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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

## Remembering Jeff...

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

**O**n August 29<sup>th</sup>, the Long Beach Casting Club lost one of our biggest supporters. Jeff Sadler has always been one of our most active members. He was involved in all aspects of the club; from working with Project Healing Waters, to participating in our club trips. You would see Jeff at most of our activities and taking an active part in all of those he attended. Whether it was ACA tournament, teaching classes or just hanging out talking about life and fishing, he always had something to contribute.

The following are thoughts about Jeff from various members...

*"I first met Jeff Sadler during the LBCC 'On the River' session at the East Fork of the San Gabriel River in 2000. His soft presentation using a long tippet versus my splash was an eye opener. Over the next 15 years, Jeff and I became close fishing buddies. Spending endless hours driving gave us plenty of time to talk and Jeff became my confidant, adviser and the big brother I never had. While Jeff has left us in body, his spirit will live on forever in the memories he has left with all of the people he has helped, not only with this club but those he would meet along the water. I'll miss you brother."*

DAN RIVETT, PAST PRESIDENT

*"Jeff was one of the first people I met at the Long Beach Club several years ago. He was very kind and was willing to help me in any way he could to expand my knowledge of fly fishing. Jeff was a teacher, leader, mentor and most of all a person who would be the first to help anyone who needed help. Jeff will truly be missed by all that knew him."*

RUSTY DRAPER, MEMBER

*"How to describe Jeff Sadler... as he was bigger than life. He had strong opinions and didn't hesitate to tell you how he felt or thought about things, but was also gracious and flexible. Jeff had such a presence about him, which you could feel as soon as he walked into a room. He was generous, fun and enjoyable to be around. He was also sometimes an instigator in discussions, especially at fishing trip dinners. He would voice an opinion and see who would bite; then once he got you all riled up he'd back off and snicker. He was a leader and loved the club with his continued support and involvement. He will be greatly missed by everyone."*

CONNIE BULLOCK, PAST PRESIDENT

*"I have so many very fond memories of Jeff Sadler, but I'll focus on his involvement with Project Healing Waters. In 2007, Jeff was one of the founding members of Long Beach PHWFF. Jeff contributed in so many ways that it's impossible to list them all. He served as the treasurer of our*

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# Fishing the Tenkara Way with Art Strauss

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

**A**rt Strauss, a member of the Long Beach Casting Club since 2012, is a native of San Diego. He started fly fishing while in college in San Diego State and the UC Irvine School of Medicine. His love of fly fishing grew in the June Lake area where he has fished over a period of thirty years. His fishing adventures have not been limited to just the Sierras. His largest fish caught on a fly was a 35 pound Dorado that took him 45 minutes to land! This was caught at Loreto Bay, Baja Sur, Mexico where he has a home.

Some very prominent fly fishers and casters have said that Tenkara is a fad that will soon pass way. Well, 200 years of fishing the Tenkara way in Japan does not seem like a fad to me. It also harkens back to the earliest forms of fly fishing here in America only then it was called “dapping”.

Art has developed an interest in Tenkara over the last several years and takes his Tenkara gear whenever he travels if there are streams or ponds nearby. He says “Bluegill are a blast on a Tenkara rod”. Although traditionally, Tenkara rods and flies were used only for trout, now you can find reports of catching steelhead and bonefish on Tenkara rods as interest spreads across the globe.”

Most recently, Art demonstrated how to tie Tenkara style flies at our Wednesday night fly tying work shop. We are very fortunate to have Art Strauss on Thursday October 29 to share with us his knowledge of the history of Tenkara, its equipment including rods, line, leaders and flies, fishing techniques, and a resource list of books, websites etc.



## Our New Members

GARY KOSAKA,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

**A**t the September Board of Directors Meeting, applications were approved of the following new member:

- ❖ Charles Colosimo of Long Beach
- ❖ David Taylor of Torrance

Please greet and welcome our newest member at the club's next Monthly Meeting!



## Remembering Jeff... Leader's Line continued from page 1

national organization and as Assistant Program Lead of the Long Beach program. He helped with fishing outings, taught fly casting classes, and of course taught the Royal Wulff class. He led the rod building classes one season and gave a variety of talks over the years. He helped with fundraisers. Jeff set up a day of tying flies in the clubhouse to later be sold for PHWFF. During one Fred Hall Show Jeff worked all day, every day, in charge, because I wasn't able to be there at all due to my husband's health.

