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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line ...

## Barbie and the Hulk

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

An alpine trout can be a ghost or a diva. From a seemingly barren stream bed, it can appear as if by magic to grab some unseen insect and vanish again in a wink. It can blend into the stream bottom as a camouflaged shadow, or transform in an instant into a gleaming gold glint catching the sun.

Its wardrobe is that of a diva. Back and side colors can range from dark-green to olive and from deep pink to magenta or golden brown to yellow. Brookies and goldens have a radiance so brilliant they seem to have ingested a light bulb. Stream fish tend to be more colorful than lake fish and because they're easier to watch, it's easier to build a fondness for them. It's the visual connection that bonds us with trout more than other fish.

Like a diva, trout are susceptible to mood swings. Some times they hide, unseen and inactive, perhaps pouting or maybe sulking—it's hard to say. Other times they're merely aloof, only occasionally opening their mouths to sip some passing morsel. But they can also turn on, and that's when the fun starts.

They can eat delicately, sipping their meals with hardly a ripple. Or they can go into a feeding frenzy grabbing insects with complete abandon and even jumping clear of the water to an artificial at the pause of a false cast. When they sip a nymph, the take is nearly imperceptible, but with a streamer, they can bite like a pit bull.

Casting for trout is like a ballet—poised, graceful and

fluid. Trout are like Barbies, they can be whatever you like: coy, demure, delicate, athletic, sophisticated, fun.

### The Hulk

At the other end of the spectrum is The Hulk—the saltwater spotted bay bass. You don't get to watch SBB in their element; the bays and estuaries where they thrive are too deep and the water less clear than typical trout habitat. It's probably just as well, they'd probably spit in your eye. All muscle and bad attitude, they let you know they're home when they try to run off with your rod.

Not as colorful as a trout, they're still a pretty fish if you can call a bully pretty. There's no doubt why they're called spotted bay bass. The spots aren't subtle either, but then nothing about this fish is.

Fishing for bass is nothing like a ballet. It's more like a slug fest. No mercy asked, no mercy given. I've caught dozens of SBB and there's no question they're a hard fighting fish on spinning or conventional tackle. But at the recent club trip to San Diego I got my first

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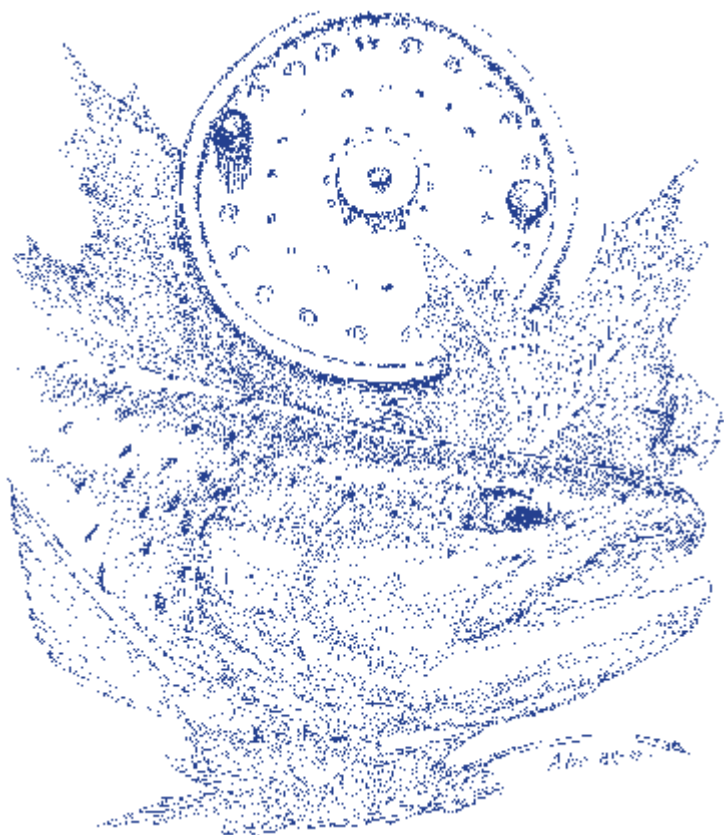
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taste of SBB with a fly rod. A fly rod puts them in an entirely different league. A 12-inch Hulk will whup a 12-inch Barbie! A nine-incher might even have the edge.

