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# Target Talk

Newsletter of the Long Beach Casting Club, Established 1925

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## Leader's Line

## Celebrations

**RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT**

On this Fourth of July weekend I feel thankful for being part of such a great country and for having the opportunity to experience so much of its incredible beauty as I wander through it in quest of the wily trout. The tribulations of the world remind me that I dare not take my good fortune for granted.

Our June monthly meeting had a limited turnout of about 50 members who could spare their Friday night on a busy family weekend. Mike Zona gave an enthusiastic, informative talk on the California Heritage Trout program. His whole family participated as they did throughout the entire project. We also had our usual agenda including fishing reports; one from me about my spring trip to the Big Horn and one from Jeff Sadler about his trip to the Green River and his dunking in the Provo. It sounded more like an episode from Survivor Man than a fishing report.

One fishing report captured everyone's attention. Mike Taylor, a disabled vet, visited the club to talk about his first fishing trip which was to the Green River and to thank the club, especially his mentor, Joe Richter, for his help in getting ready. Despite being confined to a wheelchair, Mike made a trip which involved catching two buses and getting from the stop to the pond on his own, each week to get casting lessons and fishing instructions. He also traveled on his own, took his first plane trip, got to the Green River and had a wonderful time

drifting Flaming Gorge and catching his first of many trout. Mike's trip was sponsored by a group called Rivers of Recovery who asked LBCC if we would help prepare Mike and others for the trip. On this Fourth of July what better way to celebrate than to pay tribute to Mike and other Vets for their service to our country. And kudos to Joe Richter and the PHW team for their efforts.

Speaking of celebrations; be sure to mark your calendar for August 23 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM to participate in the Grand Reopening Celebration and Auction at the clubhouse. In addition to sharing our happiness with getting an operational (but not 100% completed) clubhouse, we will be thanking the city, the firemen, our contractors, our donors and everyone else who has helped us to recover from the "Fire of '08". As a member, your job will be to bring a pot luck item such as an appetizer, salad, entree or desert. We will need lots of help with the event so get in touch with Mark Flo (facility), Carl Laski (food) or Carole Katz (auction) to volunteer your services.

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The clubhouse repairs now emphasize finishing the dry wall, painting, and installing light fixtures, AV system, security system, wood floors and new cabinets. Thanks to the help and generosity of Dan Rivett and his company Commerce Construction, we now have a brand new ADA compliant entry ramp on the side door adjacent to the parking lot. And thanks to the generosity of Bob Payne, we also have a brand new tankless hot water heater. Our neighboring casting clubs, Wilderness, San Diego Fly Fishers and the Fly Fishers of Orange County have come forward with substantial contributions to the rebuilding fund.

Around the time you read this issue of Target Talk, the Long Beach City Council will be presented with a recommendation to approve a new lease for the clubhouse until the year 2033. Yes, the city is our landlord; yes, we do have a lease; yes we do pay a nominal fee of \$1/month rent. We enjoy a very good partnership with the city.

Our new lease will have additional conditions: that we pay for some of our own utilities, that we make improvements to our clubhouse (which will be completed as part of our repairs) and that we provide fly fishing instruction to the youth in summer recreation programs. At our June 1 meeting, your Board agreed to the conditions and I am happy to report that with the final approval of the City Council, our future occupancy of the club house will be secure for the next 25 years. Beyond that, who knows?

I don't know if you have noticed, but our website has been going through gradual improvements in design and content under the leadership of Bruce Takenaka and Jeff Sadler. Hopefully it will soon become the most up to date information source about the club and its activities.

Whatever your summer plans, I wish you all the best.

