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Leader's Line ...

See How It Runs!

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! I hope you completed your wish list and got your shopping done in time. You would think that after enjoying a lot of years of fly fishing that I wouldn't need or want anything but somehow there is always something on my wish list; like a new pair of those Simms Vibram soled hiking boots or a new distance casting line from SA. There's always something.

I suppose the club has a wish list too. One thing as usual for this time of year is people who are willing to serve on the board. You will see elsewhere in this Target Talk issue that a Nominating Committee has been appointed to develop a slate of candidates to be voted on by you in the Annual Meeting in April. If you have any suggestions for candidates, including your self, please let anyone on the committee know. Some jobs on the board, like Senior and Junior Director, President and First Vice President generally require prior experience on the board but others like Membership, Corresponding Secretary, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Casting Captain represent good assignments for willing volunteers.

What I look for in a board member is someone who will devote their time and talent to the club, who will provide leadership to a project, activity or program, who will come to the board meetings each month, who will be a good problem solver and who will enlist the support of others and work as a good team member. You also need patience,

persistence and a good sense of humor. Your service on the board represents a gift to the club.

The various jobs on the board allow the club to run smoothly. One of the reasons why the club enjoys a sense of continuity is because of the guidance and advice of the Junior and Senior Directors, each of whom has been in the role of President before. The President runs the board meetings, represents the club to the outside world and keeps out of the way of other board members unless asked for help. The First Vice President runs a lot of the internal activities of the club including monthly meetings, venison stag and takes care of the clubhouse. The Second Vice President organizes and oversees all the club trips. The Membership Secretary keeps track of all members including membership renewal each year plus he or she updates the roster. The Treasurer looks after the financial health of the club and pays the bills. The Corresponding Secretary publishes board

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minutes, answers phone and email messages and handles correspondence for the board. The Recording Secretary keeps track of casting scores and fishing records for the club. The Casting Captain oversees all organized casting activities like club casts, tournaments; he or she also takes care of the casting pond.

All of the people doing these jobs provide leadership to the club and make it run. They get together each month, problem solve issues and make decisions that are in the best interests of the club. But they couldn't do it without the help of Activity Chairs who quietly provide support for various other programs each month. Put it all together and you can see how one of the best clubs in the country runs. You can also see how as a member you owe a debt of gratitude to those members who have made a gift of their time and talent to make the club a very special place of all of us. I think most of us do our best to share our gifts as well. When the opportunity to do so comes your way, please be generous.

The Venison Stag benefited this year from the leadership of First Vice President Mick Woodbury and his team of volunteers including chef John Lincoln who produced a delicious meal for sixty or so club members. Our thanks go to them for a wonderful evening.

As you enjoy the holidays keep in mind some upcoming events. The January trip features the Lower Owens and it's a great way to start out the year. It's cold, uncrowded and beautiful; the fish are willing; the camaraderie is great and the opportunities to learn are plentiful. Use the trip as a chance to tune up your skills. Preparations are already underway for the Southwestern Tournament under the direction of Casting Captain, Mark Lipe. We look forward to the chance to show off our rebuilt club house to other clubs, all of whom provided us with moral and financial support through the rebuilding of our clubhouse.

In the meantime, I'll see you around the pond.



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From Ireland to Patagonia: Ken Lindsey's Search for Big Brown Trout

MICK WOODBURY, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Most fisherman dream of living by a trout stream. Ken Lindsey was born by one—an exotic one at that. He grew up living 100 yards from the Glen River, a delightful little trout stream to this day, in Dunmurry, North Ireland. It was there that Ken's education about trout began as he watched how they feed by observing them as a small child.

At 18 he came to California seeking fame and fortune and first walked into Fishermen's Spot in the fall of 1970 and met Steve Ellis. They have been friends ever since. In the mid '70s Ken went to work for Dave Inks and Andre Puyans at Creative Sports in Pacheco, California. Under the tutelage of these fine gentlemen he gained a vast amount of knowledge about fly tying materials, fly casting, knots & rigging, fly tying, and entomology.

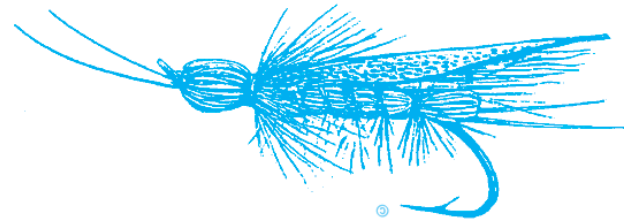
In the mid 1970s, he became manufacturer's representative and for the next 15 years represented several fine manufacturers including Cortland, Mustad, Simms, Lamson, Fisher, Thomas & Thomas, Umpqua, Pflueger and JW Outfitters. It was the perfect opportunity to travel and fish all over the West.

When Steve offered Ken the chance to own a piece of "The Spot" he thought about all the things I had learned over the years about the retail fly fishing business—and bought in anyway.

Ken says, "Fly fishing has taken me too many beautiful locations, including Alaska, Canada, Western U. S., Christmas Island, the British Isles and Chile. I have a long list of other places that I want to fish and many species that I have yet to catch. That's the fun of fly fishing. You are never quite finished learning and growing in this sport."

Ken continues, "The flight into Balmaceda airport in Patagonia gives you an aerial preview of the kind of terrain that you will be fishing. Snow capped peaks and glaciers are tucked into the folds of the mountains. River valleys, so many river valleys, slice their way westward carrying the snow melt to the Pacific and the promise of trout, big trout. The rivers and lakes of Patagonia teem with rainbows, browns and brookies which were transplanted here and have thrived in a perfect trout environment. But Patagonia is much more than just great fishing. It is also a land of great wines, gourmet food, world class scenery and warm wonderful people. I'll try to give you an overall flavor of the fishing and the country."

Please join us on February 26 and hear the stories of fine fishing from Ken Lindsey, a man hooked on trout from birth.



