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# Target Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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## Leader's Line...

## Words of Gratitude from Yash!

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

**M**any years ago, my brother served in the Korean War. Upon his return he brought me a bamboo rod as a gift. Little did I know that years later, fly fishing would be such an important and integral part of my life.

Twenty-five years ago I came to the Long Beach Casting Club to learn fly tying. Then returned again ten years later to learn the basics of casting. Since then I have been fortunate to fish with dozens of generous members who shared their techniques with me. I continue to learn from others and try to pay it forward.

I am grateful to the club members who feel that I am qualified to lead this club. There are many projects that need to be completed around the clubhouse and I would like to use this year to complete them.

Over the years that I have been a member I feel that we have not acknowledged and thanked those who keep this club going. Next time you see these members, please thank them. If you are on a fishing trip with them, buy them a cup of coffee or drink. I would like to thank the following members for their contribution to our club:

Dan Rivett for all of his work around the clubhouse. Providing yards and yards of concrete at no cost to the club.

Paul Burgner, who was left to supervise the completion of the renovation of the clubhouse after the fire.!

Jeff Sadler for his continuing work in organizing the library, conducting workshops and planning trips.!

George Siewerd (who still has a day job) who buys all of the cokes, paper products, water, detergents and all other products to keep the club going. He also cleans the clubhouse and schedules the pond cleaning. The only help he gets with shopping is his sidekick Norm Riggs.

John Lincoln takes care of the kitchen and prepares meals for all of our special events.

John Van Derhoof for his continued work in producing our Target Talk year after year. He also provides expert assistance to those who need help with fly fishing problems.

Finally a special thanks to all of our members who get involved and volunteer their time to make this club work.

# Match the Scratch

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

**W**e all want to leave something behind when we pass on and to be remembered for making a difference to the people and organizations we care about. So here's your chance...

Thanks to the generosity of Art Strauss who is putting up the Scratch to the tune of \$5,000, we can double our 2015 contributions to the endowment. This offer is good from now until September 30<sup>th</sup>. He'll match all donations up to a total of \$5,000!

We already have gifts of \$1,367. That means with only \$3,633 more in donations, the endowment grows by \$10,000!

## WHY CONTRIBUTE?

LBCC has an education program that is second to none. You've probably taken the beginning casting class and perhaps fly tying. Then there's rod building, the Wednesday night Fly Tying Forum and Rod Building. Add to that the intermediate casting classes, the monthly meetings, the ON THE RIVER CLINIC and the club Pre-Trips and trips, and you've got a whole lot of reasons to give something back to this wonderfully unique Club.

How many hours do you spend at the Club each year? If you could even find someone capable of teaching all that you've learned, what would you have to pay per hour for that kind of knowledge? So get your check books out and write something and when planning your estate, remember LBCC again.

Please use this form to indicate the amount that you wish to donate to the Match the Scratch Challenge:

**DONATION:** \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEDGE:** Amount/year \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years \_\_\_\_\_

All gifts to the LBCC Endowment are deductible.



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# Joe Humphreys to Speak at our June Monthly Meeting!

STEVE GONZALEZ, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

On June 26<sup>th</sup> renowned fly fisher and teacher, Joe Humphreys will be entertaining us at our Monthly Meeting. The topic of Joe's presentation will be "ROMANCING THE TROUT".

