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Target Talk

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Leader's Line ...

Three Buckets

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

What's in your Things-Enjoyed Bucket? Fishing is in mine, along with peanut brittle, happy dogs and the coolness of trout stream shade. Recently I took that bucket to the San Gabriel River with the beginning casting class.

At the rendezvous, I wondered if all those cars could be from the Club—they were. There were some twenty students and about ten members. The group I went out with was quite diverse. Two were good friends who fished saltwater quite a bit, looking forward to taking their ten-year old sons on their first camping trip and doing more fly fishing.

One was a relatively new club member who planned to fish with the group in the morning, camp overnight, and return home on Sunday. Another was a grandfather needing to squeeze two things into the day—fishing and his grandson's little league game. "They're in first place and I can't miss it—well, not all of it."

Another, a retiree, who hadn't fished in 20 years, was taking the class with his daughter. The last adventurer had spin fished for walleye and pike in Canada with his dad. Fly fishing was new and very promising.

"What would everyone like to accomplish today?"

The answer was instant: Learn something and have fun.

During rig up, their questions required the contents of a second bucket, the Knowledge Bucket. (The problem with mine is it leaks. I try to keep it filled, but the content dribbles out or sinks to the bottom where it can't be retrieved quickly). Fortunately, their questions stayed within my bucket's capacity: How do you tie the leader to the tippet? How much tippet should I use? How do you know which are dry flies and which are nymphs? Which fly should I start with? Walking upstream, we stopped periodically to look at the water and point out likely trout habitats. Soon they were pointing out foam lines, eddies and rising fish like experts.

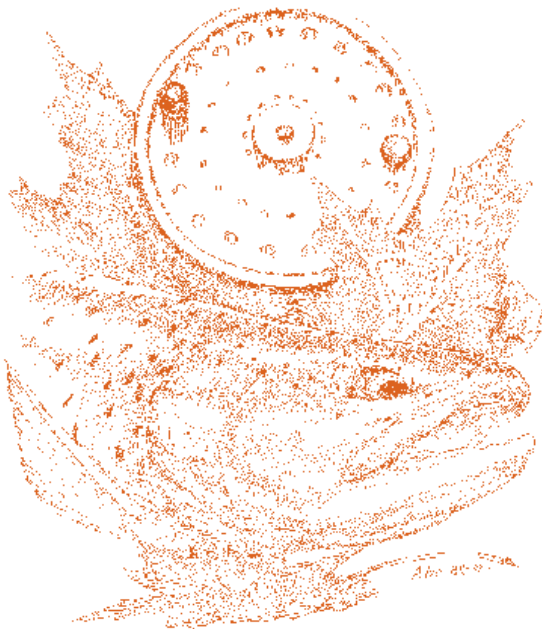
Their casting skills ranged from passable to quite proficient. (Instructors, you did your jobs well.) They didn't need much instruction—a mending demonstration, an application of fly floatant now

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and then, a brief explanation about how too much slack line hinders setting the hook. Soon the skunks started leaving the boat. The trout stayed cooperative all day and by lunch time, everyone had caught at least one fish and most had caught several.

All the anglers agreed they had fun and had learned something. But I think I had the best time of all. Combine what you enjoy with some knowledge and you need a third bucket which is simply called Fun. Mine was full to the brim.



Puffers

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

Just a reminder, there are several ordinances prohibiting smoking within 20 feet of entrances to any public building. Since the clubhouse is located in a public park all of those ordinances apply. Those who enjoy an occasional puff need to keep that distance in mind.

Sorry, but it pretty much removes the porch as smoking areas.

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July's Monthly Meeting: Bob May & San Diego Bay

RICH GARRETT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had an opportunity to participate in the annual TIPS AND TECHNIQUES presentation hosted by Joe Libeu. It seems as though no matter how long we fish, there is always something new to be learned at our monthly meetings—especially the TIPS AND TECHNIQUES presentation.

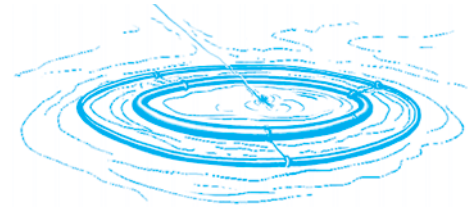
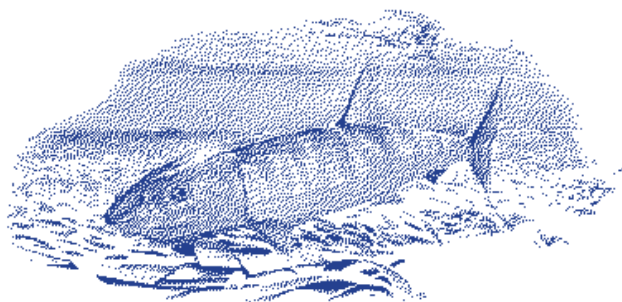
If you happened to pick up any information on Salt Water fly-fishing last month, the July meeting will give you an opportunity to further increase your local knowledge in this exciting area of fishing.