Chris Koda in January

MICK WOODBURY, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Just a Reminder that in our January program slot is Chris Koda, a veteran fishing expert and Pro Rep from Maxima. Chris Koda has been on Maxima's Pro Staff for 5 years and brings some 50 years of fishing experience, six of which are fly fishing. He's fished both salt and freshwater and in more states than I could keep up with as we talked on the phone. But they include lots of western and southern waters.

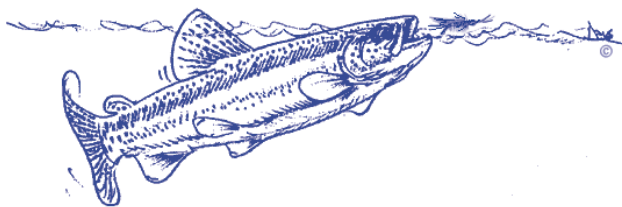
The date is Thursday, January 29, 2009 starting at 7:00 PM. Chris will give a good kickoff to the 2009 speakers program.

A Tale of Two Anglers

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

I attended the Yellowstone trip hosted by Joe Libeu. Normally the rule is that what happens on Joe's trips stays on Joe's trips. But I discovered that the rule is somewhat flexible. After some idiot fell out of the drift boat on Joe's August Bighorn trip, a vote was taken at dinner and it was unanimously (and vociferously) decided that the incident could be revealed and that I could be held up to suitable public humiliation and scorn. So I feel some degree of poetic freedom.

I had made arrangements through Kelly Galloup for a guided float trip down the Madison for Maria and me. When we arrived at the lodge, we learned that the sluice gate at the Hebgen Lake dam was jammed in the open position and that Hebgen Lake was gushing into the Madison River making it totally un-fishable. The Forty Mile Riffle was a raging torrent. I discussed the situation with Kelly and he thought the lower river would still provide decent fishing. Maria decided to fish with the rest of the anglers (they went all the way across Yellowstone Park and fished in the Lamar Valley). I asked John Lincoln to join me.



This was John's first drift boat experience so he was enthusiastic and excited. We met the guide at Slide Inn, and took the guide's truck to the put in. Scott Allen was an émigré from Michigan, came to Montana to ski and stayed for the fishing. Kelly is also from Michigan; they met on the slopes and the rest is history.

The road trip to Ennis was uneventful except that

John had a great eye for wildlife and pointed out every black tail deer, prong horned antelope, pheasant, quail and bunny rabbit he saw. Normally the river below Ennis is slow, meandering and relatively calm. When we arrived, the river was high and wide, exceeding its banks. The Madison simply rushed into Ennis reservoir and right out again.

John admitted that this was his first float trip and the guide gave a very thorough orientation on what to expect including the sound made when dropping the anchor. He rocked the boat back and forth to demonstrate its stability and how unlikely it would be for someone to fall out!

The speed of the current forced the trout closer to the banks making them easier to catch. John was in the stern and although I couldn't see him all the time, I certainly heard him hook and land a huge number of fish. He giggled and laughed all day long. We took pictures of some of the larger fish; the smaller ones John had to land himself because the guide didn't want to be bothered. John spent the day giving the guide high fives, and giving me a thumbs up with each catch. Throughout the day his smile kept getting broader and wider until it almost exceeded the size of his face.

The next day John fished with Maria and me on the Gallatin River below Big Sky. He caught few average sized fish on nymphs in the morning. After lunch and a light rain we separated. Shortly, Maria signaled John to join her fishing a little back eddy where she found a BWO hatch in progress. John sat down and started to rig for dry fly fishing but Maria just handed him her own rod. After some coaching from Maria, John caught and landed an eighteen inch, fat healthy Brown Trout—a personal best! He beamed all the way back to the lodge.

Dennis Swing was on that trip and was staying over to fish the Bighorn the following week. I made arrangements to float the Beaverhead River near Dillon, Montana. We were told to meet the guide at a fly shop called "Uncle Bob's". I immediately bought an Uncle Bob's logo fishing shirt.



Uncle Bob's was far more than a fly fishing store. The porch was covered with cases of goose and duck decoys. Dennis was in hog heaven. He spent some time getting quotes for hunting trips in the area. Our assigned guide was Corey but he was recovering from a broken arm suffered on a bear hunt. We obtained a new guide and then went into Dillon to the motel and got some dinner at Sparkie's Garage. The receptionist at the motel said they served meals on hub caps. That part was incorrect but the napkins were old oil rags and the hanging light fixtures over the tables were five gallon oil cans with the bottoms removed. There were also period antiques from various gasoline companies and an old '30s vintage tow truck in front. Old photographs of all the gas stations in Dillon hung on the walls.

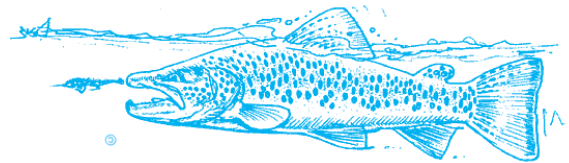
That night the thunderstorms sounded like they were in the room directly above me. It rained heavily through the night and the tops of the mountains surrounding Dillon were dusted with the season's first snow. The Beaverhead had been lowered a few days before our arrival so it was not floatable. Our guide, Mike Spence, took us a few miles north to fish the Jefferson River. Mike is a master casting instructor who got his ticket because he once owned a fly shop in North Carolina and thought it would help his business. His first test was not successful. His examiner was Mel Krieger and although Mike believes he knew the answers, his explanations were not simple, short and concise.

The Jefferson River was not very large but the fishing was a challenge. We celebrated the overcast morning, hoping for good dry fly fishing. Unfortunately, the weather was cold and grey and the sun didn't warm up the water until well after lunch. We went all morning without a fish. I could hear and feel Dennis' frustration over the lack of

success. Why pay for a guide to be fishless? Dennis was used to catching large numbers of big salmon on his trips, so this was not to his liking.

