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Leader's Line ...

The Peter Principal and Fly Fishing (Assuming Murphy Is On Sabbatical)

RICH GARRETT, PRESIDENT

Who remembers the book THE PETER PRINCIPAL? It's the book that relates to the promotion of anyone that has the ambition to advance up the Corporate Ladder through elevated levels of responsibility. The premise is that one tends to progress and successfully accomplish each new position until they reach their personal level of incompetence. At this level they fail and are either demoted or fired...

After my trip to Christmas Island in June, which exceeded my expectations, there were moments that reminded me of the Peter Principal and how the same philosophy related to Fly-fishing. One instance that quickly comes to mind was when Joe Libeu suggested that someone paint my rod red and white and use it as a cane. This made me think I might not be seeing all the bonefish that were in the area—a pretty good indication that the Peter Principal might be starting to come into play. It was supported by the fact that I was fishing next to Mary Lou and she was not only spotting the fish, but identifying the species.

So how does fly fishing relate to the "Peter Principal"?

First we learn to cast until we are confident that we are competent to go fishing. Next we select a species that we want to target—usually trout. Anyone that devotes a reasonable amount of time and effort to the

task most likely will then accomplish the task. Next they consider that if they can catch trout on store bought flies, that it would be more rewarding to tie the fly themselves. After successfully accomplishing this, complacency can set in and the task is just to catch more and bigger trout—until the day comes when one realizes that maybe there are other species out there that can be caught on a fly. Here comes Peter.

In my case the choice was to look toward Steelhead and Salmon. However this requires a different skill set and so on to Peter's calling. If Murphy is in the area, he will tell you that you can do this with the same equipment that you used for Trout (Rods up to say a 5 weight and reels with a drag and backing inappropriate for the task) Try using this equipment and game over, Peter wins at the first level.

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Now things get interesting. You buy the appropriate equipment and off you go. The adrenalin sets in with the first hook set. The next level has arrived, or so you think. Then you are informed that this might be a "Chimp" way of catching Steelhead. The suggestion is made to try using a Spey Rod. What in the world is a Spey Rod? (see last months Leader's Line). Not sure whether the Fisherman or Peter will win this one at this time, however it's looking "Iffy" for the home team.

Maybe you choose a species other than Steelhead when you decide to find a secondary prey. How about the Ocean? What might you be looking at in Salt Water? Just about everything you can think of, and some that are better off being left alone, say Sharks.

So up the ladder you go again. For me the first calling was for "The Flats". Here again Murphy will win unless you change your equipment to meet the demands of the situation. On "The Flats" you will find Tarpon, Bonefish, Permit, Trevally, Barracuda etc. All require the new skills of your next rung on the ladder. Can you cast into 15-20 knot wind? If not, stay home. Don't even give Peter a shot at you on this one.

I could continue "ad nauseam" (if I have not already done so), however the beauty of it all is that you are not in a Corporate World and you can continue with your ambitions as long as it still has a calling for you. And best of all, there is always great satisfaction in a nice brookie.

Fish hard and remember, even if you never reach the Peter Principal level of incompetence, Murphy's Law is never, ever on sabbatical.



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Yards & Inches Tourney III

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Mark your calendar now for the Y&I tournament—the Club's only event where you can earn perpetual fishing fame just a few minutes from the clubhouse.

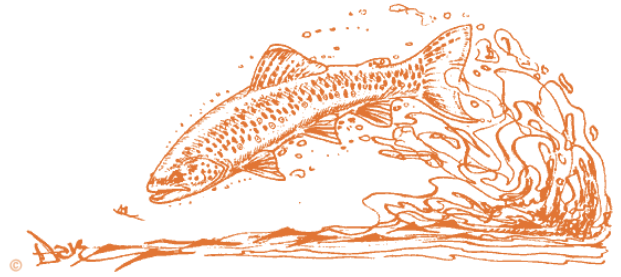
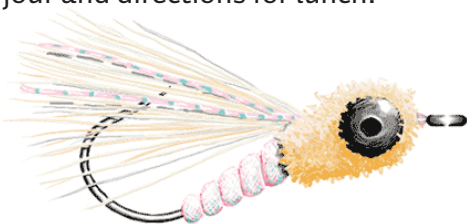
The date is Saturday, August 14th, from 6-ish to noon in Huntington Harbour. If a morning of near-by fishing isn't incentive enough to get you out of bed, consider having a year of bragging rights and your name on a perpetual trophy. Or if your ego doesn't demand attention, but your belly does, there's always the posole, tortillas and beer for lunch.

