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Leader's Line...

Between the Numbers

MICK WOODBURY, PRESIDENT

Rain or shine, every month an acquaintance goes to Rose Hills with fresh cut flowers for her parent's graves. Remembering those who are special is an effective way to hold on to all the sterling qualities that made them memorable.

Headstones record the date of birth and of the passing. But what's far more interesting are the events crammed into the little dash between the dates. Focusing on the dates themselves is like describing the Indy 500 by only seeing a couple of seconds at the start and at the finish. It's the 500 miles in-between where the action happens. Or it's like describing a Big Horn float trip by only considering the first fly tied on in the morning and the last one clipped off at night. It doesn't tell the whole story.

It's not the *duration* of life that matters nearly as much as what was *done* with the life. What a man does for pay is of little consequence. What he *is*, however, is everything.

Your legacy lies in your dash. It's said that adversity builds character, but perhaps it *reveals* character. You can face up to life's challenges and come out better, or you can have a PLOM party and come out bitter (PLOM: poor little ole me). You can watch someone catch fish in the hole that just skunked you and learn nothing, or you can expend some effort and

learn why. If adversity causes some men to break, it causes others to break records.

Art Strauss is breaking records. Art is a Club member who is adding an interesting chapter to his dash. He's been a member for some time but only recently retired. He sees the Club as a great resource, and admires the many selfless activities that make the Club outstanding. He likes what he sees and decided to further the cause. He already made the largest single donation yet to the endowment fund and now he'd like to give the rest of us the opportunity to advance our characters.

Art's Challenge

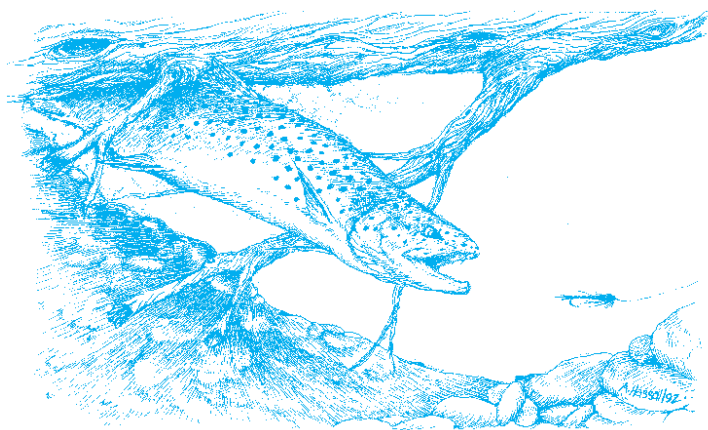
This year, he's proposing a matching-funds challenge. If we, collectively, raise \$5,000, he will match it. Give a dollar and the Endowment gets two! Not bad. If 90 years ago, the Club had started an endowment, we might be in a dues-free zone today.

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Between the Numbers... *Leader's Line continued from page 1*

For those of us who can make a penny scream for mercy, this challenge isn't a curse, it's a blessing, and a good test for continued character (and number) development.

See the pledge form inside.



Greetings from the Pond and the Porch...

**GEORGE SIEWERD,
FACILITIES AND POND CHAIRMAN**

Just wanted to send out a big THANK YOU all for your hard work and participation with the pond and clubhouse cleaning. There are too many of you to name but you know who you are and aren't.

One more thank you has to be said, because of your turn out, the Nooner Lunches have become wildly successful. Your attendance at lunch (sometimes 70 to 80 strong!) has allowed us to purchase many new items for the club—which in most cases were actually needed. Thanks to all of you, we should be able to keep the lunches going for quite some time.

Thank You again the place looks GREAT!!!!

Little George

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The Fishing Just Keeps Getting Better!

PABLO GRABIEL, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Wow, how can we thank Dr. Michael Parrella for his amazing presentation in January. I never knew that fly fishing could be so simple. That understanding the entomology of the flies we so religiously scrutinize before putting on our tippet could be so easy. Michael received a most whole hearted and enthusiastic second round of applause after his much too short hour with us.

Okay so we now know what the fish eat and at our February meeting, Jim Cox is going to fill us all in on where we can best fish and what waters are being conserved and restored for our pleasures.

So, how do we catch them? Why don't we ask Landon Mayer? Landon is one of Colorado's most recognized and celebrated guides, and he has been willing to share his knowledge with us. He writes for many publications and has published a handful of books. One of his titles, 101 TROUT TIPS: A GUIDE'S SECRETS, TACTICS, AND TECHNIQUES is full of solutions to nearly every fly-fishing problem. You can learn uncommon answers to everyday fishing problems including the selection of the fly and how to rig is. A good read that gives you ideas of how to adapt you technique to the vexation you are facing. In COLORADO'S BEST FLY FISHING: FLIES, ACCESS, AND GUIDE'S ADVICE FOR THE STATE'S PREMIER RIVERS, Landon tells us what are the best places to fish, when to fish them, not only the season, but when in the day. The book is full of maps and charts of the hatch along with the flies to utilize and their recipe.

