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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

### Hot Fly

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

**D**o you have the next hot fly? I just checked the cabinets in my tying room to look for some tying material and there I found dozens of fly boxes all containing “hot flies” that I have accumulated over the years. Every year at the start of our January trip, I go through all of my equipment to see what needs to be repaired or tuned up, as well as, going through my boxes and getting rid of flies that I have not used or that have not worked for years. This year was no different.

On one of my early trips to the San Juan River, I heard that a good fly to use was called “NAKED LADY.” Since this was before I learned how to use the internet, I had to research using books (something else that I have accumulated) which took some time.

When we got to the San Juan, I asked the local fly shop if he had any Naked Ladies. He laughed and said “yes” and handed me a package of red hooks. To my surprise it was just a bare red hook. Not sure if they worked, but I still have them.

Do you ever wonder why a fish does not see the hook on your fly?

Many of us tying our own flies think that certain materials work better than others. Why do beads work? Why do colored wires work? Why do some feathers work better than others? Why do certain synthetic materials even work? Are we over thinking this whole thing?

I once saw an underwater video by Ralph Cutter. The fish were hitting anything that passed in front of them. However, they would spit out the object if it was not deemed as food in a nano second. Some anglers use the European system of nymphing—using one fly that is a Size 10–12 while others are using Size 18–20 on the same river. Some favor the light weight, longer rods that are now synonymous with European style fishing claiming that they are more sensitive allowing you to feel the takes more readily. Others rely on their regular length and weight fly rods. As you can see, people use different size rods, flies and rigging and still catch fish.

If we hear that size, color and shape is the key to catching fish, then why does a Frenchy or a Walt's Worm or a Kobay's Soft Hackle work in size 10 or 12 when the bugs in the river are mostly size 18-20?

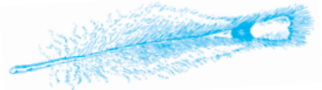
Why worry about it—go out and fish, do some experimenting and learn what works best for you!

# The White Elephant is Coming...in OCTOBER!

**MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT**

**C**lean out the closet, the garage, the attic and drop off those good but unused items at the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will be categorized and tagged in time for the October meeting. Some things will be auctioned, others displayed on tables, waiting for a buyer. We already have rods, reels, boots, waders, vests, nets, float tubes, tying materials, tote bags, wading sticks and more. If it has value, bring it—just no ex's please.

All donations will help the Endowment Fund!



## A Note of Apology

**JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR**

**A**s many of you have heard by now, I have had issues with my computer. What started out as a fairly simple hard drive crash got ugly when the software that I use to prepare Target Talk somehow became corrupted and failed to open or support any of my older files despite multiple re-installs. Everything on my computer worked great except for this.

I have now found a solution to the problem—buying the newest version of the software (which was only two years old anyway...)—OUCH! It is a product that I use not only for Target Talk but for my day to day professional work as well so, while financially painful, it is something that needs to be done.

To the members of the Long Beach Casting Club, I apologize for delays in getting the newsletter out to all of you and thank you for your patience.

Tight lines

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## November Meeting: An Evening with Gary Gunsolley

MARK FLO, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**G**ary Gunsolley has been a friend of the LBCC for many years, and has presented expert advice on fishing in the Eastern Sierras. I have had wonderful talks with him stream side when I have found him casting with clients from Hot Creek to the Lower Owens.

Gary's presentation will be on how you can fish the Lower Owens River at high flows. He will cover topics including indicator nymphing, Czech/European style nymphing, fly fishing equipment, aquatic insects, fly selection, reading the water and other techniques that will help the fly fishing angler better experience fishing in the Eastern Sierra.

He has fished for more than fifty-five years in the Eastern Sierras. For the past 25 years, Gary was the owner of Brock's Fly Fishing Specialists in Bishop. He sold Brock's in late 2013 so that he could dedicate his time to fishing, guiding and teaching fly fishing.

As a licensed, bonded and Certified Federation of Fly Fishers Casting Instructor, he offers expert guiding service and is familiar with all of the waters in the Eastern Sierras, which run from high mountain lakes and streams to prime tail-water fisheries. His BISHOP FLY FISHING GUIDE SERVICE is a year-round full service enterprise. He specializes in teaching fly fishing to the beginner, offering lessons, classes, seminars and guided trips.

