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Target Talk

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Leader's Line ...

Signs of Spring

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

As I pen this month's article, the club is in full preparation mode for the Southwestern Tournament in which we resume the tradition of hosting our sister clubs from Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose and Seattle in a regional casting competition. Casting Captain Mark Lipe has brought his excellent organization skills to the task of organizing the event, just as he has done for all our casting competitions throughout the year. I hope you were able to attend this festive program. I find it offers a nice opportunity to observe and learn from top casters throughout the west. What a difference a year makes; at this time last year we cancelled the event because our clubhouse was in ashes. Now, people are excited to see the restored version.

As we sneak up on springtime, our club will offer the chance to get involved in a variety of other activities like: visiting the Pasadena Fly Fishing Show and the Fred Hall Show, participating in the On the River Clinic, hearing about big brown trout at our monthly meeting, participating in club clean up day, supporting Project Healing Waters activities with the Vets, learning some advanced fly tying methods and flies, developing Spey casting skills under the guidance of the master, Simon Gawesworth, fishing in the Newport Bay Tournament, learning how to instruct beginner casters, and learning about bugs in the Entomology class. It's a nice buffet of things to do, so line up and fill your plate.

Last month, in addition to our usual activities involving fly tying, conservation on the San Gabriel, Project Healing Waters, a club clean

up day and Sunday casting, we had two very successful club trips to the Lower Owens River where both participation from our members and the fishing exceeded expectations. I hear from a reliable source, Joe Libeu (who spends enough time on the Owens to know these things) that it will get even better as the BWO's are just about ready to pop.

Your board met a week later than usual this month and in addition to reviewing regular club business, endorsed their decision, despite the expense, to install a fire alarm system, accepted a slate of candidates recommended by the nominating committee for the next board, decided to put the darn trophies back into the cabinet even though they aren't cleaned up, approved an updated

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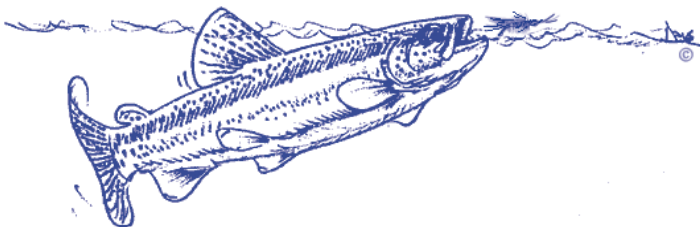
version of our estimated operating expenses for the coming year and thanked Past President, Carole Katz for her help in obtaining a donation of a lap top computer which will further enhance our AV system. Now if we only could get the audio to work properly...

By the way have you noticed the new storage system for our club badges? A special note of appreciation goes to First VP, Mick Woodbury, Membership Secretary, Mark Flo and Past President, Mark Tsunawaki for their ingenuity and hard work in putting it all together.

The most important event in the past month involved the receipt of a final, official agreement to extend our club lease to the year 2033 (see the insert elsewhere in the newsletter for more of the highlights). We opened discussions with the city last December when we committed to rebuilding of the club house and wanted to have the assurance that we would be able to enjoy the results beyond the end of the original lease expiration date of 2013.

Some of the provisions will increase our operating expenses in the long term (which we anticipate via the recently announced dues increase) by requiring that we pay for some of our utility expenses including electricity and a portion of water. But we retain exclusive use of the clubhouse at a rental cost of one dollar a month for another twenty years beyond our original expiration date. It's a great deal and the timing couldn't be better as the city undergoes a major cost squeeze because of the economic downturn. The results reflect a team effort by your board which deserves much credit for this accomplishment.

I usually start these articles wondering what I'm going to write about and end up an hour later with more stuff than I expected. This is no exception. I'll see you around the casting pond.



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Fly Fishing? Where Do You Want to Start?

MICK WOODBURY, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

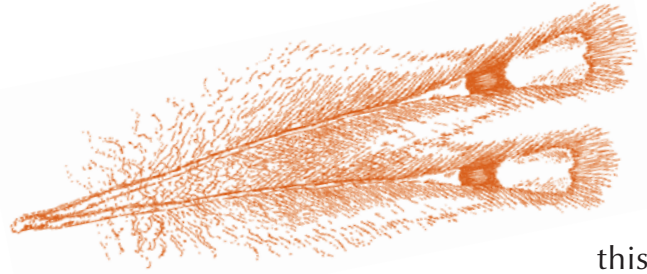
Our March Monthly Meeting will be hosted by the Past Presidents. The presentation that evening will be from our own John Van Derhoof—a Past President from 1982–1983. The program will follow John’s personal journey through the world of fly fishing—from his start fishing the lakes and streams of the Sierras, to some of the most popular locations around the world.

