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# Target Talk

Newsletter of the Long Beach Casting Club, Established 1925

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## Leader's Line ...

## Is the LBCC Well Endowed”? Not Yet, However it is on the Way

**RICH GARRETT, PRESIDENT**

**I**t seems like it takes an unpleasant event to motivate people to take action to seek a solution to the situation. The unpleasant event I am referring to was the necessity for LBCC to increase the annual dues for club membership this year.

Recognizing that increasing costs to operate our club is a reality, the Board of Directors and other concerned members have “stepped up to the plate” to investigate supplemental methods of easing our future financial obligations. Numerous ideas are being investigated to supplement our current income sources; however, any suggestions to be effective over the long term must be of a recurring nature to insure an ongoing revenue stream.

Although the club is financially sound, we are striving to insure that it stays that way. In an informal discussion on the subject, Howard Uller made the suggestion that LBCC set up an Endowment Fund. After a couple of months of tweaks and improvements to the original draft that Howard prepared and presented to the Board of Directors, a final version was approved at the March 7, 2011 Board Meeting.

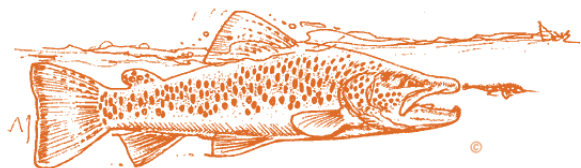
To give a simplistic explanation of how the fund will work, I refer to an old TV advertisement for Roach Control in your home. They were selling a product called the Roach Motel where the theme was the “*The roaches come in but they don’t go out*”. Or if you don’t remember that ad, try a line from the Eagle’s song HOTEL CALIFORNIA, “*You can check in but you can never leave*”. What does this have to do with our Endowment Fund? The concept is that monies contributed to the fund are not available for distribution for the club’s daily operating needs—with the exception of a catastrophic event that would threaten the existence of the club. All contributions will be held in some form of a fiduciary account, the details of which are being established. Only the income from the fund would be distributed for general club usage.

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In the beginning, this will probably be of minimal benefit, however as the fund builds, the income should increase. After a few years the fund should increase to the point that this will be a material benefit to our annual operations.

Keep LBCC in mind when you are deciding what to do with the lottery money you just won, or for the destination of current or future charitable contributions that you may be considering.



## Welcome Our New Members

**NANI BLYLEVEN,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

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

- ❖ Eric Callow, La Canada
- ❖ Walter Hill, Laguna Beach
- ❖ John Kurutz, Long Beach
- ❖ Randy & Lori Mandt, Chandler AZ
- ❖ Daniel Menold, Torrance
- ❖ Joe Nitti, Huntington Beach
- ❖ Greg Rodriguez, Queens Creek AZ
- ❖ David Ross, Huntington Beach
- ❖ Won Woo, Los Angeles

New member badges will now have a little dot sticker on them, so please welcome all our new members at LBCC functions.

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# Last Chance to Experience the Green River

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

**H**ere is your last chance to experience the club's Green River trip. Fish this beautiful tailwater in person on the club's April trip.

**DATES:** Arrive on April 28 and depart on May 3.

**OPTIONS:**

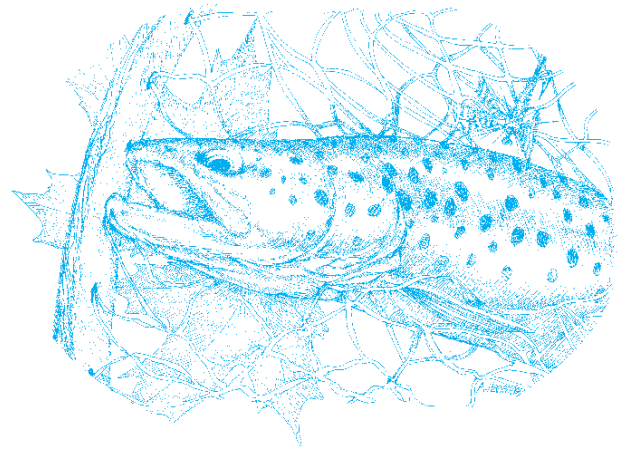
- STANDARD - 5 nights Alpine cabin two days guided Apr 29, May 1 ..... \$756.98
- EXPANDED - 5 nights Alpine cabin three days guided Apr 29, 30, May 1 ..... \$984.35
- FULL GUIDED - 5 nights Alpine cabin four days guided Apr 29, 30 May 1, 2 ..... \$1,211.73
- EL CHEAPO - 5 nights Ponderosa Cabin, triple occupancy, no guides ..... \$256.43

All prices are per person double occupancy

Please reserve at Bob Marriott's with Brandt 714-578-1880. We have 6 Alpine and one Ponderosa cabins with 6 top guides reserved. However, If you want a special guide and be assured of a place to sleep please contact Brandt immediately with a 50% deposit.