Y&I tournament rules are simple. Measure the length of all sport fish you catch (no sharks or rays; fly rods and flies only; no bait) and keep a running total of the length of all fish caught. Highest total length wins. They don't have to be big; think looong. The highest score to date is 77 inches. Typical species are spotted bay bass, sand bass, various croakers, halibut, mackerel, perch, etc.

The tides will be perfect; a 5.7 foot incoming tide from launch to lunch.

You'll need to fish from something floatable like small boats, kayaks, pontoon boats, dinghies or float tubes. For float tubers, there are hundreds of boat docks to fish where you won't have to fight current or tides.

The Pre-trip Meeting is at the clubhouse on Wednesday, August 4 at 7:00 P.M. You'll learn everything you need to know: maps, launch sites, lure du jour and directions for lunch.



Kent Rianda on Crowley, an Underwater Perspective

BILL BOEHLERT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Almost everyone in the club has passed Crowley Lake on the way to Mammoth, and a good number of us have fished it with varying degrees of success. It can be frustrating sitting in your tube and seeing fish being wrestled in all around you, yet your indicator sits there unmolested.

If you would like to be one of those hauling in the Crowley monsters, be sure to be at the August 26th meeting. Our guest speaker is Kent Rianda—one of the leading authorities on the lake.

Many of you have probably seen Kent at his shop, The Trout Fly in Mammoth. He also guides for the shop, specializing in Crowley having logged more than 2000 days on Crowley in the last eighteen years. He has shot hundreds of hours of underwater video showing the trout feeding on midges, as well as taking, refusing and missing (drive-bys) artificial flies.

In his presentation, Kent will show portions of the video and will discuss how to turn refusals and drive-bys into hookups. He will also show the flies he has adapted for fishing at Crowley.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from a master!

2010 Brookie Bash, Biggest & Best

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

BIGGEST? Yep, over 40 LBCC members attended which is the largest ever turnout for a fishing trip. Two full condos, plus campers, plus Motel 6's, plus Sierra Lodger's. Also the biggest in terms of geography stretching approximately 250 miles from Kennedy Meadows to Bridgeport.

BEST? Subjective, but the weather, brought to you by the Sunshine Committee, was near perfect with a little heavy wind on Hot Creek (always) and overcast on Saturday which kept the heat down. No downpours, no lightening storms, basically perfect.

GOLDENS? Probably one of the easier species to catch but it was drive-by fishing. Either Kennedy or Horseshoe meadows worked with one caught at Serene Lake on the Bash.

OTHER TROUT? Every venue worked except one (zero fish on the East Walker). Hot Creek was spotty but mostly good with Little Yellow Sallys or Stimulators. Bishop Creek and the weir were hot. Of course, a thousand brookies were caught on Saturday on the Rock Creek lakes and stream. Several of us saw Moby-Trout at Heart Lake just cruisin' towards the dinner hole at the inlet. No reports from Crowley or the San Joaquin.

WINNERS? You betchum Red Ryder. We were all winners on this trip but Ernie Ertley made the huge mistake of mumbling something about 50 fish on Saturday. Ernie appears to be a modest man but the altitude??? Anyway, Ernie was awarded the official "Fish Clicker" and must have it in possession and operating on all future trips.

The Eastern Sierra Grand Slam (rainbow, brown, brook, cut-throat and golden) was a little more competitive this year. Joining past winners Maria Rivas (the first winner) and Mark Flo were:



Dan Rivett – 3-time winner

Ernie Ertley – 2-time winner

Jim Fisher – 2-time winner

Jeff Sadler – 2-time winner

Joe Austin – 1st time

Jeff Gross – 1st time

Steve Ludwig – 1st time (un-assisted)

David Lloyd – 1st time and for awhile I thought he caught only five trout, one of each species (a new dubious record) but he got a handful of browns on Hot Creek before he nailed his rainbow.

RELATIONSHIPS? It was heartwarming to see two father/daughter combos out strengthening what are obviously very strong bonds. That would be John and Thea Lincoln and John and Nicole Van Derhoof. However, Connie would nail anybody that was standing still with photos of her two cute

grandkids and she can't wait for them to be able to say the rather unusual: "I learned to fly fish from my grandma."

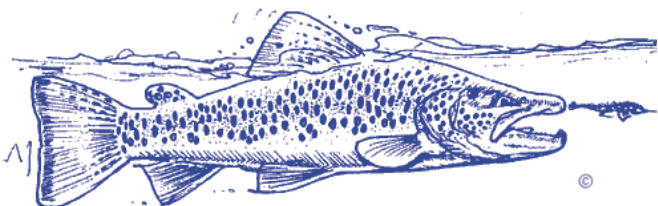
A half dozen of us sat and watched Nicole work one fish at Long Lake. He was cruisin' about a 20 by 5 foot patch about a foot deep right in front of "Nicole's Rock". This went on for 30 minutes. Cruise, sip, cruise, cast, ignore, sip, cast, look at and refuse, curse, cast, bump... This went on until the fish got tired of playing. But, Nicole did catch the brookie boy's older brother. Her intensity and posture looked exactly like her father only younger and cuter. Way younger and mondo much cuter.