So who is this guy? We at LBCC know him as our Target Talk Editor, casting instructor, tournament caster and fly tying instructor, but there is more. John has been a member since 1978 but started fly fishing many years earlier. In 1965, while watching an episode of the American Sportsman—the “over 50” crowd will remember it—he became enamored with the idea of tying flies.

His first fly was tied on a worm hook in a bench vise using cotton sewing thread, knitting wool and feathers from the bottom of the parakeet’s cage. It only took him a year to start fly fishing and there has been no stopping him since.

John has been tying flies for 44 years now and has demonstrated, taught and written about tying all over the United States. His single biggest honor has been being named the 2007 recipient of the Federation of Fly Fishers’ highest honor for fly tiers, the Buz Buszek Memorial Award. Past winners include Dave Whitlock, Andre Puyans, Art Flick, George Grant, Polly Rosborough, Bill Blackstone, Wayne Luallen, Bob Jacklin, Gary Borger and Helen Shaw to name just a few.

He was one of sixteen American tiers of salmon flies featured in Judith Dunham’s book, *THE ATLANTIC SALMON FLY*, published in 1991 and his flies were in an exhibit at the Museum of Art of the University of California at Northridge in 1992 as a result of



this book. John and his flies have been mentioned in books by Gary LaFontaine, Lefty Kreh, John Randolph and several others, as well as in *Fly Fisherman* and *American Fly Tier* magazines.

So what about fishing? Well, John has been fortunate enough to have fished locations all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica and Christmas Island. He started working with Les Eichhorn and Lani Waller of Sage in 1983 and taught Sage Casting and Fly Fishing Schools all over the west including Alaska and Mexico until the mid ‘90s.

As a casting instructor, John was named to the FFF Casting Instructor Certification Advisory Committee at its inception in 1992, and received his Master Casting Instructor Certification in 1997. He was elected to the FFF Casting Instructor Certification Board of Governors in 1999, a position he held until 2006. He currently is a Board of Governor-Emeritus.

Join us for an entertaining evening!

It’s Show Time

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

Don’t forget the Fred Hall Show which will be held on March 4th–8th at the Long Beach Convention Center. If you would like to volunteer to work this show, please call Paul Burgner at 562-634-1515.

Mother Nature Shines for Southwestern

MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

Although Mother Nature pounded us with heavy rain on Friday and Monday, she cooperated and provided sunny weather for the weekend. Not only were the casters grateful for the perfect weather conditions, they also appreciated the Long Beach Casting Club's hospitality and hard work in running a well-organized tournament. Breakfasts, lunches and Saturday night dinner were delicious and greatly appreciated.

Many volunteers contributed their time and expertise in providing meals, scorekeeping, registration, announcing, equipment set up, and housecleaning. Weeks before the tournament, individuals spent hours repairing targets, building rod racks, and building a new caster name board. Because of Mother Nature, the participants, and the many volunteers, the Southwestern Casting Tournament was a huge success!

Thank you participants and volunteers! Larry Allen, Kim Dunbar, Marv Dworzak, Mark Flo, Jeff Gross, Craig Haines, Bill Heard, Rick Hilles, Patti Holden, Stan Holden, Ann Hurley, Carole Katz, Jeff Katz, Frank Kropacek, Joe Libeu, John Lincoln, Mark Lipe, Rei Lipe, Rick Long, Randy Mandt, Gerry Marotta, Dennis Martinez, Gary McDonough, Beth McFadden, Bob Midddo, Jim Minx, John Napoli, Chuck Nelson, Matt Rickerd, Joe Rosenthal, Allen Ross, Jeff Sadler, Bruce Takanaka, Jim Thomason, Will Travis, Mark Tsunawaki, Ian Walker, Mick Woodbury, and John Van Derhoof. I sincerely apologize if I left anyone off this list.

