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Leader's Line ...

A New Year All Over Again

JIM THOMASON, PRESIDENT

While the rest of the world celebrated the New Year several months ago, May marks the start of the new year for the Long Beach Casting Club. As a result, the cycle of events starts over again beginning with your newly elected Board of Directors. Rich Garrett and Bill Boehlert will assume the roles of Senior and Junior Directors, respectively. Rix and Yumi Gano join the board as co-2nd Vice Presidents in charge of outings. Bruno Piana is also new to the board and will be our Corresponding Secretary. Joe Austin will retain his previous position as Recording Secretary. Howard Uller will move from Corresponding Secretary to Membership Secretary. Joe Gustaff will once again keep track of the finances as Treasurer.

We're also excited to have Dan Rivett rejoin the board as Pool Captain. We're still in search of a 1st Vice President and those responsibilities will be divvied up in the mean time. Almost all of our previous Committee Chairs have agreed to continue in their current roles as well which will provide a very beneficial level of continuity. I would like to thank all of the above for offering their services for the betterment of the club.

Leaving us will be Mick Woodbury, Nani Blyleven, and Eddie Madrid. Many thanks go to them for the time and effort they've put in keeping things running smoothly these past years.

As for the presidency, I thank you for your vote of confidence in my ability to preside over this venerable organization. For those of you that don't know me, I've been in the club since 2006 taking a much more active role when I joined the board

in 2009 in charge of outings and most recently meetings. I've been married to my wonderful wife Brenda for 18 years. She's not a fly fisher but she enjoys joining me on trips because as they say "trout live in beautiful places." We have no children but do have a dog, Tinkerbelle, a Border Terrier/Chihuahua mix. I'm not a native Californian, originally from Virginia, but have also lived in Washington, Arizona, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. I didn't fly fish back then and look back now with some regret for having not learned it earlier.

I don't recall exactly what drew me into fly fishing but it was around the time of "The Movie". I didn't know anyone that fly fished so I decided to join my local fly fishing club. I do recall the experience of not knowing what I was doing, which was quite evident when I went on my first club trip which followed my

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Beginning Casting Clinic

GARY CHARLES, MEMBER

Our Beginning Casting Clinic is open to the public, and is free. Though designed for beginning fly casters, the course will also meet the needs of those needing a refresher or fine tuning in the basics. Typically, students run the gamut in experience and all are welcome.

Orientation will take place in the clubhouse on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 7:00 PM. Enrollment, rod/reel/line selection advice, and practical tips will be addressed during the session. This is a classroom presentation only. Unless you have a question regarding equipment you need examined, there is no need to bring a rod and reel to this presentation.

During the first night on the pond, May 1, 2012, club members will be available to provide a hand with spooling reels. Those needing assistance with gear should arrive by 6:00 PM. Students are responsible for obtaining all equipment and materials needed for the course.

Casting lessons on the pond will run for five consecutive weeks, beginning May 1, 2012, and concluding May 29, 2012. All classes are on Tuesdays, and run from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

This is the perfect introduction to fly casting; and for those with a bit of experience, a great opportunity to sharpen their skills. We are looking forward to this year's clinic. We hope to see you there.



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Crowley Lake Fly Fishing Tactics with Ernie Gulley

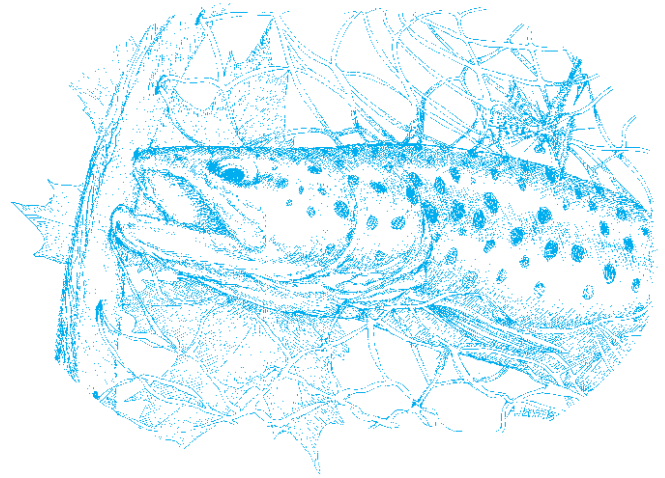
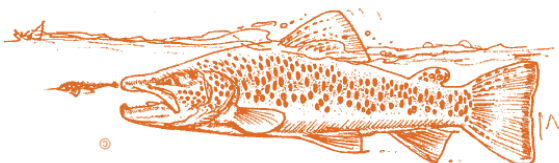
JIM THOMASON, PRESIDENT

