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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line ...

### Mornin'! Any Luck? Anything Rising?

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

There are any number of words to begin a conversation. In this, my first LEADER'S LINE article, the words that seem most appropriate are to the outgoing board: *"Thank you very, very much for months of dedication and hard work."*

#### LOOKING BACK

There is no instruction manual for surviving a fire and rebuilding an icon. Trial by fire is no cliché.

An outstanding group effort made the difference between having the pristine clubhouse we enjoy today and perhaps not having one at all. I'll never forget Rick Hilles' first words to me after the fire, "We'll rebuild. No question about it." The club might have been down, but it certainly wasn't out.

We never missed a monthly meeting, and even the fly tying class, which was affected first and most severely, continued, thanks to Project Healing Waters and the VA hospital folks who loaned us a room. Fortunately, ponds don't burn, so as the daylight hours grew longer, the casting classes began on schedule, undaunted by the intrusion of a chain link fence and rest rooms lighted by extension cords and bare bulbs. Thank you board of directors, instructors, committee chairs and so many others, who stepped up to the plate so we

could carry on, rebuild and restore a clubhouse that is the envy of fishing clubs nationwide.

#### LOOKING FORWARD

To the incoming board, thanks for stepping forward. Seemingly a diverse group, they have two common traits: first, they dearly appreciate the Club, and second, they know how to make things happen. These are men and women who prefer to ride in the cab so they can see where they're headed, rather than in the caboose observing where they've been.

The new board includes *four* past presidents and collectively has logged an astonishing 121 Club years! Rick Hilles and John Van Derhoof have moved to the Junior and Senior Director slots. Dan Rivett and Mark Tsunawaki are returning in the roles of Captain and Membership Secretary. That's 64 years of experience right there. What terrific institutional memory we'll have!

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Returnees also include Nani Blyleven as Corresponding Secretary and Frank Kropacek who returns as Recording Secretary. Rich Garrett who has been Treasurer for five years is moving to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Newcomers include two very enthusiastic additions. Joe Gustaff, a CPA, is taking over as Treasurer and Bill Boehlert is becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Both joined the club in 2006 (it was a very good year) and have taken the casting and fly tying classes. Both are upbeat and have made a concerted point to come up to speed since accepting the nomination. It is a privilege and an honor to be part of such a venerable organization.

**LOOKING AT OUR ROOTS**

Though I'm constantly awed by the sheer crush of knowledge within the Club, it's not the knowledge that makes the Club so revered. It's how much we share it. With a purpose of educating members and the general public, the Club is exceptionally generous with its knowledge. How unusual is that—an organization that gives instead of takes? Fortunately the Club's mind set not only endorses our mission but practices it as well. It's something that's carried out on the pond, in the classroom and on the stream. It comes into play at the VA Hospital and in Target Talk. It's easy to share knowledge. Just reach in to your fly box and share something appropriate. Or show a youngster a drag free drift, or point out a promising seam.

A wise man once said, "What you keep you lose, but what you give away you keep forever." If we accomplish one thing this year, let it be to grow our generosity.



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# Das Pedal Boat

**RICH GARRETT, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**Y**ou're in for a treat. At the May meeting, through the magic of video, first-hand story telling and a little vicarious imagination, you will find yourself floating and fishing in some of the world's most scenic fishing locations. Mike Allen will premier the best 47 minutes out of 65 hours of kayak fishing adventure footage in a program never before shown to the public.

Through his long association with Hobie Alder (of Hobie catamarans, surfboards and kayaks), Mike will tell us about some awesome fishing in places most of us have never even considered, for fish we've never even heard of.

Here's a chance to see what the fishing is like in such venues as:

**Australia:** Fresh and salt water, with a diverse catch in salt, plus big fresh water barramundi.

**France:** Fresh and salt water. Pike and largemouth bass in fresh water, sea bass in salt.

**Holland:** Fresh water big pike.

**South Carolina:** Largemouth and small mouth bass with Hank Parker.

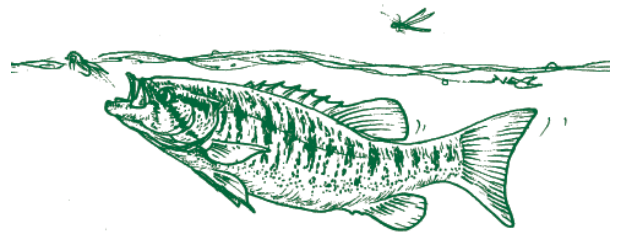
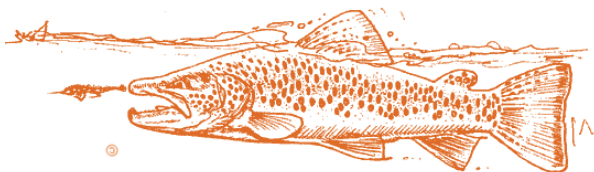
**Louisiana:** Red fish to 12 lbs. in the salt and largemouth bass in the fresh water.