Gary also offers individual and class instructions for every level of experience, as well as scheduled in-depth seminars throughout the year.

Join us Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and listen and learn as Gary shares his insights and discusses fly fishing opportunities and techniques in and around Bishop.



## Yards & Inches 2016 Tournament Results A Whopping 83'!

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

**T**ournament day had an ideal incoming tide and picture-perfect weather. With reigning champion Kevin Green 2,000 miles away, many were hopeful of sneaking in an easy win. But hope quickly faded as Rix Gano's ever-bent rod crushed any chance of a mere mortal winning this thing.

Out of 1,006 inches (that's 83 feet!) for the entire day, Rix logged 472! The next closest was 141 logged by Robert Ruscitto. The fish weren't huge this year, but they were willing and it's reassuring to know that those released fish are growing bigger and feistier for next year. Everyone pitched in for the posole and beer with the entire \$74.75 going to the Endowment Fund.

Thanks everyone for attending and the rest of you should think about participating next year and get in on the fun!

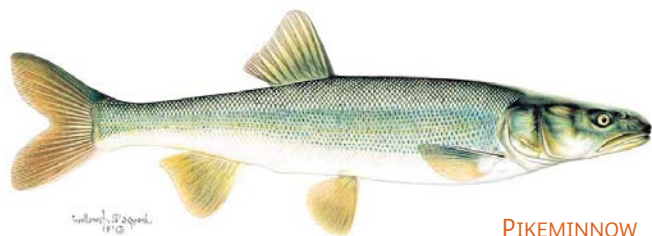
# Cat' Canyon & Lees Ferry

ROB PETERSON, MEMBER

I'm packing for a rafting trip next week on the Colorado River, through Canyonlands National Park. Needless to say, an extra "dry bag" is devoted to fly fishing gear. Now fishing is not allowed while running the river—these watercraft are inflatable, which makes them also **DE-flatable**, so fish hooks aren't looked upon kindly. But once we're stopped for the night, my friend and I are hoping to fly fish in the evenings, and maybe a little in the mornings too before we get in the rafts.

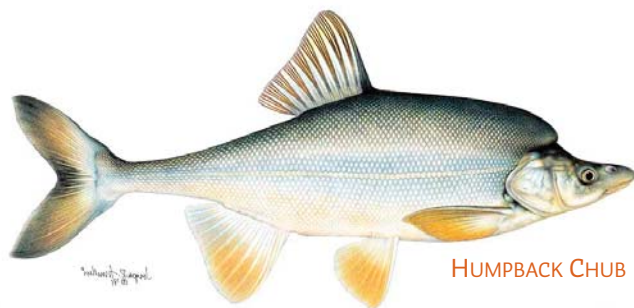
This is Cataract Canyon, an area much better known for rafting than for fishing. The species list falls into the category that John Gierach labelled "the less-loved fishes". According to the website: "about 99 percent of the fish here are exotic species, predominantly carp, catfish, sand shiners, red shiners and fathead minnows." I'm proud to say that I've never, at least knowingly, caught a fathead minnow. I once caught a *Pikeminnow*, which fought with the same strategy that my son's labradoodle, Angus, goes with when he doesn't want to walk on his leash anymore—laying on his back refusing to move.

So my choice will be to try to find one of the 1% of the fish that aren't "exotic", or read a book in the evenings. But, if I were a couple of hundred miles downstream, at Lee's Ferry, I could fish for big rainbow trout, instead of fish with names like "humpback chub" (sounds exotic, doesn't it?).



PIKEMINNOW

Lee's Ferry has an interesting history beginning in 1964 with the construction of the Glen Canyon Dam. This dam created a tailwater with regular flows and



HUMPBACK CHUB

an agreeable temperature for trout. The tailwater produced a prodigious amount of gammarus scuds, and as a consequence, trout in the 10–20 pound range. It was considered one of the finest tailwater fisheries in the world, and brought fishermen from all points of the compass.

Since its auspicious beginning, the area has had its ups and downs, but overall it has been recognized as a great fishery. It was stocked with catchable fish, then with fingerlings, through the 1990s. In 1998 stocking was ceased in the area, as it had become self-sustaining.