If you've always wanted to fish Crowley Lake or want to learn how to fish it better, this month's program is for you. The focus of our meeting will be Crowley Lake Tactics presented by Ernie Gulley. Crowley Lake is home to lots and lots of trout, including some very large and hard fighting varieties. It's considered one of the best Stillwater fisheries in the West. However, even with all these trout, many feel it's difficult to fish.

But not Ernie and he's happy to share with you all the information you need to know to do well there. Come learn where to fish each month of the season including how the fish migrate around the lake. Learn how to fish both shallow and deep. He'll cover the set-ups that consistently result in more hook-ups including stillwater midging & stripping streamers. And of course he'll show you a myriad of patterns that have proven very effective. Best of all, everything he'll present is applicable to most other stillwaters.

In 2006 Ernie joined Deep Creek Fly Fishers, where he became a principal instructor for fly tying and classes on stillwater tactics. In 2007 he won the "Double Haul in the Fall" tournament at Crowley, both individual and team division and in 2008 and 2009 Ernie placed second in the "Stillwater Classic" team trophy. And best of all, he's a regular guy with a real job. All of this qualifies him to show us how "the rest of us" can be as successful fishing Crowley Lake as he has.

The meeting is Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 PM at the Long Beach Casting Club clubhouse.



Notes from the Pond

DAN RIVETT, CAPTAIN

Are you ready for the 2012 trout season? Hopefully you spent some time this winter on the water trying to keep your casting skills honed. If, however, your accuracy seems to be lacking from inactivity or have like most of us gotten a little sloppy in technique due to focusing only on the fish. Fear not, we will be resuming the casting games in May.

The games are an opportunity to challenge yourself in both accuracy and distance. Everyone is welcome to participate. There will be a combination of the usual games and few others that will develop some new skills.

The summer casting schedule will be on Tuesday evenings followed latter in the year with Sunday morning breakfast casts. You will find the casting schedule in the Roster and the LBCC website. So, come on out with your normal fishing equipment and get to know other casters, improve your fish skills and perhaps partner up for a fishing trip.

See you on the pond...

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completion of their casting class. Both Hot Creek and Crowley Lake seemed quite intimidating and my fishless results confirmed that. I do recall attending a few meetings but not knowing anyone and then not renewing my membership after that first year. I didn't try fly fishing for a few years.

A change of job relocated me near another club and once again I felt the urge to learn fly fishing. This club had a strong mentor program with several trips to local rivers with experienced club members providing on-stream instruction. That was enough to get me over the hump to the point I felt comfortable fishing on my own and actually caught a few fish. Success (or at least the hope of success) fueled my desire to continue.

Another job change resulted in my discovery of the Long Beach Casting Club. I was initially drawn to our ON THE RIVER CLINIC, especially since it was free for club members. I took it twice as a student (I'm a slow learner) and now assist with the course each year as a means of paying it back. Once in the club, I discovered the plethora of classes and opportunities we offer. I've since taken the beginning and intermediate casting classes and helped teach the beginning class. I've also taken the fly tying class and would have taken the rod building class but had already picked that up elsewhere. Of course, each monthly meeting presents something new to learn.

I enjoy fishing all waters, including rivers, stillwater, and salt. For my river fishing, I particularly enjoy nymphing followed closely by streamers. This year I've committed to learning how to effectively fish the European Nymphing techniques as well as soft hackles. I use my pontoon boat regularly. I have been experimenting with stillwater midging techniques lately which have proven to be very productive. I like using the boat to fish for bass in both lakes and bays and have recently begun searching out floatable rivers to try as well.

