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Leader's Line ...

Autumnal Learninox

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

The autumnal equinox signals the beginning of a beautiful time of year. Aspens change green mountain canyons to colors of gold and red and the lower water levels in our favorite streams run crystal clear. Fish start building fat for the winter, evenings get chilly and the hint of fireplaces fill the air. You've just got to love it.

The change is also noticeable at the pond. Jackets come out while inside the clubhouse a new series of classes gets underway.

ROD BUILDING: A dozen attendees were at the rod building orientation, an exceptionally good turnout, at least double the usual number. By the time you read this, their creations will be rotating on rod turners, clearing the way for Fly Tying.

FLY TYING 101: There's great satisfaction in fooling a fish with a fly you've tied yourself. There's also an advantage in tying exactly the color, size and pattern you need for tomorrow's fishing. Fly tying isn't hard and there's no mystique to it. If you can learn to tie a knot you can learn to tie flies. The biggest difference between you and those vice magicians you admire is practice. They were once beginners too.

The class begins with the basics but the techniques last a lifetime. When you're finished with this class, you'll be able to tie the patterns in magazine articles, or even look at a fly and duplicate it. Even though the

class starts with the basics, it's not just for beginners. Every year, a considerable number of students come back to refine their techniques. With a different instructor for each fly, there's always a new tip, trick or pattern to learn.

The first fly you tie is an ant, a terrestrial. The purpose is to learn thread control, but you also go home with a fly that works great in those dog days of summer when nothing seems to be happening. Often an ant flicked under a stream-side bush will save the day. Other flies include nymphs, wets, dries, streamers and crustaceans—everything you'll need to build a well-rounded fly box.

GREAT PRICE: Most shops charge \$75 for a one-time class that teaches maybe four flies. At LBCC University, the tuition is free and you learn at least 15 all-time favorite flies. You'll have to furnish your own materials and tools so, if possible, borrow from a friend until you see if tying is your thing. So what if your first fly isn't perfect: even the most challenged of flies will catch something—if only a bush.

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You don't have to know the difference between a dry, wet, nymph, emerger, dun or spinner to enjoy this class. But you'll know the differences by the time you finish and your brain won't even realize it learned something. It's that easy. If words like soft hackle, Woolly Bugger, Hare's Ear, Adams, and Royal Wulff are vague in your vocabulary, just show up for the October 27th Orientation that will begin to bring it all together. When you finish this class, you'll have a new appreciation for tying one on.



Booth Volunteers Needed

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

The Southwest Council of the FFF is going to be promoting fly fishing with a booth at various upcoming events. One purpose of this booth is to be a conduit to get interested parties linked up with a nearby club. So you might talk to someone close to Deep Creek one minute and San Diego the next. The appropriate information will be available at the booth.

If you'd like to help out, please send me an email at mick@rwmarketing.com and I'll get you in touch with the right people.

The Long Beach Casting Club will also need booth staffing at Fred Hall and Pasadena. Double duty anyone?

SHOW

DATE

Marriott's	November 21-22
Bass Pro Shop	February 27-28
Fred Hall/Long Beach	March 3-7
Pasadena	March 13-14
Fred Hall/Del Mar	March 24-28

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Scott Sanchez on Creative Fly Tying and Other Interesting Subjects

RICH GARRETT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

If one speaker from Jackson Hole, Wyoming can put on a great show then two from Jackson should be all the better.

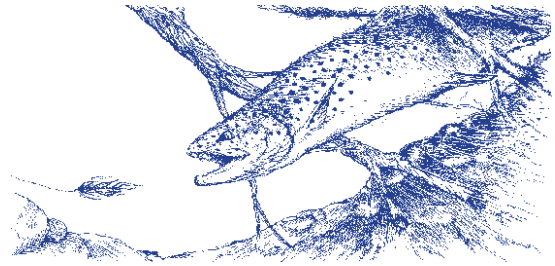
Again, I looked to Wyoming for our November speaker and came up with Scott Sanchez. Scott is no stranger to LBCC and has given outstanding presentations in the past. He is a professional in the fly tying department and has unusual variations for several established patterns (he created the “Double Bunny” several years ago). If you come across a fly with an “Off the Wall” name, chances are Scott created it. For example how about a Cone-head Bend-back design called “Conehead the Barbarian” or a Crawdad design called “Crusty Acean”. The hits just keep on coming, but you will have to attend the November meeting to hear about the others.

Scott will be staying over to conduct a Fly Tying class at the club on Saturday. In order to fit the presentation at the general meeting and tying class into a workable schedule, we will be holding the November meeting on Friday night the 20th at 7:00 PM and the class on Saturday the 21st at 9:00 AM.

I announced the Tying Class at the October General Meeting and received eight sign-ups before I left. The class will be limited to 14 persons at a cost of \$40.00 per person. If you are interested in attending please let me know. All reservations must be accompanied with a check. This will be on a first come basis as determined by the postmark on your registration.

Looking to the future, the March, 2010 Monthly Meeting will feature the White Elephant Auction. As in the past, members donate their fishing related equipment, supplies, books and all of that new stuff that you got for Christmas, but will never use.

We will be collecting your donations at the club starting on January 1, 2010. Give generously, but not early, as we have some storage issues. Thanks!



LBCC New Members

**MARK TSUNAWAKI,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

The 2009/2010 Board of Directors unanimously accepted the following application for membership:

- ❖ Dale Day of Rancho Palo Verdes Estates
- ❖ Imelda Lopez of Los Angeles
- ❖ Floyd Smith of Anaheim
- ❖ Bettie Woods of Los Angeles
- ❖ Edward Tamson of San Padre Island, Texas
- ❖ Tom & Barbara Stolarski of Torrance

Please 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.

Standing Proud

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

A neighbor told me once that the only good thing to come out of meetings was people. But at the Board Meeting on October 5, something else good came out of it—unanimously.

