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Target Talk

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Leader's Line ...

It's New Year's Resolution Time

RICH GARRETT, PRESIDENT

You know, the things you said you were going to do last year, but didn't. So you say them again "with determination that this is the year you will follow through".

Here is one that I have said each year since I joined the club: "this year I am going to really get into Tournament Casting". You know, trying to hit those tiny little Hula Hoops, while trying to pat your head and rub your stomach at the same time. This all sounds difficult on the surface, and it seems to intimidate newcomers through either the fear of failure or the difficulty of the task at hand.

As to the fear of failure, the only failure is not participating, and the anxiety of difficulty is soon overcome after a few practice rounds (which in the beginning does re-ignite the fear factor for a brief period of time). You need to realize that the score is only important to you as a yardstick for your own measure of improvement. If you believe that others really pay that much attention to your score, just ask someone in the tournament what your score was on the previous round. It is sort of like asking the age old question "How long does it take for a man to change a roll of toilet paper"—nobody knows.

Enough of the sales pitch; it's time to let the games begin. This year is the "Perfect Storm" conditions for making one of your New Year's Resolutions to get

involved in Tournament Casting.

We have two major motivations for becoming involved in the casting games this year. The first is to use the Southwestern Tournament that LBCC hosts in February 2011 as a learning curve and gain the experience and confidence that goes along with participating in an inter-club event.

Oh no, you say, I can't possibly be ready for such an event in February.

Oh yes we say, you most certainly can. There are divisions that divide the tournament into levels of experience, from beginner to advanced. To get anyone ready for the participation in the games, one of the club's top Tournament Casters, Mark Tsunawaki has been holding sessions on how to learn the games on Thursday nights. Also, I believe he is planning to continue the sessions up until the Southwestern. In addition, the club has regularly scheduled Breakfast/Casting games scheduled in January. With a little bit of effort and dedication on your part, between now

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and the Southwestern Tournament, you will be a valuable representative of our club. (Remember, it isn't the score, it's the heart that makes a good participant).

With the Southwestern behind you, it's time to concentrate on maybe the last opportunity for many years to participate in the "Granddaddy of them all". The ACA National Championships to be hosted by LBCC in the summer of 2011. While the Nationals aren't split into levels of experience, the faint of heart need not worry. With the experience gained at the Southwestern and the amount of time available to practice before the Nationals, chances you will be more than ready before this summer's Granddaddy Tourney.

In closing, I would like to suggest that one of your resolutions is to take this special opportunity to learn and become a part of the basic fabric of our club—Tournament Casting. Without any commitment of peer pressure involved and as just sort of an indication as to what the club can expect and prepare for, send me an email of your New Year's Resolution. My email is rgarrettcpa@earthlink.net. Those sending emails will have their name put into a drawing for some silly prize to be awarded at the Installation Dinner in April. Let's fill up the jar for the drawing and my email box with names. The more emails I receive confirming the members interest and desire to get started the better the club can prepared to provide the necessary support.

Hey, give something new a try for 2011...



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Karl Jones: Our January Speaker

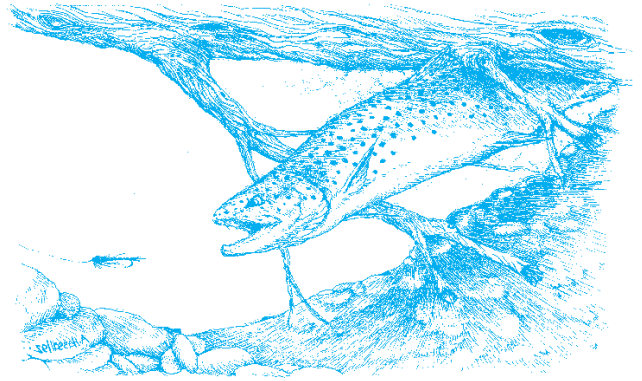
BILL BOEHLERT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

In November, we heard about the Big Horn from our resident pro, Rick Hilles. In January we will be learning about of different part of Montana from a visiting pro, Karl Jones.

Karl grew up in Oregon. His father was a fly fishing outfitter on the Deschutes and other Oregon rivers. Karl guided in Oregon and Idaho and then moved to Montana for college. He fell in love with the local waters and began guiding there. He has been based out of Missoula for the last nine years, heading up Shearwater Guide Service. He also builds classic wooden drift boats.

Karl maintains that the Missoula area has possibly the best trout fishing in the West, with over 375 miles of floatable trout fishing water. He will be showing us the Bitterroot, the Blackfoot, the Clark Fork, the Missouri, and several tributaries of these rivers. His presentation will include when, how and where to fish, as well as where to stay and travel.