Bob Day of “En the Mosca Adventures” will be giving a presentation on fishing the San Diego Bay. It is always an advantage to have some local knowledge of the area that you plan to fish before you go. Soooooo—this should be a must attend meeting for all of us that plan to go on the club trip to San Diego Bay in August.

Bob will be focusing on the Spotted Bay Bass which he considers to be the primary catch for the area. His talk will also include the Pacific Bonefish and other species.

For those of us in the club that have that passion for the illusive bonefish, this could be an inexpensive alternative to those distant and expensive trips to the flats. Or it could serve as a great way to tune up for that *Other Trip*.

I'm looking forward to seeing this program, hope you will also enjoy it. See you there!



Report from the Pond

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

We are underway with the 2009 Summer Casting Games. The turnout has averaged about 14 casters; however, many more of you are out on Tuesday evenings practicing your casting. I encourage you to make your way over to one of the casting boxes, have your name put on a score card and join the games.

Several benefits await your participation. First, you will be picking up pointers from some of the best casters and instructors around. Next, you will be improving your own fishing skills through accurate casting and if you need confirmation of that check out Carole & Jeff Katz's article about fishing in the Virginia in this edition of Target Talk. Finally, you will be bonding with a group of genuinely friendly and helpful people; other members of our club.

I hope these are enough reasons to convince you to start casting the games, but if not, like Billy May would shout out, “BUT THAT’S NOT ALL, IF YOU START NOW WE HAVE AWARDS FOR CASTING SCORES AT THE SEASONS END, BUT WAIT THERE’S MORE, CASTERS MAY HAVE THEIR SCORES LISTED IN *TARGET TALK*”.

In my June article I mistakenly said that the targets would be out every other week, what should have been said is, the targets will be out every Tuesday evening with the games starting at 7:00 PM.

See you on the pond.

San Diego Bay Jam I

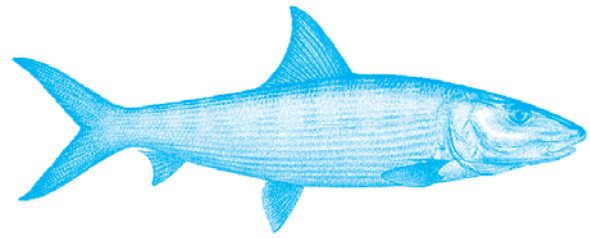
JOE AUSTIN, MEMBER

If you want to try your hand at fishing for a bulldog of a fish (aka: spotted and barred sand bass and kelp or calico bass) then this trip is for you. We will be fishing San Diego Bay, launching from Tidelands Park on the Coronado side of the bay right at the foot of the San Diego Bay Bridge. The inventory of possible fish in the San Diego Bay also includes halibut, yellow fin croaker, mackerel, bonito, corvina (the toothy ones that are similar in appearance to rainbow trout), sculpin (handle with care) and yes the rumors are true, there are real bonefish in the south end of the bay (I have pictures). The latter are certainly within reach of kayaks, canoes and power boats from our proposed launch point.

Tidelands is an easy launch for kayak, canoe, or float tube and because it's somewhat protected there is little worry from boat traffic for a float tube armada. There are several good drop-offs within easy finning range for float tube. Float tubers should keep an eye on the prevailing breeze which blows from Coronado to San Diego, across the bay. If it starts howling then it becomes work getting back to the launch point. Foot traffic is not allowed on the Bay Bridge so I'd discourage any plans of riding the wind to the far side of the bay with the plan of walking back. I'm not sure how well equipped the San Diego taxi fleet is for transporting float tubes and owners and I'm sure that a kayak is out of the question.

WHEN: The weekend of August 7-9, 2009 with arrival in San Diego sometime between Friday, and fishing time on Saturday morning. The fishing will start at Tidelands Park on or about 6:00 AM Saturday (depending on alarm clocks, wake up calls, etc.) and continue on Sunday.

WHERE: Tidelands Park on Coronado at the foot of the San Diego Bay Bridge, first turnoff on the right



after crossing from San Diego to Coronado. Tidelands Park has a large parking area with no parking fee, and there are picnic facilities, restroom and showers.

THE LAUNCH: Easy beach launch from sandy beach, short paddle out to moored boats which mark the start of the fishing grounds. Caution though, stay away from the sailboat named Solitude, white with green trim unless you want to hear a stream of profanity from the lady sailor on-board.