SOCIAL LIFE? A very large component of the Brookie Bash is the camaraderie on the stream and *après* stream. Pizza on Saturday was uproarious but the coolest time was Friday evening when Joe and Debbie Austin hosted us for beer/wine/whatever and snacks (look out for David Lloyd's quail eggs from hell) at their condo. Thanks Joe and Debbie.

SPIRITUALITY? Not a common thought about fly fishing but Tom Tatham, the father of the Brookie Bash, and his wife Pat and two children (dogs to the rest of us) were there. Tom has said the Eastern Sierra is his church and that resonates with many of us.

A few good friends spent a moment in the afternoon at Heart Lake where we scattered forget-me-not seeds that were given a Milt Huber's funeral. Milt loved the eastern Sierra and we loved Milt.

NEXT YEAR? Same time/same place. Come on out, hike to Heart Lake, remember Milt and go catch some brookies.



Oldest Boy Scout Troop in the West Coming to LBCC

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Troop Number 1 in Huntington Beach (founded in 1921) will take temporary leave from its' historic log cabin clubhouse to get training for the fly fishing merit badge at our pond and classrooms. This troop is quite active and already has a great affinity for fishing. They should be an outstanding group of kids.



Here's the schedule:

July 28 - Introduction to fly fishing and equipment by Jeff Sadler.

August 4, 11 & 18 - Instruction on casting, fishing knots and fly tying.

Lead instructors are Joe Libeu, Dan Rivett and Mick Woodbury, respectively. If you would like to help out, you're more than welcome. We'll probably need a few loaner rods and vices too. Volunteers for the last Boy Scout troop had a lot of fun and this group should be no different. The preliminary count was about 20 boys, with many moms and dads showing interest in auditing the classes as well.

LBCC member Mike Zona was instrumental in making the connection. You might remember Mike's presentation on the California Heritage Trout program a few years ago. He and his son Michael (now a Boy Scout) completed their heritage trout certificates together.

Streamside Etiquette; Round 2

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

This last weekend's Brookie Bash trip was great fun—good weather, great companionship and excellent fishing. For more details about the trip, check out Jeff Sadler's article in this edition of TARGET TALK.

So why am I actually penning this? Because, during the trip my daughter and I had a couple of situations where club members were either inconsiderate with regards to encroaching on our fishing space or were ignorant to the rules of etiquette that accompany and govern fly fishing. Here's hoping that it was the latter.

What happened was this ... Nicole and I were fishing a spot at the inlet of Long Lake. I was spending time showing her where to place casts and what to look for. The plan was that once she got going (and considering that she was wearing tennis shoes and wasn't going to wade unless she really needed to) I was going to move down the bank 50 or 60 feet and wade out to fish the weed line beyond. Before this could happen a club member came up behind us and struck up a conversation. No problem so far—in fact all was good, until ...

I started working with Nicole again and the club member surprisingly waded out into the lake just to the side of where she was fishing. In fact her drifts were finishing where he was wading. Didn't ask permission, didn't seem to see that walking through where we were fishing on a very "Long Lake" was a problem. A little later, another club member came along and set up shop just a little ways from us. To say we felt hemmed in would be an understatement.

Earlier, when Nic and I first arrived at the spot, there was another club member that was fishing one side of the inlet. We asked if he would mind if we crossed the creek well above him and fish the other side. He said

that would be fine but, to be certain, we took great care to not encroach into his area; either physically or by casting into it.

In the April newsletter, at Joe Libeu's urging, I did the annual running of Guy Manning's excellent article, STREAMSIDE ETIQUETTE. I cannot suggest strongly enough, that all members of this club should read this and understand what their responsibilities are to their fellow anglers. Can we say mandatory reading?

Here's the rub, just because it's a Club Trip and you're with your friends and fellow club members doesn't mean that streamside etiquette goes out the window. This was a weekend for my daughter and me and, for the most part, it was truly great. However, little "oversights" by other anglers can and did put a damper on the day. The two of us packed up and left to find another spot when there was certainly more than enough water for everyone to enjoy.