**Alaska:** Fresh and salt water - Coho to 15 lbs. and halibut too.

**Mexico:** Calico and yellowtail to 35 pounds.

**California:** Lower Owens, hooping for lobster, calico and halibut at Dana Point.

Anyone who's game for some sooty grunter fishing, show up on May 28.



## Fisherman's Spot and Hardy to Hold a 3-Day Open House

**MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT**

**A** three day fly-tying, product showcase and vintage reel evaluation and swap meet will happen May 1-3 at the Fishermen's Spot, Van Nuys.

- ❖ On Friday night, May 1, 2009, Hardy representative Jon Shaner will conduct an intensive traditional English wet fly tying class, teaching techniques that go back to the original fly fishers in the late 1400s. Shaner says, "Old British patterns will work on the Test, the Itchen or California's Hot Creek, Owens and Fall rivers." The British wet fly seminar begins at 6:30 PM.
- ❖ The Saturday program showcases all that's new from Hardy for 2009. New rods and other tackle will be available for hands-on evaluations from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- ❖ The Sunday program will feature vintage Hardy reels dating from the late 1800s. You can bring your vintage gear to be evaluated by the experts, show off your collectable tackle or trade with other vintage gear collectors from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

To pre-register for the British wet fly tying class, phone 818.785.7306. The store is at 14411 Burbank Blvd., Van Nuys.

## Upcoming Club Trips

**BILL BOEHLERT, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Here is a listing of Club Trips and their Pre-Trip Meetings. Please note that some of the trip dates have yet to be determined, so stay tuned to the Club's website for updates at [www.longbeachcastingclub.org](http://www.longbeachcastingclub.org).

These outings are a lot of fun, a great way to fish new areas, meet your fellow club members and learn more fishing techniques.

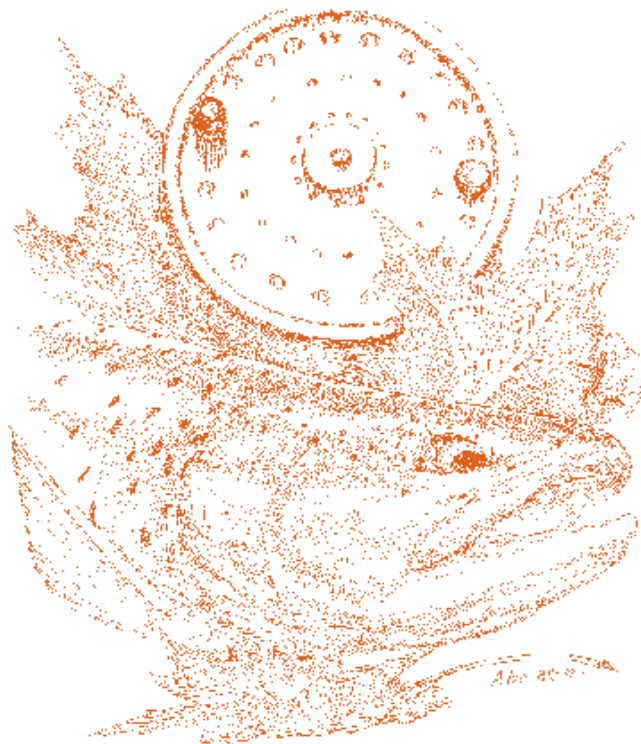
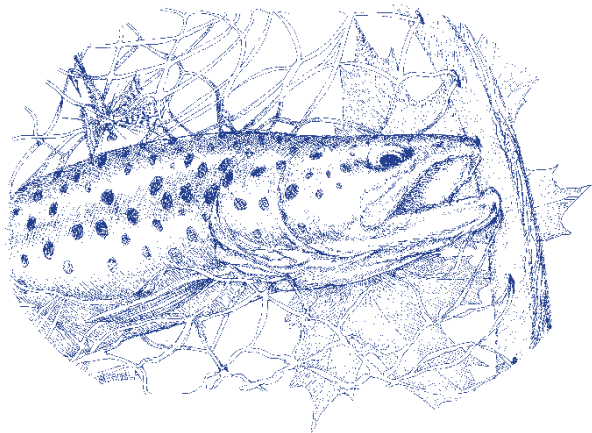
Each outing has a Pre-Trip Meeting hosted by a Streamkeeper a week or two prior to the trip. At this meeting information about the trip such as flies, locations to fish and accommodations will be shared with those wishing to attend.

I look forward to seeing you on the water!

### 2009 TRIPS TO DATE

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| April 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Pre-Trip Meeting; Green River at 7:00 PM                                 |
| May 10-14 <sup>th</sup> | Green River Trip<br>Streamkeepers: Yash Iseda, Dan Rivett & Jeff Sadler. |
| June                    | Mammoth Float Tube and Stream (to be announced)                          |
| July                    | Brookie Bash (to be announced)   |

And on and on.....



