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Leader's Line...

What is a Mentor?

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

After crewing on big sail boats for 15 years, the rigors of sailing were taking a toll on me physically. I decided that it was time to find a new activity to keep me busy. I had always been a bait fisherman, but fly fishing fascinated me. I decided that it was time to take the Long Beach Casting Club beginning casting class. That was in the late 1990s.

It was obvious that one night a week was not going to be enough to make me a proficient caster, so I decided to come to the club and practice my casting during the day. That decision opened the world of fly fishing for me. That was the beginning of long friendships with those I consider my mentors.

On my first day, I met two gentlemen sitting on their folding canvas chairs. They introduced themselves to me. One was a well-tanned gentleman named Gerry Marotta. He could sit in his chair and Roll Cast 50–60 feet across the pond. He would take the time to instruct and correct my faults. Gerry was also a retired carpenter so he did all of the repairs around the club.

The second gentleman was Earl Bridges. He had a passion for growing orchids and cactus. He was the first person in the club that took up Spey casting and I believe was one of the prettiest casters in the club. Earl would yell at me, “Do it right or don’t do it at all.”

It took me a long time to learn how to Double Haul. Then one day it clicked. I could see Earl looking at Gerry

with a small grin on his face. I consider these two men my early mentors. Both have since passed away.

One night during one of the casting classes, I told one of the instructors that I was making a trip to Mammoth that weekend. I asked him what flies I should use. He told me to stop at the Elm Motel in Bishop and ask for a Koby Killer. I stopped that evening on the way to Mammoth. The owner of the Elm, Jeff Simpson, told me that he was out of Koby Killers. He made a phone call to see if Koby could bring some flies, but instead Koby invited me to his house. After two hours of instruction on how to fish Soft Hackle, I left with a hand full of Koby Killers. This meeting was the beginning of a friendship and really was the beginning of my understanding of Soft Hackle fly fishing I consider Koby (Noel Kobayashi) to be another of my early mentors. I continued to fish with him in Bishop and Mammoth.

On another trip to Mammoth, I decided it was time to fish Hot Creek. I had heard that it was a very

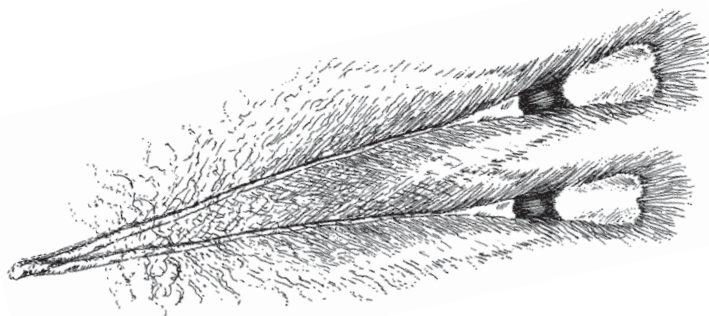
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In Memoriam: Jeff Katz

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

On Thursday, August 6th the Long Beach Casting Club lost one of its favorite members. Jeff Katz passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Our condolences go out to Carole, Jeff's sons David and Jeremy as well as the rest of the family.



More Sad News...

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone, I just got home from Colorado and had a message from Gerry Marotta's son Jeff. He said that his mother Nancy had passed away this last Friday due to complications with cancer.

Nancy was a lovely lady and will be missed.



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The Baghdad Angler's Club & School of Fly Fishing

STEVE GONZALEZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Joel Stewart grew up in Great Falls Montana. Growing up in Montana, he was immersed in an outdoors culture. He learned to fish about the time he learned to walk. He began to tie flies at age 6, and was tying commercially at 8. As a teenager, he worked summers in a tackle store and winters in taxidermy studio. He spent one summer as a custom fly rod builder's apprentice. After he graduated from high school, he enlisted in the Navy in 1985, to earn money for college. At that time, it was join the service or become a trout bum.