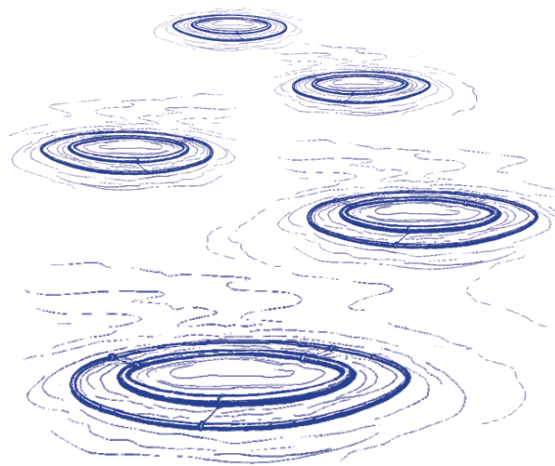
Thirty casters from Long Beach, Oakland, Las Vegas, Reno, San Francisco, San Jose, and Seattle competed. Oakland's Henry Mittel was the Grand Tournament Champion as he won all 10 thus earning a perfect 10 position points. His All Accuracy total was 783 > 800 with an average score

of 98. Henry was the only caster to score a perfect 100 in the Wet Fly event and earned a Western Record in the 1/4 oz. plug distance event with an impressive cast of 211 feet. Runner up was Keith Pryor from Oakland with 38 position points.

Long Beach Caster Highlights:

LARRY ALLEN placed third in the tournament and one point from 2nd place. He was second in All Fly Accuracy with a total of 378 points with an average score of 94.5. He earned a Western "B" medal for his Sunday scoring. Larry secured 2nd place in Bass Bug A-Class with scores of 94 & 91. He also earned 2nd place in A-Class Open Plug with scores of 93 & 95. Larry continued to impress the field with scores of 97 & 96 in the Wet Fly event earning him 2nd place.

BILL HEARD earned 1st place B-Class in the Trout Fly game with a score of 92. He also earned 1st place C-Class in Wet Fly with a score of 92 and a cast-off score of 98. Bill is one of the most gracious casters, after scoring the 98; he apologized to his opponent before he stepped into the casting box. Just a friendly reminder, "98" is the minimum score for A-Class! Move him up!



RICK HILLES was 1st place Bass Bug in the B-Class with an impressive 94. Let's move Rick up to A-Class next season, as the minimum score is 93.

CAROLE KATZ showcased her skills with impressive Wet Fly rounds of 97 and 95 and thus winning 1st

place in the B-Class division.

JOE LIBEU has not lost his touch in the casting box as he scored a 95 in Trout Fly A-Class for a 3rd place finish and an impressive 96 in Dry Fly.

MARK LIPE scored a 96 in Dry Fly but might have scored a 98 if it wasn't for his two "score 1's" on the last two shortest and easiest targets. What's that saying..."could of, should of, would of"?

BOB MIDDO earned 2nd place in the A-Class Angler's Fly Distance with a distance of 151.

JOHN NAPOLI had a strong tournament as he tied for 5th in All Fly Accuracy with 373 points. His Sunday performance was very impressive with scores of 97 in Dry Fly and 97 in Wet Fly.

MATT RICKERD won 3rd place in Dry Fly A-Class with scores of 98 - 96. He also won 2nd place in Wet Fly A-Class with scores of 97 - 98. Matt also earned a Western "B" medal for his Sunday casting.

JEFF SADLER won 3rd place B-Class in the Dry Fly event with scores of 94 & 92.

MARK TSUNAWAKI had some remarkable games! He scored a 98 in a cast off to secure 1st place in Open Plug and scored 97 in 5/8oz. Plug Accuracy for 1st place B-Class. It is likely he will be moving up to A-Class next season! Mark scored a 97 in Wet Fly only to lose to Carole Katz in a cast-off. Mark also showed his prowess in the distance games, as his 1/4 oz. distance plug traveled 158' thus earning him 3rd place in B-Class.

JOHN VAN DERHOOF had a strong tournament as he tied for 5th in All Fly Accuracy with 373 points with an average score of 93. John was 5th overall in the tournament.

IAN WALKER'S ability to cast perfect loops was most evident during the Dry Fly event with scores of 98 & 97. Ian also impressed all with a 1/4 oz. plug distance cast of 185' earning him 3rd place in A-Class. Ian finished 4th overall in the tournament.

Note: Log onto www.longbeachcastingclub.org for other scores.



Your Proposed LBCC Officers for 2009-2010

BOB MIDDO,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

It's time to select new officers for the Long Beach Casting Club. Here is the proposed slate of officers for the 2008-2009 Board of Directors:

President	Mick Woodbury
First Vice President	Rich Garrett
Second Vice President	Bill Boehlert
Corresponding Secretary	Nani Blyleven
Recording Secretary	Frank Kropacek
Membership Secretary	Mark Tsunawaki
Treasurer	Joseph Gustaff
Captain	Dan Rivett
Junior Director	Rick Hilles
Senior Director	John Van Derhoof
LBCC Advisory Board	All Past Presidents

The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting on April 2, 2009. Any ten members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Such nominations shall be made in writing and be signed by said and delivered to the Corresponding Secretary before the election. Refer to the Long Beach Casting Club Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, for the procedure to nominate candidates from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

I hope to see you there.

