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Leader's Line ...

Back to School at LBCC

RICH GARRETT, PRESIDENT

It's that time of year again. Our vacations are winding down, along with the related fishing trips that for the majority of our member take place during the summer. So this is the time that the kids go back to school, but what about you?

Our club has numerous accomplished fly fishers' that can hold their own or excel over almost anyone they come together with on the streams, lakes and ocean. This is an impressive fact, and many of these people have learned their skills at Long Beach Casting Club. However, if you were to poll the membership as to what one thing give them the greatest pride when they are associated with the club, I am sure the dominant area would be related to the numerous educational functions that we support and host. In the past we have been referred to as the University of Long Beach Casting Club and numerous other titles that refer to our club as a teaching club.

So now that the majority of your fishing is winding down for the year, it is time to reflect back on the experiences on the water and evaluate the area where you might feel the need for improvement during the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons. This is the time where many of our members that possess the advanced skills in Rod Building, Fly Tying, Casting and the "Know How" to take our skills to the water step up to the plate and volunteer their services in order to pass their talents on to anyone interested

in learning them.

Starting in September, John Van Derhoof conducted an "Intermediate Casting Clinic" for those that had completed our beginning class more than 12 months ago or had equivalent experience. In late September our "Orientation Night for Rod Building" will be hosted by Stan Holden. This will start this year's course on how to build your own Fly Rod. This will continue for the first three weeks in October.

On Tuesday October 26, Doug Smith, assisted by numerous others very accomplished in Tying Flies will host the "Orientation Night for Fly Tying". This will start the weekly fly tying classes that will be held each Tuesday night and continue into March 2011.

In January 2011, Joe Libeu will host a series of classes titled the "On the River Clinic". This class will prepare you for your trip to the river and covers all the info needed to have a successful fly fishing trip. The clinic is finalized with a weekend trip to the river (Usually

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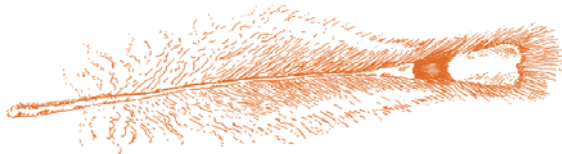
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in the Mammoth or Bishop Area)

Finally, we come full circle in April 2011 with our Beginning Fly Casting Classes.

Whether you are a beginner, an intermediate or just think you are an advanced fly fisher, there is an opportunity to advance your skill set in any area that interests you. The club is eager to assist those with a quest for additional knowledge and seek those that already have this knowledge and are willing to pass it on.

May you always have more beers than fish in your creel. This can be interpreted to mean "Catch and Release" your fish, but do not drink so many beers that someone catch's you, and a friend is required to obtain your release.



Welcome Our New Members

NANI BLYLEVEN, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ David Warner, Fullerton
- ❖ Bruce Hampton, Laguna Beach
- ❖ Craig Bond, Signal Hill

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 contact me by email at Nablyle@aol.com.

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Doug Uyematsu and Fishing the Local Salt

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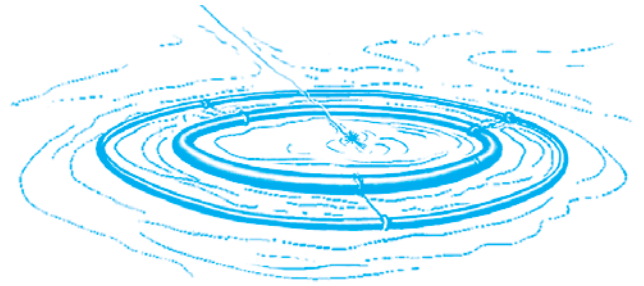
Mammoth—a six-hour drive; Redding—an 18-hour grind; the Green River—an 18-hour marathon. The dedicated trout fishermen in the club either have a lot of free time to travel or else don't get to fish that much. Too many of the club members are missing out on the great fly fishing right in our backyard; the local bays and beaches. With the right equipment, excellent fishing is less than an hour away.

Our October speaker is a saltwater expert. Doug Uyematsu has five current IGFA world records in the salt. He has the records for corbina on 2, 4, 6, and 8 pound test, and the halibut record for 4 pound test (a 20 pounder!!!). He is a light tackle specialist, and often uses a 4-weight to wrestle in the croaker, corbina, bass, and myriad other species.

Doug will be explaining everything you need to know about salt water angling: where to fish, when to fish, equipment to use, how to cast and retrieve, and what flies to tie (or buy) to imitate local baitfish and other foods.

So broaden your fishing horizons and don't miss Doug's presentation on Thursday, October 28. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM as usual.

See you there.



Notes from the Pond

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

Fall is almost here and the Sunday morning casting game schedule has started. The Captain's Handicap was the first of the Sunday casts, won by yours truly. It started August 29th at 8:00 am, with a hearty Frittata breakfast prepared by Jeff and Patty Gross. The games followed breakfast and were well attended with old hands as well as some fresh faces willing to give the games a try.

Did you notice I referred to them as games? Well, that is what they are and the challenge is personal for casters like me. So, if you are uncomfortable with group competition, look at this as a personal quest, which will improve your next stream experience. Mark Tsunawaki has been spending some Thursday evenings working with those wanting to learn the rules and techniques. These evenings will help you gain the information and confidence to join us on Sunday mornings. Come on out, you will hone your skills and build your relationships with other club members.

