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Leader's Line...

The Annual General Meeting and a Brand New Year!

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

he Annual General meeting was held on Thursday, April 7 in the clubhouse. The purpose of this meeting, as always, is to vote for the proposed slate of officers from the Nominating Committee for the upcoming year, vote and or discuss any proposed changes to the Club's Constitution & Bylaws and to hear the reports from our current Board Members.

We were lucky enough to have only a few changes to our board this year. Mark Flo will be the new 1st Vice President and Wayne Sakaguchi will take over as our new Membership Chairman. Art Daily and Norm Riggs will be replacing George Siewerd as the Facility and Pond Chairman. The rest of the board remained intact.

The present Board Members gave reports on their respective offices. Steve Gonzales reported that we have speakers set up for the remainder of the year. Tommy Kendall reported on the club's assets and the Club's Vanguard Endowment Fund. A very, very generous check was presented to the board for the endowment by John Lincoln. Terry Komisak reported that a full schedule of monthly trips is on the calendar for the remainder of the year. Our Membership Chairman, Gary Kosaka reported that the current membership is around 400 members.

Mark Flo gave his report on the year's casting tournaments which were a huge success. George gave his final report of the year in entertaining form, as

usual, saying he was very proud of all that has been accomplished this year. Corresponding Secretary, Dennis Kong, presented information regarding an amendment that had been submitted for changes to the Constitution & Bylaws. The Board had already discussed and voted on the amendment, but it had to be brought to the general membership for a vote. The amendment was rejected after the Dennis explained that the club had functioned successfully for over 90 years with the method of voting we presently use.

The general feeling of all those on the board is that this year has been so successful due to the fact that we have so many members who give their time so generously. We are lucky to have so many talented people within this club. All of our activities this year have been great successes. One of the most successful is the Nooner lunches which has gone from a handful of people to over 50 each month and all of the monthly trips have seen great increases in member

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participation. Also, we now have a committee that is working to make our website user friendly. Thanks to Paul Burgner, Mike Lorenz, Shirley Sakaguchi, Sue Timm and Bruce Takenaka.

Once again, I would like to thank all of the board and individual members who volunteer their time and expertise to make all of our programs and activities a success. I would not be able to do my job as President if I did not have all of your help. Thank You for your support and allowing me to continue as your President.



Looking for Past Flies of the Month?

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

ver the years many of you have asked me, or others down at the club, where they can find the patterns for past Flies of the Month. Well now you can find them easily! Shirley Sakaguchi has uploaded a file to the club's website that lists all of the patterns by month and year of publication. This listing will be updated periodically to include the more recent Target Talk fly patterns.

To find the Fly of Month Listing, go to the Newsletter page and click on the link which is located at top of the page:

http://www.longbeachcastingclub.org/newsletter/

Please note that many of the earlier versions of the same pattern may be different as I do modify them to take advantage of better ways of tying the fly or, newer materials used. Also, the actual article preceding the pattern materials and instructions is almost always updated each time to accommodate the time of year or to highlight new information about a pattern.

Thanks and tight lines!

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Fly Fishing Trophy Eastern Sierra Stillwater with Ernie Gulley

STEVE GONZALEZ, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

rnie Gulley has spent most of his life in southern California. He lives in Riverside, California with his wife and his two sons. He started fishing with his father from the time he could walk. At age seven, he moved to New Orleans, Louisiana and learned how to fish Lake Pontchartrain for speckled trout and other saltwater species.

Ernie returned to Southern California with a passion and love affair for fishing. He started fishing the stillwaters of the High Sierra's including Lake Crowley and Bridgeport Reservoir. He also fished many lakes in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. At this time, he fished exclusively with "Noodle Sticks" which are (IFGA) rated two-pound class ultra light rods. His hunt for big fish on light lines had begun.

In 1998 he became intrigued with fly fishing and purchased his first fly rod. He quickly fell in love with fly fishing and has never looked back. In 2006 he joined the Deep Creek Fly Fishers Club in Riverside. He has become one of the principal instructors in fly tying and classes on "Stillwater Tactics". In 2007 he won the "Double Hall in the Fall" tournament at Crowley Lake, individual and team division. In 2008 and 2009 he placed second in the "Stillwater Classic" in the team category.



In 2008 he joined the "High Desert Fly Fishers" where he was Vice President and President for this club. He now guides in the Eastern Sierra specializing in



"Stillwater" fly fishing tactics to include Lake Crowley and Bridgeport Reservoir. He also guides at Big Bear Lake and Silverwood Lake. He is a hard core stillwater fly fisherman who loves to teach stillwater fly fishing tactics.