In recent years, however, there has been controversy over management of the dam, especially "High Flow Events", or HFEs, which can play havoc with the aquatic food base. These HFEs, among other dam flow practices, have been blamed for a decline in the population of gammarus scuds, as well as in the populations of mayflies, stoneflies and caddis flies.

In order to preserve this great fishery, a coalition including the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Reclamation and the Glen Canyon Dam operators has spent the last five years developing the Glen Canyon Dam Long Term Experimental and Management Plan EIS (LTEMPEIS). This plan will determine how the dam is operated for the next 20 years, and includes recommendations from many conservation and angling groups, including Trout Unlimited. Here's a quote from a Trout Unlimited article on the subject:

**"Some of the key LTEMPEIS recommendations from TU and other groups include:**



- Recognize the Lees Ferry rainbow trout fishery as a priority resource “value” to be enhanced by dam operations.
- Test the use of sustained low and steady flows to increase the production and diversity of the aquatic insects in the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam.
- Modify the HFE protocol to shift more high flows from the fall to the spring to benefit a variety of resources besides sediment/sandbars, including aquatic food base and the rainbow trout fishery. HFE’s should only be conducted in the spring if/when the condition of trout or the aquatic food base in Lees Ferry is poor.
- Reintroduce historic mayfly, caddis and stonefly species in the Lees Ferry reach.”

The full report with recommendations can be found at: [http://az-tu.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Lees-Ferry-Recommendations-final-8-2015.pdf?\\_ga=1.119097601.920479081.1464832322](http://az-tu.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Lees-Ferry-Recommendations-final-8-2015.pdf?_ga=1.119097601.920479081.1464832322). Club members, especially those heading for Lee’s Ferry in September, should give it a read – it’s interesting.

Meanwhile, I’ll be in Cataract Canyon, rafting in a 50,000 cfs flow in the daytime and stalking the elusive, highly-prized fathead minnow in the evenings. Or maybe reading...



FATHEAD MINNOW

**NOTE:** in my article on the East Fork, I offered a personally hand-tied fly to anyone who could correctly guess the meaning of the term “*anthropogenic pool*”. It appears that most of you have seen my hand-tied flies, because no one took me up on it. However, be that as it may, here is the definition:

*An anthropogenic pool is one created by a human (in the case of the East Fork, usually a little kid or prospector who makes some kind of miniature dam). Sounds a lot more scientific than “man-made pool”, doesn’t it?*

## 2016 Intermediate Casting Clinic

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, CASTING CO-CHAIR

The club will offer our Intermediate Casting Clinic starting on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 PM. This is a class that has been given in the past and will be targeted towards individuals that want to improve their casting and fishing ability. Emphasis will be placed on fine tuning your casting, fishing casts, increasing distance and line speed and improving line control. The class will run for a total of three consecutive Tuesday nights.

In order to make the class more effective we placed a few requirements on who can participate. First, attendees must be Long Beach Casting Club members—this class will not be offered to the general public. Second, all attendees should have at least six months of experience casting and fishing from the time that they took our Beginning Casting Clinic. The reasoning why should be obvious; we are trying to teach you intermediate skills and not beginning casting skills that have not been practiced in earnest since the Beginning Class. Seriously, if you don’t practice your casting you will never, ever improve. Sounds mean and tough but hey, the truth hurts sometimes! We have this beautiful pond—so use it.

If you have any questions about this clinic please contact me at 562-424-7313 or by email at [jvanderhoof1@gmail.com](mailto:jvanderhoof1@gmail.com). Thanks and I will see you there!

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# On the River Clinic, 2016

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

**A**s part of the Long Beach Casting Club's continuing education, please join us for three nights of an educational experience geared to the individuals that wish to gain overall fly fishing knowledge. You will be introduced to the equipment needed, entomology, stream structure, casting applications, short and long line presentation, reading the water, fly selection, how to organize your fly box and basic knots.

We will then take the knowledge you have gained and apply it to a Lower Owens weekend outing where you will receive individual instructions from river wise instructors.

