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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line

## A Mid-Summer's Musings

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

August has arrived and we are already rolling through the last half of summer. I hope you have been able to spend some time on your favorite river, lake or stream. As part of my 'dream year' of epic fishing trips, I just returned from the Agulukpak River in Alaska where I had a wonderful trip but I learned that this year, summer just hasn't happened in the land of the midnight sun. I guess they didn't get the memo on global warming. I also learned that I need a new rain jacket.

Usually August provides a quiet time at the club but this year things have been busy. As I write this many of our members are on their way to the ACA National Tournament in San Francisco. They have our best wishes to represent the club well in the casting competition. Our Tuesday night casts have been well attended with many new faces participating in casting games.

The July monthly meeting was a huge success with some ninety plus members engaging in small group discussions and mini workshops on Tips and Techniques to improve their fly fishing success—many thanks to Joe Libeu and his crew for sharing their expertise. We completed the pond cleaning last weekend; clean up days represent a great opportunity for new members to lend a hand, meet people and get involved. As you will read elsewhere in this issue of Target Talk, the club enjoyed another successful Brookie Bash under Jeff Sadler's leadership; now members are looking forward to the next club trip which

involves a day of surf fishing at RAT beach under Bob Middo's guidance on Saturday August 16.

The big project right now involves the completion of clubhouse repairs and the preparation for the Reopening and Auction on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Paul Burgner, our reconstruction team leader is overseeing the completion of the wood floors, installation of the room partition, installation of the security and AV systems, completion of electrical work, installation of the cabinetry and getting final approvals from city inspectors.

Starting on Saturday August 8, Mark Flo will be getting the clubhouse ready including final clean up of items in the containers and moving them back into the building. Carol Katz is working on decorations and the auction. Carl Laski is planning the food. We need your help; just show up at the club house and we will put you to work. And don't

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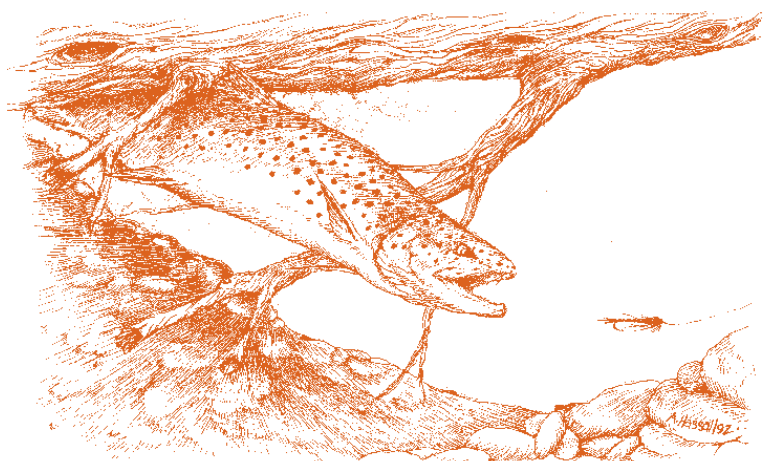
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forget to come to the celebration and bring your potluck item: appetizer, salad, side dish or desert to go with the hot dogs and hamburgers that will be offered for lunch.

I am looking forward to our next monthly meeting for a couple of reasons: Sam Mihara always provides an interesting, educational talk and I can instantly relate to his topic on the best and worst fishing trips. Second, the meeting will be back on our regular schedule of the last Thursday of the month, August 28. Third, it will be a special moment—our first monthly meeting in the repaired club house since the fire last December. Not having a home for the last eight months sure makes me appreciate having a place of our own.

I've been musing recently about different types of fly fishing—dry fly, wet fly, etc.—and I may have discovered another type: “vicarious” fly fishing. People with this skill seem to make particularly effective partners, guides and coaches because they have the ability to suspend their own interests and attend so closely to you that they are in the moment, actually fishing but indirectly through you. They don't compete with you; they don't talk about anything else, instead they actually do it with you and share the experience. The point is that developing vicarious fishing skills can not only make you a better teacher and partner but also provide additional way to experience fly fishing.

Enjoy the rest of your summer; see you at the reopening!!



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# Dry Fly ABC's for Serious Trout Fishers

**MICK WOODBURY 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT.**

**T**hose 15, 20 and 25 fish days are a real thrill. Just hearing about them gives me pleasure, because rarely can I talk about them first hand. More days on the water would help increase my skills, I'm sure, but so would some basic pearls from those who actually do log consistently big numbers.