"During a trip to the San Gabriel in 2007 when we were working with a group of veterans with mental illness, Jeff was helping one who never talked. Jeff taught him how to cast and get a good drift. The vet caught 7 fish; the others caught none or one. Jeff's vet had the biggest possible smile every time we saw him after that. His doctor said to me a few weeks later: 'I don't know what you gave him, but I want 300 doses for the rest of my patients.' Thank you, Jeff.

"Like me, Jeff got choked up when talking about our PHWFF program. He was so proud of what we have done in Long Beach, something he could clearly appreciate after having been on the national board. Jeff Sadler was intelligent, generous, capable, clear-headed and fun. His passing will be a tremendous loss to LBCC, to Long Beach PHWFF and to me personally. We are all better for having had him in our lives."

CAROLE KATZ, LONG BEACH PHWFF PROGRAM LEAD

**"...Whether it was on the Green river or at the club, Jeff had a knack for subtly educating you. The float trips we took and the walking of the river he was able to teach (even me) how to catch and land quality fish. At the club he was larger than life also, he had so much knowledge and insight of what makes the club function. His unselfish involvement and support in all the functions that went**

**on will be sorely missed more than people realize at this point. I considered Jeff a friend, and for me they are few and far between. All I can say at this time is I will miss you buddy.**

**God bless you and may you rest in peace."**

**YOUR PAL, LITTLE GEORGE**

"As I fondly reflect upon the years I have known Jeff there rushes forward a multitude of events that reflect his sincerity, love of life, devotion to the art of fly fishing and his dedication to the growth and maturity of The Long Beach Casting Club.



"One of my earlier club trips back in 2002 found me at the Green River in Utah. It was Jeff that I most remember in those early mornings when he would take his walk in the brisk air and I often would find a reason to spend time with him in the brisk mornings. He was the ultimate teacher and unselfishly shared the secrets that only come from years of devotion to the art of fly fishing. He was perennial wise sage of all things fly

fishing with a gift of sharing resplendently with humorous stories and tales of adventure. I soon became an admirer of Jeff and his ability to warmly share his skill sets with not only the less experienced but those well versed in the art but still needed that ounce of encouragement or instruction.

"Jeff leaves us not only richer but also with a challenge to attempt to emulate a man that gave from his heart to all those that were fortunate to be in his presence."

I will miss you Jeff.

BOB ALLEN, MEMBER

**"Fishing Hot Creek Ranch with Jeff is one of my fondest**

memories. We were staying at the ranch one November fishing the BWO hatch. Late one morning after a fantastic BWO dry fly hatch, Bill Nichols, the ranch caretaker, stopped by to see how we were doing. He said we might as well go get an early lunch now as the hatch was over and the fish would not eat anymore. Well Jeff whispers to me 'B.S, they're still looking up, we just have to give them something worth looking at.' After Bill departed, Jeff then proceeded to tie on the biggest and ugliest Atomic Ant I have ever seen outside of Montana. Sure enough, one cast and 'fish on'. It now turned into a contest of who could catch a fish on the biggest and ugliest fly. Two hours later with our sides aching from continuously laughing so much, we managed to catch quite a few more fish using everything from huge Royal Wulff's, foam hoppers, cicadas, and even a mouse pattern. On our way back to the cabin, we saw Bill again, and Jeff whispers in my ear, 'better tell him he was right' and then proceeded to laugh out loud again."

**BOB MIDDO, MEMBER**

"Soooo... Jeff is talking at a meeting (I know what a surprise) and says I would rather catch one fish on a dry fly then twenty on a nymph. I ask him 'Really?' He says 'Yes but I lie sometimes also!'"

"Jeff was about having fun; he told me on the Owens 'catching fish should be fun but don't take it so seriously that it ruins your day.'"

**MARK FLO, CAPTAIN**

"We had just completed our beginning casting classes at the Club in 2004 and we went on our first fly fishing trip. All the way to the San Gabriel Mountains, where we were Jeff Sadler's clueless students.