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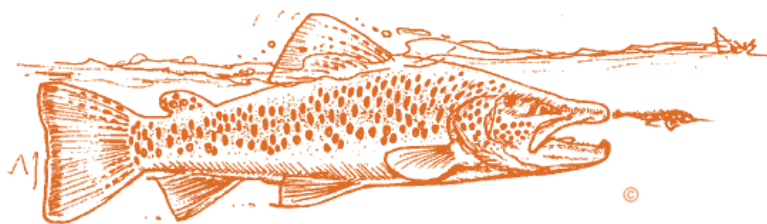
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# The Best (and Worst) of Alaska, New Zealand and Argentina

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

For the Friday, August 29, monthly meeting, our featured guest speaker is our own highly rated Sam Mihara, author, photographer, fly fisherman and world traveler. Sam returns to the stage to present a show on updating the past shows with the best fishing he has experienced in the many years of visits to these great locales. During these trips, he noted some of the worst problems encountered and he will reveal what many newcomers need to know. Participants in the trips included Richard Bell, Sam Hirasawa and Jim Phillips.

For the Alaska portion, Sam will discuss the best locations, where to stay, the most important species, the best flies for each fish and typical results over the last 30 years of visits. Problems encountered include animals and biting insects—and what to do about them.

For the New Zealand section, he will describe the desirable locations in both North and South Islands, where to stay, sightseeing, casting skills required, hatches, the best dry flies and nymphs, and results for both rainbows and browns. Recent problems include driving in New Zealand, the Didymo and the “falling dollar” issue with suggestions on how to reduce costs.

For the Argentina portion, Sam will show the best three locations in the country, where to stay, the best species and effective flies. He will describe some major issues for first-time visitors.

Sam will summarize the show with his memorable photos taken over the years. He will be using a new digital imaging projection system.



Don't miss this opportunity to hear Sam reveal his favorite stories, flies and photos. And tell your friends.

## New Membership Requests

MARK FLO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Please welcome the following new members who joined us in July.

- ❖ Paul Fujita of Long Beach. Spouse is Josie.
- ❖ Daniel and Kimiyo Matoba of Torrance.
- ❖ Steve Piper of San Diego. Spouse is Katy.
- ❖ Bruce and Dolores Sandler of Westminster.

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

If you have any questions or corrections please contact me at (562) 420-8121 or email me at [m.flo@gte.net](mailto:m.flo@gte.net).

# Hot, Hot Creek

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

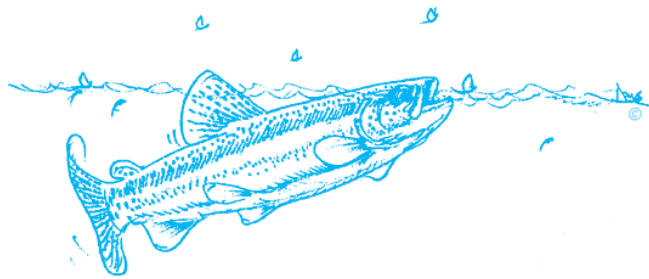
Maria Rivas and I took the Dry Fly Fishing Class offered by the Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers. As usual, we went up early to fish other waters.

I picked her up at her home about 4:30 AM on Thursday. We had breakfast in Bishop at 9:00 AM and then went to all of the local fly shops. Maria had lost another net and needed a replacement. She required the Measure Net which has a measuring tape in the bottom of the net so she can get accurate sizes as she hauls fish out of the water. None were found in Bishop but we found one at the Troutfitter in Mammoth. By noon we were on the water at the East Walker.

I pulled into the parking lot below the dam and Maria raced to the water. It was flowing perfectly. She returned to the car doing a little fish dance—something akin to the silly dance Chandler Bing did on FRIENDS. Unfortunately, we were not alone. In mid step of her dance, a guide came back from around a tree to his car and laughed at the terpsichorean display. Obviously Maria was happy. We engaged him in conversation and learned the flies to use. Scott Freeman guides locally for several shops and specializes on the East Walker.



We used two-fly rigs sticking with nymphs for the wily Browns. There were virtually no other anglers on the river: just Scott, his single client and two others. Towards the end of the day, Scott came up and whispered secret instructions to Maria, who moved deeper into a trough she was fishing and began catching even bigger fish. It was a glorious fishing day and we returned to Bishop very



satisfied by a productive day in the sun. Unable to eat a big meal, we bought turkey sandwiches at Jack's (the Thursday night special is real roast turkey, not from a can or box). We ate them at the little grass court at El Rancho.