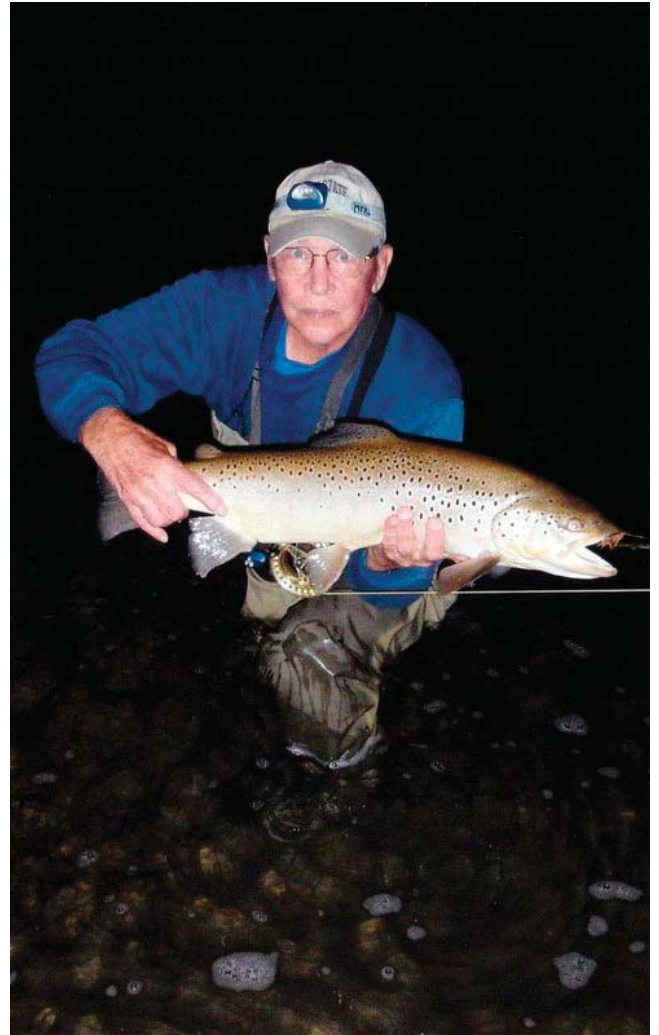
Joe Humphreys has demonstrated his passion for angling, water, and wildlife throughout his life and career as a fly fisherman. Fortunately for us, Mr. Humphreys enjoys sharing his knowledge and skills, doing so through his works as an educator, author, and conservationist. He was inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame in 2013.

He has authored highly acclaimed books, such as JOE HUMPHREYS' TROUT TACTICS, ON THE TROUT STREAM WITH JOE HUMPHREYS, and many articles in regional and national periodicals. He has also hosted a nationally broadcasted fly fishing series on ESPN, been featured on three fly fishing videos (THE FLY FISHING SERIES), and produced and been featured on four very well-received videos.

Mr. Humphreys has taught fly fishing for more than forty years, including directing Penn State's angling program for nineteen years. Some high-profile pupils include former President Jimmy Carter, former Vice President Richard Cheney and basketball coach Bobby Knight and many others.

Additionally he has taught fly fishing courses at the impressive Yellow Breeches Creek at Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, hosted by the Allenberry Resort located directly on the creek.

We are very fortunate to have Joe Humphrey on Thursday June 25 to share with us his years of knowledge and experience in the art of fly fishing.



## Our New Members

GARY KOSAKA, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

At May's Board of Director's Meeting, applications were approved of the following new members:

- ❖ Diane Doss of Long Beach
- ❖ Sergio Montoya of Torrance

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.

## Santa Ana River Trip

JIM GARVEY, TRIP LEADER

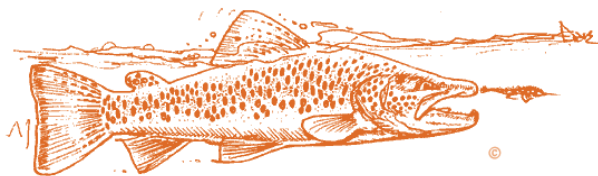
**E**leven adventure minded anglers met Saturday morning, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Mill Creek Ranger Station in Mentone for a day of familiarization and fishing in the San Bernardino Mountains. The group formed a caravan up Highway 38, stopping to check out a small creek on the way, to the South Fork of the Santa Ana River at 7,000 ft. We fished this small stream for about an hour or so up through a track of vintage cabins. Being early the fish did not cooperate, but the participants are now familiar with the stream and several said they would like to go back and try it again with a later start.

We then drove back down Highway 38 and Glass Road to the white bridge over the Santa Ana River past the Seven Oaks Resort. After looking at the water below the bridge we decided to continue down another six miles on forest road IN09, a dirt road, to the confluence of the Santa Ana River and Bear Creek at about 3,800 ft.

After an orientation to the area, which Yash called “a sweet spot” we started fishing around noon with the group spreading out. Some went with me, hiking about a mile down canyon to a small waterfall to fish back upstream. Others worked the area around the confluence and a few climbed the impoundment dam and fished up the Santa Ana.

The fish in this river are wild—both Browns and Rainbows—with the bright sun and thin water in places the fishing was challenging plus the country is rough and requires cross country hiking. However, several participants caught fish with John Lincoln getting seven and Lyman Kennedy with the fish of the day, a fat 13” Rainbow.

Everyone enjoyed their day in the mountains with good company. They saw some new country and went back-country fishing ninety miles from the LBCC Clubhouse.