Watch Bob Blum smile...



## What? No April Speaker?

BILL BOEHLERT, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

*"Spring is sprung, the grass is riz,  
I wonder when da meeting is?"*

**A**pril is here, and it is time for our Annual General Meeting. This meeting, on April 7 this year, is when we elect our Board of Directors for the coming club year. It is generally a short meeting without speakers or presentations, but is vital to the membership. This is everyone's opportunity to voice their approval of the candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee, or to place other names in nomination (see Article VIII in the by-laws).

The newly approved board members will be formally installed at the Installation Dinner on Sunday, April 17th. The details of the banquet can be found elsewhere in this issue. Don't miss it - Mick Woodbury will once again be serving his famous fajitas!

Remember, there will be no meeting on the last Thursday of the month!

# Patagonia Chronicle: Encountering the Unexpected

RICK HILLES, PAST PRESIDENT

Gary and I had arranged three days of advance fishing before our group arrived. But our outfitter doubted that this group of old guys had the stamina to deal with the demands of walking and wading the wilds of Patagonia, so to some degree we were proving ourselves. Day one we fished the Catan Lil, a small river about the size of the Lower O and we had a nice warm up. Now we were in the big time, hiking over gravel bars, river rock and slick bottoms (no cleats) in fast water on the Collon Cura to fish the big river and its more remote serpentine back channels that wound their way through a maze of deep wooded banks.

We started around 9:00 AM; now it was late afternoon and Gustavo, our guide, and I were into a picturesque channel under a canopy of trees in dense woods. We had found a deep pool and I in my waders had gone across as I cast my dry-dropper rig to see if Mr. Brown might be home while Gus observed carefully from the other bank. When I finished I looked over

and realized that without waders, he had decided to stay on the opposite bank. He suggested that I bushwhack upstream on my side of the bank and meet him at the mouth of the stream where it met the river. I agreed.

So I continued upstream, observing the water, looking for additional opportunities to fish deeper pools if I could get to them through overgrowth. Strange, I thought, as I saw a pile of scat; that doesn't look like droppings from the red stag deer but more like bear...

but there are no bears; perhaps javelina? While still looking for another chance at the stream I encountered another pile. The going was getting tougher through the dense wood and I saw a game trail that lead to an opening to the sunlit gravel beyond the wooded area. As I turned to follow the trail I looked up to see a cougar looking back at me from 100 feet or so at



the opening. Our eyes met. Holy smoke! I thought as I watched him turn and casually walk away giving me a good view of his hind quarters and long tail.

As I felt a shot of adrenaline, I thought, time for plan B. I'll hike back downstream to where I saw another opening. Besides I'll bet he is long gone and just as unhappy about seeing me as I am about seeing him. So I got to the next opening, looked out and had an "oh s\*\*\*" moment because there he was again



looking back at me and not the least bit perturbed. That's when I got scared.

Okay, I'm hustling back downstream, not running but moving as fast as I can to the original entry at the deep pool; this time I'm across in a flash to the other side. Despite what I agreed to with Gustavo, I now have no intention of walking the other bank upstream. Now I'm walking this side upstream for the next 15 minutes or so but the stream has now become braids and faded out. The river is nowhere in sight. My reference point is almost gone.

The time: 6:30, the long shadows signal about one more hour of daylight. I wonder, should I keep going—see if I can find the river or perhaps I should go back to the pool where Gus and I last saw one another because by now he must be looking for me. Can I find the spot again? Or should I bushwhack in the direction where I think I can hear the sound of an occasional car in the distance? Gustavo told me that he got lost once when he was exploring this place and he slept in the woods that night. Sounds easy enough but do I have matches in my back pack? Then of course there is the cougar....and I know I am definitely not spending the night. I wish I had taken the time to get my bearings so I'd know that the road was really in the direction of those high hills. Then there is another pesky problem: I have no water; Gus has it.

Well I'll see if I can find the spot by the pool where we last saw one another although by now I'm not real pleased about hiking through the tall grass. Sure enough I found it without too much trouble.

I'll give it about a half hour wait; keep calling about every five minutes; odds are Gus is looking for me right now. In about 15 minutes, I hear a shout back and see his blue shirt emerging from across the stream. As we meet he says, "Why didn't you meet me at the river?"

Now the guys in the group refer to me as 'Cougar Man'. I just refer to me as Stupid.

## Again!

### YASH ISEDA, LOWER O' STREAMKEEPER

**AGAIN...** Many of you did not make it on this trip because of the monster storm that was predicted. And once again, the monster storm did not materialize.