Thank you for those that came out for the pond and clubhouse cleaning August 28. We had 23 volunteers come out as early as 7:30 am. Thanks to Keith, Yash, Rob, Patrick, Mike, John, Michael Sr & Jr, Mark, Burt, Med, Tom, Bob, Andy, Carl, Frank, Gerry, Jeff, Chuck, Howard, Marv, and George. The pond looks great. See you on the pond.

Bucket List Accomplishments

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

Two rivers that have appeared on my Bucket List are the Williamson and Wood Rivers in south central Oregon. Both are spring creeks fed through volcanic rocks and remain constantly in the low 40 degrees. The fish, however, are hot.

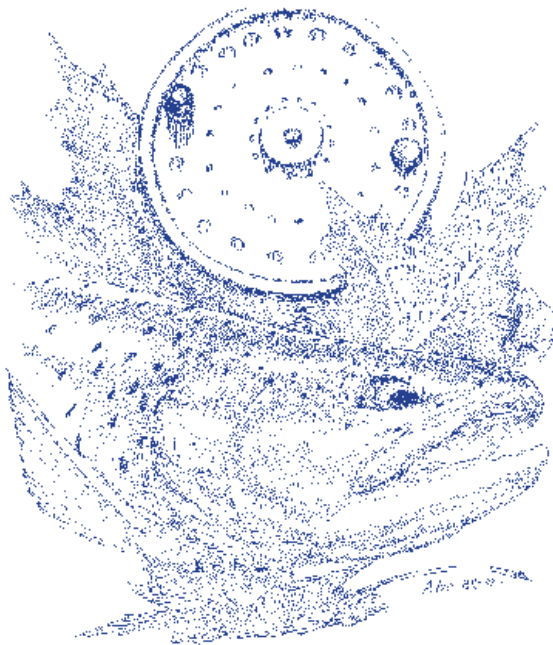
I drove, having attended to some business in Northern California. Rich Garrett and Mary Lou flew into Medford, Oregon with Jeff Gross. They left from LAX for a fairly quick two hour flight. Leaving from any other airport or flying into any other city than Medford could extend the flight by several hours even up to a day and require visits to a few other states!

We stayed at Lonesome Duck Ranch and Resort on the banks of the Williamson, in a very comfortable peeled log cabin. The ranch consists of about 200 acres with 2 miles of river frontage. Cocktails were taken on the porch running the full length of the cabin in the evening breeze. It was quite welcome because the daytime temperatures were in the nineties each day. The porch also had a gas grill ably used by Jeff for cooking some excellent dinners. Unfortunately, we missed the *Hexagenia* hatch by a week.

Between the porch and river's edge is a large grassy area with various chairs and a large hammock. The resident manager is a biologist by training and the backyard was complete with at least 8 or 10 bird feeders of various sorts. And the Birds did come:

everything on the wing from hummingbirds to Blue Jays and robins. There was even a covey of Mountain Quail complete with top knots on the males. And of course the obligatory group of deer appeared at dusk.

These are short venues and thus the guides did not arrive until 8:00 or 9:00 AM to rig us up and drive only 5 minutes to the Williamson River put in at the county park in Chiloquin. This was not your typical ramp; it was unimproved. Indeed the guide backed the trailer to a spot where the wheels balanced on a four foot drop off. Then they cranked the retaining line and lowered the boat nearly vertically. This was especially dangerous because these drift boats had small electric engines attached to the transom. The motors were needed because the last half hour of the float was over still, shallow "frog water" where oars were virtually useless. The take out was right at Lonesome Duck at the end of the day.



I fished with Jeff for all four days. Our first day from the put in was spent with a short row upstream where the Sprague River runs into the Williamson. The Sprague was still lightly colored from rain the previous week. It did clear up over the course of the trip however. We began fishing the pools on the side away from the Sprague and Jeff immediately got some action. His second cast hooked

into a 23½ inch red side. It was a beautiful, heavy fish and Jeff's brand new 6 weight rod purchased specifically for the trip was shattered with the weight. The fish was landed and photographed and Jeff's rod was retired!

The Williamson River Rainbows have a national reputation and are hot and heavy. There is also a lot of mystery about them. Some fish come up out

of Klamath Lake when the water starts warming up in the lake in the summer. These fish are sometimes infected with a parasite which gets under the scales and erupts in bright red spots much like runaway acne. But the cold water kills the parasites and the fish return to a bright silver or spotted redbreast. There is also a resident group of rainbows that choose to remain over the winter to spawn in the spring. They grow rapidly in the bug factory that is the Williamson to an average size of 20–24 inches. The lunkers grow to 10–12 pounds and are usually caught on heavy streamers at dusk. The owner of the lodge caught a 29½ inch rainbow right behind his house last season.

The water is gin clear and the fish are very skittish. The recommended rig (for this trip) was at least a 6 wt. rod with a clear intermediate line and a long tippet of 5x, 6x and even 7x usually 14–18 feet. The boats can't get within 40 feet of the fish without spooking them. So a long cast is needed and then some long mends and long drifts. The fly shops and guides in the area are quite adamant that this is not a fishing venue for novices. Well honed casting and boating skills are needed. But if one of these celebrated fish takes the fly, it does so with abandon—like freight trains.

