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Leader's Line...

Happy Holidays!

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to invite all of our club members to join us for our annual Holiday Venison Stag dinner on December 3. It is always an enjoyable night and the food is prepared by our resident chef, John Lincoln. Entertainment again will be Hawaiian music and dancing. This is a nice opportunity to get together and celebrate another great year.

For those of you that have a Bucket List, I hope that you were able to fulfill some of the things on your list this year. For the rest of you still trying, a good resource is, **50 PLACES TO FLY FISH BEFORE YOU DIE**, by Chris Santella. From Bristol Bay in Alaska to Zambia for tigerfish, there is something for everyone. It would make a nice Christmas gift.

We are still working on projects started in 2016. The sign is being painted by Dave Holden and will be hung in the near future.

The sidewalk and parking lot are pending approval from the city of Long Beach.

Participation in all of the club trips has increased over the year. We are about to plan for our winter trips to the Owens in Bishop. The workshops for the January Owens trip will be December 31 (sorry, but this is the only available date). We recommend that you download the handbook prior to attending the

workshop. It is a valuable resource and you will refer to it often.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DOWNLOAD:

1. Go to the club website (longbeachcastingclub.org)
2. Click the link
3. Click club trips
4. Click on detail
5. Download **FLY FISHING 101** by Jeff Sadler

The older I get, the more time I spend seeing doctors. I noticed on one of my visits that they really need some new magazines in their waiting rooms. Ever thought of recycling fly fishing magazines? Just leave them on your next visit. You never know who might read them and want to learn more about fly fishing. It also might attract some new members. Think about other places you might drop them off too.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Holiday season and a Happy New Year!

LBCC Conservation Committee

ROB PETERSON, MEMBER

The Long Beach Casting Club is forming a Conservation Committee, and we are looking for one or two more members. The goal of the committee is to increase the club's awareness of and involvement in, local, regional and national fly fishing-related conservation efforts.

We'll do this by representing the LBCC and reporting back to the club on conservation topics, with an emphasis first on local streams like Piru Creek and the East and West Forks of the San Gabriel River, second on the Eastern Sierra (Hot Creek, Owens River, Mammoth Lakes, etc.) and finally on other streams of special interest to the membership (e.g., the Green River, Frying Pan, Klamath and Trinity). We'll maintain ties with local conservation groups, including other fly fishing groups like the Pasadena, Deep Creek and South Bay clubs and organizations such as Cal Trout, the Southwest Council IFFF, the US Forest Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. We'll also make the membership aware of local conservation efforts such as trash pickups and stream restoration efforts.

Duties include attending occasional meetings, occasionally writing short articles and contributing your ideas, your energy and your enthusiasm to the group. If you're interested in participating, contact Rob Peterson, Jim Garvey or San Sasi.

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Venison Stag Christmas Dinner

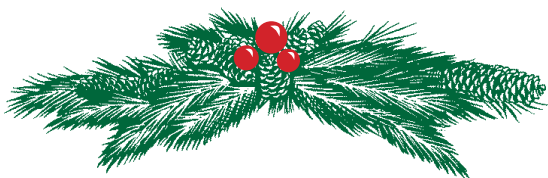
MARK FLO, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The Venison Stag Christmas Dinner is fast approaching and it is time to 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 Casting Club's first Venison Stag Christmas Dinner was held in 1941 and it has been an annual event ever since. Originally, members who were 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 an elk, and half 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 at Reso49nn@gte.net to volunteer, or call at: 562-420-8121 -*2. Or, sign up on the lists located on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.



Club Trips 2016 & 2017

TERRY KOMISAK, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

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

2016 & 2017 Trips:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
December	none scheduled
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.

SoCal Steelhead?

ROB PETERSON, MEMBER

Not long ago (actually it was the March edition of “Target Talk”), I contributed an article about a steelhead conservation effort in Northern California. I’m sure many of you are aware that there were once spectacular steelhead runs in Southern California as well. Steelhead ran in most of the local rivers and creeks, including the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers, and Piru and Malibu Creek.

