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Newsletter of the Long Beach Casting Club, Established 1925

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Leader's Line ...

In Search of Two Little Words

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

I remember it well, standing by the pond, struggling to unlearn a lifetime of bad habits. I wasn't alone. At least 75 others had the same elbow problem. Why did the darn thing straighten?

I took the class because I wanted to learn the curve cast. That was the only thing I expected they could teach me. After all, I started using a fly rod in Illinois during grade school. When my family moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, the target fish changed from blue gill to trout and the 7'-6" bamboo rod I bought with my Jr. High chore money was the hot ticket.

Another family move brought me to Long Beach and the lure of the salt won out. By then I was in high school and I wasn't limited to single-species thinking anymore. Dozens of species were in play, all bigger than any of the Jemez Mountain rainbows. The fly rod disappeared into its cloth case.

Three boats and a few dozen years later I was a dyed-in-the-wool saltwater fisherman.

THEN FATE SMILED

A newly found friend suggested I go to Mammoth and learn a technique called nymphing. Why not? I dug out the Jr. High fly rod, a box of ancient flies, a fingernail clipper and off I went. Compared to salt, it was like checkers and chess. There was so much more

challenge to trout—and the pine trees smelled so much better than diesel. Over the years we fished the Green, the Big Horn, the Madison, the San Juan, the Firehole and a bunch of others. I was hooked deep.

So I'm standing at the pond, confident in my abilities. One curve cast please. Then Van Derhoof, Sadler, Libeu, Holden and others began demonstrating how casting *should* be done. Whoops.

Crow doesn't taste too bad if you accept it. I still had my confidence; it was just crumpled under my feet like a doormat. White knuckled, I held the rod with a strangle grip. My arm ached after every class. I struggled, then struggled some more and slowly overcame many of my bad habits. Instructors would come by and say things like "...looking better." Looking better? That's all?

I gained a lot of respect for the Club. The instructors knew what they were doing and went out of their way to share. They were encouraging, patient. Later

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I learned why the classes were so effective. This venerable old Club has a world class faculty. If you rank all of the nation's 50 states by the number of Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) Certified Master Casters in each, LBCC would rank as number four! Our single club has more Master casters than 46 entire states. We have more Master Casters than England and Scotland combined, and that's where fly fishing originated!

We also have almost half of California's Master Casters, which is amazing for a Club that's located in a semi-desert, some 6 hours away from blue-ribbon trout waters. We're also fortunate that out of the 50 states, less than half have an FFF Board of Governor member (they're the ones who certify Master Casters). Our club has the only California member and three more former Governors.

...So I'm standing at the pond, my grip has relaxed, my arm doesn't ache and I hear Van Derhoof as he walks by, "Looks good." I'm gonna buy a Club shirt...





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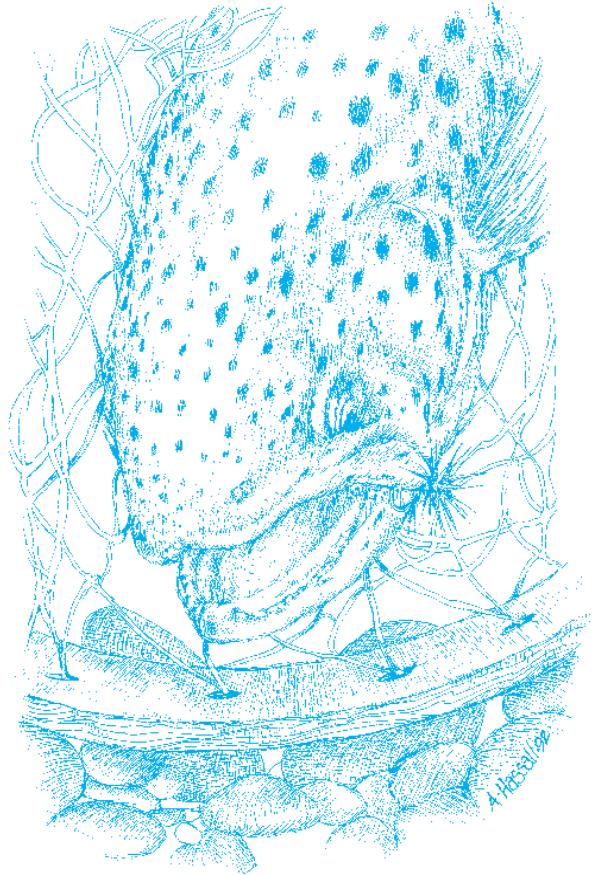
Trout, Trout, Trout!!!