It turns out its pretty easy to fish 10 to 20 feet deep waters with a fly. The casting isn't as pretty as with a floating line, but the results can be satisfying. My 7-weight got the workout of its life which includes some good days on the Madison and the Big Horn. It just takes a 250 or 300 grain shooting head and the appropriate running line—also some Clousers, just like we teach in the tying class. Tie some with white bellies and an orange or chartreuse wing and you're set.

Is one fish better than the other? Of course not. But one is certainly closer and every bit as much fun. You can drive to San Diego and home again in less time that you can drive to Mammoth, with one less tank of gas for the round trip.

It's fun to try something new. And if you want, you can test the salt for yourself in closer waters at the YARDS AND INCHES TOURNAMENT, September 12<sup>th</sup>. You just might have a hulk of a time!



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# Jeff Currier on Yellowstone

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

**I**n the past we have had numerous excellent speakers and programs. The October general meeting should be no exception.

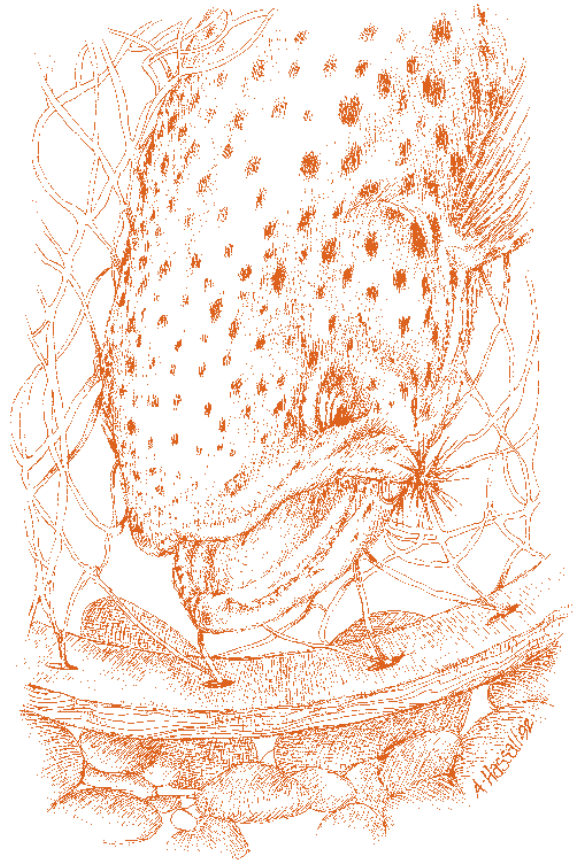
Arranging a list of speakers to cover the monthly meetings sometimes can create a little stress, especially when a deadline is near for that particular month. Such was the case for October, until I realized that I had overlooked the obvious, when a flyer appeared at the clubhouse from another local club with praise of one of their recent speakers "Jeff Currier".

Jeff and I go back about twelve years to the time when I was spending several weeks each year fishing in the Jackson Hole, Wyoming area, however I didn't know that he was on the speaker circuit until the flyer arrived.

At that time he was on the Team USA for the World Fly Fishing Competition along with another friend of mine Gary "The Wedge" Willmott. So when I put a team together for the Jackson Hole One Fly contest, both of them looked to be "Ringers" for the team. So four of us put together the "Dream Team" Three pro's and me. Well sometimes dreams become nightmares. At the end of day one the first three of us reported in with less than a dozen fish among us. Then along comes Jeff with a total of 101 fish (A "One Hole" record I believe.). The sad news, even with this great effort, the team ended up 10<sup>th</sup> out of 34 teams.

I contacted Jeff and he is delighted to have the opportunity to speak at our October meeting. He has a dozen or so programs available and we agreed on "FISHING YELLOWSTONE, THE ANGLING SEASONS OF A TROUT BUM".

Additionally, he is the author of several books, and



an artist . He will be bringing some of his books and T-Shirt Art to the club for anyone interested in making a purchase.