In SIGHT FISHING FOR TROUT, Landon starts to really show why he is such a renown guide. Perhaps the information on what equipment will help you to better spot the fish is known to many of us, but then, sometimes we need it repeated in another way so that the information sinks in. The book's illustrations are



so well done that you can practically walk out into your yard and begin to practice the techniques. In his first book, HOW TO CATCH THE BIGGEST TROUT OF YOUR LIFE, Landon made his debut into the book authoring business end of fly fishing. If you have read SIGHT FISHING FOR TROUT, then you might think that this is a rewrite of much of the same information, but it is worth re-telling utilizing new approaches to help you really get that big one.

Aside from his books, Landon is a very popular speaker and his nuggets of information are constantly being printed in the fly fishing periodicals we all love to read whetting our appetites in an effort to get that one last missing piece of information that will bring home a trophy.

I'm coming to the meeting on March 26th because I need to hear this stuff by someone who lives it, teaches it and has been practiced at explaining it!

See you there.



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Saturday of the February Lower Owens was the Last Day of Doppelganger Week

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

A Doppelganger is your Evil Twin...

Good twin: Over 40 LBCC members showed up over the weekend and every one of them had a good time with smiles to prove it.

Evil twin: The winds on Friday were scary at times—over 50 mph. Trucks and campers were restricted on 395 with at least one on its side.

Good twin: Twenty or more of us showed up at 8:00 AM for the river clean-up project. We put in over 60 person-hours and contributed at least 30 large trash bags full of beer cans, worm containers, shotgun shells, mis-matched socks and one pair of boxer shorts (hmmmmmm). This demonstrates that LBCC is grateful for the river and will pitch in to help. We accounted for about 2/3rds of the total effort.

Evil twin: The winds were responsible for the Round Fire in Swall Meadows which destroyed 40 homes.

Good twin: There were fire trucks in Bishop from all over California. Thank you firemen!

Evil twin: The wind, again, knocked down a lot of fishing on Friday.

Good twin: The dinners at Amigo's (which did not run out of the Thursday specials),



Yamatani's, and the Pizza Factory were excellent.

Evil twin: Gary K., why was your equipment box full of rocks???

Good twin: When the wind calmed, the fishing was excellent and the Saturday overcast and light rain called out the Baetis and dry fly fishing was on.

Evil twin: Lake Crowley is so low it looks like a duck pond. The flow in the Lower O has been at rock bottom minimum for several months. The Van Norman Dam in San Fernando, the end of the water project, is empty with construction going on at the lake's bottom.

Good twin: The Northern California storm did bring some rain to the Owens valley and some snow to the Sierra and the Whites. Thanks, but we need more.

March Madness in Bishop

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

On March 14–15 we offer the final third of the Lower Owens Extravaganza's!

*Wildflowers will be in bloom,
Elk will be in the field,
And wild trout will be in the river.*

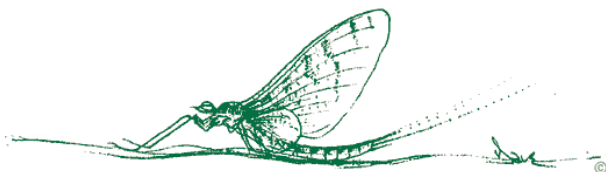
Last year was the “hatch from hell” weekend with Caddis, Blue-Winged Olives, Pale Morning Duns, and Midges all hatching somewhere, sometime and sometimes mixed.

- ❖ Secret spots revealed (Carole's, Jeff's, Bob's and if he doesn't show up, 3 Joe Libeu hot spots).
- ❖ Master nymph rig techniques (Yash)
- ❖ Soft hackle & streamers (Danny)
- ❖ Dry flies (Jeff)
- ❖ Useful flies (John)

These are the premier LBCC trips for fishers at all levels. On Saturday the wily old pros will help out the rookies and the arcane revealed. Gustatory delights include Amigo's (Thursday), Japanese (Friday), and Pizza Factory (Saturday).

Bishop is 3/4 of a tank north in the beautiful Eastern Sierra and winter fishing can be spectacular. The weather can vary from peeling off layers of clothing to horizontal sleet. The Owens flow is currently at a very low but fishable rate.

Come to the pre-meeting for maps, info, etc. on Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 AM. This is a combination “everything-you-need-to-know” about both Bishop and beginning fly fishing on the Owens River.