## Carping Adventure!

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

**N**ine club members met on a overcast morning at Redcar Park to try their luck with fly fishing for carp in the Los Angeles River. Earlier, I had arranged for Jacob Gorman and Nick Vargas from Orvis Pasadena to give a presentation at the March Nooner lunch and where they offered act as our guides for a carp outing. Like me, several members of the group had never fished for carp, let alone in the LA River. The stretch of river we fished has a natural bottom with a lot of structure, areas of current, fairly large deep pools, many trees and other riparian flora.

Jacob and Nick have extensive experience fishing for carp in the LA River and other urban areas which they were more than willing to share with us. Their knowledge of carp behavior, fishing technique, tackle and fly selection (and the need a really large net) was invaluable in giving everyone a good introduction and overview of what’s involved in taking carp from the LA River.

They had stressed that sight fishing to a feeding carp and drifting a weighted fly down onto its “plate” was very productive. Unfortunately, the cloud cover and water clarity that day did not allow for much sight fishing. Several group members has substantial hits and I hooked into something I thought was a snag until it started moving along the bottom putting a serious bend in to my 5-weight rod before breaking off at the 2x leader. No fish were taken to hand but the experience and knowledge gained was invaluable. I plan on going back to the river on a sunny day with a heavier rod and a 15 lb. leader.



# Green River Trip 2015!

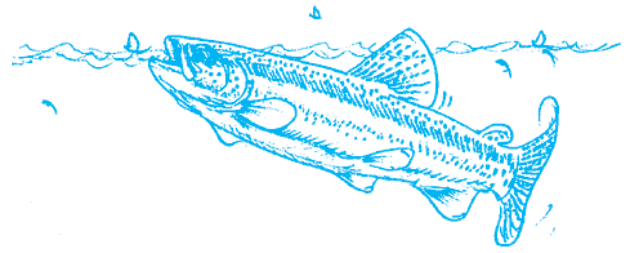
YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

**T**his year we had 27 members attending this year's Green River trip. The weather for the trip was a mixture of rain, hail and snow. Fortunately, the really bad weather came late in the afternoon and evening. Two weeks before the Club trip, John Van Derhoof spent the whole day drifting the river with his guide, Doug Roberts, in a heavy snowstorm!

All 27 members had very good days drifting the "A" Section of the Green with catches between 20 and 30 plus fish per day. Most of the fishing occurred on the "A" Section because "B" Section was blown out two-thirds of the way down the river at Red Creek and Red Creek Rapids. Most fish were caught nymphing with a few caught dry fly and dry-droppers. A few of the fish were even caught on cicada flies which were just starting to emerge.

The largest trout was a rainbow caught by Joanne Bosowski on a dry fly measuring 24 inches. Most of the fish were primarily browns and rainbows. Patrick Heilman caught the biggest fish of the trip which was a Rocky Mountain white fish measuring 26 inches. Patrick also got the award for falling in the water twice (and once in the boat!). Art Bailey and Bob Matthews got the award for most fish on a drift with over 30 plus.

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



## Brookie Bash XVII

MARK FLO, TRIP LEADER

**Y**es, 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 11th, 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. A word of warning, while most of the trails are fairly level there are a few steep sections and you will be starting at 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 June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions contact me at [mark.flo@verizon.net](mailto:mark.flo@verizon.net) or 562-743-7434.



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## LBCC to host the 107<sup>th</sup> ACA National Tournament

MARK TSUNAWAKI, PAST PRESIDENT

The 107<sup>th</sup> American Casting Association National Tournament will be held in Long Beach. The tournament is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Please mark your calendars now and make arrangements to participate or be a spectator in this prestigious event.

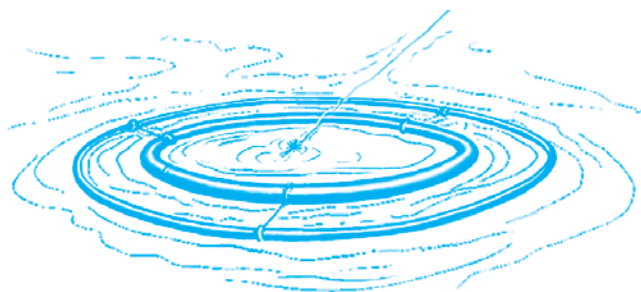
This will be the tenth time that the Long Beach Casting Club has hosted the National Tournament. The last time was in 2011, which was the first time that a National was run on a 4-day schedule and will be the same for this National. We anticipate many casters from all parts of the United States, many of them old friends and many new faces that have joined in participating in tournament casting.