Stillwaters can be very tough and intimidating to fish with a fly rod; it is much harder to read stillwater than a moving stream or river. This sometimes keeps anglers from enjoying the pleasures of this type of fishing and the opportunities for catching monster trout that exist in this environment. He will break down every aspect of stillwater fly fishing to us so that we can feel confident in fishing stillwaters when ever we encounter them. Ernie will break down how to read stillwater and how to figure out what is hiding underneath the vast amount of water when we look out onto a lake.

He will also show us how to prepare for trips with the different styles of rods, lines, leaders, flies and water craft that can be used to enjoy a stillwater outing. Ernie will discuss fish migrations around a lake and where they can most likely be found in each of the four seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. He will go over all the bugs that can be encountered throughout the four seasons and which bugs will be the most sought by trout. Most trout are very large in a stillwater environment for good reason, they have an enormous amount of food to choose from.

So join us on May 26th at 7:00 PM where Ernie Gulley will unlock some of the mysteries we can encounter while fishing in a stillwater and help us catch a monster trout!

Club Trips for 2016

TERRY KOMISAK, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

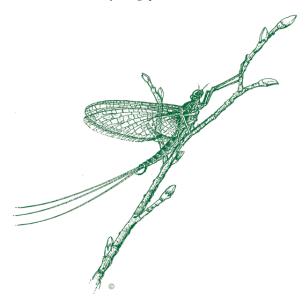
Here are the Club Trips for the next couple of months. Join us!

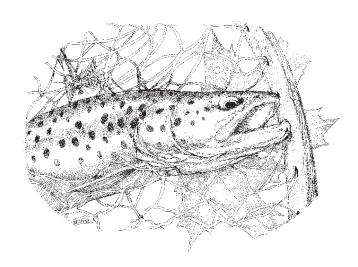
2016 Trips:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
May 1-6	Green River with Yash (April 23; Pre-Trip at 9:00 AM)
June 11	Kern River with Terry Komisak
	(June 1; Pre-Trip at 7:00 РМ)
July 16	Brookie Bash w/ Terry Komisak
	(June 27; Pre-Trip at 7:00 РМ)
August 15-20	Frying Pan Trip w/ John Lincoln
	(August 3; Pre-Trip at 7:00 РМ)
August 20	Yards & Inches w/ Mick Woodbury
	(August 10; Pre-Trip at 7:00 РМ)
September 18-21	Lee's Ferry w/ Terry Komisak
	(September 7; Pre-Trip at 7:00 PM)

Trip locations and dates are subject to change so monitor Target Talk or the Web Calendar for the latest information. Pre-Trip Meetings are usually held at the clubhouse starting 7:00 PM. Be sure to check here or the club's website calendar to confirm the time.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions or questions at tk_nsp44@yahoo.com.





New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Club's Board of Directors approved the following new members. Please welcome them at your next opportunity:

- Anthony Duarte of Long Beach
- Dennis Wilson of Hawaiian Gardens
- Dan & Cheryl Best of Fountain Valley
- Jeff Long of Aliso Viejo

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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Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing News

CAROLE KATZ, PHWFF PROGRAM LEAD

National Program Rendezvous in Orlando, Florida along with 250 volunteers from every state. Each of our 210 programs was able to send a representative to mingle with all the Regional Coordinators and their Deputies RC's, the Board of Trustees and the headquarters staff. This team building event was funded by a \$285,000 grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is a clear indication of their support for what we are doing.

The meeting was superbly organized in every way right down to box lunches for those who had to get to the airport soon after the last session. Speakers included James Rodriguez, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and Sabrina Clark, Director of Voluntary Service, Veterans Health Administration. Mr. Rodriguez started his remarks by saying "You are changing lives, you are saving lives, and we thank you." Ms. Clark attended the entire four-day Rendezvous and VA staff manned a table to answer questions and interact with attendees.



Video remarks were sent by Vice President Dick Cheney; Admiral Mike Mullen, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Gordon England, former Deputy Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy.

In addition to the presentations about the



"This is an organization that is making a difference every day."

Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

administrative and fiduciary aspects of running programs, there were sessions devoted to utilizing social media, ethics and the public trust, organizing fishing outings, working with participants with disabilities, adaptive equipment, local fundraising, volunteer and participant recruitment, volunteer and donor recognition, casting instruction, etc.

The NPR was a tremendous success. The VA has already indicated a willingness to fund the second National Program Rendezvous in 3 years, possibly on the West Coast. I was proud to represent the Long Beach program.