EQUIPMENT, FLIES, ETC.: Suggested rigs: 6 or 8 weight (or even 10 wt.), saltwater compatible, reel quality—inexpensive most fish especially bass are fought by stripping in line not from the reel; sink tip lines as we will likely be fishing in at least 15 ft. of water and even up to 30 ft. at times. Flies will be addressed at the Pre-Trip Meeting. Rental boats are available nearby at Glorietta Bay but the rental company (Seaforth Boat Rentals, www.seaforthboatrental.com/) doesn't open until 8:00 AM. I prefer being on the water at first light as one gets more time fishing before the prevailing westerly winds start picking usually by mid to late morning. There are several places in the San Diego/Coronado area that will rent kayaks but transportation would be required as these stores aren't on the water.

LODGING ETC.: Self-serve, i.e., participants to make their own arrangements for accommodations; There is camping available nearby at Silver Strand State Park (www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=654) or at Camperland in the Mission Bay area about 10 miles north of Tidelands Park. We can discuss group get-together for Saturday night celebrations, etc., at the Pre-Trip Meeting.

PRE-TRIP MEETING: Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 PM at the LBCC Clubhouse

Club Trips For 2009-2010

BILL BOEHLERT, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

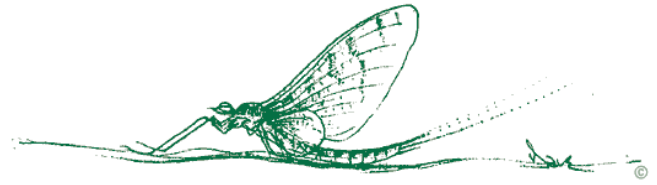
Club trips for 2009 through spring 2010 are almost entirely in place. We have a wide range of locations and fish ready and waiting to test your expertise. For those of you who haven't fly fished the salt, broaden your horizons with us in August, September, and perhaps December.

The question mark is November. Lee's Ferry is tentatively set, but after a long trip to Redding, will anyone be ready for another long trip three weeks later? Mammoth has been suggested as an alternative site. Send me your suggestions at blboehlert@verizon.net or call me at 714-374-6491.

2009-2010 TRIPS TO DATE

DATE	TRIP & TRIP LEADER
July 8	Brookie Bash Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
July 17-19	Brookie Bash with Jeff Sadler
July 29	San Diego Bay Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
August 7-9	San Diego Bay with Joe Austin
September 2	Yards & Inches Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
September 12	Yards & Inches in Huntington Harbour with Kevin Green
October 14	Redding Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
October 21-25	Redding with Bill Boehlert
Nov. 13-15	Lee's Ferry: Trip Leader and Pre-Trip are TBA
December 12	White Seabass Tour Carlsbad with Mick Woodbury: Pre-Trip is TBA
December 30	Lower O. #1 Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
January 8-10	Lower Owens #1 with Dan Rivett
January 27	Lower O. #2 Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
February 5-7	Lower Owens #2 with Yash Iseda
March 10	Newport Bay Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
March 20	Newport Bay Bass Tourney with Mark Tsunawaki

Come join us!



Brookie Bash XII

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Yes, you too can add your name to the Sierra Grand Slam Roster and receive an award of Honor. The first winner was Kevin Anderson (about age 12) in 2005 before we added the cutthroat. Maria Rivas and Dan Rivett are the only five species winners. But you can put:

"YOUR NAME HERE"



Please plan on attending the pre-trip meeting on Wednesday evening, July 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM. There you will receive:

- ❖ Free advice (getting what you paid for)
- ❖ Maps (with secret spots marked).
- ❖ Brookie Basher flies (invaluable and guaranteed).
- ❖ Reservations for the condo (if, and only if, you give me a check for \$100).
- ❖ Meet Tom Tatham (the original Brookie Bash guru—if he shows up).

Prizes galore and honor beyond your wildest imagination tabulated by the Official Tournament Scorer (Sadler). Prizes awarded by Official Tournament Chairman (Sadler). Rules by the Official Tournament Rules Committee (Sadler). Official Counter of Trout: (Sadler.)

The Green, 2009

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Every year is different and 2009 was notable for the consistent all-winter flow of 850 cfs (cubic feet per second) until we arrived when they ramped up daily to 4,300 cfs. This confused us, the guides, but most importantly, the fish. Worry not gentle reader, we still caught some.

Wednesday is Latin for "Windy-day" as we were dam near (near the dam) blown straight off the water, it was scary, but fear not, we still caught some more.

THE GREEN RIVER EIGHT



Yash, Jeff, Carole, Rod, Bob, Dennis, Dick, and Bill

It's very difficult to compete with Yash Iseda when both guide days the first catch was a double, not a boat double, a personal double with Yash landing two fish on one cast. Weird. The old fogey got even over the days. What is really weird is I used the same nymph rig for four days only occasionally changing the top fly. The bottom fly for all of us was the infamous San Juan Worm.

Dick Nuthmann and Bill Potter both received the dreaded "WET FLY" award for falling in. Never mention either farmer's daughters or camels around Bill, he will go on forever. They were the newest to the river and had good and bad days. On the walking days Yash was at their side helping them out, loaning them rods, re-tying rigs and basic casting and mending/tending instruction.



Yash and Bill, "Fish On!"