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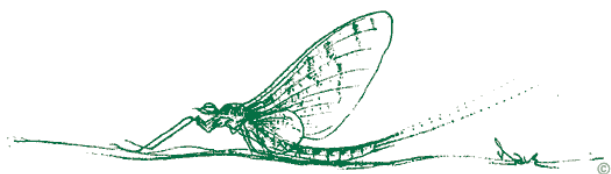
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Club Trips for 2010-2011

JIM THOMASON, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The August club outing is a day trip to Huntington Harbour (see complete article elsewhere). If you don't often have 6 hours to drive to the Eastern Sierra's and have never tried our local saltwater, this is a great chance to give it a try.



We'll all be fishing in a relatively small area inside the protected waters of the harbour so there will always be someone nearby to provide assistance or encouragement. It can be done in a kayak (preferred), pram, pontoon boat, canoe, jonboat, float tube (that's what I used last year), dingy, or any other floating vessel you can get your hands on (water wings as your only floatation device are strongly discouraged however). If you have a small power boat and want to act as the mother ship (or beer cart), you're more than welcome.

Advance Notice: The September outing will be a two part affair. The first half we'll be near the town of Markleeville just south of Lake Tahoe. Thursday we'll be exploring the East Carson River and for you Stillwater fans Friday we'll be floating Heenan Lake (where they raise the broodstock Lahontan Cutthroat for all of California).

Then we'll drop down to the Bridgeport area Saturday/Sunday to fish your choice of the East or West Walker River, Bridgeport Reservoir, or Kirman Lake (3 mile hike with your tube for big, big brookies). You can join us for either half or the whole time. I'm still researching lodging and dining options so let me know if you have any favorites in either area.

For more information, contact me at jathomason@mail.com or call me at (626) 357-6050.

Note: trip locations and dates are subject to change. Please monitor Target Talk for the latest information. Pre-trip meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.

2010-2011 Trips

DATE	TRIP AND LEADER
August 14	Yards & Inches in Huntington Harbour (Pre-trip: August 4)
Sept. 30-Oct. 3	Extended Bridgeport Trip (Pre-trip is September 15)
October 28-31	Redding Area (Pre-trip: Oct. 20)
November 13	West Fork San Gabriel River (Pre-trip is November 3)
December 11	Irvine Lake (Pre-trip Dec. 1)
January 8-9	Lower Owens #1 with Dan Rivett (Pre-trip is December 29)
February 19-20	Lower Owens #2 with Yash Iseda (Pre-trip is February 9)
March 26	Newport Bay Bass Tourney (Pre-trip is March 16)

2010

ROD BUILDING CLASS

Schedule

Classes start at 7:00 PM

Tuesday - September 14

Tuesday, September 28

Tuesday, October 5

Tuesday, October 12

Tuesday, October 19

Orientation

This 2-week time slot is for you to select and procure the components for the fly rod of your dreams

1st Class

2nd Class

3rd Class

4th Class

San Diego Bay Jam II Report

JOE AUSTIN, MEMBER

On the weekend of June 12–13 2010 thirteen of us fished Tidelands Park on San Diego Bay.

DAY 1, SATURDAY 12 JUNE: we arrived at the park in the early morning darkness. Tidelands Park sits at the foot of the San Diego Bay Bridge on the Coronado side of the bay not too far from where the old ferry landing used to sit, the ferry that was replaced by the bridge in the '60s. The skies were overcast and the streets still damp from the drizzle that was coming down an hour or two earlier. There was already a bit of a ripple on the bay surface due to a steady breeze out of the south-southeast. We readied our armada of kayaks, pontoon boats, float tubes, a canoe, and even an electric trolling motor powered inflatable boat to take on the challenges of the inner bay area.

By the time I got on the water shortly after 6:00 AM several of our speedier members were already on the water and into fish. Bill Boehlert in particular was having a hot morning. Everyone was spreading out to put a hurt on the local denizens. It took me awhile to land my first fish, a nice stocky YFC (yellowfin croaker), as I fished several flies unsuccessfully until I found the right combination: a Kim's surfworm (screen name Z-Finman on www.fliflicker.com) followed by Jerrold Shelton's Newport Special. I was using a two fly rig that I'd learned from

Z-Finman (very similar to the trout nymphing rig frequently used by Joe Libeu but without the split shot weight).

That first YFC jumped on the surfworm. As the day progressed I caught a combination of SSBs (spotted sand bass), YFCs, a barred sand bass, queen fish, mackerel, and even a small lizard fish. The hookups were pretty evenly distributed between the two flies that I continued to use throughout the day. Others caught SSBs as well as YFCs, halibut, and black croaker.

Lately I've been carrying two rods: one rigged with an intermediate line for fishing shallower areas and the other with a Rio T-11 cut back to match my 8 wt rod and a Rio Slick-Shooter running line to get down deep quickly. The SlickShooter is aptly named, as frequently I'll have it slip between my fingers as I'm stripping in the line while fighting a fish or trying to haul during the last false cast to increase distance.