Fishing Must Go On!

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

After my short hospitalization, I came to realize that the calendar pages are apparently turning faster for me than what I had anticipated a year ago. So I must plan some more trips. I recognize the impact of the economic crisis in which we find ourselves. I was rudely reminded of the national economic strife we are experiencing when the Board of Directors of non-profit of which I am President, unanimously voted to restrict my compensation to \$500,000, including stock options, 401(k) contributions, bonuses, and other corporate perks—like use of the jet. So I won't be taking as many trips this year!

Nonetheless, I have room for a few anglers to Lees Ferry over April 24–28 weekend. We have reserved the house again so we can have meals there. Indeed, if there is great interest, the overflow could be accommodated in the lodges very comfortable cabins next to the dining room.

I also bid on and won trips at club auctions to central Colorado. I was thinking of planning trips in early or late July for the Roaring Fork and Frying Pan. I also won a day trip with Bob Jacklin in Yellowstone. I was hoping I could go in September and spend a week without a guide except the one day with Bob.

Lastly, I missed the steelhead trip to the Trinity River again this winter. So I was hoping to go to the Rogue River in Oregon in October to avoid the really bad weather. Bigger and hotter fish but real steelhead fishing, i.e. not as many to the net.

If you are seriously interested in any of these trips, let me know and I'll make the arrangements. Be quick!



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 californicas* 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.

New Arrivals

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

The new year brought the hope of new products and gadgets, new rods that catch more fish and other items guaranteed to make us better anglers. The economic crisis is only in your mind. Go fish!

New to my video library are several items. First, of course, is Rick Hafele's instructional DVD on *ADVANCED NYMPH FISHING*. My copy had been on backorder for at least a year. The release date of last summer got severely extended, and I was anxiously awaiting mine. The reason for the delay was that the production was extended to two DVD's, one limited to fishing instruction (83 minutes) and the other to a selection of successful flies, how they are tied and how they are fished (another 88 minutes).

You'll no doubt recall my short article on Kelly Gallop's *NYMPHING BY THE NUMBERS* when it was released last year. In it Kelly described the eight or ten most common nymphing systems and how they are fished in different circumstances. Rick took the opposite approach and presented different water conditions on the river (riffle, run, pool, changes in depth etc.) and then selected the nymph system to fish that particular venue. Since you should wait until you see the type of water you will be fishing, this makes eminent good sense.

Rick's lengthy DVD is also filled with his unique sense of humor. His fishing buddy and the butt of many of the jokes is again John Smeraglio and the principle venue is again the Deschutes River in Oregon (where John maintains his fly shop).

DRIFT is the much ballyhooed DVD which is a visual paean to fly fishing, attempting to answer the question "Why do we fly fish?" Last year's effort was more vocal as several icons of the sport tried to explain why we fly fish. Can it really be explained? The hype behind *DRIFT* is that it is filmed on 16mm

film rather than tape and that the cinematography is of a higher quality. Undoubtedly that is correct. When one watches John Hazel on the Deschutes spey casting in the snow, one can clearly see individual snow flakes. Similarly, one can literally feel the temperature and can appreciate the crystal blue waters where Brian O'Keefe fishes for tarpon. Unfortunately these are images we have seen before. It may get the juices flowing of a novice, but those who fly fish don't really need to be reminded why we do it.

A more honest approach was *FOUR SEASONS OF STEELHEAD*. The sub title says it all "One Man, One Fish, Four Seasons". In the introduction, Wayne Van Burger explains that this is a film without comment: no instruction, no impressions of the events taking place. This was just a visual expression of fishing the Rogue River in Oregon throughout the year. Frankly, there is no need to comment and I want to fish the Rogue!



The real surprise was the arrival of Lani Waller's new book entitled *THE STEELHEADER'S WAY*. Released in January 2009 without much fanfare, it is a collaboration with several others and includes steelheading techniques as well as a chapter on steelhead biology. The photographs are on glossy paper so the entire book is a serious work on steelheading. The book covers gear, modern flies and includes line drawings highlighting the techniques that have proven successful for Lani over his years stalking these huge fish. This is a keeper.