## Soul Food

**MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT**

When three of *our* vets won top honors at the National Project Healing Waters Rod Building Contest, they couldn't have been happier. They earned a fishing trip of a lifetime and undoubtedly experienced more self confidence than they've felt in years.

But the joy doesn't stop with the vets. I burst my buttons just hearing about it and can only imagine how it felt for Carole Katz, Jeff Sadler, Joe Richter, Al Ross, Stan Holden, Clark Rector, and Mark Tsunawaki—the ones who actually taught and guided the project. Everyone involved came out a winner, including the Club.

Amazing how lending a hand can feed the soul.



# Project Healing Waters

CAROLE KATZ, NATIONAL TRUSTEE

**D**id you see Project Healing Waters on Larry King Live on April 9? Ed Nicholson, our founder, was nominated to be a CNN Hero and he was interviewed by Larry King. There are several videos about Ed and PHWFF on the CNN Heroes website in the “2009 Nominees” section. Check it out!

Eight disabled veterans at the Long Beach VA Healthcare System participated in a two-month-long national Project Healing Waters rod building contest. Free rod building kits and camouflage rod tubes were provided to every contestant. Judging took place at Hook & Hackle in Pennsylvania, where Long Beach vets won three of the top six places and were offered a choice of free week-long trips to a variety of destinations this summer!

Robert won third place in the special category for those with arm or hand disabilities, while Jesse and Carol were first and second in the “able-bodied” category. Robert selected a drift boat trip on the Kennebec River in Maine. Jesse chose an outing to Sheep Mountain Lodge on the Clark Fork River in Montana, and Carol is going to Ketchikan, Alaska. These three also received a reel and line.

Jeff Sadler, Stan Holden, Mark Tsunawaki and Alan Ross were the rod building instructors who kept the classes fun and informative. All the instructors and participants did a great job.

Immediately after rod building ended, Joe Richter organized a series of “Fly Fishing 101” classes that covered basic information on equipment, knots, and fishing. These were followed by casting classes that will be ongoing for the next month or two.

Our first overnight fishing outing took place April 9–11 in Bishop. Two of the veterans with mobility issues fished with guide Pat Jaeger from a drift



boat, while the other seven fished one-on-one with club members. Everything they needed—waders, wading boots, vests, socks, long johns, tools, flies, etc—was donated. The Creekside Inn gave us a very generous discount on rooms, Pat donated a day of guiding, BBQ Bill’s gave us a big discount on lunch, and several volunteers made donations, all of which allowed us to provide a great outing for nine grateful disabled veterans.

Everyone caught fish and some caught quite a few. We rotated the volunteers and vets three times so that each vet was able to experience different techniques. Volunteers who made this trip a huge success were Dennis Martinez, Joe Richter, Clark Rector, Al & Judy Ross, Jeff Sadler, Mark Tsunawaki and Jeff Katz. The celestial committee in charge of weather was exceedingly kind. Although we were surrounded by ominous clouds all day on Friday, we stayed dry and warm. During the night it rained in Bishop, and, on Saturday morning, the surrounding mountains were covered with snow. It was a beautiful scene for a glorious trip.

This club is blessed with many generous and caring members. Many have given of their time, talent and resources to make the Long Beach Project Healing Waters program one of the best known and finest in the entire country. That is no exaggeration.

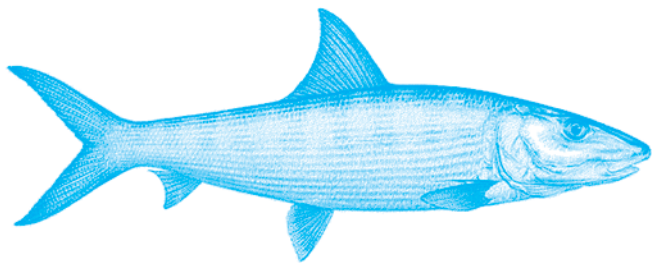
We anticipate a new series of tying classes, another rod building class, and ongoing casting classes. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please contact me at 714-731-6044.

# The Flats Addiction

RICK HILLES, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

You probably have noticed the obvious symptoms. A group of people in the club who practice with 7, 8 and 9 weight rods, try to hit a moving target (a stick dragged through the pond with a spinning rod), do a flats casting game that emphasizes accuracy, distance and minimum false casting.

They conduct 'knot wars' to settle arguments about the merits of a double surgeon's vs. a uni-knot, vs. a perfection loop vs. a non-slip mono knot. They know how to milk a trip for all its worth; they talk incessantly about either their last one or their plans for the next one.



They refer to themselves as the Xcalak ('ishcalak') Adventurers because they insist on going to a god forsaken little fishing town some 200 miles south of Cancun. A town that sits near the longest reef in the northern hemisphere and next to the Bay of Chetumal, home to bone fish, permit, tarpon, jacks, barracuda, snook and various other denizens of the flats.