Our September 25 meeting, a Thursday now that we're back home again, will be both entertaining and educational. We'll hear Dennis Tsuyuki share some hard-earned secrets about Hot Creek techniques (they also work elsewhere). Dennis is a pretty young guy and will be sharing much more experience than he could assimilate on his own, thanks to Hot Creek legend, Mas Okui. Mas calls Dennis the son he never had and they've shared many good times at streamside.

Covering knowledge they've both developed the hard way—by trial and error—we'll get to glean the cream of the tips and techniques that really work. Dennis spends a lot of time at Hot Creek Ranch with people who pay big bucks to learn dry fly secrets. We get to hear the same know-how, but without the price tag or the scenery.

Dennis builds his presentation around the ABC's. But don't be fooled. This isn't kindergarten stuff; he just keeps it simple, on target and informative.

What the heck is micro-drag? If you don't know, you will after listening to Dennis. Even better, you'll know how to overcome it. Twenty foot drag-free drifts? Yeah right. But yes. That is right. You'll learn how you can do it too.

Weight forward lines? Sure, they help us with those long, straight casts that look so good on the



pond. But maybe, just maybe, there are other lines that produce more results. Dennis will give his take on the matter.

Line dressing, knots, casting techniques. It's all there. I first heard his presentation at Sierra Pacific Flyfishers as a half-day workshop. So with just an hour, be prepared to listen fast, take notes and just maybe increase your own numbers.

## New Membership Requests

**MARK FLO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

**P**lease welcome the following new members who joined us in July.

- ❖ Theo Lincoln of Long Beach.
- ❖ Bruno Piana of Long Beach.
- ❖ Craig Reese of Costa Mesa.

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 e-mail me at [m.flo@gte.net](mailto:m.flo@gte.net).

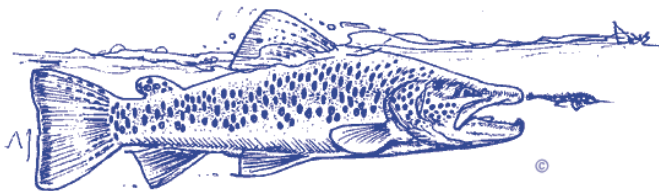
# Stillwater and Streaming at Mammoth in June

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

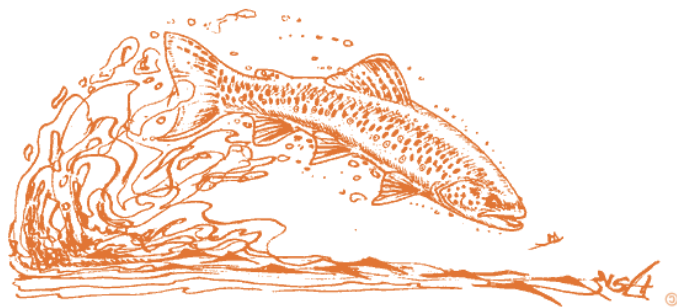
From a 22" brown on the East Walker to rainbows and browns out of Rock Creek Lake the MAMMOTH FLOAT AND STREAM FRENZY was a success. Breaking from traditional we decided to add the Friday as a club fishing day. Two groups evolved: the float tubers and the streamers. Maria Rivas hosted the stream fishers with the East Walker as their destination. Eleven new tubers had all their gear ready to go by 7:30, and after we let some air out of the tubes we caravanned to Rock Creek Lake.

Picture perfect conditions with lots of rising fish got everyone really excited. Judy and Al Ross, Bob and Robin Henrich, Daniel Menold, Dolores and Bruce Sandler, Tony Di Pietra and Christina Gillette, Carl Laski daughter Marissa and Tony Smith were mentored by Carol Murphy and Gary Kosaka (thanks so very much) Secret flies were distributed, walking fin lessons, stripping secrets, layering secrets, navigating the tube secrets and the list just continued.

Finally, everyone was happily bobbing in the water..." Fish on" was heard very early as Bruce Sandler hooked a nice rainbow then the fun was on. Everyone felt the tug on their line as almost all caught some of the Sierra beauties.



As usual the black Woolly Bugger was the top fly, but the green Convict damsel, Carol Murphy's,



signature fly for the day was a close second. Perhaps the bad thing about using walkie talkies is hearing your pal calling out "fish number eight", when you are still trying to get into your waders. Gary Kosaka was having a great day with his secret fly. Being the nice guy that Gary is, he revealed that he uses his dog's hair to create his bushy bug. For want of a better name I have deemed it the "Dog Fly". My miniature Schnauzers, Sierra Summit and Aspen immediately came to light, so my "Schnauzer Fly" may take honors next June.