Please contact me if you would like more information about donating or helping with our program.



Club Trip Reminders

TERRY KOMISAK, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

RESERVE YOUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY **BROOKIE BASH CONDO NOW!**

he 20th Anniversary of the Brookie Bash is this year. The fishing will be in the Little Lakes Valley starting at the Mosquito Flats Trailhead and fishing as many nearby lakes as possible.

I am reserving a condo for this event in Mammoth Lakes. I'm making reservations for the condo for three nights, August 14–16 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) so, if you're interested in the condo, please let me know ASAP.

Camping is another option and there are numerous campgrounds near Rock Creek Lake. Please make your own reservations for campgrounds.

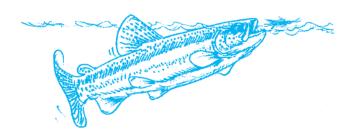
There will be a celebratory dinner Saturday evening, in Mammoth, where bragging rights, for the largest fish and most numerous fish may be established.

Don't forget there is the opportunity for a Sierra Grand Slam Award for the fisher who catches at least one of each species of trout, brookie, golden, rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout on this trip. It has been done; you just need to know where to go to find each species. It's on the honor system, of course.

Remember the immortal words of Jeffrey Sadler:

Rookies and Brookies are Made for Each Other!





LEE'S FERRY GETAWAY

Te have a trip for 12 persons planned to Lee's Ferry Arizona for this September 18th thru 22nd. Right now we have 9 of the 12 spaces spoken for so you need to let me know quickly in order to save your spot.

This package is 3 days of guided fishing and four nights lodging; arriving on Sunday and departing on Thursday, with fishing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Cost for the guided fishing and rooms is \$867.41 per person and is based on double occupancy. This does not include transportation to and from Lee's Ferry, Arizona fishing license, meals or tips for guides.

Dana Point Outing Wrap-Up

MARK FLO, TRIP LEADER

ong Beach Casting Club members braved the terrible no-it-wasn't-raining conditions to fish Dana Point on Sunday, April 10th. This was the first time fishing there for all of us.

Five hardy fishermen showed at 7:00 AM; four in kayaks and one in a pontoon: John Stine, Colin Kumabe, David Forster, Mike and Mark Flo.

Fish counts varied. Dave had nine, Mike had at least one, John landed eight fish, the largest being 14". I landed four the biggest was a personal best: a 17 1/2" Calico bass. (I'm calling it 18).

Endowment Fund Gets a HUGE Boost!

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

In 2015, the amount in the endowment fund essentially doubled, thanks to the matching-funds campaign made possible by Art Straus and club members who understand the importance of having an endowment to help offset future expenses. The endowment grew to about \$21,000 plus change.

This year, 2016, we hoped it would grow by another \$10,000 since Art again offered a \$5,000 matching grant. The chance of another double growth year seemed remote but even a 50% growth is nothing to sneeze at.

Then the phone rang. John Lincoln said a friend from his ukulele group asked him for suggestions about a solid non-profit that would make good use of a contribution. Since one of John's suggestions was the Casting Club, he asked if I would send him some information to pass along.

Several weeks passed and the phone rang again...

"Hi John, how are you?"

"I'm good, but I'm in shock."

"Oh yeah, how come?"

"I got the check. It's for \$20,000!"

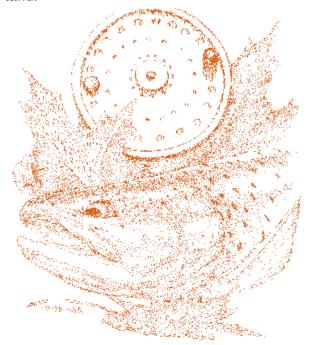
"\$20,000!!!...that doubles the endowment."

So thank you John for being a good club spokesperson and especially thank you Marjorie Crawford for two things: 1) being our first non-member contributor and 2) being our largest contributor. We promise to take good care of your contribution and nurture it so it will grow even larger.

Double growth for two years in a row is a tough goal and along comes Marjorie and makes it happen; almost by herself. Marjorie, Thank you, Thank you

And don't forget: we still have the members matching grant from Art Straus. If we match those funds this year, the endowment can reach \$50,000 by year end.

Little contributions add up too. Just like the YARDS & INCHES—smaller fish count and they're much easier to land.



The White Elephant is Coming...

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Don't forget to start setting aside those things you never use anymore. Contributing them to the White Elephant Sale will give you more space and help the club.

All proceeds will go to the Endowment Fund.

The date is October 27.