**AGAIN...** The dry fly action was excellent and starting for many as early as 9:00 AM and not ending until 4:00 PM.

**AGAIN...** Joe's ON THE RIVER class was enthusiastically attended by 20+ students ready to learn the in's and out's of fly fishing.

**AGAIN...** We celebrated with a large group for pizza and topped it off with birthday party on Saturday night.

**AGAIN...** Dan Rivett had to renew his driver's license, but he did it in Bishop and it only took him 10 minutes.

**AGAIN...** February trips have been very good. I will tell you not to change plans because of the predicted weather. Bishop is blessed by the fish gods—which translates into good fishing in the winter.



# Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

CAROLE KATZ, PHW NATIONAL TRUSTEE

There is one more month left in the annual rod building program before the completed rods are sent to Pennsylvania for judging. In January, custom rod builder Terry Henson came to our class to demonstrate some of his feather inlay techniques, and show his inlaid grips and reel seats. Several of the veterans in our program are now using some of his techniques. One Purple Heart Medal recipient has inlaid the reel seat and a portion of the grip with Purpleheart wood, added a Purple Heart USPS stamp and some feather embellishment. At least two others are working on feather inlay. The quality of work has improved dramatically each year and it's always exciting to see the final products.

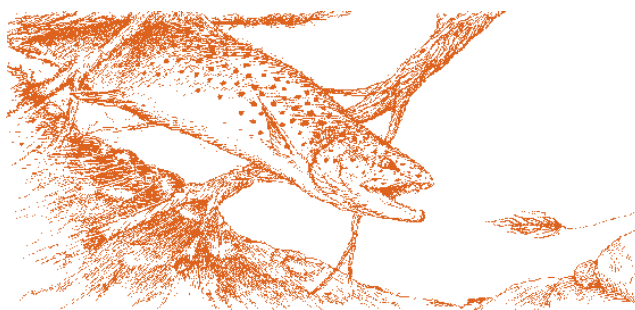
We have another trip to the Big Horn River planned for this September. Last year's trip was such a success that it didn't take long to decide to go again. This year, we are going with disabled veterans from the Mission Hills VAMC in the Sepulveda Valley, where a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program is run by Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers. We're hoping to take eight vets from Long Beach and six from Mission Hills.

We officially started fundraising for this trip at the Pasadena Fly Fishing Show, where many people came to our booth, said that they had seen us on Fly Rod Chronicles and put a donation in the box without being asked. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the cost of the Big Horn trip for fourteen Southern California disabled veterans, you can mail a check payable to PHWFF to me at 1801 Bridle Path Way, Santa Ana, CA 92705. Every little bit helps and, of course, bigger bits help even more.

Jim Wilcox, Chris O'Dell and Ben Copp have joined us as new volunteers recently. We're so sorry to have temporarily lost Stan Holden from our group, but you can visit him at the Alamitos Belmont Rehab Center

on 4<sup>th</sup> Street during his recovery.

If you would like to get periodic news about Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, you can sign up for Constant Contact on the national website.



## Dues are Due!

NANI BLYLEVEN,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership renewal forms were sent out in January and member dues are due at the end of this month, March 31, 2011. Many thanks to those of you who have already sent them in; you have made my life easier. For those who still have not paid, please, pretty please, mail them in as soon as possible.

Aside from replenishing the Club's operating funds, April is when the new Roster is prepared and it only includes those members in good standing (read this as: *paid up*). So timely dues means I don't have to follow up ("nag") anyone and I can work on helping with the Roster, thus making my volunteer job a cheerful position!

This is also the time to update your contact and email information. If you are not getting notices when the monthly Target Talk is posted, then I don't have a current email for you. If you have not yet received your renewal form please contact me!

# Notes from the Pond

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

Well, here we are at the end of another year of the LBCC organized casting games. With fourteen Tuesday evening casts, fourteen Sunday morning breakfast casts and the Southwestern Tournament, I have had a great time as your Captain.

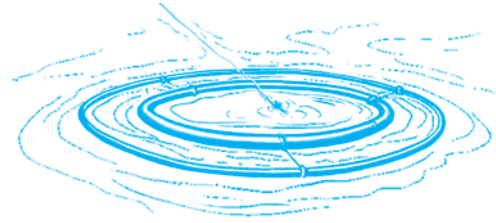
I want to thank all of the volunteers for stepping up to help with setting up and putting away targets at each cast. Thank you also for the hours spent on Saturday and Sunday mornings staffing the fire hose, brooms and squeegees and bleach bottles, which are used to clean the pond and keeps things looking so good. I was off fishing during a couple casts, and I appreciate Mark Tsunawaki and Frank Kropacek covering for me. Finally of course, the Sunday morning chefs must be recognized for the outstanding breakfasts they prepared, which got all of our days started.