And speaking of trains, it turns out that one of Jeff's real passions is railroad trains. Unfortunately, the main spur runs along the river and is busy with 8–10 trains a day. Whenever a train went by, Jeff would stop, look and watch. Usually that was when he had a take, resulting in another farmed fish!

We had lunch just upstream of the put in and then proceeded downstream where the water turns into more riffles and runs than the deep pools which

occupied our morning. The afternoon was spent between homes on one side of the river and railroad on the other. The weather was quite warm. Ospreys and a pair of bald eagles gained our attention; one was complaining quite loudly that we were trespassing in his favorite pool.

Jeff and I fished the Wood River the next day. It runs through ranch land with large ranches. After the put in at a day use area with a real dock, we didn't see many buildings, just tall reeds and cattails.

The fish come up from Agency Lake in pods like migratory fish and then hunker down over springs. In theory, if you know where the springs are, the fishing should be easy. We had a tough morning searching the clear water for fish. They had apparently migrated further on upstream. We headed down stream where we located a large deep pool at the confluence

of two braids in the river. We anchored up and began casting parallel to each other. We were using heavy tungsten bead head flies to get down deep. Unfortunately, I heard a snap and Jeff's five weight rod was now a little shorter.

We went down to the mouth of the Wood River and ran into a pod of 100 fish who left town as soon as they saw us. But rather than swim away from us back into the lake, these fish raced by us and proceeded upstream leaving a huge wake of disturbed water. Rich and Mary Lou fished the Wood the next day and those fish were waiting for them! They reported an excellent day.

With Jeff's excellent cooking, comfortable accommodations and the great fishing, we had a trip to remember.



Your Roster is Not Just a Phone Book

NANI BLYLEVEN, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

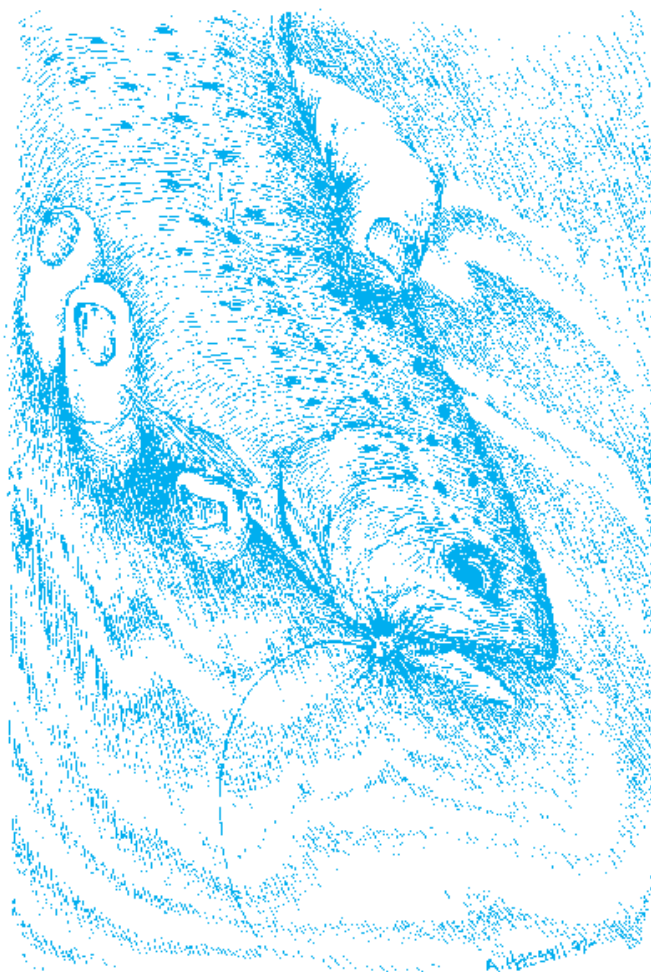
While I myself have been guilty of treating it as just a phone book, it wasn't until I helped put it together this year that I realized just how useful it is! Actually, "help" is probably a generous word for my contributions, but it is a team effort with many volunteers developing and adding their portions, formatting addresses, and pulled all together for printing by Spey Van Derhoof. Then more volunteers to seal and mail out (let Marv Dworzak tell you all about the picky post office rules).

Take a good look at your roster and actually read it! The roster is only sent to our members. We do not send copies to other clubs or businesses, in order to maintain some privacy. While the format is the same, all the information is not just regurgitated each year. Did you know that the Board of Directors are installed in April of each year and, as they are learning their jobs, they are also responsible for putting together the roster information which includes researching and securing Speakers and Club trips nearly a year in advance!

Page four of your roster has a list of Committees. Most are one-person committees so if you would like to help out, let any one of them know. *All help is appreciated, especially when it comes to cleaning and maintaining the clubhouse facilities!* This is YOUR club, and volunteering or coming up with ideas, lets you take ownership.

