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Leader's Line ...

In the Rear View Mirror

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

You can't always appreciate how far you've traveled until you look over your shoulder. That's what we're doing this month—looking back. When the Board took over a year ago, we were entrusted with a newly rejuvenated Clubhouse that looked like a million bucks. To leave it better than we found it would be a challenge.

The Club's ambiance was appreciated by a number of diverse groups this year. The Department of Fish and Game threw an entertaining retirement party; the Southwest Council of the Fly Fishing Federation held a successful fund raiser; Trout Unlimited showed Red Gold, a powerful film about the future of Bristol Bay, Alaska, and Maggie Merriman taught her annual "bugology" class.

Membership rose to 508 men, women and juniors. That number typically drops at renewal time, but steadily grows again during the year with the biggest jumps following the casting and fly tying classes. If you haven't renewed yet, the time is now.

There were some terrific Club trips, not only to the familiar spots but to some new destinations as well. San Diego Bay proved a big hit for kayakers with the promise of some future joint outings with SD's Golden State Club. The Yards & Inches Tournament also gained popularity and will unveil its own perpetual trophy at the awards dinner in April. We also took a non-fishing, but extremely fishy trip in December

touring the fascinating Carlsbad white seabass hatchery.

Our instructional classes were popular as usual. The fly tying class was huge and the attendance remained high all 15 weeks. Five tiers logged perfect attendance. Rod building turned out some fine results and the casting class was also quite successful. Casting instructors are already gearing up for practice teaching in preparation for April's classes.

The Southwest Tournament went off without a hitch. A month of rain caused some anxious moments, but the sun won out. The days were as delicious as the dinner.

Project Healing Waters continued with casting instruction, fly tying, rod building and fishing trips. What a blessing the program is to wounded war vets.

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Something that hasn't happened for a while, Long Beach Boy Scout Troop 14, utilized the facility and the teaching skills of some two-dozen Club volunteers to work toward their fly fishing merit badge. Their Monday evening classes are continuing through March.

Sadly, we lost Milt Huber last year. A member since 1994, he was a fine gentleman whose selfless efforts helped hundreds of students turn out magnificent flies and rods. Heaven is a better place with Milt's presence.

Our fire came at a very inopportune time—not that there is ever a good time. Adding to the pain was an economy that was headed down and a city that was feeling the pinch. In extending our lease for another 20-years, the city looked to reduce its own expenses. Beginning in 2013, we'll be facing the added costs of utilities. As you can imagine, the pond has quite a thirst and the stadium lights can really spin the meter. Our costs will rise by about \$4,000 per year beginning in 2013. The board is evaluating steps to minimize the effect on the club, including an interest-bearing reserve.

A nuisance bug that repeatedly reared its nasty head at the most inopportune times was the AV system. Standing in front of a packed house frantically trying to get the projector operating with 5 different remotes, a microphone with low output, even at full volume, and side monitors that wouldn't work with a laptop, a way to improve the clubhouse became obvious. As you read this, new equipment and cabling are being installed which will make the AV system easier to operate while improving the quality of both sight and sound. Movie night Thursdays anyone?

The year has gone by quickly. It was great fun and I recommend the experience. A competent new board is standing by, anxiously awaiting their election. All but one are returning veterans and they'll do another superb job. It's been a blast. Thank you for entrusting me and the rest of the board with this fine institution.



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A New Year is Here

RICH GARRETT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

A New Year is here—Not the Chinese one—the one that begins on April Fools Day. That would be the “Year of the Club”. Our Long Beach Casting Club New Year begins on April 1, 2010 and runs through March 31, 2011.

The first activity of the new year begins with the Annual General Meeting and the election of officers for the coming year. The meeting is usually a short one and does not include a speaker or program, however it is an important one to attend, as it allows the membership the opportunity to show their support for the names in nomination, or to place an additional name on the nomination list, (see the Bylaws for the procedure to place a name in nomination). The new officers will be formally installed at our annual Awards & Installation Banquet on April 18. Check out the details of the Banquet elsewhere in this issue.

As mentioned in last month’s Target Talk on April 16 (Friday Night) Simon Gawesworth will be at the club to give Spey Casting instructions. Due to the limited space for Spey Casting in our pond, the number of casters will be limited to 6 persons. If you are interested in participating in the casting, please send me your name and email address.

On April 10, six names will be drawn to participate and the remaining will be placed on a backup list to cover any cancellations. The cost of the lessons is \$20.00 per person. Once the original 6 persons have been drawn, they will be notified by email and requested to make payment.

As of today, I have only have received four request to participate “In the Pond”. I am sure the remaining spots will be filled shortly. However, even if you are not lucky enough to be in the pond, the membership is always welcome to listen to the information that Simon covers, either in the clubhouse or at poolside. For those interested in Spey Casting this is a great

opportunity to obtain valuable information from one of the best. The only requirement is that you do not become a distraction to the program.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in April.



Awards & Installation Dinner

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

The Club will hold its annual Awards & Installation Dinner at the clubhouse on Sunday, April 18, at 5:00 PM. We will hand out awards for service and casting, thank the current Board of Directors for their considerable efforts and welcome and install the new Board of Directors as they set out to provide leadership for the coming year.

Saving the best for last, we will announce the coveted (?) JA Award. Some lucky person will have the honor of reliving their special moment, spotlighted in front of 50 or so close friends. Who will be the fortunate one this year?

The entrée will be fresh grilled chicken fajitas with all of the makings. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, so join us and build your burrito, taco or fajitas plate just the way you like it. Be sure to send in your reservation form located at the back of this issue of Target Talk.

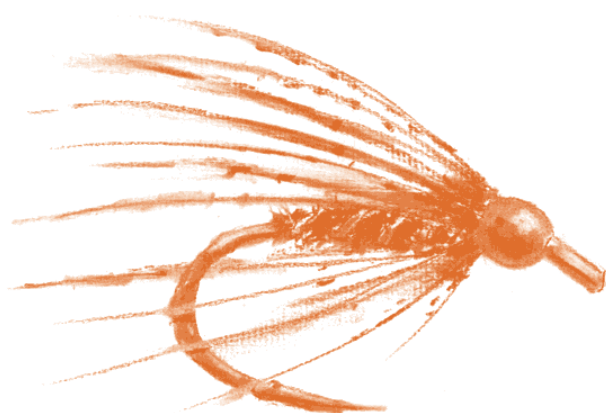
Relax, Relax Already

JEFF SADLER, STREAMKEEPER

The Green River in Utah just keeps on rolling by and you should be there, April 25–29.

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For info: Jeff Sadler (310) 377-3868 or email me at fotofish@verizon.net.



Calling All Pictures...

NANI BLYLEVEN,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Well, maybe not all pictures, but how about LBCC club or member related photos you may have snapped so far this year, or will take by the end of the year? The idea is to put together a slide show of our members and others enjoying any aspect of the casting club or fishing. Another idea is to put together photo albums of different events such as classes, tournaments, or other gatherings. The photo album idea will require volunteers who are more creative than I (me being one who is satisfied arranging photos in shoeboxes, if I ever get around to developing or printing them).