PABLO GRABIEL, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Wondering where the little buggers are hiding; are they behind that boulder breaking the current or perhaps at the end of the riffle just below where I'm standing. Maybe if I were to wade out a little bit deeper, I can get my fly will drift downstream to find one of big guys hiding under the overhang on the opposite bank. Oh, and if I were to cast real softly, maybe, just maybe I can unfurl my fly just beneath that overhanging tree without snagging on the branches. Yeah, that's what I'll do, I'm going after the big guy under that alder with all those ants on it. Will have to change my fly though, need a terrestrial pattern for that cast. We think so hard and do so much to win the battle between prey and predator.

We all go to great lengths to try and figure out how to hook our prize, but do we know how the object of our efforts is holding up in the wild? With all of the urbanization, are prime waters being lost? With agriculture, what chemicals like pesticides, fertilizers, cow, sheep and horse manure are being discharged into our streams and rivers? What affect does mining and logging with their waste by products and deforestation of habitat, heavy metals and increased sediments being introduced into the watershed have on our fisheries?

What is our responsibility in helping to protect our fisheries? Do we leave our own litter like tippet trimmings, power bar wrappers or even our own waste



along the banks and in the water? Or do we leave a better place behind us? What is our responsibility and what can we do to improve the quality of our experience on our next outing?

To find out some answers to these and a myriad of other questions about our trout, this month our speaker is Kurt Zimmerman, the Southern California Program Manager at California Trout. Kurt is not only a lover of the trout, but comes from a very diverse background: a graduate of UCLA law school and a former mayor of the City of Sierra Madre, he now turns all of his skills to the preservation and improvement of trout, access to fishing and the sustainability of our experiences as we pursue our elusive prey. Come out and learn—the more you know about something the greater your appreciation of it.

Who knows, he might reveal some places we've never thought about... Come on Kurt, what are your favorite spots?



Brookie Bash XVI

MARK FLO, TRIP LEADER

Yes, it's that time again for our annual Brookie (Salvelinus fontinalis) Bash! In the immortal words of Jeff Sadler...

*"Rookies and Brookies
are made for each other"*

On Saturday July 19th, we will all meet at the Mosquito Flats above Rock Creek Lake, the trailhead into Little Lakes Valley at 8:30 AM. For those of you have had not had the pleasure of visiting Little Lakes Valley you will be amazed at the beauty of it. The Valley is the headwaters of Rock Creek. A word of warning, while most of the trails are fairly level there are a few steep sections and you will be starting at right around 10,000 feet in elevation and going uphill from there, so take your time and enjoy yourself!

Unlike years past you will be responsible for your own lodging this year. This year our group dinner will be at Grumpy's Sports Restaurant, Mammoth Lakes, Saturday night at 6:30 PM.

At dinner prizes will be awarded for First Fish Caught and Most Brookies Caught. Now, for the famous Jeff Sadler 5 species of trout in the Owens valley award, you must email me Mark Flo (reso49nn@gte.net) with your name and list all 5 caught to claim this prize. The pins will be handed out at the next Monthly Meeting. The Pre-Trip will be July 9 at 7:00 PM.

See you there!