## **THE VENISON STAG:**

Our annual Venison Stag (Sans Venison) will be in December. If you are interested in attending please fill out the Reservation Slip located elsewhere the newsletter. Your prompt return of the reservation form will be of great assistance to us in planning for the food and other arrangements.

In the past we have always had a part of the membership that goes that extra yard to help make our events a success. This year is no different. We have several members that have volunteered to help in the setup and decoration, cooking, serving and cleanup for the stag. We are still in need of several more volunteers. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact me at [rgarrettcpa@earthlink.net](mailto:rgarrettcpa@earthlink.net) or place your name on the sign up sheet in the clubhouse, on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

# In Pursuit of Redfish

**Laguna Madre, South Padre Island Fishing Chronicle, August 2009**

**RICK HILLES, JUNIOR DIRECTOR**

After having to postpone because of a nasty hurricane last year, I visited with my friend Ed Tamson to fish some of the 280 square miles of flats of the Laguna Madre adjoining South Padre Island, near the city of Brownsville and just across the border from Mexico. Ed hosted me at his home with his lovely wife Karen and his daughter and Karen's son, Andy. I met Ed 18 years ago at a workshop on fly fishing and we have kept in touch ever since with occasional fishing trips over the years.

About 5 years ago, Ed's focus shifted from windsurfing to fly fishing the flats just down the street from his home. He invested in part ownership in a Maverick, a state of the art flats boat that can go like hell over just 4 inches of water, drop, and then sneak over the flats with him poling atop a platform 48 inches on the rear deck where he can spot fish one hundred yards out.

He has good casting skills, a growing interest in fly tying. In other words, he's got the program. When he is not obsessing about fly fishing, he runs a business consulting program from his 'world headquarters' (office downstairs).

One of his biggest challenges involves knowing where to find the fish in the Laguna Madre; they are like the preverbal needle in a haystack. Their location depends on so many variables, especially

the movement of water, habitat, and food sources. Knowledge of good fishing spots gets earned through spending hours, days and weeks out exploring the flats. Ed has begun his trip up the learning curve.

The Laguna Madre of south Texas is the largest hypersaline lagoon system in the country. The lower basin is approximately 50 miles in length and four miles in width, with an average depth of less than three feet. What this means from an angler's perspective is that there are very large expanses of shallow, clear water where it's possible to sight-fish in the classic manner.

We fished four days: three on our own and the last day with veteran guide Eric Glass.

First 3 days fishing: in pursuit of the elusive redfish: We fished 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM; fishing the northwest section the bay in the mornings, in the coves, and over the grassy flats; then we headed southeast in the afternoons and fished the sandy flats on the east side

of the island. Ed was the guide up on the platform and I was the client on the bow. We saw 10 to 20 redfish on the average each day and I had distant shots at two or three,

none of which were successful. In the later part of the day, we would get out of the boat and walk the sandy flats. Although I didn't catch any redfish, we had lots of fun and I learned lots of stuff:

**SPECIES:** The bay contains red fish, sea trout, snook, flounder, jack crevalle, catfish, ladyfish aka skipjacks, pompano, jacks, mackerel, sting rays, black drum fish, occasional tarpon out by the jetty. Aquatic foods: small minnows or fish fry, crustaceans, especially





small sand crabs. Catching redfish is most similar to bonefish but with about 80% of the power, especially in the initial run. You usually just get one decent shot and the window of opportunity lasts about 15 seconds. Seatrout: behave like trout; spooky, strong but when they are feeding over sting rays you get multiple chances; they stay in the feeding zone but they require greater presentation accuracy in order to get a take. They are easier to play and land, with about 60% of the power of a bone fish.

**CONDITIONS:** Weather—August in south Texas: temps in the 90's, humidity in the 80's, sunny, winds from the south, light in the mornings and strengthening to 20–25mph in the afternoons. For the month prior, high winds at 25–35 mph had been a problem. Moon phase—full; generally not good for the flats, although Eric, our guide for the day, places much more emphasis on tidal flows. The tides rose throughout the day to about 5:00 PM.

**HAZARDS:** Lots of stuff wants to bite or stick you. The month before, Ed got stung by a ray and it made quite an impression; so wading must be done with great caution, dragging your feet—not lifting them—as you step and looking down directly in front of you to see any disturbances in the sand that signal a partially buried ray. Then there is the usual stuff, especially dehydration, sun burn etc. Oh, and be careful unhooking catfish...