The tournament begins on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> with Practice Day, Opening Ceremonies starting at 5:00 PM, and the Arenberg game (Special Event) all at the clubhouse. The Distance Events will be held Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> at El Dorado Regional Park East, Glider Field. Also on Thursday, the ACA will hold their Annual Business Meeting at the clubhouse from approximately 5:00 PM until its conclusion. Then on Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> the Accuracy Events will be held at the Long Beach Casting Club. The tournament will conclude with an Awards Banquet Saturday evening at the El Dorado Golf Course Main Dining Room.

This tournament will showcase some of the best casters in the nation and we encourage casters of all ages and abilities to compete and enjoy the challenge and camaraderie of tournament casting. For rules, regulations, and schedule information, log onto the ACA website at [americancastingassociation.org](http://americancastingassociation.org). Registration forms and tournament information will

be available at the Long Beach Casting Club.

We encourage all our members to contribute by volunteering your services either on the tournament committee or to solicit donations for raffle prizes to help offset the cost to run the national tournament. The Long Beach Casting Club hosts the annual Southwestern Tournament every February which is always a huge success because of all the volunteers that help. The Nationals are just a little larger and longer so we will need all the help and some to make this National as successful. Announcement dates for the National Tournament Committee will be made sometime mid-to-late June.



## Wednesday Fly Tying Night

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

For the tying enthusiasts, we have our ongoing Wednesday Night Fly Tying Forum. Lately we have had instruction on Guide Flies for Pyramid Lake, Wally Wings, Wonder Wings, Flymphs and various ways to do extended bodies for Mayflies, etc.

If you want to learn some new “tricks” or having trouble with a particular tying technique, want to see what we are about or to just tie your own brand of flies with a group of like-minded individuals join us about 7:00 PM Wednesday nights.

Tight Lines!

# Never Waste a Good Tide... Yards & Inches 2015!

**MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT**

**D**on't let Saturday morning, June 6<sup>th</sup>, go to waste. It's one of those ideal tides—4.5 foot range with low at sun up and incoming all morning. For that reason, it's the date of this year's Yards and Inches Tournament. If you can't join us, at least go surf fishing. It's a salt water smorgasbord kind of day where you can practice Kevin Green's recent saltwater seminar tips.

## YARDS & INCHES MEASURES YOUR SKILL

Y&I rules are simple. Measure the length of all sport fish you catch (fly rods and flies only; no bait; no sharks or rays). Keep a running total of the length of all fish caught. Highest total length wins. The fish are all released to grow bigger for next year.

Plan now to join the Fleet in the pursuit of spotted bay bass, sand bass, calicos, various croakers, halibut, mackerel, perch, etc.

## WHEN AND WHERE

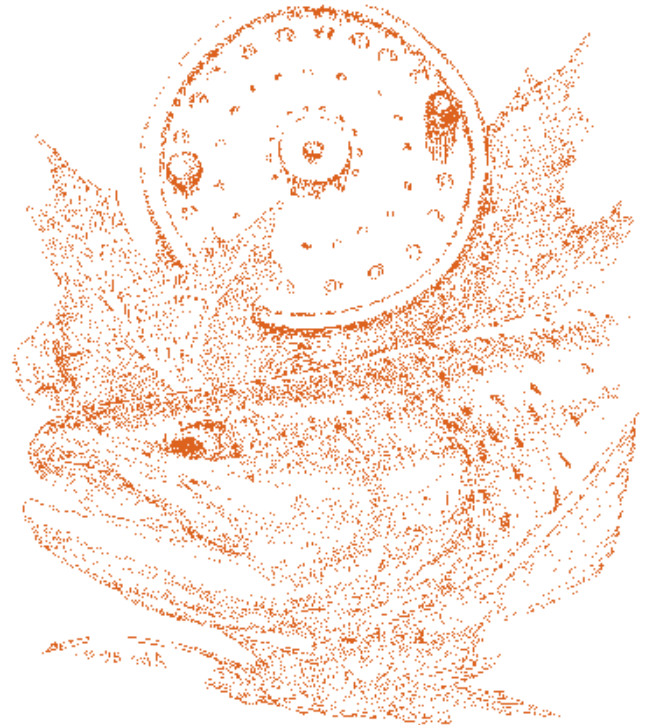
Launch at 6:30-ish (low tide is at 6:58 AM) and fish till noon (high tide is 1:45 PM). The location is Huntington Harbour. Posole lunch is served at the launch area.