Don't miss this presentation at the January 27th meeting.



Thursday Night at the Movies, 2010...At Last!

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

After much cajoling on your part and procrastination on mine, it is time to return to the balcony. At the first couple of sessions I will poll you to find out what you would really like to see. I now have close to 300 DVD's of varying cinematic quality and educational content. If I play a novice disc I'll try to pair it with one having a more advanced content. All levels of experience should find something of interest. Bring your note pads, though, there is always something to learn.

My tentative thoughts are:

FOR 2010

- Dec. 16 RIVERS OF THE LOST COAST and RED GOLD (Conservation night)
- Dec. 23 Bass
- Dec. 30 Steelhead (dress warmly)

FOR 2011

- Jan. 6 Nymphing
- Jan. 13 Reading the Water (bring glasses)
- Jan. 20 Tarpon (bring sun screen)
- Jan. 27 Bugs (bring repellent)

Hope to see you there!

Club Trips for 2010-2011

JIM THOMASON, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The December outing will be a day trip to a local lake to be determined at the Pre-trip. See the related article in this edition of Target Talk.

California Fly Fisher: If you have a sizable stack of back issues of CALIFORNIA FLY FISHER from the 1990s laying around that you've been meaning to get rid of, let me know. I would like to create a club outings notebook for California locations.

2010-2011 Trips

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

November 20	New Date - West Fork San Gabriel River (Pre-trip November 3)
December 11	Local Lake, Location TBD (Pre-trip December 1)
January 8-9	Lower Owens #1 with Dan Rivett (Pre-trip December 29)
February 26-27	Lower Owens #2 with Yash Iseda (Pre-trip February 16)
March 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. For more information, contact me at jathomason@mail.com or call me at (626) 357-6050.



Holiday Blow-Out Sale

LAST YEAR'S SHIRTS and a PRICE CORRECTION!

AL ROSS, MEMBER

Need some last minute holiday gifts? We are blowing out a few remaining Men's Olive Green long sleeve fishing shirts for \$20 each. We still have 8 X-Large, 3 Large, and 2 Small shirts available. Our new Slate Men's shirts and Light Blue Women's shirts are now available for \$42.

Please notice that there was an error in the Polo shirt and T-shirt prices in the TT (they should have been listed at \$30 and \$23). Buy a new shirt and hat for yourself and a couple of the olive shirts for your non-member buddies. Shirts are available at the club from Board Members. If you have questions, call Al or Judy Ross at 310-379-2015, alanross@earthlink.net

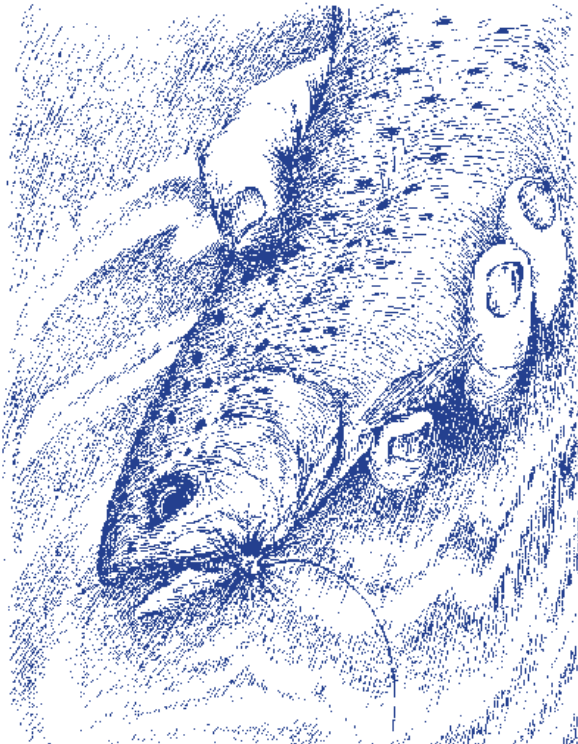


Go East, Young Man! Eastern Sierra that is...

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

I had the privilege of fishing with Gary Charles over Thanksgiving Day weekend. Well that overstates it a bit. See, when you fish with Gary, it's a surreal experience. You have a very relaxed breakfast at Jack's until the water warms up. Then you proceed to the campground at Pleasant Valley Reservoir to suit up (in many layers). Then you drive to a turnout and Gary leaves you for the rest of the day. He goes down stream and you go up stream. You meet again at the end of the day. At dinner, Gary will regale you with the stories of his conquests that day. He, of course, is always successful on the piscatorial side!