**THE GEAR:** 9 ft. or 9 ft. 6 in. rods in 7, 8, 9 wt; tropic floating lines; reels with good drag systems.

**RIGGING:** Bone fish leader to 12 ft. with 12–15 lb. fluorocarbon tippet. Use triple surgeons to connect

the tippet to the leader; triple surgeons loop or non slip mono knot to connect the fly.

**FLIES:** Basically you need just two types: the chartreuse Clouser, tied sparsely in size 4 or 6 with a variety of bead eye weights. Then you need a cream colored merkin crab tied to about the size of a dime or a penny, legs optional, with a tungsten bead head or lead eyes and with a weed guard for the grassy flats.

Green and tan crabs and tan and pink Clousers work fine too. Other flats flies may work but crabs and Clousers seem to be the main ticket.

**CASTING:** Eighty percent of the opportunities require accurate casts up to a distance of 60 feet. Occasionally you get a shot beyond that but it's just a wing and a prayer. The important thing is to present the fly accurately despite the wind, to a spot about the size of a 24 in. diameter circle. Mostly as you drift you have the wind to your back and while you can cast easily enough to your power forward cast quarter, you also need to get the fly out on your off shoulder side. I had difficulty with my off shoulder cast in hard wind so

I switched to a side arm, shoulder to shoulder back cast presentation and that proved more effective. Ed uses a collapsible container to help the caster control the line in the wind. You fasten it at the bottom to a cleat and it works beautifully on a windy day if you have no partner available to help manage the line.

**SIGHTING THE FISH:** To my pleasant surprise, I could see them in the distance almost immediately after my guide on the tower had seen them. We used a good system: Ed would sight them first, give the distance and direction using the clock face with noon at the



bow of the boat, I'd point my rod in the direction until he confirmed I was right on the fish. Then I could sight them and keep them in sight as we closed on them. If I couldn't see the fish, I didn't cast because you just can't make a successful cast to a target you can't see. The system works well especially if the guide can contain his excitement and can see the fish before they are on top of the boat.

**STEALTH:** any vibration is the enemy; the fish sense the presence of the boat and seem to know when you move or step anywhere; bare feet help, staying still while on the hunt allows for you sneak up.

**DAY FOUR:** Catching the elusive red fish with the help of Eric, the pro guide:

Ed had a contingency plan; we would spend our last day on the flats with guide Eric Glass, who we had fished with 7 years ago. A big wiry, intense, bright guy with a soft Texas twang, Eric spends about 200 days each year on the flats and knows their moods and where they hide fish. We had a spectacular day. After an early departure, we stopped on our way north to cast to three big schools of redfish cruising the edges of the inland waterway channel. Then, we fished Mystery Bay where much to Ed's relief I caught two redfish first thing to break the long dry spell.

Next we spent the balance of the morning in the north part of the bay fishing to pods of seatrout as they hovered over sting rays and fed on the morsels that were dislodged. Ed and I had never seen such a sight on the flats: a pod of trout with their dorsal fins above the surface feeding in a muddy cloud stirred up by a ray. The casting had to be precise, within a foot

of a feeding fish or it just wouldn't see the fly. Eric had developed a fly to attract their attention; a deceiver pattern with a hackle tied on a light weight size 4 hook, in red, green, or brown. We would cast the fly into the pod and strip it under their noses. The time just stood still as we took turns catching fish every time we made an accurate cast to the target area. Then, all of a sudden it was lunch time. After lunch we moved to the sand flats near the area that was empty in the days before. We systematically snuck up upon individual, pairs and schools of red fish that rewarded good casts by eating the fly. Overall it was a wonderful day for all of us. Ed and I gloated over our success and it was clear that Eric was having a very good time himself. We finished up around 4:00 PM, tired and happy. It was redemption day.

**LEARNINGS FROM ERIC:** With patience and skill your guide should be able to put you within 60 feet of your target and position you to make a good cast. Your job is to know how to make a decent cast with good accuracy to your target. Mostly it's an accuracy game

rather than a distance game. Tidal flow represents a critical factor in choosing when and where to fish on the flats.