Fortunately, almost at the take out, we found a trough that held a lot of hungry and healthy fish. It was almost dark when the guide finally got us off the river but Dennis had caught enough fish there to forget the morning. He had made careful inquiry of the guide during the slow morning and concluded that he wouldn't be coming back to southwest Montana to fly fish—maybe to shoot something but not to fish. In contrast, I reserved a spot on Bob Marriott's hosted trip to fish the Beaverhead, the Big Hole, the Jefferson and the Ruby next summer!

Fly fishing was not meant to be too easy.



New Nominating Committee

BOB MIDDO,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

It's time again to assemble a new Board of Directors for the next year, 2009–2010. If you are interested in participating on the Board of Directors or if you would like to nominate someone to, please get in contact with any of the following newly appointed members of the Nominating Committee:

Marv Dworzak, Joe Libeu, Dan Rivett, Alan Ross and Mark Tsunawaki.

Club members will be notified of the slate of nominees at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting to be held on April 2, 2009.

Top Casters!

MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

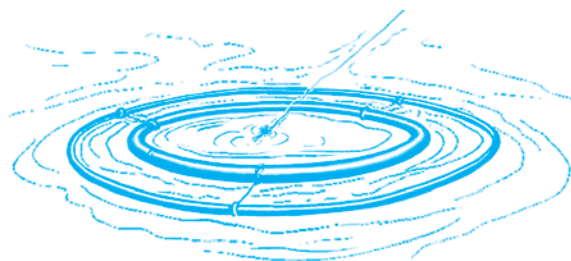
The leader board has some NEW names and NEW scores as casters continue to impress. Mark Flo, Frank Kropcek, and Bob Middo all made the leader board as Mark Flo wasted no time in sharing 1st place with Larry Allen and Mark Lipe as he scored a 91 in the 1/4 oz. Plug Accuracy game. Frank Kropcek scored a solid 93 in Bass Bug and secured 3rd place (only 2 points away from 1st place).

Bob Middo soared to 1st place with a strong cast of 161' in 1/4 oz. Plug Distance. Mark Tsunawaki and John Van Derhoof are not too far behind with distances of 156' and 153'. John Van Derhoof continues to impress his talents as he scored a huge number in the 5 wt. Combination game with a score of 5060. John also earned 2nd place in Trout Fly with a 98. Joe Libeu remains in 1st place in Trout Fly with an almost perfect 99.

WESTERN SCORES AS OF DECEMBER 7, 2008

EVENT	PLACE	SCORES	LBCC CASTER
Trout Fly	1 st	99	Joe Libeu
Trout Fly	2 nd	98	John Van Derhoof
Trout Fly	3 rd	97	Mark Lipe
Dry Fly	1 st	100	John Van Derhoof
Dry Fly	2 nd	98	Mark Tsunawaki
Dry Fly	3 rd	97	Larry Allen, Tsunawaki & Van Derhoof
Bass Bug	1 st	95	Rick Hilles & John Van Derhoof
Bass Bug	2 nd	94	Bill Heard, R. Hilles, M. Lipe, M. Tsunawaki
Bass Bug	3 rd	93	L. Allen, Carole Katz, Frank Kropcek
Wet Fly	1 st	97	Carole Katz
Wet Fly	2 nd	96	Jeff Katz, M. Lipe, John Van Derhoof
Wet Fly	3 rd	95	Bill Heard
1/4oz. Plug	1 st	91	Larry Allen, Mark Flo, Mark Lipe
1/4oz. Plug	2 nd	90	Mark Tsunawaki

EVENT	PLACE	SCORES	LBCC CASTER
1/4oz. Plug	3 rd	88	Mark Tsunawaki & John Van Derhoof
3/8oz. Plug	1 st	93	Mark Tsunawaki
3/8oz. Plug	2 nd	90	Mark Tsunawaki
3/8oz. Plug	3 rd	89	Mark Lipe
5/8oz. Plug	1 st	95	Mark Tsunawaki
5/8oz. Plug	2 nd	94	Mark Tsunawaki
5/8oz. Plug	3 rd	93	Mark Lipe
Trout Fly Distance	1 st	99'	Bill Heard
Trout Fly Distance	2 nd	95'	Rick Hilles
Trout Fly Distance	3 rd	93'	Bob Middo
Angler's Fly Distance	1 st	143'	Bob Middo
Angler's Fly Distance	2 nd	123'	Kim Dunbar
Angler's Fly Distance	3 rd	122'	Mark Tsunawaki
1/4oz. Plug Distance	1 st	161'	Bob Middo
1/4oz. Plug Distance	2 nd	156'	Mark Tsunawaki
1/4oz. Plug Distance	3 rd	153'	John Van Derhoof
5 wt. Combination	1 st	5060	John Van Derhoof
5 wt. Combination	2 nd	4830	Joe Libeu
5 wt. Combination	3 rd	4730	Bill Heard



Breakfast is Served

CAROLE KATZ, SENIOR DIRECTOR

We are serving breakfasts on alternate Sundays and you're welcome to join us. Breakfast is served about 7:30 AM and the casting games start at 9:00 AM.

We still need chefs for the following dates: January 4, February 22 and March 8. The chef chooses the menu, does the shopping and impresses the members with his or her culinary genius. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Carole Katz at 714-731-6044.

2009 Southwestern Tournament

MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

February 14–15 are the dates for our annual Southwestern Casting Tournament. This competitive but friendly weekend tournament will showcase some of the best fly and plug casters in the country. The 10-event tournament begins each day at 9:00 AM. The cost for the tournament is \$1 plus \$1 per event. Lunches are served both days with a dinner Saturday night. The Sunshine Committee will cook breakfast early Sunday morning.

Casters from Golden Gate, Oakland, San Jose, and Seattle, have always enjoyed our tournament and rate the Southwestern Tournament as being one of the best. In addition to our spacious pond, historical clubhouse, and delicious meals, it is our participation and volunteers that make this tournament a huge success. Now you know why, they always want Long Beach to host a National!