## FLOAT YOUR BOAT

You'll need to fish from something floatable—like small boats, kayaks, pontoons, dinghies or float tubes. For float tubers, there are hundreds of boat docks to fish where you won't have to fight current or tides. You can rent kayaks along PCH in the Sunset Beach area. More details on those at the Pre-Trip. Kayaks rental places normally open at 8:00 AM, but in the past, they've let you pick them up the night before so you can start fishing early.

The Pre-Trip Meeting is at the clubhouse on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 PM. You'll learn all you

will need to know: maps, launch site, lure du jour and the lunch spot.



## Club Trips for 2015

**YASH ISEDA, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**H**ere are the Club Trips for the next couple of months. Join us!

### 2015 Trips:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Jun. 6	Yards&Inches by Mick Woodbury; Pre-Trip: May 27 <sup>th</sup> .
Jul. 11–12	The Brookie Bash! by Mark Flo; Pre-Trip: June 17 <sup>th</sup> .

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. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or questions at [yiseda@verizon.net](mailto:yiseda@verizon.net).

## Flies of the Month: Green River Fly Re-Cap

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

**S**o, I'm going to try something a bit different this month. Rather than "One" Fly of the Month how about a few more than that? I recently returned from the Green River and I had some outstanding fishing. I went about two weeks before the Club's trip and had a wide of variety of weather and fishing conditions. A lot of that fishing was guided and a lot was on my own—just walking and wading. The one thing I noticed and, while it might not be that surprising to many of you, is that the flies I used on this trip weren't a heck of a lot different than what I would use on the Owens (upper and lower) or Hot Creek!



My first day on the river was absolutely beautiful; blue skies and light wind. With no dry fly activity in progress, I immediately put together a two-fly nymph rig and between using three flies I hooked, landed and released a lot trout in the 16" to 21" range. The three flies you will not be too surprised to hear was the Halo or WD-40 as my top fly and Yash's Twin Midge as the bottom fly.

As I started to notice an occasional nose appear above the surface I switched over to my new 3-weight Micro Spey and fished a brace of soft hackles and landed close to a half dozen before I couldn't stand it any longer and switched over to dry flies. The soft hackles used were the classic Partridge and Peacock and a recent variation where the back half of the body is Silver Doctor blue floss and then the peacock herl thorax.

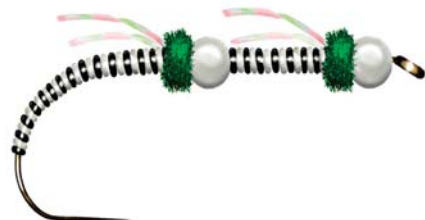
By the way, if you have not been to the Green lately you will excited to hear that the average

fish that I caught was around 17"–18". Yes, I said average and that was confirmed by my guide and owner of Old Moe Guide Service, Doug Roberts. The fish are very big, healthy and fight like demons.



Over night the weather turned to snow, snow and more snow while I floated the "A" section with Doug all day. Hell, I got vertigo standing in the bow of the boat trying to watch the indicator and river go one direction while the snow blew horizontally in the other! Even so, we got plenty of fish and the flies we used were surprisingly similar to the ones I used the day before. With the weather came an incredibly heavy Blue-Winged Olive hatch and we spent a good portion of the afternoon chasing pods of fish but did not have a tremendous amount of luck. The heavy wind that propelled the snowfall made it difficult to not only cast but to get a decent drift with the boat. The shore anglers did better than we did that afternoon.

After a delightful 4-hour drive through the snow to Idaho Falls the following morning, I spent the next two days tying flies at the East Idaho Fly Tying Expo. It's a really great show with a lot (40–50 at one time) of really outstanding fly tiers showing what they can do. Besides doing my normal ration of tying steel head flies, I also demonstrated tying all of the patterns I have mentioned so far and one other that you will soon learn about in their fly tying video theater. So, after finishing up in Idaho Falls, I headed back to the Green...





Got back to Dutch John early in the afternoon and after checking and dropping off a bunch of my stuff in my hotel room I headed down to the river. Again, I started off with my two-fly nymph rig and started getting fish pretty quickly. The only change this time was running a \$3 Dip as my bottom fly and it was immediately the fish's favorite. After a while things slowed and I was about to head back to the car and get my Micro Spey and that's when I started to noses. I really love to see noses especially when they are combined with backs and sometimes tails.