So, please send me your photos by either mailing them to our P.O. Box to my attention, by leaving them at the clubhouse, or by email (nablyle@aol.com) along with your contact info. If you have pre-2010 pictures you want to send in, please do so!

And as long as I am asking, if you or someone you know is handy with photo albums, individual album page making, or has computer skills with slide shows, let me know. You can help as little or as much as you like, the more the merrier!

AGM Meeting

NANI BLYLEVEN, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

You are invited to attend the Club's Annual General Meeting on Thursday night, April 1 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Clubhouse.

There will be two orders of business:

1. The election of officers for the 2010–2011 term. The Nominees are:

President	Rich Garrett
1 st Vice President	Bill Boehlert
2 nd Vice President	Jim Thomason
Corresponding Secretary	Thea Lincoln
Recording Secretary	Frank Kropacek
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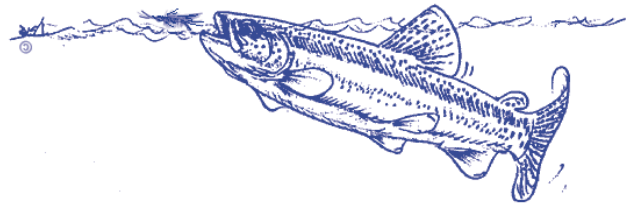
2. By-law change that supports the club's teaching efforts with Project Healing Waters. The change would be as follows:

Add new Article III.7 and renumber all the existing paragraphs after that point.

New article III.7 would read:

Project Healing Waters Members. Complimentary annual memberships may be offered to disabled veterans participating in the club's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program who demonstrate a genuine desire to learn to fly fish and participate in club activities. PHW members shall have all the rights and privileges of active membership.

This proposed change was approved by the Board of Directors. The financial effect on the club will be negligible.



Super Bowl Sunday or Super Storm

YASH ISEDA, STREAMKEEPER

For those who hesitated to go fishing on the February Club Trip because of the imminent storms or the Super Bowl, well, you really missed a great weekend of fly fishing. The Sierras soaked the storm up like a big sponge, and Bishop and the Lower Owens saw very little weather... certainly not enough to keep us from fishing.

If it's football you wanted, all you had to do was walk up to the river, look to your left and then look to your right and call the audible "wet, dry, or nymph." Any one worked for the day. You looked upstream and double hauled and BWO and bam! You had an 18" Brown. If you called the same play and you may have had a 15" Rainbow on your line. This play worked all weekend.

There were some that had 30 plus fish on dries only. Others tried soft hackles for the first time with a regular degree of success. There were others who nymphed successfully throughout the entire day.

Saturday night capped off the weekend with 20 people in attendance for pizza and awards. Overall, it was a great weekend. By the way, did you know that one of our club members was mentored by Ansel Adams? All in all, the Lower Owens was alive and well.

"Who Dat?" that missed a great weekend of fishing. Only you know...

It Was a Bit of OK!

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

The title is Brant Bounous' review of our Redfish trip last week. It was far better than that.

Taking advantage of the attendance of Kirby La Cour at the annual Marriott's Fly Fishing Educational Fair last November, Brant set up a Redfish trip to Louisiana at the end of February. He has been trying to entice me into going for several years and this year the timing seemed right. It must have seemed right for the other participants as well, he filled two trips that weekend just from those attending the Fair.

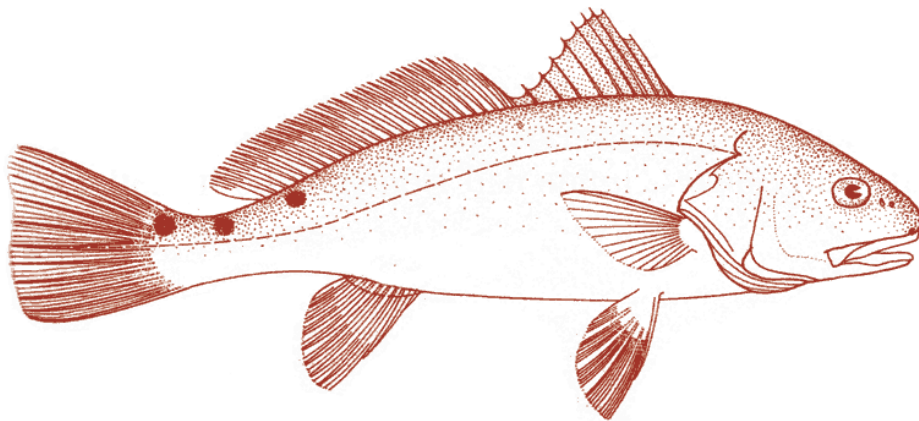
On Saturday, we took off on a United Airlines flight out of LAX at about noon. When we arrived in New Orleans, we boarded a waiting van which delivered us about an hour later to the south at Woodland Plantation just in time for dinner. Woodland Plantation is the last remaining of the numerous *d e l t a* sugar cane plantations. It was built in 1834 and originally included 2,100 acres. Today it is only 50 acres along the Mississippi and is run by only the third family of owners. It was heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina along with all other structures in the area. The host had a three ring binder of photographs depicting the damage suffered.

Behind the "Big House" where our group stayed, there are several ponds, a levy and the Ole Miss. In the largest of the ponds are at least seven resident 'gators. There is a sign that warns of the 'gators and snakes (a summer time problem). The mansion itself

appears on the label of Southern Comfort as it has since 1934. Apparently a recent Harvard MBA has decided that the label is dated and the image may change in the future.

Meals are served in the Spirits House, a reclaimed parish church that was rescued, towed to the site and rebuilt a little more than a decade ago. It still retains a churchy feel. Foster Creppel, owner and host, was shucking oysters and telling tales at the bar. He said he shucked 200 oysters a night when Bob Marriott's group was there.

Also served as appetizers were crawfish in two huge tubs. Kasey, our Cajun waitress with a big smile, demonstrated the proper way to tear them apart and to retrieve the meat. The appetizers proved to be a lot of food so it was merciful that dinner was limited to spicy gumbo, salad and bread pudding for dessert. The hard sauce on the pudding was a warm concoction of butter, brown sugar and Southern Comfort.



The guides arrived the next morning about 7:30. We were still consuming the eggs, bacon, sausage, ham and grits. The leftover bread pudding was

deep fried and served with powdered sugar. (All leftovers are deep fried; the guides' favorites being Oreo cookies or Twinkies).

We split up into the four flats boats and drove a scant 15 minutes to the put in. Plaquemines Parish was the first parish where the hurricane hit landfall and it suffered extensive damage. Many of the homes have been replaced by double-wide mobile homes which didn't appear strong enough to survive another

storm. Many red brick civic buildings are still under construction: a community center in Port Sulphur, a school renovation and other buildings.