Starting on page 48 we list regular activities and page 49 starts fishing and casting awards. Did you know you could have gotten recognition for that big ol' honker you reeled in last year? A year's worth of casting game and tournament scores are tallied and maintained by the Recording Secretary.

The Club's Constitution and By-Laws begin on page 58. This is the document that guides us and helps us to maintain the rich traditions of the past 85 years.



We amended them last year to add complimentary annual membership to qualifying Project Healing Waters participants.

Do you know why we are called a Casting Club and not a Fishing Club? Or why we have so much emphasis on tournaments? Find out next month in Part II.

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Teaching Kids to Fish

MICHAEL SCHWEIT, SOUTHWEST COUNCIL, FFF

I think I killed my last trout at Eagle Lake about 10 years ago. Since then, it has been nothing but Catch & Release...until the weekend of July 24th. Then we all went a bit crazy “putting down” some trout for a good cause.

The Mammoth Lakes Kid’s Fishing Festival has been running for 23 years. Past sponsors have been the town of Mammoth Lakes and Vickie Russell. This year, Gaye Mueller and the Mono Council for the Arts, along with Kevin Peterson, president of the newly formed Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide Association and their members, were instrumental in making it happen. Kevin also asked the SouthWest Council if we could help out. Not knowing what we were in for, we said “sure!”

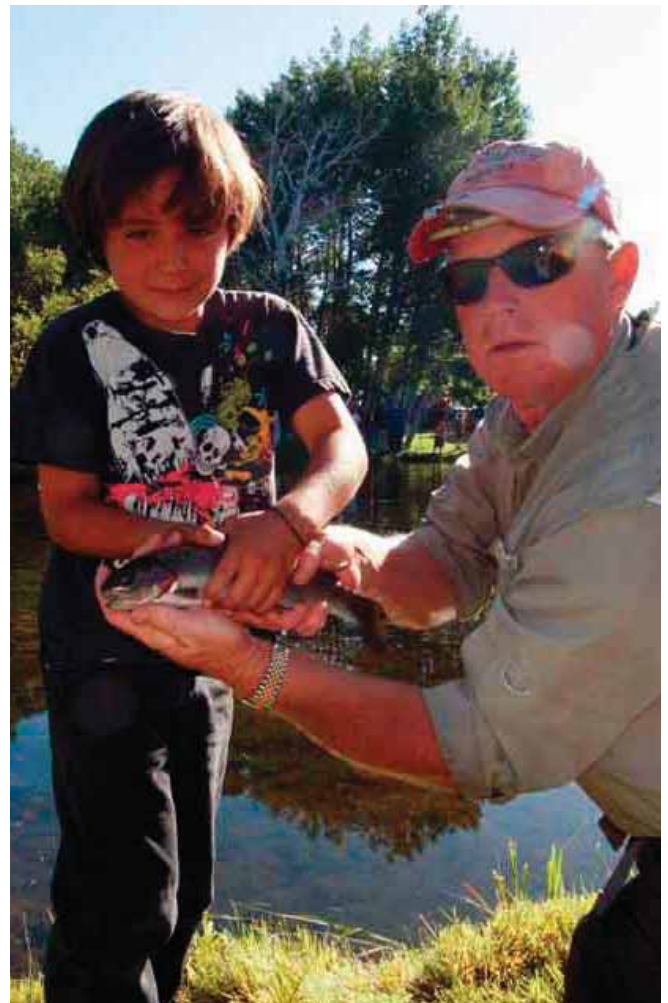
DFG, in partnership with the town of Mammoth Lakes, purchased 750 trout for the two ponds at Snowcreek Resort. The idea was that the fly anglers would have one side of the pond to do some fly rod casting demonstrations and catch a fish or two while others worked with spin rods and bait. Tell that to the estimated 600 children that showed up between 8 and noon on this perfect weather day. They quickly covered every inch of shoreline and so many lines were hitting the water that it looked like a Powerbait hatch. But being resourceful fly anglers, we went to work.

Pat Jaeger gave us important directions throughout. Eventually, Pat figured out we could start roll casting and we quickly got the kids into the mood. Of course, we had a bribe. Festival rules said that after they caught and kept one fish, they were done. When we explained about catch and release and catching as many as they wanted, the majority stayed with the fly rod.

Helping out from the SouthWest Council was Greg Stumpf from Streamborn, Wayne Thompson and Jim

DeSwarte of Kaweah, Ron Morita from Sierra Pacific and me. We all spent plenty of time on our knees, keeping us at the right height for our “students” and allowing us to reach down and release the fish. In the end, we did harvest quite a few as these fish were the first catches for most of the participants.

Extra credit goes to Ron for spending over two hours with Cory from Corona. This lad really wanted to learn and he had all the beginner’s bad luck happen to him. Bad knots (Ron and I), missed strikes, long distance releases, refusals, you name it. But he kept at it and Ron had him roll casting with style. I left for a few minutes to snap some photos and saw Cory and his family in the parking lot. His grin was ear to ear and I knew he had finally succeeded. When he shows up at Deep Creek for some lessons, remember that Ron gave him a good start!