I hope you can join us and be part of this prestigious event. It is a wonderful opportunity to challenge your skills, learn, and show your competitive spirit. It's also an opportunity to meet some wonderful people and make new friends. The Long Beach Casting Club prides itself with a rich history of tournament casting and also with an active membership who volunteer.

"Score perfect" and circle this special weekend on your new 2009 calendar! New casters interested in competing can review the games on the ACA's website www.americancastingassoc.org. If your fishing gear does not meet the specifications, we will have tournament ready equipment available. Those interested in volunteering can contact Tournament Captain Mark Lipe at 562-494-1169 or mlipe@elcamino.edu. We will need help with score keeping, judging, and meals. Out of town guests can contact the Guesthouse Hotel

at 562-597-1341 or www.guesthouse1b.com for accommodations. A special rate of \$77.00 per night is available through January 26, 2009.



Maggie Merriman Entomology Workshop

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

On Saturday, March 28, 2009 join Maggie Merriman at the Long Beach Casting Club for her 11th annual BASIC ENTOMOLOGY WORKSHOP FOR FLY FISHERS.

You will learn how to "Match the Hatch" and how to select the correct fly for a given situation. Maggie stresses the use of common English names and not the biological "Latin" names many associate with entomology, so you can leave your *Acroneuria californica*s at home.

The class will begin around 9:00 AM and run until 1:00 PM. The cost for the workshop is \$50.00 and includes samples of insects, corresponding flies and an extensive handout. Bring a snack, note pad and some fly boxes to look at and compare the insects.

You must Pre-Register for the workshop by mailing the fee by March 21, 2009 to: Maggie Merriman, 19791 Coastline Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92648; or you can call her with any questions you may have at 714-969-5829. You will receive an exact map of the location upon registering.

The Green River Trip Approacheth

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Don't you love "approacheth"? Well anyway, we will be there in early May and this remains the premier Long Beach Casting Club annual fishing trip. We are already starting to sign up and have more slots than last year. This is my favorite trip to my absolutely favorite river. You must be an adequate caster and fisher but not advanced.

Where?: Green River tailwater below Flaming Gorge Reservoir, Utah.

When?: Arrive Sunday, May 10; depart Friday, May 15

Sleep?: Five nights at Red Canyon Lodge. Best in the area, cabins with bedroom (two beds), bathroom, living room with frig and microwave.

Eat?: Wherever you want to. Julius and Shig usually throw a lamb-fest one evening which is not to be missed. (Two lunches provided by guides)

Fishing?: Two days guided float on Section A or B are included. Two days walking on your own. Guides can be arranged for more than two days if you wish.

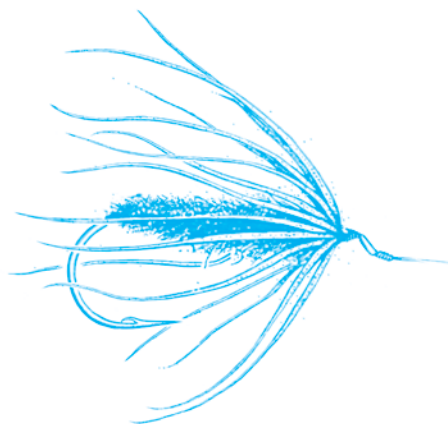
Fish?: Big Browns, big Rainbows, big Cutthroats, big Cutt-bows (did I say "big"?)

Beauty?: You cannot believe how beautiful the view is from the overlook near our hotel. The river itself runs through a spectacular red rock/green tree slot canyon. The drive from Salt Lake is a geology tour.

Weather: Yes...

Cost?: \$743.50 includes 5 day lodging at Flaming Gorge Lodge and two days guided fishing by Trout Creek Flies.

Okay, so you need a little more:



Tips for guides: \$80-\$100

Transportation: Drive in 14-18 hours or, Fly to Salt Lake at around \$175, rent a van and drive 4 hours through Wyoming to the river. The van and gas split 4 ways runs around \$120 each.

Utah License: \$32.

Food? Shirts, flies, trinkets, etc...it all adds up, OK, so its going to be over a grand.

Sign-up? With Brant at Marriott's but, sign up early at Marriotts and you get a 10% discount in the store.

Most of you know I am never at a loss for words but this trip cannot be described in less than novella length. BE THERE!

Membership Requests

MARK FLO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Please welcome the following new members who joined us in the past months:

- ❖ Randy Mandt, Chandler Arizona
- ❖ Craig Belden, Lakewood, California
- ❖ Steve Genest, La Habra, California

Please welcome all our new members at the next club meeting. We wish you great success in all your fishing adventures. If you have any question just call me at 562-420-8121 or email at m.flo@gte.net.

Long Beach Casting Club Trips 2009

BETTIE SWART, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

One of the many strengths of our club are the members who share their information and are willing to help make our club trips the very best. This was very evident at the Laguna Niguel Pre-Trip meeting December 3. Again, thanks to Mark Allen for his expertise and the very informative write up for the trip. Check the December Target Talk to read the stillwater techniques. Bob Buss lives close to the lake and added his hints to success. Fourteen of us are ready to hook up with some nice fish at the lake.

Stillwater fishing is usually streamer fishing or midge fishing. A dedicated float tuber needs the scoop on midge fishing. Jim Thomason emailed me the following web-sites, they are a wealth of information to enjoy another aspect of fly fishing.

Steven Ojai's Midge Section

http://stevenojai.tripod.com/zebra_midge.htm

Brian Chan's article

<http://www.flyfishersrepublic.com/tactics/fishing/chironmid-tactics/>

Phil Rowley's Site

<http://www.flycraftangling.com/index.html>

Rowley's podcast "FLY FISHING WITH CHIRONOMIDS"

http://www.askaboutflyfishing.com/speakers/phil_rowley/phil_rowley.cfm

CLUB TRIPS FOR 2009 (WITH MORE TO BE ADDED...)

