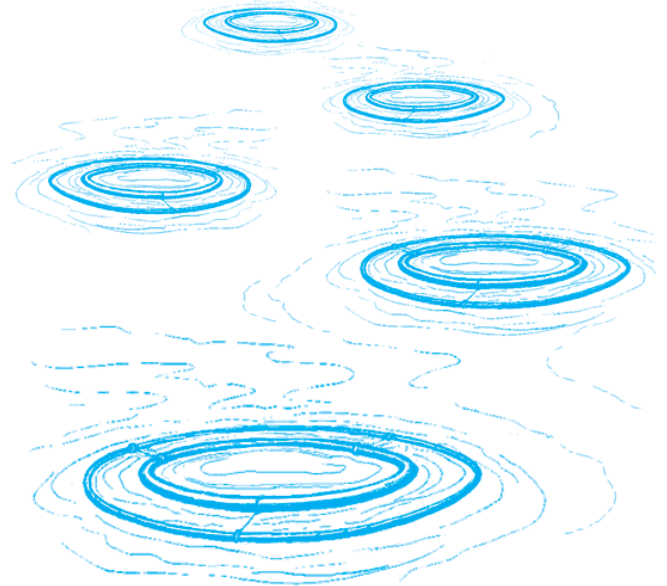
Every Tuesday night through August 26<sup>th</sup>, the Long Beach Casting Club is running casting games from 7:00–9:00 PM. Specific games and dates are noted in this month's Target Talk. Post this schedule on your bulletin board or refrigerator door and come join us. Casting at 30 inch diameter targets ranging in distance from 20'–70' is a challenge but rewarding experience, especially when the judge yells out "score perfect". Skills such as hovering your fly over the target when gauging your distance, extending and retrieving line when false casting, or even when using a bait casting reel and preventing a "bird nest" are all valuable experiences when participating in these games. Not only will your scores improve but your fishing will too, I guarantee it!

For specific rules and equipment regulations, you can log onto the American Casting Association's website [www.americancastingassoc.org](http://www.americancastingassoc.org). You can also purchase equipment and supplies through the ACA. If you do not have a specific rod, reel, leader, or fly, you can use the Club's equipment. You can purchase trout flies, dry flies, wet flies, bass bugs, and 1/4 oz., 3/8 oz., and 5/8 oz. plugs from the Captain when you are down at the clubhouse.

New comers to the casting games Dok Arvanites and Scott Martini have already scored in the 90's. Remember, one-hundred is a perfect score. Dok scored a 92 in trout fly and Scott shot a 90 in the 3/8oz. plug accuracy event. These impressive scores already bring them to Class "B" in tournament casting. Come join the fun on Tuesday nights and enjoy the camaraderie that is associated with the games.

I personally want to thank Mark Flo and Frank Kropacek for their assistance in setting up and running the games when I was unable to be there. "Once a Captain, Always a Captain". You guys are

true Champions. Your commitment to the Long Beach Casting Club and generosity in helping me is appreciated.



## New Membership Requests

**MARK FLO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Please welcome as new members:

- ❖ Gerald Porter
- ❖ Manuel Alarcon
- ❖ Damian Ross
- ❖ Jerry Levy
- ❖ Michael Deppe
- ❖ Tony Dipietra

I am taking over the Membership Secretary post from Mick Woodbury, (who did a great job) so there will be a lot of new stuff for me to learn in the next month or two.

If I can help you in any way or have a question you can email me at [m.flo@gte.net](mailto:m.flo@gte.net) or give me a call 562-420-8121.



## JOIN US ON PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND

# ALASKA 2008

# \$1550

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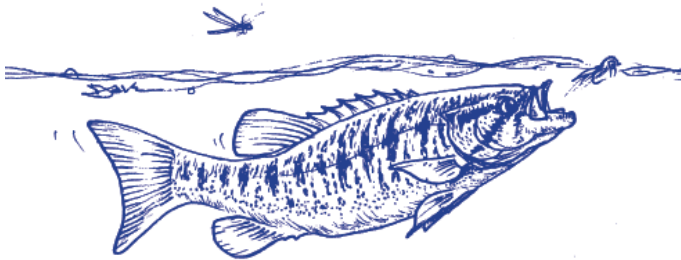