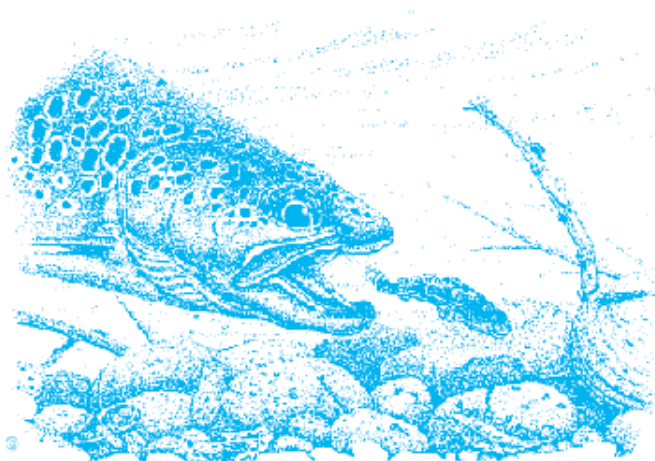


Let the Games Begin!

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

Between fishing on the Williamson River in Oregon and the Bighorn in Montana, I took a diversion to Bend, Oregon to visit the Casting Course at the Old Mill. The Old Mill is an upscale urban shopping mall set along the Deschutes River on the site of the Brooks-Scanlon lumber mill. The Orvis Shop is located near the powerhouse chimneys which are visible in all directions. They must be at least ten stories tall.

Based on a golf game, there are eighteen skills tests. Players receive a score card much like a golf course card with appropriate par ratings for each hole. Rather than handicaps, there are three skill levels which you choose prior to beginning play. The course starts at the Orvis store and meanders between a crowded bicycle/walk path and the back of the shops and restaurants where the dining patios overlook the



buildings. Rules for each hole are permanently posted near that tee. The in ground targets are concrete circles about 24" in diameter. Those in the water appear slightly larger.

The first hole, at the store, is level and open. One must have his foot on the fixed tee box (a concrete pad) and cast to three targets 20, 30 and 45 feet away. On this hole you are more limited in your false casts as your level increases. The second hole is on a pond with a small waterfall. This is one of several roll cast holes, again with three targets set at varying distances.

The third and fourth holes are from opposite sides of a large pond and also test your roll casts. But the challenge is increased by requiring increased weight of the rods and lines for the more expert casters. And the last two targets for everyone are obstructed by a footbridge requiring a more sidearm cast.

The next hole is a vertical hoop through which the caster must throw tight loops from three different distances. For the national competition, another hoop was set up eleven feet behind the first hoop!

The sixth hole has a fixed tee box but the targets are placed in front of trees with overhanging branches so the caster must use a sidearm cast. The expert level on this hole requires use of a heavier rod and each target is set **behind** the tree, requiring a good curve cast.

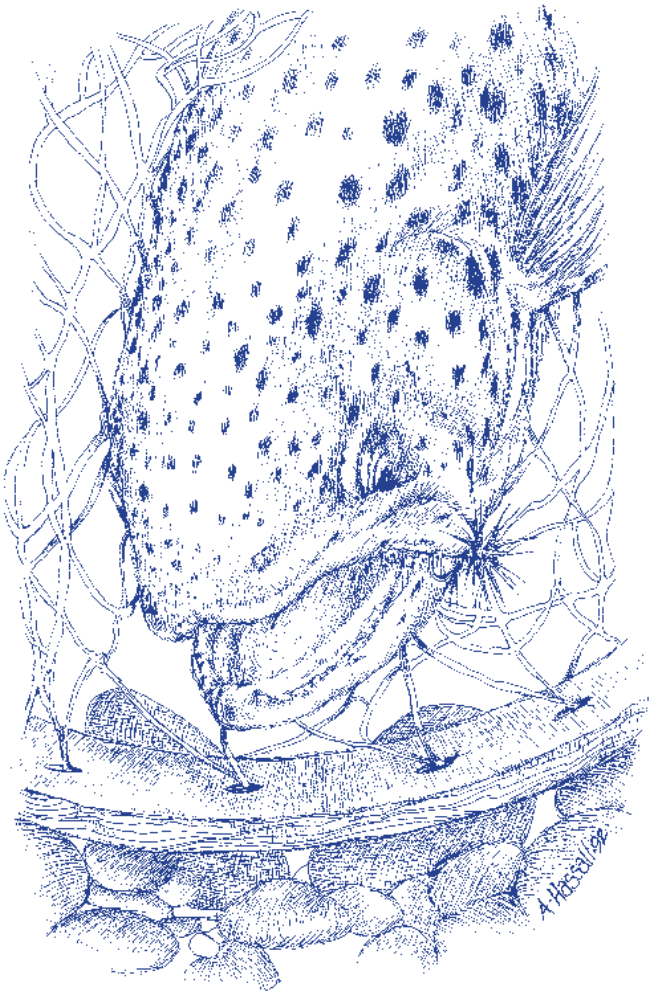


activity. The first nine holes are on the mall side of the river and the back nine is on the other side between a city park and The Amphitheater and several office

Seven is on the Deschutes River. The tee box is on a level stone set at the river's edge but there are trees and reeds to obstruct your cast. This is another roll cast hole requiring both accuracy and distance. The rules suggest using a 4–6 wt rod except for the experts. They are supposed to use a switch or spey rod 6–8 wt!