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| December 29 | Pre-Trip Meeting-Lower Owens Trip #1 at 7:00 PM |
| January 10-11 | LOWER OWENS EXTRAVAGANZA #1: Streamkeepers: Yash Iseda, Dan Rivett and Jeff Sadler. |
| January 28 | Pre-Trip Meeting-Lower Owens Trip #2 at 7:00 PM |
| February 7-8 | LOWER OWENS EXTRAVAGANZA #2: Streamkeeper: Mark Flo and |

March 11

Bettye Swart
Pre-Trip Meeting - Newport Bay Bass at 7: 00 PM

March 22

NEWPORT BAY BASS TOURNEY

April 29

Pre-Trip Meeting - Green River at 7:00 PM

May 10-15

GREEN RIVER TRIP: Streamkeepers: Yash Iseda, Dan Rivett and Jeff Sadler

Could one of your New Year's resolutions be to fish more with the best club in Southern California, join us. Any questions, contact Bettye Swart (949-462-9553) or the Streamkeeper (phone numbers are listed in you club roster).

Here fishy, fishy.....



On the River Clinic

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

The annual On the River Clinics for new club members will be held the weekend of March 28-29 of 2009. The lecture dates are, Wednesday the 25 of February and the 4, 11 of March. The weekend of March 14 and 15 is set for our trip to the Bishop area to fish the Lower Owens for the "on the stream" portion of the clinic. The lecture portion will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays. Each lecture will be different and will cover equipment, entomology, reading the water, knots etc.

I am hoping that new club members will attend this clinic as it will provide them with valuable information on becoming a more productive fly fisher. The class is limited to 20 students. If you have any question please contact me at 310-749-6771.

Wader Maintenance & Repair

JIM KAZAKOFF,
BOISE VALLEY FLYFISHERMEN NEWSLETTER

I've owned my breathable fabric waders now for eight or nine years, and I have never had a problem. At least I didn't realize I had problems, but this year I've concluded that the minor dampness in my socks I have previously noticed at the end of the day—never more than a brief discomfort after removing the waders, was now a little more than minor, and was definitely more pronounced in the left foot than in the right. Yep—they leak.

I am not particularly hard on waders, as I don't fish that many days a year (this in itself is a problem). Consequently, I have not practiced the best maintenance policies for my waders, mostly out of ignorance, and only partly out of laziness. I suspect I'm not alone. In researching a solution for stopping the leak, I have become better educated in what I should be doing as regular maintenance, and some means of repairing waders when they ultimately begin to leak.



BREATHABLE FABRICS: HOW THEY WORK

The first breathable fabrics were co-invented for the space program by Rowena Taylor, W.L Gore, and his son Robert W. Gore. The first patent was issued in 1976. The fabrics from W.L Gore & Associates have been branded as Gore-Tex. Since then there have been several other fabrics brought to market, which are used in waders and outdoor apparel, among other purposes. All work generally in the same way, with variations in how

they are constructed.

In Gore-Tex fabric, a durable fabric (e.g. nylon) is bonded with a semi-permeable membrane layer. The membrane consists of a Teflon-like material that has very tiny holes—the holes are small enough that water, in liquid format, is too big to pass through the holes. However molecular water vapor is sufficiently small. Thus perspiration from your warm body when it evaporates can be passed through the breathable fabric. It is amazing that this works even when the fabric is totally submerged in water. The semi-permeable membrane material typically does not wear well, so a protective layer of thin fabric is often bonded on the inside. Some of the heavier fabrics utilize multiple membrane and fabric layers, resulting in system fabrics of four or five layers. Unfortunately the addition of the protective layer (and presumably additional layers) can diminish the breathability of the composite fabric. Some of the other brands of breathable

fabric membranes do not require or use a protective fabric layer, and claim superior breathability. In addition, the outer layer of breathable fabrics are treated with a Durable Water Repellent (DWR), necessary for their

proper breathing, which is where the maintenance of your waders comes in—this DWR needs to be replenished.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Storage: After a day in the river or lake, do not leave the waders wet—hang them to dry. Leaving them wet can induce mildew, and cause the seam taping to fail. If possible, and particularly for winter storage, it is best to store your waders hanging up or flat, not folded.

Cleaning: Once you understand how breathable fabric works, it becomes evident of what needs to

be done to keep it working. Most important is to keep it clean. Since the breathability depends on the porosity of the membrane, any gunk that clogs the pores will prevent its semi-permeability, and hence its breathability. Cleaning the Mucillin®, fly floatant, caked fish slime, or the mayonnaise from last week's outing lunch that accumulates will help keep your waders from having clammy feeling areas, where the fabric is no longer breathing.

The approved means of cleaning waders varies by the manufacturer. A label inside your waders will indicate what is appropriate for you. If you have neoprene rubber stocking feet on your waders, this can impact the approved procedure of cleaning. My waders (Simms brand, Gore-Tex fabric) require hand washing in cold water, with powdered detergent, primarily to preserve the integrity of the neoprene boots, and the taped seams. Others that do not have neoprene or rubber boots attached may be machine laundered carefully. Check the care label on your waders.

Bad stains can be removed using pre-wash treatment such as Shout® or Spray 'n Wash®. Follow the pre-wash manufacturer's instructions, and again, check the wader care label. I suggest washing them, then repeating the wash with the legs turned inside out. I was amazed at the color of the water after a second wash. Rinse thoroughly. Hang them to dry.

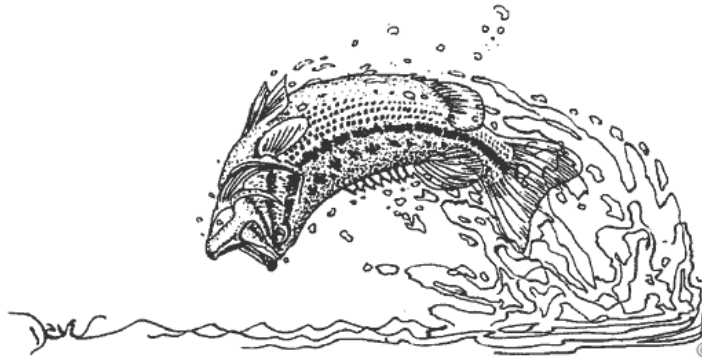
REPLENISHING DWR & RESTORING BREATHABILITY

If your waders feel clammier than you remember when you first bought them, it is likely the DWR coating has broken down and needs to be restored. The water repellent coating has a big effect on the breathability of the fabric. Several DWR products can be used—Simms recommends Revivex®, and Patagonia recommends NikWax®. I

have used Revivex® with good results.