Other than the slowdown during the morning slack tide the bite continued steadily throughout the day with occasional double hookups to add to the action

(double meaning a fish on each fly not two fishers with fish on). In fact I lost track of the number of doubles I had at five. It was so good for a time that for awhile I tried tying on 3 flies to see if I could get a triple but the best I could do was doubles that



went something like the following: first double with fish on the top and bottom flies; next double fish on the bottom two flies; next double fish on the top two flies, etc. Everything but on all three flies

simultaneously.

The bite went well until late morning when we reached the slack water associated with the midmorning minor high tide, then it pretty much shut off for a while. Low tidal flow typically equates too few hookups. Some of our group however showed that this maxim doesn't always hold as they continued to do well even during this slack water: they'd found a bunch of biting fish by the bridge out near the center channel.



As the wind started to pick up in the late morning hours a number of us headed to shore to take a break, regroup and strategize on how to take advantage of the mid afternoon to early evening tidal push from the incoming tide.

Around 1:30 to 2:00 PM we put back in and as predicted the bite improved as we got past the mid-afternoon minor low tide and except for fighting the afternoon winds the bite was as good as the morning.

While we plied the bay waters others of our crew opted to head to Upper Otay Lake to try for bucket mouths and bluegills and through the grapevine I've heard that they did well (is that a San Diego Slam?!).

SUMMARY FOR DAY 1: Participants were Bill Boehlert, Gene Peltier, Bettye Swart, Craig Haines, Craig McLaughlin, Dennis McTeer, Jeff Gross, Lyman Kennedy, Carl Thompson, Jim Thomason, Mick Woodbury, Steve Ludwig, and me. We launched at 6:00 AM, had shore lunch from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

with takeout at 6:00 PM. Conditions were certainly not the nicest of days with overcast skies changing to partial sun and breezy initially changing to windy at midday but the fish didn't seem to mind. Water

temp was 68 to 70 degrees and the tides were a low tide of 1.3' at 4:20 AM, a high tide of 3.7' at 11:00 AM; a low tide of 2.2' at 3:20 PM, high tide of 6.7' at 9:40 PM. Kudos to Bill B. for getting his first double on the salt and to those in our group, fly fishing the bay for the first time and maybe even in the

saltwater, who caught fish. Finally I should mention that all of our team got into fish and I saw lots smiling faces after our morning session.

DAY 2: Four of us came back for a second day on the bay while some of the others had reserved spaces for Barrett Lake in the San Diego backcountry. We arrived at about the same time as the day before and prepared at nearly the same rate as Day 1. By 6:30 AM or so we were all on the water. My fishing partner, Bill B., got onto fish right away and continued with the hot hand he had started with on Day 1. I'm pretty sure he was using the same combination of flies as I was using but might have gone with another pairing during the latter part of the morning. I finally got onto a fish, and again first fish was a healthy YFC and the bite continued regularly until I finally called it quits about 1:00 or 1:30 PM. I continued using the same combo of flies that worked on Day 1.

We were planning on packing it in at noon and Bill held to that schedule. However, on our way back to the beach we got separated and I found a hot spot which delayed my takeout by an hour or so. This spot yielded my second 4 fish on three casts in the two

days fishing (single, double, single - I love it when that happens). It's hard to stop when the fishing is like that.

By the time a got back to shore Bill was packed and headed back up the I-5 for home. I was out of there by 2:30 PM or so.

For me the fish count for the day was smaller than on Day 1 but the quality of the fish was certainly better. I didn't get a chance to compare notes with the other three but I'm sure that they were on to fish.

SUMMARY FOR DAY 2: (Sunday 13 June): Participants: Bill Boehlert, Craig Haines, Steve Ludwig, and me; launch at 6:30 AM, takeout at 1:30 PM; Conditions: much nicer than the previous day with partly cloudy skies turning to sunny, and initially calm and glassy becoming breezy to windy by late morning and into the afternoon. Water temp was 68 to 70 degrees; a low tide of -1.4' at 5:10 AM, a high tide of 3.8' at 11:45 AM; a low tide of 2.2' at 4:10 PM, and a high tide of 6.6' at 10:30 PM. My fish count included a mix of SSB, YFC, with several black croaker, a needlefish, and a corvina thrown in for good measure. At mid-morning Bill reported a small barracuda in addition to a mix of bass and croaker.