Although all four guide boats put in at the same location, within minutes they were out of sight of each other. I fished with Brant Bounous; our guide, Brian, was one of the featured redfish guides in the new DVD RISE. I had been forewarned: although the weather was approaching a pleasant sixty degrees under sunny skies, the guide opened up the powerful boat to 25 knots for a windy ride to the fishing grounds. The clue was when the guide donned a down ski parka over his guide jacket.

Fortunately, I had many layers of poly and fleece with my wind proof rain jacket on top. Basically, I was in my steelhead outfit including fleece gloves.

The guide's job is to find schools of redfish swimming over oyster beds on an incoming tide. On both days we fished, our guide motored probably 45 minutes to an hour to find his favorite beds. Redfish have crushers in their throats, bony plates which are brought together to crush the oyster shells so they can suck out the body. The shell fragments are then ejected into the marsh. Unfortunately, the shell fragments also got caught up in the intake of our water cooled engine.

A properly presented fly was rewarded with swift and frantic action by the fish. They ran immediately and we were often in our backing. Brant and I had a very successful day and ended up being Hot Boat. We caught upwards of twenty fish each and we both caught a ten pound redfish. Later I caught one that weighed in at 13 pounds. When the fishing fell off,

the guide moved us to another marsh (always at breakneck speed). There was only one fish visible and it was my turn in the casting pulpit. All I saw was a big shadow but I cast where the guide directed and soon hooked into a rock. This fish, although properly hooked, just sounded. It went to the bottom and held on. I could not control him or turn its head. Because of the apparent size, Brant took a lot of pictures of the fish thrashing in the water because he wasn't sure that the knots would hold or that the hook would

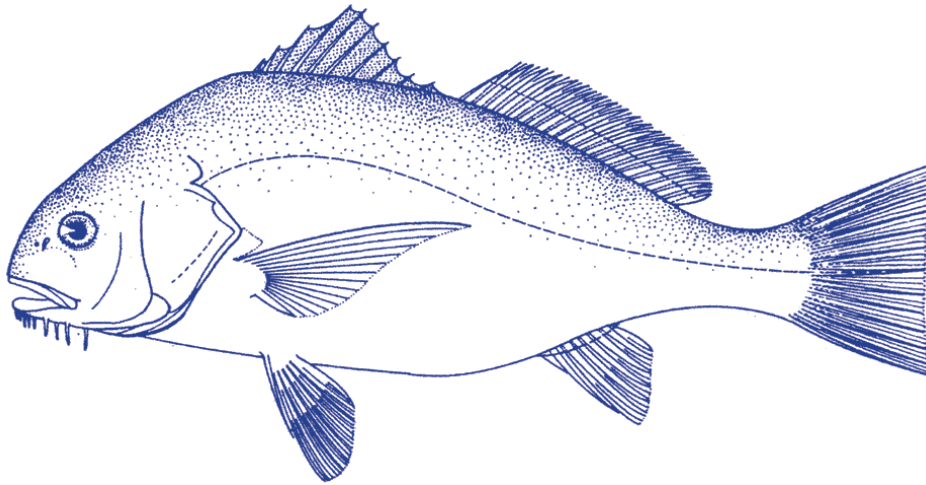
remain in place. I finally boated a 27 pound black drum. The guide had to lift it for the pictures because I didn't have the strength left.

Dinner was started with crawfish (we

had become experts in sucking heads), etouffe, and our choice of filet mignon, quail or Wahoo and chocolate cake to die for.

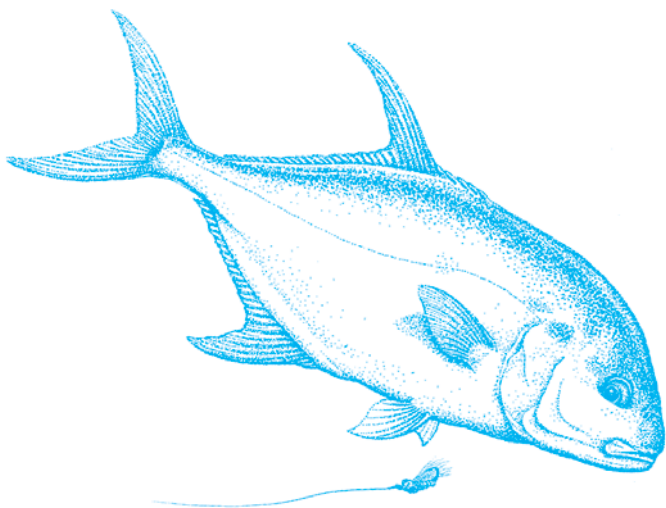
Fishing the next day proved challenging. Bad weather was moving in; the clouds were becoming grey and threatening. We had some action but not like the day before. We met up with another boat and had a quick lunch while we donned our foul weather gear for the rough trip back to the ramp. The waves were also picking up and my fishing pants were soaked by the time we reached land.

The boats closer in to shore had better luck and one boat kept four of the redfish for dinner. They were young, less than 15 inches, and were grilled with blackened spices and served with a crawfish sauce. We started dinner with fresh oysters and bald blue crabs. (Byplay with Kasey: "Why do you cut the hair off the crabs?" "Huh?" "Well you said we are having bald crabs." "Not bald, boiled." "Well why don't you



say boiled instead of bald?" "Boiled takes too long to stay, and besides, that's three syllables").

With the blackened redfish, we had red beans and rice, black eyed peas and ham and roasted root vegetables. Bread pudding came for dessert.



The next day's forecast called for thirty to forty knot winds. Nonetheless, it was not until breakfast that the decision was made not to venture out. So we went to New Orleans and spent the afternoon touring either the WWII museum or, in our case, Bourbon Street. The weather was 45 degrees with 25 MPH winds. Nothing further can be reported in this publication.

Evening found us at K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen. This is Paul Prudhomme's cathedral to Cajun and Creole cooking. We got the unobtainable reservations only because Kirby La Cour's wife is CFO there. We sat next to the glass walled kitchen and could observe the absolute pandemonium inside. Every dish was outstanding and, with a little wine and dessert, more than satisfied our appetites.

In summary, the food was either highly spiced, served with a butter-cream sauce or deep fried. Nothing was listed on the American Heart Association Healthy Heart Diet. Oh, and the fishing was pretty good too!