At lunch break, Pie in the Sky called to some of us and others had a nice lunch with a million dollar backdrop of granite peaks and lupine valleys, then continued fishing after lunch. If you have never had the taste treat of the best pie in the Eastern Sierras, then drive all the way up to Rock Creek Lodge and park yourself at the counter. Get there early or you are out of luck. Posted on the board are all the available pies—as they are devoured by the happy eaters the list gets shorter. I always hope my favorite is still there—Fresh Nectarine! This is the time of year I often have pie for breakfast...you will do the same.

The Friday night group plan was pizza at Giovanni's, an old Mammoth stand by, located in the Von's shopping plaza. Twenty hungry club members consumed their weight in pizza and beer. Our digital cameras cut the fish tales to the biggest and most beautiful. Co-leader Maria Rivas showed up timely late, but we will forgive her, because to feast your eyes on her 22" plus brown trout, taken on a 6x tippet from the day on the East Walker was incredible. Congratulations Maria!



With fish dancing in our dreams the group met at Fish Camp #38 Saturday morning and decided the fishing locations for the day. Al, Judy, Daniel, Bob and stream keeper Maria left for the premier fly fishing stream—Hot Creek! Us float tubers had two options: Crowley or Rock Creek. Many tubers left for Rock Creek, five of us felt the huge tug of Crowley Lake calling. Well, my experience with Gary, Carol, Marissa and Carl was fun while it lasted. Without an anchor I was like a giant sail. So some left for nicer waters—yes, we were blown off the lake, but I guess that is Crowley...

Dinner at Fish Camp was 7:30 PM, we had a marvelous time. Maria, Carol and I cooked the carnitas, rice with beans and the club brought hors d'oeuvres. Camp fire keeper, Tony DiPetra kept us warm and happy as we brought out the marshmallows for smores.

I love to woodwork so I created fly fishing medallions to commemorate the trip. Around the fire Gary gave us the idea to recount a rose-bud-thorn about the trip. As each person gave their story a medallion was presented. Then it was "Top Rod Award" time. Honors went to Tony Smith for stillwater and Judy Ross for stream, each was awarded a Fishpond fly box. Around 10:30 we all realized that we were tired and happy from a nice weekend with some exceptional people from an exceptional club.

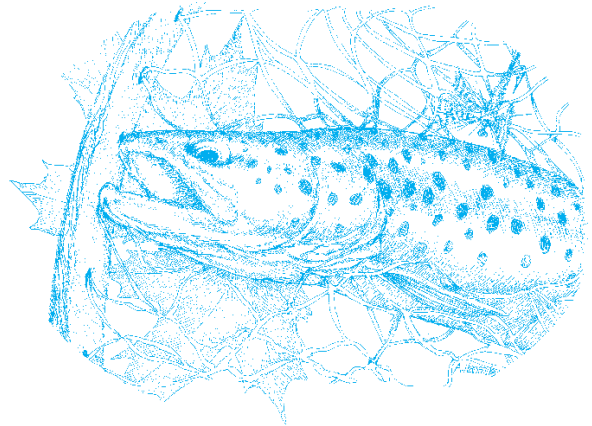
Many thanks ... Bettye and Maria



## The Kings River Classic

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Well, for years people have been asking why we don't fish the Western Sierra? Here's your chance. On Saturday, September 28, we are



going to join the Kaweah Fly Fishers, Fresno and Bakersfield clubs for their annual tournament. Prizes galore but as the organizer says: "Not so grand as to require more than the honor system to score." Right up my alley.

Saturday evening barbecue with the sponsors providing the entrée and everyone else pot-lucks the sides and dessert. We'll organize our contribution later.

Right now the plans are a little iffy but basically the tournament fishing is near Cedar Grove on highway 180 which is a fair drive up-canyon.

Details on camping and motels will be available at the Pre-trip Meeting.

The Kings River has fishing all over the place: Lower Kings, Upper Kings, and South Fork so we have enough area to explore. Check out the article in the August, 2008 California Fly Fisher for all you need to know.

Pre-trip: Wednesday, September 17. Save the dates.