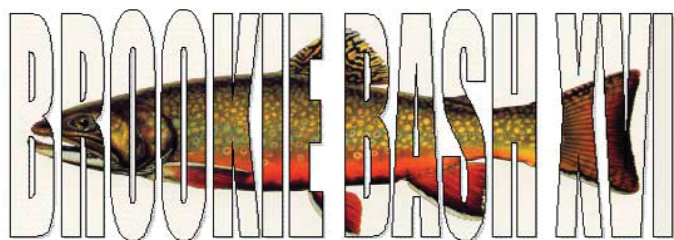
The Fleet Explores Dana Point Harbor

Thanks Craig Bond for the following email:

I found very consistent fishing along the inner wall of the main channel from about 10:00 to 11:00 when I packed it in. I finished the day with 22 fish caught, mostly small calico's, one sandie and one 15-inch halibut (or 125-inches in Y&I terms.) I also had 4 or 5 doubles. I found that if I kicked parallel to the wall just outside (and too often IN) the kelp, I had pretty constant action. I did lose a few flies, but nothing ventured... They seemed to like orange, which I served to them in the form of a Surf Worm and a Liberace Clouser."

"When I was retrieving a small fish, my rod suddenly went bendo and line started peeling through my fingers. Then I saw a flash of something long and silver, with the small guy being taken along for a rough ride. After a decent tussle, the fish jumped, hit the side of my tube and was gone. Not sure what it was, but guessing a barracuda or large mackerel. It was sure feisty, whatever it was."

In all fairness, Craig was the hot stick of the day. Others' numbers were more like 6-8 and a couple of us practiced total conservation. Weekends are extremely busy with paddle boards, but launching at the beach works just fine.



Green River Trip 2014

YASH ISEDA, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Thirty-two members participated in this year's trip to the Green River. Members drifted all three sections (A-upper, B-middle & C-lower) using dry flies and nymphing with great results. Some newcomers were very successful dry fly fishing only. Also, this year we were fortunate to have cicadas on the river, which enabled us to use larger fly patterns.

Whether using nymphs or dries, members total fish count for the days was very impressive. The weather held up and was nice for the week. The fish were in the 16–20 inch plus range, with some even larger. They were primarily rainbows and browns, but there were a few whitefish also caught.

Even with such a large group we managed a get-



together for dinner on the first and last night of the trip. The final night was a celebration of stories and good times on the river. Along with the traditional silliness on Thursday night, there were awards presented: John Bosowski won for "Biggest Fish," Don Husman and Tom Bristol won for the "Most Fish Caught," and Al D'Amico for the "Swim in the Green."

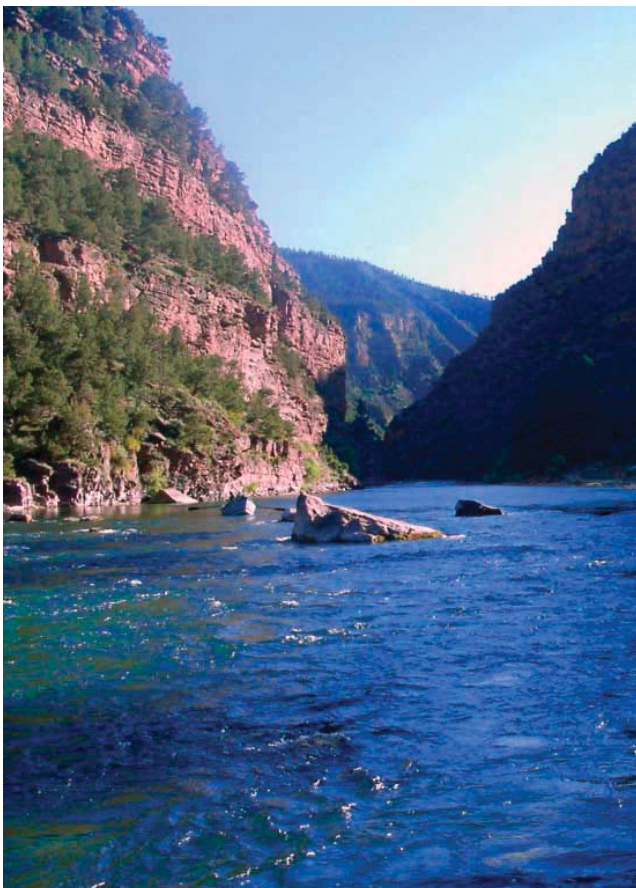
We had a medical emergency on Sunday. One of our members suffered a seizure on the way to the river. Trout Creek Fly Shop was able to dispatch full medical personnel quickly to assist with the exception of a doctor. He was evacuated by air and was in Salt Lake City within the hour (driving time from Dutch John to Salt City is 4 hours). I am happy to say the member is doing fine and is at home.