Though he took the high ground and remains on active duty, he often wonders how the trout bum plan would have worked out. His career in the Navy has allowed him to fish on six continents and catch dozens of species of fish, mostly on a fly rod. He served in Iraq in 2005 and founded the Baghdad Angler's Club and School of Fly Fishing.



He wrote the book, A FLY ROD IN MY SEA BAG, about his time in Iraq and the club he started to support service men and women far from home. In service to our country, he has spent 29 years in uniform, 18 of those years at sea, including command of the amphibious dock landing ship, USS Anchorage (LPD 23). He remains on active duty and is currently stationed ashore in San Diego. He supports Project

Healing Waters Fly Fishing at every opportunity.

So join us on Thursday, September 24, 2015 and learn more about the Baghdad Angler's Club and School of Fly Fishing! See you there.

107th ACA National Casting Tournament

MARK TSUNAWAKI, PAST PRESIDENT

Here's to another successful National Tournament hosted by the Long Beach Casting Club. Forty-five casters from eleven clubs throughout the United States gathered to compete in fourteen events. There were 10 new national records set and 4 national records tied with a special notation that for the first time in ACA history, 11 year old, Maxine McCormick became the youngest member ever to be on the All American Team.

I want to give a great big thank you to the volunteers that unselfishly donated their time working various duties during the tournament. I also want to give a special thanks to Jaime Hernandez, Marilyn Wilson, and Kern Ferguson who made a delicious pulled pork BBQ lunch on Friday during the accuracy games. Also a very big "Thank You" to Henry Mittel of the Oakland Casting Club, who accepted the responsibility of keeping all the scores, setting up casting orders and judges for all the games, and provided and sent the final files to the printer for the National Tournament Results Booklet as a substitute for Jeff Sadler, our scorekeeper.

Congratulations to Long Beach Casting Club for hosting one of the best Nationals in history.

Lessons from the Heart

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

The ACA was a great experience, even if you don't count all the record breaking. Volunteering at the distance field this year was an eye-opening experience. I hope that some of what I observed rubs off because I left field feeling wiser, more appreciative, hopefully more humble and even hopeful. I can explain.

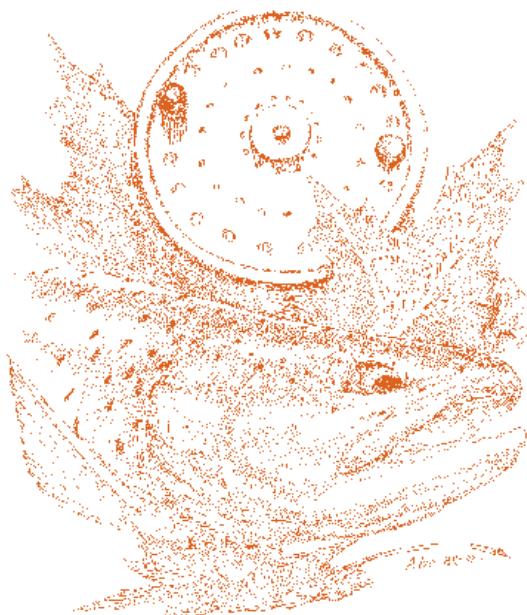
To start, I loved that the opening event started with a "small prayer." We're so hammered into being "politically correct," we forego what's significant.

One of the real eye-openers was that a portion of my introductory remarks at the opening ceremony was completely unnecessary. Since it is was a competition, I thought I should *remind* people about sportsmanship (this being sorely needed most of the time) and I said something about it being better to have one person *practicing* sportsmanship than one hundred *teaching* it. But what I witnessed instead were dozens of casters, not only *practicing* sportsman, but *modeling* it. I watched head-to-head competitors helping each other like brothers. When a line got tangled, an opponent ran up with his own reel and said, "*Here, use mine. It's quicker to change reels than to mess with your line.*" When a fly broke off, a new one was never far away and sometimes the rival would even tie it on.