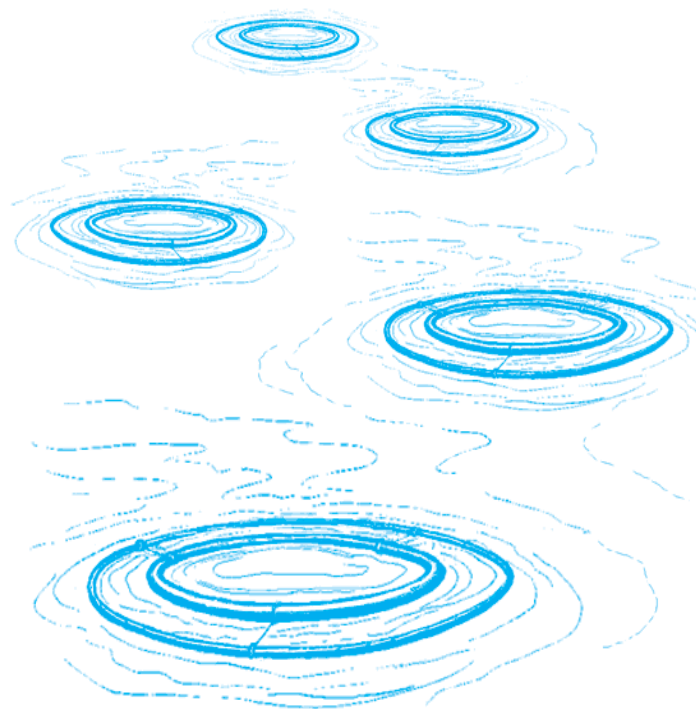
# Van Derhoof Scores a Perfect "100"

MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

John Van Derhoof scored a perfect 100 during his Dry Fly Accuracy game on July 8. Conditions were not easy, as he had to battle the glare over many of the 30" diameter targets. He worked every inch of the 4' square casting box to see his fly and gauge his distance. Although I do not remember the wind conditions, I'm sure it was a mute point with John's impressive tight loops and casting skills. Congratulations!

Remember, 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 29th.



EVENT	PLACE	SCORES	LBCC CASTER				
Trout Fly	1st	99	Joe Libeu	1/4oz. Plug	2nd	89	Mark Lipe
Trout Fly	2nd	97	Mark Lipe	1/4oz. Plug	3rd	86	Mark Lipe
Trout Fly	3rd	96	Mark Lipe	3/8oz. Plug	1st	89	Mark Lipe
Dry Fly	1st	100	J. Van Derhoof	3/8oz. Plug	2nd	87	Mark Tsunawaki
Dry Fly	2nd	98	Mark Tsunawaki	3/8oz. Plug	3rd	85	Frank Kropacek
Dry Fly	3rd	97	Mark Tsunawaki	5/8oz. Plug	1st	94	Mark Tsunawaki
Bass Bug	1st	95	J. Van Derhoof	5/8oz. Plug	2nd	92	Mark Lipe
Bass Bug	2nd	94	Rick Hilles/Mark	5/8oz. Plug	3rd	91	Mark Lipe
Tsunawaki				Trout Fly Dist.	1st	99'	Bill Heard
Wet Fly	1st	96	Mark Lipe	Trout Fly Dist.	2nd	92'	Rick Hilles
Wet Fly	2nd	95	Hilles /Lipe/ J. Van Derhoof	Trout Fly Dist.	3rd	89'	Doug Smith
1/4oz. Plug	1st	91	Mark Lipe	Angler's Dist.	1st	123'	Kim Dunbar
				Angler's Dist.	2nd	108'	Mark Tsunawaki
				Angler's Dist.	3rd	106'	Rick Hilles
				1/4oz. Dist.	1st	148'	Mark Tsunawaki
				1/4oz. Dist.	2nd	137'	Mark Tsunawaki
				1/4oz. Dist.	3rd	122'	Mark Lipe
				5 wt Comb.	1st	4130	Mark Tsunawaki
				5 wt Comb.	2nd	3790	Bill Heard
				5 wt Comb.	3rd	3750	Mark Lipe

# Worth Your Salt

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

Attention all kayakers, small boat folk...maybe even float tubers...

Barely four miles from the clubhouse is a decent bit of water that most people drive right by, or more accurately, over. If you've ever crossed the PCH Bridge just as you come into Surfside, you know the spot. South of PCH it's called Anaheim Bay and belongs to the Navy. Since 9/11, you don't wanna fish there. Looking up the barrel of a 50-cal machine gun manned by an 18-year-old kid is a thrill, but not in a good way. North of the highway it's called Huntington Harbour and much more friendly. We'll stay on the inland side of the bridge!