Hopefully you took the time to join us for some of the casting games this year and noticed the improvement in your fishing success as a result. If however, you did not join us this past season, please plan to come out next season to get involved, get to know some of the other LBCC members a little better and have some fun.

We will be scheduling some maintenance this summer to reseal joints and cracks in the pond. When you hear the date announced, please sign-up to give us a hand. It will take a fair amount of scrubbing, grinding and sealing. This work should help to minimize our water loss, which, with the cost of water will pay for itself in short order.

Now is the time to begin getting tuned up for the 2011 Nationals, which will be hosted by LBCC in August and also the 2012 Southwestern Tournament, which is now only 11 months away.

See you at the pond...



## Procedure for Locking Up the Clubhouse

RICH GARRETT, PRESIDENT

Here are the procedures that all members who are entrusted with keys must observe when unlocking and locking up the clubhouse. We cannot stress how vitally important that these procedures be followed.

The person opening club is responsible for the lockup. If you will be leaving prior to lockup, designate someone to lock the club. Prior to locking door that you are exiting (usually the front door) please perform the following:

- ❖ Check to be sure that all exit doors & windows are locked. The doors that require locking are the kitchen, wet room & front door. The two doors in the meeting room with push bars are self locking and should not be touched—please, do not dead bolt!
- ❖ Turn the coffee pots off and check to be sure range top and oven is off
- ❖ Close all interior doors.
- ❖ Turn off all lights; both interior and exterior (porch)
- ❖ Turn off air conditioning/heater and fireplace
- ❖ Enter your code number into the system and exit within 60 seconds
- ❖ Lock the deadbolt on door you are exiting
- ❖ Close and lock the driveway gate

Thank you

**Life Beyond The Breakwater – A One-Day Celebration**

**Where:** Long Beach Casting Club  
4901 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA 90804

**When:** April 9, 2011

**Track #1 - Spring Training for Private Boaters**

A “fire hose” intro to saltwater fly-fishing, specifically designed for conventional-tackle private boat fishermen. But all are welcome!

**Cost:** \$40

**Open to:** Max of 20 students

**Venue:** Long Beach CC Dining Hall

**Format:**

- Instruction by John Loo + others
- Hours: 9:00-12:00am, 1:00- 4:00pm (6 hours)
- Mix of classroom lecture, hands-on

**Topics:**

- Classroom:
  - ✓ Lectures and slides focusing on “Knowing what you don’t know”
  - ✓ Gear basics and casting concepts
  - ✓ Practical hands-on knot tying & rigging practice
  - ✓ Chalk-talks on strategies, tactics
- Outside:
  - ✓ Intro casting class – the basics (roll, overhead)
  - ✓ Retrieves, striking fish
  - ✓ Fighting fish
  - ✓ Boat setup, tips & tricks

**Each attendee** receives the following:

- Notebook with class materials
- Discount coupons for one of two specific rod/reel/line combos, good at selected retailers
- Cal Fly Fisher, SW Fly Fishing, PCS, FishHound
- BTB visor and/or T-shirt

**Promotions:**

- Each student gets 3 drawing tickets for TFO BVK rod
- Drawing for SA fly line at end of class

**Track #2 - Opportunities BTB - The 5,000 ft Fly-Over**

A series of panel discussions/seminars designed to introduce existing fly-fishermen to coastal and offshore fly-fishing opportunities and local resources

**Cost:** Free

**Open to:** Public

**Venue:** Long Beach CC Main Lounge

**Format:**

- Moderated by Capt. Scott Leon
- Three 2 hour sessions - Slides/video presentations, plus panel discussion
- Hours: 9:00 – 11:00am, 12:30-2:30, 3:00-5:00pm
- Presenters are working fly-fishing captains, and will be available for continued one-on-one discussions afterwards.

**Topics:**

- What you can catch, when to go, equipment & tactic summary, info on guide services
  - ✓ Session I: Coastal & Island Fishing –Dave Wratchford, Bill Matthews, Bryan Webb
  - ✓ Session II: Sharks – Dave Trimble, Conway Bowman\*
  - ✓ Session III: Offshore Fishing – Scott Leon, Michael Schweit

**Promotions:**

- Each attendee gets one drawing ticket per session attended (3 max) for TFO BVK rod
- **At the end of each session:** drawing for a discounted trip with one of the guides in that session

\* = Possible, pending schedule conflict

**End of Day:**

**Promotion:** All tickets, both tracks: drawing for a Temple Fork BVK 9 wt. rod. **Winner Need Not Be Present (WNNBP).**