Bill wanted to take fish home but the limit is 2 under 15" and one over 22". All fish were in between and I would say averaged 16"–18".

The Flaming Gorge Lodge was voted "Best Breakfast" by Rod Pabst and Dennis Swing as they basically vacuumed everything in sight, including fish on Windy-Day when their guide was so mad at the flow and wind it was your basic curse-fest all day. However, it couldn't have been too bad as Dennis and Rod just grinned all evening when you asked how they did.

These two went to Cabela's on the way home and ended up with flat tires on their shopping cart. I'd buy Cabela's stock. So, I gave Dennis a Sailor Ant right over the cruisers. Nice cast, nice drift. Dennis watched a big one sloooowly rise, sloooowly check out the fly and finally sloooowly take. Unfortunately Dennis quickly struck and pulled the fly out of the fish's open mouth. My oh my, words I never heard in church...

CAN THE A-TEAM SURVIVE?

So there I was sitting there minding my own business when I notice that the toilet paper is upside down, meaning it comes out under the roll not over. So I change it. Later in the day Yash asks if I turned it around as he turned it when we first got there. So the great TP war begins. Well on the last minute of the last day I go into the bathroom for the final sabbatical. Yash hears me

yell: “Aaaaarrrrggghh” and he insanely giggles knowing he who gets the last turn wins.

SPECIAL AWARDS SECTION

Carole Blum made the mistake of claiming an obscenely huge number of fish caught. (Not an estimate like “30-ish”) but an exact number claiming the guide counted. Well, we don’t give awards to guides so the A-Team awarded Carole **THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE FISH CLICKER** and she is henceforth required to have the counter in possession. She did very well every day. Carole was inducted into the “Cork Club” which only Green River folk know about.

Bob Blum claimed, and provided photos (ain’t Photoshop wonderful?) of a 22-ish inch Rainbow. Well “ish” is not close enough so the A-Team awarded Bob **THE ROYAL ORDER OF THE TAPE MEASURE**



Bob and Guide and Mr. Bow

REEL. I don’t know how Bob caught any fish with the sun glinting off his teeth due to a perpetual grin competing with the glint off his earring.

LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS, OH MY...

None of the above was sighted but chief guide Boomer says when you float “A” section you may not see a lion but one has probably seen you. For those of us up at 0530, there were about 20 deer



Green River Poster Boy

wandering around our cabins. Deer all over, some elk, mountain goats by the overlook and little fat marmots. One muskrat but no other aquatic mammals. Amazingly, no antelope which are almost always seen somewhere.

NEXT YEAR

The guides and the shop gave us the same advice. Come earlier, like the first week in May. The river ramps up to maintain a “natural” spring flow somewhere between mid to late May. Well we hit it dead-on. I did some research and everyone was correct.

FIRST WEEK IN MAY

TEMPERATURE	PRECIP	FLOW
62° / 37°	¼” one day	820cfs
Blue Winged Olives & midges		

MID-MAY

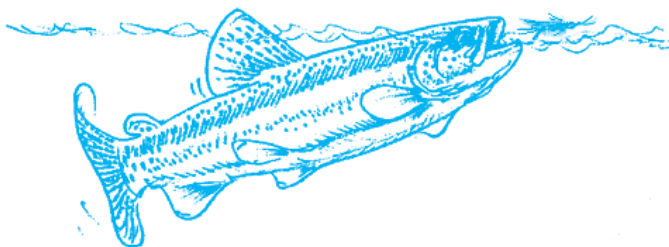
TEMPERATURE	PRECIP	FLOW
65° / 36°	0.0 in	820-3,200cfs
No hatches		

Both are too early for Cicadas which show generally around Memorial Day or later. Wind is a variable, we just happened to hit the “*Howler from Hell.*” So, mark your planner for May 2-7, 2010 and be there or be square.

Fishing Virginia

CAROLE & JEFF KATZ, MEMBERS

Like last year, there was a two week interval between a national board meeting of Project Healing Waters and the Two Fly Tournament in Virginia, so we stayed in the area to fish and sightsee during those two weeks. Several things are apparent when arriving in Virginia. First, there are 400 Civil War sites that pepper the state and seem to be everywhere. Second, everything is *really* green. Third, there is a lot of rain, which explains why it's really green.



We fished the famous Rapidan River in Shenandoah National Park. President Hoover loved fishing this river so much that he built a camp at its headwaters. The buildings in which he entertained the Prime Minister of Great Britain and other foreign dignitaries are still there. This freestone river is home to wild brook trout up to nine inches in length. A road with pull-outs parallels most of the Rapidan to make fishing access very easy, but seeing Camp Hoover involves an uphill mile-long hike from the end of the road. It's worth it. This was dry fly fishing in pocket water with 3 and 4 weight short rods.