When you visit or help at the Project Healing Waters classes, you quickly see just how the simple things we take for granted, like fly casting or fly tying, are literally changing lives. Some of these vets carry severe wounds, physically and emotionally. After having gone through some dark and dreary times, all of a sudden, simple fishing techniques give them a bright new outlook. To keep their day brighter, or at least to show we care, the Board unanimously approved adding a new member category to the Club's bylaws which will grant no-cost memberships to participating Project Healing Waters vets.

The addition still needs to be voted on at a general meeting to be official, but the concept is this.

Project Healing Waters Members: Complimentary annual membership will be offered to disabled veterans actively participating in the club's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program at the Long Beach VAMC who have completed a minimum of two series of classes (rod building, fly casting or fly tying) and who continue participation in PHW. Project Healing Waters members shall have all the rights and privileges of active membership. Applicants will follow the normal application and renewal process.

The cost to the Club is inconsequential. In reality, the numbers will probably be small, maybe 6 or 8 per year. Frankly I hope it's more. We enjoy our soft and cushy lives and these men and women have sacrificed more than we can ever imagine. This is our way of showing them a little appreciation. I'm very pleased to welcome any or all of these fine soldiers into our midst should they want to join.

Here are some answers to questions already asked:

- ❖ No, these are not a lifetime memberships.
- ❖ The vets have to apply just like anyone else; the same to renew. If they're not interested, they won't apply. We're not handing out club memberships to just anyone.
- ❖ No, we'll not be flooded with dozens of free members. It's not available to every vet, only those active in the PHW program at the Long Beach facility.
- ❖ Unfortunately, I doubt if we'll ever have more than two or three vets at any club meeting.

I'm around and will be happy to answer any of your questions.



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: December 20, January 3, 17 & 31, February 21 and March 7. 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.

“But Officer, We Just Want to Cast...”

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

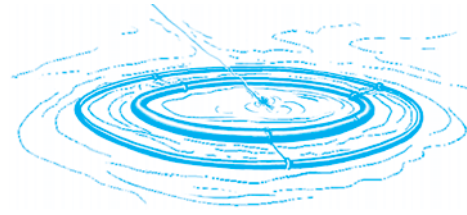
The October 11, 2009 casting games were a challenge to reach. The traffic message board near 7th and PCH said 7th St. closed to all vehicles except Buses, Golf Course and Lawn Bowling. Well, we had a casting competition scheduled, so eight hearty souls negotiated the police lines to arrive at the Long Beach Casting Club for an 8:00 AM breakfast and 9:00 AM casting games. Most participated in the casting games, while the others enjoyed the solitude of a quiet morning with only a couple dogs at the Dog Park. Breakfast was a hit, consisting of breakfast burritos skillfully prepared by Mark Flo.

Why the police line you ask? Well, the annual Long Beach Marathon course runs up Park Avenue and the LBPd prevents traffic driving on 7th Street from affecting the times of the runners. I hope not too many of you were turned away, although with the small turnout to the breakfast and casting games, some undoubtedly were.

As Captain for the 2009-2010 term, it is my charge to coordinate the 2010 Southwestern Casting Tournament at the Long Beach Casting Club. The tournament is on Saturday and Sunday, February 13th and 14th. I am beginning to solicit help for the event. We will need score keepers, scoring judges, help in the kitchen, and a host of other volunteers.

Please give us a hand continuing the tradition of Long Beach hosting a great event. I will post a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the kitchen door for those of you that are able to help. I can also be reached by phone at 562-833-1457 or e-mail at drivett@commercelp.com. Thank you in advance for your help and support. Stay tuned for additional information.

See you on the pond.



December Road Trip

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

The December 12 Club Trip will offer a new experience to the Club—an insider's tour of one of the most fascinating hatcheries on the West Coast. It will make your Hot Creek and Mt. Whitney visits pale by comparison. We get the chance to visit the Carlsbad White Sea Bass Hatchery to see how biologist are successfully bringing back a species that until a dozen years ago was only fond memories to old timer fishermen.

You'll get to see brood stock that make Alper's trout look like minnows. You'll learn how each fingerling is identified so that years later, when it reaches 50 or 60 pounds, and you catch it, the Department of Fish & Game can tell when and where it was released.

You'll learn why they're moved out of the hatchery and taken elsewhere and cared for daily by volunteer organizations such as ours. You'll be astonished at how successful the program has been. It's a *most interesting* tour and likely will unveil work with other species as well.

The Pre-Trip on December 12 will give you all the necessary details such as time, directions and meeting place. Car pooling is essential—it's a working hatchery and they're not set up to accommodate a lot of visitor vehicles.

So bring your wife, kids or neighbors if you like. They'll have a good time. We do need an accurate head count though, so docents will be available. The tour is intended for small groups, but we can have as many small groups as we want...

Project Healing Waters

CAROLE KATZ, NATIONAL TRUSTEE

Certainly you have heard the expression that “*There’s fishing and there’s catching.*” We went on a **fishing** trip with 8 disabled veterans the first few days of October. We knew the fishing would be challenging because the water flows in the Lower Owens were high, but coordinating such a trip is complicated and everyone wanted to give it a try anyway.

The town of Bishop really went all out to welcome the veterans. Chief of Police Kathleen Sheehan escorted the VA van all the way to Bishop from Independence—with lights flashing. As you can imagine, the vets were really surprised. There were 2,000 yellow ribbons on anything vertical lining Route 395 that had been put up by the Mom’s Club in honor of our nation’s veterans. When

the van arrived at the hotel, they learned that the Chamber of Commerce had put together welcome packets for each of them. Diandra Jay, reporter for Long Beach Telegram Press, traveled with us as part of an article she has been developing for several months.

We were escorted to dinner by a fire engine in the lead and another fire truck at the end of our procession. After posing for photos on the fire truck, we ate a delicious tri-tip barbecue prepared by the Chief of Police herself, with a great deal of help from many others including retired fireman Floyd Redmond,

an Inyo County Supervisor, a local physician, the president of the Mom’s Club, the former owner of Arcularius Ranch, and many others. Everyone was given a golden trout pin, and the Elks Club donated the use of their park for a fine meal prepared by some very generous people.