They were repairing the ninth hole, pulling overgrown reeds from the pond. This hole is obstructed by trees behind the tee. The rules suggest kneeling to cast to the six targets set at different distances; a few of the targets are tucked behind the weeds.

I only walked the first nine holes. The others are just



as imaginative. Two are set on a large pond requiring increasing casting distances to the targets at a measured 5 foot and 10 foot increments. On one hole you cast to a target 150' away and then walk to your



fly and cast again until you reach the target. One hole is shorter stressing accuracy and the rules suggest using shorter rods of 7'–8.5' and lighter lines. The last hole requires reach mends at varying distances either slipping line or not at the caster's choice.

This is indeed an imaginative undertaking. It is the only such course in the country. The first annual casting tournament was held in August 2010. Our own Bob Middo competed this year although he admits that "The course beat my butt" or similar words. Nonetheless he finished fifth overall and plans on attending next year. The rules do suggest bringing more than one rod: "*Remember, if you play golf, you wouldn't play an 18-hole golf course with just a driver or a putter.*" Tye Krueger, the fishing manager at the Orvis store told me that Steve Rajeff is threatening to bring along a golf bag with fourteen rods for the tournament. Bob carried three rods.

In addition to the trees, reeds and cattails, you must also contend with the afternoon upstream breezes which blow along the Deschutes and those parts of the course that are exposed to the wind. Just like a day of fishing but at least the yarn fly won't stick anyone! Maybe on the next Oregon trip we should fly to Bend, practice on the course in the morning, compete in the afternoon and then proceed on to the lower Deschutes River spey casting for summer steelhead or redband rainbows!

Kern River Fly Fishing Tournament

JIM THOMASON, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Southern Sierra Fly Fishing Club in Kernville is hosting a fly fishing tournament to benefit the SouthWest Council of FFF.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Saturday November 6, 2010
Place: Kern River
Participants: 5 members per club
5 controllers (monitors) per Club
Entry Fee: \$125 per club, \$25 per member

BENEFITS:

Test your skills against the other SWCFFF clubs
Meet members belonging to other clubs.
Help raise funds for the SWCFFF.

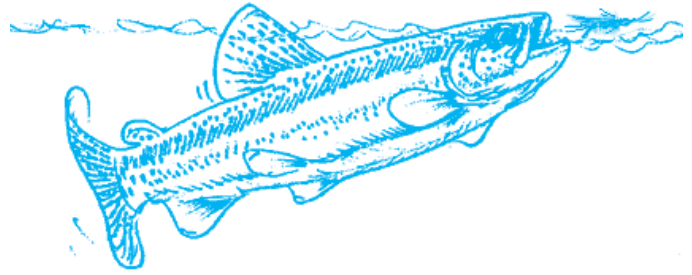
Each club selects their best 5 fly fishers to this event, based upon their own criteria. The tournament format is fashioned after the U.S. fly fishing trials: there will be defined beats, controllers, points and an awards banquet. There will be two 2-hour sessions (morning and afternoon), each on separate beats in the 20 mile section on the upper Kern.

RULES:

1) Barbless flies; 2) No split shot (or sinkers); 3) No indicator; 4) 18" between flies; 5) No tying off the bend of the hook.; 6) No beadhead larger than 1/8 oz or 3/8 mm; 7) Flies must be fully dressed

We are requesting each participating Club to bring 5 other members to assist in the Tournament as controllers. Their job will be to verify and record each fish and monitor rules compliance.

Let me know if you're interested and if we get enough people we'll field a team at jathomason@mail.com, or at 626-357-6050.



October Means Fly Tying

DOUG SMITH, FLY TYING CHAIRPERSON

On Tuesday, October 26, 2010 we will begin our annual Beginning Fly Tying Class. Our first night's class will be an Orientation session for the students and will begin at 7:00 PM.

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

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

This is, of course, offered for about the best price you can find anywhere—FREE! You buy your materials and tools and we provide expert instruction. Compare what this class offers with others in the area and you will quickly discover that there is no comparison.

I look forward to seeing you there.