**Try It, You’ll Like It! (Feasibility Still TBD)**

**Open to:** Public

**Venue:** Long Beach CC Casting Pond

**Hours:** 10:00–5:30pm

**Activities:**

- Tables: **FFF/SWC:** Membership info, fly tying demos (saltwater, of course)
- FFF-certified casting instructor: To conduct intro casting class, hang around, provide on-request casting tips / impromptu clinics
- Possible vendor displays – Sea Level Fly-fishing Adventures, others TBD
- Contest: Blind Bogey - Entrants cast any off-the-rack rod brought in by the exhibitors. Selects one cast for entry. Closest cast to “blind bogey” distance wins. All results posted on Beyond The Breakwater. Prize: Abel pliers/holster. **WNNBP.**

**Moderated by:** Designated FFF-certified instructor



## February on the Lower Owens

**JIM THOMASON, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

The February club trip to the Lower Owens started off looking grim. Forecasts of cold weather, rain, and snow scared off some but for those that went, they were rewarded with good fishing and reduced crowds. Saturday was cold (upper 30s) but Friday's rain and snow did not repeat. Sunday brought blue skies and partly sunny skies in the 50s. Several people stayed thru Monday when the weather got even better.

Many of the more experienced members in attendance assisted with the ON THE RIVER CLINIC held the same weekend. 15 new fly fishers were introduced to the Libeu method of nymphing which is so effective on the Lower Owens. They were also treated to dry

fly, streamer, and soft hackle casting demonstrations along with an introduction to entomology, river safety, and reading the water.

The fishing was pretty good, but not great. If you were in the right place at the right time (generally a pool below faster water from 12:00–1:00) you were rewarded with a brief BWO hatch. The fishing really picked up during that time. Outside of that period covering lots of water fishing the deeper water resulted in several additional fish.

It's always surprising Saturday night at the Pizza Factory when you see just how many people are in attendance. All 25–30 club members were up for the weekend, all having a good time sharing good food and fishing stories. However, other than the first turn-out on the river, there was plenty of available water each day. If you didn't make either of the Lower Owens club trips this year, make sure to join us next year.

## Simon Gawesworth Spey Casting Lessons

**RICH GARRETT, PRESIDENT**

On Friday night April 15, 2011 at 6:00 PM Simon Gawesworth will be giving Spey Casting lesson at LBCC. The lessons are limited to six members (in the pond casting) and costs \$20.00 per person. All members are welcome to observe in the classroom or at pond-side at no cost.

Due to the limitation of the number of participants that the pond can accommodate, we will draw names from the accompanying registrations prior to the event, and notify all entrants of the selection. Any person not selected will be placed on a standby list. Entry forms must be accompanied with your payment of \$20.00. The entries that are not drawn will be refunded of their deposit

### SIMON GAWESWORTH SPEY CASTING CLASS - SIGN UP

APRIL 15, 2011 ❖ 6:00 PM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

# On The River Clinic Report

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

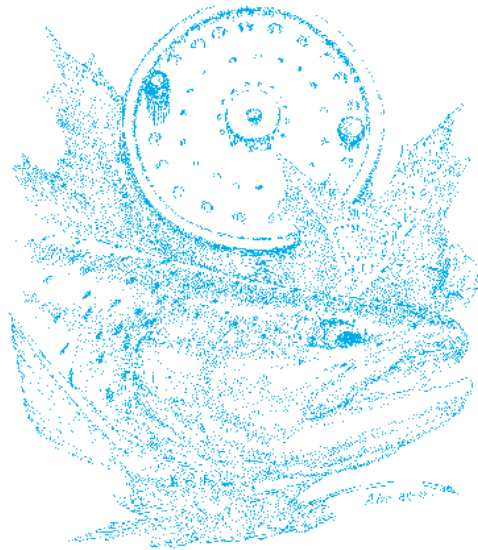
**T**he weekend for the ON THE RIVER CLINIC arrived with a blizzard roaring into the Owens Valley. Saturday we arrived at the meeting location and were meant by light snow. Everyone was bundled up and looked like the Pillsbury Doughboy.

Our clinic consisted of 15–18 students and about 11 instructors. After working on a plan, entomology and demonstration everyone rigged up and we wondered off to put their plan into action. The day turned out to be one of dry fly fishing and then nymphing until about 3:00 PM. It was a horrifying day, but someone had to do it and I am glad it was our group.

At the Pizza Factory that night, everyone recounted their experiences and regaled each other with stories of the fish they hooked...uh, landing was another thing.

As Sunday dawn the skies had cleared and it was a cold but a wonderland with the valley ringed by snowy mountains. With the sunny skies the fish decided that it was too bright and were not as active on the surface as they had been the day before. As the students arrived, they set off with a different instructor to a new location than they had fished previous day. This insure them of a new learning experience.