Our New Members

GARY KOSAKA,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

At the February 2nd Board of Directors Meeting, applications were approved of the following new members:

- ❖ Bill and Kai Murphy of Long Beach
- ❖ David Barneich of Huntington Beach
- ❖ James Doalson of San Clemente
- ❖ Richard Flores (PHW) of Orange
- ❖ Jeanne Gonzales of Long Beach
- ❖ Tom Huegel (PHW) of Long Beach
- ❖ Lisa Ornelas (PHW) of San Pedro
- ❖ Gerald E. Smith (PHW) of Huntington Beach
- ❖ Edward Tamson of Naples, FL

Please greet and welcome our newest members at the club's next Monthly Meeting. Here's wishing them a lifetime of healthy hatches and tight lines.

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History of the Long Beach Casting Club - Part 1

CAROLE KATZ, PAST PRESIDENT

Long Beach Casting Club was founded in 1925 by an artist from Chicago, David Linder. He was the World Champion in both Distance Fly and ¼ ounce Accuracy Plug Events when he moved to this area in 1923. While practicing his casting in a city park, David attracted the attention of those with similar interests and eventually a group of men formed the nucleus of Long Beach Casting Club.

TOURNAMENT CASTING

Tournament casting was exceedingly popular in those early days, and much of the club's activities had to do with competitive casting. Many of our members would distinguish themselves in regional, national and/or international tournaments. Ben Robinson broke all existing records for the Plug Distance Event in 1932, and won a gold medal in the 1932 Olympic Games, the last time casting was included. Thurman Whitson won the national Distance Salmon Fly and Dry Fly Events, also in 1932. Earl Osten was the national All Around Champion in 1944, and then, at the 1947 National Tournament, won 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy, while James Corbell won Dry Fly Accuracy. C.R. Thorn, Sr., President in 1934–35, and his son Carroll R. Thorn, Jr., President in 1948–49, were both national All-Accuracy Champions.

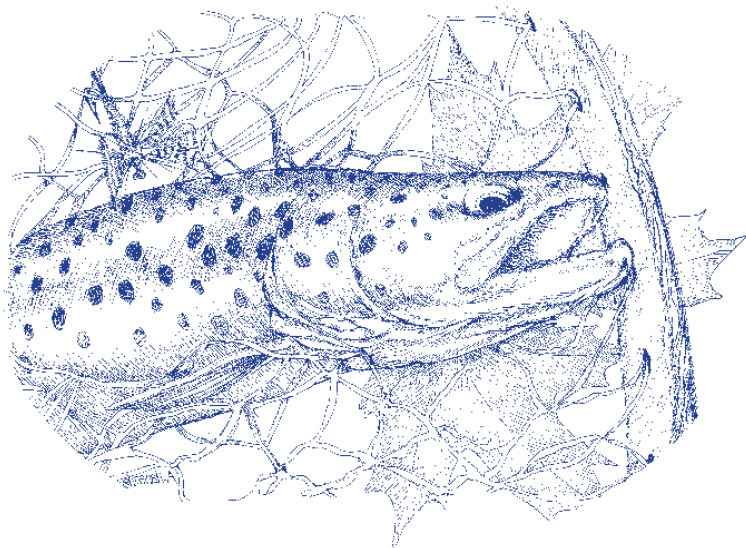
Dick Miller, who had just one eye, was the national Distance Fly Champion for four years from 1942–45, All-Distance Champion in 1944, and All-Around

Champion in 1943. At the 1961 national tournament in Long Beach, Ed Thomas became Wet Fly Champion in a legendary cast-off against Steve Aleshi of the Golden Gate, that was ten consecutive perfect games, eventually winning by just one point—a world record that remains unequalled. Still going strong ten years later at the age of 68, he repeated as the 1971 National Dry Fly Accuracy Champion with another perfect score, but this time in a strong cross wind. Countless club members have been national champions.

Ed Thomas, Ron Robinson, Bobby Spear and Matt Rickerd are club members who have cast perfect scores of 100 in national competition. Our members have earned berths on the American Casting Association's All American Team: Bobby Spear (8 years), Dick Miller (8), Earl Osten (6), Jim Green (5), Matt Rickerd (5), Ed Thomas (3), Cliff Wyatt (2), Carroll Thorn, Jr., Jim Corbell, Ron Robinson, Allan Rohrer, John Napoli, Ian Walker, Larry Allen, Bob Middo and, the sole female, Norma Collins.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Although tournament casting has been an important part of our history, it has never overshadowed our club's emphasis on teaching. We have offered free casting instruction to the public since 1936 when casting clinics were begun by then President Hal Sackett. The casting classes were always very popular; in the 1960s and '70s it wasn't unusual to have 170–250 students in the casting classes! The casting instruction starts at the beginner level, and progresses, for those who want to pursue this avenue, to preparation for the IFFF Casting Instructor Certification, Master Casting Instructor Certification and, more recently, the Two-Handed



Casting Certification.