Friday we fished Hot Creek in the public canyon section. There was a down stream breeze and, again, relatively few anglers. We fished dry-dropper rigs. Because of the breeze, I opted for a Red Sailor Ant, one of Jeff Sadler's favorite patterns. The fish ignored my nymph and concentrated on the terrestrial. Maria's flies remained a secret but they all seemed to work!

We quit early so we could meet at the Hot Creek Dry Fly School. Check-in was at 4:00 PM and the introductory meeting was held at the footbridge in the center of the resort at 4:30. The instructors, Dennis Tsuyuki, Mike Weigand and Kevin Peterson, were introduced and the general overview of the class was discussed. The first scheduled activity on the agenda was Happy Hour at 5:00. I like this club!

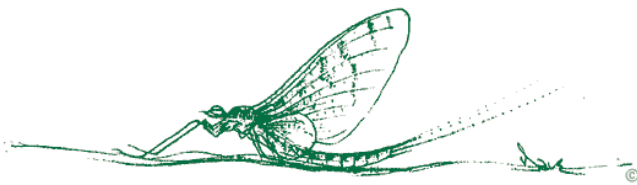
Hot Creek Ranch is simply paradise. This was my first time fishing there. I have fished both the Kiosk section and the canyon section but this meadow section had pods of fish clearly visible (with a careful approach). The experienced members informed us that if you can successfully dead drift a fly down the river, the fish will rise and take the fly. And the use of nymphs is not only against the rules, it would just be too easy!

There are nine cabins consisting of two full beds in one room and then a couple of day beds. Full kitchen and dining area. The cabins form a U

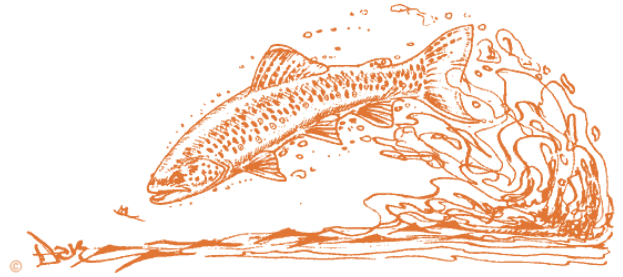
shape surrounding a parade ground of grass at the bottom of which is the footbridge. There is a limit on rods: each cabin can have only three anglers on the water at a time to eliminate congestion.

The cost of the class included meals and lodging. The first breakfast was a near riot. We had eggs (cooked your way), even EggBeaters, ham and sweet rolls. Breakfast was scheduled for 7:00 AM, but the coffee was not ready then. The weekend was cloudless and the sun was bright very early in the morning. Waking early was not a problem. Facing the day without coffee definitely was. Volunteer cooks, Ron Nelson and Mark Thompson, should be nicknamed Chaos and Turmoil. The kitchen was Pure Pandemonium. But breakfast was delicious and soon we were at the footbridge in full gear.

The twelve-member class was divided into three groups for the three instructors. It was terrifying being chosen individually like in grade school for sports teams. The groups each had a mix of beginners and more experienced anglers. The instructors had divided Hot Creek into three areas for the class and each group spent a half day with each instructor on a different part of the water. Each section of the river had areas with different levels of challenge so that everyone had to work for their fish but the instructors were reasonably certain all students would catch fish.



Dennis Tsuyuki taught Mas Okui's long leader method. I had attended Mas's leader tying clinic (with Gary Charles, Dennis McTeer and Mick Woodbury) in preparation for this class and had an 18 foot leader ready to go. Adding tippet brought my rig to 24-26 feet in length. Kevin Peterson, guide extraordinaire and manager of Hot Creek



Ranch, stepped in to teach his methods replacing another instructor at the last minute. Being a guide, he was able to spot fish and then he taught accurate casting to a specific target and drifting the double fly into the feeding lane. At the end of the day, he had me using a trailer of CDC on a size 24 hook. I couldn't see it on the water so he had me setting the hook whenever a fish rose within a 24" circle of the top, more visible fly. This resulted in an exit fish (last fish of the day) of about 18".