The weather was chilly: into the mid-40s during the day. Night brought ice and snow. Fortunately, we had only a little precipitation. Days were sunny and



cloudless although two days had some overcast which brought out the BWO's.

The real treat was fishing the Lower Owens with very few others. My guess is that I saw only a dozen other angler's over the five days we spent on the water. Indeed, if we saw another car at a turnout, we simply continued on to the next one.

And the fishing was good! Gary landed his fish on WD-40's and copper Copper John's. My success



was primarily on red Zebra midges and black Zebra midges. The flow was at 175 cfs at the beginning of the trip down to 150 at the end. Perfect!!!

We ran into Lee Smith at Jack's on the first day at breakfast. He was my roommate on the Christmas Island trip last year and has fished with us on the Bighorn over the last couple of years. He took Ralph Cutter's class twice and has taken Joe's Lower Owens clinics. Lee is a very enthusiastic angler who knows far more than he acknowledges.

Thursday night we went to Jack's for their Thanksgiving Day dinner. Jack's Thursday Night Special in fresh roasted turkey dinner. Unfortunately, they started serving turkey at 11:00 AM that day and by the time we arrived at 6:30 PM they were out. Lee was devastated. Plan B was to walk over to Whiskey Creek Restaurant. And they still had turkey dinners. The butternut squash soup was terrific and Lee and Gary topped off the dinner with pumpkin pie and coffee.

Given the economy this year, you're not going to get that rod that you so covet. So dress for the cold and get up to Bishop for some great fishing!

Maggie Merriman Entomology Workshop

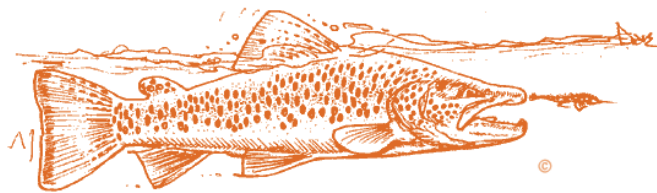
JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

On Saturday, March 19, 2011 join Maggie Merriman at the Long Beach Casting Club for her 11th 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 “Latin” names many associate with entomology, so you can leave your *Acroneuria californica*s at home.

The class will begin around 9:00 am and run until 1:00 pm. The cost for the workshop is \$50.00 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 March 12, 2011 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. You will receive an exact map of the location upon registering.



Two, Yes Two, Chances to Experience the Green River In Utah

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

At the regular February general meeting Jeff Sadler, Mr. Royal Wulff on the Green, will present a slide show on his favorite river, the Green in Utah below Flaming Gorge dam. Secret spots revealed, favorite flies (Yash's) shown, tactics discussed, and maps galore.

Be there at 7:00 PM on February the 24th.



SECOND CHANCE – Fish the Green in person on the club's April trip to this beautiful tailwater. Arrangements have not yet been made but I'm thinking the last weekend in April after Easter for four days fishing. Again, we will arrange this through Marriott's.

More Later...

Chester the Wonder Dog

BOB GRAHAM, MEMBER

(Here is a re-print of a couple of my favorite stories originally offered by Bob Graham. Gary LaFontaine, who passed away in 2002, was a friend of mine. I met Chester and was often regaled by Gary with Chester stories—enjoy!...editor)

Chester, the Wonder Dog, was not registered with the AKA (“a German shepherd/mutt mix”) but Gary LaFontaine dubbed him as the world’s greatest fishing dog. One day Gary was fishing with his brother in identical kick boats on a lake.

“We started casting against the cliffs on the far shore and soon Jay hooked a fat, 13-inch cutthroat. My faithful dog seemed a bit upset as he watched Jay play the fish, but he stayed firmly planted on my kick boat. It was a touching display of his confidence in me. I didn’t get a strike on my first few casts, but Jay soon hooked another nice cutthroat. My boy Chester stood up and paced a bit on the back platform of the kick boat, but he sat down and stared at me. It was a touching display of his devotion to the one who cared for and loved him. My next few casts were ignored by the fish, but Jay hooked a third big cutthroat. I heard a splash and turned around to see Chester swimming over to my brother’s kick boat. It was a disgusting display of a ‘catch-fish-or-cut-bait’ mentality that grips overly competitive fishing dogs.”

Now you know how I feel when Gary Charles, my own faithful fishing buddy, wanders off to angle on his own if he sees I am not catching enough trout with him!