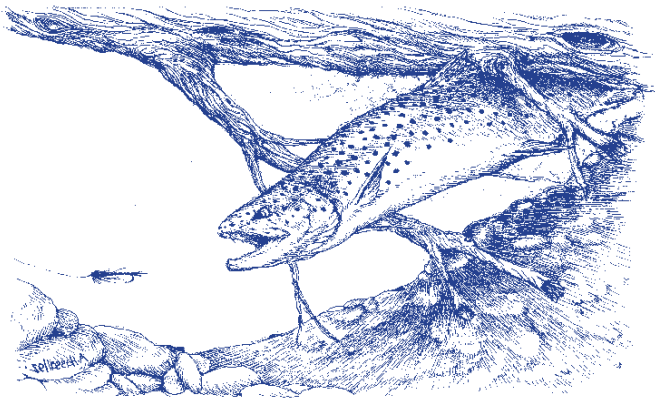
Redding Area Trip

JIM THOMASON, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

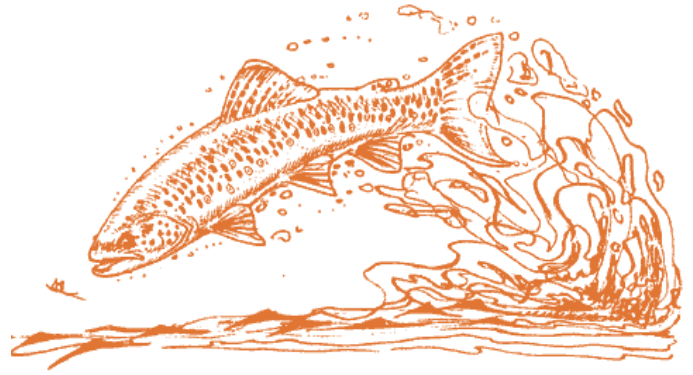
Everyone says the fall is the best time to fish and the reason is clear: because it's true (summer crowds are gone, flows are down, temperatures are moderate, and the mosquitoes have died). And what better place to fish in the fall than Northern California, home to several world class fisheries.

This month's outing will be October 27-31 to the Redding area to fish the renowned McCloud River October Caddis Hatch as well as the Upper Sacramento. The Lower Sacramento and Trinity Rivers are also available nearby but are best fished with guides. For those of you wishing to extend your stay while you're in the neighborhood, there are numerous other fabulous waters in the area (Hat Creek, Pit River, etc.).

If you've never been but always wanted to go, don't miss this opportunity. I've never been so it's an exploratory trip for me. We have numerous club members that have fished there extensively and can hopefully pass on some of their tips and techniques to accelerate our learning curve.



Lodging, transportation, waters, flies, available guides, etc. will be discussed at the pre-trip Wednesday October 20th at 7:00 PM. Please contact me now if you think you're going so I can check on lodging options ahead of time: jathomason@mail.com or at (626) 357-6050.



Club Trips for 2010-2011

JIM THOMASON, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The October outing will be to the Redding area in Northern California to fish the McCloud River and any other waters fishing well at that time. See the article elsewhere for details.

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

2010-2011 TRIPS

Trip Date & Trip Leader (Pre-Trips held at the clubhouse at 7:00 PM)

- Oct. 27-31 Redding Area (Pre-Trip October 20)
- Nov. 13 West Fork San Gabriel River (Pre-Trip November 3)
- Dec. 11 Lake Lake: TBD (Pre-Trip Dec.1)
- Jan. 8- 9 Lower Owens #1 with Dan Rivett (Pre-Trip December 29)
- Feb. 19-20 Lower Owens #2 with Yash Iseda (Pre-Trip February 9)
- Mar. 26 Newport Bay Bass Tourney w/Mark Tsunawaki (Pre-Trip March 16)

Note: trip locations and dates are subject to change. Please monitor Target Talk for the latest information.

Fly of the Month: The Simple Smut and the Not-So-Simple Smut

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

A couple of month's ago Yash Iseda gave me an article from the British magazine [FLY-FISHING AND FLY-TYING](#) as a suggested pattern for the Fly of the Month. Okay, so it took me a long time get around to writing it up but hey, it got done—eventually. Sorry Yash...

The fly in question was a very simple pattern for a dry/damp midge imitation named the Simple Smut (get your mind out of the gutter—think fishing as in a smutting rise) and the more I looked at it I realized that this was nothing new. I pulled out my battered copy of Ed Koch's, [FISHING THE MIDGE](#) (Freshet Press, 1972) and, sure enough, there it was. Koch's book is a gold mine of information about fishing tiny flies to large fish—his patterns are very simple, yet very effective.

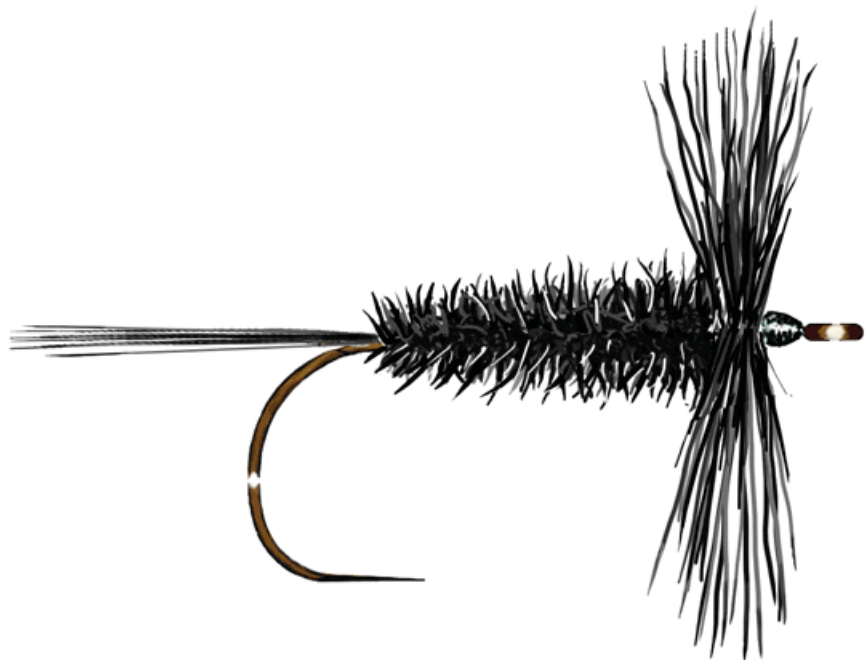
As there is very little new in fly fishing (merely tweaks and twists of the same old thing) the challenge was there to tweak and twist this one in an attempt to improve the original. I found the answer in three of my favorite materials of the last 30 years: Krystal Flash, Zelon and CDC.