- ❖ With the waders returned to inside-in, thoroughly saturate the outside fabric with the DWR.
- ❖ Allow waders to drip-dry.
- ❖ The DWR and the fabric breathable membrane now need to be set. Oddly enough this is done with heat. If your waders do not have neoprene or boot-foot (not so many do), they can likely go into the dryer at a low heat for about an hour (check the care label). Otherwise the DWR and membrane can be set with a hair drier or an iron, dialed to low heat. I placed a thin dish towel over the waders, when using the iron. Avoid the boot or neoprene bootie attachment areas.

These cleaning and DWR restoration procedures are also appropriate for other breathable fabric products. Cabella's offers a breathable fabric maintenance kit that includes both a specialized detergent and a DWR.



FIXING THE LEAKS

There are several products that can be used to seal leaks. Most wader brands

that I researched recommend AqualSeal®, which is a polyurethane glue. Another is 3M Scientific Anglers Ultraflex®. Orvis offers a complete repair kit for their waders that includes AquaSeal®, iron on repair tape, and some fabric patches.

Minor Leaks: After a while, breathable fabric will develop pin-hole leaks, particularly in stress areas. These can be located and repaired easily as follows, with a particularly clever trick:

- ❖ Turn the waders inside out.
- ❖ Apply isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol to areas suspected of leaking. A small spray bottle

works well for this. (You may want to have a window open while doing this). Any leaks will show up as dark gray spots! The alcohol will also help clean the area.

- ❖ If this is NOT a seam leak, and you are using AqualSeal®, apply the glue immediately—alcohol does not adversely impact the glue. Dab small thin amounts on the holes. The sealant should then be allowed to cure at least eight hours. Make sure to keep the repair area clear, so that you don't unintentionally glue portions your waders together.

If you have a seam leak—bad news, most wader manufacturer's web sites I reviewed recommend contacting them and returning the waders to their service departments for repair in this situation. There are several products available, such as Seam-Seal, for sealing fabric seams on nylon tents, etc. However I have not used them, and I would be cautious in their use on waders.

Holes, Rips, and Tears: For locating larger holes another recommended approach is to take the waders to a darkened room or closet and shine a flashlight inside them while watching the outside surface.

For tears or larger holes, the repair area should have some supporting fabric as a patch, much like repairing dry-wall or using fiberglass. Small holes and tears can often be repaired with iron-on repair tape that is available. Orvis includes this in their wader repair kit. This tape may be suitable for other breathable fabrics as well. The procedure for repairing with the tape is as follows:

- ❖ Turn iron to low steam polyester/rayon and turn waders inside out.
- ❖ For small tears, cut a piece of the fabric tape

to size and place over the hole, white side down.

- ❖ Press with iron for 10 seconds. Rub with a cool piece of fabric to set.
- ❖ For larger tears, cut a piece of the wader fabric patch to size and place over tear, gray side up.
- ❖ Cover edges of patch with heat tape, white side down. Press with iron for 10 seconds and rub with cool fabric to set.

PATCHING LARGE HOLES AND TEARS

If you kept the small patch of breathable fabric that came with your waders; perfect. Otherwise a piece of nylon stocking can be used. The patch can be placed on the inside, outside, or both.

- ❖ Place paper, wax paper, or some plastic behind the area to be repaired to help keep the glue from going where it shouldn't. This can be temporarily taped in place.

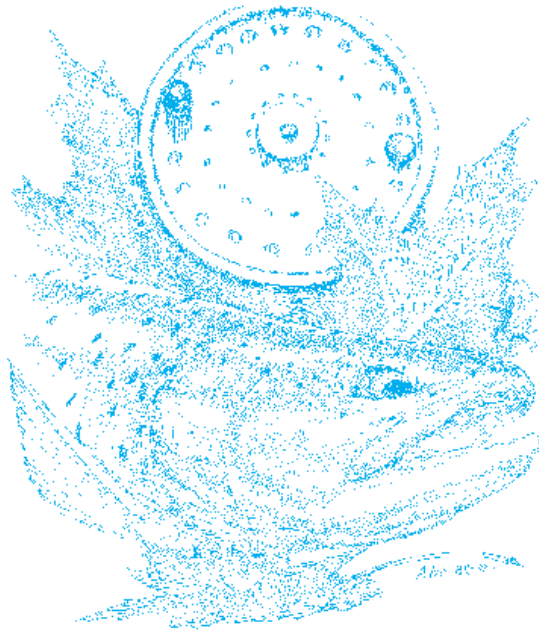
- ❖ Apply a thin coat of the AqualSeal® compound to the repair area. Allow it to cure so that it is tacky (+/- 5 minutes).

- ❖ Cut a fabric or nylon stocking patch the size of the glued area. It should extend well beyond the hole or tear, by about half an inch. Apply the patch to the glued area, making sure the patch area is kept as flat and smooth as possible.

- ❖ Allow at least eight hours to cure. Several passes of gluing may be required to achieve a properly smooth patch. Thin coats are better.

FIELD REPAIRS

When you are out in the field, you cannot afford to wait the hours that the urethane glues require for set up. The answer: Loon Outdoors UV Wader Repair® (Made right here in Idaho). This stuff is a trip-saver, and no tackle bag should be without a tube of it. Apply to the damaged area of the waders,





then let it soak up sunshine for few seconds – the compound is UV light activated, and will cure almost immediately. My experience has been that the compound will begin to peel away over time, but others have reported they have had no problems. I also recommend checking the tube in your gear bag as part of your yearly spring gear maintenance, as it appears the product also has a finite shelf life, and will degrade over time.