Friday morning, we went fishing. Two individuals with mobility issues went with guide Pat Jaeger in his boat on Intake Two and had a very productive day. Because of the very high flows in the Lower Owens, the rest of us went to Benton Crossing. Not everyone caught fish, but there was a lot of instruction. As we were eating a great lunch delivered to us by Floyd, the wind came up, so we decided to go to the Gorge for

the afternoon. The staff at the power plant drove some lucky members of our group into the gorge beyond the gate, and pointed out a few favorite fishing spots. The power plant was releasing 600 cfs and the fishing was challenging. The dense vegetation and high water were very different that what we had experienced in the

morning, so it was a good learning experience.

Dinner that night was at Whiskey Creek Restaurant. The restaurant gave us a generous discount and the privacy of the banquet room was pleasant. During dinner, the Manager of the Pauite Casino gave the vets a selection of beautiful flies tied by a Pauite.

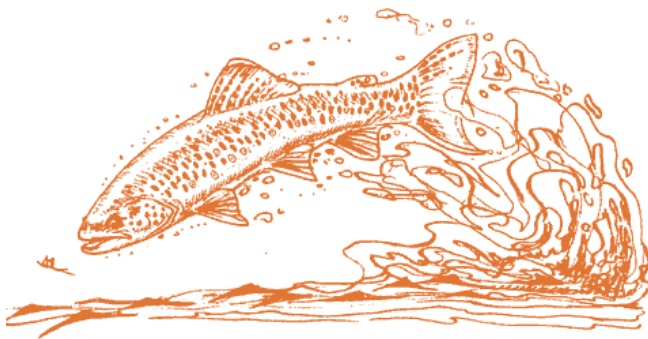
On Saturday, a few of the vets wanted to see the Fall Color Antique Car Show in town, so they stayed behind in the morning to enjoy the 250 cars and Mountain Light Gallery. Two different individuals were in Pat’s boat on Intake Two and again caught fish, including



some nice browns. Some others went into Bishop Creek Canyon and tried fishing in several locations. With an elevation gain of 6000 feet at South Lake, the temperature difference was remarkable: 28 degrees and really windy at the top, and 83 in Bishop. The aspens, cottonwoods and chamisa had begun their beautiful fall color display which made for a gorgeous setting. Floyd brought another delicious lunch to the hotel, after which the vets left for home.

Floyd Redmon was a huge help with the arrangements in Bishop, and the town of Bishop really made the vets feel appreciated. Already, the folks in Bishop are asking when our next trip will be scheduled because they have even more grand plans for next time.

Although challenging, most of the vets caught fish. We were able to experience several different fishing areas, with very different conditions. The fall color was beautiful, the hospitality was amazing, and the added attraction of the antique car show was interesting, particularly for those of us who got stuck in the procession out of town on Saturday. Although not the greatest catching trip, it was another great fishing trip.



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Long Beach Casting Club Trips for 2009 – 2010

BILL BOEHLERT, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Although the days are getting shorter and cooler, the fishing is still hot. There are still two club trips in 2009. Fall fishing in Mammoth is a visual feast, as well as productive piscatorially. The trip to Carlsbad with Mick Woodbury will educate us regarding the white seabass, as well as providing surf fishing opportunities.

We will be starting the new year with the traditional trips to the Lower Owens under the tutelage of sages Dan Rivett and Yash Iseda. Making these trips should definitely be included in your New Year's resolutions.

If you have any questions about the schedule, be sure to e-mail me at blboehlert@verizon.net or call me at 714-374-6491. Remember, friends don't let friends miss club fishing trips!

2009–2010 TRIPS TO DATE

DATE	TRIP & TRIP LEADER
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

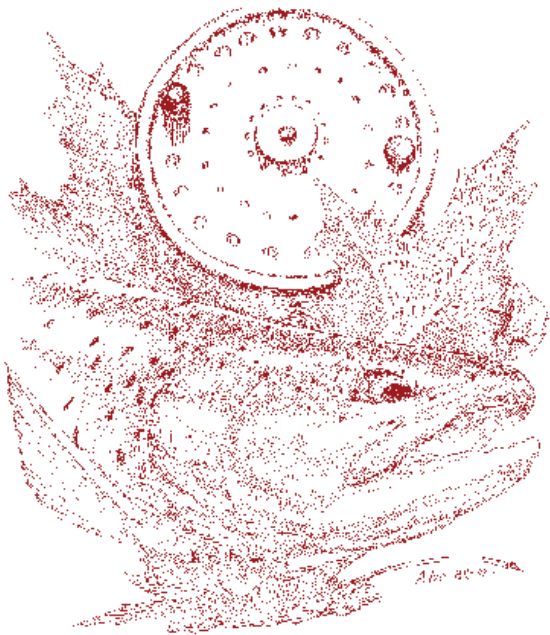


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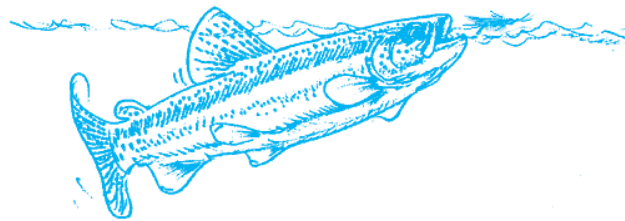
BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

Fishing trips are an opportunity to generate cash flow for the Sunshine Committee in twenty five cent increments. This group of eleven anglers did their utmost to assure the Committee is fiscally in good shape. Unfortunately, we had the newest member of the Committee with us so all foibles were duly noted.

Bollibokka is a private fish camp first established by the Hills Brothers coffee family. They bought 5,000 acres along the lower McCloud River for \$50 an acre in 1904 from the Central Railroad after the decision was made to extend the rail system up the Sacramento River instead of the McCloud. The Club property includes the lowest seven miles of river before it reaches Lake Shasta. We had exclusive right to fish the riverfront property and we were limited to twelve rods.