# The Women Fish Lake Tejon

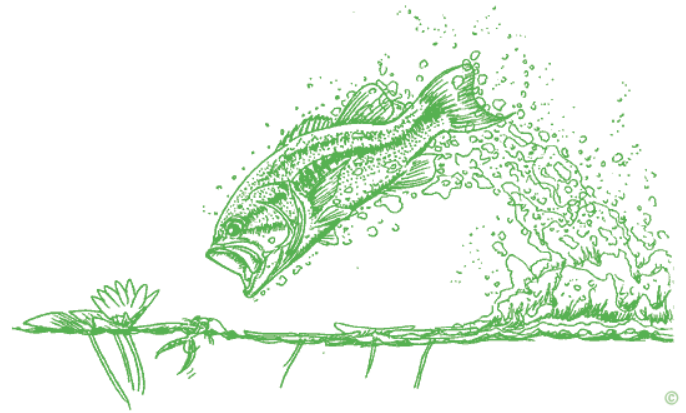
BETTYE SWART, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

The National Wild Turkey Federation's sister group, Women in the Outdoors provided a very unique opportunity for our women fly fishing club members during the first weekend in May. A group of us traveled to Tejon Ranch and had an incredible time. As LBCC member April Wakeman said, *"It was great!"*

Of course, the two day event had lots of classes geared to the outdoor women. When was the last time you shot a muzzle loading rifle, the old Kentucky type, drove a hummer or went for clay pigeons with a shotgun, well we did? We were treated like queens. Food was cooked by the guys and gals from the Bakersfield Turkey Federation. Bugle call was at 6:00 each morning, and then we lined up by the mess tent with three hundred and seventy-five other ladies for a veritable feast at each meal. Steak dinner, chances to shop at the silent auction, a huge raffle to win all kinds of outdoor equipment plus a giant campfire, all added to the group experience.



But, let's get to the reason we went in the first place, "the fishing". Tejon Ranch is a private preserve with beautiful prestigious Lake Tejon on its property. The lake is for members, guests for a rod fee of \$100.00 a day. For us it was free. Tournament bass fishermen brought their boats for two days to teach the advanced fishing class. Now, I must admit that I have sinned; we used spin



equipment for this class. From the platform of a \$55,000 specially equipped bass boat, my fishing partner and I, caught and released a fair number of good size bass. One pro; a huge boat for each two ladies; the best! I found it rather interesting that the pros have huge motors to race to a spot, and then use a small trolling motor to flush the shoreline. Certainly a different adventure than my float tube and a lot more expensive!!! Our fly fishing equipment pales in cost to the fanatic bass fishermen.

Sunday we were treated to the vast knowledge of Teresa Adams and Beryl Rea, professional women guides that coordinated the casting and float tubing on the lake.

Compared to last year the bass bite was off, however I have gained a new appreciation for the black crappie. Tejon grows some real big ones because it is a catch and release lake. These fish eaters can get to nineteen inches and four pounds. Most of us caught some nice ones with the faithful woolly buggers. Purple, size 10-12 was the choice for the day. The trick was to make sure the seven or eight dorsal fin spines did put you on the bottom of the lake.

We can't wait till next year. Lady fly fishers please join us.

**P.S. Guys: they are looking for volunteers to help with the fly tying classes. Perhaps, that would get you on the lake.....**



# You're Invited!

## Grand Reopening Gala and Fundraising Auction

CAROLE KATZ, SENIOR DIRECTOR

Celebrate with us the grand reopening of our clubhouse on Saturday, August 23 at noon. The celebration will include an open house, lunch, fundraising auction and special activities. Invited guests will include the Parks & Recreation staff, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Councilman Gary DeLong, firemen, contractors, insurance adjusters, Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club, and others who have helped with the fire recovery. We have much to be grateful for and want to show our appreciation. Marv Dworzak will also have a photo journal of the fire and rebuilding effort for those of you who have missed all the activity.

More details will follow in the coming weeks, but here is an updated list of donations to the auction:

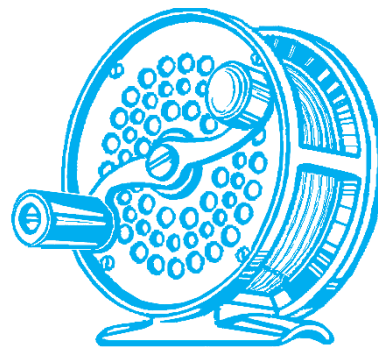


### TRIPS

- ❖ Three days of guided fishing, four nights accommodation and all meals for two anglers

on the Big Horn with Montana Fly Fishers.