Based on my experiences, my focus for this year will emphasis recruiting new and younger members, getting them active in the club as soon as possible, and working on new ideas to "re-activate" current members, all the while continuing the host of outstanding activities the club is know for. Unlike another president, I did not take this job based on the promise of "change" since our club is already running so well. Instead I'll be looking for ways to enhance what we're already doing.

If you have any ideas along these lines, or any other, please feel free to contact me and I look forward to seeing all of you down at the clubhouse.



March Lower Owens Trip

JOHN & THEA LINCOLN, TRIP HOSTS

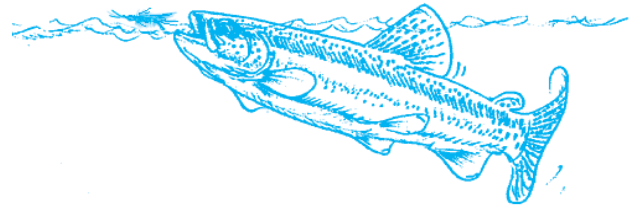
This is the LBCC clubs first trip in the month of March to the Lower Owens. The water level was perfect for wading flowing at 125cfs. We couldn't have asked for better weather. The fishing was excellent! Hatches were going off all day with fish feeding on top of the water. Wet fly action and nymphing was very good as well.

We were happy to have such a great turn out for our first hosted trip. There were 30 members on the water on Saturday. We met at the bridge and paired up into groups consisting of: experienced fishermen and people that needed a little help. Anyone that needed help on the stream had plenty of willing anglers to assist. Many thanks to Yash, Dan, Jeff, Mark F, Joe L, Kathy, and everyone else who helped with this trip. A special thanks to Phil Chick and Lyman Burgmeier for allowing us to fish with them.

We had dinner at the Pizza Factory on Saturday evening. Everyone was in good spirits due to great fishing. There were many enjoyable fishing stories being told. We had the pleasure of having some distinguished guests for dinner: Margaret and Trevor Walker, past presidents from Cedar Pines, California (winter) and Henry's Lake, Idaho (summer). Also, everyone had cake for dessert in celebration of Yash's 39th (again) birthday!

Enrico Muzzi, an Italian fly fisherman and filmmaker joined us on the river. He fished Saturday and Sunday and was impressed by the abundance of fish, beauty of the area, and the generosity of our club members. His constant remark of the day was, "We can't move, there are fish bubbling everywhere!" Many thanks to the club members that helped with getting Enrico on the water.

John and I looking forward to seeing you next year on the 2013 March Lower Owens Trip!



Newport Bay Bass Tournament

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Another beautiful day in Paradise! That was Saturday, April 7, for the annual event. Who picked a day between Easter and Passover, and a full moon. Oh well, off we went with only nine of us as far as I know but there may have been kayakers and tubers we didn't see.

It was fish galore (a James Bond heroine) but the fish were massive bait balls flashed by darting mackerel. Most of us caught a ton of mackerel but bass were the whole point of this trip. Either Joe Rosenthal caught the "Bass From Hell" or a bat ray as our boat was being steadily pulled toward Catalina until Joe broke him off.

Matt Rickerd scored again barely nosing out Paul Burgner's 13 1/2 inchers with a 14 inchers. I think I got third with an 11 7/8 but a foot is the minimum. A couple halibut were caught but they were waaaaayyyy too short.

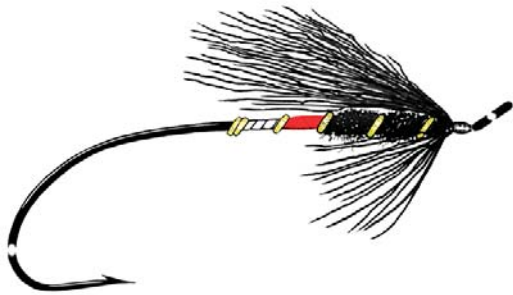
Good to see Dean leading Team Rickerd. The Boat with the four of them (Dean, Matt, Christine, and Mitch) used to just putt right along but Mitch is now full grown and Matt is expanding so the boat is a little slower. The other boat was Chuck Moore's HMS Huffenpuff with Paul Burgner and Mick Woodbury.