New Member Requests

MARK TSUNAWAKI, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Dennis Brent of Huntington Beach, CA
- ❖ Thomas "Rusty" Draper of West Covina, CA
- ❖ Don Fisher of Mission Viejo, CA
- ❖ Henry Hamamoto of Torrance, CA
- ❖ Eugene "Eddie" Madrid of Artesia, CA
- ❖ George Outhwaite of Santa Ana, CA
- ❖ Ronald Smith of Lynwood, CA
- ❖ Mike Stone of San Pedro, CA
- ❖ Marian Tallon of Phoenix, AZ
- ❖ John, Jennie, Lauren, Nicole, Lachlan, and Hayden Welch of Huntington Beach, CA
- ❖ Donna Walkuski of Phoenix, AZ
- ❖ Frank Wood of Norwalk, CA

Please welcome all our new members at LBCC functions. Encourage them to volunteer in the many activities that the club hosts throughout the year. 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 officially inducted by our honorary Sunshine Committee (Joe Libeu, Jeff Sadler, Mark Tsunawaki, and Dan Rivett).

On another note, Membership Renewal Reminders were mailed out March 1st and they are due by March

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31st. You are delinquent as of **April 1, 2010** and you will have to re-apply as **New Members**, repay the initial membership fees, new badges, etc. The fees are listed on the renewal letter that you should receive. Please read them as there is important information, especially the information pertaining to the definition of "Junior Membership". A Junior Member must not reach the age of 18 years old by April 1st.

Here is a list of members who have taken their badges home as of February 27, 2010. Please be prepared to pay the Sunshine Committee!

Mike Allen, Richard Bell, Robin Castro, Kenneth Countryman, Marvin Dworzak, Michael Kilpack, Steve Schiffner Mary Spencer, and Sue Vestermark

If anyone has membership questions please read the Bylaws in your Roster, then you can call (or not) Mark Tsunawaki at 714-580-4517 or email at mtsunawaki@yahoo.com.



Attention Instructors! Mandatory Casting Instructor's Workshop

MARCH 24 TO APRIL 7

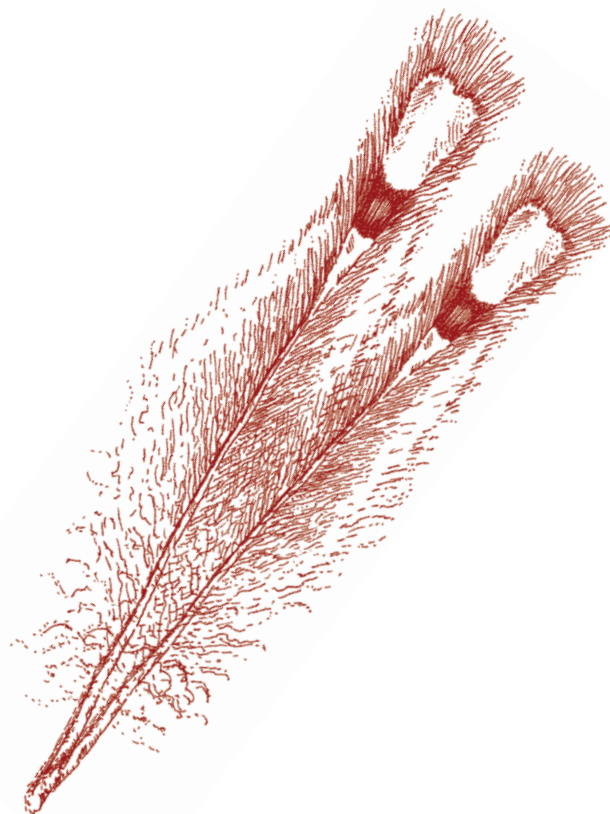
Our annual Casting Instructor's Workshop will begin on Wednesday, March 24 and run until April 7, 2010. If you expect to help us teach in our annual Beginning Casting Clinic, starting on the pond Tuesday the 6th of April, then you will need to attend these sessions—there will be no exceptions.

Our club has the reputation of having one of the best casting instruction programs in the nation and it is only through your attendance that we can continue this excellent program. We look forward to once again seeing you on the 24th.

Joe Libeu
Past President, FFF Casting Board of Governors

Bob Middo
FFF Casting Board of Governors Emeritus

John Van Derhoof
Past President, FFF Casting Board of Governors Emeritus



Streamside Etiquette: A Matter of Space...

GUY MANNING, MEMBER

Ultimately, Fly-fishing is something of a reclusive sport. The time we spend on-stream is mostly spent with ourselves. Of course going fishing with our buddies is often much of the attraction for the trips we take, but it still comes down to the lone individual involved with their own thoughts. One person against the fish. One person against the river. One person against nature.

It is therefore fitting that the rules of streamside etiquette reinforce the solitary quality of our sport. These rules exist as a principle of common courtesy and respect between human beings, and as a means of protecting the solitude each of us attempts to obtain when we are on the stream. In their most basic form the rules of etiquette can be summed up by "The Golden Rule", in that we should consider if our actions, performed by another to us, would disturb or adversely affect our enjoyment of that moment on the stream. Space is the key here. Allow the room to enjoy the sport. Crowding is akin to invading, and is considered ill-mannered.

Here are some precepts to consider when you are

looking for your bit of solitude:

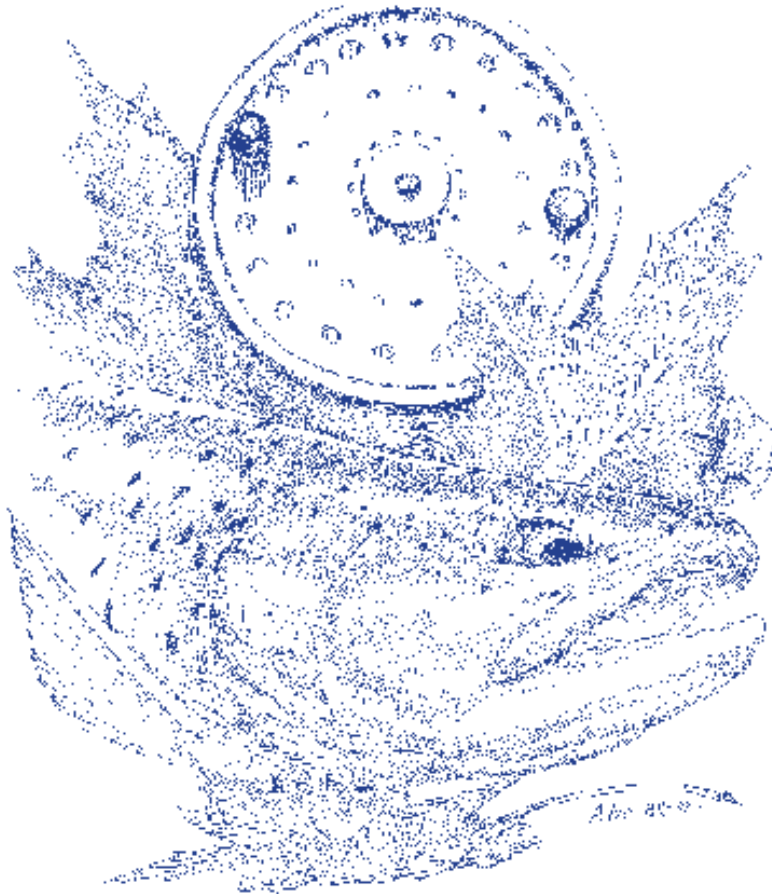
The first person to be fishing any particular water feature (run, riffle, flat, pool etc.) in effect owns that feature from head to tail. If you wish to fish it you must go to another area until they are done or, you may choose to sit and watch until they are done.