Project Healing Waters

CAROLE KATZ, NATIONAL TRUSTEE

It is really gratifying to reflect on all that has transpired in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing since its inception. In just four years, we now have more than fifty programs that logged more than 40,000 volunteer hours in 2008. Fundraising has exceeded all expectations and enabled us to provide more fishing outings for veterans, to financially support club programs, and to hire two full-time employees. National companies, particularly Orvis, Temple Fork Outfitters, Teeny and Hook & Hackle, have been extraordinarily generous in their support.

President Bush hosted a barbecue and concert for 80 of the wounded at the Vice President's residence in September. The Fly Rod Chronicles show about our Annual Two Fly Tournament won "EPISODE OF THE YEAR" at the Fifth Annual Sportsman's Channel Awards Banquet, and Rodney Atkins' album that includes our theme song THE RIVER JUST KNOWS will be released shortly. By the time this reaches you, ESPN will have aired its program about Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing with one of our veterans from Long Beach VAMC.

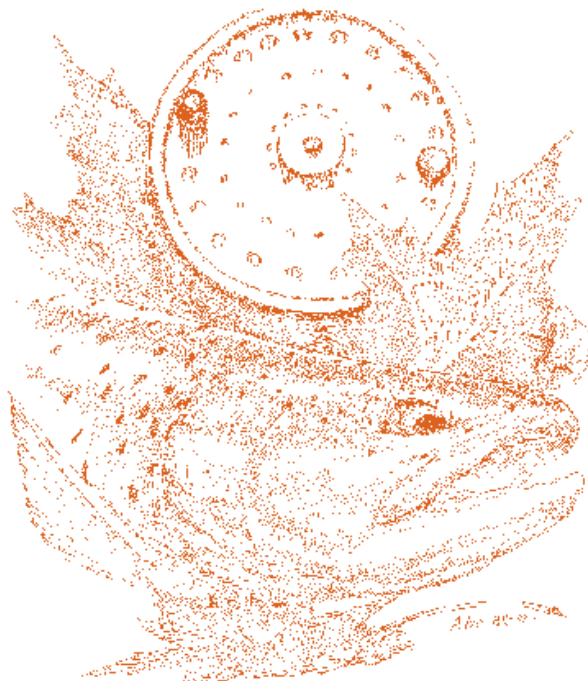
In addition to our program in Long Beach, in California there are now programs in West Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, Livermore, and Napa Valley, with programs getting underway in San Diego and Sacramento. Requests for information about starting additional programs continue to come in. Volunteers in Southern California worked together to staff booths at two fly fishing shows and will have a booth at the Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic in March.

Our program at the Long Beach VA Healthcare System is thriving. Dedicated and multi-talented Long Beach Casting Club volunteers have worked with about 100 disabled veterans with a variety of physical and mental disabilities. Currently, a group

of veterans is building rods that will be entered into a national contest with prizes of free fishing trips. A majority of these veterans have occupational therapy in the VA's Lapidary Workshop, so some of these rods are likely to be very creative. There is another group waiting to learn to build rods, and yet another waiting for fly tying classes. And, of course, they are all eager to learn the basics of fly fishing and go fishing.

The Long Beach PHWFF program was the cover story of the December 12 issue of THE BREEZE, the VA employee newsletter, and was included in an article in CALIFORNIA FLY FISHER magazine. Outdoor writer Deborah Weisberg has already published an article about PHWFF and is working on an article about LBCC's rod building classes now.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is unique in that it is a long term program. In addition to teaching fly fishing, casting, tying and rod building, we are forming relationships and providing support in a number of ways. It has been tremendously rewarding for all of us. If you would like to volunteer to help, or to make a donation, please contact me at 714-731-6044.



Long Beach Casting Club Trips 2009

BETTYE SWART, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Thanks so much, Mark Flo, for a wonderful club trip to the Lower Owens. Over 35 members celebrated with pizza and beer on Saturday night and I heard that Friday night was just as crowded. As we drove up, I wondered if I should have brought my skis instead of my fishing equipment. Snow and rain was on the menu and calls ahead to some of the early club members fishing Bishop on Friday said it was so cold on the river that I thought ice fishing would be the norm. From all reports members had success. Bishop fly fishing in the winter is not to be missed. I am not sure which is more fun, the members we fish with or the fish we catch and release, anyway I had a great time.