The name “Bollibokka” means black Manzanita in the Winnemem Wintu language. Within the club property there are 26 native American sites, villages and sacred grounds. Craig Haines says he discovered



a 40 foot tall Manzanita on the grounds. Recall that a Manzanita is one of the “...evergreen shrubs of the genus *Arctostaphylos*...” (emphasis added). Shrub indeed. Don’t ask Craig the size of any of the fish he catches!

The entrance to the camp is located 17 miles up Gilman Road, which exits directly from I-5 just north of Redding. The locked gate is on the left just before Gilman Road crosses the only bridge across the McCloud. (**DO NOT** cross the bridge). Well, Al and Judy proceeded to cross the bridge and explored in the back country another 20 miles or so into active timber harvesting land along rarely traveled dirt roads. Smelling roses again, I guess.

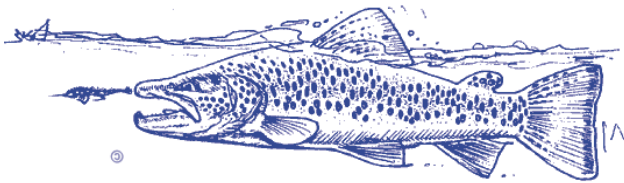
Dennis Swing and Andy Stillitano were driving up in the “Love Machine”, his famous van. In Dennis’ last fishing adventure, he backed the Love Machine into a bear proof dumpster at Mammoth. I think he was testing to see if a bear could move it. The dent is still quite visible. It gives the van character. Dennis requested the specific street address of the camp to input into the GPS (I assume it was because Andy was navigating). Of course, being rural, there was no house number but I was able to provide one for the caretaker’s house but that’s four miles short of the destination. The larger problem is that the canyon walls are so narrow and steep that GPS does not function anyway (an additional problem is that Bill Gates has never stayed there!). Fortunately, Dennis did not get lost but that was only because Al and Judy had returned from their expedition into the hinterlands and were in the process of closing the gate when Dennis arrived.

Dan Rivett and Connie Bullock, in her own car, arrived with me. We met in Redding at The Fly Shop and then shopped at Safeway for last minute (fresh) provisions. We were met at Bollibokka by Mary Lou because Rich

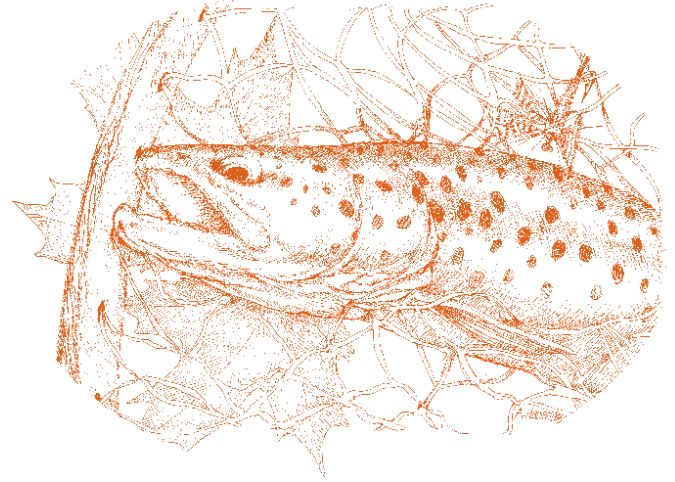
was already working on his first nap! She met us with the revelation that there was no electricity. This was a total shock (so to speak) because I had determined that there were three refrigerators with freezers for our use. Everything was run on propane and we had gas fixtures to provide light! Gas lights also gave out considerable heat. We did find a camp generator after a few days but lights were not electric. So only the dishwashers could be run and Connie could dry her hair but there was little other use anyway. Dennis just let his beard grow.

Dan, Connie and I stayed in the Rockhouse, a rustic and very comfortable cabin on the river. There was a photo on the wall showing the Wintu Indians building the two foot thick walls of river rock. Two bedrooms, bath, kitchen and a comfortable living room with rock fireplace. Dan and I were up every morning between 6:00 and 6:30 AM to fix breakfast in the Log Cabin, so Connie had the Rockhouse to herself in private to do whatever single women do to prepare for a day of fishing!

The rest of the party stayed in the Clubhouse having five bedrooms, several baths, a large living room and an expansive veranda for hors d'oeuvres and adult libations every night. Next to the Clubhouse is the Log Cabin built of two foot diameter logs chinked by



smaller logs! The dining room table is a single slab of quarter sawn pine or redwood at least five feet wide. We didn't light the fireplace. Off the dining room was a kitchen and walk-in pantry where I spent much of my time preparing food for the assembled anglers. Between the Cook House and the Rockhouse was a grass field of more than an acre of eight inch tall grass. Presumably it was the field where they recovered the river rock for the cabins. Every evening a group of 6-7 deer came out of the woods to chomp on the moist grass. The area was a good twenty degrees



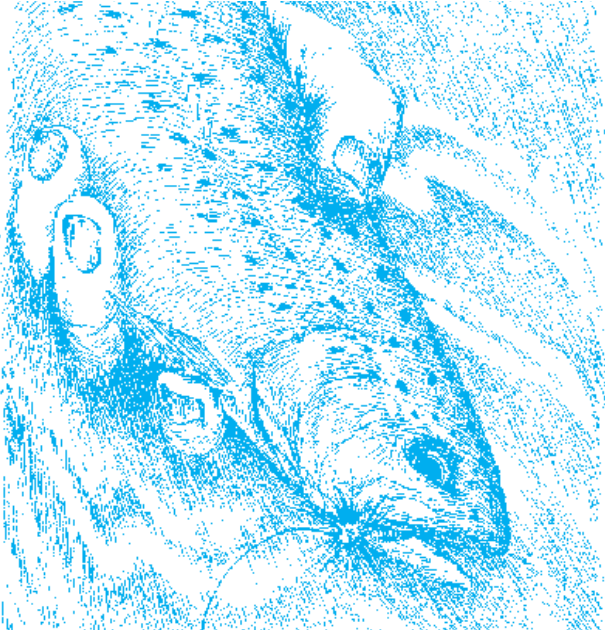
cooler than the woods. But in the morning, the same cool, moist field held ravenous mosquitos waiting in ambush for Danny and me!