The latter choice assumes they plan to give the spot up to begin with. The exception to this rule is wet fly fishing for Salmon and Steelhead in which case the pool is rotated (as discussed below). Never get into a stretch of water that is already being fished without asking the permission of the person fishing it. Never cast into a stretch of water that is already

being fished without first asking. These rules also apply to an angler who is studying a stretch of stream or resting a stretch of stream. That person arrived first, it should be considered their water.

The person fishing upstream has the right of way and should be given a wide berth by the person fishing downstream. Fishing upstream usually means dry fly and wading against the current. The person fishing downstream, usually fishing wet, is in more of a

position to be seen by the fish (downstream fishing will cover and disturb more water than upstream), and therefore has a greater chance of spooking the fish. If the downstream angler works in too close to the upstream angler, he can put the fish down or spook them so they scatter both up and



downstream. One spooked fish can spook others as it darts into their holding lies. This can ruin the fishing for both participants. The ideal action in this situation is for the downstream angler to get out of the water well above the upstream angler (leaving a generous amount of un-fished water for the upstream angler) and quietly go around to a spot downstream of the upstream angler.

If two people are fishing upstream and the one further downstream is moving upstream faster than the other, then that person is to get out of the water and move well upstream of the slower angler (leaving them plenty of un-fished water). It would be considered extremely gracious if you were to let the slower angler know that you were moving around them and how far you planned to go before re-entering the water.

When near other anglers you must wade as quietly as possible and make every attempt to pass sufficient distance from the angler and their trout. When walking along a bank, make every effort to walk well away from the water that is being fished so as not to spook the fish with your presence. Choose your clothing colors for the area you will be fishing. Try to wear something that blends in with the natural surroundings. White, highly reflective, or loud colors will stand out to the

fish and could put them down for you and others.

If you are fishing a small stream (less than 100 feet across) never start fishing directly across the stream from someone else, they could be working

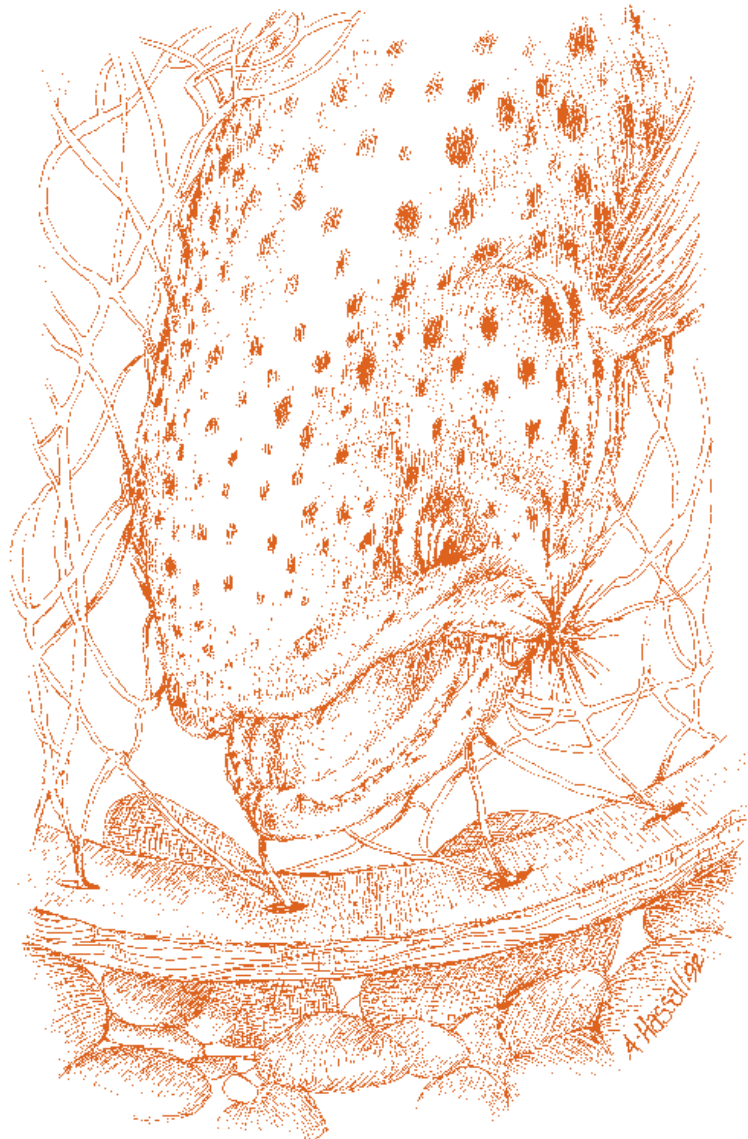
the opposite shore that you just walked up to. A good rule of thumb is to stay at least twice the length of a long cast away from someone else on a small stream.

Now some of these rules bend to the situation. If you are fishing with a close friend then your friend may not care if you are both in the same pool. Most of the time though you will probably be leap-frogging your way up or down the stream, alternating holding waters between the two of you.

—If you are on an extremely crowded stretch of water then the distances between anglers will diminish. The important thing in crowded situations is to allow as much

room as possible between the two of you, and to not disturb the other person's fish. If the other person has a fish on, and needs to come up or downstream into your area, it is acknowledged that you should reel in and yield to the person with a fish on.

As mentioned above, the only time it is acceptable to cast into a stretch of water already being fished is



on a large river when pursuing Salmon or Steelhead. In this case you are usually fishing wet and casting quartered downstream. When others are waiting to fish the same water; the practice is to make 1 cast, fish it out, and then take a few steps downstream. You then repeat the sequence and move a few steps down stream again. You keep this up until you reach the end of the fishable section. After you have proceeded downstream far enough (150-200 feet, or as the conditions allow) the next person in line to fish may start doing the same routine above you. In this way you might have numerous people fishing the same stretch of water, under the right conditions, on a large river.

If someone hooks a fish, the others are expected to reel in while the fight is on (remember these are big fish). If the fish is landed, the angler is expected to leave the river and go to the rear of the line. If the angler loses the fish, everyone returns to their former spots and continues the cast-fish-step downstream routine. The angler who lost the fish is allowed to continue fishing. Once you reach the end of the fishable area, you return to the end of the line. If you attempt to fish the exact same spot twice you will probably be challenged by the people in line, so play fair and take

those steps between your casts.