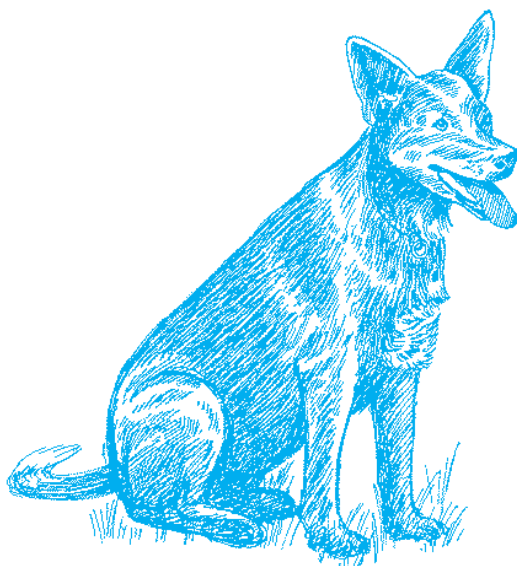
a couple of Target Talks later... Several people asked whether there were other Chester stories. Are there ever...

Mike Lawson, Gary LaFontaine and Jack Dennis

used to travel the fishing show circuit promoting fly-fishing. They became known as the Traveling Fly Fishermen. Several tapes were made of their banter and this story came from my copy of FLY FISHING TIPS from the TRAVELING FLY FISHERMAN-2002.

The segment is Gary LaFontaine and Jack Dennis fishing the Green River just above the takeout at Little Hole (by the way, it shows them taking numerous large trout from that location).

Gary had hooked a large rainbow that kept stripping line from the reel. Obviously a bruiser. Chester, the Wonder Dog, was running up and down the bank anxiously awaiting the landing of this trout. As the trout tired Jack manned the net. Every time Gary got the fish close to Jack, the fish would develop new energy and dash away. Chester now joined Gary and Jack in the water, jumping with joy and anticipation and intently watching the fish.



Jack and Gary were only in up to mid-calf in the river, so it was easy for Jack to move around to assist in landing the fish. He tried valiantly to net the fish but it kept swimming away at the last minute rather than cooperate. Finally Jack got frustrated too and took a lunge at the fish. The fish swam away again. The next time Gary maneuvered the fish towards Jack, he was ready with the net under water. As he lunged the net hoop touched the tippet, the “ping” was heard and the fish was gone. Jack apologized and they compared notes on the size of the fish. Chester came over and lifted his leg on Jack leaving a yellow stain down the back of his waders.

Chester is a dog of few words, but actions speak louder than words.

(Gary LaFontaine, [FLY FISHING THE MOUNTAIN LAKES](#). 1998. Greycliff Publishing Company.)

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

CAROLE KATZ, NATIONAL TRUSTEE & SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Veterans Day 2010 found us driving to Bishop in the Eastern Sierras for two days of fishing. Eleven veterans from the Long Beach VAMC and ten volunteers from Long Beach Casting Club, along with a few spouses and Roger the VA van driver, checked into the Creekside Inn in the afternoon.

A short time later, a fire truck came to the hotel to escort us to dinner. The street was lined with patriotic decorations and neighbors waving American flags as we approached the home of Olga Rojas where she and friends had prepared a BBQ. There were some touching speeches and lots of food.

Friday was the first day of fishing, with the help of four members of the Eastern Sierra Guides Association: Pat Jaeger, on his third Project Healing Waters outing, Beryl Rea, Tom Petersen and Alex Cady each donated two days of guided fishing. With the guides and volunteers, each veteran got quality instruction and mentoring. Some went to the Upper Owens near Benton Crossing, some went to East Bishop Creek and some floated the Lower Owens. Friday was a glorious day of fishing surrounded by snow capped mountains and some lingering fall color on the trees. Saturday the fishermen went to Hot Creek, South Fork of Bishop Creek and one boat drifted the Lower Owens again. Everyone caught fish, and some caught a nice number of fish using a variety of techniques.

Great Basin Bakery, Manor Market, Sunrise Rotary and others donated the lunch ingredients, which were assembled and delivered each day to fishing locations. Brock's Flyfishing Specialists donated a rod and reel outfit, Floyd Redmon helped with all the arrangements in Bishop as he did last fall and the Creekside Inn was again very generous. The Long Beach VAMC and Project Healing Waters presented plaques to the Creekside, Floyd and Pat

in appreciation of their continuing support of our nation's heroes.

Because this was Veteran's Day weekend, the outpouring of hospitality from the townspeople of Bishop was especially touching. A disabled veteran who had served in Vietnam said that this was the "best Veteran's Day" he has ever had. Many people contributed to the grand success of this event, and I want to thank each and every one of them.



Welcome Our New Members

**NANI BLYLEVEN,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

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

- ❖ Andy & Sandy Espinosa, Lakewood
- ❖ Michael Hamilton, Los Alamitos
- ❖ Shirley Hoffacker, San Fernando
- ❖ Deanne Murillo, Santa Ana

Please 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.