I switched to a dry fly and after rejections to three or four different patterns I put on a cripple version of the Upright BWO in size #22 with a chartreuse wire rib. Many of you know this as Maria's Pink Butt. On my first cast I hooked and landed a beautiful brown. On my second cast I pricked the fish but on the third cast I was hooked up again. Bottom line: twelve casts and eight fish! In 50 plus years I have never had a hooking percentage like that with all the fish being 17" or larger.



The next day floating both "A" and "B" with Doug, we ran a two-fly rig in the morning with really outstanding results and then at lunchtime the fish started rising. I used the exact same pattern I used the day before until I broke it off on a fish near the boat. Doug had tied some similar flies the night before and we tied one of them on and it continued to work. The only hiccup in the day's fishing was that the fish did finally start to reject the fly. However, once we reduced the shuck down to one or two strands they immediately started eating them again. What a day and my wrist still hurts...

What this tells me is that regardless of where you fish,

patterns that you know and use all of the time inspire confidence in their use. Simply put, I think we all fish a hell of a lot better with flies we've had success with in the past.



Go out and try some of the patterns that I have mentioned here. I have added the most recent editions of Target Talk where most of these patterns can be found. Just go to the Club's website and download them from the Target Talk archives.

HALO in size #18-20:	April, 2012
WD-40 in size #18-20:	February, 2012
TWIN MIDGE in size #16-18:	April, 2013
\$3 DIP in size #16-20:	March, 2013
UPRIGHT BWO CRIPPLE in size #20-24:	March 2015

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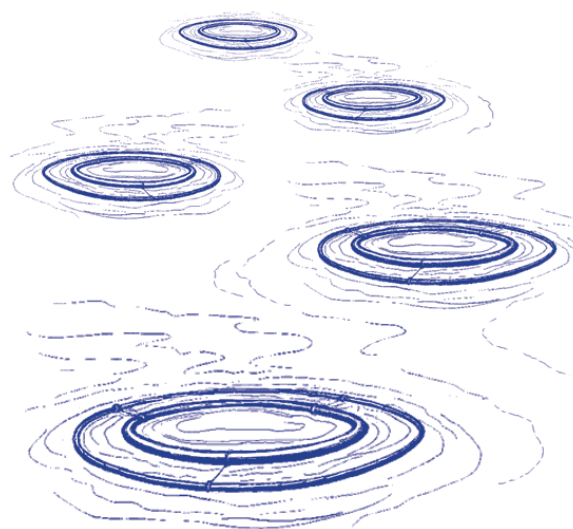
I am looking forward to being your new Captain of the Cast this year at the Long Beach Casting Club. This year the Long Beach Casting Club will be hoisting the 107<sup>th</sup> American Casting Association National Competition from July 28 to August 1. More information will be available in future editions of Target Talk as well as through the club's email "Blast" system. This is a great event and for those never members you will be wowed by the casting abilities of many of the participants!

In February 2016 is the Southwestern Tournament the 12 to the 15.

During the course of the year, we will also be having Spey Accuracy (think Trout Fly with a Spey rod...), a Spey distance event and a Danish Games course. We

will also have an accuracy night for Fiberglass and Bamboo fly rods—no graphite poles allowed!

Our first evening casts will be May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 26 followed June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Hey, if you want tight loops you have to shoot at hoops so I will see you on the pond!



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**2015–2016 Dates:** October 31–November 1, 2015; December 12–13, 2015; February 5–6, 2016; March 5–6, 2016.

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**2015–2016 Dates:**

November 14–15, 2015; February 5–6, 2016; March 19–20, 2016.

Both clinics are limited to a maximum of 6 students. A \$300 tuition includes two full days of on-the-stream instructions and stream-side lunch. Not included are lodging, tackle, other meals, licenses and transportation. Dates are subject to change based on local conditions.



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# Calendar of Events

## June

1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Pre-Trip Meeting: Saltwater Trip
6	Weekend		Club Trip: Yards & Inches Tournament
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
10	Wednesday	7:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Monthly Noon Luncheon
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Joe Humphrey and "ROMANCING THE TROUT"
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games

## July

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Brookie Bash
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
9-11	Weekend		Club Trip: Brookie Bash
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Monthly Noon Luncheon
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Casting Games
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28-31	Weekend		ACA Nationals
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Ed Tamson on "FISHING FLORIDA'S EVERGLADES"

## August

3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Monthly Noon Luncheon
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