Neoprene Booties: Neoprene appears to be the weak link in waders. If you can't find a leak, but your feet are getting wet, the neoprene in the booties has probably broken down. After a lot of wear, the rubber cell walls fail, and the neoprene becomes compressed. In my waders, the neoprene in the booties has become stiff and brittle. AqualSeal® or equivalent can be used to repair neoprene as well. For larger issues, including seam leaks or bootie repair, it may require sending the waders back to the service department of the manufacturer.

NOT RECOMMENDED

- ❖ Do not fill your waders with water in an attempt to locate leaks - this can stress and blow out the seams.
- ❖ Do not use chlorine bleach or dry clean.
- ❖ Do not put waders with neoprene in the dryer.
- ❖ Avoid heat.

When all else fails and your waders are beyond repair, you can go green, by donating them to Recycled Waders, who will re-purpose them into a new product of some sort. See <http://www.recycledwaders.com/>

Lower Owens Trip # 2

MARK FLO, TRIP STREAMKEEPER

This is our February 6–8 trip to Bishop and the Lower Owens. The Pre Trip meeting will be Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 PM. Bettye Swart and Mark Flo are the trip Streamkeepers. Maps and information will be dispensed and fishing areas discussed. There are new areas that have been opened to Catch & Release fishing for brave souls who like to fish in 25 degree weather.

Lodging for this trip is your choice. Most people will be getting into town on Friday and finding the good places to fish that day. For dinner, Mark will be leading a group to Yamatani Japanese restaurant.

If you are new to fly fishing, we will meet Saturday morning at the campground bridge. This is the start of the wild trout section of the Lower Owens and we will try to pair you with experienced club members to help you learn some tips and tricks of the Lower Owens (WARNING: Lies may be told at this meeting.)

Saturday night we will continue the tradition of pizza and salad (and more lies) at the Pizza Factory.

See you at the meeting and on the river.



Another Adventure...

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

Joe Libeu asked me to accompany him on an exploratory trip to the Upper Columbia River in the very northeast part of Washington. Also on the trip were Kirk Bannerman and Jerry Green. The purpose was to test the fishery and the lodge to determine if it was appropriate for one of Joe's sponsored trips. He had read about the river and the lodge in *American Angler* magazine. Their website at www.theeveninghatch.com looked very compelling.

The Columbia River is one of the most dammed rivers in the world and the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington forms Lake Roosevelt. We fished the portion of the Columbia River which flows from the Canadian border into Lake Roosevelt at the town of Northport, a distance of about twelve miles.

Northport has one café serving breakfast and lunch, a couple of bars, a gas station and no traffic lights or parking meters. Somewhat impoverished, some of its residents live in remote cabins in the woods where they raise recreational agricultural products. Drug smuggling from Canada is big business and fishing guides are often searched if their boats get too close to the border.

We landed in Spokane and then drove two hours to the lodge. I expected Eastern Washington to be like Eastern Oregon—a dry desert. But the Spokane area is mostly rolling hills dotted with small farms. As we drove north, the topography changed to

hills covered with conifers and patches of larches or aspens just beginning to change into fall colors of bright yellow. There was a single maple tree in Northport which bore brilliant red leaves.

Joe had forgotten to get his Washington fishing license on the web so we had to stop at the Big 5 in Spokane. Dennis McTeer had earlier asked what he should put down on the application for hair, noting that he is getting increasingly grey. The consensus around the pond seemed to be to use the same color as stated on your driver's license. Joe avoided the controversy and just put down "Some."



We fished four days and the weather was generally cold and ugly. The temperatures dropped from day to day and we were constantly surrounded by low pressure areas hovering over Canada or the two valleys paralleling the Columbia. The result was that the

fish were not particularly interested in eating—at least not interested in the flies we were provided. Oddly, the guides did not change flies except when we changed boats. Joe wanted objective reports from us so we changed guides every day and also changed boat partners. Two days we had heavy fog on the river. When the other boat left shore, it disappeared from view only 30 feet away. Once the fog lifted, we had wisps of vapor rising from the river. With the right wind conditions, the vapor formed columns of fog rising vertically 20 feet or so similar to dust devils or waterspouts.

One guide we had was Al Parke, a 63 year old who

could not stand silence and was talking constantly. He and Joe practically came to fisticuffs because Al was an expert at everything including casting and angling methods. His boat was a 17' aluminum craft that was very tippy. There were knee locks in the bow but not in the stern and therefore I had to be careful that I did not end up in the river again. Because of the wind, he worked very hard rowing the boat. When he really had to dig in his oars, the boat became all the more tippy.

The other guide, Justine Hotchkiss, was much younger and his boat was very flat and open. The seats were tandem and centered. His 150 hp jet outboard could push us along at 20 knots or more and he used a little electric motor to maneuver while fishing. We needed our rain gear not for the rain but for the spray. His Black Lab named Buck accompanied us in the boat. Buck is a well trained bird dog and would also point at fish!



The fishing technique used was simply fishing the seams just out from the shore over the drop-offs. There were tons of October Caddis in the air but fish were not interested. While I had the orange October Caddis on my rig, my partner always seemed to have a fly tied by Al that he calls a "Glommer". It is his vague representation of a yellow stonefly. Joe finally convinced the guides to fish a Blue Winged Olive and that did produce a few fish.

The Columbia holds Rainbows and Cutthroat trout, White Sturgeon, Northern Pike and smallmouth bass. As a group, we only fished for and caught trout (and not very many at that). The

guides believe that the river can only hold three or four boats. Rather than change flies or techniques on any one run, the guides would simply change venue and go across the river to another run. We didn't thoroughly fish any area. We all did manage to boat fish in the 18-20 inch range and they were stocky, healthy fish indeed.