"It was our first time on moving water. Finally, I caught my first fish, a two and one half inch Rainbow, and I had no idea how to land it. I ended up looking like a Christmas tree with the line wrapped all around me. Al was thrashing around in four inches of water trying to help me with his big landing net. I looked over at the bank and there was Jeff, watching us. He had a big, huge grin and never said a word. He knew, he'd 'hooked' two more fly fishermen for the Long Beach Casting Club. That was the beginning of our sharing many fun times with Jeff and a special friendship. We'll miss you Jeff."

**JUDY & AL ROSS, MEMBERS**



"Remembering Jeff will always be about sitting with him on a log at Heart Lake with my daughter Nicole and club members. Sitting and watching the clouds scoot by. Sitting and watching the wind ruffle the surface of the water. Sitting and talking about the important things... family and friends, fishing, books, everyday life. Sitting and waiting for the Heart Lake 'shark' to show itself. Sitting and then scattering flower seeds and ashes to memorialize missing friends. Sitting and laughing and enjoying life. Sitting and realizing that, in many cases, were there because he was..."

"Sitting now, I can think back to those times and remember the very best of Jeff."

**JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT**

"I was fortunate enough to fish with Jeff many times over the last decade. Each time was enjoyable and a new experience. He loved fly fishing and will be greatly missed.

**"Farewell to the Royal Wulff!"**

**YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT**

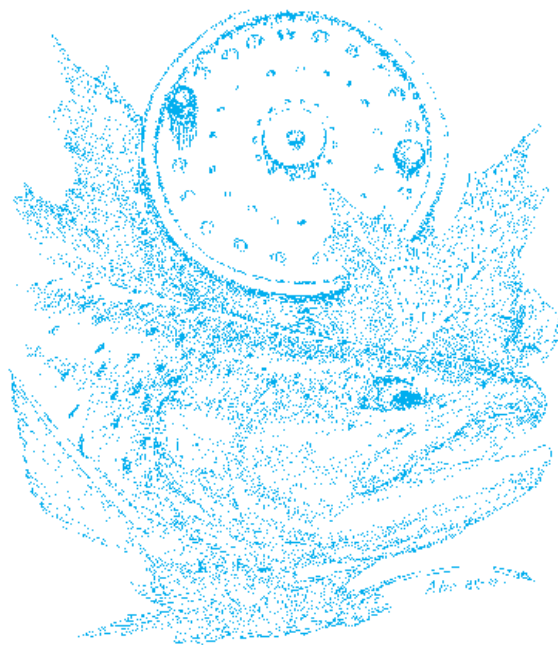
## It's Fly Tying Time Again!

DAVE BOYER,  
BEGINNING FLY TYING CHAIRMAN

**I**t is getting that time again for the Beginning Fly Tying classes. This year we are starting a couple of weeks later than usual, so orientation will be Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM. The class is open to anyone, you do not have to be a LBCC member, that would like to learn, or brush up on your tying skills so mark your calendar. We go for a total of 17 weeks (15 fly patterns) with guest instructors to cover all types of techniques and flies. At the end of the classes you will be able to read a pattern/recipe and tie pretty much any fly.

For those who are interested in improving your skills, or need help of a particular fly or want to get out of the house for a bit, Wednesday nights at about 7:00 PM we have the Fly Tying Forum. Again, open to everyone, no particular skill level required. You can come and just BS if you so desire. We try to have a couple of guest instructors each month to show us some uncommon tying techniques, different or new materials and flies.

I have gotten agreement from Buszek Award winners Steven Fernandez and Wayne Luallen to come to the club this winter and show us some advanced tying skills that will help with any type of fly. We will schedule their visits on a Saturday to give them, and us, more time with these fantastic tiers.



## On the River Clinic

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

**T**he annual ON THE RIVER CLINIC for new club members will be held Wednesday, November 11 and 18 and December 2 for our lecture nights (no class will be held on November 25) and the weekend of December 12–13. The weekend of December 12–13 is set for our trip to the Bishop area to fish the Lower Owens for the practical “on the river” portion of the clinic where you will put what you have learned in the classes to good use.

All of the lectures will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays. Each lecture will be different and will cover equipment, entomology, reading the water, knots etc.