Big Fish All Around

JIM THOMASON, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The December club trip was to Irvine Lake. Having never been there, this was a chance to try some new water close to home. It's a beautiful lake surrounded by rolling green hills. It's 660 acres in size and has a number of spots with fly fishing friendly depths (unlike some of our other reservoirs that are 30 feet deep 20 feet from shore).

The Santa Ana conditions brought clear warm skies with the temperatures in the low 80s. It looked like we were in for some high winds but they didn't materialize and only suffered several gusts throughout the day. The water was somewhat murky with visibility 2–3 feet. The water was 58–59 degrees.

We had 5 club members in attendance. Gene Peltier (and his son) rented a boat. Craig Bond, Cecil O'Dell and Don Huseman were in float tubes, and I was in my pontoon boat. While I expected a large crowd it was not as crowded as I thought it would be for a Saturday. We limited our fishing to Boat Launch and Woody's Coves as well as Trout Island and the West Shore. The lake had been stocked the previous day so there were some big fish in there somewhere.

We trolled, we stripped, we kicked and we cast. We changed flies and added droppers. But alas, we were unable to unlock the secret to catching fish on the fly (we did see some but not a lot of fish being caught). Gene made a good faith effort to use his fly rod all morning with no success. Switching to a spinning rod in the afternoon resulted in 5 fish between him and his son. Craig had something hit hard and break off his fly. Cecil and Don emptied went thru their fly boxes with no luck. I landed one 18" brown on my purple crystal bugger but had no other luck with a variety of streamers in a variety of colors nor on a variety of nymphs and soft-hackles trailed behind. Even my beloved Hornberg went hitless. I did not try stillwater midging since I find it somewhat boring but may have to break down and try it next time.

I'm still searching for something to blame our lack of success on. We were unfamiliar with the lake, especially on the fly. The recent rains caused the water to lose clarity and without scents or "wobbly" motion our flies were hard for the fish to locate. Last week's cold front caused a change in barometric pressure. The Santa Ana winds were bringing yet another change. The shore was too crowded to fish the good spots. We didn't try Power Bait...

Regardless, it was a beautiful day and beat the heck out of being at the mall Xmas shopping. It usually takes several trips to master any body of water and Irvine Lake is no different. That's why 10% of the fisherman catch 90% of the fish. They invest the time required to learn the holding spots, movements, and patterns of the lake. Now that I've explored the lake's various areas and have seen what works, I'll be back. In the meantime I need to figure out how to tie some flies that resemble a Rapala.



On the River Clinic

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

This past spring our annual ON THE RIVER CLINIC was unable to have an outing to the Lower Owens due to the high water flows. We are going to have another clinic this February and we will have our outing on the weekend of the February 26, 2011.

The clinic nights at the clubhouse will be February 2, 9, 16 and will start at 7:00 PM. We will combine *both* the 2010 and 2011 weekend ON THE RIVER CLINIC on the weekend of the 26th. If you have any questions please send me an email at fishlglf@ix.netcom.com.

FLYBUY 2011

GREAT BUYS ON NEW AND USED TACKLE
BENEFIT THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

Saturday, February 5, 2011

Long Beach Casting Club • 4901 East 7th Street • Long Beach, California 90804

\$10 includes BBQ'd burgers and hot dogs
RSVP for leader class and food
818.757.3474 or secretary@southwestcouncilfff.org

FLY TYING – 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Learn from award winning fly tiers. **Bill Blackstone, Wayne Luallen, John Van Derhoof, Mark Kirchner, Dean Endress, Maria Rivas, Peter Koga, Lee Baerman, Naomi Okamoto** and others will demonstrate their famous patterns and techniques! Event will feature THREE renowned Buzsek Award winners. One-of-a-kind auction for flies SWC clubs have donated.

Hot Creek Guru **Mas Okui** teaches tying his freshwater leaders. \$100 for the leader kit with enough material to create bunches of leaders. Also, on-the-pond instruction from Master Mas on how to cast and fish these long leaders. Limited to the first 10 people; 10:00 AM-12 NOON. RSVP by January 22, 2011

GARAGE SALE – 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Contribute items for a fly-fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters or as needed by the SWC member clubs. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10. This not a swap meet – it is a HUGE YARD SALE. A great opportunity to dispose of extras, duplicates and unwanted gifts. Give items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly.

CASTING – 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from Certified Federation Instructors.

\$1 per minute (15 minutes minimum). Casting analyzed by our Certified instructors. Single-handed, Spey, double-haul. Lessons from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. See how you do in **The Danish Casting Games!**

SILENT AUCTIONS – 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Select and special items on the tables all day. Each auction conducted for 90 minutes; come anytime!