I would like to thank Marriott's, Old Moe Guide Service, Flaming Gorge Resort, and Red Canyon Lodge for their great service and hospitality. They helped to make this trip a success.

Our trips to the Green are getting bigger and better each year. The fishing is some of the best in the country and we have an awful lot of fun while we are there. If you only take one fishing trip a year, this is the one you want to go on.

Join us on Facebook under Long Beach Casting Club to share pictures and comments about our trip.

See you at the Green—next year?



Five Nights to Improve Your Casting!

DAVE BOYER, CAPTAIN

Are you getting ready for that trip of a lifetime, like Christmas Island or the Bahamas to stalk bonefish? Or maybe just down to the local beach or lake for corbina and carp? Or want to improve on your accuracy casting to a wary trout? This summer we have just the thing for you, The Fishing Casts Program beginning June 3rd at the Pond!! Bring your appetite and your rod. We will be serving up hamburgers and then onto the fishing casts program beginning about 6:00 PM for food and 7:00 PM for the programs.

JUNE 3RD – FISHING CASTS: Learn slack line, mends and curve casts. This will help you get longer, drag-free drifts.

JUNE 15TH – CASTING COURSE: Apply what you learned from June 3rd at an obstacle course casting game. Begin to learn some accuracy tricks.

JULY 1ST – DOUBLE HAUL: This will help you improve your casting distance which will put more fish within your casting range. Add this to the things learned about accuracy from June 15th

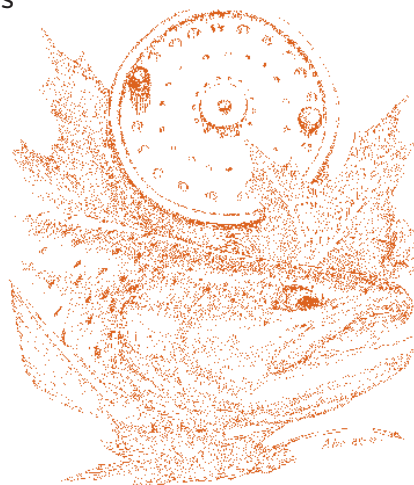
JULY 16TH – DISTANCE & ACCURACY: Hone your skills in both distance and accuracy. (Watch out fish!)

JULY 29TH – CASTING COURSE: A distance and accuracy wrap up and a chance to see how much improvement you've made. Congratulations, you've just improved your skill level so can go show those fish who is the master.

We have also stocked the pond with fish to cast at, great way to keep up with those new skills. For those who are interested, we will still be having our Tuesday Club Casts with club members willing to show you tournament style casting techniques and the "games". I know Mark Tsunawaki and Bob Middo

would love to help anyone improve their casting abilities, distance and accuracy. Some of our best casters learned through tournament casting, like Steve and Tim Rajeff, so come out and give it a try.

Tight Lines



News From the Pond

LITTLE GEORGE (SIEWERD),
FACILITIES & POND

Hi all, it seems like the only time you hear from me it's for a pond cleaning and to put as many of us to work as I can. Before I forget I'd like thank all of you that showed up and worked so hard on the last cleaning.

On Saturday June 21st we're going to have another go at it. We will be starting at 7:00 AM and work 'til we're done (usually by 8:30). I'm going try to put a breakfast together instead of donuts. We always appreciate those of you that show up on a regular basis, but it's time to get some more members involved so spread the word. Hey, if you use the pond, or even if you don't, come on down and help maintain it. It's usually a pretty fun way to start off your weekend!