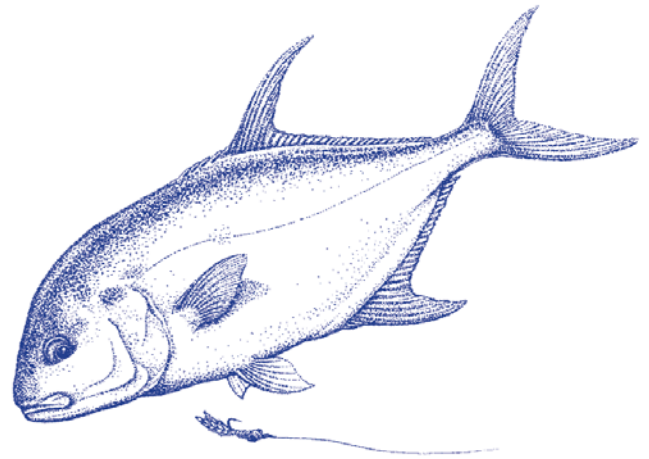
Since much of the water isn't easily accessible, it doesn't get too much fishing pressure, although the kayakers are beginning to discover just what a nice piece of water it can be.

Local knowledge makes a big difference and since these are my home waters, I'm happy to share my several years of fishing experience for a club event.



Granted, not everyone has a kayak. But there are 10 Catayak discount rental coupons available at the Open House. Other kayak rentals are also available.

If you want to give it a try, Saturday, September



20 has a good tide. The Pre-trip will be on Wednesday, September 10 and will include maps, successful lures, access spots, etc. The event will be called the **"YARDS AND INCHES TOURNAMENT"**. The winner will be judged by the cumulative number of inches of fish caught. Three 12-inchers and you already have a yard. Any size fish adds to the total. This will be the honor system; each person measures and records his own fish. No bait, lures or flies only, barbless only. Fly rods in one category; spinning and casting in another. Any test line (smaller is better). I use six. Larger lines don't get hit as much.

**What are the rules?** Any sport fish you catch and remove the hook from. Long distance releases don't count.

**What's a sport fish?** Everything except sharks and rays.

**What might you catch?** I've caught calico bass, halibut, mackerel, sand bass, spotted bay bass, white sea bass, and yellow fin croaker. I've also caught sharks and rays. One ray was hooked for 110 minutes before he got tired of the silliness and simply broke the line. Another was on 93 minutes before the same thing happened.

If you're interested, let me know at [mick@rwmarketing.com](mailto:mick@rwmarketing.com). Or Bettye Swart at [blzpaddle@aol.com](mailto:blzpaddle@aol.com). I'm looking forward to a fun time (and tape measure) on September 20.



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Week Two (August 15th to 22nd)

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# Brookie Bash XI

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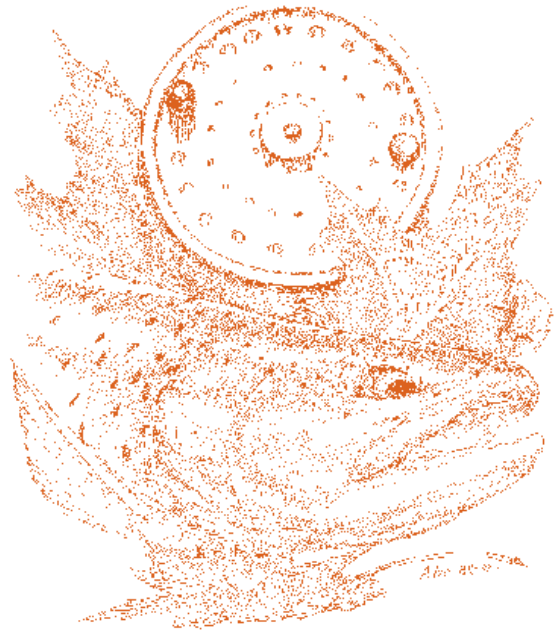
Well, we did it again, another fantastic trip to the Eastern Sierra for the eleventh Brookie Bash. However, while we can take credit for glorious organization and foresight on planning this rascal, Little Lakes Valley in July is a no-brainer. Always beautiful, always wildflowers, and always brook trout. If you didn't go above Heart Lake, no mosquitoes. If you went above, as the famous man said: "Deet must be da place."

Tom Tatham, the spiritual leader and inventor of the Brookie Bash showed up with all (maybe not entirely *all*; see FAMOUS LAST WORDS) of his equipment and lunch and sunscreen and had a great day. But for Tom, like a lot of us, great days in the Sierra have less to do with fish than just being there.

A few over a score traveled up gasping, not for air, but fumes of gasoline as High Sierra gas prices are (high). Some camped, some condo'd but we all met at the condos on Saturday for the now traditional pizza party. The party started a little earlier than normal as a little thunderstorm came down Rock Creek driving some out early and catching some by surprise because they didn't heed the...