A great day was had by all, see you next year.

Record Run of Salmon and Steelhead

DALE DAY, MEMBER

Strong winds on the Northern California and Southern Oregon coast in 2009 caused major upwelling of nutrients in the ocean. The timing was perfect for the down river salmon fry and steelhead smolts. Their survival rate increased dramatically when they entered the ocean to feed. These fish spend their lives off the Northern California and Southern Oregon Coast.



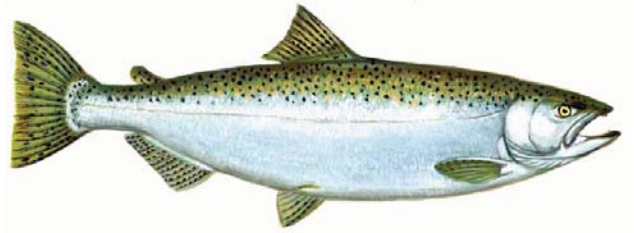
Now three years later these adult salmon and steelhead will be returning to their natal streams in numbers not seen in over thirty years. The Klamath, Smith, Rogue and Umpqua Rivers will be the beneficiary of these returning fish.

The half-pounder run of Summer Steelhead that measure sixteen to twenty four inches will return to the Klamath and Rogue Rivers in large numbers and they take the fly with enthusiasm.

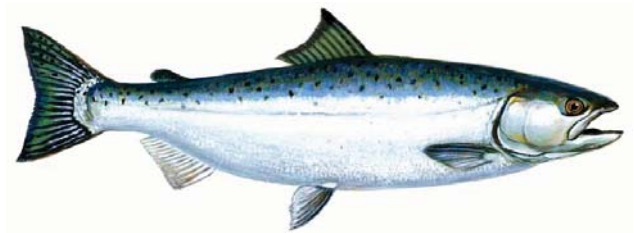


Chinook Salmon are another species that are found

in significant numbers. These fish range in weight from twelve to twenty pounds. Fished deep with large weighted patterns success is who wins the pulling contest.



Coho Salmon range in size from four to six pounds and are in the rivers in limited numbers and are equal to the quality fishing experience of the Steelhead.



The beautiful Sea Run Cutthroat has become more numerous in these rivers but particularly in the Rogue River since the four dams have been removed. The quality of their fight is equal to the Steelhead or Coho Salmon.



Please respect all species of wild fish by not mishandling, netting or lifting them out of the river for pictures. We all want these fish to survive so they can spawn.

Club Trips for 2012

RIX & YUMI GANO, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

After enjoying two years of the wonderful activities at LBCC, we figured it is now our turn to pay it forward. We are Rix & Yumi Gano, and honored to take active roles in one of the most prestige fishing clubs in the nation. Our primary responsibility is to arrange club outings so aside from the annual outings we would like to hear about your suggestions for fishing locations. Please contact us if you have any suggestions or questions at rgano1@yahoo.com or call at (310)291-3963.

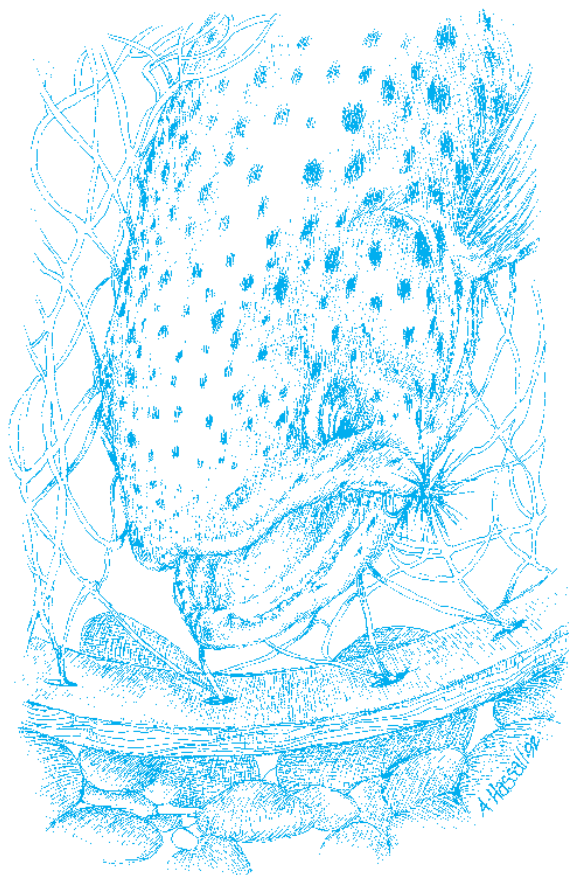
The upcoming May trip is scheduled on May 12th to Deep Creek hosted by Paul Bugler. Deep Creek is considered one of the premier wild trout streams in Southern California. It has, by southern California's standard, a large population of browns and rainbows. Come join us to discover the hidden gem that is just a few steps away of Los Angeles.