Thanks in advance.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

CAROLE KATZ, PROGRAM LEAD

The annual rod building program came to end and rods for judging in national competition were shipped to Pennsylvania early April. Under the expert guidance of Al Ross, Joe Richter and Doc Ski, some extraordinary rods were produced. First time rod-builder Lisa Ornelas, for example, did a beautiful wrap—several times because she refused to accept any tiny imperfections. Don Lee invested hundreds of hours into perfecting the weaving of his Marine unit's logo—and now he is hooked on weaving.

Jesse Garza and Bill Boyce did beautiful moiré tiger wrapped rods, which Bill embellished with feather inlay and Jesse with “invisible” terminal guide wraps. These are just a few of the excellent rods that were produced this year. Desiree Escarcida won Honorable Mention in one category with her first rod. This is the only year that veterans in our program did not win any of the top three prizes in each category, but we've won thirteen out of 48 prizes in the six years of national competitions, a not-at-all shabby 27% of all awards.

Thirteen vets and eleven volunteers spent several days in May fishing the Bishop area. Five volunteers went a day early for a teach-the-teacher workshop with guide Pat Jaeger, before joining the entire group



on Monday night at the VFW Post for dinner. Our dear friend and supporter Olga Rojas, along with the VFW, has been hosting us for dinner for quite a few years. The Elks Club made a barbecue dinner on Tuesday night, as they have in the past, and on Wednesday, 395 Pizza hosted us for more pizza than we could have possibly consumed.

Of course, we weren't there only to eat, so on Tuesday and Wednesday, the group split up to fish various locations with guides and volunteers. Jesse caught a monster at Intake 2 and Julian caught the most colorful; check the photos. The support and hospitality of the people of Bishop continue to amaze us. The Creekside Inn once again gave us a generous discount and terrific breakfasts, and several professional guides donated their time—again!

Two of our vets were able to compete in the premier national fundraising events. Mike Escarcida went to the Rose River Farm to compete in the 2-Fly Tournament the last weekend of April, where he not only fished but was filmed by a documentary filmmaker and gave a speech during the Auction & Dinner. Lisa Ornelas is going to the Mossy Creek Invitational in early June. Both these fishing tournaments are in Virginia and receive a lot of television, film and print media attention. Each brings in between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year.

Thanks to all those who continue to make this program so very successful. If you'd like to volunteer or donate, please email me at Katzhogan@gmail.com.



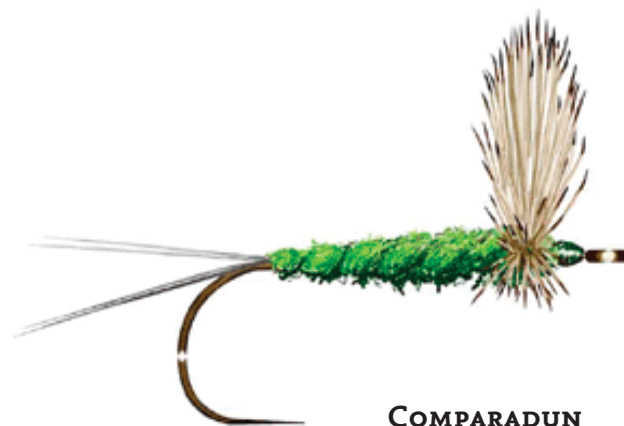
Fly of the Month: Comparadun & Sparkle Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Over the last 30 years few flies have gained a better reputation for catching fish in difficult and selective conditions than Al Caucci's and Bob Nastassi's Comparadun. In smooth water conditions it has proven so reliable, adaptable and durable that I would not consider being without several in the sizes and colors to match the insects that I would expect to find hatching on the water I was fishing. On a trip to Hot Creek last year with my daughter Nicole, I used a size 20 Sparkle Dun to hook and land a snaky, dark colored Rainbow out of a narrow slot next to the far bank. I was fortunate to make a good cast with a lot of slack and absolutely the right pattern to nail that fish. The dark olive Sparkle Dun that I used was the perfect pattern for the conditions.