The accommodations were Spartan. We were housed in a small A-frame. The first floor contained the living room, kitchen-dining area, a bedroom with a bunk bed, and a full bath with a Jacuzzi for those who like bubble baths. The second floor had two bunk beds, a queen sized bed and a half bath. Thus the maximum the lodge could hold was about 7 or 8 very close friends. It would not be suitable for mixed company.

Al joined us for dinner every night which stifled free exchange of our impressions of the lodge and the fishery. On the last night, Joe finally

explained to Al that he needed at least five or six boats to make a trip sponsored by him successful. Al retorted that with the hundreds of fish in each run, people would be content with just two boats and taking turns on the river. Clearly there was a failure of communication here! I doubt that I would be interested in returning, even if the guides are right about the quantity of fish during the summer. This conclusion was reinforced when I reviewed the pictures I had taken of this fishing trip. I had several of the train that parallels the river carrying Alaskan ore to a smelter in Canada. I had a lot of pictures of the huge clouds and thunderheads. But I only had a couple of the fish we caught!

Fly of the Month: Ned Grey's Streaker

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Over the years I have tied flies at many shows and club functions and with the exception of my Atlantic salmon flies, the Streaker draws the most "oohs and aahs." This response is invariably followed by the question, "It's much too pretty, would you ever dare fish it?" The answer is a rather emphatic yes! This is truly one fly that looks every bit as good to the fish as it does to the fisher.

Originally developed by the late Ned Grey of Montrose, California, the Streaker was tied to be used as an offshore baitfish imitation and particularly for use in the Sea of Cortez for Dorado, Yellowtail and Sailfish. Some folks call it a baby Dorado imitation while others claim that it is a Sierra Mackerel or a Rainbow Runner. Whatever it is, it works. Try various color combinations like green, purple or blue with white below or add natural or dyed grizzly hackles along the side.

Sizes for the Streaker vary from 8" to 10" on a #6/o hook for sailfish or marlin down to 1" to 1½" on a #6 hook for bonito, bass and even trout. Yes, I did say trout! I know an individual that lives near Livingstone Montana and fishes a small Streaker for Brown trout in the Black Canyon of the Yellowstone River—he is quite successful using it.

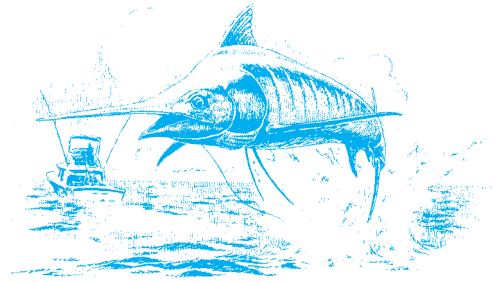
MATERIALS FOR TYING THE STREAKER:

- Hook:** Stainless steel or cadmium plated saltwater hook in sizes #6 to #6/o
- Thread:** White 3/o or Flymaster Plus
- Tail:** Yellow bucktail, Fishair or other synthetic hair with 20+/- strands of pearl Krystal Flash.
- Gills:** Red dyed rabbit strip
- Wing:** 15# clear monofilament and a matched pair (left & right) of peacock swords.
- Throat:** Yellow bucktail, Fishair or other synthetic hair with 20+/- strands of pearl Krystal Flash.
- Eyes:** Yellow doll eyes from 3mm to 9mm (7mm for a 3/o to 4/o hook)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE STREAKER:

1. Attach the thread to the hook at head space and wind back to the bend of the hook. Tie in the yellow tail material (the synthetics hold up better against fish teeth) onto the top of the hook. On larger sizes it is best to tie in two separate bunches which makes the fly more durable. Tie in the Krystal Flash on top of the tail and the 15# monofilament.
2. Wind forward to the mid-point of the hook and tie in a triangular piece of rabbit strip on each side of the hook. The length of the rabbit should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ the shank of the hook. Advance the thread forward to the head space and tie in the throat. The throat should extend well past the hook or about $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 times the length of the shank.
3. Place the peacock swords back to back and tie them in at the head space by the stems. Be sure to save extra strands of sword to add in



front to help fill as it sometimes looks a little thin in front. Wind the monofilament through the sword binding them to the shank matuka style.

4. Build up a smooth head and whip finish. Score the back side of the doll eyes with your bodkin and hot glue the eyes onto the fly right in front of where the rabbit strip is. This should be about the mid-point of the hook shank. Make sure that you work the hot glue into the wing and throat to insure a strong, solid bond. Apply head cement or, better yet, Sally Hanson's Hard As Nails with Nylon to the head and your ready to take your Streaker out for a swim.

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The cost of the cars is \$500 to \$600 per week for each car, and that averages out to about \$100 per person per week to have access to the two cars we rent. The rental cars will transport fly fishers to the streams and also be used on days when access to the straits is blown out. If we add the car cost of \$100 to the \$770, each persons cost for the week for food, lodging and the car is \$870. Jerry will collect for the trip at the end of the week, so all you need to pay until then is the \$200 deposit. Jerry does not accept Credit Cards, so bring your checkbook.

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Calendar of Events

January

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Happy New Year
4	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
5	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters Clinic
		7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night: Casting
9-11	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens #1
12	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters Clinic
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
14	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
18	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
19	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters Clinic
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
25	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
26	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters Clinic
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower Owens #2
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Club Meeting: Chris Koda

February

2	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters Clinic
		7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
6-8	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens #2
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
13	Friday	9:00 AM	Southwestern Tournament Practice
14-15	Weekend	9:00 AM	Southwestern Tournament (breakfast on Sunday starts at 8:00 AM)
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
21-22		9:00 AM	The Fly Fishing Show, Pasadena
22	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic begins
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Ken Lindsey on Patagonia

March

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying
4-8	Week		Fred Hall Show
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
8	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	On the River Clinic
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Newport Bay Tournament
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
14-15	Weekend		On The River Clinic
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
22	Sunday	7:30 AM	Club Trip: Newport Bay Bass Tournament
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Past President's Meeting with John Van Derhoof
28	Saturday	9:00 AM	Maggie Merriman Entomology Class
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying