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Leader's Line ...

Local Knowledge – That Acquired Through Experience, Vigilance or Osmosis

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

My guess is that many of our Club members still have never fished the San Gabriel River, L.A.'s most notable local-knowledge trout stream. If you're one who's missed out, it's a fine little fishery that feels so remote, there's no clue you're in the nation's second largest metropolis.

Just an hour or so up the freeway is a ten and a half mile oasis, home to native rainbows, deer, bear, bobcats and more solitude than Hot Creek or the Owens. The fish aren't large, but they're quick and often hungry. You should go there.

The river is also the focus of LBCC's conservation efforts. Led by Chuck Moore on a monthly outing the second Wednesday of each month, volunteers tackle whatever work detail is designated, followed by fishing, lunch and fishing again until late afternoon. The beauty of the outing is that Chuck has the key to the gate and you carpool in and fish anywhere along the seven miles of stream. Without the key, you either hike in or take your bike. Either way, it's a great place to explore and refine your techniques. You can't beat the work-to-fish ratio, yet a lot is accomplished for conservation because many hands make light work.

Recently, the group combined the conservation efforts with an over-nighter at the stream's only

private cabin, a historic structure that dates to the early 1900s. If you like rustic in an ideal setting, this is the place. A hearty lunch grilled practically at stream side is extremely pleasant.

It tapped Chuck's local knowledge for recommended spots. They proved to be productive with clear directions, "At the four-and-a-half mile marker, you walk 80 yards upstream. Off to your right..." (numbers changed to protect Chuck's secret). The afternoon fishing was made even better with a late hatch. Hungrily feeding fish are exciting, regardless of size. Later, as the sun dipped behind the mountain, the group gathered back at the cabin, grilled steaks, exchanged lies and watched the stars come out, all within earshot of the stream.

Besides geographical and stream knowledge there's the know-how shared by our Club members. At the June, 2009 Tips and Techniques

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meeting, there were about a dozen stations, each manned by knowledgeable members answering questions, demonstrating techniques, and otherwise imparting knowledge. The knot tester machine was a favorite and quickly erased any mystique about knot strengths. The Palomar and the San Diego knot were winners. And who knew that there was so much to learn about strike indicators? Or that the shooting head I've been needing for my 7 wt. is a 250 grain? Know the difference between Polish/Czech, French and Spanish nymphing systems? I didn't but do now. You should be there next year.



New Member Requests

MARK TSUNAWAKI,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Welcome New Members! The Board of Directors unanimously accepted the following applications for membership:

- ❖ Ty and Nadine Bobit of Rolling Hills
- ❖ Thomas Bristol of San Juan Capistrano
- ❖ Arthur Gaspar of Placentia
- ❖ Bruce Sands & Nancy Messineo of Long Beach
- ❖ Scott Sikes of Long Beach
- ❖ Ben Tortorici of Long Beach
- ❖ Dave Williamson of Long Beach

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 officially inducted by our honorary Sunshine Committee (Joe Libeu, Jeff Sadler, Mark Tsunawaki, and Dan Rivett).

If anyone has membership questions please read the Bylaws in your Roster, then you can call me at 714-580-4517 or email at mtsunawaki@yahoo.com.

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Mammoth Float and Wade

BILL BOEHLERT, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The MAMMOTH FLOAT AND WADE trip came off flawlessly in June. Ten members and one guest enjoyed a wide variety of lake and stream conditions. The weather gave us some interesting moments, with sunshine punctuated by storm clouds, lightning and thunder, some rain, and gusty winds with occasional calm conditions.

The trout were cooperative almost everywhere. Only in the Mammoth Lakes did they seem recalcitrant. With the damp windy cold prevailing at those elevations, they were most likely hunkered down waiting for more temperate weather.

The most popular river was Hot Creek. It is still fishing very well, though the fish are a little more cautious with the lower flows. Jeff Sadler and Dan Rivett showed their mastery with dozens of fish of unusual size. Jim Tomlinson and Dennis Leon also pulled in some beauties.

Another hot spot was the East Walker. Tom Bristol, Dan Jamieson, guest Baja Verde and I had a fine day wading this superb river. We all got good numbers of browns using dries and nymphs. We also had some fine fish on the Upper Owens.

Danny J, Tom, Baja and I hit Pleasant Valley Reservoir to escape the blustery conditions higher up. The fish were hitting both streamers and nymphs. Most of the fish were in the 12–14" range, though Baja hauled in a 19" bow.

Mike and Curie Fleder had the hot hand at Rock Creek Lake; Mike hauling in several big fish casting from shore. Later, they stopped at Hot Creek, where Curie added several nice fish to her total.

All in all, it was a wonderful trip with good fishing, great times, and good company—a perfect tune-up for July's Brookie Bash!



Baja's big one at Pleasant Valley Reservoir

Fly Fishing for Bass

RICH GARRETT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Are you getting bored catching all those lowly trout, steelhead, bonefish, permit, tarpon and salmon? Well, our August speaker is going to expand your quarry to include fly fishing for bass.

Although I have not had the pleasure of hooking one of these critters, my business partner is an accomplished bass and trout fisherman and swears that he would trade five trout trips for one good bass outing.

The August meeting will be hosted by Jerry Phan of Downey Fly Fishers. Jerry is an avid bass fly fisherman (and pilot) and has a program that is both educational and entertaining—not just a bunch of pictures.

If you would like to get a preview of what to expect, go to Jerry Phan on his website or on YouTube. Or, just wait for the meeting and be pleasantly surprised at some unique areas that contain bass.

See you at the August meeting.

A Generous Bite

BOB ALLEN, MEMBER

Perhaps you may recall the club action to raise funds for the club house repairs that was held last summer. Many wonderful items and fishing venues were generously donated by many individuals and organizations in support of our efforts. The event was greatly attended and many left the day witnessing the outpouring of encouragement from the fly fishing community.



I was fortunate to be the winning bid for Conway Bowman's excursion for two days of fly fishing for Mako sharks out of San Diego California. He calls this venue "*Fishing the Ragged Edge*" which I suspect refers to the countless rows of razor sharp teeth you get to see up close and personal.

My son Jeff, who by the way is an avid blue water fisherman and has been known to question my motives for wanting to fly fish any venue, went along for the trip this past June. It was interesting to watch him try and curtail his enthusiasm when he was fighting a 100 pound Mako on a 16 weight fly rod as it worked him all around the boat several times. I think I might just get him to turn to the "dark side" and try more fly fishing with me; after all I go blue water fishing with him.

Conway provides a turn-key operation from rods,

reels and flies to the 24 foot Triton fishing boat complete with a great casting platform on the bow. All you need to bring is your anticipation of a great adventure.

The day starts by meeting him at Dana Landing by Mission Bay, load your sunscreen and any snacks you want and in 10 minutes you are out of the harbor and on your way out off of Point Loma several miles off shore. He follows the sea floor contour profile to the drop off where an abrupt submerged "cliff" exists between the continental shelf and the flat sea bottom profiles. This "cliff" causes an upwelling affect when the currents, tides and moon phase all play an intricate balance of physics that creates this unique fishery.

He went to great effort to share his secrets with us and Jeff took full advantage of Conway's experiences and insight constantly asking for clarification that he might utilize. We set a chum bucket over board and proceeded to create a several mile chum line as we dead drifted the boat waiting for our toothy friends to arrive. While drifting we also cast out, with a conventional rig, a mackerel and fly combination to further attract our prey. In short order they do arrive, several in fact ranging from 40 to 150 pounds. The secret is



for Conway to bring the Mako close to the boat with his conventional teaser and then for Jeff or I



to cast our fly nearby his and then he lifts his out of the water and the Mako is drawn to our fly pattern. Several significant strips and then a very aggressive strip set and the race is on.

In what seemed a second the fly line is gone and the backing is going out at lightning speed. Conway will remind you to keep your knuckles away from the reel, unfortunately he told me too late, ouch! Several trips around the boat and then the task of trying to retrieve all that line only to get the Mako close to the boat and then it all happens again. Finally he is brought in and Conway gingerly releases the fish. A task I did not want any part off after looking at all those many rows of menacing teeth.

This trip was a great opportunity to experience one of the ocean's apex predators on the fly. Jeff and I both are looking forward to the next venue and he may just be ready for that next fly rod experience thanks to Conway's generosity. We both recommend this venue and if you are looking for an added adventure Conway is the man to provide it.

Conway can be contacted at BOWMAN BLUEWATER GUIDES & OUTFITTER; by phone is (619) 822-6256 or by email at www.bowmanbluewater.com or conwayxbowman@gmail.com.

Club Trips For 2009-2010

BILL BOEHLERT, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

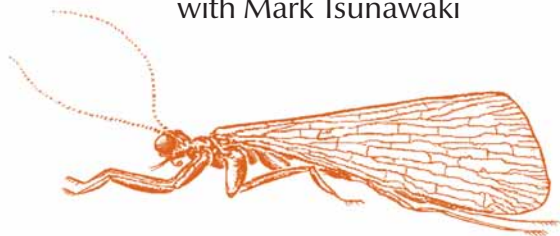
The year is more than half over! Have you joined the club on a trip yet? There are still some great trips available with a tremendous variety of locations, species, and techniques.

There wasn't a big response for the November trip to Lee's Ferry, so we are switching it closer to home. We will be heading back to Mammoth—a bit closer after our long distance trip to Redding in October. If you have suggestions for other trips, be sure to e-mail me at blboehlert@verizon.net or call me at 714-374-6491.

Come join us!

2009–2010 TRIPS TO DATE

DATE	TRIP & TRIP LEADER
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

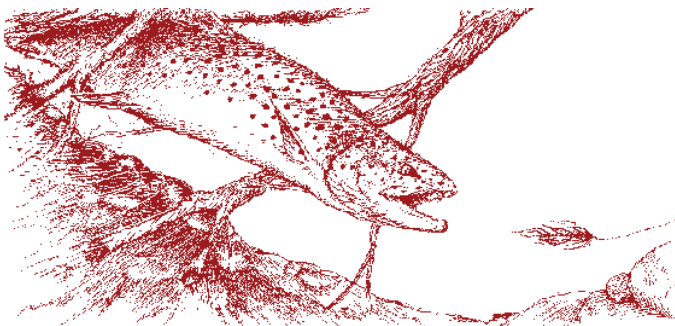


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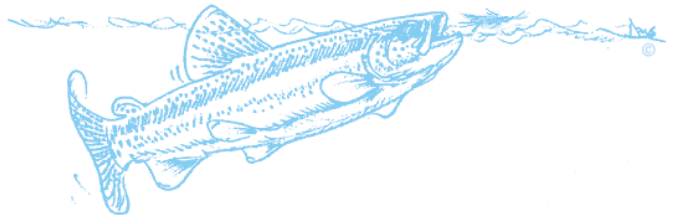
BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

At last year's Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers auction fundraiser, I bought a trip at the Lodge on the Roaring Fork in south central Colorado. The basic package was for three night's lodging and two guided day's fishing for one of two people. We had to pay the balance for the other angler. John Lincoln and I added a few more days and another half guided day which turned out to be superfluous. I had never fished the Frying Pan or the Roaring Fork Rivers and looked forward to the opportunity. Yash Iseda told me how many times he had gone there but he wasn't emphatic enough about how great the fishing was.

United has a nonstop flight from LAX to Aspen so the river is only an hour and a half away! The plane left mid afternoon but we arrived at the airport early, parked in the long term lot and were delivered to the curb side in front of the terminal by the van. Three idle Sky Caps were hanging around despite a crowd of passengers. When we grabbed one, we were rewarded with a "step en fetch it" routine (ask your grandmother) and a big smile. John had not checked in by computer but the Sky Cap took care of everything right at curb side.



On the plane I thought there was something familiar about the Flight Attendant and then I realized we were flying with a younger Shirley MacLaine, maybe in a future life! United should be ashamed of itself. The complimentary service consisted of.....nothing. There was a beverage



service but the glasses held no more than a few ounces. Add ice and there is no room for liquids. No peanuts, cookies or snacks, just a half a drink! No chance of spilling any liquid!

We landed through a landscape of white billowy clouds into a small airport in Aspen with only one entrance. Commercial service was sparse and spread throughout the day but the tarmac was filled with parked personal jets. We could see the river from the rental car parking lot and as we drove north alongside it appeared dark and roily. We found out that there had been a second spring runoff and that two days of monsoon rains had occurred earlier that week. Just for us.

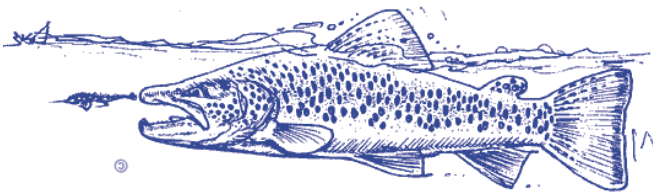
To avoid high altitude sickness, we took it easy the first day. High altitude is above one mile. More than half of Colorado qualifies; indeed $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the entire nation above 10,000 feet in elevation lies in Colorado. At altitude, things take longer to heat. Like showers. John took a quick shower to freshen up for dinner. The bad news is the hot water comes from LA. The good news is it comes by Federal Express. The bad news: it comes by two day air express. Anyway, John jumped in the shower without first checking the temperature. Wrong! So next the entire building shook with his monkey imitation: "Hooop. Hooop. Hooop." The quickest shower known to man! And he entered the bedroom absolutely BLUE!

After breakfast, we did a half day walk/wade with the Lodge manager along the riverfront. We started fishing at the Confluence Hole where the Crystal River joins the Roaring Fork. The Crystal River silt was a milky mocha color whereas the Fork was a richer chocolatey muddy texture. The River was sharply divided between the two colored

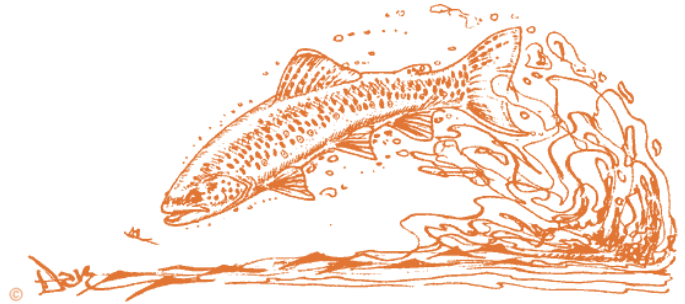
currents somewhat like a Black and Tan. (Ask your Grandfather). The fish stayed away from the middle of the fast flowing river and were crowded along the sides of the banks in more transparent water. That evening we floated from the lodge downstream halfway to Glenwood Springs. The normal bugs were out despite the roaring river: stoneflies, caddis, some PMD's and some green drakes. We seemed to have the best luck on San Juan Worms (worms were washed out of the banks by the high waters) with a buggy looking nymph as a trailer imitating a PMD or a small yellow stonefly or green drake.

Dinner was in Carbondale (only a mile south) at Russet's, a fine restaurant commemorating Carbondale's past as a potato growing region. My elk medallions were delicious. We didn't need reservations because the town was celebrating "Cowboy Carbondale" a youth rodeo with BBQ and dancing held every week in the summer.

The next day was another wade trip, this time upstream of the Lodge. We were far more successful than the day before. After lunch, we drove up to Basalt, checked out the fly shops and ventured up the Frying Pan River to Reudi Reservoir. We did lots of exploring by car looking for the next day's spots.



We returned the next morning, grabbed some coffee and a muffin in Basalt and headed back to the "Flats" section of the Pan just below the dam. By the time I got my boots on John had already caught several nice trout. I found a nice trough and landed several fat trout. The fish there feed voraciously on Mysis Shrimp and grow quite rapidly. One I caught looked like a tuna with a small head and huge body. The fly rig of choice



there was a Mysis Shrimp with a trailer of Yash's award winning BH Zebra Midge with a tailing shuck. The fish ate both indiscriminately.

After a quick nap, we had an evening drift trip with Hutch Hutchinson. Hutch is the western regional rep for Orvis. A true company man, he was dressed and outfitted in only Orvis label gear. We were not in a drift boat but rather a blue inflatable rubber raft. Hutch described the trip as a white water raft trip with a little fly fishing thrown in. We went through many Class IV and Class V rapids and I would describe it quite differently. I had to change my Depends three times! We floated down the rest of the Fork and onto the Colorado River for about five miles west of Glenwood Hot Springs.

At Glenwood (burial site of Doc Holliday), there is a city block sized hot tub below a hotel. And of course, there is the spectacular Glenwood Canyon east of town. Until the 60's, the only access through the canyon was by rail. It was so picturesque that a railroad executive created the Vista Dome car while travelling through there so people could look up to see the towering red cliffs.

But the notable spot for us (aside from some very good fishing) was a surfing ramp built near a bridge leading from a park in Glenwood Springs. Surfers, some in shirts to protect against the 44 degree water, paddled from shore and lined up above the ramp. They then backed down over the ramp, and stood up just before the river washed them into the crashing waves. Using the force of the river, they could surf back and forth, although pictures only show some dudes standing in the

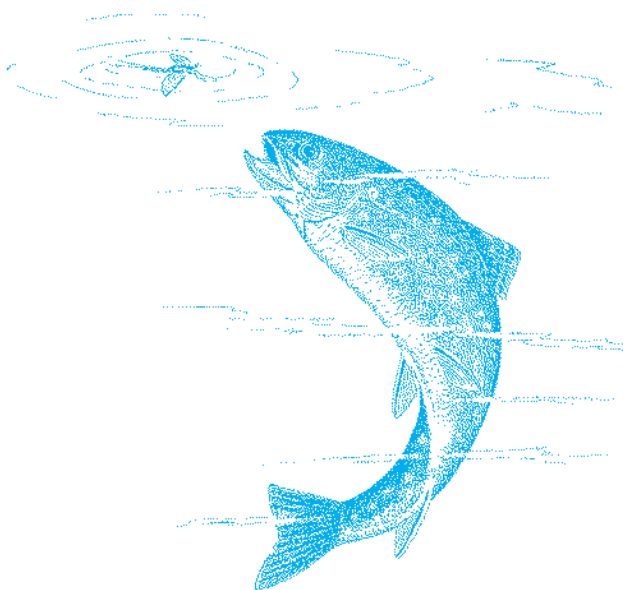
water. When they wiped out, however, it was an awesome sight. They would disappear under the wave and be spit out the back end below the bridge!

The following day we hired a guide for a half day on the Frying Pan River. Since we planned to stay that afternoon to fish, I drove the car and John rode with the guide, picking his brain on where to fish when the river returns to normal flows. John exaggerated my fishing prowess and the guide couldn't wait to put me in a pool with hungry fish. However, they were under constant fishing pressure and had more experience than I did.

Every presentation had to be perfect. If you caught a fish, you had to change that fly because the fish congregate in the underwater conference room and discuss the latest pattern. No fly took more than one fish. It was pretty frustrating watching fish closely examine each fly only to ultimately reject it. Some would follow it a ways, some would bump it to see if it would escape and I swear one actually lifted his head out of the water to get a closer look! It was somewhat disappointing because we both caught more and larger fish without the guide.



The watershed is huge; the Fork starts near Independence Pass at 13,000 feet and traverses 70 miles to the Colorado River at Glenwood Springs. The gradient is steep; the Native Americans



named this Thunder River which was certainly appropriate when we were there. In addition to numerous creeks, the Fork also receives considerable additional flows from the Frying Pan and the Crystal Rivers. It is a beautiful area and very popular. Be careful of the slippery rocks, however. Four fishermen went swimming in the Pan the evening before we fished it.

The Lodge we stayed in was a B&B and not really a fishing lodge. John opened the closet to discover terry robes and shower thongs for use in going to and from the hot tube. There were six pillows on each bed; two had flowery pillow shams. The other four were at least 10" thick. You use one to sleep, two will put you upright on the bed for reading. I don't know what the other two are for. Our second floor window looked out across the Fork and up to Mt. Sopris, a snow-capped peak at 12,953 feet elevation. Sort of like a view out of Sound of Music.

I hope to return next year for the Green Drake hatch in mid July to mid August. We'd probably stay at the Taylor Creek Cabins outside Basalt which are only \$150 a night and hold 4-6 anglers. We learned that guides are not necessary on the Pan but you do need a boat on the Fork. So I think we can do it cheap. Let me know if you are interested.

New Tradition: Yards & Inches Tournament

KEVIN GREEN, MEMBER

Last summer I picked up a used kayak to branch out my fly fishing experiences and to try my hand at some bass in the local bays. I'd gone a few times with mixed luck, and then our esteemed leader, Mr. Woodbury, announces the YARDS & INCHES TOURNAMENT in Huntington Harbour. This is the tourney where the winner is judged by the total length of landed fish. I'm thinking, *"Cool, I can really pick up some tips and learn something!"*

Well, this is a good tournament for beginner's luck. Trust me on this.

To prepare, I took a ruler and marker to the side of my kayak and created a permanent scale for scoring. (Digression here. If you get fined a quarter for "exactly" counting your fish, what's the fine for obsessively measuring the length of each fish? Is it okay as long as you don't count the number of fish? If you start to count fractions of inches, that has got to be a fine, right? Boy, the Sunshine Committee going to rack up some cash on this one!)

As I was saying, to prepare, I made sure I had all the requisite Clousers in olive/white and chartreuse/white with lots of flash. Borski Sliders had been working for me, so I tied up a batch with heavy red lead eyes. I rigged my 8 weight with a sink tip and intermediate running line, about 8 feet of 12-15 pound fluorocarbon for leader, and slipped on a 1/16-ounce bullet weight a couple of feet above the fly and kept it there with a bead. My MO was to chuck this extreme nymphing rig about 40-50 feet and let it drift with the current, jerking the fly along the bottom, like a wounded none-to-bright baitfish. (Another digression. Sidearm cast this mess. One slow short backcast, and then shoot it. Wear a hat, and maybe duck too.)

But you don't want to hear about all this. You

probably don't even care about the unbelievably hard hits that sand, spotted bay, or calico bass can put on your fly. Or the chance at nailing a white sea bass, halibut, various croakers, needle fish, rubber lip perch, octopus, sharks, and rays (see the rules below!). As enlightened fly fishers, you only care about the camaraderie, the chance to be with like-minded guys and gals, to commune with nature, and enjoy a warm day on the water. Catching fish is secondary, right?

So if this sounds good and you want to hear about the logistics, come to the Pre-Trip Meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 PM. If you don't have a kayak; float tubing is possible, kayaks are available for rent, and there may be space on boats. We should be able to work it out. The YARDS & INCHES TOURNAMENT will be held on Saturday, September 12.

For those that care, the Y&I rules:

- ❖ It's an honor system; each person measures and records their fish.
- ❖ Any size fish adds to the total. Two 6-inchers count the same as one 12-incher.
- ❖ No bait or lures. Barbless flies only.
- ❖ Sport fish only. Sharks, rays and cephalopods don't count.
- ❖ You must actually remove the hook from the fish—LDRs do not count.

Questions? Let me know at quevyngreen@msn.com, or Mick Woodbury at mick@rwmktg.com. It'll be fun, it's close, and what have you got to lose? You might even win and get, well...a bowl of Mick's tasty and world famous posole. Trust me on this.



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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

Don't Get Ticked Off!

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

We continue the Summer Tuesday night casting games with about 12 to 15 casters participating in the games and their scores will be tabulated for end of year awards. If you are on the fence and think it is too late to start this year, fear not. While it is true the Summer Games end August 25, the Winter Games begin Sunday, August 30, leaving plenty of scoring opportunities. The Sunday casts begin with breakfast at 8:00 AM for about \$3.00 and casting starting at 9:00 AM.

Our last pond cleaning was June 7th and thanks to the various club members jumping in between cleanings to keep it clean of bags, pine cones, golf balls, rocks, and what ever else the kids can find to throw in. We'll watch the algae growth and schedule a cleaning only as needed. The earliest possible date will be Sunday, July 26. I will keep you posted.

On an unrelated note, while fishing the Lower Owens and Hot Creek in mid-July, the ticks were thick. When I returned to my motel each evening I spent 30 minutes removing ticks from my dog Mollie and myself. The good news is that only one of the ticks on Mollie, and none on me exhibited any blood when removed (I may have missed this one the first day) The first day it was hot so I fished in sandals and poly pants, not good with ticks around. The second day I wore waders and wading boots all day, and still had one tick on my leg at the end of the day. Now admittedly, since I had my dog along I spent most of the day out of the water, and it had plenty of time to amble up my waders and head back down to warm skin.

My suggestion is to protect your animals with tick prevention (Mollie uses Frontline, maybe the reason for only one bite?) Check with your Veterinarian. For your protection be sure to spray before going out and by all means check yourself at the end of the day. The ticks I found were about

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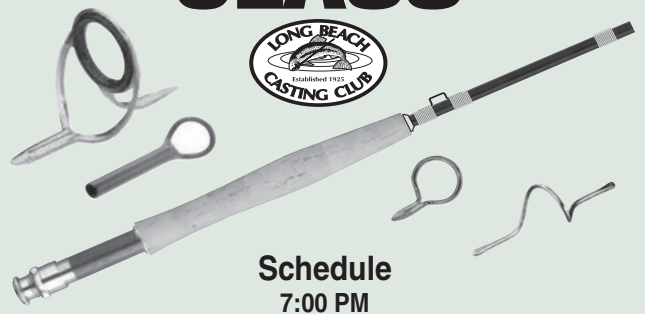
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the size of a match head with eight legs, and were reddish brown. What I have read suggests removing with tweezers as close to the skin as possible without squeezing the tick to hard, and pulling straight out. Apparently using a hot match is not recommended. Place the tick in an airtight container without rubbing alcohol or water for future reference should a disease result.

Don't let this keep you off the water, be alert, be vigilant, and don't get TICKED OFF!

See you on the pond.

2009 ROD BUILDING CLASS



Schedule
7:00 PM

Tuesday - September 8thOrientation

This time slot is to allow students to select and procure the components for the fly rod of their dreams

Tuesday - September 29th1st Class

Tuesday - October 6th2nd Class

Tuesday - October 13th3rd Class

Tuesday - October 20th4th Class

Fly of the Month: Para-Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

One of the great challenges of fly fishing is making the determination of just what the heck it is that these darn fish are feeding on. It seems as though this sport is just another means to send us all back to school to get degrees in fisheries biology and entomology (with emphasis on trout and aquatic insects of course). Then, after all this extra education and just when you think you might have some this wired, the fish through us another curve.

One of the most humbling moments I have had in fly fishing was my first evening fishing the Henry's Fork of the Snake and realizing I had no clue which one of the myriad of insects buzzing around my head was that evening's entrée. My choices seemed endless. Would it be a spinner, and if so, would it be the size #8 one, the #12, the #18 the or #20 one? How about the two different giant mayfly duns or the three different smaller mayfly duns or the three types of micro caddis? All told that night I counted fourteen different cycles of eight different mayfly or caddis species. Sadly, I had yet to be introduced to concept of emerging insects and their vulnerability to trout.

This month's fly is a pattern that really would have helped back then. I have found it very useful for the difficult and hard to read hatches. The Para-Emerger serves as either a mayfly emerger or as a midge emerger. It is simple to tie and very effective on spring creeks and slower sections of freestone streams. Colors can be your basic olive (blue-winged olive), pale yellow (pale morning duns and sulfurs), tan (generic) or gray (Adams/generic) combinations depending on the area of the country you happen to be fishing.

Materials for tying the Para-Emerger:

- Hook: Tiemco #2487 or equivalent in sizes #14 to #20
- Thread: Gudebrod 8/0 with the color matching the natural
- Abdomen: Turkey biot quill dyed to match the natural
- Thorax: Natural or synthetic dubbing in a color to match the natural
- Wing: CDC plume tied in as a post in a color to match the natural
- Hackle: Dry fly quality in a color to match the natural



Instructions for tying the Para-Emerger:

1. Tie your thread onto the hook just behind the headspace and wind back $\frac{1}{4}$ the length of the shank. Tie in your CDC plume at this point and post it up so that it leans toward the eye slightly. Be sure that the wing is on the short side. Prepare your hackle and tie it in immediately behind the wing with the best side on top.
2. Wind your thread evenly down the shank to a point just about half way around the bend of the hook. Tie in your turkey biot by the tip. Wind the biot forward until you reach just short of the mid-point of the shank and tie it off.
3. Apply dubbing to your thread and wind it forward evenly developing a nicely tapered body. Finish the dubbing after one complete turn in front of the wing.
4. Start winding the hackle by first pulling the hackle a short distance up the wing and

then winding downward with 3 to 5 turns depending on the size of the hook. Add one more turn of dubbing over the point where the hackle is tied off, form a small, neat head and whip finish.