In their demented condition, they forsake the comforts of home to travel to Mexico, risk getting kidnapped or shot or skin cancer or just plain lost back in the mangroves all because of their addiction to flats fishing. Why do they do it? I don't know. Addictions are irrational things.

As one of the group (Ron Finney, Doug Smith, Rich Garrett, Marv Dworzak and Bill Beam) I thought I'd share some of my notes about our



last trip which was my seventh.

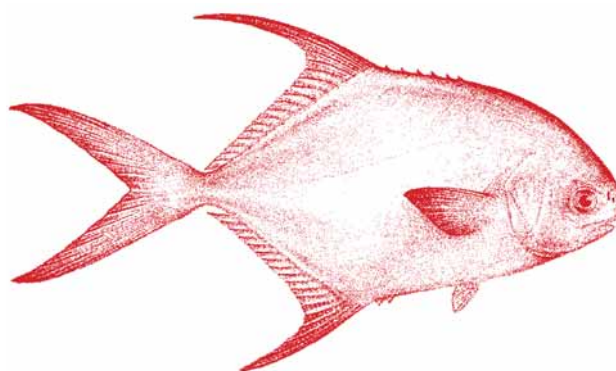
## XCALAK NOTES & TRAVELOG

**Friday March 20 to Sunday March 29, 2009**

This was a good trip; we had plentiful opportunities for catching permit, tarpon, bonefish, barracuda. Bill, Doug and Rich each caught three permit. Doug caught one big (42in) barracuda. Our fishing partner rotation worked out well. Our guides work their hearts out to get us to the fish.

The flats fishing experience is the best; I never fail to enjoy the beauty of the water, flats, jungle; the color saturation, the sunlight, the quiet, the intensity, the tedium and boredom of the hunt, the camaraderie of friends, the sky, the wind, the town, the food, the Xcalak people, the drinks and the cigars. Oh yes, then there is the adrenaline rush of trying to land a big salt water game fish. Just ask Bill about that 20 minute fight he had with a Jack. The Jack won...this time.

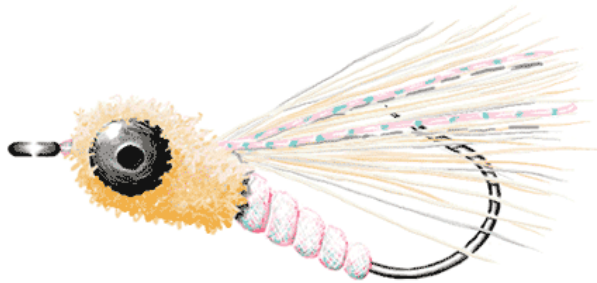
**General:** We need to prepare to get the



requirements for permit fishing 'just right': the fly, the tippet (10-12lb fluoro), the leader (12 ft)

permit or bone fish (not airflow), the knot (non slip mono or triple surgeons), the rod and line (8, 9 or 10), the presentation (the cast ahead or beside the school or into it if the fish are feeding; the slow strip). We must be in shape to search (all day), sight (see the school identified by your guide), stalk the fish (exit the boat quickly and chase over a coral, muddy bottom).

Permit fishing: often requires snap casting which relies on muscle memory; there is just no time to think. You tell yourself to remember to keep your rod tip up, make your stops, haul, strip strike. Then



the instant comes and it all boils down to reflex performance. We saw many schools, several big schools; we made many casts, some very good ones but it was so difficult to get those fish to take the fly.

**Flies:** We didn't do the smart thing: we didn't screen the bottom and collect crab specimens that would have provided us with proper fly selection and with models for future crab patterns. We will do it next time.

We did have success with Jose's Chetumal Crab: size 4 hook, green thread, yellow barbell eyes, 4 white rubber legs with black and green dots, tan crab fur body about the size of a quarter, rubber ribbon claws, mono black eyes, mouth with rubber leg with orange tip and flash and hair. We also had success with Mark Cowan's Modified Merkin.

**Casting:** The casting challenge: casting accurately

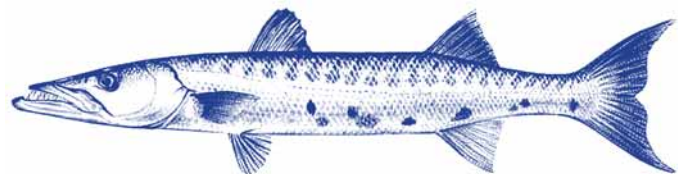


to a moving target at 60 feet in a 20 mph wind while standing chest deep in the water. Practice, practice, practice...

**Fishing spots:** We fished the upper sections of the bay, we stalked permit on the flats near Punta Maya, we pursued tarpon back in the rivers and fresh water lakes (lagunas) and even into the Belize marine reserve (with permission). We added to our knowledge of places we can fish on our own.