The other instructor was Mike Weigand. Now a resident of the Henry's Lake area in Idaho, Mike spent 30 years fishing Hot Creek with the Sierra Pacific Club. His method was in the middle. He primarily cast downstream with a large upstream reach mend. All three methods worked well and resulted in all of the students catching fish throughout the class.

The meals were all a source of camaraderie and grand fun. The first night was grilled chicken and vegetables. The next dinner was grilled tri-tip which was tender enough to be devoured using the plastic utensils. The last night we had burritos stuffed with all manner of fresh and left over food. Spirits flowed heavier on the first night. After that, drinking slowed to enable accurate casting the next day. While there were some good natured comments being made about the skills displayed by the cooks, Gary Takusagawa kept mum. I assume he feared that any analysis of the cooking by him would result in his being volunteered to cook another 18 years for the class as he ably did before.

Lunch on the first day was served on the river. Ron Nelson had a food container backpack that carried the sandwiches, cookies, trail mix and, most

critically, cold water in bottles. Ron was wearing his Director's tee shirt. Many of the past and present leaders at Sierra Pacific are named Ron. So the front of the tee shirt shows More Ron Director; he was just one more Ron. The back is emblazoned "Rocky". Last year he had hooked into a large Brown and called for help from his buddies. He needed cameras and nets and, most importantly, witnesses. By the time his friends arrived, the fish was off and Ron was firmly hooked into a rock.

Christoph Zimny hooked himself in the lip on one of his casts. He never quite explained how. A relatively new fly fisherman, he is from Germany but has been in the US about ten years. Nonetheless, he still speaks with a bit of an accent. He was fishing alone at a pre-assigned location downstream of me. Dennis Tsuyuki was roving among our group. By the time he got to Christoph, the hook had been removed although the bleeding continued. Dennis was quite sympathetic between laughs. On Christoph's next cast, he hooked his hat. At the awards banquet, he was awarded a prize for the only angler to catch (and release) a German White!

There were five ladies in this class, which is fantastic. By lunch on the last day, they were exchanging email addresses to arrange future trips together. Bev Smyth admitted attending because she wanted to see Smoother sometime during the summer and joining him fishing was her only solution. Smoother almost missed lunch on the free day. Well, actually he did. He didn't return until around 2:30 PM to the dining cabin. "I was onto fish, Mate" was the simple explanation.

Each student was given a box with twelve assorted

flies designed for Hot Creek. Paul Shockley stepped to the vise at the last minute and tied up three dozen flies to fill out the boxes.

The late afternoons were free time for those who weren't still fishing. Penny Stanley and Dianne Vermillion spent them playing with Kevin Peterson's new Labrador puppies. Smiles and laughs all around.

The class is given annually and is simply a must to anyone who wants to become a well rounded fly fisherman. For several of the anglers this was their second time through the class. The written materials were clear, concise and filled with knowledge based on the twenty five years experience gained in presenting this class. The agenda was strictly adhered to (except by the kitchen staff).



There is one drawback. Maria has now learned a whole new skill set. She, of course, took honors as Top Rod, having caught more fish and larger fish than any one else. And she has the

photos to prove it. Her new Measure Net works and is now broken in by some sizable Hot Creek Brown Trout.

The true test was our Mammoth Float Tube and Stream Frenzy in June. It seems so many beginners had so much fun on the Float Tube Day on Friday that they decided to opt for a second day there. So Maria only had Al and Judy Ross for her stream portion. Neither of whom can quite be classified as beginners! So in demonstrating her newly found skills, she caught a 14" Brown on Hot Creek and needing only a few casts to hook up. But she is also a good teacher and Al and Judy both landed several nice fish that day!