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

2012 TRIPS:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
May 12	Deep Creek hosted by Paul Burgner (Pre-Trip May 2)
June	San Diego surf fishing (tentative)
July 21	Brookie Bash hosted by Jeff Sadler (Pre-Trip July 11)
August	Yard & Inches, Huntington Harbour (tentative)
Sept. 15	Cottonwoods Lakes hosted by Rix & Yumi (Pre-Trip August 29)
October	Kern (tentative) & Redding (tentative)
November	San Gabriel River (tentative)
December	Lake Irvine (tentative)

From choosing our very first fly rod to learning how to tie Jeff's famous "Royal Wulff", this prestige fishing club has been there for all.



Calling All Floaters

JIM THOMASON, PRESIDENT

If you are not aware if it, the club has a group known as "The Fleet" and is made up of members that like to fish from any type of floating craft, including float tubes, pontoon boats, kayaks, rafts and dingies. We try to get out at least once per month to local lakes and bays.

If you've recently joined the club and have such a device, or recently acquired such a device and want to stay in the know about upcoming events, please email me at jathomason@mail.com to get on the distribution list. Once you're on the list, you can always say "*Not this time*" but only if you're in the know.

Fly of the Month: Bead & Wire BWO

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

I have been looking around for some newer patterns to present to you (I know, it's about time so I'll wait for the cheering to die down) and have run into a pattern that really caught my eye. I have seen a couple of variations but, by and large, it's the same pattern with different names so without inventing a new name, I offer a description: the Bead & Wire BWO.

I love to cast over fish feeding on BWOs (Blue-Winged Olives). It can be quite challenging to work with and around the various currents while simultaneously dealing with selective fish. While I don't think the pattern is too important during a BWO emergence I do feel that the flies' profile, its presentation and most importantly matching the appropriate stage of the insect the fish are feeding on is. This pattern in combination with another like an olive RS-2 (May; 2007) or an olive Hair-Winged Dun (June; 2010) as a part of a two-fly rig would really enhance someone's ability to fish this hatch successfully.

While I am sure that this pattern will work with a variety of other hatches and circumstances it is a BWO in color. You could make some modifications to match other insect species by changing the wire, tail and leg color. I would rig this as the bottom fly in a two-fly rig using either the RS-2 or the Hair-Winged Dun on top. Because the Bead & Wire BWO has a bead head and a wire body I would not use any additional weight to the set-up; just an indicator four or five feet above the top fly.

Frankly, I can't wait to give this a pattern a test run!