At the end of a busy first day, Pam stayed at the field and practiced her two-hand distance cast. And who was there with her? Steve, coaching and helping. It wasn't a competition; it was a coaching session

at the end of a long hot day—sportsmanship by example.

The same thing happened with others too. Larry was casting and both Steve and Henry were observing and giving tips—"*more power on the back cast, hesitate a bit longer, stop the rod higher like you're slapping the side of a building.*" Larry gained a least 30 feet in the process. Oh yes, overhearing some of this coaching was invaluable for my own casting too. I just hope it sticks.



You can learn a lot about a person walking back to the casting box from marking a 5/8 oz. plug. Pat recounted some of his health issues and how it impacts you when the doctors say, "*You aren't going to make it, better say your good-byes now.*" But he did make it (twice he was declared a very short-timer) and now he's choosing to spend discretionary time with his friends at the tournament. He just doesn't take it as seriously as he used to. When you see how humble Pat is, and what his attitude is and how he appreciates good friends, it just can't help but rub off.

Now for the hopeful part. When you live on the right or left coasts, the population is more dense, the rat race more intense, competition more fierce. It's everyone for himself. There is a constant vitriol that over time, permeates. But when you find yourself surrounded by heartland Americans, somehow their genuineness shows through and perhaps, just perhaps, things are actually better than we think.

Try modeling for yourself: open a door for someone you don't know, lend a hand, say hello, wave. It just might make your day a little nicer...or at least mess with the mind of a stranger.

Treasure Lakes Trip

TERRY KOMISAK, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Join us on this backpacking and fishing adventure to the Treasure Lakes. The trip will begin on Wednesday, September 16 and Saturday, September 19. Here is the trip itinerary:

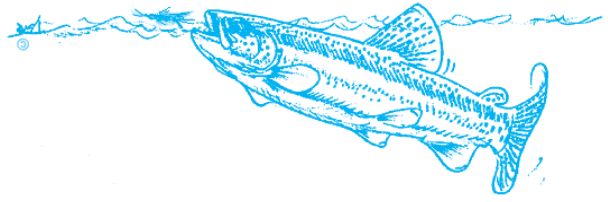
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, is a driving day. You may want to stop along the way to fish Bishop Creek. The Willow Campground is located on South Lake road, off of Highway 168. Upon arrival you need to set up for car camping. The campground is at +8,000' elevation, so this will help us to acclimatize. There will be a group potluck dinner Wednesday night.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17, drive to the trailhead at the end of South Lake road; elevation 9280'. Hike three miles, gaining 900', to the Treasure Lakes basin and our basecamp for two nights at elevation of 10,700'. Thursday and Friday, we will fish the 7 lakes and explore the basin.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, hike and fish our way back to the cars.

NOTE: You need to be prepared for rapidly changing weather conditions which may include rain, hail or snow. Bear canisters must be used to store food and toiletry items.

PRE-TRIP MEETING: Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse. The Wilderness Permit for this trip will limit the number of participants to 10, to ensure a spot on the trip you need to give Jim Garvey \$6.00 for payment towards the permit. For additional info or to sign up please contact: Jim Garvey at 310 985-0761 or Terry Komisak at 562 221-2631 or by email: tk_nsp44@yahoo.com.



What is a Mentor?...

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difficult place to fish. Walking down from the first parking lot, I started to fish not knowing what I was doing. There standing near me, I noticed a gentleman that I had just read about in THE CALIFORNIA FLY FISHERMAN magazine. I introduced myself to him and was lucky enough that day to meet Mas Okui. He spent a couple of hours with me explaining his long line leader and small 7½ foot (3 weight) rod. The entire time we talked he continued to catch fish. The next day, I returned to Hot Creek to try his method. We met again and he cleared up any questions that I had about his system. He was still catching fish as we talked.