President Mel Wilson and LeRoy Winters started the fly tying classes in 1940. Like the casting classes, the fly tying classes have always been free to the public and well attended. We also offer rod building classes, and some of our members have been quite well known for their rod building skills, particularly Claude Kreider and his 5-strip bamboo fly rods.

FISHING LITERATURE

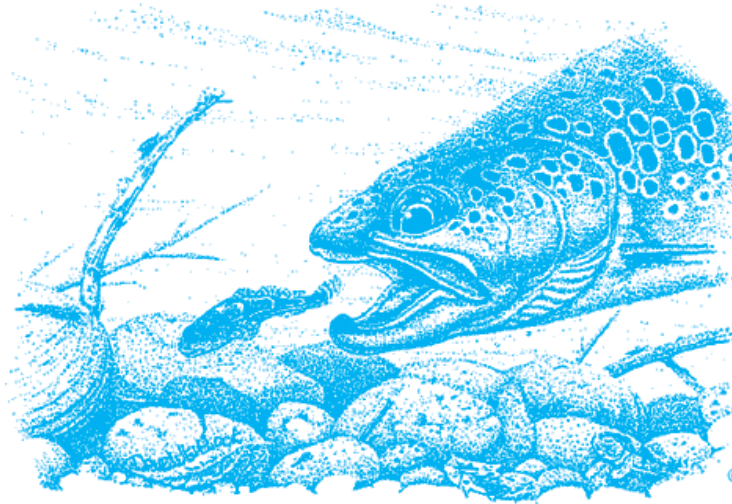
Many of our members have contributed to the literature of our sport. Claude Kreider, President in 1937, famed outdoor writer and bamboo rod builder, wrote *THE BAMBOO ROD AND HOW TO BUILD IT* (1951) and *STEELHEAD* (1948). Earl Osten authored *TOURNAMENT FLY AND BAIT CASTING*. John McKim published *FLY TYING: ADVENTURES IN FUR, FEATHERS AND FUN* (1982). His illustrated column "FLY IDEAS" was been a regular feature from 1978 to 2006 in *WESTERN OUTDOORS MAGAZINE*, and his articles have appeared in numerous other magazines. Jim Eriser was the originator and editor of the IFFF Bulletin "TIE FLYER" feature for its first two years, followed by John McKim, who served as editor four more years. Full of great information, Larry Stoner's book *LAKE FLIES FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* was sold all over Southern California. Jack Turner published *FAMOUS FLATFISH HELIN TACKLE CO.* in 1996. Sam Mihara wrote *FLY FISHING ALASKA* in 1996, and Harold Beadle authored *FISHING THE EASTERN SIERRAS IN SNOWY WATERS* in 1997.

Fly tier extraordinaire, John Van Derhoof was featured in Judith Dunham's *THE ATLANTIC SALMON FLY* in 1991, and was a tying contributor to Stephen J. Meyers'

STREAMSIDE REFLECTIONS in 1990. His flies have been mentioned in books by Gary LaFontaine, Lefty Kreh, John Randolph and others, as well as in articles in *FLY FISHERMAN*, *FLYFISHER* and *AMERICAN FLY TYER* magazines.

LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CASTING CLUB

Long Beach Women's Casting Club was formed on August 9, 1940. This was only the second women's casting club in the entire west, Golden Gate's being the other. For more than 40 years, the men's and women's clubs operated side-by-side, sharing the facilities and co-hosting tournaments.

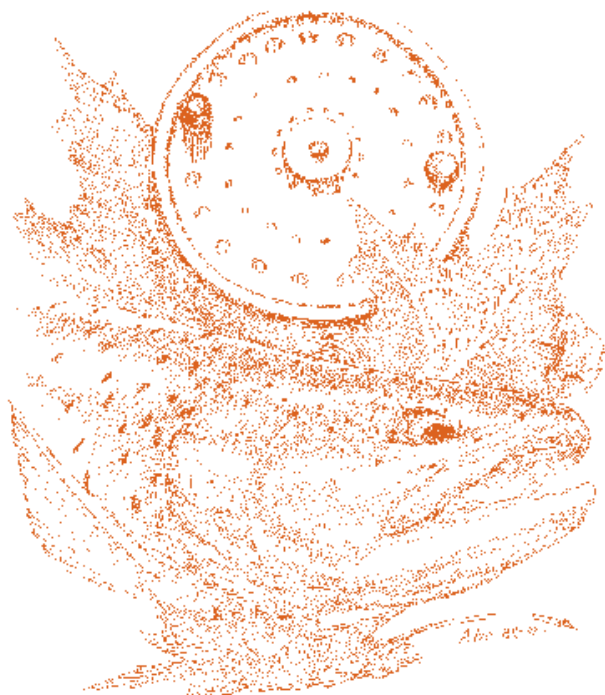


As in the men's club, the Long Beach Women's Casting Club was very strong in tournament casting. At the Little Grand National Registered Casting Tournament in Santa Monica in 1947, Geraldine Thorn won the 5/8 oz Accuracy Bait with a 97, topping both male and female contestants by 4

points. A few months later, Dorothy Hunt cast a perfect score of 100—only one living man had ever done this to date.