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BIG SALE at the August Meeting!

CAROLE KATZ, PAST PRESIDENT

Items donated to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing that we cannot easily use will be sold at the August monthly meeting. Proceeds will be used to pay for program expenses. Some things are new, some are used. This could be an opportunity for you to pick up some fly fishing goodies for very good prices.

Here's a list of some of the things that will be available.

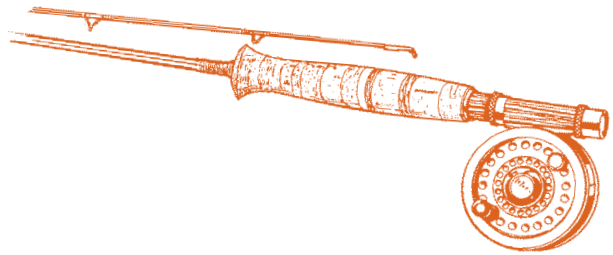
GRAPHITE RODS: Fenwick Iron Feather 3 wt., Reddington 6 wt., Pflueger 6 wt., TFO Lefty Kreh Pro Series 6 wt., T&T Troutier 6 wt., Cortland GRF 100 XP 6/7 wt., Orvis Trident 7 wt., Orvis Graphite 7 wt., Cortland Fairplay 7/8 wt., Cortland GRF 1000 7/8 wt., Scientific Anglers 8 wt., Wade 10/11 wt.

BAMBOO, GLASS & OTHER RODS: Heddon Black Beauty bamboo, Kiraku Supercane bamboo, Kennedy Fisher, Shakespeare, Powertaper, Watercraft, Microlite, and Professional True Temper 4004.

TYING MATERIALS: goat dubbing in many colors, stick-on eyes, glass beads, hopper legs, mono nymph eyes, cone heads, hot beads, foam, lead zonker tape, trout beads, popper bodies and cylinders, k reel claws, estaz metallic chenille in many colors, mylar in different sizes and colors.

REELS: Penn 704, Zero Hour, Pflueger Supreme Cub, Pflueger Summit, South Bend, DAM Quick, Altex, Zebco, and miscellaneous older reels.

MISCELLANEOUS: Creel, many lures, new Rio Mainstream Saltwater lines WF8F, Clear Creek chest pack, Hodgman pack, and much more.



Thursday Night Activities

RICH GARRETT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

There was a time when the clubhouse was fully utilized on both Tuesday and Thursday nights, prior to the fire. Since the fire the Tuesday night attendance has returned to normal. However, attendance has been seriously lacking on Thursdays.

In hopes of restoring some interest in Thursday Activity Night, the club will be starting an informal program on Spey Casting beginning on August 20, 2009. Our goal is to appeal to those of all skill levels—from those who are new to Spey casting to the pro's.

Though no formal casting lessons are planned, this should provide an excellent forum for an exchange of ideas, techniques and equipment requirements. For those already accomplished Spey casters, you can just come down and practice. There will also be casting instructional videos available for viewing for those who prefer some background before jumping in the pond.

At this point I have no idea as to where the activities will take us, but it will be flexible and could expand if the interest and participation warrant it. Of course, those who prefer single handed casting are welcome. You may discover that many of the casts used in two handed casting can be performed with single handed to increase your fishing efficiency.

Calendar of Events

August

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: New! Spey Casting Night
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games: 5/8, DF, 5 wt. Combo, SHD
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jerry Phan on Fly Fishing for Bass
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 Tourney
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey 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: Spey Casting
12	Saturday		Club Trip: Yards & Inches in Huntington Harbor
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: Spey 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: "Slim" Cancilla on NorCal Steelhead & Trout
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: Night #1

October

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: Night #2
7	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Brookie Bash
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
10-11	Weekend		Northwestern Tournament
11	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: Open, DF, BB, SHD
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: Night #3
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Redding Trip
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building: Night #4
21-25	Weekend		Club Trip: Redding Trip
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
25	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: 3/8, TF, BB, 5 wt Combo, TFD
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Orientation Night
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced



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