On one of our early club fishing trips, I teamed up with a couple of guys from our club. One was Jeff Sadler and the other was Dan Rivett. Dan and I were the newbies on the trip. Jeff and Dan both favor Dry Fly fishing, I just try to catch fish. Since that first trip we still find time to fish together. We have been lucky enough to travel and fish the Green River, Big Horn, San Juan, Lower and Upper Sac and the Sierra's. We enjoy sharing our knowledge in workshops we conduct before club trips. Some people refer to us as the "A" team. I think that is because we work well together.

I encourage all new members to take classes offered during the year and make an effort to go on club trips. There are many members of this club that are willing to help. Find a mentor and your fishing experience will be so much more enjoyable and your learning curve will improve much faster.



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

CAROLE KATZ, PROGRAM LEAD

I was mortified to see that I haven't written a PHWFF article for many months. Here's a quick review of what we've done so far in 2015.

We had three months of rod building classes starting in January, and, as usual, this is a tremendously popular series of classes among our vets. Eddie Madrid took over the class from Al Ross who thinks he should have more free time. Joe Richter, Doc Ski, Bob Guenther and Terry Henson added sessions for more advanced techniques, such as weaving, diamond wrapping, and embellished grips. These individuals really raise the level of learning opportunities for our veterans.

Our participants are making extraordinary rods, some of which have been raffled or auctioned for a \$1000. In terms of the national competition, Bill Boyce won one of this year's prizes.



Mid-April we started casting classes organized by Tim Lawson, John Van Derhoof and Mark Tsunawaki in preparation for several fishing outings. In May

we fished in Bishop and were once again treated to dinners by the Elks Club, the VFW, our dear friend Olga, and Pizza 395, as well as donated guiding by several Sierra guides. In July, eight people made our annual trip to the Bighorn River in Montana, as guests of Mark & Rachel Stroda at the Leaning Tree Lodge. This is always a special trip and great fishing opportunity. Another group fished in the Eastern Sierras and stayed in private homes around a lake with some very big fish.

This year, some of the vets in our program has been fortunate to go on "national" fishing trips. This means that the trips are organized and paid for by our national organization. Gerry McKay competed in the 2-Fly Tournament in Virginia in April and later that month Lisa Ornelas went to the Bighorn River. Lawrence Diggin competed in the Mossy Creek Invitational in Virginia in June, and then Don Lee and Lisa Ornelas went to the Wilderness Lodge in Canada. Cruz Ornelas was selected to go to the Healing Waters Lodge in Montana with our founder Ed Nicholson for a very special trip in July.

Our two females, Lisa Ornelas and Desiree Escarcida, were invited to fish out of Healing Towers in Alaska, where two of the seasonal volunteers are club members Gary and Virginia Powell. Perhaps the biggest 2015 national trip is the one to Iceland in September; one veteran out of all those in PHWFF was selected and it was our Bill Boyce. We're really looking forward to seeing the photos.

Fundraising this year has been successful. We started with the Fred Hall Show, then Breathless Agony Cycling Event, a day of bowling at Westminster Lanes, two grants, two large personal donations and smaller contributions. All donations, whether small or large, help to fund our weekly classes, equipment needs and outings all 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.

LBCC trip to the Frying Pan River, Colorado

JOHN LINCOLN, MEMBER

Sixteen member of the Long Beach Casting Club went on the August 3rd through the 8th trip to the famous Frying Pan River in Colorado. Fishing was described as very technical and challenging at times. We stayed at the Taylor Creek Cabins which were very accommodating to all. Taylor Creek Cabins are located on property which gave us access to a mile of private water.

Yash was considered the local fishing guide; taking groups up to his secret spots. Shirley was hot on dry flies and caught more fish than anyone could count. Wayne, Yash, and Dan walked up the river and caught larger fish in pocket water. Nobou caught so many fish that he started a new technique of releasing. Al and Judy enjoyed two days of spectacular fishing with a local guide.