# Tuesday Night Top Casts

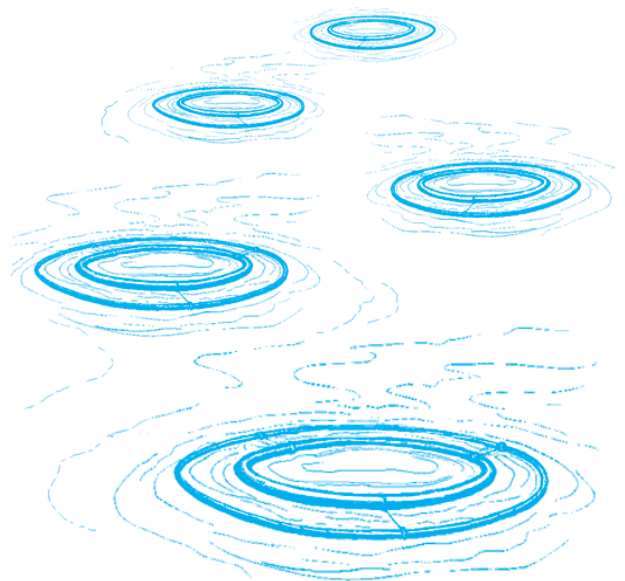
## MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

Casters participating in the Tuesday Night Games are having lots of fun and improving their skills and scores. Casting to 30 inch diameter targets ranging in distance from 20'-70' is a challenge but rewarding experience. 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's nest" are all valuable experiences when participating in these games. Come join us and try out the casting at a target experience.

For specific rules and equipment regulations, you can log onto the American Casting Association's website [www.americancastingassoc.org](http://www.americancastingassoc.org). If you do not have a specific rod, reel, leader, or fly, you can use the club's equipment.

The top 3 western scores for each event are noted through July 1st.

EVENT	PLACE	SCORES	LBCC CASTER	EVENT	PLACE	SCORES	LBCC CASTER
Trout Fly	1st	97	Mark Lipe	5/8oz. Plug	1st	94	Mark Tsunawaki
Trout Fly	2nd	96	Mark Lipe	5/8oz. Plug	2nd	92	Mark Lipe
Trout Fly	3rd	94	Rick Hilles / John Van Derhoof	5/8oz. Plug	3rd	91	Mark Lipe
Dry Fly	1st	98	Mark Tsunawaki	Trout Fly Dist. 1st	99'	Bill Heard	
Dry Fly	2nd	97	Mark Tsunawaki	Trout Fly Dist. 2nd	84'	Doug Smith	
Dry Fly	3rd	94	Mark Lipe / Mark Tsunawaki	Trout Fly Dist. 3rd	83'	Mark Tsunawaki	
Bass Bug	1st	95	John Van Derhoof	5 wt Comb.	1st	4130	Mark Tsunawaki
Bass Bug	2nd	94	Rick Hilles / Mark Tsunawaki	5 wt Comb.	2nd	3790	Bill Heard
Wet Fly	1st	96	Mark Lipe	5 wt Comb.	3rd	3750	Mark Lipe
Wet Fly	2nd	95	Rick Hilles / Mark Lipe / John Van Derhoof				
1/4oz. Plug	1st	89	Mark Lipe				
1/4oz. Plug	2nd	85	John Van Derhoof				
1/4oz. Plug	3rd	84	Mark Tsunawaki				
3/8oz. Plug	1st	89	Mark Lipe				
3/8oz. Plug	2nd	87	Mark Tsunawaki				
3/8oz. Plug	3rd	85	Frank Kropacek				