I had hoped that booking our trip in September would result in fall fishing. It was still summer and the week started with day time temperatures in the triple digits leveling off to mid nineties by the end of the stay. But at least we did not have the stormy weather I am so famous for generating on trips I plan.

The fish in the McCloud are the McCloud River Rainbows (*Salmo Shasta*), a totally different species from the coastal rainbow (*Salmo gairdneri*) we are all used to catching. They are somewhat brighter in color and are very fierce fighters. But there didn't seem to be very many. The hot weather kept the bugs off the water and drove the fish into deep pockets and runs. So we had to fish hard every day to find the little devils and then to catch them. This was not a frantic trip where we had to rush through breakfast to be on time to meet the guides and begin the day. Rather, after a leisurely breakfast, we geared up and hiked along the many trails to the river. We usually stopped for lunch about one or two o'clock, returned to the camp and had a lazy lunch (all self-prepared). After a nap or a book during the heat of the day, we would venture forth again about four o'clock. Dinner was always late.

Up river of the camp was the Way Station, a rock cabin with two bedrooms, kitchen and living room. That facility can be separately rented and is limited to

six occupants but only four rods. They have exclusive rights to the upper two miles. Al and Judy hiked up there one day. They reported back at dinner time on



the spectacular accommodations. It was far more than they anticipated. The refrigerator was full and the liquor cabinet was fully stocked. Their lunch was taken in the pleasant gazebo overlooking the river and the canyon. On the hike back down stream, they found the real Way Station and realized that they had occupied a private residence for the afternoon. They, of course, qualified for a suitable fine from the Sunshine Committee and a possible repeat nomination for the annual JA Award (not again!).

Tim and Craig claim to have caught a lot of fish. Andy was grumpy for a few days because he was having trouble finding any. He returned one day late with a big smile... a sure indication of a change of fortune. Danny was simply a gazelle, seemingly fishing with everyone at once no matter how spread out we were along the river.

I broke the ice. In the first hour of the first day, I stepped into the water with one foot. When the second foot went in, it failed to find firm footing and I slipped further out and deeper and was the first one in. After that, every single person on the trip managed to slip and fall in the river. The one exception was

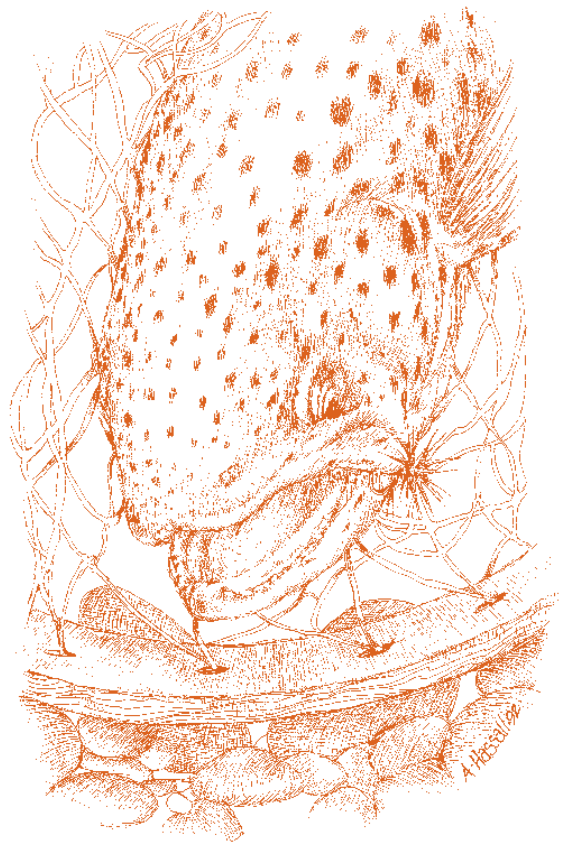
the sure-footed Dennis Swing who denies slipping at any time.

Dennis did, however, see a bear in daylight—the *only* person to do so. At least, so he claims.

This was one of the least expensive trips we've had. We paid less than \$600 each for four days fishing and five nights lodging. The food expense was another \$135 per, but I think I can do it cheaper in the future; we ate quite well. Next year the exclusive leasing of the fishing rights for Bollibokka are in the hands of The Fly Shop, in Redding. But the price remains the same! We have first right of refusal on the same week we were there in mid-September. But I think the last week in October may be better and it is currently open.

Let me know if you are interested for next year, I have to make concrete plans soon—within a few weeks.

And begin saving your quarters!



Postcard From Paradise

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

So, my friend and neighbor says, “Would you like our cabin on Hebgen Lake near West Yellowstone, Montana for the month of September?” “Yep.”

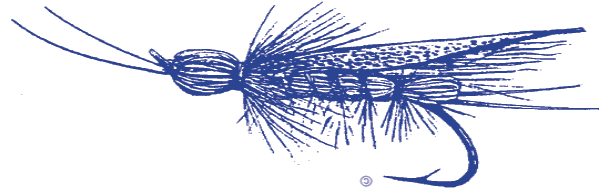
Lions, and Tigers, and Bears, Oh My! – No, we didn’t see *all* those fierce beasties but elk in rut bugling and bison being feisty were aplenty and one bear crossed our path. Bald eagles, osprey, Canada geese, and sandhill cranes were all around; but, finally, Ann’s heart’s desire, wolves in the wild, two bad boys, a brownish/grey and a black crossed our path (at a safe distance for both of us).