**Barracuda on the fly:** We will do some research on methods; modify the needle fish fly; remember the aggravating strip to elicit a strike. Note the wire tippet with a two turn improved clinch knot works well. Doug and Ron did a great job of preparing how to catch this salt water assassin.

There is much more to talk about than can be addressed in this little article. If you are not too offended by the smell of cigar smoke, you can learn more by hanging out with the guys on



the porch after Tuesday night practice. But be warned: there are other people in the club with the same addiction. You can tell because they occasionally slip away to places like Venezuela, Christmas Island or Belize to get their fix. The problem is you just keep coming back.



# Observations on Permit Fishing

RICK HILLES, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

Somehow catching a permit on the fly eventually becomes a flats fisherman's obsession, perhaps because it's just so difficult to do. Here are some thoughts on how to accomplish one of the toughest "catches" in all of fishing...

## SPOTTING THE QUARRY:

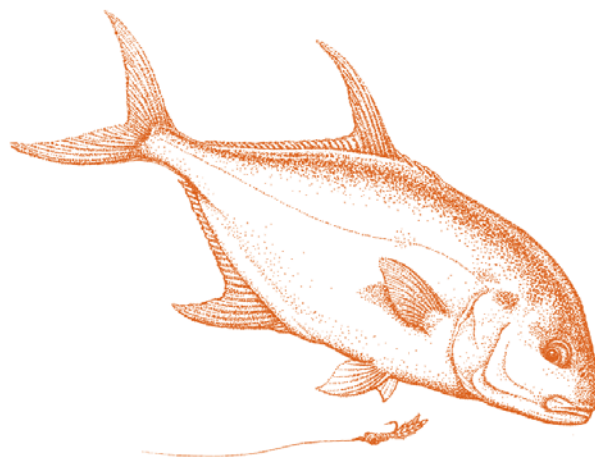
Of course they are tough to see. You are looking for "nervous water" i.e. an atypical water pattern caused by the bulge of a cruising school of fish, or a tail that looks like a small stick waving out of the water when the fish tilts toward the bottom to feed or a flash of silver from the sun glinting off a fish.

## STALKING & CASTING IN DEEP WATER:

Sometimes it takes a long time to find them; you can look all day or even several days without success. It can get tedious and difficult to stay focused. Once the fish has been sighted then the adrenaline kicks in. More often than not the sighting occurs from the boat and the chase is on to close in on the school. But the last 150 feet usually happens while wading because the sound



of the waves lapping on the boat will spook the fish. So you quickly and quietly exit the boat and close the gap to around 60 feet while wading in waist to chest deep water.



## THE WIND AS A CONSTANT FACTOR:

The wind always blows on the flats. You just need to come to terms with it when casting. You only get one or two chances to present your fly, placing it five to ten feet adjacent to a cruising school or two to three feet near feeding fish.

## REJECTIONS:

Even when you do everything right, you get a lot of rejections of your fly, so you get frustrated. This drives you to find the most effective pattern which is usually a Merkin (developed by Del Brown) which is free of adhesives and smelly stuff and which sinks like a crab fleeing for its life.

## PRIMARY & SECONDARY CASTERS:

Usually you fish with a partner and you have primary and secondary casters. The primary guy is going for the fish and working with the guide. The secondary guy stays back, shadows both of them, anticipates the direction of the fish and tries to get a shot if the primary caster gets rejected.

## BEING READY:

Because things can happen so fast, from boredom to panic, you always need to be ready to present the fly. As soon as you have a lapse in concentration or in your equipment, that's usually when all hell breaks loose.

When you have finally had the permit take the fly and you have hooked him with a solid strip strike, well...that's another story.



# Tale of a Trip Gone Awry

E. A. "ED" THOMAS, PAST PRESIDENT

The exact date slips my mind, but sometime in the late 30's or early 40's, a fishing trip was cooked up by Gil Hokanson and R.L. Williams; a former big league ball player. As "R.L." would be returning from a trip to Northern California, it was decided that Gil would take all the fishing gear in his new station wagon (only 1500 miles on it) and that they would meet at Howard's Motel on Lake Crowley and fish in that area.

Gil and "Ma" went up a day before, leaving early in the morning and were settled by nightfall. Gil had plans, but said not one word to anyone about them. At 3:00 am he slipped quietly out of bed, snuck out of the room and into the car. He grabbed a cup of coffee at an all night truck stop and was on his way—around the upper end of Lake Crowley, across Long Valley and over the Owen's to what was laughingly termed a road running back along the far side. The road was mostly holes and ruts.

He found a place to turn off the road and got out, leaving the motor running, radio playing and the door wide open while walking down to the water to listen for any fish rising. He noticed a movement of the car lights and looked back to see the wagon rolling down the bank towards him.

He ran to intercept it but in the dark couldn't see the open door that belted him and knocked him flat! The wheels evidently struck a rock or something and the car took a slight turn to the right and, with the motor still running, radio playing and all lights lit, it gracefully dove into the lake. Gil said the motor quit first, then the radio while the lights were the last to go. Then, there was silence.