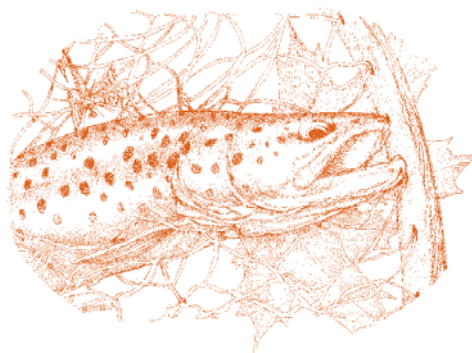
The dates for the classroom portion of this very popular clinic are October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The Lower Owens Trip date, where get the opportunity to apply what you learned in the classroom to actual fishing conditions is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The ON THE RIVER CLINIC is lead by Past President Joe Libeu. Joe is a Licensed guide, Master Casting Instructor and owner of Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures. He has been fishing the Lower Owens since 1975 and considers this watershed to be his home waters.

The Clinic is for Club members only.



Call Joe Libeu at 310-749-6671 or email [Fishlglf@ix.netcom.com](mailto:Fishlglf@ix.netcom.com) for any additional information.



## Club Trips 2016 & 2017

TERRY KOMISAK, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

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

### 2016 & 2017 Trips:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
October	none
November 12	San Diego Bay (Pre-Trip: November 2)
December	none
January 5-8, 2017	Lower Owens #1 w/Yash Iseda (Pre-Trip: December 31)
February 2-5	Lower Owens #2 w/Dan Rivett (Pre-Trip: January 29)
March 9-12	Lower Owens #3 w/John Lincoln (Pre-Trip: March 4)
April 1-2	Kelsey Bass Ranch w/Terry Komisak (Pre-Trip: March 22)
April 30-May 5	Green River #1 w/Yash Iseda (Pre-Trip: April 26)
May 7-12	Green River #2 w/Paul Burgner (Pre-Trip: April 26)

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](mailto:tk_nsp44@yahoo.com).

# The Frying Pan

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

The Frying Pan got its name from an old legend. The reason for the unusual name of the river is that when a group of trappers were attacked by a band of Native Americans. Only two men survived, one of whom was injured. Leaving his wounded friend in a cave close by, the last man left to go and summon help but, not before hanging a frying pan in a tree so that he could find the cave and his companion when he returned.

The Frying Pan River is located near the town of Basalt, Colorado, about 30 miles north of Aspen. It is a tailwater river which stretches 14 miles from Ruedi Dam to the town. At that point it connects to the Roaring Fork River.



The river is classified as a Gold Medal Water with a chance of catching a trophy size trout anywhere along its 14 miles. It contains browns, rainbows, brooks, cutthroats and some Rocky Mountain whitefish. The insects on (or in) the river at this time of year are Blue-Wing Olives, Pale Morning Duns, Green Drakes, Mysis Shrimp as well as some terrestrials.

This was the second year that the Club has gone to the Frying Pan in August. We had 22 members participate on this week long trip. We stayed once again at the Taylor Creek Cabins, located about half way up the

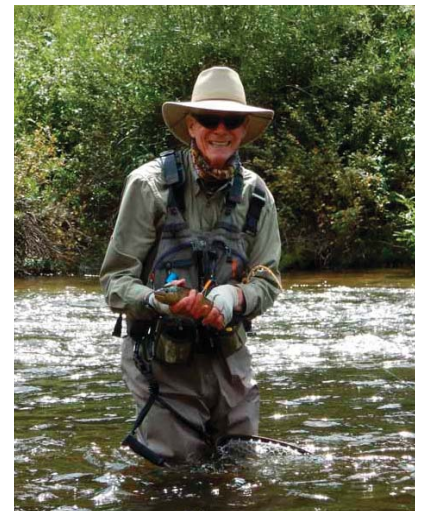


river which gave us a mile of private water to fish. This year, since we had a large cabin with a kitchen we cooked three nights so everyone could eat and get to know each other. This really made the trip more enjoyable.

The fishing, as always, was very technical with many members catching only a few fish during the beginning of the week. Rick Steadry and Diedre Engle however, found success above Reudi Reservoir floating Chapman Lake in their inflatable. They caught 30+ fish in one day, all on dries. Others found a great hole on the river the last couple of days, and were able to catch a good number of fish in the 15–20 inch range also on dries.

A small group of ladies spent some time sightseeing in Aspen and Redstone, learning some historic information about the area. There are some truly beautiful places to visit in Colorado and the mountains are full of Aspen.