All in all, this was a great weekend and I want to thank all of the club members that showed up to help teach the class, Yash for setting up the pizza dinner and most of all, the students. Thanks again, and I look forward to our next outing.



## Club Trips for 2011

JIM THOMASON, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**T**he April outing will be our annual Green River Trip hosted by Jeff Sadler. The Green River is a beautiful place to fish and there are plenty of fish to be caught. It's our premiere club destination outing making it a great way to meet and get to know other club members.

See article elsewhere for details.

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

### 2011 TRIPS

TRIP DATE	TRIP LEADER
April 28-May 3	Green River with Jeff Sadler (Pre-Trip is April 20)
May 21	Tejon Ranch Small Lake with Jim Thomason (Pre-Trip is May 11)

Pre-Trip meetings held at the clubhouse at 7:00 PM. Trip locations and dates are subject to change. Please monitor Target Talk and the club's website for the latest information.

# Your Proposed LBCC Officers for 2011-2012

## NANI BLYLEVEN, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

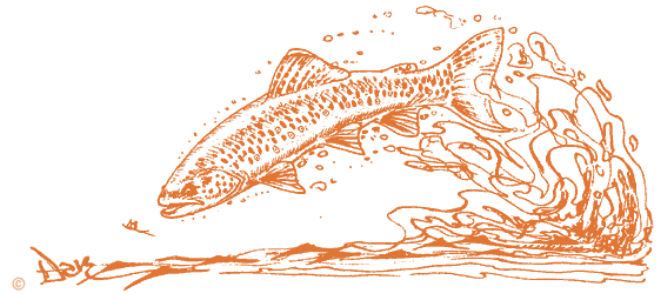
**I**t's time to select new officers for the Long Beach Casting Club. Here is the proposed slate of officers for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors:

President	Bill Boehlert
First Vice President	Jim Thomason
Second Vice President	to be selected
Corresponding Secretary	Howard Uller
Recording Secretary	Joseph Austin
Membership Secretary	Nani Blyleven
Treasurer	Joe Gustaff
Captain	Jeff Gross
Junior Director	Rich Garrett
Senior Director	Mick Woodbury
LBCC Advisory Board	All Past Presidents

The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 7, 2011. Note that the AGM is on the FIRST Thursday in April and is lieu of the regular monthly meeting. April starts our new fiscal year so the new Board is to be installed. It is a brief meeting (no guest speakers) and all members are encouraged to attend.

The Second Vice President nominee has not yet been determined so if you would like to get involved or would like to nominate someone, please let Paul Burgner, Marv Dworzak, Joe Libeu, Al Ross or Mark Tsunawaki know.

Any ten members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office(s) from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be in writing and be signed by said and delivered to the Corresponding Secretary before the election. Refer to the Long Beach Casting Club Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, for the procedure to nominate candidates from the floor at the meeting. The Bylaws are located in your LBCC Roster.



## LBCC Beginning Casting Classes

### JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

**O**ur annual Beginning Casting Classes are set to begin in April. The first night's Orientation Session will be held at the Long Beach Casting Club at 7:00 PM on April 12, 2011. The Orientation is designed to provide the students information about how the class will be organized, equipment that will be needed and answer any questions they may have about the program. This will be a short session—hopefully, and hour or less.

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

Actual Casting Instruction begins on April 19 starting at 7:00 PM and continues each of the following 4 Tuesday nights (5 Casting nights total, not including the Orientation) through May 17, 2011. Each session will start with a brief meeting of that night's lesson and a review of the previous week. Then it's off to the pool to learn.

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

See you there!

# Fly of the Month: Parachute Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

One of the greatest revelations of the last 20 years of fly-fishing has been the emerger. This style of fly and life phase of the mayfly has proven to be one the most effective weapons an angler has for taking fish in difficult spring creek and slow water conditions.