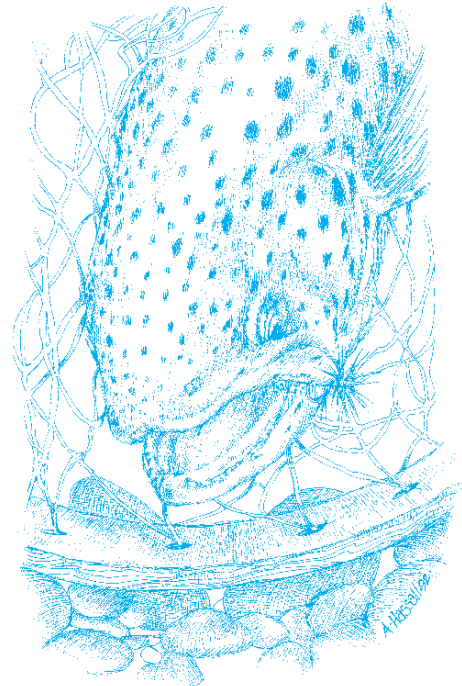
If you didn't want to drive to Bishop to fish with us then come join us for the upcoming trips. Please note that the Newport Bay Bass Tourney has been changed to Sunday March 29th.

Club Trips for 2009

March 11	Pre-Trip Meeting – Newport Bay Bass Tourney at 7: 00 pm
March 29	Newport Bay Bass Tourney – Oceankeeper: Matt Rickerd
April 29	Pre-Trip Meeting – Green River at 7:00 pm
May 10–14	Green River Trip – Streamkeepers: Yash Iseda, Dan Rivett & Jeff Sadler
June	Mammoth Stillwater Float Tube & Stream Trip
July	Brookie Bash

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

Here fishy, fishy.....



Owens River Trip #2

MARK FLO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Friday, February 6 through Sunday the 8, the Long Beach Casting Club made their annual winter trip to Bishop and the Owens River. The snow covered mountains made for spectacular scenery and chilly casting. We had 30 or so members in the area fishing from the Owens Gorge and the Pleasant Valley Reservoir down to West Line Street. Some reports of 50 fish days were made in the SECRET locations. Allen and Judy Ross have been sworn to secrecy for the rest of their lives, so do not ask!

We had 20 folks show up at The Yamitani Japanese Restaurant Friday night and over 30 at The Pizza Factory for salad, pizza and beer Saturday night.

I would like to thank Bettye Swart for putting together a great trip, and Yash Iseda for all his help at the Pizza Factory. Honorable mention to Jeff Gross for his float tubing lessons for the Sierra Sisters.

ALASKA '09

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\$870

LOWER PRICES!!!

Week One: August 7-14th

Week Two: August 14-21st

Basic Package Cost: Food, Lodging and
Share of the car rental for a week.

Jerry has lowered the cost of the trip, which should be great fun for all of us. The cost is for a week of food and lodging at the Bunkhouse will be \$110 per day, or \$770 for a week. Since the trip is "self guided", the cost of the week will depend on what you decide to do.



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.

What will hold your spot is a deposit of \$200, made out to Coffman Cove Bunkhouse, and mailed to Mike Allen, and it has to be first come, first served.

Design your Week: Extras

- Charter \$200/day
- Skiff \$45 each person
- Fishing kayak \$45
- Fly Fishing—covered

Pond Cleaning

MARK LIPE, CAPTAIN

I am always grateful for the individuals who 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 out of the pond. Regardless of their preferences, everyone works hard and has a good time.

On January 25th, a dedicated crew of Joe Austin, Bill Boehlert, Marv Dworzak, Mark Flo, Yash Iseda, Jay Jones, Frank Kropacek, Colin Kumabe, John Lincoln, Thea Lincoln, Mark Lipe, Gerry Marotta, Dennis Martinez, Bob Middo, Rod Pabst, Dan Rivett, Andy Stillittano, and Mark Tsunawaki joined me as we cleaned the pond in 90 minutes. This was one of the fastest crews ever! When you see the individuals, please express your gratitude.

Come join us for our next pond/clubhouse cleaning which is scheduled for Sunday, March 1st at 7:30 AM. Coffee and donuts will be served. For those of you who utilize the casting pond on weekends, I will be draining the pond late Saturday afternoon on February 28th.

Please join us! It is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the Long Beach Casting Club.



LBCC Clubhouse Lease Extension: Deal Highlights

RICK HILLES, PRESIDENT

As you may recall the City is our landlord and has ownership of the clubhouse as part of Recreation Park.