The Comparadun is a no-hackle pattern that can trace its roots back to Fran Betters' Haystack pattern of the '30s and '40s. The "No Hackle" style of fly was reintroduced by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards in their book *SELECTIVE TROUT* in 1971. Swisher's and Richard's pattern featured duck quill wings that split the body and, though very effective, were difficult to tie and lacked durability—often lasting only one fish. This led to the development of the Comparadun by Caucci and Nastassi and its introduction in their book *HATCHES* in 1975. The addition of deer or elk hair to the wing dramatically increased both the flies' ease of tying, durability and its ability to float. By varying the size, wing, tail and body color any mayfly can be imitated. Also, due to the nature and shape of the wing it can be used for spinner imitations as well as for duns.

In the mid-1980s Craig Matthews and John Juracek, owners of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, presented their Sparkle Dun to the fly-fishing world and thereby extended the versatility of the Comparadun. By replacing the hackle tail with Zelon to match the color of the body, Craig and John created a pattern that imitated a mayfly dun trapped and crippled in its nymphal shuck. This stroke of genius has led many to believe this to be one of the most effective spring creek patterns of all time. Whether it's the Comparadun or the Sparkle Dun, both are outstanding patterns that deserve a place in your fly box.



COMPARADUN

Materials for Tying the Comparadun & Sparkle Dun:

- Hook: Standard dry fly in sizes 12 to 22 (for sizes 18 and smaller I prefer a ring-eyed hook such as a Tiemco 101 as allows for a wider hook gap)
- Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 in a color to match the natural
- Body: Olive dubbing or a color to match the natural
- Wing: Coastal deer hair or elk calf in natural or dyed colors to match the natural
- Tail: Hackle fibers in a color to match the natural or for the Sparkle Dun, Zelon to match the color of the body



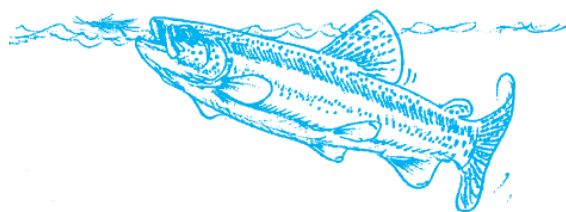
SPARKLE DUN

Instructions for tying the Comparadun & Sparkle Dun:

1. Place the hook in the vise and attach the thread at the bend of the hook and wind forward to the headspace. Stand your wing material up perpendicular to the hide and cut off a bunch about the size of a pencil. Remove all of the short hairs and the basal fluff.
2. Tie the wing in with the tips forward. Stand the wing up in two or three equal parts using one or two turns of thread between each part and wind a small jam at the front of the wing after the last part. The wing should stand about the length of the shank in height and should fan evenly around the upper half of the hook. Wind the thread back to the bend of the hook.
3. Dub a small amount of body material onto the thread and wind one or two turns around the hook creating a small dam to help split the tails. Select 1 to 4 hackle fibers, depending upon the size of the fly, for tying onto the far side of the hook. Place the fibers onto the top of the hook use thread tension to pull them around to the far side of the shank. Select an equal number of hackle fibers for the near side of the hook. For this place the fibers on the underside of the hook and allow them to be pulled toward you and into position on the near side of the shank.

NOTE: If you want to tie a Sparkle Dun do not tie the dubbing dam but simply tie in the Zelon tail. The color should match the body color or be a little lighter and should be equal in length to the body. The Zelon tail should not appear dense but rather light and translucent.

4. Apply more body material to your thread and wind the remainder of the body. The body should taper evenly and increase slightly in diameter the closer you get to the wing and decrease quickly down to the head. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Apply head cement and the fly is complete and ready for the stream. Good luck!