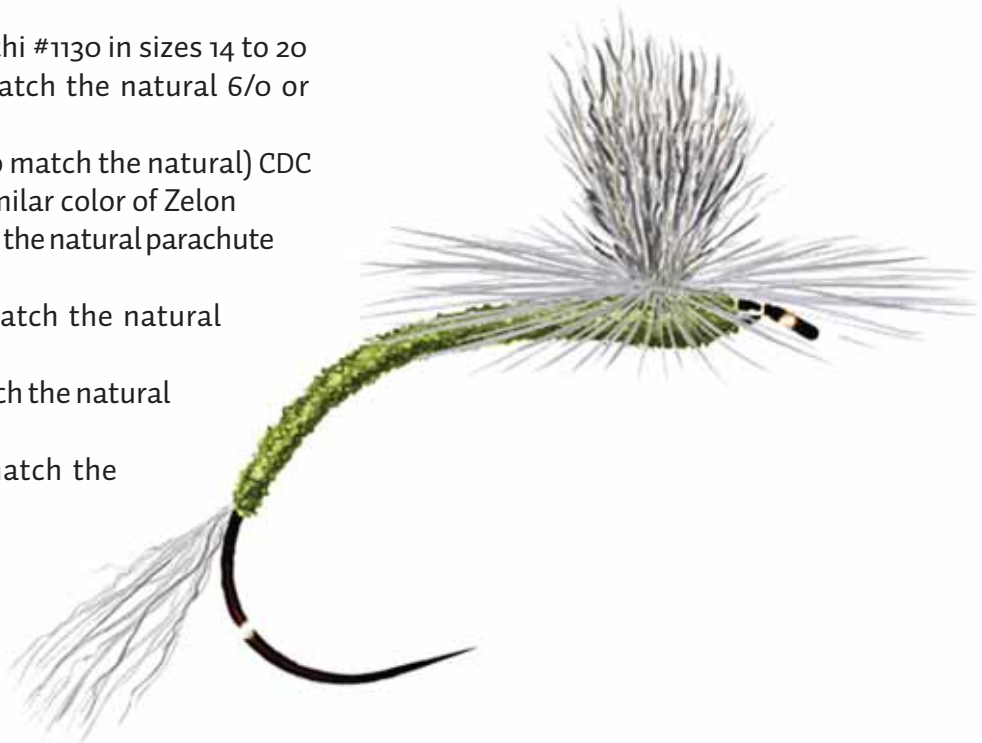
For those new to the sport and still learning about entomology and particularly the mayfly cycle of life I will include a few insights about emergers. As the name implies this phase of the mayfly is the transition from being an aquatic nymph to flying adult. With many species of mayfly, especially fast water species, the emerging or metamorphosis happens so quickly that is seldom ever seen by fish or fisher and is of no benefit to the angler. The fish feed on the nymphs while they ascend to the surface and then quickly fly away.

However, for slow water species like Blue-Winged Olives, Pale morning Duns, Green Drakes, Sulphurs and several others their emergence is much more perilous. These mayflies rest helplessly in the surface film freeing themselves of their nymphal shuck or for the wings to expand and dry. These insects are an easy target and the trout know it. They quickly learn that these mayflies will not fly away and will ignore all other foods or imitations.

For those of you planning a trip to the Green River be sure to have some of these flies for the “scum suckers”. Overcast, early afternoons on the Green produce an excellent hatch of Baetis in the back eddies and slow side currents. Large trout, aka “scum suckers” feed heavily on these insects and the Parachute Emerger is an excellent choice to fool them.

## Materials for tying the Parachute Emerger:

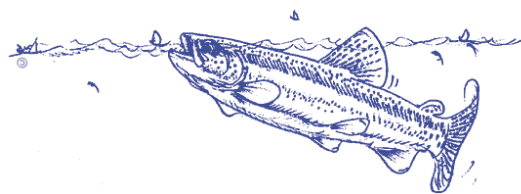
- Hook: Tiemco #2487 or Daiichi #1130 in sizes 14 to 20
- Thread: Olive or a color to match the natural 6/0 or 8/0
- Wing: Dark dun (or a color to match the natural) CDC plume, posted or a similar color of Zelon
- Hackle: Dun or a color to match the natural parachute style
- Tail: Olive or a color to match the natural Zelon, sparse
- Body: Olive or a color to match the natural dubbing dressed thin
- Head: Olive or a color to match the natural





### Instructions for tying the Parachute Emerger:

1. Place the hook into the vise and attach your thread. Wind down to the mid-point of the shank and then back to the thorax creating a smooth stable base. Select a short, full CDC plume (use two if necessary) and tie it in with the tips pointing forward. Stand up and post the wing with few wraps of thread and a tiny drop of head cement. The wing should be shorter than normal—about  $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{2}{3}$ 's the length of the shank.
2. Select a good quality hackle with a barb length of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  the length of the shank. Remove any excess barbs from the stem and tie in the hackle alongside the wing with the dull/concave side facing forward. Make sure that enough bare stem is exposed so that you can later wrap about half a turn without hitting any barbs. This will make cleaner looking parachute hackle with fewer stray barbs sticking out at odd angles.
3. Advance the thread about half the way down the bend. Select a half dozen to a dozen strands (depending on the hook size) of Zelon fibers for the tail and tie them in. The length should be about  $\frac{3}{4}$  the length of the body and should appear sparse. The idea is to have the tail below the surface not holding the fly up above it.
4. Apply dubbing to your thread and wind a thin smooth body. Wind the hackle parachute style approximately 2 to 4 turns around the base of the wing depending on the size of the fly. Remember to wind from high to low. Tie off the hackle and apply more dubbing to your thread and smoothly dub the thorax from behind the wing to headspace. Wind a small, smooth head, whip finish and apply head cement and your fly is ready for your next trip.