What's the program cost? If you don't have a generous, well

equipped fishing buddy like Ed, the rough estimate per person comes to \$2790, based on the following: Saturday travel; fish SMTWTF; Saturday travel; 7 nights; 6 days fishing: air fare \$350; car rental \$50; lodging \$80; food & drink \$60; guide \$225; (560+480+1350+50+350): \$2790 pp

So anyhow, what's the big deal about flats fishing? For me, it's a combination of things: the visual experience





## Long Beach Casting Club Trips for 2009–2010

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

The first decade of the new millennium is swiftly drawing to a close. You know you haven't spent enough time fishing yet, so join us on our remaining trips. If you haven't, you have missed out on some great fishing. The Brookie Bash was, as usual, unforgettable. Fishing San Diego Bay with Joe Austin was action packed—those feisty spotted bay bass slamming streamers, often two at once.

Upcoming trips are to Redding, Mammoth, and Carlsbad. Don't miss out on the opportunities for great fishing and great camaraderie.

If you have any questions about upcoming trips, be sure to e-mail me at [blboehlert@verizon.net](mailto:blboehlert@verizon.net) or call me at 714-374-6491.

Come join us!

of fishing for big, tough fish that you have searched, sighted and stalked. And you get to maintain visual contact throughout the entire experience: you see the fish, the cast, the fly, the take and the fight. It's one of the rare circumstances when you get to observe it all. Now add the serene setting of the flats: the aqua marine water, blue sky, white clouds, hot sun, warm breezes, and wild birds. The experience offers a feast for the senses that borders on obscene over stimulation. After a while you are totally absorbed, you begin to fit in; you are just another predator.

### 2009–2010 TRIPS TO DATE

DATE	TRIP & TRIP LEADER
October 14	Redding Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
October 21–25	Redding with Bill Boehlert
Nov. 4	Mammoth Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM
Nov. 13–15	Mammoth with Bill Boehlert
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

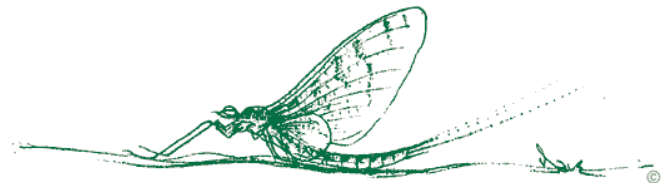
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# Casting Games—Round Two

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

So who will be high stick at the Installation and Awards Banquet in April? We have just completed the fourteenth and final Tuesday Night Cast of the 2009 season. Those who have been coming out to cast are scored for distance or accuracy in any of twelve games, which include fly and plug games. We have averaged about ten casters being scored each contest.

If you find yourself reading this and saying to yourself, “Darn I missed another season”, fear not. While it is true Tuesday night organized casts are in the book, the Weekend Casting competition started on Sunday, August 30 with the Captain’s Handicap. The day started with a hearty breakfast of sausage, eggs, and fruit, prepared by John Van Derhoof, Mark Tsunawaki, and Bob Middo. After everyone had their fill it was off to the casting pond.

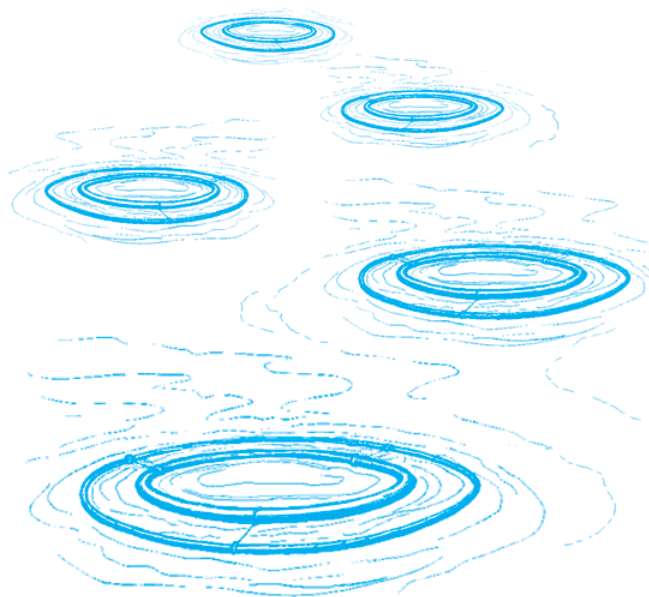
Eighteen casters split up into three teams of six each to participate in the events, which included 1/4 oz. and 3/8 oz. plug accuracy, trout fly accuracy, bass bug accuracy, and trout fly distance games. The prize—\$100 to the winning team.