Next we fished the freestone Rose River near Syria. Home to browns and rainbows at this elevation, the Rose is known for brook trout higher in the Shenandoah National Park. Sixteen to eighteen inches was the norm, but some were 20 and 21 inches. We had the most success with a variation of a Crazy Charlie, although the Rose River Special

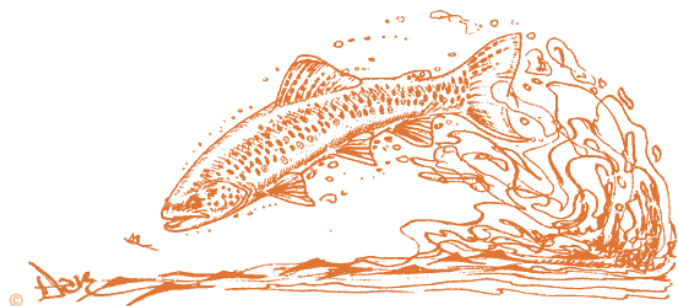
and a green San Juan worm are also productive.

Mossy Creek was one of my (Carole's) favorite fishing spots ever. Through Project Healing Waters, we met Brian and Colby Trow, two very knowledgeable and friendly owners of Mossy Creek Fly Fishing. They got us onto a stretch of Special Regulation Trophy Trout Stream surrounded by private farms that was spectacular. Mossy is a spring creek that is home to *big* trout. It had been raining a lot for several days, so the water was really muddy and we had to cancel plans to bass fish. For two days we used six-weight rods, OX leaders and big streamers to bring in trout up to 24 inches and five pounds. Casting under the overhanging trees where fish were likely to be was challenging, as was reaching the far bank because wading was impossible, but all the casting games practice really paid off.

In the extreme southwestern part of Virginia we fished Little River and Cedar Creek. Both had very high water from all the rain, and, despite an extraordinary caddis hatch one afternoon and a sulfur hatch the other, there was no dry fly fishing at all. Tight-line nymphing without indicators, six weight rods and big leaders were standard. The trout of Cedar Creek get as big as 15 pounds!!! We saw them, but unfortunately didn't hook any.



Nearby, out of Asheville, North Carolina, we fished the famed Davidson River. This very productive freestone river of the Appalachians can get crowded because of its proximity to Asheville, but it is beautiful and home to nice-sized trout. Here



size 24 and 26 flies, very small tippets and short rods are used.

Also out of Asheville, we fished the Watauga River in Tennessee. This is a tailwater fishery that is part of the Tennessee Valley Authority's purview, and the water level is changed frequently by them. While drift boating this river, suddenly the water level dramatically increased in order to let water out of the nearby dams that had reached capacity from the recent rain. This was a little frightening, but it didn't affect the fishing. We were dry fly fishing all day with long casts in the quieter water, and enjoyed a sulfur hatch in the afternoon.

Fly fishermen in the East are spoiled. There are so many places to fish within a short drive. With all the mountain ranges (Appalachian, Shenandoah, Blue Ridge), there are plenty of streams, rivers and lakes with a variety of different conditions and types of fish. At this time of year, the spring flowers and flowering trees were in full bloom, making it a lovely time to be there.

For those of us who are visiting, there are many attractions to see. We spent at day at the Biltmore Estates. With 250 rooms and 176,000 square feet, it is the largest private residence in the country. We toured several Civil War sites, such as Antietam, New Market and Cross Keys, but there are many more we simply didn't have time for. All this on top of Southern hospitality made for a delightful trip. Although it rained 15 out of 17 days, it didn't curtail any of our plans but it does give one a profound appreciation for GoreTex. We hope to do it again next year. Y'all come too!

Your Membership Badges—Beware!

MARK TSUNAWAKI, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Since taking over the Membership Secretary position for the 2009-2010 year, there have been a few major changes. Many of you have been issued new badge numbers, so you have to learn to look somewhere else for your badge. There is now a complete list of the membership and their numbers on the wall in the "Badge Room". There is also a separate board for the Juniors, Guests, and Associate Members and there is a separate cabinet for the Life Members.

While sorting all of the Badges, I discovered many badges missing! Now as you know, I am also an Honorary Member of the Sunshine Committee. You know us as the *Guys* that collect all the quarters and collect all the great stories that you don't really want the membership to find out about. So, out of the goodness of my heart and advice from the other members of the Sunshine Committee, you will have the month of July to get those badges back *without a fine!* There are a few exceptions and you know who you are, but I'll be able to figure it all out because the badges you took home will not match my new spreadsheet.

If for some reason you can't find your badge, just donate the quarter and I will issue a new one.

Also, if you are a new member and have received my *Welcome* letter to Long Beach Casting Club, please try to make one of the monthly meetings to pick up your packets.