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# Calendar of Events

## April

3	Sunday		Single & Two-Handed Spey Demo and Instruction by Jeff Putnam
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Practice - No Host
6	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Casting Instructor's Clinic
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
9	Saturday		Clubhouse Rental to Beyond the Breakers Salt Water Clinic
10	Sunday		Clubhouse Rental to Wilderness Fly Fishers
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic - Orientation
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
15	Friday	6:00 PM	Simon Gawesworth Spey Class for LBCC Members
16-17	Weekend		Simon Gawesworth Private Spey Class
17	Sunday	5:00 PM	Annual Awards and Installation Banquet
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic - 1 <sup>st</sup> Class
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Green River Trip
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
28-May 3			Green River Club Trip

## May

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
4	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
7	Saturday	TBA	Pasadena Casting Club Pond Christening
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic - 4 <sup>th</sup> Class
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	PRE-TRIP Meeting: Tejon Ranch Outing
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Clinic - 5 <sup>th</sup> Class
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
21	Saturday		Tejon Ranch Outing
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Practice - No Host
26	Thursday		Monthly Meeting: Pete Erickson on Czech Nymphing
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Practice - No Host

## June

6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Practice - No Host
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity/Spey Night at the Pond
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Practice - No Host
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Practice - No Host
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Activity Night/Spey Night at the Pond
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Practice - No Host
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jeff Sadler and Fishing Local Waters

# Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

**RICH GARRETT, PRESIDENT**

**T**he Club will hold its annual Awards and Installation Dinner at the clubhouse on Sunday April 17, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

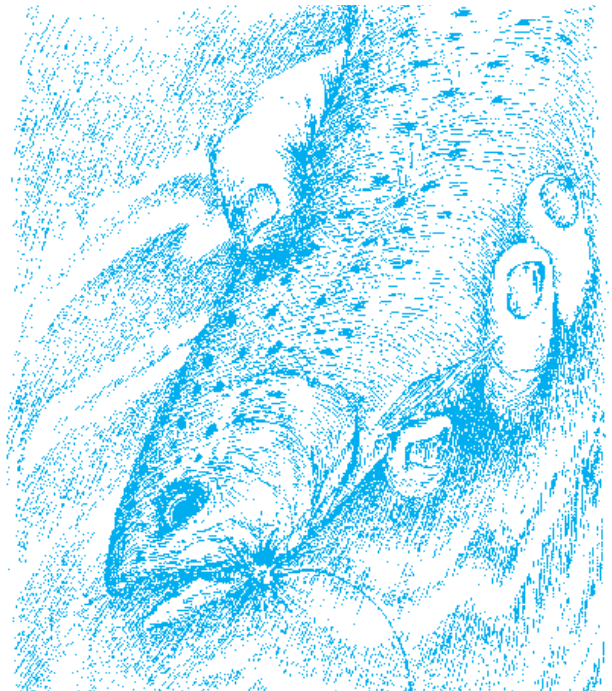
We will hand out awards for casting accomplishments and member's service. Also we will give thanks to the current Board of Directors for their contributions and welcome and install the new Board of Directors for the coming year.

As usual, there will be the announcement of the infamous JA (Jack Ass) Award that will be presented to some individual, who during the year, in good faith, clear conscience and without presence of mind, did something really out of line with what we consider "Rational Action" (i.e. something stupid). This award is usually determined by our beloved Sunshine Committee members. However, this might be the year that we act like Egyptians and have the membership take to the ponds and come up with a co-nominee for the award, to supplement the ruling party's choices. For further information on the reasoning to this idea, please refer to the September 2010 Leader's Lines titled "It's OK to be a JA. This could be the year of the

Sunshine Committee Award. If you feel like being a revolutionary, submit your choice by secret email to [rgarrettcpa@earthlik.net](mailto:rgarrettcpa@earthlik.net).

Mick Woodbury is back by popular demand to provide the entrée for the event. This will be fresh chicken fajitas with all of the makings. The cost will be \$8.00 per person, so join us and built your own burrito, taco or fajita plate just the way you like it.

Be sure to send in your reservation form located elsewhere in this article of Target Talk.



## AWARDS & INSTALLATION DINNER

❖ Sunday, April 17, 2011    ❖ 5:00 pm at Long Beach Casting Club    ❖

Price for Dinner is \$8.00 per person

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