The team Captains were John Van Derhoof, Mark Tsunawaki, and Larry Allen. Larry is a LBCC club member living in Mesa, Arizona who brought along four other casters, which we were happy to have join the competition. The weather was warm with barely a hint of a breeze. The scores were based on the teams best seven fly accuracy scores, the best four plug scores and the four longest trout fly casts. At the end of the day with all of the casts tabulated Larry Allen’s team aka The Gila Monsters prevailed with a combined score of 1072 points. Mark’s team scored 1059 and finally John’s team had a score of 1036.

The games are a fun way to improve your fishing skills and get to know your fellow members. The Sunday

casts continue about every other Sunday through March 7, 2010. Check upcoming cast dates and events on page 71 of the 2009-2010 LBCC Roster.

See you on the pond.



## Breakfast Chefs

JOHN VAN DERHOOF,  
SENIOR DIRECTOR

There has been a long tradition of cooking a hot breakfast before the winter casts. Come and join us for the camaraderie and the good food.

Breakfast is served about 7:30 AM and the casting games start at 9:00 AM.

We still need chefs for the following dates: October 12 & 26, November 23, January 4 & 18, February 22 and March 8. The chef chooses the menu, does the shopping and impresses the members with his or her culinary genius.

If you’d like to volunteer, please contact John Van Derhoof at 562-424-7313.



# Autumn in Mammoth

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

**T**he year is almost over! It's time to join us on our last trout trip of the year to Mammoth Lakes. In fact, it's your last chance to fish this prime area this year, since the last day of the trip, November 15, coincides with the last day of the season for many of these prime waters.

Mammoth is always a preferred site for club trips for various reasons. First, it is relatively close (six hours of moderate driving) which enables you to be fishing Hot Creek at 10 am after an early start. Secondly, the variety and the quality of the fishing are hard to match. Float tubers love the numerous scenic lakes nearby. Aficionados of moving water have miles of meanders from which to choose.

Unfortunately, Lake Crowley will already be closed (as of October 31<sup>st</sup>), but the Mammoth Lakes, the June Lake loop, as well as the year-round waters like Hot Creek and the Upper and Lower Owens, and Pleasant Valley Reservoir will still be producing mammoth trout.

The dates for the trip are November 12 through the 15<sup>th</sup>. The weather will be getting a bit chilly for camping, so we will reserve a toasty condo for all interested. Be sure to be at our pre-trip meeting on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> to get all the details. See you there!



## LBCC New Members

**MARK TSUNAWAKI,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

**T**he 2009/2010 Board of Directors unanimously accepted the following application for membership:

- ❖ John and Mary Crocker of Hawthorne, CA
- ❖ Ed Crocker of San Clemente, CA
- ❖ Phillip and Jan Chik of Signal Hill, CA
- ❖ Jim Ansite of Long Beach, CA
- ❖ Don Huseman of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Please greet and welcome all our new members at the club meetings.

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. There are many of you who have joined the Long Beach Casting Club but have not attended a "Monthly Meeting" to receive your packet. Please try to attend and participate in our activities. Isn't that why you joined?

If anyone has membership questions, call Mark Tsunawaki at 714-580-4517 or email at [mtsunawaki@yahoo.com](mailto:mtsunawaki@yahoo.com).

# ALASKA '09

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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

# Help Us with LBCC Shirt & Hat Order

ALAN ROSS, MEMBER

It's time to order new shirts and hats for members purchase. We currently have left only about 20 olive long sleeve fishing shirts in the following sizes:

Fishing Shirts: Olive, Long Sleeve, with LBCC Logo 11 - XL's, 7 - L's, and 2 - S's @ \$40 ea.