A big thank you goes to Sandy and John Lincoln for organizing the trip, cooking and being great hosts. We are already talking about our next trip to the Frying Pan.



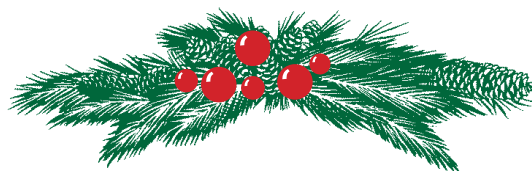


# Venison Stag Christmas Dinner

MARK FLO, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**T**he Venison Stag Christmas Dinner is fast approaching and it is time mark your calendar to reserve a spot for the club's biggest social event of the year. The date for this year's event is Saturday, December 3. A social hour will start at 6:00 PM with refreshments as well as music provided. Dinner will be served starting around 7:00 PM.

The Club's first Venison Stag Christmas Dinner was held in 1941 and has been an annual event ever since. Originally, members who were also hunters as well as fishermen would clean out their freezers and bring their game to share with the members at the dinner. Seventy-four years ago the menu included two deer, two antelope, a bear, half of an elk, and half of a moose. All were barbecued on a spit. Since, at this time, the membership was exclusively male, the event was called "a stag". Those traditions are long



gone, save the name, and now we dine on delicious prime rib with all the fixin's cooked by our very own master chef John Lincoln and his team.

An accurate head count is necessary to plan and prepare the dinner and there is a reservation form included on this page of the Target Talk. The cost is \$20 if made by reservation or \$30 at the door. Of course, all members, family and guests are welcome. Please send in your reservation as soon as possible. For an event of this magnitude we depend on members for help. We need people to clean the clubhouse, set up decorations and set the tables, assist the chef, and do the final cleanup.

Please contact Mark Flo to volunteer at Reso49nn@gte.net or call at: 562-420-8121 -\*2. Or, you can sign up on the lists that are located on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

## Endowment Fund

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

**E**ndowment grows to \$46,131.48! That includes a \$100 contribution from Eagle Scout Ryan Hausback who built the bulletin board structure by the sidewalk and who recently held his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the clubhouse. Thank you Hausback family.

Your dollar is worth two. The stock market has contributed to the growth, but our matching funds opportunity is the surest bet to add \$10,000 more to the fund. For every dollar (or \$50 or \$100 or \$500 we contribute, it will be matched up to \$5,000). Please start getting those checks in and also remember to include LBCC in your living trust.

## New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

**T**he Club's Board of Directors approved the following new members. Please welcome them at your next opportunity:

- ❖ Jim Curran
- ❖ Hutch Hutchison (Associate Member)
- ❖ Ken Nowicki
- ❖ Francisco Reyes
- ❖ Peter Rodriguez
- ❖ Dave Sorenson

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.



# 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 back at our traditional date, so the Orientation Night will be the last Tuesday in October, Tuesday October 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM. The class is open to any member of public—you do not have to be a LBCC member—that would like to learn fly tying, or brush up on your skills so mark your calendar.

The class runs 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 at potentially a higher level, or need help of a particular fly or just want to get the hell out of the house for a bit, then on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM we have the on-going Fly Tying Forum. Again, open to everyone, no particular skill level required. You can come watch, tie or just BS if you so desire. We always try to have a couple of guest instructors each month to show us some uncommon tying techniques, different or new materials and flies. We have done systems boxes, hoppers, and a number of cool local inspired flies **THAT ACTUALLY CATCH FISH**—what a novel concept!

Either way, please come and join us for some fly tying fun!



## Beginning Fly Tying Class Patterns by Week:

### Introduction to Beginning Fly Tying

October 25, 2016 – Dave Boyer

### Techniques and Demonstrations

November 1, 2016 – Dave Boyer

### Ant (Wet Fly, Terrestrial)

November 8, 2016 – Dave Boyer

### Soft Hackle (Wet Fly, Emerger)

November 15, 2016 – Jun Watanabe

### Boss (Steelhead)

November 22, 2016 – Wayne Sakaguchi

### Scud (Nymph/Crustacean)

November 29, 2016 – Dan Rivett

### Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear (Nymph)