Improved Baetis Sparkle Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

A very recent version that was shown in the Blue Ribbon Flies April 10, 2014 weekly newsletter, offers an interesting twist to this classic. This is one I want to fish soon! Here's how it's tied:

1. With olive 8/0 thread attached to an emerger style hook, tie in the deer hair wing with the tips pointing forward and the correct length. Now tie in a long clump (20 strands or so) of light dun Zelon that extends beyond where the tail would end right on top of the deer hair wing. The front tips of the Zelon should roughly line up with the tips of the deer hair.
2. Wind even slightly, wide wraps over the Zelon down to where you would normally tie in the tail and back up to the beginning of the thorax. This is the body and be sure to leave some of the Zelon exposed beneath the thread abdomen. Trim the Zelon shuck (tail) to a slightly shorter than a normal tail.
3. Stand up the wing (both the Zelon & deer hair) in two or three equal parts. First pull back the Zelon and stand it up with one or two wraps and then some or all of the deer hair and stand it up. Believe me, this method really helps to get a nice upright and fanned out wing.
4. Finally, apply some olive dubbing to your thread and dub over the thorax to the headspace and whip finish. Voila, a great new addition to your fly box!

Club Trips for 2014

YASH ISEDA, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Here are the Club Trips for the next couple of months. Join us!

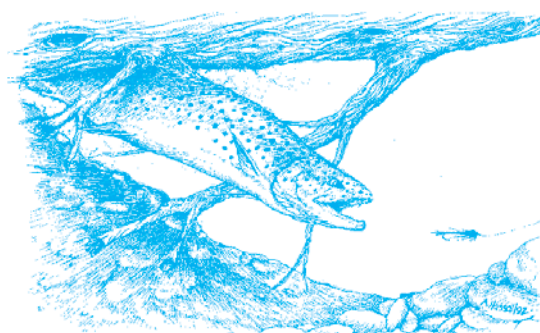
2014 Trips:

TRIP DATE TRIP & LEADER

June 28	San Diego Jam V by Joe Austin, Pre-trip Meeting June 18 th .
July 11-15	Cottonwood Lakes by Jim Garvey, Pre-Trip Meeting July 2 nd .
July 19	Brookie Bash in the Sierra by Yash Iseda, Pre-Trip Meeting on July 9 th .
Aug. 16-19	Hilton Lakes Backpacking by Jim Garvey, Pre-Trip Meeting on August 6 th .
Sept. 13	Yards & Inches Tourney at Huntington Harbour by Mick Woodbury, Pre-Trip Meeting September 3 rd .

Sep. 9-11 Saddlebag Lake Backpacking by Jim Garvey, Pre-Trip Meeting on Sept. 3rd.
Oct. 18 Redding by Pablo Grabiell, Pre-Trip Meeting on Oct. 8th.

Trip locations and dates are subject to change so monitor Target Talk or the Web Calendar for the latest information. Pre-Trip Meetings are held at the clubhouse starting 7:00 PM. Pre-Trip Workshops are held in the clubhouse starting at 9:00 AM. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or questions at yiseda@verizon.net.



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Contact Joe at (310) 749-6771 (fishlgrf@ix.netcom.com) for more information or to sign up. For the Women's Clinic, please contact Kathy at (714) 290-6930 (kkspfa@yahoo.com).



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Calendar of Events

June

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors' Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast, Fishing Casts with burgers served!
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast: Fishing Casts & Accuracy
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		12:00 PM	Monthly Noon Lunch
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: San Diego Bay
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Karl Zimmerman with Cal Trout
28	Saturday		Club Trip San Diego Bay

July

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast: Double Haul
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip meeting, Cottonwood Lakes.
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Director's Meeting
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Brookie Bash
11-15	Weekend		Club Trip: Cottonwood Lakes
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast: Casting Course & Distance
16	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Monthly Noon Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19	Weekend		Club Trip Brookie Bash
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast: Accuracy
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jack Turner Fly Fishing

August

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Hilton Lakes
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Summer Casts
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
15-19	Weekend		Club Trip: Hilton Lakes
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Summer Casts
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be determined



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