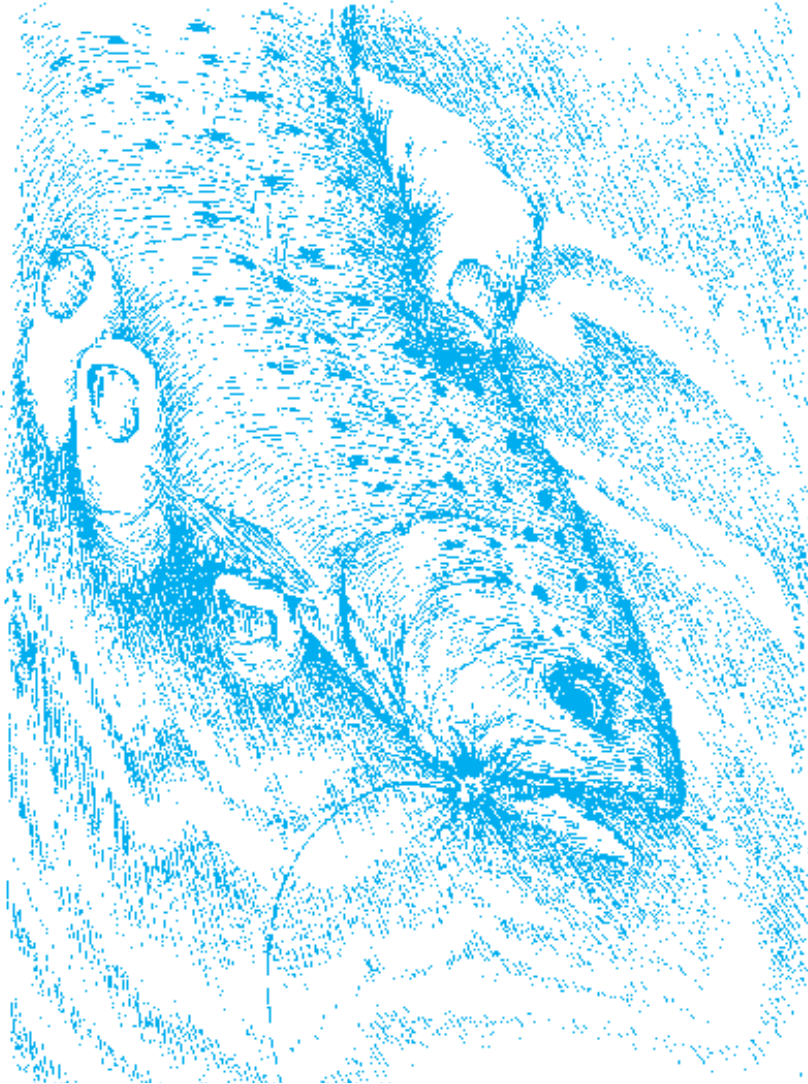
You also want to consider the space between you and any other anglers when float-tubing. Here the problem is a bit different because the tuber may be constantly moving. You need to frequently check behind you, to assure that you will not cross anyone's fishing area. Realize that many anglers in tubes use

sinking line, and understand that as much as 40-60 feet of their line is subsurface and that you need to stay away from it (crossing above a sinking line is the same as crossing over a floating line). Tubers should be able to make an unobstructed cast in any direction without having to fish around someone.

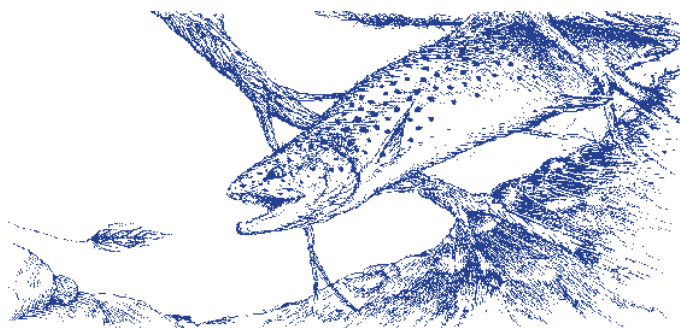
When tubing, do not forget to watch out for the shore angler. Getting too close to the people fishing from shore is considered an invasion of their water. It can also be dangerous if you get hit with a misguided weight,

hook, or spinning lure. Again, etiquette comes down to a matter of space.

As for socializing on the stream: any one may or may not talk to another if they so wish. It is not considered rude to greet another angler or ask how the fishing goes. It is also not considered rude to pass by without



a word. What is considered rude is to engage the other person in a long-winded bragging fest. Since fly-fishing is not a competitive sport, the other person will probably care little about how good an angler you think you are. The other angler would really rather fish. At the same time do not be afraid to share with others on the stream. Of particular importance is to help the beginners. A shared technique or particularly successful fly can go along way towards keeping someone in the (sport).



Lastly, stream etiquette demands that you treat the environment with respect. A sure way to anger many anglers is to litter the stream. Pick up all of your own litter and that of someone else. Try to leave the stream cleaner than when you arrived. Choose the fly-fishing products that you buy by the impact they will have on the stream. Many items, like stick-on strike indicators should be avoided because they could end up coming off the line and become stream litter, or in a fish's stomach.

If you respect the other people's space and their right to the solitary experience, you will often be teaching others by example. The more we, as anglers, respect one another's space the more enjoyment we can expect from our time on the water.

Guy A. Manning 1997, 2000

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LBCC Public Beginning Casting Classes

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

Our annual Beginning Casting Classes are set to begin in April. The first night's Orientation Session will be held at the Long Beach Casting Club at 7:00 PM on April 6, 2010. The Orientation is designed to provide the students information about how the class will be organized, equipment that will be needed and answer any questions they may have about the program. This will be a short session—hopefully, and hour or less.

This year's class will be organized by Gary Charles.

Actual Casting Instruction begins on April 13 starting at 7:00 PM and continues each of the following 4 Tuesday nights (5 Casting nights total, not including the Orientation) through May 11, 2010. Each session will start with a brief meeting of that night's lesson and a review of the previous week. Then it's off to the pool to learn.

If you want to improve your casting then this is the class for. Our club has more Certified Casting Instructors than almost every state and our program is acknowledged as one of the best in the country. It's a great place to learn.

See you there!



The Southwestern Tournament Revisited

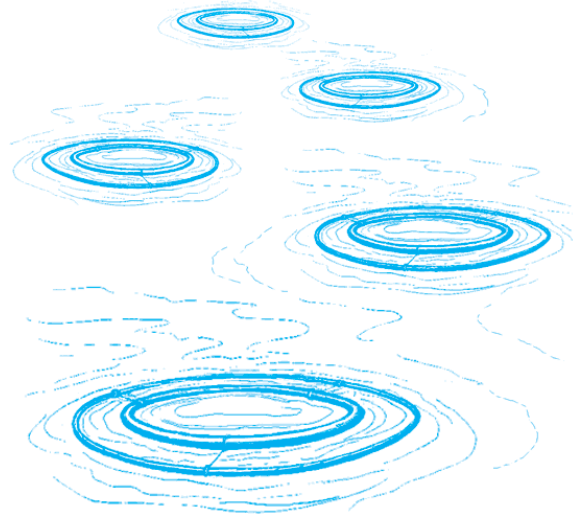
DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

The 2009-2010 Southwestern Tournament was held the 13th and 14th of February. What a wonderful way to spend St. Valentine's day, with your buddies, NOT. But I digress. It was a beautiful day between storms to enjoy the event, with blue skies and very little wind. The Van Natters from Seattle got an early start of the tournament weekend, arriving on Thursday, getting a jump on the competition with some practice on our pond. The Van Natters were joined at the clubhouse and pond with some of our many volunteers preparing for the event.