Gil said it was so dark he thought he had fainted. There was no moon, no one ever came to that side of the lake—no one knew where he was—he was really alone. Not being a smoker he had no



matches to start a signal fire so there was only one thing left to do and that was walk. It was about 10 miles back to the main highway.

After walking for about 30 minutes, he was amazed to see a pair of headlights coming down the road towards him. Can you imagine what the driver of the car thought when he saw an apparition standing in the middle of the road at 4:00 am? He stopped, listened to Gil's sad tale and, turning around, took Gil back to the motel refusing any payment.

Well, the next thing was to tell "Ma" so Gil woke her up and as gently as possible said "the car's in the lake." She said, WHAT!?, so he said it again whereon "Ma" went into orbit giving Gil what for! When she finally settled back to earth, the next thing she did was to call her son, Jim, and he said he would be there as soon as he could, but to get a tow truck to pull the car out of the lake, which they did. It was now 6:00 am and the tow truck had to come up from Bishop—the biggest truck in the area. Along with the truck came a diver, who did not charge for the dive, but the total was \$125.00 to get the car out of the lake.

*For those of you who remember Ed, I'm sure you will have no problem visualizing him telling this story. For the many of you who never had the chance to meet him, he made the LBCC what it is today with regard to its casting reputation. Ed was a LBCC past president, a many time national casting champion, and a member of the ACA Tournament Casting Hall of Fame. Ed had a gruff exterior, a heart of pure gold and the desire to help anyone better their casting. He was a true classic. —Editor*

# 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

# Your Library is Back

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

A recent generous donation has brought our library up close to 900 volumes; 300 videos and 600 books. I have re-orged the books by:

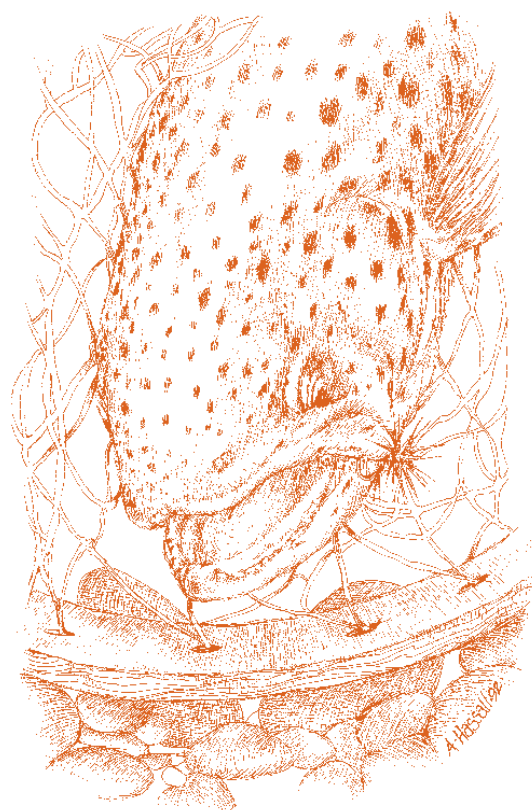
- F** Fly fishing with everybody included including Lee Wulff.
- C** Casting with a dozen of the best modern video instructions—casting should be spelled **K**asting because of **K**reiger and **K**reh.
- B** Rod Building.
- T** Fly tying with LaFontaine, Best, Dennis, etc.
- S** Saltwater.
- D** Destinations – Local to global with five on the Green River.
- L** Literature with MacLean, Gingrich, Gierach, Haig-Brown, Traver and a host of others.

To check out BOOKS, as always, take out the library card, put your name and date and place it in the card box by category.

To check out VHS, CD, DVDs put the title, your name and date on the clipboard.

To return (and some of you are waaaayyyy overdue), place the item in the box so marked.

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| Fishing Books                | LBCC History           |              | Saltwater              |
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## Fly Tying Class Update

MARK TSUNAWAKI, CO-CHAIRPERSON

Beginning Fly Tying classes are now complete. We started with approximately 40+ students and finished with approximately 27 first time students. We had 3 students that had perfect attendance and there were many fantastic fly tiers graduating.

We have also completed the “Second Session” fly tying classes that started Tuesday, March 3 through April 7.

Thank you to all the instructors, assistants, and special thanks to Frank Kropacek, Joe Tanyi, and Mick Woodbury for co-chairing the Beginning Fly Tying class.

See you in October for the next year’s class...