Eddie and Evan stayed in Basalt at the Frying Pan River Lodge. Eddie was the LBCC local celebrity at the fly shop. Evan enjoyed the scenery and caught some nice fish. Eddie was rippin' lips, unfortunately it was his own (inside joke). Gary and Socorro took a day off from fishing and went to Aspen and visited the John Denver Sanctuary. Thea and Gary pulled out a 16 and 17 inch rainbow from the private water on the property. Sandy and Sue enjoyed shopping at the local artisan stores.

Friday night we all enjoyed dinner together and shared all of our fishing stories. We all laughed when we heard that Nobou talked John B. into holding a flash light at the well known toilet bowl at 11:30 PM trying to catch the "big one". John Bosowski caught the biggest fish of the trip measuring a whopping 20 inches. He had a permanent smile on his face the whole night. This was a very memorable trip with great company and wonderful friends.

Hope to see you next year on the Pan and tight lines!



Club Trips for 2015

TERRY KOMISAK, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

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

2015 Trips:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Aug. 15	Alamitos Bay; Pre-Trip to be determined.
Sep. 16-19	Treasure Lakes with Jim Garvey; Pre-Trip on Sep. 8, 2015.

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 tk_nsp44@yahoo.com.

Koby's Soft Hackle Set Up

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

When I first started fly fishing I met Noel Kobayashi (a.k.a. Koby). He is a resident expert in the Bishop/Mammoth area. One night he introduced me to soft hackles and then, a couple of days later on the Upper Owens and also the Owens down in Bishop, he demonstrated his techniques.

His flies are the traditional Peacock & Partridge on a size #10 hook and the Koby Killer also on a #10 hook. The Peacock & Partridge is a classic soft hackle going back to the turn of the century and is made up of a peacock herl body, a gray (or brown if you prefer) partridge hackle and an optional gold wire rib. The Koby Killer is made up of flat pearl Diamond Braid with a red (brown) furnace hen hackle and finished with red thread.

To fish these two flies set up your leader like this. Connect three feet of 12 lb. test, three feet of 10 lb. test and a tippet of three feet of 8 lb. fluorocarbon line. Each section is connected with a blood knot and tie your favorite loop knot at the end of the 12 lb. test to attach to your fly line. At the connection between the 10 lb. test and 8 lb. test, leave a tag of about 4 to 6 inches in length. Tie the Koby Killer on this tag and the Peacock & Partridge is attached to the end of the 8 lb. test. The Koby Killer should only be about 3 inches from the knot but having an extra couple of inches to start with makes it a lot easier tie on.

The flies could imitate either a mayfly or a caddis. Think of the pair like this: the Partridge & Peacock is the nymph or an early stage emerger while the Koby Killer is a late stage emerger. The flashy body imitating the a mayfly splitting its shuck or a caddis with an air bubble moving quickly to the surface.

You fish this combination of soft hackles by casting across the river slightly downstream and allow the pair to swing across to your side of the river. Depending upon the speed of the current or the variety of currents you may have to cross you might want to add an upstream Reach Mend to keep the speed of the pair down. Complete the swing with a couple of short strips near the undercut bank of the river to try and draw a strike from the big girls and boys.

Believe me; I've had a lot of great days of fishing on the river with this set up.

Materials for tying the Partridge & Peacock

Hook: Mustad 3906 or equivalent in size #10
Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0
Body: Peacock Herl
Rib: Fine gold wire (optional)
Hackle: Gray or brown partridge dressed sparsely

Materials for tying the Koby Killer

Hook: Mustad 3906 or equivalent in size #10
Thread: Red 6/0 or 8/0
Body: Pearl Diamond Braid or Krystal Flash
Hackle: Furnace hen (red brown with a black center stripe)

PARTRIDGE
& PEACOCK



Instruction for tying the Peacock & Partridge:

1. Place the hook in the vise and attached your thread at the headspace. Wind down to the bend and tie in a 6" length of fine gold wire (if you are going to use the wire rib). Tie in one or two strands of peacock herl by the tip. Wind the thread forward to the headspace.
2. Wind the peacock herl forward to a point just behind the headspace and tie off. If you opted to add a wire rib to the fly, then start by winding it towards you (the opposite direction you wound the herl) 3 close turns to create a tag and then wind 4 or 5 evenly spaced turns of wire finishing at the same point you tied off the herl and tie off. Wrapping the wire in the opposite direction accomplishes two things: it keeps the wire on top of the herl making it more visible and also does a better job of keeping the herl from unraveling should it get cut by the fish.