- ❖ Three days of guided boat fishing out of Sitka, Alaska with Classic Casting Adventures.
- ❖ Day of drifting the Owens in Bishop with Pat Jaeger.
- ❖ Two days of fishing for two anglers on the San Juan River in New Mexico with John Tavenner.
- ❖ Two days of guided wade fishing for two anglers with Gary Gunsolley of Brock's Flyfishing in Bishop.
- ❖ Day of fishing for one or two anglers in the Florida Keys with Master Certified Casting Instructor Gordy Hill, with optional casting instruction.
- ❖ Two days of guided mako shark fishing for two or three anglers with Conway Bowman.
- ❖ Day of guided fishing on the Big Horn with Jeremy Gilbertson.
- ❖ Day of guided fishing for two in Colorado with Ken Iwamasa.
- ❖ Bed & Breakfast Package for two at the Ritz-Carlton in Marina del Rey.
- ❖ Five days of accommodations in Puerto Vallarta.



### 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 with rod holders 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.
- ❖ St. Croix Legend Ultra 9106-3 rod & tube
- ❖ Three DB Dunn two-piece rod cases.
- ❖ Wave two-piece rod case.
- ❖ 12 steelhead/salmon flies by Cheryl Moore.
- ❖ Hodgman neoprene wading shoes, size 12.
- ❖ Fly tying materials.
- ❖ Outcast Trinity float tube & backpack.
- ❖ Orvis CFO IV reel with line, used

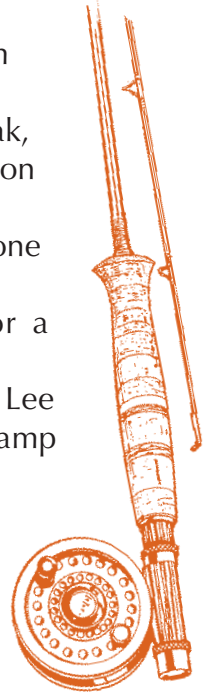
### **Books & DVD's**

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Ken Hanley's CALIFORNIA FLY TYING & FISHING GUIDE.
- ❖ Ken Hanley's FLY FISHING THE PACIFIC INSHORE.
- ❖ Ken Hanley's FLY FISHING AFOOT IN THE SURF ZONE.
- ❖ Mel Kreiger's THE ESSENCE OF FLY CASTING.
- ❖ Taylor Streit's MAN VS. FISH – THE FLYFISHERMAN'S ETERNAL STRUGGLE.

### **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.
- ❖ Lifetime FFF membership for one person.
- ❖ Lifetime FFF membership for a couple.
- ❖ Framed Brook Trout print by Lee Stroncek (1988 Wild Trout Stamp Design).
- ❖ Carved wood brown trout by Thomas Radoumis of Wildlife Reflections.
- ❖ Autographed football and jersey by star tight end Tony Gonzales of Kansas City Chiefs.
- ❖ And, for the sentimental, fire-scarred LBCC fishing shirt, polo shirt, T-shirt or hat.
- ❖ Framed trout print by Joseph Tomelleri



There will also be some gently used fishing items for sale. In addition to many items from the estate of Art Murphy and from Huber's Hackle Haven, there will be:

- ❖ Scott G 896-2 used rod.
- ❖ Scott G 960-4 used rod.
- ❖ Sage RP 890-2 used rod
- ❖ Sage RPL 896-2 used rod.
- ❖ Sage RPL+ 996-4 used rod.
- ❖ Fenwick HMG 686-2 used rod.
- ❖ Fenwick custom rod by Jack Dennis, 686-2, dated 1985.
- ❖ Legend 890-2 used rod.
- ❖ Loomis custom IMX 490-2 used rod by Boomer.
- ❖ Abel 2 piece rod used case.

And, a great knife by Larry Albach that is being sold with raffle squares at club meetings.



# Fly of the Month: Schroeder's Hare's Ear Parachute

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Here you are fishing a stream for the first time and you're without a clue as to what to start with. You look inside your fly box and you are met with the classic "search" patterns: Hare's ear nymph, Pheasant tail nymph, Prince nymph, Parachute Adams, Elk-hair caddis and of course the Royal Wulff (all respect paid to Sadler). Well here is one more pattern that should be added to your selection: Schroeder's Hare's Ear parachute.