Fly of the Month: Eric Otzinger's Hot Creek Caddis

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

I was sitting and tying flies for a trip to the Green River and thinking about additional flies I might need. One thing about the Green—you can never have too many different flies to match the multitude of conditions that you will run into. Last year, one fly that really helped out was Eric Otzinger's Hot Creek Caddis. Nope there weren't any caddis but its low profile made it a perfect compliment to river's sometimes finicky trout.

This fly, originated for the even pickier trout on Hot Creek, has been an amazingly effective pattern over the years. I have used it extensively on a variety of trips in the Eastern Sierras like the club's Brookie Bash. It has caught fish on days when other flies failed.

This pattern sits low to the water and simulates the small gray sedge caddis that is prevalent on Hot Creek, which is a slow water spring creek. I have also used it very successfully as a mayfly emerger during pale morning dun and blue-winged olive hatches. It has taken fish on Henry's Fork, the Madison, the Green and several well known spring creeks in Idaho and Montana.

It was designed by Eric Otzinger, perhaps one of the best tiers in the world (and I mean that very sincerely!), whose work was featured in Judith Dunham's THE ATLANTIC SALMON FLY. Eric invented the Hot Creek Caddis years ago when he worked at Marriott's Fly Fishing Store. At that time, he tied the fly which was for sale at the store. Sadly, Eric passed away in 2014—much too early...

Tie the fly in a couple of different colors. The colors shown in the tying instructions are to imitate the small dark gray sedges that hatch on Hot Creek and the Henry's Fork. You can also tie it in colors to match other lighter colored sedges and caddis as well as mayflies like a pale greenish-yellow with a dun dyes grizzly hackle for Pale Morning Duns. For Blue-Winged Olives try a dark olive body with a dark dun dyed hackle and for and small Green Drakes use a dark olive body with a yellow rib and a yellow dyed grizzly hackle.

Materials for tying the Hot Creek Caddis:

Hook: Light wire dry fly in size 16, 18, 20 or

22

Thread: Medium to dark gray

Body: Medium to dark gray dubbing

or other colors to match

hatching naturals
Wing: Coastal deer hair or

very fine elk

Hackle: Grizzly neck or other

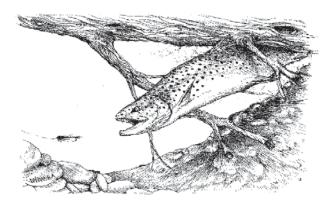
colors to match hatching naturals



Instructions for tying the Hot Creek Caddis:

- Tie on the thread and wind down to the bend of the hook. Now, apply your body dubbing to the thread and wind the dubbing forward to the headspace.
- 2. Prepare the deer hair wing by removing all of the basal under-fur and hair and then tie it on like an elk hair caddis wing. Don't cut the excess off yet since you will want to lift it as you wind the hackle. To help make winding the hackle a bit easier it sometimes helps to wind a few turns of thread beneath both the wing and butts to "lift" them up giving you more room to work with. Similar to posting an upright wing.

If you want to tie this as a mayfly emerger, instead of a caddis fly, then keep the wing length at about two-thirds the length of a caddis wing and definitely do not extend beyond the end of the dubbed body. Think of the it as being the wing of a mayfly that has emerged from the thorax but has not fully extended and dried and therefore



makes the insect vulnerable since it can't fly away yet. Yes, the fish do know and understand this!

- 3. Tie in the grizzly hackle, dull side down and wind, parachute style underneath the wing and butt ends (between the wing/butts and the body). Make 2 to 4 of those turns, depending on the size of the fly and then tie off.
- 4. Whip finish the head and cut off the excess deer hair leaving a small stub similar to an elk hair caddis.





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Calendar of Events

May				
	1-6	Week		Green River Trip
	4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	9	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
	10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
			7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		,	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	18	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		A 10 10 10	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
			7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: ERNIE GULLY & SIERRA STILLWATER FLY FISHING TACTICS
	31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
			7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
June				
	1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		11/11/11/202	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Kern River Trip
	6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
	7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
			7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
			7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
- 4	10-12	Weekend		Club Trip: Kern River
	14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
			7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	15	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
			7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	27	Monday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Brookie Bash
	28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TO BE ANNOUNCED
July				
	5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	11	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
	12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Clinic: 2 nd Night on the Pond
	13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
			7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	15-17	Weekend		Club Trip: Brookie Bash
	19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	23	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip & Workshop: Green River, Utah Trip Awards & Installation Dinner Set-Up
	24	Sunday	7:00 PM	Awards & Installation Dinner
	26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
	27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
	28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TO BE ANNOUNCED









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