- ❖ We agree to pay for our own utilities: the cost of our electricity and a water fee to offset the cost of our use of water in the pond and clubhouse. But the utility costs will not become effective until 2013.
- ❖ Our lease which provides for our exclusive use will now expire in 2033 and we will continue to pay a nominal rent of \$1 per month.
- ❖ The city has designated a specific foot print (leasehold adjustment) surrounding the club house and pond for the use of the club; no other activities (such as the dog park) will encroach upon the area.
- ❖ We get credit for the improvements to the club house we have made and will make, e.g. fire alarm system.
- ❖ We also agree to notify the city of our educational activities and workshops so they can include them in the activities listing and programs offered by the park.

Fly of the Month: Para-Tilt

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

The last 10 years has seen a tremendous increase in the number of mayfly emerger patterns. Emerger patterns are intended to take advantage of the vulnerable stage in the brief life of many of the most abundant and popular mayfly species when the insect is not yet an adult nor is it still a nymph. At this point it is helpless as struggles to free itself from its nymphal case in or just below the surface film and the fish key their feeding to take full advantage.

The Para-Tilt is Bob Quigley's solution to imitating this most effective phase of a mayfly's life. This pattern's name tells you exactly what is intended—to use a parachute hackle to support the front half of the fly in the surface film while the marabou tail allows the back half to tilt down below the surface. It is a great pattern that was created to fool those persnickety fish on the Fall River and Hat Creek and works equally well on the Henry's Fork, the Missouri River as well as our local streams like Hot Creek or the Owen's River.

The colors selected for the pattern listed below are intended to represent a Pale Morning Dun. You should modify the colors to match the species of mayfly that occur on the waters that you fish.

The Para-Tilt is an effective and simple pattern to tie and use. Be sure to have a few in your box the next time you find yourself working over difficult trout.

Materials for tying the Para-Tilt:

- Hook: Standard dry fly hook of your choice in sizes 8 through 20
- Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 in a color to blend with the fly
- Tail: 3 or 4 marabou fibers dyed ginger or tan
- Body: Pale yellow dyed hare's ear or mask dubbing
- Ribbing: Fine gold wire
- Wing: Elk hair either natural or dyed gray
- Hackle: Ginger, dry fly quality

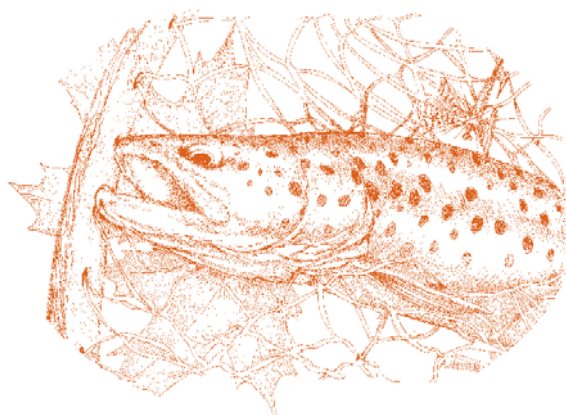


Instructions for tying the Para-Tilt:

- 1 Attach the thread at the mid-point of the hook and wind evenly forward to a point just short of the headspace. Select a clump of elk hair about the size of a pencil and remove all of the basal hair and short hairs. Even the tip ends in a hair stacker and tie in the wing by the tips. Post the wing tilting forward at a 45° angle.
- 2 Select a hackle that is about one size smaller than normal. Tie in the hackle just behind the wing and with the dull or concave side forward. Make sure that a short section of bare stem is exposed.

Remember that this helps to keep fibers from going in all different directions when you start to wind the hackle.

- 3 Wind the thread back to the bend of the hook. Tie 3 or 5 fibers from a marabou plume. The fibers should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the shank and therefore a slightly shorter tail than normal. Tie in the wire ribbing along the back side of the hook.
- 4 Apply dubbing to the thread and wind it forward to the wing. The dubbing should appear a little rough and "spiky" and not smooth. Wind the wire ribbing about 4 to 5 turns in the opposite direction of the body and tie it off.
- 5 Wind the hackle about 3 to 5 turns depending on the size of the fly. Remember to start wind the hackle high and spiral down to the shank with each wrap immediately below the



preceding one. Tie the hackle off securely. Apply a very small amount of dubbing to the thread and wind 1 or 2 turns in front of the wing but not into the headspace. Form a small head and whip-finish.

- 6 Trim the height of the wing so that it is approximately the gap of the hook tall. Apply cement to the head and also a very small amount where the base of the wing meets the top wrap of the hackle.