The Dean of Rivers – I love the challenge of fishing alone but once in a while I need help. I know Dean Rickerd, Past President, local resident, and all around nice guy with the world’s oldest living VW van. Dean has fished the area for years and has logged every day and every fly with statistics and photographs. Fishing with Dean is not casual; it is INTENSE and it is EXCITING. He knows precisely where to go and with what to fish for a best chance of experiencing the big ones. We ended up 50/50.

The first night on the Madison, Dean says: “9:30 PM.” 9:00 PM nothing. 9:15 nothing. 9:25 nothing. 9:30 the place lights up like a disco after dark. The big trout are out of mid-stream and on the banks slurping and dancin’. 9:45 is so dark I’m striking on sound, 10:00 PM, everybody goes home. Wow!!!

Two days later on the Henry’s Fork, Dean says “9:30 PM.” Oh boy, here we go again after a nice hatch under the bridge that morning. 9:30 comes and goes and Dean and I have a nice chat on the meaning of life and other good stuff but no fish. No complaints. Dean is a great fishing partner and loves fishing as much as any of us and knows more than most of us. I’m ready to go again, anytime.

FIRE IN THE HOLE!!! Or the Firehole – It’s an aptly named river as geysers, fumaroles, and all sorts of



hot stuff flow directly into it. Yash gave me a gadget that measures temperature just by point-and-click at the water. The Firehole can be 52° in one spot and 102° right next to it. This little device helps me know where fish are, and more importantly, where they ain’t. Hoppers on the bank are the key here and as there are no significant hatches in September, hoppers are big sellers. I also fished myself out of Royal Wulffs. Yikes!

The Barns Dance – The Barns Holes are just inside the west park entrance and are the spots where fly fishers attempt to ambush the big (over 2 feet) browns coming out of Hebgen Lake and going up the Madison to the Firehole and Gibbon to spawn. This is an autumn ritual but the timing is tricky. We were there a little early this year.

The protocol is to get in line and enter the river at the top of the run, cast, move left, and repeat until you catch a fish or end the run. I caught a few huge browns early but being a California kid, my tippet was too light (went to 3X), Mr. Abel’s drag was too tight (loosened it), and my timing was off (got better). But by this time I no longer was into browns. I caught a lot of whitefish (use bigger flies to avoid this) and finally got into some quality rainbows that go up river with the browns for their eggs. We left before I saw anyone catch a really big fish, but I had become just one more of the old foggy regulars at the Barns which was very satisfying. But next time ...

Madison Brown – Go to YOUTUBE and enter Madison Brown for a real treat. Paraphrasing the song:

*“When the mayflies start to dance,
Folks come and line up for a chance,
With Madison Brown.”*

Someday soon I’ll return to the Madison River and ask Miss Brown for a dance, maybe this time she’ll say yes.

Northwestern Casting Tournament Oct. 10–11, 2009

MARK TSUNAWAKI, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Braving casting conditions that were cold and overcast with various wind gust from all directions the Long Beach Casting Club was represented by Larry Allen, Randy and Lori Mandt, Bob Middo and Mark Tsunawaki. Bob and Mark braved the weather wearing traditional shorts as we do in Southern California but were well covered in the upper extremities.

Attendance overall was smaller than usual but we all had a great time with many friends, great lunches and dinner of hors d'oeuvres of deviled eggs, tomato grilled with cheese, green salad, pork roast, roast beef, red potatoes, asparagus-broccoli-mushroom vegetables, prepared by Lorraine.

Saturday results for LBCC members were:

Trout Fly: A class, Mark Tsunawaki (94), Larry Allen (90); B class, Randy Mandt, first place (95), Bob Middo (90)

Bass Bug: A class, Larry Allen (88); B class, Bob Middo, third place (90), Mark Tsunawaki (88), Randy Mandt (86)

1/4 oz Acc.: A class, Larry Allen (86); B class, Randy Mandt, third place (91), Bob Middo (89), Mark Tsunawaki (83); C class, Lori Mandt (82)

Open Plug: A class, Larry Allen (90); B class, Mark Tsunawaki, first place (92), Randy Mandt (89), Bob Middo (87); C class, Lori Mandt (81)

Angler's Fly: A class, Larry Allen, second place (144'), Bob Middo (136'); B class, Mark Tsunawaki, first place (145'), Randy Mandt, second place (129')

1/4 oz distance: A class, Bob Middo, second place (197'), Larry Allen (172); B class, Randy Mandt, first place (177'), Mark Tsunawaki, second place (161')

Sunday results for LBCC members were:

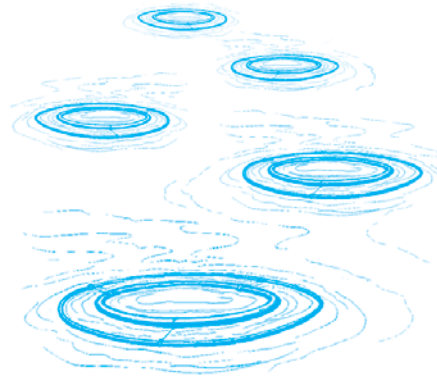
Dry Fly: A class, Larry Allen (98), Mark Tsunawaki (94); B class, Bob Middo (91), Randy Mandt (90)

Wet Fly: A class, Larry Allen, third place (93), Mark Tsunawaki (89); B class, Randy Mandt (89), Bob Middo (84)

3/8 oz Acc.: A class, Larry Allen (89); B class, Mark Tsunawaki, second place (88), Bob Middo (87), Randy Mandt (85); C class, Lori Mandt (82)

5/8 oz Acc.: A class, Larry Allen, second place (94); B class, Randy Mandt, second place (92), Mark Tsunawaki, third place (91), Bob Middo, (81)

All caster results will be posted on casting bulletin board.



Pond Cleaning Helpers Wanted!

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

A casting pond cleaning is scheduled for Sunday, November 1st at 7:30 am. This is an open invitation to all members willing to help out, but especially those that spend time casting. I want to get a few more regular pond users involved to supplement those members that are always at the cleanings, working to keep this prized asset looking so good. We supply the hoses, squeegees, shovels, and boots; however, we do need operators. As always, coffee, tea and donuts will be provided to all volunteers.