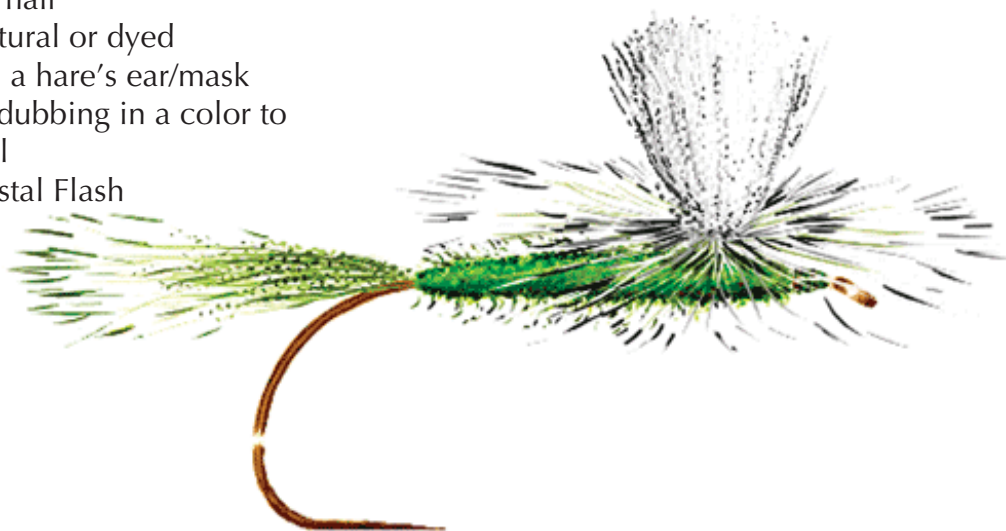
Ed Schroeder of Fresno, California came up with a winner in this fly. You have probably seen it at many of the fly shops that you frequent but how many of you have tried it? In my opinion it is one the finest searching patterns around. I will reach for this pattern before dry fly standards like the Parachute Adams or a Royal Wulff (sorry Jeff). The fly's success can be attributed to its buggy appearance which is a result of the hare's ear dubbing for the body and the tail. I think fish believe this fly is alive!

Additionally the fly, like other parachutes, presents itself gently to the water and has a low profile and silhouette when it rests on the surface.

The color choices are as varied as the number of naturals out there to imitate but start by trying olive, tan, gray and black. These four will cover the majority of the insects you want to match—even the ones that you can't see. My personal favorite is one with an olive body, a pearl Krystal Flash rib and a dyed olive grizzly hackle.

## Materials for tying Schroeder's Hare's Ear Parachute:

- Hook: Standard dry fly; size #8 to #20
- Thread: Size 6/0 in a color to match the body
- Wing: White goat body hair
- Hackle: Grizzly either natural or dyed
- Tail: Guard hairs from a hare's ear/mask
- Body: Hare's ear/mask dubbing in a color to match the natural
- Rib: Gold wire or Krystal Flash







### Instructions for tying Schroeder's Hare's Ear Parachute:

1. Start the fly by attaching the thread near the bend of the hook, winding forward to the head space and tie on the wing. The wing should be short—the length of the shank or less. Post the wing and tie in the hackle making sure that a length of bare stem is exposed and wind the thread back to the bend.
2. Tie on the tail which should be a mixture of the stiff guard hairs and some basal fur.
3. Tie in the rib now if you are going to use one and apply the dubbing to the thread and wind it forward to a point one full turn in front of the wing. The appearance of the body should be rough and spiky to help trap air, scatter light and add to the buggy, lifelike quality of the fly.
4. Start winding the hackle by making the first of 3 to 5 turns high and then spiraling down and tie it off securely. The bare stem helps to make that first turn without having stray hackle fibers sticking out all over the place.
5. Add another thin turn or two of dubbing to cover and protect the point where the hackle was tied down, form a small head, whip finish and go fishing.