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Calendar of Events

March

1	Sunday	7:30 AM	Pond Cleaning
2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying: Yash Iseda on the Zebra Midge
4-8	Week		Fred Hall Show
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: Lecture
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
8	Sunday	7:30 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games
10	Tuesday	1:00 PM	PHW: Fly Fishing 101 at VA Hospital
		7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying: John Van Derhoof on the Halo and Bend Backs
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: Lecture
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Newport Bay Tournament
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
13	Friday	6:00 PM	Simon Gawesworth Spey Clinic
17	Tuesday	1:00 PM	PHW: Fly Fishing 101 at VA Hospital
		7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying: Joe on Understanding and Working with CDC
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
21-22	Weekend		On The River Clinic: Trip
22	Sunday	7:30 AM	Club Trip: Newport Bay Bass Tournament
24	Tuesday	1:00 PM	PHW: Fly Fishing 101 at VA Hospital
		7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying: Jeff Sadler on 64 Ways to Tie the Same Fly
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: Matt Rickerd or Ian Walker to be announced

April

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
7	Tuesday	10:00 AM	PHW: Fly Fishing Classes at VA Hospital
		7:00 PM	Advanced Fly Tying: Matt Rickerd or Ian Walker to be announced
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
12	Sunday	7:30 AM	Pond Cleaning
14	Tuesday	10:00 AM	PHW: Fly Fishing Classes at VA Hospital
		7:00 PM	Casting Clinic Orientation
15	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Casting Instructor's Workshop
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
18	Saturday	5:00 PM	Awards & Installation Banquet
21	Tuesday	10:00 AM	PHW: Fly Fishing Classes at VA Hospital
		7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
28	Tuesday	10:00 AM	PHW: Fly Fishing Classes at VA Hospital
		7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 1st Night of Casting
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Green River
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting

May

4	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters Clinic
		7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 2nd Night of Casting
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
10-15	Week		Club Trip: Green River Trip
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 3rd Night of Casting
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
17	Sunday	7:30 AM	Pond Cleaning
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 4th Night of Casting
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced

Awards & Installation Dinner

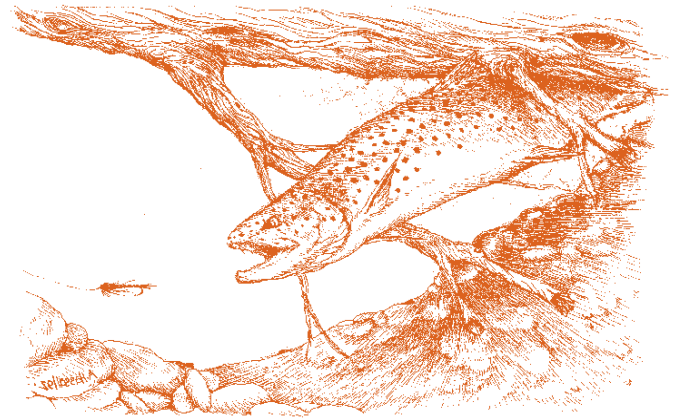
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Each year the Long Beach Casting Club commemorates the highlights of the previous 12 months at the Awards and Installation Dinner. We will hand out awards for service and casting, thank the current Board of Directors for their efforts and welcome and install the new Board of Directors that will provide leadership for the coming year. Oh, and there's that other award, the JA Award. Who's the poor soul going to be this year?

This year's event will held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Long Beach Casting Club and will start at 5:00 PM. The entree will be Lasagna, garlic bread and beverages provided by the club. The remainder of our meal will be Pot Luck: for appetizers (if the initial of your last name is A to H); salads (I to P) and desert (Q to Z). The cost will be \$5.00 per person. A great price for an evening with friends.

Please complete your reservation form below and send it along with your payment or, simply give it to Rick Hilles down at the club.

Join us!



Membership Requests

MARK FLO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Buzzy Geist from Fullerton
- ❖ Jim Carpenter from Santa Ana
- ❖ Tomas P. Smith from Alhambra
- ❖ Steve Casas from Hermosa Beach

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

AWARDS & INSTALLATION DINNER

❖ Saturday, April 18, 2009 ❖ 5:00 pm at Long Beach Casting Club ❖

I plan to attend the Dinner

Name: _____

Number of people including myself: _____ Check enclosed for: \$_____

I plan to bring a potluck for: an appetizer (A-H): _____ ; a salad (I-P) _____ ; a desert (Q-Z) _____

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