I look forward to seeing you at the pond.

Thursday Night at the Movies Returns

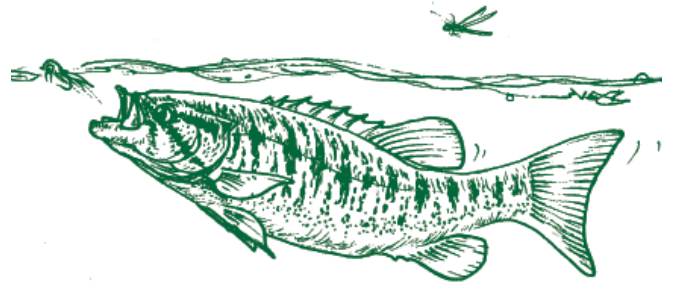
BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

If you attended the last monthly meeting (or even if you didn't) you would have witnessed the shameless efforts at volunteering me and virtually commandeering me and my video tape collection. The powers that be believe that running a movie night on Thursday opposite the unexpectedly popular spey casting will somehow relieve pressure on the pond. To the contrary, I see increased use of the clubhouse from people with no interest in two-handed rods.

I have resurrected the schedule of films from two years ago. New offerings have also been released in the interim and will be added where appropriate. As a broad overview, I intend to show a major piece and then try to squeeze in a second DVD of a contrary or at least a different approach or viewpoint. But I'll only advertise the main selection. I don't know precisely when we'll begin because the AV equipment is still being tweaked. In the future, I'll try to set out the schedule and dates and main titles.

I hope these films will increase your fishing bag of tricks. Casting will not be dealt with, rather we will stick to fly fishing tactics and techniques. Similarly, travel videos of destination tours (boring) will not be shown although some of the ocean and blue water DVD's tend to emphasize where to go for the best bonefishing or for tarpon or trevally. More importantly, I hope the showings will encourage you to start your own library of DVD's whether from these selections or your own choice.

That way, maybe Gary can borrow someone else's and return mine...



Emergency Information Cards

CAROLE KATZ, PAST PRESIDENT

During a previous club trip, there was a discussion about the difficulty of knowing who to contact in the event one of our members has a medical emergency. One thing led to another, and a great idea was born.

We would like all members, for their own safety, to fill out the Emergency Information Card on this page of the current issue of *Target Talk*. Cut it out, or photocopy it, and put it in the fishing license holder you use. Ideally, each year when you renew your fishing license, you will update the information on the card. If you need extra space, you can use the back of the card. We have included two cards for those with family memberships.

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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.

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Y&I w/ PB&J

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

The second annual Yards & Inches Tournament is now history. The winner was Carol Murphy, an angler who out-fished some hot sticks on a day when the tide, or lack of it, was no one's friend. She scored 34 inches, the best of the day out of twelve total participants. The catch wasn't up to last year's event but the tide didn't help and there was a bit of bioluminescence in the water. Though merciful on the fish count, the group got their revenge on the posole finishing off eight quarts. They showed little mercy either with the beer cooler.

Q & A: The group also participated in an informal focus group that discussed possible future events.

1. One question concerned whether the Y&I was an appropriate Club event and should it be continued. Answer: Yes! And should it have its own perpetual



trophy? Yes!

2. Another question involved San Diego Bay and a joint event with the Golden State Fly Fishers, perhaps ending with a picnic. Answer: Yes!
3. The third question was a bit more involved, but suggested a reciprocating event where we fish San Diego Bay one year and then host the Golden State crowd up here and fish the "Wall". Answer: Yes!

Kayakers are a group of dedicated fishers and the Y&I is perhaps the closest venue to the clubhouse with a chance of a hookup. Trailer and pontoon boats work too. Look for a better tide selection next year and a perpetual trophy with a space for your name.

What's with the alphabet soup headline? Yards & Inches with Posole, Beer and Jokes.

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Fly of the Month: Green-Butt Skunk

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

There is one type of fly that I prefer to tie to all others—steelhead flies. This goes back to my start in fly-tying more than 45 years ago while hanging out in Ball & Frank's Sporting Goods in downtown Long Beach. I became fascinated by their shape and the bold colors they often employ. For these reasons I will invariably find a way to tie one even if I have to get more needed fishing flies done.

The Green-Butt Skunk is the one steelhead fly I choose to tie most often. It's fun to tie, good looking and fishes great. It is also a pattern that can be tied in a variety of differing styles. For those of you who like tying flies modeled after the traditional Atlantic salmon Spey patterns of Scotland the Green-Butt Skunk is a perfect choice. The version that I would like to introduce has a unique winging technique that produces a fly that is virtually indestructible. Developed by the late Ed Haas, the wing is first tied in pointing forward and then after rest of the fly has been tied, is folded back to its normal position. This results in a wing that is almost impossible to pull out and can also be adjusted in how high it sits in relationship to the body. The same technique can also be used with hackle tip wings.

Another technique used in month's fly is use of mylar tinsel underneath floss. Look at a fly with a floss body that is wet. Is it the same color as when it was dry? Of course not; it's much darker isn't it. With tinsel underneath, the floss it will not change color and will actually appear brighter when wet thus enhancing the visibility of your fly.

If you are planning a trip to go steelhead or salmon fishing in the Pacific Northwest or Alaska then the Green-Butt Skunk is a great fly to tie. It's also a great change of pace from all of those #18 and #20 emergers you have been tying...