I think you'll get an enthusiastic response about fishing the San Diego Bay that goes something like "Try it!" The spotted sand bass, in fact both the sand bass species as well as the calicos (aka., kelp bass) will really surprise you in terms of the tug they'll put on your line. The first moments after a hookup are a complete standoff with the fish giving little or

no ground (or should I say water?). From there it's a fight to the finish with success in the balance for both the fish and the fisher. Granted, there are no blistering runs as with bonito or some other species; just a good old fashion dogfight.

The yellowfin croaker also give good battle but with a little less pull and more side to side motion. Rigging is pretty straightforward and the fly patterns for the most part are pretty simple in part because they are tied on size 4, 6, or 8 hooks rather than on 18, 20 or 22 hooks as in trout fishing the Sierras.

Long Beach Casting Club Tackle Exchange

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

The Club is going to have a Tackle exchange (Swap meet) at the club house on September 18, 2010 starting at 8:00 AM and going to 6:00 PM

If you have any old, new, used, or antique fishing tackle laying around that you never use, or would just like to get some \$\$\$ for, you need to attend this event.

This event is not only open to Members and Guests, but we are having some Tackle collectors also show up. So even if you don't have anything to sell and have some old stuff just lying around, bring it in and get it appraised.

We will set up 20 tables inside the club house for those that wish to display and sell items. The tables will rent for \$15.00 dollars each, and the proceeds (of the table rental only) will go to the club. The tables will be available on a first come first served basis. If you don't think you have enough to fill up a table, partner up with a couple of other people to rent a table.

Contact me for table rentals at 562-634-1515

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CAROLE KATZ, PHW NATIONAL TRUSTEE

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Pledges made by federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations, like Project Healing Waters, that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world. These contributions can automatically be deducted through a payroll deduction throughout the year, or may be made by cash or check. The CFC remains the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. applied for and was accepted as a member of this select group of charitable organizations in 2010. PHW's assigned **CFC number 82526** must be used to designate your

tax deductible donations to Project Healing Waters.

If you work for a federal agency, please select 82526 as your charity of choice, and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Thank you!



Welcome Our New Members

NANI BLYLEVEN, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Steve Lankenau, Temecula
- ❖ Michael Miller, Los Angeles
- ❖ Bob Oves, Buena Park
- ❖ Jack Recla, Mission Viejo

Please greet and welcome all our new members at LBCC functions. Encourage them to volunteer with many of our activities throughout the year. Please note that, in order to receive your Membership Packet with your Badge, Roster and other LBCC items; you must attend a LBCC monthly meeting.

If anyone has membership questions please read the Bylaws in your Roster, then you can call me at 714-827-0984 or email at Nablyle@aol.com.

Fly of the Month: Eric Otzinger's Hot Creek Caddis

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Okay, a bunch of us just got back from the Brookie Bash. The weather and fishing was great but I felt compelled to replay this pattern this month because it works so well under so many circumstances. My daughter Nicole and I used this fly on Hot Creek on Friday night, again on Saturday in Little Lakes Valley and back on Hot Creek again on Sunday. It caught fish on all three days when other flies failed.

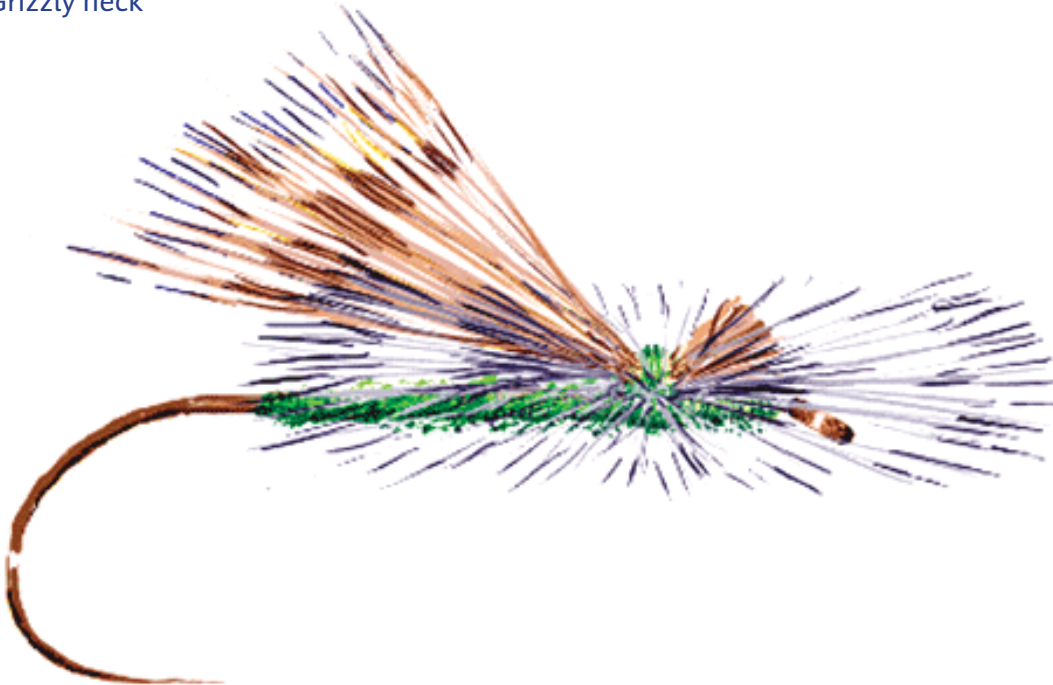
This very simple caddis pattern is effective for the slow water caddis hatches that occur on Hot Creek throughout the fishing season. But where it really excels is when the water gets a little rougher at the head of a run. You can toss the fly in there and it is still floating when it comes on out—unless a fish has eaten it of course.