# Fly of the Month: Comparadun & Sparkle Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

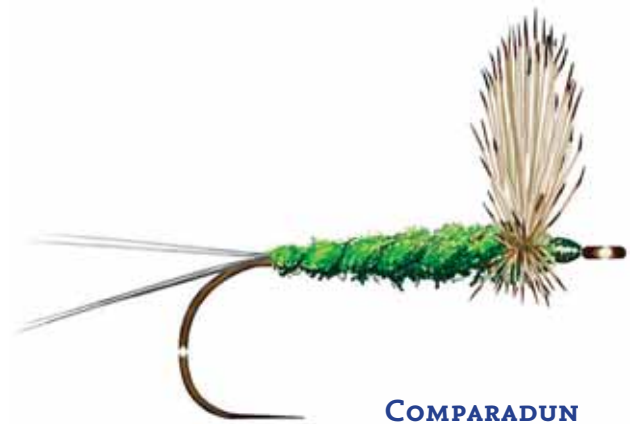
Over the last 30 years few flies have gained a better reputation for catching fish in difficult and selective conditions than Al Caucci's and Bob Nastassi's Comparadun. In smooth water conditions it has proven so reliable, adaptable and durable that I would not consider being without several in the sizes and colors to match the insects that I would expect to find hatching on the water I was fishing.

The Comparadun is a no-hackle pattern that can trace its roots back to Fran Betters' Haystack of the '30s and '40s. The "No Hackle" style of fly was reintroduced by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards in their book *SELECTIVE TROUT* in 1971. Swisher's and Richard's pattern featured duck quill wings that split the body and, though very effective, were difficult to tie and lacked durability—often lasting only one fish. This led to the development of the Comparadun by Caucci and Nastassi and its introduction in their book *HATCHES* in 1975. The addition of deer or elk hair to the wing dramatically increased both the flies' ease of tying, durability and its ability to float. By varying the size, wing, tail and body color any mayfly can be imitated. Also, due to the nature and shape of the wing it can be used for spinner imitations as well as for duns.

In the mid-1980s Craig Matthews and John Juracek, owners of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, presented their Sparkle Dun to the fly-fishing world and thereby extended the versatility of the Comparadun. By replacing the hackle tail with Zelon to match the color of the body, Craig and John created a pattern that imitated a mayfly dun trapped and crippled in its nymphal shuck. This stroke of genius has led many to believe this to be one of the most effective spring creek patterns of all time. Whether it's the Comparadun or the Sparkle Dun, both are outstanding patterns that deserve a place in your fly box.

## MATERIALS FOR TYING THE COMPARADUN AND SPARKLE DUN:

- Hook:** Standard dry fly in sizes 12 to 22 (for sizes 18 and smaller I prefer a ring-eyed hook such as a Tiemco 101 as allows for a wider hook gap)
- Thread:** 6/0 or 8/0 in a color to match the natural
- Body:** Olive dubbing or a color to match the natural
- Wing:** Coastal deer hair or elk calf in natural or dyed colors to match the natural
- Tail:** Hackle fibers in a color to match the natural or Zelon to match the color of the body for the Sparkle Dun



COMPARADUN



SPARKLE DUN

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE COMPARADUN AND SPARKLE DUN:

1. Place the hook in the vise and attach the thread at the bend of the hook and wind forward to the headspace. Stand your wing material up perpendicular to the hide and cut off a bunch about the size of a pencil. Remove all of the short hairs and the basal fluff.
2. Tie the wing in with the tips forward. Stand the wing up and wind a small jam at the base of the wing. The wing should stand about the length of the shank in height and should fan evenly around the upper half of the hook. Wind the thread back to the bend of the hook.
3. Dub a small amount of body material onto the thread and wind one or two turns around the hook creating a small dam to help split the tails. Select 1 to 4 hackle fibers, depending upon the size of the fly, for tying onto the far side of the hook. Place the fibers onto the top of the hook

use thread tension to pull them around to the far side of the shank. Select and equal number of hackle fibers for the near side of the hook. For this place the fibers on the underside of the hook and allow them to be pulled toward you and into position on the near side of the shank.

**NOTE:** If you want to tie a Sparkle Dun do not tie the dubbing dam but simply tie in the Zelon tail. The color should match the body color or be a little lighter and should be equal in length to the body. The Zelon tail should not appear dense but rather light and translucent.

4. Apply more body material to your thread and wind the remainder of the body. The body should taper evenly and increase slightly in diameter the closer you get to the wing and decrease quickly down to the head. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Apply head cement and the fly is complete and ready for the stream. Good luck!

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# MacGyver's Corner

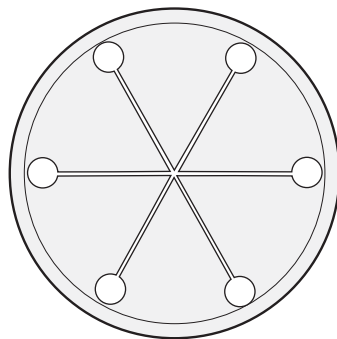
JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Many of you will remember the TV show **MACGYVER** where, every week, the lead character would save the world from certain annihilation using nothing more than his Swiss Army knife or some other common device. While we may not be out saving the world, we all use that same brand of ingenuity in our day to day lives and, quite often, those "MacGyverisms" apply to our fishing and fly tying.