LIVE AUCTION – 1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Fly plates, special flies, private casting lessons and some special gear.

January in Bishop

DAN RIVETT, STREAMKEEPER

Picture this, you awaken in a strange bed, look around for your shoes and open the door to clear blue skies. You look to the west and see Mt. Tom covered with snow; you look to the east and see the White Mountains covered with snow and you realize you are not in Kansas anymore. However, you are standing at the door without your cold weather gear and it is 20 degrees outside. No problem, get dressed and join your friends for a hearty breakfast at Jack's. Not Jack in the Box, but Jack's Waffle Shop, which is located on Main Street right in the center of town. Oh, did I forget to mention, you are in Bishop for the Long Beach Casting Club's January trip.

This is always a great way to start the New Year, fishing the Lower Owens River. I have done the January trip for the past eleven years and probably only had rain or snow two or three times. I'll take those odds, and besides, on the years with inclement weather, fishing in the snow can be epic if the blue wing olive mayflies are hatching and they do prefer overcast and cold weather.

This is a trip that averages 25 people. Some members go up on Thursday, while others drive up Friday morning or evening depending on that nasty thing that tends to get in the way called work. If you are new to the area or fly fishing in general this is the perfect trip because we always meet at Pleasant Valley campground on Saturday morning to pair up those that need help with the veterans of the area. This makes for a good bonding experience for club members. So don't hesitate to ask for some help if you are new to the area.

On Saturday around noon we gather to partake in a 6 foot sandwich and drinks, discuss the morning fishing and then head back out to fish the afternoon. For dinner Saturday night we book a private room for our group at the Pizza Factory in Bishop. For a modest contribution we enjoy pizza, beer, sodas and lots

of stories of the day. This is a social trip that helps everyone build those long lasting friendships.

I hope you can attend the trip at least from Friday through Sunday, January 7–9, 2011. A Pre-Trip Meeting will be held at the LBCC clubhouse Wednesday, December 29, 2010 starting at 7:00 PM. At the Pre-Trip we will have a list of local motels, as well as maps, tips and flies that have worked in the past. It is also an opportunity to get together with other members to work out carpool arrangements to keep down the costs.

The Eastern Sierra is a wonderful place to start the New Year, see you there.



Venison Stag 2010

BILL BOEHLERT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Another Venison Stag has come and gone. More than seventy people showed up to enjoy the wonderful meal so graciously prepared by John and Thea Lincoln. The food was delicious, the ambience sublime, and the company vivacious.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the party a success. Al and Judy Ross headed up the team that, once again, did a magnificent job of decorating the clubhouse. Mick Woodbury led the kitchen assistance crew that served the food with panache and flair. The post party cleanup group was directed by Howard Uller, leaving the place spotless for the breakfast crew the following morning.

We hope to see everyone there next year!

Fly of the Month: Ken Iwamasa's Tarcher Nymph

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

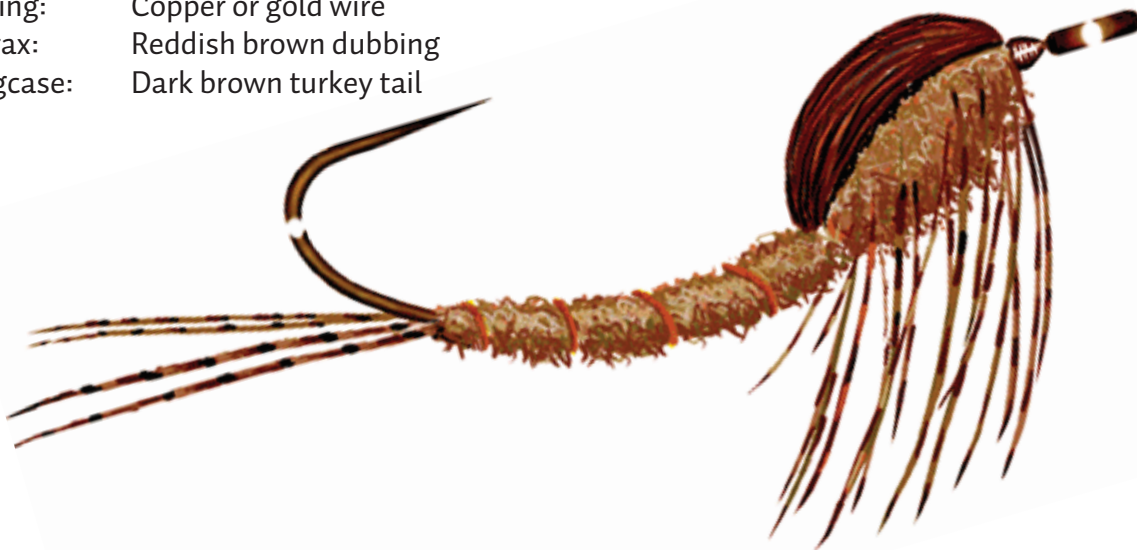
Like most of you, I love using any fly that gives me an advantage and doesn't take too long to tie. This month I bring to you the Tarcher Nymph, the product of Ken Iwamasa an outstanding fly-fisher, tier and writer (and though a resident of the great state of Colorado, is a Cal State Long Beach alumnus). The Tarcher Nymph is tied in an inverted style that offers a couple of advantages. First, the fly imitates a few abundant genres of mayflies, most notably Ephemerella, which do not swim well. Studies have shown that when they do attempt to swim to the surface to hatch they arch their abdomen like a scorpion.