I am in hopes that our newer club members will attend this clinic as it will provide you with valuable information that will help become a better fly fisher. The class is limited to 20 students. If you have any question please contact me at 310-749-6771.

## So Very Close!

MICK WOODBURY, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

**T**he \$5,000 matching funds challenge for the Endowment Fund is almost there. **We only need \$318 more!** If we can raise that much by the end of September, we’ve doubled our contributions. So please do your part **NOW** and support your club.



# Beginning Casting Clinic

BOB MIDDO, MEMBER

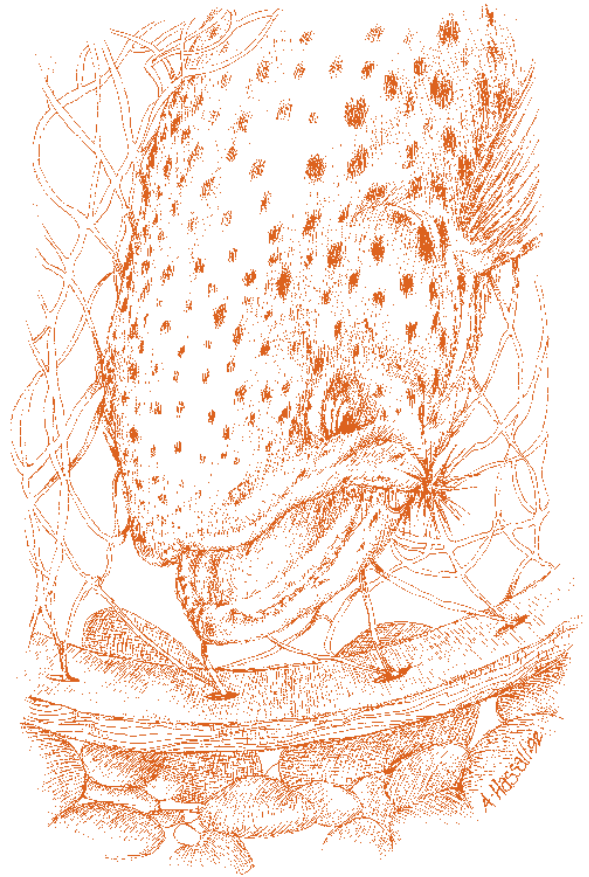
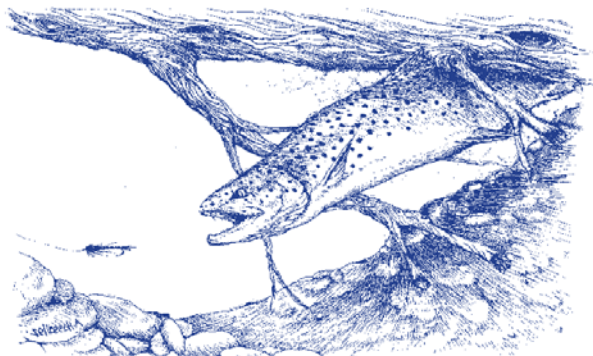
**O**ur Beginning Casting Clinic is open to the public, and is free. Though designed for beginning fly casters, the course will also meet the needs of those requiring a refresher or fine tuning in the basics. Typically, students vary widely in experience. All are welcome.

Casting lessons on the pond will run for four consecutive weeks, beginning Tuesday, October 6, 2015, and concluding November 3, 2015. All classes are on Tuesdays, and run from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Orientation will take place in the clubhouse on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 7:00 PM. Enrollment, rod/reel/line selection advice and practical tips will be addressed during the session. This is a classroom presentation only. Unless you have a question regarding equipment you need examined, there is no need to bring a rod and reel to this presentation.

During the first night on the pond, October 13, 2015, club members will be available to provide a hand with spooling reels and equipment checks. Those needing assistance with gear should arrive by 6:00 PM. Students are responsible for obtaining all equipment and materials needed for the course.

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



## Club Trips for 2015

TERRY KOMISAK, 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
Oct. 16-19	Southwest Council FFF Fly Fishing Faire; Bishop
Nov. 5-8	Redding Area with Pablo Grabiell (562-652-3771); Pre-Trip TBA.