It was designed by Eric Otzinger, perhaps one of the best tiers in the world, whose work is featured in Judith Dunham's *THE ATLANTIC SALMON FLY*. Eric invented the Hot Creek Caddis years ago when he worked at Marriott's Fly Fishing Store. At that time, he tied the fly which was for sale at the store.

This pattern sits low to the water and simulates the small gray sedge caddis that is prevalent on Hot Creek, which is a slow water spring creek. I have also used it very successfully as a mayfly emerger during pale morning dun and blue-winged olive hatches. It has taken fish on Henry's Fork, the Madison, the Green and several well known spring creeks in Idaho and Montana.

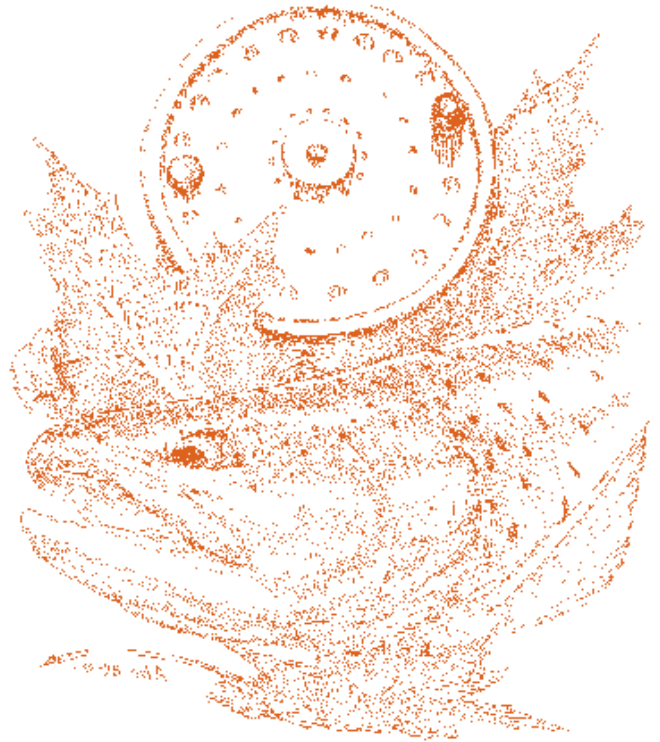
Materials for tying the Hot Creek Caddis:

Hook:	Light wire dry fly in size 16, 18, 20 or 22
Thread:	Medium to dark gray
Body:	Medium to dark gray dubbing or other colors to match hatching naturals
Wing:	Coastal deer hair or very fine elk
Hackle:	Grizzly neck



Instructions for tying the Hot Creek Caddis:

1. Tie on the thread and wind down to the bend, dub the thread and wind the dubbing to the head space.
2. Prepare the deer hair wing by removing all the underhair and then tie it on like an elk hair caddis wing. Don't cut the excess off yet since you will want to lift it as you wind the hackle.
3. Tie in the grizzly hackle, dull side down and wind, parachute style underneath the wing and butt ends (between the wing/butts and the body). Make 2 to 4 of those turns, depending on the size of the fly and then tie off.
4. Whip finish the head and cut off the excess deer hair leaving a small stub similar to an elk hair caddis.



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Notes from the Pond

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

If you took the time out of your busy schedule to attend Chris Korich's casting clinic in July, you learned some casting techniques, which will improve your accuracy. I just spent five days in the Eastern Sierra., at the Brookie Bash, employing this casting. All I can say is "hook up". Life is good.

Here at the Long Beach Casting Club we have plenty of activities. We have monthly meetings, monthly fishing trips, fly tying, rod building, and of course casting. The weekly casting games can be especially challenging for the judges. Now, the judge needs to be in a comfortable position to both see the casters stroke and the fly line propelling toward the target ring.