The 64 members of Long Beach Women's Casting Club co-hosted the 1947 National Tournament with Long Beach Casting Club. Our Dorothy Hunt was second in All Around Accuracy, Accuracy Baits and Accuracy Flies. At the 1954 National Tournament here in Long Beach, Mildred Wolfe was crowned All Accuracy Champion after winning five of the seven events she entered. She set new world records in 5/8 oz Accuracy and Combined Bait Events, and new national records in 3/8 oz. Accuracy and 1/4 oz. Accuracy, the latter with a score of 99.

In 1958, Norma Collins won the Women's Skish



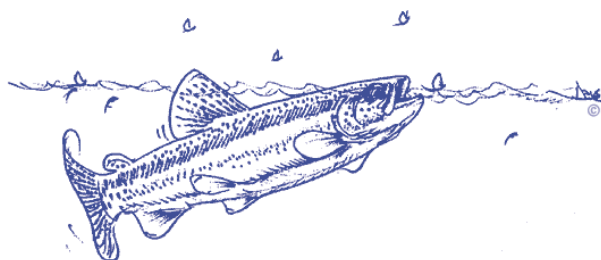
Spinning Event, and in 1959 won the 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy with a score of 98 at the national tournament. During the 1960 Western Casting Tournament in San Francisco, Norma Collins won Skish Fly Accuracy with a score of 95, besting all the men, including ACA Hall of Fame Honoree Jon Tarantino. For the second consecutive year, Norma was the top woman caster of the tournament. At the 1961 Western Casting Tournament, Jenny Bishop was Fly Accuracy Champion, and Norma Collins was Bait Accuracy Champion.

Carol Green earned the title All Around Champion at the Western States Indoor Casting Championships in 1967, and then two years later at the same tournament won three plug events in just the first day. At 1971 nationals, Barbara Rohrer was Trout Fly Accuracy Champion and Ellie Turner was the Dry Fly Accuracy Champion. Eighty-four year-old Jenny Bishop took second place in Dry Fly Accuracy. During the 1978 national tournament, Barbara Rohrer won the Accuracy Flies, Accuracy Plugs and All Accuracy Combined Events for Women, in addition to Bass Bug, 3/8 oz Bait Accuracy and 5/8 oz Plug.

Every organization has its controversies and LBCC is

no different. For the Club it was the transition from all male membership to male and female members. In 1980, club members were "persuaded" through logic, emotional appeal and the realization they had no choice, that the admittance of women to LBCC would be beneficial and the first female member was admitted to Long Beach Casting Club. At the time many members felt that this would mark the end of the club.

In 1983, the Club's Board of Directors actively began encouraging new women members and since then the Club has never looked back. In time many of those who objected to female membership openly stated that it was *"one of the best things to happen to the club."* Four women have served as club president since the merger: Margaret Walker, Shauna Barton, Connie Bullock and Carole Katz.



Work the Fred Hall Show and Get in Free

RICK LONG & JOHN STINE, MEMBERS

The Fred Hall Show will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center starting on Wednesday March 4, 2015 through Sunday, March 8, 2015. Volunteers are needed each day to help work three-hour or four-hour shifts in the morning, afternoon or evening and, if you volunteer to work the show, you will get in free!

Please contact: Rick Long at 310-375-6900 or by email at vglong1@aol.com or; John Stine at 562-431-2817 or by email at jmastine@verizon.net

Inaugural Lower Owens River Cleanup

Media Release: Lower Owens River Cleanup, February 7, 2015

Despite cold and wet weather, the community of Bishop had a fantastic turnout for the Inaugural Lower Owens River Cleanup on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Trout Unlimited bought coffee and baked goods from Great Basin Bakery for all attendees, and 200 trash bags. California Water Association purchased lunch from Subway.

Preferred Septic and Disposal comped a dumpster. Inyo Recycling and Waste Management waived dump fees. Andrew Jones of Silver Lake Resort donated 300 trash bags. 35-plus volunteers showed up, including members of the Long Beach Casting Club, Streamborn Casting Club, and Pasadena Casting Club. As one member of Long Beach Casting Club told lead organizer Chris Leonard, *"Our club fishes here a lot. It is a special place for a lot of us. We want to give back."*

Fishing industry personnel who helped out included Jessica Strickland of Trout Unlimited, DFW Biologist Jim Erdman, and local fishing guides Kevin Peterson, Beryl Rae, Chad St. John, Otis Hein, and Chris Leonard. It was great. Kids show up. Duck hunters made an appearance alongside their fishing counterparts.