Although I have been involved with the club for many years, as Captain, this is the first year that I have been involved with the Southwestern Tournament or for that matter competitive casting. I have to admit, I was apprehensive going in the tournament as a participant. However, once the tournament began, it was just fine and other casters were very supportive.

Even though this was my first tournament to organize, it was a slam dunk with the experience of the other club members that have done this for many years. Mark Tsunawaki handled the PA system, keeping the casters organized regarding casting positions, while Jeff Sadler was busy behind the scenes entering data as the casters completed their turn in "the box" casting to the targets or for distance.

At events like the Southwestern Tournament, it is obvious that our volunteers are the life blood of the Long Beach Casting Club. We are so fortunate to have such a giving group of members. The following is from some of my work lists, but I know there are others that just showed up to help as they always do, and I apologize if I miss your name. I want to give a special thanks to John and Thea Lincoln for creating a wonderful Saturday night dinner of baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, string beans and salad.



Here is the rest of a very helpful crew of volunteers: Marie Allen, Larry Allen, Nani Blyleven, Marv Dworzak, Mark Flo, Rich Garrett, Jeff Garrett, Craig Haines, Henry Hamamoto, Bill Heard, Rich Hilles, Stan Holden, Yash Iseda, Peter Koga, Frank Kropacek, Burt Labowitz, Dennis Leon, Joe Libeu, Mark Lipe, Jerry Marrotta, Bob Middo, Rob Peterson, Joe Rosenthal, Allan Ross, Judy Ross, Jeff Sadler, George Seward, Andy Stillittano, Mark Tsunawaki, John Van Derhoof, Mick Woodbury, and John Yosan.

We had casters from Long Beach, Oakland, Phoenix, San Jose, and Seattle. Henry Mittel of Oakland was the All Accuracy Champion with 768 points, while Rene Gillibert had the only perfect score of 100 for the tournament at the 3/8 oz. Accuracy Plug. Congratulations Henry and Rene.

Here is a scoring recap:

TROUT FLY: A Class - Joe Libeu 1st, Larry Allen 2nd, John Van Derhoof 3rd; B Class - Bob Middo 1st, Elaine Gong 2nd, Rick Hilles 3rd; C Class - Gregg Rodriguez 1st, Dok Arvanites 2nd, Keith Nelson 3rd.

BASS BUG: A Class - Henry Mittel 1st, Joe Libeu 2nd, Mark Tsunawaki 3rd; B Class - Bill Heard 1st, Peggy Van Natter 2nd, Elaine Gong 3rd; C Class - Dan Rivett 1st, Gregg Rodriguez 2nd, Keith Nelson 3rd.

1/4 OZ PLUG ACCURACY: A Class - Henry Mittel 1st, Tony Ramirez 2nd, Rene Gillibert 3rd; B Class - Randy

Mandt 1st, Mark Tsunawaki 2nd, Bob Middo 3rd; C Class - Dan Rivett 1st, Elaine Gong 2nd, Dominic Gillibert 3rd.

OPEN PLUG: A Class - Glen Nagumo 1st, Rene Gillibert 2nd, Henry Mittel 3rd; B Class - Bob Middo 1st, Elaine Gong 2nd, Mark Lipe 3rd; C Class - Frank Kropacek 1st, Dan Rivett 2nd, Lori Mandt 3rd.

STEEL HEAD DISTANCE: A Class - Henry Mittel 1st, Larry Allen 2nd, Rene Gillibert 3rd; B Class - Randy Mandt 1st, Peg Van Natter 2nd, Rene Gillibert 3rd; C Class - Mark Tsunawaki 1st, Gregg Rodriguez 2nd, Donna Walkuski 3rd.

¼ OZ. DISTANCE: A Class - Bob Middo 1st, Larry Allen 2nd, Henry Mittel 3rd; B Class - Randy Mandt 1st, Tom Gong 2nd, Peg Van Natter 3rd; C Class - Elaine Gong 1st.

DRY FLY: A Class - Joe Libeu 1st, Rene Gillibert 2nd, Glen Nagumo 3rd; B Class - Peg Van Natter 1st, Elaine Gong 2nd, Jeff Sadler 3rd; C Class - Dan Rivett 1st, Gregg Rodriguez 2nd, Donna Walkuski 3rd.

WET FLY: A Class - Henry Mittel 1st, Larry Allen 2nd, John Van Derhoof 3rd; B Class - Bob Middo 1st, Elaine Gong 2nd, Mark Tsunawaki 3rd; C Class - Gregg Rodriguez 1st, Donna Walkuski 2nd, Keith Nelson 3rd.

3/8 OZ. ACCURACY: A Class - Rene Gillibert 1st, Henry Mittel 2nd, Glenn Nagumo 3rd; B Class - Randy Mandt 1st, Mark Tsunawaki 2nd, Mark Lipe 3rd; C Class - Dan Rivett 1st, Lori Mandt 2nd, Dominic Gillibert 3rd.

5/8 OZ. ACCURACY: A Class - Henry Mittel 1st, Rene Gillibert 2nd, Matt Rickerd 3rd; B Class - Tom Gong 1st, Randy Mandt 2nd, Mark Lipe 3rd; C Class - Dan Rivett 1st, Frank Kropacek 2nd, Mark Flo 3rd.

If you were not able to join us for casting or attend the tournament this year, I urge you out come next year to get involved. It is a great way to get acquainted with other club members and improve your fishing.

See you at the pond.



Maggie Merriman Entomology Workshop

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

On Saturday, April 3, 2010 join Maggie Merriman at the Long Beach Casting Club for her annual Basic Entomology Workshop for Fly Fishers. You will learn how to “Match the Hatch” and how to select the correct fly for a given situation. Maggie stresses the use of common English names and not the biological names associated with entomology, so you can leave your *Acroneuria californicas* at home.

The class will begin around 9:00 am and run until 12:30 to 1:00 PM. The cost for the workshop is \$45.00 and includes samples of insects, corresponding flies and an extensive handout. Bring a snack, note pad and some fly boxes to look at and compare the insects. You must Pre-Register for the workshop by mailing the fee to: Maggie Merriman, 19791 Coastline Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, or you can call her with any questions you may have at 714-969-5829.