December 6, 2016 – Paul Burgner

### Pheasant Tail (Nymph)

December 13, 2016 – Mick Woodbury

### Clouser Minnow (Bass/Saltwater Streamer)

December 20, 2016 – Ron Finney

### December 27, 2016 - No Classes for Holiday Break

### Crazy Charlie (Saltwater Fly)

January 3, 2017 – Doug Uyematsu

### Woolly Buggie (Wet Fly/Streamer Fly)

January 10, 2017 – Diedre Engle

### Muddler Minnow (Streamer Fly)

January 17, 2017 – Gary Spencer

### Elk Hair Caddis (Dry Fly)

January 24, 2017 – Matt Rickerd

### Adams (Dry Fly)

January 31, 2017 – Howard Uller

### Parachute Adams (Dry Fly)

February 7, 2017 – Joe Libeu

### Rusty Spinner (Dry Fly)

February 14, 2017 – Jeff Gross

### Royal Wulff (Dry Fly)

February 21, 2017 – John Van Derhoof

**November 12, 2016**

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## PHWFF Summer Re-Cap!

CAROLE KATZ, PROGRAM LEAD

**I**s the summer really almost over—already? Our PHWFF group had some terrific trips this summer. In June, eight people went to the Bitterroot River in southwestern Montana. Club member Dennis Swing helped to coordinate this trip and make it very successful. We rented a gorgeous home that was steeply discounted for us, where every morning and dusk we were able to see deer, coyotes, wild turkeys and a host of birds just outside the windows. We fished with terrific guides from Freestone Fly Shop and caught a lot of brightly colored fish, so much so that Lisa claimed that one of her fish was wearing blue eye makeup. It's always interesting to see how the coloration of trout can vary so much from one river to another.



Mid-July six vets and four volunteers went to a lake in the Sierras as guests of the property owners. At 8,000 feet, this lake has its own resident bald eagle, bears, and, this year, lots of mosquitoes. Here too the hospitality is just amazing. It hadn't been stocked recently this year, so the catching wasn't as great as last year but, it was a learning experience and loads of fun.

Later in July, another group of eight went on our annual trip to the Bighorn River in southeastern Montana. We always stay at Leaning Tree Lodge, where we are spoiled by Rachel and Mark Stroda. As usual, the fishing was awesome, as was the food and hospitality.

The fellowship and camaraderie that develops on these trips is part of the magic of Project Healing

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Waters. We have a terrific group, and I feel like we here in Long Beach are setting the standard for all programs nationwide. We've been having casting classes all summer, and are now starting fly tying. There are quite a few veterans who just joined us during the last few months but they're blending in very well.



I have to brag about our advanced rod building team. Our master weaver Don Lee mentioned it would be nice to build a rod for the founder of Temple Fork Outfitters as a thank you for their support of PHWFF. When the PHWFF founder Ed Nicholson heard about this, he said something like "You can't build a presentation rod for Rick Pope of TFO without building one for the founder of Orvis." They both have been powerful supporters since the very beginning.

Rick Pope is a Texan, so Don wove the map of Texas with a Lone Star. For the founder of Orvis, Leigh Perkins, Ed said that Leigh's favorite hunting dog is the English setter. When Ed saw the setter than Don wove, he asked for a rod with his hunting dog Ruby, a pointer. Ed now says that his is the most beautiful rod he has ever seen. All three rods have custom grips by Bill Boyce and Jim Wilcox, a weave by master Don Lee, and wraps and finishing by Joe Richter and Bob Guenther.



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](mailto:Katzhogan@gmail.com).



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# Fly of the Month: Hank of Hair

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

**A**t this month's Tips and Techniques Monthly Meeting I have been asked to tie some flies. Now, while I have a reputation for tying very complex and time consumptive patterns, I will, instead, be tying very simple quick flies that work great! One of the most versatile flies of all time (and the former, Long Beach Casting Club OFFICIAL FLY) is the ridiculously simple Hank of Hair. While ostensibly a caddis pattern it does so much more...

Back in the Dark Ages of this club—the '70s and '80s—this pattern was heavily used by many members because it was so effective and so quick to tie. I have successfully used the Hank of Hair on the Owens, Hot Creek, Madison, Big Hole, Pit, Fall River, Hat Creek, Upper and Lower Sac, South Platte and tons of other fisheries including the renowned Henry's Fork. Fished on the Henry's Fork it could, depending on the size and color, imitate a caddis, a Pale Morning Dun, a small Western Green Drake, or a Baetis/Blue-Winged Olive.