## FAMOUS LAST WORDS:

"Variable weather, generally hot to moderate but a light rain jacket couldn't hurt." These are the pre-trip instructions and many quarters will be assessed from those who spent 45 minutes under a tree. As the stragglers came back to the parking lot it looked like the world's most bedraggled wet t-shirt contest. In first place was Tom. When he gets wet, it is wet, all over, through, and around. Small children were using Tom for protection from the storm. Maria "no jacket" Rivas didn't have to worry about rain. She was so far upstream the rain was solid in the form of hail. Our own dear Connie



Bullock thought she was so lean she could slide between the drops. Wrong, something changed as she looked like a drowned, well I won't say "rat", but some cuter form of wet rodent.

## THE CHALLENGE

Many have tried, only two have succeeded. This year Dan Rivett joins the elite group of Sierra Hat Trickers catching five species of trout in one weekend. Just consider the adventure and venues required to accomplish this:

1. Brown and Rainbow trout on the Weir near the top of South Fork Bishop Creek.
2. Golden trout in 20 Lakes Valley across Saddlebag Lake up Tioga Pass.
3. Cutthroat trout in McCleod lake just above Mammoth...
4. ...and of course, a brookie on the Brookie Bash.

It's been said that just the thought of being able to do it bring some of us back and with a little effort the goal is attainable for most of us.

The goal of the Brookie Bash was, and will always remain, to experience the Sierra in all it's glory. We done it again, Ollie.

# Outing on the Kern

ARIEL LEVIN, STREAMKEEPER

October is the perfect time to experience the Kern River. Weather is mild and the fishing is hot. This river offers more than 20 miles of road accessible fishing. As your Stream-keepers, Bettye Swart and Ariel Levin invite you to join LBCC for a weekend on the Kern. For those who are new to this watershed we've taken this opportunity to suggest three sections of the river that give you a good chance to land your first Kern River trout while getting a taste for distinctively different waters.

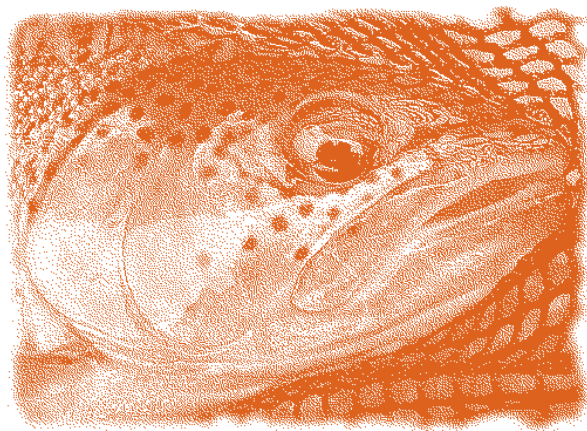
A block of rooms have been set aside at The Barewood Inn located in Wofford, just 3 miles from Kernville. The rooms are spotless and comfortable, including fridge, microwave and A/C. You only need to speak with Michael (the manager) and let him know you are in Ariel Levin's fly fishing party. He will transfer the reservations over to your name and secure payment. Call: 760-376-1910. (There are only 8 rooms available at this special pricing. If you wish to add an extra day the rate will be extended.

If we need more than 8 rooms the overflow will locate to the Lakeview Motel across the streets, also very nice.) Make sure to reserve early!



## ITINERARY:

Friday, Oct. 17 A little fishing...and Social Hour at Kern River Brewery.



**Meet:** at the Kern River Fly Shop at 9:00 am. If you've never fished the Kern I invite you to join me and Bettye for a little time on the water.

**Social Hour:** 6:00 pm Social hour-no host meet and greet

## Saturday, Oct. 18

**Breakfast:** Suggestions: Cheryl's. Meet at Fly shop at 7:30 am.

**Meet:** for a brief opportunity to pick up flies and directions to suggested locations to fish. Please have your gear ready to fish.

**Lunch:** Bring your own.

**Dinner:** El Jacalito Mexican Grill at 7:00 pm (Set price meal - \$13.95 for any entree on the menu. Does not include beverage or tip.)