The river was cleaned from just below Pleasant Valley Reservoir as far south as Warm Springs, with a lot in between. The volunteers removed several hundred pounds of trash and recyclables... cans, bottles, fishing line, worm canisters, plastic bags, even the rogue dirty diaper or two. The character of a river is that when people find it dirty, they leave it dirty, and when they find it clean, they leave it clean.

This cleanup is not a onetime affair. It will be annual



from here forward—so—stay tuned for it again next February 2016!

Club Trips for 2015

YASH ISEDA, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

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

2015 Trips:

TRIP DATE TRIP & LEADER

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| Mar. 5–8 | Lower Owens #3 by John Lincoln;
Pre-Trip Meeting on February 28 th . |
| Apr. 16–19 | Pyramid Lake, NV by Bonvoulier;
Pre-Trip to be determined. |
| Apr. 18 | Santa Ana River by Jim Garvey;
Pre-Trip on April 18 th . |
| May 3–8 | Green River, Utah by Jeff Sadler;
Pre-Trip to be determined. |

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.

Maggie Merriman Entomology Workshop

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

On Saturday, March 28, 2015 join Maggie Merriman at the Long Beach Casting Club for her 18th Annual Basic Entomology Workshop for Fly Fishers.

You will learn how to “MATCH THE HATCH” to select the correct fly for a given situation. Maggie stresses the use of common English names and not the biological “Latin” names associated with entomology, so leave your *Acroneuria californicas* 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 21, 2015 by mailing the fee to: Maggie Merriman, 1508 Santiago Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660, or you can call her with any questions you may have at 949-646-5129. You will receive an exact map of the location upon registering.

This is a great class for the beginning fly fisher. It provides a lot of very practical knowledge that will allow the individual to make proper choices when selecting a fly at streamside.



LBCC Endowment Fund Gift Agreement

TO: LBCC Endowment Fund Committee, Long Beach Casting Club

FROM: Name: _____
Address: _____
Tel. No: _____

RE: Charitable Donation to LBCC Endowment Fund

____ I wish to make a contribution to the LBCC Endowment Fund. Enclosed find my check in the sum of \$____.

____ I wish to make a pledge to the LBCC Endowment Fund in the sum of \$____, payable at the rate of \$____ per month for ____ months.

____ I wish to make a pledge to the LBCC Endowment Fund a gift from my estate at the time of my death in the sum of \$____. This Pledge serves as my instruction to my executor of my estate and/or trustee of my trust to pay this sum to the LBCC Endowment fund. I agree I will instruct my legal representative and/or the trustee of my trust to make the necessary amendments to my will and/or trust to honor this pledge.

SIGNATURE

DATE

SIGNATURE OF YOUR SPOUSE
(IF THIS PLEDGE REPRESENTS A GIFT FROM YOUR ESTATE)

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LBCC Board Nominees

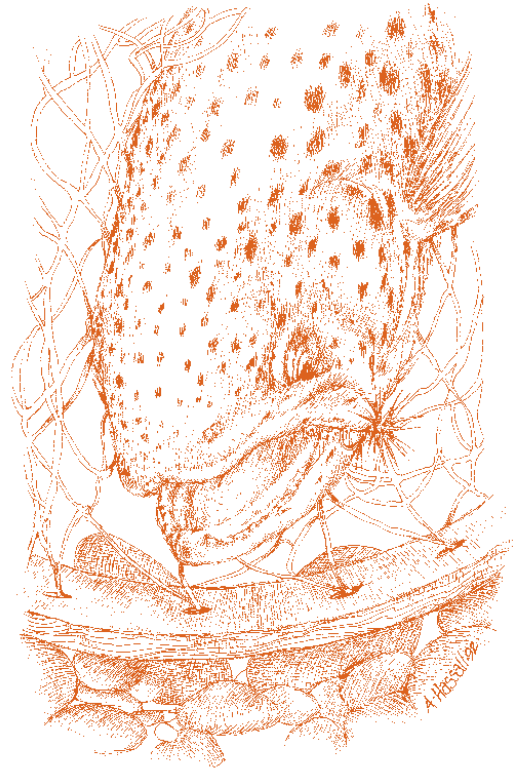
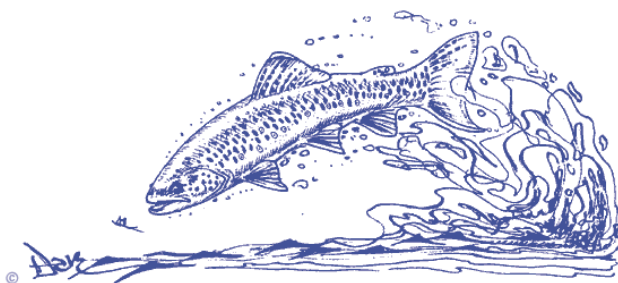
DENNIS KONG, RECORDING SECRETARY