ALASKA '09

Y o u ' r e I n v i t e d

\$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

Project Healing Waters

CAROLE KATZ, NATIONAL TRUSTEE

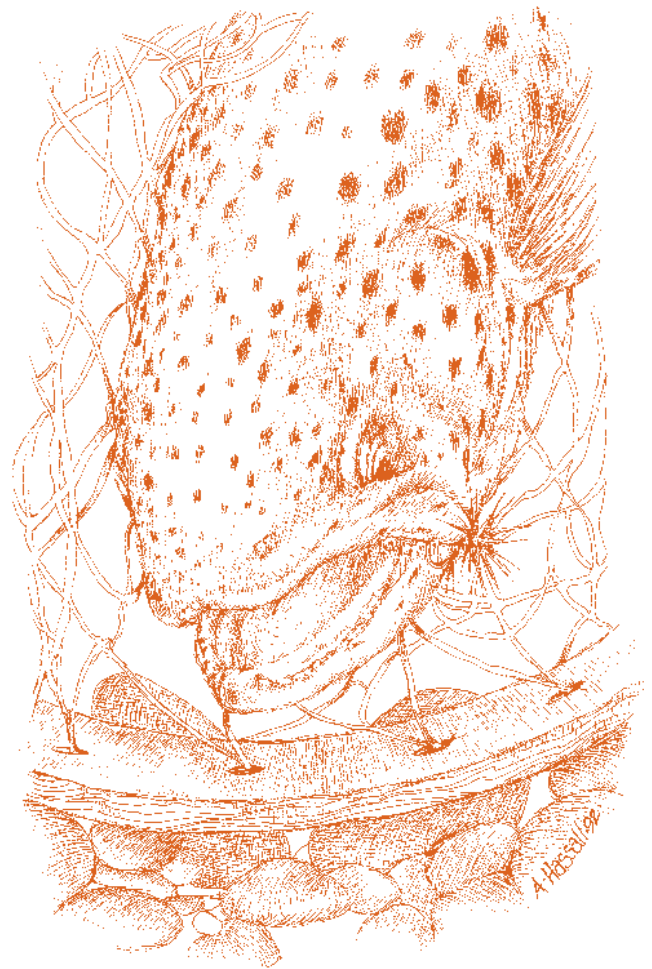
On Monday, June 1 at 9:00 AM, we will be starting a new series of rod building classes and of fly tying classes at the VA that should continue through July. Eight vets have signed up for the rod building class, and we expect at least that many for fly tying. If you would like to help with either of these classes, please call me at 714-731-6044.

On the national level, much has been happening. We have grown to more than 65 programs now, with 12 in Department of Defense hospitals, and 53 in VA hospitals. We had two big spring fundraisers, the Mossy Creek Invitational in April and the Third Annual Two Fly Tournament in May, both in Virginia. Each of these fishing competitions raised more than \$100,000, up 33% over last year's figures despite the current economy. The support and generosity of the fly fishing community has been extraordinary, as has been public support after all the exposure in Reader's Digest, CNN, and others. This successful fundraising permits the national organization to financially support local clubs in terms of equipment purchases and fishing outings, in addition to hosting national destination trips.

Jeff and I competed in the Two Fly Tournament again this year. In addition to older disabled veterans, there were thirty male and female wounded soldiers hospitalized at Walter Reed. One of these young men had lost both legs. Another had lost one leg and had severe injuries to his other leg. One had lost an arm, and another had a serious head injury. The latter caught the largest fish of the day at 21½ inches. The is just a partial list of the heart-breaking injuries, but all of these soldiers are able to fly fish successfully. Joe Humphries joined us this year and was visibly moved while coaching a one-armed caster.

It is a very moving experience to meet and interact

with these men and women. Like the veterans we have been working with at the Long Beach VAMC, these soldiers appreciate so very much what Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is doing for them to aid in their recovery, and the relationships that are being built. You should have seen all the smiles.



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Fly of the Month: Looped-Wing Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

One of the most difficult tasks in fly fishing is determining which fly fish are eating during a hatch. Some waters in this country, like the Henry's Fork or Silver Creek are so well known and documented that you can find lists and charts of mayfly species and other insects that might be hatching on the given day you are there. This dramatically reduces the number of options you are faced with but, unfortunately, is not much help for the rest of the North America.