## Sunday, Oct. 19

**Breakfast:** See directory.

**Meet:** at Kern River Fly Shop.

**Lunch:** Bring your own (See directory for suggestions for sandwiches)

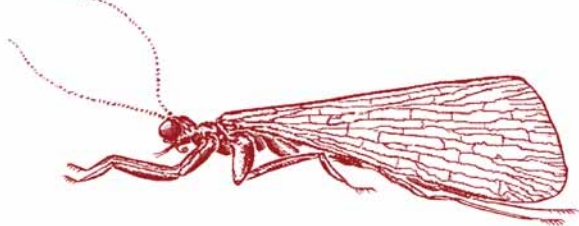
## PRE-TRIP MEETING:

Don't forget to make it to the meeting on October 8. We'll have hand-outs with information pertaining to locations to fish on the river, flies to use and general information.

**DIRECTORY:**

- ❖ Cheryl's Dinner  
11030 Kernville Road  
760-376-6131  
(Open 6:00 am)
- ❖ Cracked Egg Cafe  
10 Big Blue Road  
760-376-2185  
(Open 6:00 am)
- ❖ The Airport Cafe  
11117 Kernville Road (Kern Valley Airport)  
760-376-2852  
(Opens 7:00 am)
- ❖ El Jacalito Mexican Grill  
11301 Kernville Rd.  
760.376.3834  
(Meeting Saturday night)
- ❖ James Sierra Market  
13432 Sierra Way Kernville  
760.376.2424  
(sub sandwich-plus...)
- ❖ Primo's liquor & Deli  
3531 Sierra Way  
760.376.2555  
(sub sandwich-plus...)
- ❖ Kern River Fly Shop  
11301 Kernville Rd.  
866.347.4876
- ❖ Kern River Brewing  
13415 Sierra Highway  
760.376.2337  
(located across from James Market)

If you need more information or just have a question please don't hesitate to call Streamkeeper: Ariel Levin: 323.228.2779 and Streamkeeper: Bettye Swart: 949.462.9553

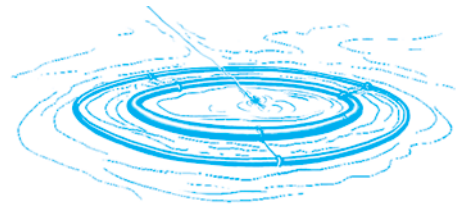


## Pond Cleaning

### MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

In addition to running the tournament casting games, the Captain, is responsible for keeping the casting pond clean. Unfortunately, the pond tends to get littered with garbage, attracts fallen leaves (and a few other things), and produces an alga which settles on the bottom making the pond very slippery.

Because of this, we typically need to clean the pond every 6 weeks. I am always grateful



and relived that folks give up part of their Sunday and join me in the pond cleaning process. Some like to work the fire water hose, some prefer to push the brooms and squeegees, and others prefer to rake the pinecones and leaves. Regardless of their preferences and getting a little dirty and wet, everyone has a sense of pride and accomplishment when the job is finished and the casting pond looks so nice.

On August 3, Mike Allen, Joe Austin, Mark Flo, Craig Haines, Rick Hilles, Yash Iseda, Jay Jones, John Lincoln, Thea Lincoln, Gerry Marotta, and Mark Tsunawaki joined me as we cleaned the pond in 2 ½ hours. When you see the individuals, please express your gratitude. I also want to thank the phantom clean-up crew that picks up the garbage on a weekly basis.

Come join us for our next pond cleaning on Sunday, November 2 at 8:00 AM. Refreshments and donuts will be served. For those of you who utilize the casting pond on weekends, I will be draining the pond Saturday, November 1 @ 5:00 PM. It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, and give back to the Long Beach Casting Club.



# Fly of the Month: Ed Schroeder's Parachute Hopper

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

There is an old fly fishing adage states that “the larger the fish the smaller rise”. While it is obviously not always true it certainly seems to be the case most of the time. I have noticed it while fishing topwater for bass with hair bugs and especially while fishing for trout with hoppers.

With hopper fishing its always the little ones, those barely larger than the fly itself, that launch themselves through the surface trying to get their tiny mouths around their perceived lunch. Meanwhile, the local toughs sip in the fly so quietly that you barely notice it. Years ago, while fishing the Wood River in Oregon, I had the epitome of a bad day. Here the river paralleled an agricultural field with a dirt road immediately next to its bank. As farm trucks ran up and down, the road the grasshoppers trying to fly out of the way were caught by the afternoon wind and blown right into the river. You could quite literally watch the rise forms follow the trucks up and down the river as trout, many in the 3 to 6 pound range and a few exceeding 10 pounds, fed on the hapless insects. As I fished the rise forms were so subtle that I missed fish after fish. Oh, the pain!