Another excellent option for smaller sized flies is using Peacock or Black Peacock UV Ice Dubbing for the body.

3. Tie in the partridge hackle by the tip and wind about 1½ to 2½ turns depending on the density of the hackle. The hackle should be sparse—very sparse! Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Now, on to the Koby Killer...

Instruction for tying the Koby Killer:

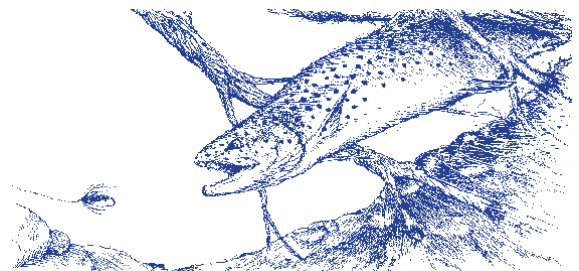
1. Before we start here's a thought. Anytime I wind on a translucent material I think about what's underneath. If the material on top is light colored and a darker color is underneath then the darker color will usually deepen the color of the material on top. Even the color of the hook can affect this. For this fly I would actually use primrose thread (pale yellow and often sold as Light Cahill) to tie the fly and then switch to red when I wind the head and finish. Like I said, just a thought...

KOBY KILLER



2. Place the hook in the vise and attached your thread at the headspace. Wind down to the bend and tie in the pearl diamond braid. Wind the thread forward to the headspace. If you are using Krystal Flash don't wind down to the bend but just tie in 2 or 3 strands just behind the headspace.
3. Wind the pearl Diamond Braid forward to a point just behind the headspace and tie off. If you are using Krystal Flash smoothly wind it down to the bend and then back up to where you started and tie it off.
4. Tie in the furnace hen hackle by the tip and wind about 1½ to 2½ turns depending on the density of the hackle. The hackle should be sparse—very sparse! Form a small, neat head and whip finish.

Now, tie it on the tag; tie the first fly on the end of the tippet and go fishin'.



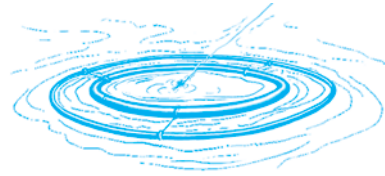
Casting in... Pasadena?

MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

We start our Sunday morning casting in September. Our "First Cast" (the Captain's Handicap) begins 9:00 AM Sunday the August 30th at the LBCC casting pond.

I am VERY excited to announce that we are going to

the Pasadena Casting Club for a Two Club Cast on the 27th of September at 9:00 AM. Two Club Casts were enjoyed in the past, and we're hoping to make it a regular experience. Let's car pool up (call Mark Flo) and have a great time with our fellow casters and fishing friends from the Pasadena Casting Club.



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2015-2016 Dates:

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

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Calendar of Events

September

2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Treasure Lakes Trip
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Casting Games
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
16-19	Weekend		Treasure Lakes Fishing and Backpacking Trip
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Joel Stewart "BAGDAD FLY FISHING CLUB"
27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Casting Tournament at Pasadena Casting Club
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

October

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: Orientation Night
7	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 1 st Night
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 2 nd Night
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Art Strauss and TENKARA FISHING
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Clinic: 3 rd Night
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

November

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Clinic: 4 th Night
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class: Introduction & Orientation
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class: Techniques & Demonstrations
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class: Ant
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: OREGON ADVENTURES (TENTATIVE)



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