The 2014—2015 Nominating Committee consisting of Bill Boehlert, Paul Burgner, John Lincoln, Al Ross, and Mark Tsunawaki, have considered the following members for the nomination to the various offices for the 2015-2016 Long Beach Casting Club's Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT	Yash Iseda
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	Steve Gonzalez
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	Terry Komisak
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Dennis Kong
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Gary Kosaka
TREASURER	Tommy Kendall
CAPTAIN	Mark Flo
FACILITIES & POND	George Seward
JUNIOR DIRECTOR	Mick Woodbury
SENIOR DIRECTOR	Jim Thomason/Jeff Sadler

The election of these Nominees will take place at our most important meeting of the year—the Annual General Meeting. It is a brief meeting with no guest speaker and all members are encouraged to attend. The Annual General meeting is in lieu of the regular monthly meeting.

Any ten members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Refer to the Long Beach Casting Club Constitution & Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, for the procedure to nominate candidates from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. The Constitution & Bylaws are located in the back of your copy of the LBCC Roster.



Santa Ana River Trip!

JIM GARVEY, TRIP LEADER

On Saturday, April 18, 2015 there will be an outing to the Santa Ana River in the vicinity of Seven Oaks in the San Bernardino Mountains. We will meet at the Mill Creek Ranger Station on Highway 38 in Mentone at 7:30 AM and depart at 8:00 for the stream. The exact fishing location(s) will be determined at a later date.

Access to the stream is off a paved road and is considerably less strenuous than at the Santa Ana River—Bear Creek confluence. On Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 PM there will be a Pre-Trip Meeting. The meeting will include a discussion and review of small stream fishing tactics and equipment. Please contact trip leader, Jim Garvey by email at jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 310-985-0761 if you would like additional information.

Fly of the Month: Upright BWO

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

There is something to be said for keeping things simple and this month's fly is about as simple as you can get while still maintaining a truly realistic profile. In fact the original pattern is probably more difficult than some its very effective variations. Read on if this sounds intriguing...

I have just been regaled with multiple stories of quality dry fishing from several members in attendance at our February Lower Owens River trip and one recounting reminded me of a fly that I learned about from Blue Ribbon Flies a few years ago (thank you Connie and Maria!). Ironically, I was preparing this month's Fly of the Month article with the very same fly. The Upright BWO is a Blue-Winged Olive dry fly pattern that is tied on either a conventional dry fly hook or the ever popular midge style hook with its continuous curved profile. I prefer this latter style of hook for the Upright BWO and similar patterns because it provides a slightly smaller profile to the fish by sitting lower in the water but without any loss of hooking ability that you find in a smaller sized traditional shaped hook.

There are any number of variations that can apply to the dry fly version. You want an emerger; no problem. Change out the hackle barb tails for a Zelon shuck. How about a cripple? Again, use the Zelon shuck tail and leave a trimmed clump of wing butts sticking out of the thorax. Like ribbing on your Blue-Winged Olive patterns? Then add either 6/o yellow or chartreuse thread or extra small wire to the thread body. Prefer CDC wings? No problem; use CDC in lieu of the Zelon or Trigger Point fibers that I have described.

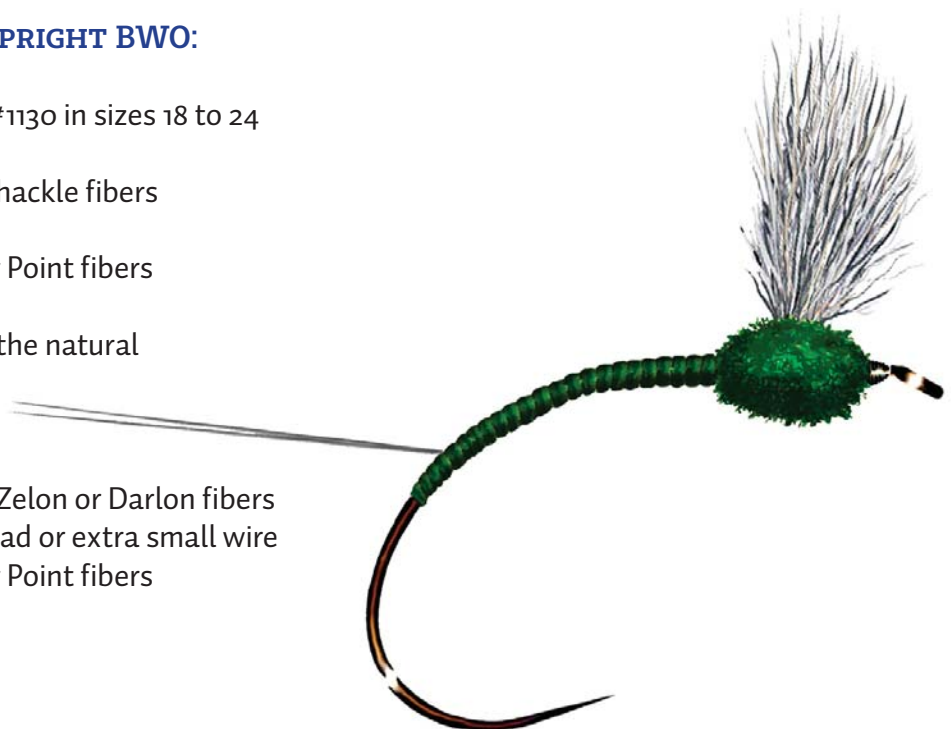
The great thing about the Upright BWO is that it is easy to tie and the danged thing works and so do all of its variations. Tie up a bunch and take 'em out for a test drive the next time you go fishing.