We need to know which shirts and hats members would like to buy and get an idea of the quantity to order. Please let us know what you want us to order for you now and what else you will probably want within a year. Prices quoted are from our previous order. We will contact you if the new prices are higher to get your OK. For current orders, please send a check Payable to the LBCC to Alan & Judy Ross, 1925 Bayview Dr., Hermosa Beach, 90254 (310-379-2015, alanross@earthlink.net). You will be able to pick up your shirts and hats at the Club, and we will notify you when they are available.



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What shirts and hats are you likely to buy if we have them available in the next year? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Fly of the Month: Bead-Head Wiggle Bugger

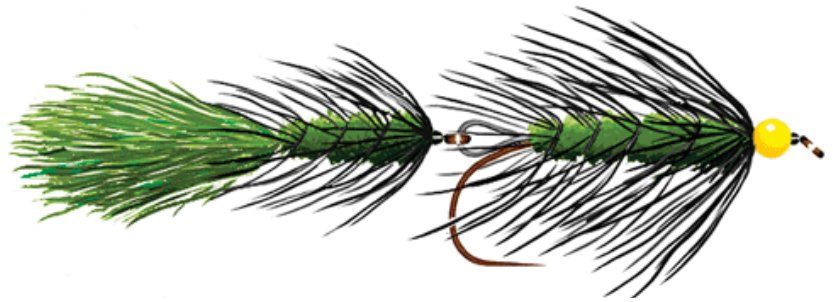
JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

As we make our way through the fall into the heart of the winter season the Bead-Head Wiggle Bugger is a great pattern to search the undercut-banks of the Owen's River with in search of "*braggin' sized*" trout. It also serves as a great introduction into the world of flies with hinged or articulated bodies.

Articulated bodied flies offer one huge advantage to flies with a conventional body and that is — movement. The additional joint adds a natural motion and undulation that really helps induce a strike by the fish. Not only does it help add a sense of realism to a standard streamer pattern such as the Woolly Bugger, like we are doing here, but also with slow water mayfly nymph imitations.

The Bead-Head Wiggle Bugger can be tied in a wide assortment of sizes and colors. Because you are using two hooks be careful of what size it is you are trying to tie. To help out just place a conventional hook of the size you want on the table and use this to serve as a guide.

As far as color is concerned there are four that I would recommend: 1) olive body with black tail and hackle 2) peacock herl with black tail and hackle 3) all black 4) all purple. There are of course many other options but these are the colors I have had the greatest success with over the years. So next time you need to add a few more streamers to your box then invest in the small amount of extra time it takes to tie up some Bead-Head Wiggle Buggers and go out after your next lunger.



## Materials for the Bead-Head Wiggle Bugger:

- Hook: Main—Mustad 9671 or equivalent in sizes #8 to #2  
Rear—any ring-eyed hook (Mustad 9674)
- Head: Appropriate sized brass bead or tungsten cone
- Loop: 3" piece of 20lb monofilament
- Thread: 6/0 in a color to match the fly
- Tail: Marabou plumes (with pearl Krystal Flash—optional)
- Body: Medium to Large chenille depending on the overall size of the fly
- Hackle: Large, poor quality dry fly or saddle

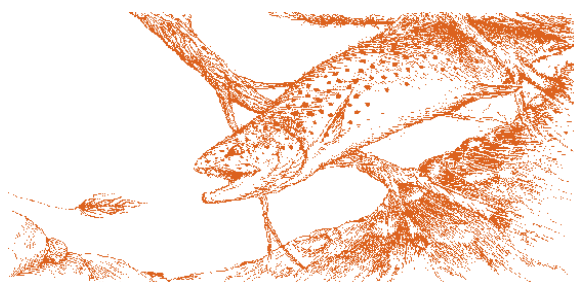
## Instructions for tying the Bead-Head Wiggle Bugger:

1. Place the rear hook in your vise. Determine how much of the hook will be used. This amount should be about ½ length of the main hook shank. Attach your thread to the shank and wind down to where this point would be and whip finish. Select a good quality marabou plume and tie it in so that its length is the same as the shank of the main hook.
2. Select a hackle for the rear portion keeping mind that this is the rear off the fly and the fibers should be shorter than the one you use for the main part of the fly. My personal preference is a poor quality dry fly



neck instead of a saddle. The reason for this is 1) a greater selection of sizes and 2) the barbs on each feather taper from short at the tip to long at the bend, which creates a much nicer, tapered appearing body hackle when wound. A saddle feather, especially the generation ones, offers neither of these qualities. Tie in your hackle by the tip and tie in your chenille. Wind the chenille forward to the headspace and tie it off. Wind your hackle forward 3 to 4 turns to the headspace plus one complete turn at the headspace and tie it off. Form a small head and whip finish. Remove the rear hook from the vise and with a pair of cutters carefully remove the left over shank and bend and be CAREFUL OF FLYING HOOKS!

3. Slide the bead over the point of the hook, place the main hook in your vise and attach your thread behind the bead and wind a jam of thread to keep the bead in place against the eye of the hook.
4. Thread the 20lb mono through the eye of the rear hook and align the ends of mono. Measure the length needed to attach the mono to the main hook



plus ¼ inch and cut off the excess. Melt the ends (the extra ¼ inch) of the mono to create a small ball or jam that will help keep the mono from being pulled out. Tie the mono onto the main hook shank being careful to keep well away of the bead. Apply some head cement or Zap-A-Gap to the thread before continuing.

5. Tie in the main hook's hackle by the tip. Next, tie in the chenille and wind it forward to a point just ahead of the bead. Wind the hackle forward about 4 to 5 turns to the bead plus about 2 to 3 turns at the bead and tie off forming a very small head. Whip finish the fly and apply head cement to both heads as well as the end of the rear portion of the fly.

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# Calendar of Events

## 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
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
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jeff Currier on Yellowstone

## November

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Mammoth Trip
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
8	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: 1/4, 5/8, DF, WF, SHD
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
13-15	Weekend		Club Trip: Mammoth
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Bart Taylor on Jackson Hole area
22	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: Open, TF, BB, 5 wt Combo, SHD
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
26	Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!

## December

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: White Seabass Tour in Carlsbad
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
5	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag Social Hour
		7:00 PM	Venison Stag Dinner
6	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: 1/4, TF, BB, TFD, 1/4D
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25	Sunday		8:00 AM Merry Christmas
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying

# October Means Fly Tying

MARK TSUNAWAKI,  
FLY TYING CHAIRPERSON

On Tuesday, October 27, 2009 we will begin our annual Beginning Fly Tying Class. Our first night's class will be an Orientation session for the students and will begin at 7:00 PM.

Following the Orientation night there will be a night of Techniques and Demonstrations dedicated to learning how to whip finish as well as other necessary tricks that will come in handy before the first fly is tied. Tying flies begins on the third night's class starting with the Ant. After that will be a Soft Hackle fly then the Boss steelhead fly.

If you haven't learned how to tie flies or want to take a refresher course this is a great opportunity. The club's class, which is 16 weeks in length, is renowned for the high level of instruction and a complete range of tying experiences. The instructors vary each night and are selected from the club's membership and they include some of the finest fly tiers around.


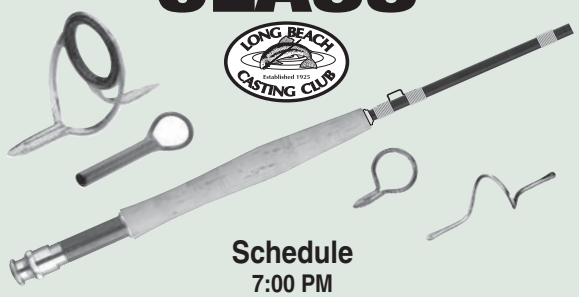
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7:00 PM

**Tuesday - September 8th .....Orientation**  
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**Tuesday - September 29th .....1st Class**  
**Tuesday - October 6th .....2nd Class**  
**Tuesday - October 13th .....3rd Class**  
**Tuesday - October 20th .....4th Class**

## VENISON STAG RESERVATION

Saturday, December 5, 2009    ❖    Social Hour: 6:00 PM    ❖    Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 19, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the Venison Stag on Saturday, December 5, 2009

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ adults.      Total number \_\_\_\_\_ @ 18.00 = \_\_\_\_\_      Total Enclosed:

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