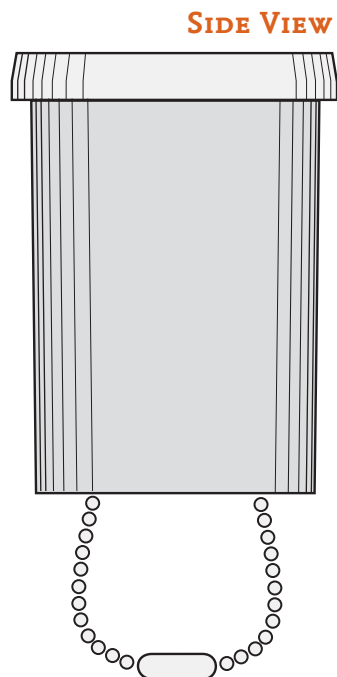
At the suggestion of some Club members Target Talk will include a new feature: "**MacGyver's Corner**". This feature will be a forum to highlight and share the tips, techniques and creations we come up with and share them with club members.

Our first item comes from Yash Iseda who found himself changing leaders on the stream, putting the old one in a vest pocket only to find it missing later. Yeah, we all know how well things disappear from fishing vests during the course of the day.

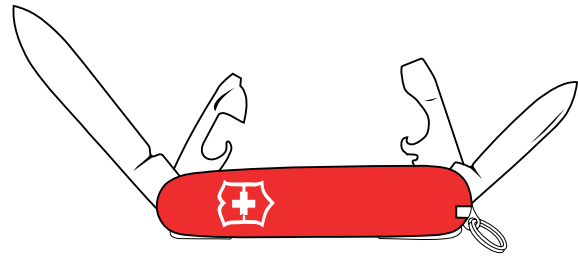
Well, Yash came up with a simple device to solve the problem. Finding a 35mm film canister, Yash used a hole punch to make 6 holes in the lid. He then cut diagonally between opposite



TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW



holes using an X'acto knife (see the diagram) to create 6 pie shaped flaps. Next, he drilled 2 holes in the bottom of the canister and passed a length of bead chain through it so he could secure it to his vest. Now, when he changes out a leader or an indicator he can shove it through the flaps in the lid where it will remain secure until it's needed.

If you have any similar tips or creations please pass them along to me so we can add them to future editions of MacGyver's Corner. You can contact me at [brayton3865@charter.net](mailto:brayton3865@charter.net) or by phone at 562-424-7313.

## Membership Requests

MARK FLO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Mike Fitzgerald from Laguna Beach
- ❖ William McMaster from Costa Mesa
- ❖ Patrick Brown from Long Beach
- ❖ Eric Rettig from Lakewood
- ❖ Robert Ruscitto from Fountain Valley
- ❖ Michael Fleder from Torrance
- ❖ Gary Spencer from Irvine
- ❖ Norman Riggs from Westminster

Club members, please be sure to greet and welcome all our new members at the next club meeting. We wish all of the new members 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](mailto:m.flo@gte.net).



# Calendar of Events

## May

|       |           |          |   |
|-------|-----------|----------|---|
| 3     | Sunday    | 7:30 AM  | Pond Cleaning                                 |
| 4     | Monday    | 10:00 AM | PHW Casting Class                             |
|       |           | 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                   |
| 11    | Monday    | 10:00 AM | PHW Casting Class                             |
| 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           |
| 18    | Monday    | 10:00 AM | PHW Casting Class                             |
| 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: Mike Allen and Kayak Fishing |

## June

|    |           |         |                                     |
|----|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 1  | Monday    | 7:00 PM | Board of Directors Meeting          |
| 2  | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | Casting Games                       |
| 4  | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Activity Night at the Pond: Casting |
| 9  | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | Casting Games                       |
| 10 | Wednesday | 9:00 AM | Conservation Team at San Gabriel    |
| 11 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Activity Night at the Pond: Casting |
| 16 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | Casting Games                       |
| 18 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Activity Night at the Pond: Casting |
| 23 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | Casting Games                       |
| 25 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Monthly Meeting: to be announced    |
| 28 | Sunday    | 7:30 AM | Pond Cleaning                       |
| 30 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | Casting Games                       |

## July

|    |           |         |                                       |
|----|-----------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 | Casting Games                         |
| 8  | Wednesday | 9:00 AM | Conservation Team at San Gabriel      |
| 9  | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Activity Night at the Pond: Casting   |
| 14 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | Casting Games                         |
| 16 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Activity Night at the Pond: Casting   |
| 18 | Saturday  | 5:00 PM | Awards & Installation Banquet at LBCC |
| 21 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | Casting Games                         |
| 23 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Activity Night at the Pond: Casting   |
| 28 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM | Casting Games                         |
| 30 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM | Monthly Meeting: to be announced      |



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