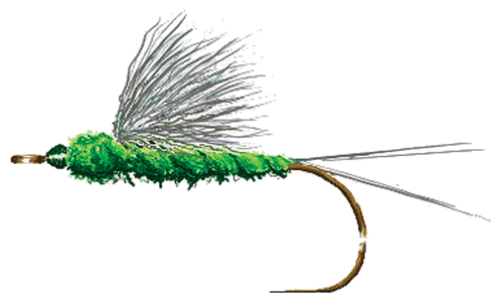
Materials for tying the Bead & Wire BWO:

- Hook: Tiemco 2457 or equivalent, size 16, 18 or 20
- Bead: Tungsten silver bead to match the size of the hook
- Thread: Olive 8/0 or as needed to match the natural
- Tail: Pale olive Zelon or Antron; sparse
- Body: Small olive, green and silver Ultra Wire or as needed to match the natural
- Thorax: Peacock herl
- Legs: Same as the tail
- Wing Case: Pearl Krystal Flash or mylar sheet



Instructions for tying the Bead & Wire BWO:

- 1 Slide the silver tungsten bead onto the hook. Attach the thread to the hook, wind a small jam against the bead to hold it in place and then wind the thread down to the bend of the shank. Tie in 10–20 strands of olive Zelon or Antron for the tail. The tail should be about one-half the length of the body.
- 2 Tie in the three strands of wire and wind the thread back to the bead. Wind all three strands of wire together up the shank all the way to the bead making sure that you keep them together but not crossing each other. The body needs to be smooth with the strands of wire butting against each other.
- 3 Wind the thread back to a point where the thorax begins and tie in 10–15 strands of Krystal Flash for the wing case. Next, tie in one nice, full strand of peacock herl and wind forward leaving enough space behind the bead to tie in the legs and secure the wing case and tie off.
- 4 Tie in about 10–15 strands of olive Zelon or Antron for the legs as though they were a mayfly spinner wing. Trim them to length so that they are slightly shorter than the tail on either side of the thorax. The legs should sweep back towards the bend at about 45 degree angle.
- 5 Pull the wing case forward giving the strands a slight twist to help keep them together and tie them down at the bead. Form a small, neat head against the bead and whip finish.



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2012 Fly Fishing Faire

Hosted by the FFF Southwest Council

Most fly fishing shows are held in convention centers or hotels. When the clubs of the Southwest Council FFF planned their first Fly Fishing Faire, they took it to the very heart of California's fly fishing country: Mammoth Lakes.



Slated for September 13-16, The Fly Fishing Faire will host clinics, workshops, casting, fly-tying, vendor displays and every aspect of the sport aimed at conventional anglers who want to 'convert', casual anglers, fly-fishing fanatics and weekend visitors to the Mammoth area. Headquartered at Cerro Coso Community College, adult admission will be \$10 with children and teens age 16 and under free. One admission is good for all Faire days.

Where: Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

Venue: Cerro Coso Community College
101 College Parkway
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

When: September 13-16

What: A celebration of fly-fishing in Mammoth Lakes, the heart of California's fly fishing world; an introduction to all aspects of the sport including fly casting, fly tying demonstrations and instruction. Where-to-go and how-to-do-it sessions by local guides and other experts. Workshops and programs on Hot Creek, the upper and lower Owens River, Saltwater Fly Fishing, Lake Crowley, Pyramid Lake, Walker River Basin, Merced River, Yosemite waters, small stream tactics, and fly-fishing for bass in the lower Owens. Programs on wildlife photography, history, Sierra sightseeing; conservation raffles and auctions. Featuring about a dozen vendor display booths.

Hours: Thursday: 2:00-5:00; Friday & Saturday: 8:00-5:00; Sunday: 9:00-3:00

Admission: \$10 adults. Age 16 and under free. (Single admission is good all Faire days.)

Sponsor: Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers

Website: For a list of programs, presenters, fly-tiers and events, visit the Faire website at <http://www.southwestcouncilfff.org/faire>.

Information: Michael Schweit, president, SWC FFF – msangler@earthlink.net; 818-757-3474



Calendar of Events

May

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 1 st Night
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Deep Creek Trip with Paul Burgner
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 2 nd Night
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
12	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Trip: Deep Creek with Paul Burgner
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 3 rd Night
19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Clubhouse Rental: Sierra Pacific Adventures
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 4 th Night
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 5 th Night
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Ernie Gulley on Crowley Lake Tactics

June

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced

July

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Brookie Bash with Jeff Sadler
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
20-21	Weekend		Club Trip: Brookie Bash with Jeff Sadler
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced
30-4 Aug.			ACA National Tournament: Cincinnati, Ohio



	Free Educational Series
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