Did I really improve the original; who knows or cares but trying something new and different is always fun and challenging. I will say though, that I used the updated pattern chasing gulpers on Hebgen Lake 2 weeks before writing this and the pattern worked very well netting a couple of 19" to 21" fish as well as some dinky 15 inchers. While fishing and wading wet I noticed dozens of emerging midges on my legs and shorts, changed flies and was off to the races—literally, as I ran up and down the shoreline chasing fish. I can't wait to try this pattern out the next time I get to the Green River on those maddening scum suckers during the afternoon rain showers.

I have shown the original as well as the updated pattern for your tying pleasure, so be sure to try out both.

Materials for tying the Simple Smut:

- Hook: Tiemco #101 ring eye dry fly; sizes 14 to 24
- Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0 or match the natural
- Tail: Black hackle fibers or match the natural
- Body: Black hackle fibers palmer style and trimmed or match the natural
- Hackle: Black hackle or match the natural
- Head: Black thread or match the natural



Materials for tying the Not-So-Simple Smut:

- All: same as above except Tail, Body and Wing
- Tail: Black Zelon fibers (very sparse) or match the natural
- Body: Black CDC fibers palmer style and trimmed over pearl Krystal Flash or match the natural
- Wing: (optional for size 18 and larger) Black CDC angled forward in front of the hackle or match the natural

Instructions for tying the Smuts

Note: The pattern from the magazine uses one feather to tie the entire fly. A great idea but getting it right can be a pain for any tier. I prefer to use multiple hackles to tie the fly and these instructions reflect that choice.

1. Place the hook in the vise and attach your thread at the headspace and wind down to the bend of the hook. Tie in the black hackle fibers which should be relatively sparse and the length should be equal to the length of the shank. For the Not-So Simple Smut: Tie in the Zelon tail, which is really a shuck, using a few Zelon fibers and the length should be 2/3 the length of the shank.
2. Select a black dry fly quality neck or saddle hackle and prepare it by holding the hackle by the tip and stroking the fibers towards the base so that they are perpendicular to the stem. Tie in the hackle by the tip and wind forward evenly to the head space. Trim the body section of the hackle as shown in the illustration—short—leaving a sparse hackle behind. All that is needed now is to form a small, neat head, whip finish and add some head cement and the Simple Smut is complete.

For the Not-So Simple Smut: Either tie in CDC feather by the tip or leave a dubbing loop and wind forward to the thorax. Tie in a strand or two of Krystal Flash and wind it down to the tail and back and tie off. If you are using the feather, wind it forward palmer style and wide spaced



so the Krystal Flash shows through and tie it off. If you are using the dubbing loop (this is my personal choice), load it with one side of a CDC feather and trim off the rest at the feather's stem and spin it into a dubbing rope. Again, wind it forward wide spaced and tie it down. Then, as in the Simple Smut, trim the fibers as shown in the illustration. Another option that is more difficult but very cool looking is to use a dubbing loop out of a long stand of Krystal Flash—not sure if fish like it better so why don't you try it out and let us all know.

3. For the Not-So Simple Smut: if you want to add a wing to the pattern tie in a small bunch of CDC fibers on the top of the hook and post so that they lean forward slightly. Tie in a black hackle and wind 2 to 4 turns behind the wing and tie off. Form a small, neat head, whip finish, add some head cement go chase some scum suckers!



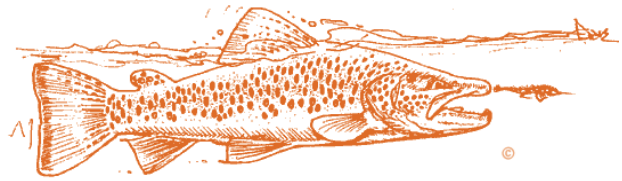
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Calendar of Events

October

1-3	Weekend		Extended Bridgeport Area Trip
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
9-10	Weekend		Northwestern Tournament
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
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
24	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 1 st Night - Orientation
27-31	Weekend	7:00 PM	Redding Area Trip
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Doug Uyematsu on Saltwater Fishing

November

1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Techniques
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	West Fork San Gabriel Pre-Trip Meeting
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
7	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 1 st Night Tying
10	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
13	Saturday	7:00 PM	West Fork San Gabriel Trip
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 2 nd Night Tying
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond
20-21	Weekend		Marriott's Fly Fishing Fair
21	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 3 rd Night Tying
25	Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 4 th Night Tying

December

1	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Lake Trip Pre-Trip Meeting
2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond
4	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag
5	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 5 th Night Tying
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night at the Pond
11	Saturday		Lake Fishing Trip (location to be determined)
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 6 th Night Tying
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
19	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 7 th Night Tying
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
25	Saturday		Merry Christmas!
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: 8 th Night Tying
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond



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