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](mailto:tk_nsp44@yahoo.com).

# Fly of the Month: Late Season Rigging with Tiny Flies

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

**A**s we make our way towards fall and on into winter, it's time to consider some different ways to catch trout with the tiny flies that inhabit the stream at this time of the year. Years ago I learned a way to entice large trout to take very small flies on the Williamson River in southern Oregon. Now I have taken that same system and updated it with some easier to use components that can easily and quickly be adapted to other uses.

Those of you who have fished during this time of year (especially on the Owens and Hot Creek), have seen fish rising freely and yet, when you present a variety of dry flies to them, they reject your offerings. Obviously they don't like what you are offering but it may also be the fact that, while they are looking up, they ain't looking that far up and eating just beneath the surface. Emerging small mayfly duns and midges are what's hatching and now you need a new way to fool the trout. Here's what has worked for me...

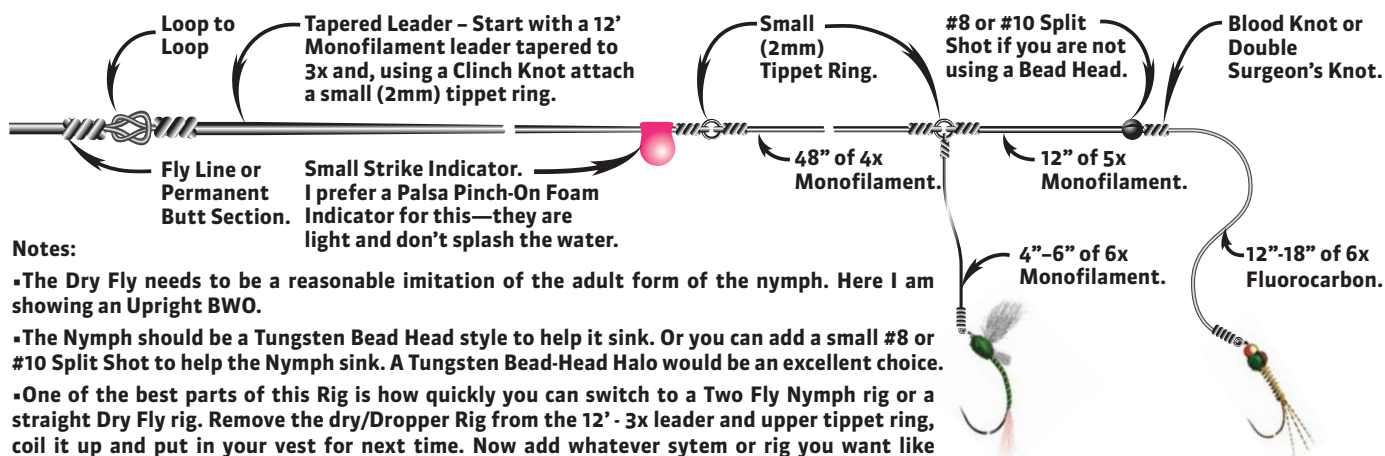
Why not give the fish two choices instead of one. Nope, I don't mean two dry flies or two nymphs—I'm talking about one of each by using a nymph rig and dry dropper but using tiny stuff and a few slight twists. On the Green river this spring I used this rig one afternoon and got a lot of fish and the distribution was about 50-50 between the dry and nymph. The flies that I used were a size #20-24 Upright BWO and my favorite nymph, the Halo, with a copper colored tungsten bead in size #20. Yup, pretty small stuff but, then again, so

were the flies that were hatching. You can find both patterns in past issues of Target Talk (HALO in April, 2012 & UPRIGHT BWO CRIPPLE in March, 2015).

I start this rig with a 12 feet monofilament leader that tapers to 3x. In the past where I used to tie in a Perfection or Surgeon's loop I now tie on a small (2mm) tippet ring using a Clinch knot. These rings are sooooo much faster than dropper loops and create less drag on the water. I then tie on 4 feet of 4x tippet and another tippet ring with a Clinch knot. You can now attach your dropper dry with 6x tippet. Tie in 12" of 5x and Blood Knot or Double Surgeon's knot this to 12"—18" of 6x tippet for your nymph. Only if you nymph does not have a tungsten bead head then add a small split shot where the 5x and 6x are joined.