Materials for tying the Green-Butt Skunk:

- Hook: Daiichi, Partridge or Tiemco
Salmon style with looped eye
in sizes 10 to 3/0
- Thread: Primrose (pale yellow) 6/0 or
8/0
- Wing: White skunk, calftail or
bucktail
- Tip: Silver mylar tinsel
- Butt (Tag): Fluorescent green floss over
silver mylar tinsel
- Tail: Red hackle fibers
- Ribbing: Fine oval silver tinsel
- Body: Black Angora goat dubbing
- Hackle: Black dyed rooster
- Head: Black marker or lacquer



Instructions for tying the Green-Butt Skunk:

- 1 Attach the thread near the mid-point of the hook and wind forward to a point just before the end of the looped eye. Remove a clump of 20 to 30 white skunk hair fibers and remove all of the short basal hairs and fluff. Pass the hair between the shank and the loop of the eye and slide it forward into the headspace. If you have difficulty squeezing the hair in between then you are using too much hair or the lacquer coating the hook has clogged the space between. The tips should be above the hook and tilted forward and the butt ends below and tilted back. While holding the butt ends and the hook securely, fold the wing back to measure its final length—it should not go past the bend of the hook. With the wing tilted forward again secure the wing with a few tight wraps, trim the butt ends at an angle, and then wind the thread over the top of them back to the mid-point of the hook.
- 2 Cut off a 3-inch piece of mylar tinsel and tie it in on the underside of the hook. Wind the tinsel edge to edge, without any overlap, down to spot directly over the point of the hook and then back to the mid-point. Tie in a 3-inch long piece of fine oval tinsel and a couple of strands of fluorescent green floss along the underside of the hook. Pull the tinsel back toward the bend of the hook and wind the floss over the top of the oval tinsel and the mylar tag. Advance the floss about halfway down the mylar tag and the back to the start mid-point.
- 3 Apply small amounts of Angora goat hair to your thread creating a dubbing rope and wind it forward to just behind the wing. The body should be thin but spiky in appearance. Now take the oval tinsel and wind 5 evenly spaced turns around the hook and tie it off.
- 4 Select a black rooster hackle and fold the hackle fibers to one side. If this is a technique that you have not learned yet don't worry, just pull the fibers out perpendicular to the stem. Tie the hackle by the tip and wind 4 to 8 turns depending on the size of the fly. For those who didn't fold the hackle be sure to pull the fibers back toward the



bend after each wrap. A folded hackle requires practically no preening.

- 5 Grab hold of the wing and fold it back over the body. Sometimes it helps to try and smash it down with your thumb and forefinger. Firmly wind the thread up the base of the wing forcing it into the desired position. A higher wing in a heavy current will work a little better than a low wing and the opposite holds true in slower currents. When the desired wing height is achieved wind forward smoothing out the head and whip finish. Apply a black marking pen to the head, apply a drop of head cement and the fly is complete. If you would like the head in another color then apply a lacquer to the head in a couple of thin coats.

Note: If you would like to turn the Green-Butt Skunk into a Spey pattern with their distinctive long, flowing hackle then here's how. Tie the fly as described above until you get to the body. Using a marabou blood for the Spey hackle, prepare the marabou blood removing the fibers from the left side of the stem as you hold it with the best side up. Tie the marabou blood in by the tip after you tie in the ribbing. Wind the Spey hackle down the body after the ribbing is wound on and immediately behind and next to the rib. Be sure to make a couple or more turns at the throat area. I like to put a Guinea fowl hackle on the front of the marabou Spey hackle. Prepare the Guinea fowl hackle in the same way as the rooster hackle and wind it about 3 or 4 turns. Finish the fly in the same fashion as above.

Calendar of Events

November

1	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond and Clubhouse Cleaning
2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Techniques
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: Ant
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: Soft Hackle
20	Friday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Scott Sanchez
21	Saturday	9:00 AM	Fly Tying with Scott Sanchez: Reservation Only
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: Boss
26	Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!

December

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Scud
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: White Seabass Hatchery 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
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Hare's Ear
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: White Seabass Hatchery Tour in Carlsbad
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Pheasant Tail
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
20	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: 3/8, 5/8, DF, WF, 5 wt Combo
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Clouser
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
25	Friday		Merry Christmas!
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Crazy Charlie
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower Owens

January

3	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: 3/8, TF, BB, SHD, 1/4D
4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Woolly Bugger
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
8–10	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Muddler Minnow
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
17	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: 1/4, 5/8, DF, WF, 5 wt Combo
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Elk-Hair Caddis
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying: Adams
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower Owens
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be determined
31	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Casting Games: Open, TF, BB, SHD

Sharpshooter Paul

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

One of the great things about the club fishing trips is the camaraderie that develops. On the August Bighorn trip, I got to spend some quality time with Paul Burgner. My first trip with Paul was to the Kern River one April many years ago. The river was completely blown out by the spring runoff. Wading was life threatening and fishing was impossible. Because he was the trip leader, he mumbled and swore all weekend at the lousy conditions. It was not an auspicious way to meet him on a trip for the first time.

But Paul is quite affable, quick to smile, and he likes to tell stories on himself. It seems that as a boy, he had a rough upbringing. His family conditions were by no means rich. In fact, he was often pressed into duty to provide meals for the family.

Thus, he was in the woods somewhere searching for squirrels with his trusty (or did he say rusty) .22 Davy Crockett rifle. Well, he crossed a large stream and came upon two wild turkeys sitting in a tree. Lying down and cradling the rifle on a rock, he took careful aim and shot. Unfortunately he missed the turkeys but rather hit the branch splitting it in half. The turkeys were fluttering and squawking but their feet got stuck in the split when the branch came back



together—they were caught.

He climbed the tree to gather the dinner. Even as a youth, Paul was chubby and apparently when he reached for the branch, it broke with the added weight, dropping him into the stream. He stood up sputtering but still holding onto the branch and the turkeys. Paul was wearing those bib overalls that are so stylish. As he stood he realized that the bib was full of fish; so many fish in fact that one of the buttons popped off. It zinged across the river and hit a deer that was quietly drinking from the crystal clear water. The deer was fatally hit right between the eyes.

So Paul dragged the deer, two turkeys and a passel of fish home for dinner. Imagine how proud his family was of Sharpshooter Paul with all that food using only one shot!

He swears it's true. And anglers never lie.

VENISON STAG RESERVATION

Saturday, December 5, 2009

❖ Social Hour: 6:00 PM

❖ Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 19, 2009

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