The second advantage relates to how this fly fishes. Wrapping the lead wire weight in the bow in the shank and tying the fly upside down helps the ride through the water with the point up. This creates a keel effect and saves on hang-ups in the rocks along the bottom. However, don't forget to tie a few with little or no weight to keep the fly closer to the surface when needed.

The colors used here are those attributed to Iwamasa's original, however you can alter them to match any mayfly species you might want. For the budding entomologist, two good sources of information on specific mayflies are Fred Arbona's, *THE MAYFLY, THE ANGLER & THE TROUT* and Rick Hafele's and Dave Hughes', *THE COMPLETE BOOK OF WESTERN HATCHES*. Fred Arbona's book is outstanding and is unfortunately out of print. It is well worth searching for and can be found at used bookstores especially those that specialize in fishing and hunting. Happy hunting and enjoy fishing the Tarcher Nymph.

Materials for tying the Tarcher Nymph:

Hook:	English bait style with a straight eye like a Mustad #37160, Partridge Yorkshire Caddis, or Tiemco #205BL in sizes #10 to #20
Thread:	Brown 6/0 to 8/0
Weight:	Medium lead or lead-free wire
Tail:	Brown partridge or bronze mallard fibers
Abdomen:	Reddish brown dubbing
Ribbing:	Copper or gold wire
Thorax:	Reddish brown dubbing
Wingcase:	Dark brown turkey tail



Instructions for tying the Tarcher Nymph:

1. Start by first placing the hook in the vice with the point down (you will invert the hook shortly). Attach the thread to the hook at the headspace, wind down the shank and stop directly over rear of the straight section of the hook point. Wind the lead wire about 6 to 10 turns at the high point of the bend of the shank. Wrap over the lead wire with your thread to anchor it in place and return the thread to the end of the shank.
2. Tie in 4 to 8 fibers of tail material. The length of the tail should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the shank. Whip finish the thread, remove the fly from the vice and re-insert it in the jaws with the point up.
3. At the point where the tails were tied in, tie in the wire ribbing on the lower back side of the hook shank. Apply dubbing to the thread and wind forward about $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the shank forming a neat, tapered abdomen. Wind the wire ribbing 4 to 6 turns in the reverse direction both strengthening and segmenting the body.
4. Prepare a $\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide by 1" long section of dark brown turkey tail for the wingcase and tie it in flat and pointing to the bend of the hook. You can coat the wingcase with vinyl cement prior to tying it in to help keep the fibers from separating. Stroke the barbs of the hackle perpendicular to the stem and tie it in by the tip. Apply more dubbing to the thread and wind the thorax making it a little thicker than the abdomen.
5. Wind the hackle forward 3 to 4 turns and tie it off. Trim some of the hackle off the top side of the thorax and pull the wingcase forward over the remaining hackle and thorax. Tie off the wingcase at the headspace. Form a small head with the thread and whip finish. Apply some head cement and take it to your favorite stream for swim.

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A Tale of Bass Fishing On Lake Mead

E. A. "ED" THOMAS, PAST PRESIDENT

I am not sure, it was either 1938 or 1939, but I know it was the second year that Lake Mead was opened to bass fishing and Al Hastings, a fishing novice we called 'Egbert', and myself cooked up a trip to Pierce's Ferry, at the end of the lake. Temple Bar, at that time was just a beach where you could launch a boat, and the road getting to the beach was more than just rough!

We stopped at the dam, which was my first visit, and to say that I was amazed would be an understatement. We continued on towards Kingman, turning off to the left at a wide place in the road, at Christmas Station, and it was 55 miles to the ferry, 25 of which was rough—in spades!