Recently, I became reacquainted with hopper fishing on a small stream in northeastern Utah. A little smaller than Hot Creek, this oasis in the desert was filled with 14” to 20” rainbows, browns and cutthroats. On a late summer afternoon the one fly that they seemed to crave was Ed Schroeder's Parachute Hopper. Ed's pattern is an excellent, low profile, slower water hopper imitation that is relatively easy to tie. Be sure to tie it in several sizes and in more than one color.

One final piece of advice—keep your eyes peeled.

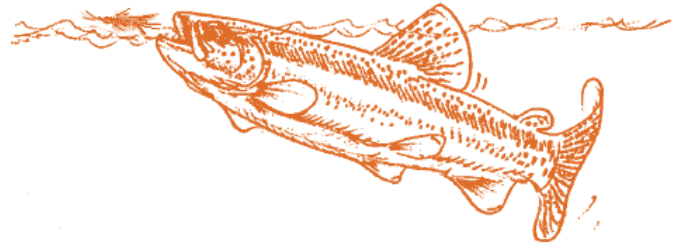
## Materials for tying Schroeder's Parachute Hopper:

Hook:	Mustad 9671 or Tiemco 2302 in sizes 8,10 & 12
Thread:	Primrose 6/0 or 8/0
Post Wing:	White goat body hair or calftail tied short
Body:	Pale yellow dubbing is standard but also try tan and pale green
Downwing:	Oak mottled turkey tied tent style
Legs:	Brown turkey tail or ringneck pheasant tail glued and knotted
Hackle:	Grizzly tied parachute style
Thorax:	Dubbing to match body
Head:	Match thread color



## Instructions for tying Schroeder's Parachute Hopper:

- 1 Start by cutting off two  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide sections of turkey or pheasant tail for the legs. Apply a generous amount of head cement or Dave's Flexament (my preference) and stroke it into the fibers and set it aside to dry. Repeat this process for the other section.
- 2 Place the hook in the vise and attach the thread to the hook at a spot over the point of the barb. Wind forward to the headspace with smooth tight wraps. Cut off a clump of goat body hair that is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  the diameter of a pencil. Knock out all of the short fibers and fluff, place in a hair stacker and align the tips. Tie in the wing with the tips forward, stand it up when secured and post it with a couple of turns of thread. As this wing is only for the parachute hackle it should be relatively short—no more than the gap of the hook.
- 3 Wind back down to where the thread was attached and apply dubbing to the thread. The body needs to be a little thicker than the normal dry fly so be sure to apply more than the normal amount of dubbing to the thread. Wind the dubbing onto the hook about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up the shank. Cut a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide section of oak mottled turkey quill that will be used for the down wing. Trim the tips of the section so that it is pointed in the middle. Using the loose loop technique tie the wing section in over the body like a tent and extending to the bend of the hook.
- 4 Select the now dry sections for the legs. Tie an over-hand knot near the tip end of the section. The portion from the knot to the tip should be  $\frac{1}{3}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the length of the section from the knot to the butt. With both sections knotted tie in one of the sections on either side of the body. The knot should be higher than the tented wing and the tip should extend to the end of the wing.
- 5 Apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and wind this to a point immediately behind



the wing. Select a hackle whose barbs are about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the width of the hook gap. Tie in the hackle insuring that a small section of bare stem is exposed. This will help keep the barbs from going in all the wrong directions when you start winding. Wind the hackle by starting the first turn a little high on the wing and spiraling down to the body using about 4 to 6 turns and tie it off securely behind the wing.

- 6 Dub the reaming section of the body to the headspace, form a small, neat head and whip finish. Apply cement to the head and go fishin'.

# 2008 ROD BUILDING CLASS



**Schedule**  
7:00 PM

**Tuesday - September 09** ..... Orientation

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**Tuesday - September 30** ..... 1st Class

**Tuesday - October 07** ..... 2nd Class

**Tuesday - October 14** ..... 3rd Class

**Tuesday - October 21** ..... 4th Class

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- ❖ 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



- ❖ Nov. 5\* Streamkeeper: Ariel Levin  
Pre-Trip Meeting-San Juan River @ LBCC 7:00 PM
- ❖ Nov. 14-17\* 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

*\* please note date change from previous schedule*

Any questions, contact Bettye Swart (949-462-9553) or the listed streamkeeper (phone numbers are listed in you club roster).

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# Calendar of Events

## September

2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic
3	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Project Healing Waters: Casting
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
		6:30 PM	Project Healing Waters: Casting
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		6:30 PM Project Healing Waters: Fishing Trip
		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

## November

2	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: San Juan River
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
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27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be determined



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