Fly of the Month: Hairhead Charlie

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

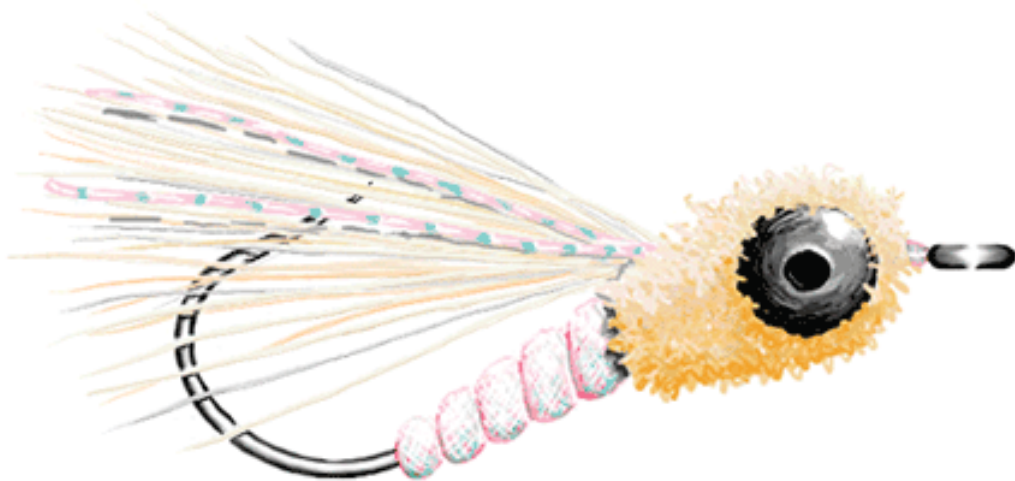
There are few types of fishing experiences that rival bonefishing. First you realize that you have placed yourself in a tropical paradise with coconut palms swaying in the breeze along the shoreline. As you gaze out across the expanse of water you begin to see the incredible color combinations of blue and green. When you peer into the water, searching for the elusive bonefish, you see the quantity and diversity of life that exists beneath its surface. All of this and you haven't even caught a fish yet.

To catch a bonefish you must first be able to see it and then, like a trout, fool it. They have huge eyes that seem to see everything and as Lefty Kreh so accurately stated "they feed and swim in a constant state of alarm. For the *"ghost of the flats"* the fly that has consistently proved to be one of the best for me and others is this adaptation of the Crazy Charlie. The Hairhead Charlie is easy to tie and works over a wide range of circumstances. It has taken fish in Belize, the Bahamas, the Yucatan and Christmas Island. An additional color suggestion for Christmas Island would be a yellow Diamond Braid body, brass eyes and a light brown wing and head.

Also, note that this fly is tied in the bend-back style which uses the bend of the hook as a keel and allows the point of the hook to ride up and avoid tangling with structure or plants. This is particularly useful when fishing of flats with turtle grass

Materials for tying the Hairhead Charlie:

- Hook: Mustad 3407 cadmium plate or 34007 stainless steel in sizes 1/0 to 8; hook to be bent into a bend-back style
- Thread: White 6/0
- Eyes: Small silver bead chain
- Body: Pearl Diamond Braid
- Wing: Natural colored (off-white) calf tail with pearl Krystal Flash
- Head: Natural cream or off-white colored angora goat hair or seal substitute dubbing



Instructions for tying the Hairhead Charlie:

1. Prepare the hook by first bending the eye upwards at a 10 to 15 degree angle from a point about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the shank length behind the eye of the hook. Place the hook into the vise with the point up the eye straight section behind it horizontal and attach your thread at the head space. Wind back to the bend you just made in the shank and tie in a pair of bead chain eyes on the underside of the hook using X-wraps. Wind down to the bend of the hook.
2. Tie in the pearl Diamond Braid, advance the thread to a point just behind the eyes and wind the Diamond Braid to that same spot.
3. Tie in a small clump of calf tail whose length should extend a short distance beyond the hook. Avoid using too much hair in the wing. It should

disguise the hook, not hide it. Tie in two strands of Krystal Flash on either side of the wing.

4. Dub the head material onto the thread and wind up to eyes and X-wrap around them continuing forward to the headspace. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Apply a drop of lacquer to the head.

A QUICK NOTE:

I like to sharpen my saltwater hooks before I tie the fly—I end up filing off less of the fly that way. It does have a huge and painful drawback however. With hook pointing up you can cut your thread often or more importantly yourself. The solution is to place a section of wire insulation or an old cut up fly line over the sharp point. Just be sure to take it off before you start fishing—it plays all kinds of hell when setting the hook.

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Calendar of Events

April

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
3	Saturday	9:00 AM	Maggie Merriman's Entomology Class
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: Orientation Night
7	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Casting Instructor's Clinic
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 1st Night on the Pond
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Green River Pre-Trip Meeting
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
16	Friday	6:00 PM	Simon Gawesworth Spey Clinic
18	Sunday	5:00 PM	Awards & Installation Banquet
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 2nd Night on the Pond
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
24-29			Green River Trip
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 3rd Night on the Pond
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond

May

3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 4th Night on the Pond
5	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic: 5th Night on the Pond
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Games
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond: Spey Casting
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Games
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be determined

June

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Games
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
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Long Beach Casting Club Trips for 2010

BILL BOEHLERT, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The club has already put on three great trips in 2010. Hopefully you were able to participate. Be sure to mark your calendars for the trips ahead.

Jeff Sadler will be leading the Green River trip in April. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to try this epic fishery. The other trips listed are still in the planning stages, but don't let that deter you. The dates and trip leaders will be listed ASAP.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the schedule, be sure to e-mail me at blboehlert@verizon.net or call me at 714-374-6491.

DATE	TRIP & TRIP LEADER
April 14	Green River Pre-Trip
April 25-29	Green River with Jeff Sadler
May TBA	Mammoth Trip and Pre-Trip
June	TBA
July TBA	Brookie Bash with Jeff Sadler
August	San Diego Bay with Joe Austin
September 1	Yards & Inches Pre-Trip
September 11	Yards & Inches with Mick Woodbury

The fish are calling. Come join us!



Preparing the Prepared

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

The Boy Scouts are famous for their motto, "Be Prepared", and so they will be. As 47 Scouts study for their Fly Fishing Merit Badge, they will have the help of Jeff Sadler, Joe Libeu, Mark Tsunawaki and Dan Rivett as presenters. Assisting will be Craig Haines, Jeff Gross, Stan Holden, Bob Graham, Andy Stillittano, Jim Thomason, Joe Austin, Mike Allen, Nani Blyleven, David Lloyd and Mick Woodbury.

The class will run for four Mondays in March. The topics will cover equipment, casting, fly tying and fisherman's knots. Thank you all for your time and talents.

AWARDS & INSTALLATION DINNER

❖ Sunday, April 18, 2010 ❖ 5:00 PM at the Long Beach Casting Club ❖

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Name: _____

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I am willing to help out with preparation, or serving, or cleanup: _____

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