## JOIN US ON PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND

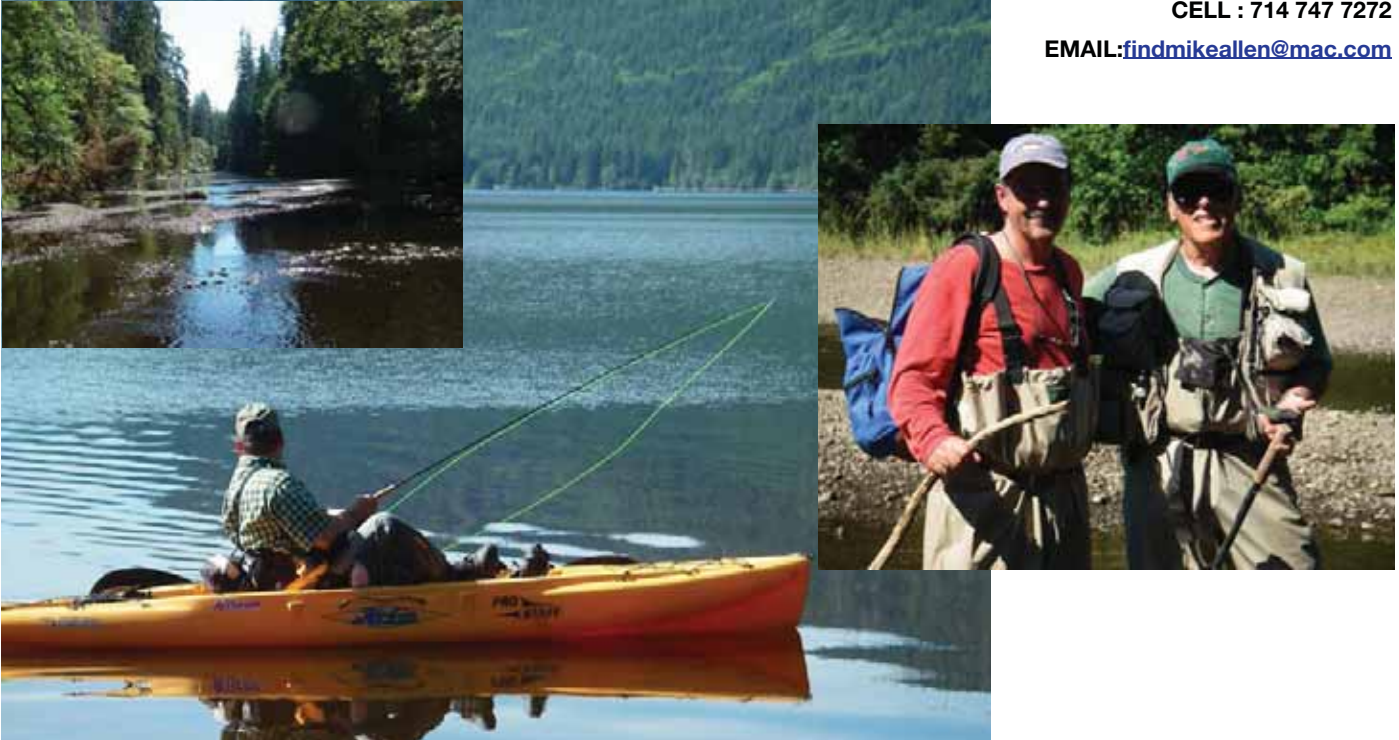
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we HANG OUT here every August

## You're Invited

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.

### What's in it for you?

- Fly Fish the streams, rivers and tidewater rivers
- Skiff fish the Lakes and Bays
- Four Hobie Fishing Kayaks for testing the bays and lakes
- Fly tying in the evenings
- Each Fishing friend gets one day fishing the inside passage on the Silver Talon. Tackle and bait included
- All Food and lodging included
- Six full days of fishing
- Seven nights of lodging in the Coffman Cove Bunkhouse
- Self-guided so you save big bucks
- For those who prefer to work with guides, there are several sharp locals that we'd recommend.
- We show you where we fish, the flies we use, and what techniques work

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## 2008-09 Weekend Casting Schedule – Breakfast @ 7:30 AM; Events @ 9:00 AM