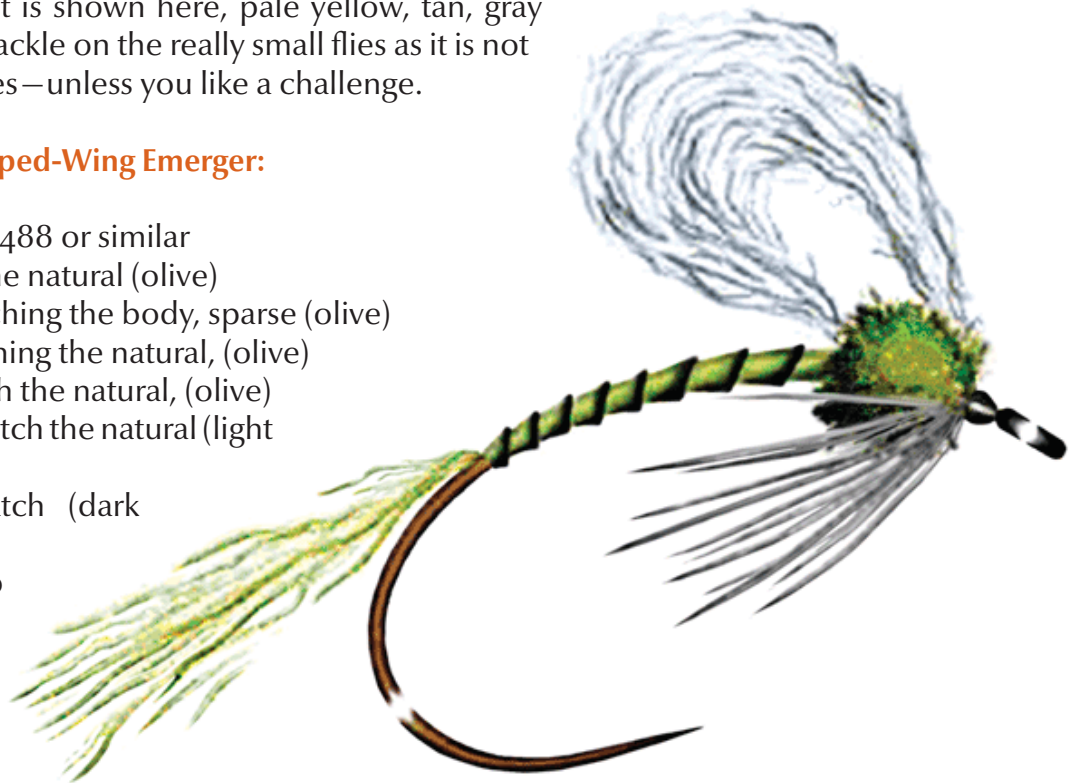
When the life of a fly fisher is tormented with the vagaries of fly selection then, often times, a generic approach should be made. When fish are being finicky something like the Looped-Wing Emerger is an appropriate choice. This pattern performs several functions very well but the two key ones are illusion and universality. It rides low in the water like any good emerger should and gives the illusion of an insect that is trapped in the surface film (meniscus). The materials used in the Looped-Wing Emerger are selected specifically to allow the fly to float with the wing and thorax in the film and with the tail and body below the surface. Even the tail offers the illusion of being either a tail or a shuck still attached to the insect struggling to pull itself free of it.

It is universal in its ability to represent several different types of insects that are available to a fish and not just another mayfly. Mayflies, caddis, midges and even terrestrials—all of these insects could be represented by the Looped-Wing Emerger.

The Looped-Wing Emerger is easy to tie, is durable and quite effective. Tie it in a wide variety of sizes—from 12 down to 20 or even 22's and 24's and in a variety colors such as the olive one that is shown here, pale yellow, tan, gray and black. Leave off the hackle on the really small flies as it is not really needed in small sizes—unless you like a challenge.

Materials for tying the Looped-Wing Emerger:

- Hook: Tiemco 2487 or 2488 or similar
- Thread: Color to match the natural (olive)
- Tail: Zelon fibers matching the body, sparse (olive)
- Body: Goose biot matching the natural, (olive)
- Thorax: Dubbing to match the natural, (olive)
- Wing: CDC plume to match the natural (light dun)
- Throat: Dubbing to match (dark olive)
- Hackle: Dry fly hackle to match (light dun)



Instructions for tying the Looped-Wing Emerger:

1. Place the hook in the jaws of your vise, attach the thread just behind the head space and wind down to the point of the barb. Remove 6 to 10 Zelon fibers for the tail and tie them in. Their length should be the same as the body or a little shorter.
2. Select a long thin biot and tie it in by the tip. Advance the thread forward smoothly to the starting point of the thorax or about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the shank. Wind the biot with a very slight overlap over the body to the start of the thorax and tie it off.
3. Select a good quality CDC plume (2 on larger flies) and tie it in securely by the tip at the start of the thorax. Apply dubbing to the thread for the thorax and wind forward to a point just before the headspace.
4. Grab the butts of the CDC wing and fold the butts forward forming a loop and tie them down at the headspace. To make the process easier use a bodkin in your off hand. The bodkin adds support when folding the fibers over the needle. With a couple of thread loops over the wing to hold it in place, grab the wing and the butts with both hands and slide the wing back and forth a few times. This helps to make the wing look fuller and more natural. Undo one of the wraps at the tie down and re-wrap a couple of turns of thread to secure the wing.
5. Select a good quality dry fly hackle from the butt of the neck. Strip of 12 to 18 fibers from near the tip of the hackle and tie them in as a beard. On larger flies I will fold the hackle, tie it in by the tip and wind 2 or 3 turns with the hackle flowing backwards. Bind them down and trim off the excess. Form a neat, small head, whip finish and apply some head cement and the Looped-Wing Emerger is complete. Now, just add water.