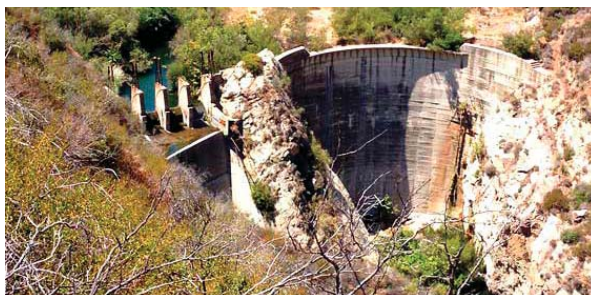
Before Malibu Creek was dammed, it was known as a great place to catch steelhead. Humphrey Bogart was a big fly fisherman, and designed his own flies for steelheading on the creek. Legend has it (I can’t verify this story, but I like it so much I’m including it) that he and star Tyrone Power got drunk one time and had an argument about the best method for catching steelhead.



THE OLD DAYS IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER

Mr. Bogart showed Mr. Power his favorite fly, and Mr. Power showed Mr. Bogart his method of choice: a snub-nosed .38 revolver. Bogart won the ensuing contest hands-down—bullets don’t travel very well under water. Again, I have no idea whether this story is true, but after all, this is a *fishing* newsletter.

In the 1920s, the Rindge family built a dam on Malibu



RINDGE DAM, MALIBU, CALIFORNIA

Creek and the steelhead population took a downward turn. The last recorded steelhead was caught in 1936. The dam is still in place. It was a popular hiking destination in Malibu Creek State Park for years; I’ve been there several times myself with a local hiking club. In August of 2014, it was closed to the public as it had become (as quoted from THE MALIBU TIMES):

“...a destination for teenage daredevils and vandals who, according to State Parks officials often make the treacherous hike to the dam in order to drink, dive into the creek and paint the dam’s walls.”

Search and rescue in the narrow canyon is dangerous and expensive. In November of 2013, a dam-bound hiker fell 200 feet. Rescuers had to use a helicopter and winch to get him out of the canyon. In addition, according to Craig Sap, a spokesman for the State Park system: “Sanitation conditions down there have been reported to be abysmal, not just the trash but also the human waste down there.”

One solution, which is also of interest to fans of the steelhead, is to tear down the dam. Another quote from THE MALIBU TIMES: *“...for years, the State has been pushing to tear down Rindge Dam, which is said to have a negative impact on the steelhead trout’s migration up and down Malibu Creek and may prevent spawning. Opponents, however, argue the project could cost up to \$100 million and be a waste of state resources for a small population of fish. Residents of Serra Retreat also worry its removal could unleash tons of dirt and sediment that has built up behind the dam.”*

Granted that the current steelhead population in Malibu Creek is small (the Southern California steelhead is genetically different from other varieties

and is listed as an endangered species), that is very likely because there is not enough habitat downstream of the dam to support a larger population. There is no immediate plan to remove the dam, so this situation will likely continue in its current state for a while.

Malibu Creek is only a symptom of the real problem for Southern California steelhead: the huge human population. Yet these fish are not giving up on us. Any of you who have gone, as I have, to fish in Santa Paula Creek or the lower reaches of Sespe Creek, have driven along the Santa Clara River on Highway 126. The river runs at a crawl, and is primarily used to irrigate citrus groves. Even so, adult steelhead try to run up it—steelhead big enough to supply bragging rights if caught on the North Umpqua in Oregon.