Date	Breakfast	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
Aug. 31	Dennis Martinez		WTCA Handicap	WTCA Handicap		WTCA Handicap	WTCA Handicap						Captain's Handicap
Sep. 14	Dan Rivett	ACA	ACA	ACA	ACA	ACA	ACA						Fall Registered
Sep. 28				WTCA	WTCA			WTCA		WTCA		WTCA	Club Cast
Oct. 11-12		Northwestern Casting Tournament at Golden Gate Casting Club, San Francisco, Ca.											
Oct. 26			ACA #5		ACA #5		ACA #5		WTCA	WTCA			ACA Mail In & Club Cast
Nov. 9	John Lincoln	ACA #5		ACA #5		ACA #5		WTCA			WTCA		ACA Mail In & Club Cast
Nov. 23		WTCA			WTCA		WTCA		WTCA		WTCA		Club Cast
Dec. 7	Mark Tsunawaki	ACA #6			ACA #6		ACA #6			WTCA		WTCA	ACA Mail In & Club Cast
Dec. 21			ACA #6	ACA #6		ACA #6		WTCA	WTCA				ACA Mail In & Club Cast
Jan. 4			ACA #7		ACA #7		ACA #7				WTCA	WTCA	ACA Mail In & Club Cast
Jan. 18		ACA #7		ACA #7		ACA #7		WTCA	WTCA				ACA Mail In & Club Cast
Feb. 1		Practice for Southwestern Casting Tournament											
Feb. 14 & 15	Sunshine Committee	Southwestern Casting Tournament at Long Beach Casting Club, Long Beach, Ca.											
Feb. 22		ACA	ACA	ACA	ACA	ACA	ACA						Winter Registered
Mar. 8	Board of Directors	WTCA Handicap	WTCA Handicap		WTCA Handicap		WTCA Handicap			WTCA Handicap			Director's Handicap

# 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:

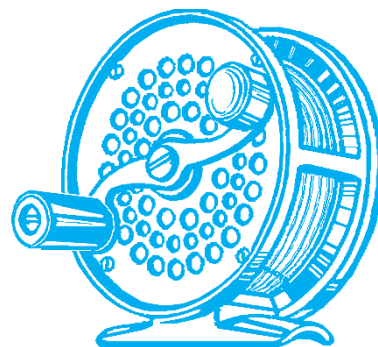


### TRIPS

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Day of guided fishing with Bob Jacklin during the 2009 season, for two anglers, out of West Yellowstone.



### 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.
- ❖ Stearns inflatable vest (for boating).
- ❖ Sage spey rod, 10161.
- ❖ Valentine reel with two spools.
- ❖ Three Fenwick E-glass rods, 6 & 7 wt, 5 ft.

### 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.
- ❖ Hodgman wading shoes, one for men, one for women, lightly used.

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

# Fly of the Month: Zelon Thorax Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

The Zelon Thorax Dun is my version of the now standard Thorax Dun pioneered by the late Vince Marinaro 40 years ago. In his book, *A MODERN DRY FLY CODE*, Marinaro's pattern created a more natural appearing imitation by placing the wing and hackle farther back on the hook than the traditional dry flies of that time.

The wing material Marinaro used was turkey flats which created a broader silhouette, much like the sail shaped wing of a may fly. By substituting Zelon or even cul du cunard feathers for the turkey flats you can create an even more realistic wing that is less prone to "propellering" and add to the floatability of the fly by using these less absorbent materials.

The colors shown for this particular pattern are those one would use for a Blue-Winged Olive (BWO). They are easily adapted for other species of mayflies. If you need a Pale Morning Dun use pale gray for the wing and tail, pale olive for the body and ginger for the hackle. Fishing the Henry's Fork in late September? Then be sure to have some Mahogany Duns tied up by simply changing the BWO's body color to a dark brownish red.

One other difference that this pattern has over other dry fly patterns is the trimming of the hackle. This creates stability in the way the fly rests in the water and allows the fly to ride a lot lower in the surface film giving it a much more natural appearance to the fish. Just remember to trim the hackle from the front and only at the base where the hackle and body meet without leaving long stubs. This will, in effect create outriggers of hackle and the fly will land upright and low in the water every time.

The Zelon Thorax Dun has been the most consistently effective pattern for spring creek dry fly fishing I have used over the last 30 years. This is one pattern I always have with me in a variety of colors whenever I fish spring creeks and their very picky inhabitants.