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE UPRIGHT BWO:

- Hook:** Tiemco #2487 or Daiichi #1130 in sizes 18 to 24
- Thread:** Olive 8/0 or 12/0
- Tail:** Dark dun Coc de Leon or hackle fibers
- Body:** Olive thread dressed thin
- Wing:** Dark dun Zelon or Trigger Point fibers
- Thorax:** Brown Olive Ice Dubbing
- Head:** Olive or a color to match the natural

VARIATION MATERIALS:

- Tail:** Amber or shrimp/orange Zelon or Darlon fibers
- Ribbing:** Chartreuse 6/0 tying thread or extra small wire
- Hump:** Dark dun Zelon or Trigger Point fibers



INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE UPRIGHT BWO:

1. Place the hook into the vise and attach your thread at the headspace. Wind down to the mid-point of the bend and then back two or three turns. This will create a small drop-off that you will use when tying in the tail.
2. Select two (and only two!) Coc de Leon or high quality rooster hackle barbs and measure them so that they will be the length of the body. Without advancing the thread use one oblique turn of thread to tie the hackle barbs on the top of the hook. This turn should be equal to about two or three side by side turns above that little drop-off you left in Step #1. Now wind down with even turns to that drop-off and as you force the hackle towards it, the drop-off will split the barbs for you. Now wind the thread smoothly up the shank about three-quarters of the way.
3. Select your Zelon wing material and tie it in with the wing pointing forward and anchor it securely. To help measure the length of the wing (I usually do mine by eye) fold the wing back and cut it where it passes the bend of the hook. If it doesn't reach the bend of the hook? Well tie it in a little longer!
4. Apply Brown Olive Ice Dubbing to your thread and wind two or three turns behind the wing and on or two turns in front of the wing forcing it to stand up. Form a neat, small head, whip finish and apply some head cement and your fly is complete.

NOTES:

- ❖ To use a shuck style tail that you find in a patterns imitating an emerger or a cripple, simply tie in a short length of Zelon of the desired color. For a BWO I like to use either amber or a shrimp/orange color.
- ❖ If you want to add a ribbing to this fly tie it in right after you tie in the tail and wind it up to where you finished winding your thread and tie it off.
- ❖ To create a Crippled Upright BWO tie in the shuck just described and when you tie in the wing make



Upright BWO Cripple

sure that the wing butts are on top of the shank and pointing toward the rear of the hook. Finish the upright part of the normally, add the dubbing and finish the fly and then trim off the wing butts so that they stick out about one third the way down the body.

- ❖ Your choice of wing material should only be limited by your imagination; Zelon, Trigger Point fibers, CDC, Coastal Deer Hair, Yearling Elk, Snowshoe Rabbit—the list can go on and on. However, for flies smaller than size 20, I like to use thinner diameter materials and most of them are synthetic like micro-diameter Zelon, Darlon and Enrico Puglisi's Trigger Point fibers.



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Calendar of Events

March

1	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying: Royal Wulff
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4-8	Weekend		Fred Hall Show
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12-15	Weekend		Club Trip, Bishop
14	Saturday		Double Haul Ball
15	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
18	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Monthly Noon Luncheon
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting
28	Saturday	9:00 AM	Maggie Merriman's Bugology Class
29	Sunday	9:00 AM	BOD Handicap

April

5	Sunday		Happy Easter
2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
5	Sunday		Happy Easter
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Friday	TBD	Casting Workshop with Chris Korich
11	Saturday	9 AM-4 PM	LBCC 90th Anniversary Event
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Monthly Noon Luncheon
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
16-19	Weekend		Club Trip, Pyramid Lake
18	Saturday	7:30 PM	Club Trip, Santa Ana River
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Sunday	6:00 PM	Awards and Installation Dinner
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

May

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Monday		Memorial Day
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting



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