However, that ability to see both is affected by the ability to move around the casting pond with ease, which is affected by an algae covered concrete bottom. Try as we might the pond simply takes elbow grease to stay looking good, with the removal of pine cones, plastic bags, golf balls, and sticks about 18" long.

I want to give a special thank you to all of the members that take the time out of their weekends to help clean the pond after we drain it the night before. The crew gets out of bed early and arrives with the only enticement being a pot of coffee a box of donuts and a dedication to keeping our premier asset, the casting pond looking good as well as being much more comfortable to walk in without slipping and sliding.

Here is an ode titled Dances with Brooms, written by Jack Turner, our past president from the 1971-72 term and a challenge for those willing to help the club.

*There's lots to do at our casting club,
Just not enough time, aye, that's the rub...
With casting and fishing and making rods and fly's,
Our time cannot be trivialized...*

*Maintaining a family, a home and a job,
From these commitments, we are forced to rob...
But, there is a special, off hour dance,
Known to a privileged few,*

*They know, and now so will you...
It is held only a few times each year,
The date is selected by the pool Captain, our seer...
The dancers arrive early in the morning,*

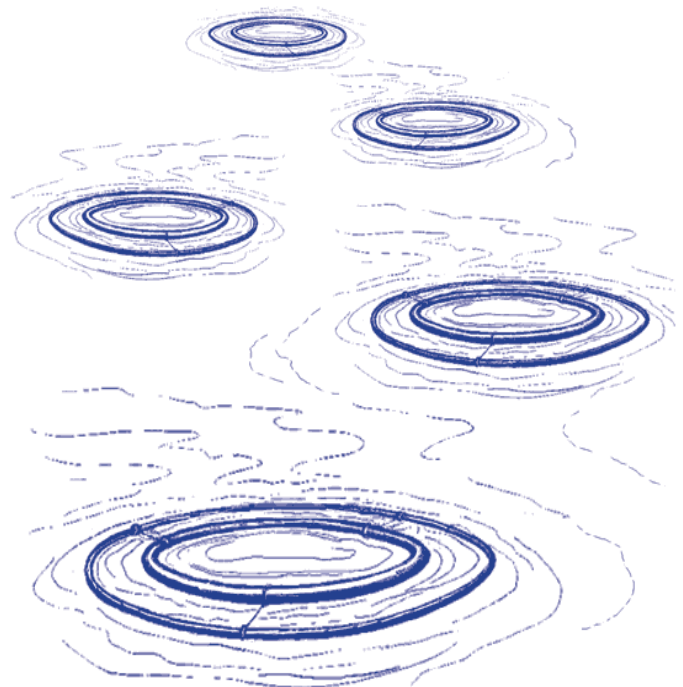
*Following the draining of the pool...
At least that seems to be the accepted rule...
The object of their ritual dances,
Performed by members with slides and prances....*

*Is to rid the pool of a small plant everlasting,
Algae by name, and detrimental to casting...
There is visiting and donuts, fish stories abound,
The dancers have fun, you can tell from the sound...*

*Next time there's a dance, the captain knows when,
Volunteer to dance, and see him grin...
Get out of your bed, get out of your rooms,
Come to your club, and join dances with brooms...*

The cleaning may appear overwhelming; however, time spent with your fellow members is quality bonding time.

See you at the pond.



Calendar of Events

August

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
2-7	Week		ACA National Tournament, Lexington Kentucky
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Games
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Yards & Inches (Huntington Harbour) Pre-Trip Meeting
		7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Class
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Games
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Class
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
14	Saturday		Yards & Inches Tournament (Huntington Harbour)
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Games
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Class
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond & Fishing Movies with Bob G.
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Games
24-28	Week		FFF Conclave, West Yellowstone, Montana
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Kent Rianda on Lake Crowley
29	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast and Director's Handicap Casting Games
30	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Casting Games

September

2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond & Fishing Movies with Bob G.
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond & Fishing Movies with Bob G.
12	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic
			Rod Building Class: Orientation Night
15	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Extended Bridgeport Area Pre-Trip Meeting
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
26	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
26-27	Weekend	9:00 AM	Tournament Casting School/clinic
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class: 1 st Night
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jack Turner
30-Oct. 3	Weekend		Extended Bridgeport Area Trip

October

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class: 2 nd Night
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
10	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class: 3 rd Night
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond & Fishing Movies with Bob G.
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class: 4 th Night
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Redding Area Pre-Trip Meeting
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
27	Weekend	7:00 PM	Redding Area Trip
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Doug Uyematsu on Saltwater Fishing



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