## Materials for tying the Zelon Thorax Dun:

- Hook: Standard dry fly, sizes 12-20
- Thread: Color to match body
- Wing: Zelon or cul du cunard feathers, color to match the insect (dark gray for Blue Winged Olive)
- Hackle: Best dry fly quality, color to match the insect (dark gray for BWO)
- Tail: Hackle fibers, color to match the insect (dark gray for BWO)
- Body: Dubbing with the color to match the insect (medium olive for BWO).
- Thorax: Dubbing the color to match the insect (medium olive for BWO)



## Instructions for tying the Zelon Thorax Dun:

1. Attach the thread to the hook and wind back to a point  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the shank behind the eye. Tie in the zelon (or cul du cunard feather) at this spot. Zelon makes an excellent wing material as it is the right stiffness, does not absorb moisture and is the right density/opacity. The wing should be two times the length of the shank and slightly angle it back over the body. Place a very small drop of head cement at the base of the wing. Tie in the hackle in front of the wing with the concave (dull) side facing the eye. Wind the thread back to the bend of the hook.
2. Wind on a small dubbing ball and tie in the tail fibers (2-4) on either side of the ball. The trick to getting the tail fibers in the correct spot is tying the far side fibers in first. Place the fibers on the top of the hook and, as you bind them down, allow thread tension to pull the fibers around to the far side. The near side uses the same technique but you would place the fibers on the under side of the hook and pull them up toward you.
3. Dub your thread and wind as a body. Continue one or two turns in front of the wing and hackle.
4. With a pair of flat-nosed pliers or large tweezers, squeeze the base of the wing where you put the drop of head cement allowing the wing to fan out over the body. The leading edge of the wing should be vertical or slightly tilted toward the rear of the fly. The glue should now hold it in place. Trim the wing into a mayfly shape with the height being not more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the length of the gap.
5. Wind 2 to 4 turns of hackle in front of the wing only. Dub the remaining portion of the thorax, wind the head and whip finish. Trim the hackle on the underside of the thorax as close as you dare. Again, be sure to do the trimming from the front of the hook as this will give you the most amount of control in removing only what you want. This will let the fly rest low in the water just like the natural.



## 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.

- ❖ 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 @ LBCC 7:00 PM
- ❖ Nov. 7-10 San Juan River, New Mexico  
Streamkeeper: Rick Hilles
- ❖ Dec. 3 Pre-Trip Meeting: Laguna Niguel Lake/Tubing @ 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!

## Pond Cleaning & Red-Eared Sliders

MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

Mark Tsunawaki's daughter, Koryn should receive a humanitarian award for saving four turtles. These Red-Eared Sliders were found swimming the open waters of our casting pond by Carole Katz. The turtles were watching her cast in her preparation for the upcoming ACA Nationals. Knowing the pond was to be drained that afternoon, Carole quickly reported the incident to Mark who in turn asked Koryn if she was interested in adopting the turtles. Without hesitation, a 30-gallon fish tank was cleaned, the turtles were transported to Huntington Beach, and turtles—Alpha, Tesla, Maryann and Ginger—are grateful for their new home. Thanks again Koryn!

The pond cleaning crew of Joe Austin, Yash Iseda,



Mark Lipe, Gerry Marotta, Tom Negen, Rod Pabst, Dan Rivett and Mark Tsunawaki worked 2½ hours on June 21 without any turtle sightings. When you see the individuals noted in this article, please thank them. It is because of their efforts that our casting pond is turtle free and 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. Come join us for our next pond cleaning on Sunday, September 21 at 8:00 AM. Refreshments and energy biscuits will be served. For those of you who utilize the casting pond on weekends, I will be draining the pond Saturday, September 20 at 5:00 PM. It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, hear the latest gossip from fishing trips, and give back to the Long Beach Casting Club.

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# Calendar of Events

## August

1	Friday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
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	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	PARTY!!!! Re-opening Celebration and Auction
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
28	Thursday	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
21	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Orientation
			Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Club Meeting: Dennis Tsuyuki on Dry Fly Fishing
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	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting

## October

2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building; 1st Night
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Kern River Trip hosted by Ariel Levin
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting
11-12	Weekend		Northwestern Casting Tournament At Golden Gate
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building; 2nd Night
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
17-19	Weekend		Kern River Club Trip hosted by Ariel Levin
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building; 3rd Night
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
26	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Orientation
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Club Meeting: Paul Burgner on Fly Fishing Antiques Roadshow



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