What's interesting is that, back then many of us did not fully understand or appreciate the role of the emerging mayfly and its effectiveness with many of the major species. Pale Morning Duns, Green Drakes and many of the myriad of Blue-Winged Olives are subject to a longish period on the water while they fully form their wings. Fishing the Henry's Fork we would catch fish in the middle of these major mayfly hatches using, essentially, a hackleless and/or short-winged Elk-Hair Caddis. As soon as we tied on an Elk-Hair Caddis only small, stupid fish would only occasionally eat our offerings—too bushy. It wasn't until much later that I really understood what the heck was going on.

This fly can be modified to change its character and target a specific hatching insect and done easily with a minimum of effort. Add some Zelon as a tail and you have a stuck shuck caddis or mayfly. Shorten the wing a bit and you have an emerging mayfly waiting for its wings to expand and dry enough to fly out of harm's way! Flatten the wings and spread them sideways and you have a small mayfly spinner. In larger sizes it can double as a hopper pattern with a tan or yellow thread body.

Finally, just leave it the hell alone and use it as a smoothish water caddis pattern with a low profile. Tie this small and dark gray and now your ready for all of those gray sedges at Hot Creek. This simple fly can be so versatile that having a few of these variations in sizes #12–#20 and light and dark can save your day's fishing. Give it a try sometime and save yours!

## Materials for tying the Hank of Hair:

- Hook: Light wire dry fly in size 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 or 22.
- Thread: Color to match the natural in 8/0 to 16/0.
- Body: Tying thread and any options you want to add on like ribbing, etc.
- Wing: Comparadun quality coastal deer hair or very fine elk (yearling)



HANK OF HAIR



## Instructions for tying the Hank of Hair:

1. Tie on the thread at the headspace and wind down to the bend of the hook. If you want, you can add tails or a nymphal shuck of Zelon now. Using you tying thread form a smooth uniform body finishing at the thorax.
2. Prepare the deer hair wing by removing all of the basal hair and stack the tips. Hair selection is crucial—get hair with short tapered points like what is used for Comparaduns. Tie the wing on exactly like an Elk-Hair Caddis wing. Make sure the wing is secure and don't cut the excess wing butts off yet. To help make this fly stronger, pull the wing butts back and wind your thread forward to the headspace. Whip finish the thread and cut it off and then cut off the wing butts just like an Elk-Hair Caddis. Whip finishing the thread on top of the wing like many people do on their Elk-Hair Caddis dramatically weakens the fly as the thread is on a relatively unstable base.

Pretty simple right? Now, **on to some variations:**

For a stuck shuck caddis emerger, tie just as above but with a normal wing that extends to the end of a body.



HANK OF HAIR CADDIS  
STUCK SHUCK EMERGER



HANK OF HAIR  
MAYFLY EMERGER

For a stuck shuck mayfly emerger, tie in a Zelon tail and then finish the fly in the same way as the mayfly emerger.



HANK OF HAIR MAYFLY  
STUCK SHUCK EMERGER

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# Calendar of Events

## October

3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic: 1 <sup>st</sup> Night
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: 1 <sup>st</sup> Night
9	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Night
		7:00 PM	Summer Casting Games
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Night
14–16	Weekend		Northwestern Tournament
			IFFF Southwest Council Fly Faire
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Clinic: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Night
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Night
22–23	Weekend		On the River Clinic in Bishop
23	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class: Orientation
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: White Elephant Fundraiser

## November

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: San Diego Bay Trip
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
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		Club Trip: San Diego Bay Trip
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
16	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Gary Gunsolley
20	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
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

## December

3	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag Christmas Dinner
4	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
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31	Saturday	9:00 AM–NOON	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower "O" Workshop #1

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## VENISON STAG RESERVATION

Saturday, December 3, 2016 ♦ Social Hour: 6:00 PM ♦ Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 21, 2016

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I will attend the Venison Stag on Saturday, December 3, 2016

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ adults. Total number \_\_\_\_\_ @ 20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed:

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