Add a small "pinch-on" foam strike indicator just above the upper tippet ring and you're ready to go. Fish the rig just like a dry fly but keep your eyes on the dry and the indicator!

## Typical Dry/Dropper Rig Using Tippet Rings





# Casting Instructors' Workshop

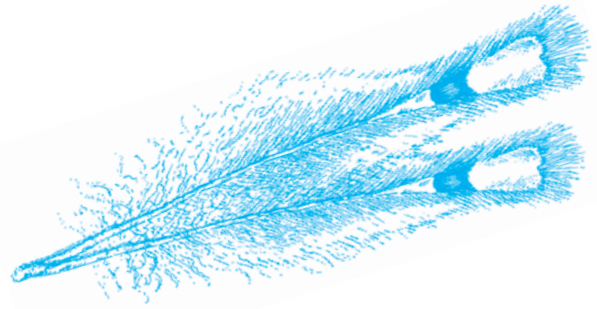
JOHN VAN DERHOOF, CASTING CO-CHAIR

**T**his year's Casting Instructors' Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2014. The workshop will begin at 8:00 AM and wrap-up about 12:00 PM.

As always, the purpose of the Workshop is to set the standards of instruction and to facilitate the creation of a learning environment in which all the instructors are on the same page. To accomplish this goal, the Workshop will review the three basic casts taught in the Beginning Clinic, with special focus on casting essentials, common faults and comprehensible fixes.

For a couple of reasons, Workshop attendance will again be mandatory for all Beginning Casting Clinic instructors. First, we want to help each volunteer become a more effective instructor. For example, it turns out the reason for wind knots has very little to do with wind and very much to do with the path of the rod tip. Knowing the relationship between rod tip path and loop formation, together with a systematic method of diagnosis, will help instructors help their students.

Second, we need to know who will be teaching in order to create four balanced groups of instructors. We hope this "one and done" approach will make it easier for club members to take part in the annual event that draws so many participants to the Long Beach Casting Club. No prior registration is necessary. Workshop participants need only to show up at on Saturday, September 26. Please contact Bob Middo or John Van Derhoof with any questions or concerns.



## ACA Tourney Raffle

PAUL BURGNER, PAST PRESIDENT

**I**would like to thank everyone who participated in the ACA raffle. It was a huge success and we grossed over \$4,000. That needed income more than covered our costs for hosting the tournament.

I would like to thank the following vendors that donated prizes for the raffle. They are:

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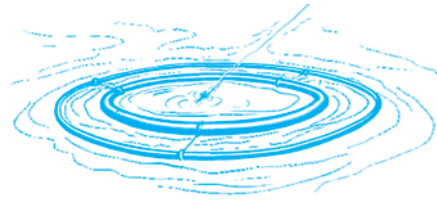
# Notes from the Pond

MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

I decree October “National Casting Month”! Well, if I had that kind of power I certainly would. October casting begins on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with the Northwestern Tournament at the Golden Gate Casting Club in San Francisco. Team Long Beach should have a good showing, as several new casters

have indicated their intention to participate.

The only Sunday cast of the month will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> at the LBCC pond starting at 9:00 AM. Come on out and join us practice your casting—you’ll be amazed at how it will help your fishing!



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# Calendar of Events

## October

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
10–11	Weekend		Northwestern Casting Tournament (Golden Gate Park)
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 1 <sup>st</sup> Night
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Night
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Art Strauss and TENKARA FISHING
25	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Casting Games
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Clinic: 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Night
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
8	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Casting Games
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class: Introduction & Orientation
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	On The River Clinic: 1 <sup>st</sup> Lecture Night
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class: Techniques & Demonstrations
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On The River Clinic: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lecture Night
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: OREGON ADVENTURES (TENTATIVE)
21	Saturday	10:00 AM	Certified Casting Instructor Workshop and Lunch
22	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Casting Games
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class: Ant
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

## December

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	On The River Clinic: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lecture Night
5	Saturday	6:30 PM	Venison Dinner
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Casting Games
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12–13	Weekend		On the River Clinic: Owens River
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Casting Games
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum





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