## Pond Cleaning News

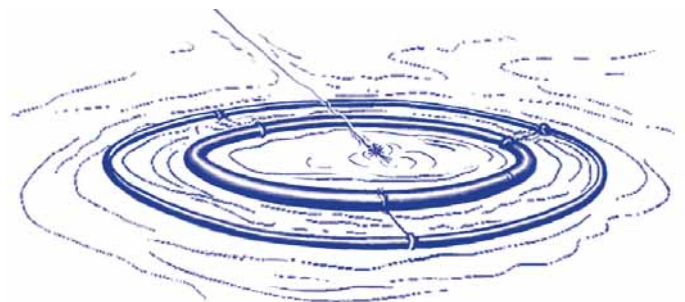
### MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, a dedicated crew of eight— Marv Dworzak, Craig Haines, Rick Hilles, Yash Iseda, Frank Kropacek, Mark Lipe, and Gerry Marotta—all worked their muscles and magic with the 300 foot fireman water hose and numerous squeegees for 2½ hours as they cleaned our casting pond. When you see these individuals, please express your gratitude. It is because of their efforts and dedication, that our casting pond is looking so nice. The casting pond is a direct reflection of our club and we ALL need to make an effort in keeping it clean.

Coffee, donuts and water will be available for our next pond cleaning on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM. For those of you who utilized the casting pond on weekends, I will be draining the pond the day before at 5:00 PM.

Hope you can participate. It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, hear the latest gossip of fishing trips, and give back to the Long Beach Casting Club. You do not need any special fly casting skills to work a squeegee. The Zen of squeegee mastery is keeping your spine in an upright neutral position, hold the squeegee handles with your forearms supinated, and push the water with a few pine cones toward the drain. Caution: Always be aware of an errant spray from the person working the water hose. Be prepared to get a little wet and dirty.

See you Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pond.





# August Club Surf Trip

**BOB MIDDO, RECORDING SECRETARY**

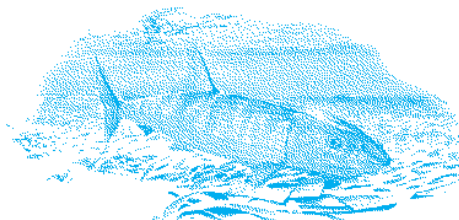
It's summer and you know what that means... West Coast Bonefish! That's Corbina for you that don't frequent the fly fishing discussion forums on the web.

We will be meeting at RAT Beach in Torrance at 6:00 AM Saturday morning, August 13. Yup! Dawn Patrol. As far as gear to bring, you will need a stripping basket, waders (optional) and a SINKING type line such as a shooting head or Teeny or similar. The fish are on the bottom, therefore you need to keep your flies in the feed zone. Leaders will be short and simple, nothing longer than 6 feet of 8 to 10 pound tippet. There a lot of choices of flies to use, and practically anything will work. I would suggest the flies be small, but heavily weighted and in colors such as red/white, orange/

tan, pink, olive/white, orange/chartreuse.

The pre-trip meeting will be held on July 31 at 7:00 PM at the pond where I will go over the flies, techniques and equipment typically used for this type of surf conditions.

RAT Beach (Right After Torrance Beach) itself is located about a mile south of the Redondo Beach Pier where the beach bike trail ends, just before Palos Verdes. There is plenty of parking on the street or in the public parking lot located off S. Esplanade Avenue. The lot is self serve, so bring crisp dollar bills. We will meet at the south end of the public parking lot at 6:00 AM.



Hope to see you there!

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# Calendar of Events

## July

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Jeff Sadler for Brookie Bash
		6:30 PM	PHW Casting
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Board Meeting at Lawn Bowling Club
			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		6:30 PM	PHW Casting
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting
11-13	Weekend		Club Trip: Brookie Bash with Streamkeeper Sadler
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
16	Wednesday	6:30 PM	PHW Casting
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
23	Wednesday	6:30 PM	PHW Casting
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 Games
30	Wednesday	6:30 PM	PHW Casting
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
			Pre-Trip Meeting: Bob Middo Surf Trip at Lawn Bowling Club

## August

3	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
4-9	Week		ACA National Tournament at Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
17	Sunday	7:00 AM	Surf Fishing Trip with Bob Middo
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
23	Saturday	12:00 PM	<b>PARTY!!!!</b> Re-opening Celebration and Auction
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
		7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
30	Friday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Sam Mihara at Community Center
31	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games

## September

2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic
		7:00 PM	Rod Building Orientation
10	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Maria Rivas for Mammoth Trip
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
14	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic
17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Kings River Trip hosted by Jeff Sadler
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Activity Night
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Club Meeting: Nymphing
26-28	Weekend		Kings River Club Trip with Kaweah Fly Fishers
28	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: 1st Night





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