The old Mormon ferry boat was still there on the beach and we set up camp under its landing ramp, and in unpacking found that 'Egbert's' "steel pole" had a loose tip. The man at the dock sent us up to the C.C.C. camp where Willis Evans, a Walla Walla Indian and a graduate of Carlyle University, fixed it. Having an extra steak we invited him to have supper with us, and he hunkered down, rolled brown paper smokes and gave us a lot of information on the area, which served us in good stead.

It was he who discovered the ground sloth caves in the canyon and the following day took us up the canyon wall and into the caves which ran 1000 feet back into the canyon wall. A hole in the floor of the cave yielded the skeletons of two adult sloths and four small ones. It was estimated that when they were alive the cave was at water level—it is now 700 feet above the river.

We took off the next morning, before daylight, for Iceberg Canyon about 10 miles downstream past God's Pocket on the right—a jog left at Grand Wah, and we were in Iceberg Canyon, which is rightly named.

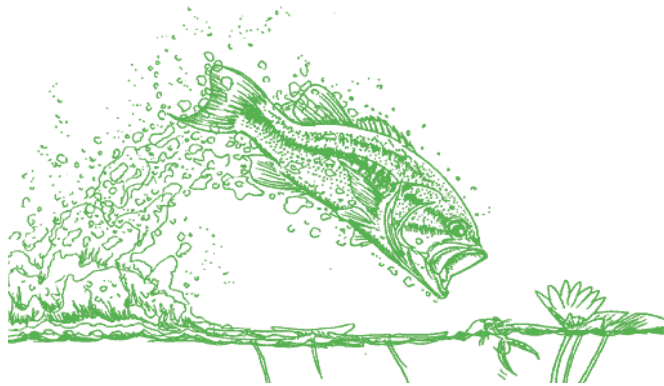
The water level was down and there was a small island right in the center of the canyon. I was using a black Heddon plug, and in one trip around the island I had a limit of bass ranging from 2 to 4 pounds! 'Egbert' had a nondescript plug he had bought for 25¢ and he almost had to sneak it into the water! We released a lot of fish—I don't remember how many. It took 2 hours to get to camp but we sure did have one big fish fry.

Pierce's Basin was a veritable Sargasso Sea of drifting trees, tables, doors, pieces of roof—you name it you could probably find it. Some of the tree trunks were submerged with only maybe a nubbin' of a limb sticking up, so you had to be a bit careful with your boat.

One fellow had a boat with an engine out of a "STAR" car in it, and the coupling from the transmission to the prop shaft was just a set-screw collar. It would really get up and go and he

came out of the bay and right into the driftwood—hit a log and lost his boat, fishing gear, everything and had to swim to shore. We gave him a limit of bass to take home—he was one sad sack!

I have fished Mead many times, but never again did I have a trip like that one! I hope you all experience one like that.



Ed Thomas was an LBCC Past President, a many time National Casting Champion and a member of the ACA Tournament Casting Hall of Fame. Ed had a gruff exterior, a heart of gold and was a key component in making the LBCC what it is today. His desire to help fly casters built the LBCC's reputation as a casting and teaching club. Ed's colorful fishing tales were provided for your enjoyment by Dean Rickerd for publishing in the Target Talk.

Calendar of Events

January

2	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Woolly Bugger
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Video Night/Spey Night at the Pond
7-9	Weekend		Owens River Trip
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Muddler Minnow
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Video Night/Spey Night at the Pond
16	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Elk Hair Caddis
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Video Night/Spey Night at the Pond
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Adams
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Karl Jones of Fishing Western Montana Rivers
30	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast

February

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Parachute Adams
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
5	Saturday		FFF SouthWest Council "FlyBuy" Fundraiser
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Humpy
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	On the River Clinic
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
12-13	Weekend		Southwestern Tournament
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Royal Wulff
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic
		7:00 PM	Owens River Pre-Trip Meeting
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
19-20	Weekend		Fly Fishing Show; Pasadena
24	Thursday		Monthly Meeting: Jeff Sadler on Fishing the Green River
25-27	Weekend		Owens River Trip
			On the River Clinic Outing Weekend
27	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast

March

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Second Session
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Second Session
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
9-12	Week		Fred Hall Show
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond
13	Sunday	8:00 AM	Breakfast
		9:00 AM	Club Cast
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Second Session
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Instruction
		7:00 PM	Newport Bay Bass Tournament Pre-Trip Meeting
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Maggie Merriman Entomology Class
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Second Session
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Instruction
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
26	Saturday		Newport Bay Bass Tournament
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Class: Second Session
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Instruction
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Past President's & Pat Jaeger on Fishing the Lower Owens



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