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Welcome Our New Members

MARK TSUNAWAKI, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Board of Directors unanimously accepted the following applications for membership:

- ❖ Dr. Michael and Donna Contino from Newport Beach
- ❖ Noah* and Kento* Fleder from Torrance
- ❖ Brad, Donna, Henry, Andrew*, Wesley*, and Anna* Guske from Montrose
- ❖ Tracey Lee and Kathleen Hunter from Running Springs
- ❖ Billy* and Robby* Metscher from Long Beach
- ❖ Coco Olson from Torrance
- ❖ Austin Rivers from Long Beach
- ❖ Rocky Sato from Los Angeles
- ❖ George Siewerd from Rancho Dominguez

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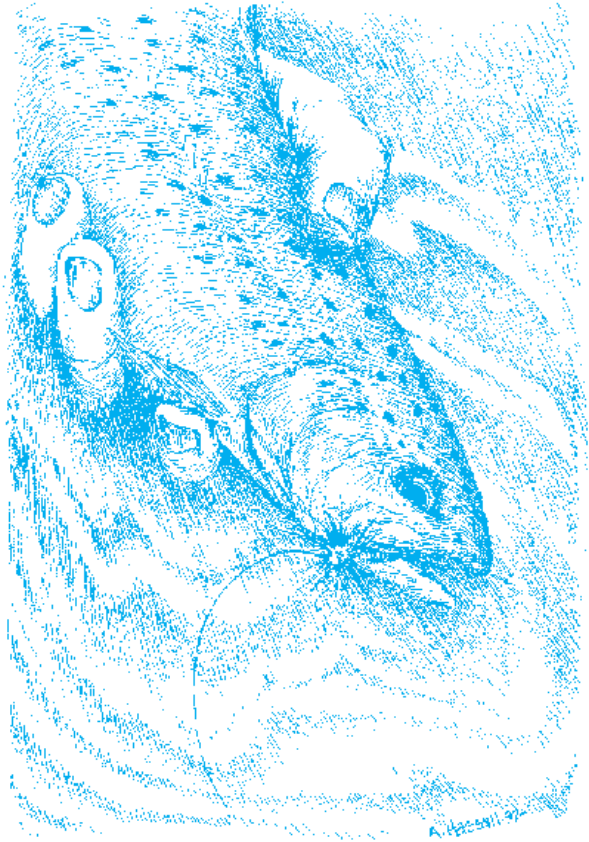
The Long Beach Casting Club is proud to announce a club "first" —we have a set of triplets as Junior Members, Andrew, Wesley and Anna Guske. We will have to wait for a while before we see them casting or tying flies since they are 1 year 3 months old. Older brother Henry should be ready any time since he's 4 years old.

Along with that we also have four other Junior Members, Billy, Robby, Noah, and Kento. Junior Membership is beginning to grow in leaps and bounds so let's all do our best to keep them active.

Please greet and welcome all our new members at the club meeting. Also note that in order to receive your Membership Packet with your Badge, Roster and other LBCC items, you must attend a LBCC monthly meeting. There you will be greeted and inducted by our honorary Sunshine

Committee.

If anyone has membership questions, call Mark Tsunawaki at 714-580-4517 or email at mtsunawaki@yahoo.com.



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MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to visit, catch-up, laugh, learn, and maybe even win something. They're an enjoyable night out. They can also serve as a way to share your interest in fishing with friends and neighbors who have similar interests.

Who do you know who might enjoy an evening at the Club? Bring 'em along. Friends of yours are friends of ours.

Calendar of Events

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: 1/4, 3/8, TF, TFD, SHD, 1/4D
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Brookie Bash
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games: 5/8, DF, BB, WF
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
17-19	Weekend		Club Trip: Brookie Bash XII
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games: 3/8, Open, DF, 5 wt. Combo
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games: 1/4, 3/8, TF, TFD, SHD, 1/4D
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: San Diego Bay Trip
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced

August

2	Sunday	7:30 AM	Pond Cleaning
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games: 5/8, DF, BB
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
7-9	Weekend		Club Trip: San Diego Bay Trip
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games: Open, TF, BB, 5 wt. Combo, 1/4D
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games: 1/4, 3/8, TF, BB, WF
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games: 5/8, DF, 5 wt. Combo, SHD
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced
30	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Director's Handicap: 1/4, 3/8, TF, BB, TFD

September

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic - 1st Night
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Yards & Inches
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic - 2nd Night
			Rod Building Orientation
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
13	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: 1/4, 3/8, 5/8, TF, DF, BB
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic - 3rd Night
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
20	Sunday	7:30 AM	Pond Cleaning
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Casting
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced
25-27	Weekend		Club Trip: Yards & Inches in Huntington Harbor
27	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: Open, TF, WF, TFD, 1/4 D
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building



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