SANTA CLARA RIVER STEELHEAD

We're not giving up on the Southern California steelhead either. In 2012, NOAA, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, published the "SOUTH-CENTRAL/SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST STEELHEAD RECOVERY PLANS. Here is a summary of the plan's objectives:

- *Prevent steelhead extinction by protecting existing populations and their habitats.*
- *Maintain current distribution of steelhead and restore distribution to some previously occupied areas.*
- *Increase abundance of steelhead to viable population levels, including the expression of all life-history forms and strategies.*
- *Conserve existing genetic diversity and provide opportunities for interchange of genetic material*

- *between and within viable populations within the DPS.*
- *Restore and maintain suitable habitat conditions and characteristics for all life-history strategies, thereby*



STEELHEAD IN MALIBU CREEK

- *preserving the diversity of life-history strategies that allow for adaptation to a highly variable environment.*
- *Conduct necessary research to refine recovery criteria, monitor the status and trends of individual populations, and adaptively modify recovery actions and strategies in response to new information and better understanding of the biology and habitat requirements of the species.*

Restoring a steelhead population in Southern California, given the challenges, will take a lot of time and a lot of work. Even so, I'm looking forward to catching my first adult steelhead in Malibu Creek or the San Gabriel River. I'm not guessing I'll need a Spey rod, however.

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:

❖ David Taylor, Esther Taylor and grandchildren Donovan & Audrey.

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.

Notes from the Pond

COLIN KUMABE, CAPTAIN

Improved casting accuracy pays off when the fishing is tough!

Last weekend, Jim, Mitch, Rob, and I fished the Santa Ana River and the fish just weren't biting. One of my excuses for not catching is that there were few areas to cleanly make a back cast. Since casting was difficult, I spent most of the day dapping my dry fly in hopes of a bite. Late in the day, I stumbled on a spot that I could make a 30 foot cast upstream to a very promising spot just downstream from a large rock. You may guess what happened next.

Perhaps the fish were easily spooked that day. In this case, the accurate and longer cast paid off with a nice rainbow...and I avoided getting skunked.

Come on out and improve your casting accuracy at the upcoming Sunday Casts November 20 and December 4 and 18, casting starts at 9:00 AM. Practice placing your fly on that promising fishing spot on your first cast.

CASTING TIP: Shallow water, as in low flow streams, accuracy will count. False cast above your target until you are sure you can place the fly in the right spot, on the first try.

By the way, volunteers are needed for the Southwestern Tournament hosted by the Long Beach Casting Club on February 17 and 18. If you are interested in

helping, then please send an email to ckumabe@hotmail.com indicating your availability to help at the Southwestern Tournament. Any and all assistance is welcome!

Northwestern Tournament Results

TROUT FLY

A CASTERS

10 Gregg Rodriguez 94
15 Larry Allen 93
17 Mark Lipe 91
18 Mark Tsunawaki 88
20 Mark Flo 85

BASS BUG

A CASTERS

4 Mark Tsunawaki 96
12 Gregg Rodriguez 92
13 Larry Allen 91

B CASTERS

3 Mark Lipe 89 (91)
8 Mark Flo 84

1/4 OZ. ACCURACY

A CASTERS

2 Mark Tsunawaki 95
4 Larry Allen 90

B CASTERS

5 Gregg Rodriguez 85
7 Mark Flo 84
8 Mark Lipe 82

C CASTERS

2 Zach Rodriguez 80

3/8 OZ. ACCURACY

A CASTERS

3 Mark Tsunawaki 94
5 Larry Allen 91

B CASTERS

2 Mark Flo 89 (1)
3 Gregg Rodriguez 89
6 Mark Lipe 86

ANGLER'S FLY

A CASTERS

2 Larry Allen 152
6 Mark Tsunawaki 130
7 Gregg Rodriguez 120

C CASTERS

1 Mark Flo 108

1/4 OZ DISTANCE

A CASTERS

2 Larry Allen 210
5 Mark Tsunawaki 175

B CASTERS

1 Gregg Rodriguez 174
3 Mark Flo 151

C CASTERS

2 Zach Rodriguez 72

DRY FLY

A CASTERS

4 Larry Allen 98
7 Mark Tsunawaki 96
11 Gregg Rodriguez 95
11 Mark Flo 95
17 Mark Lipe 92

WET FLY

A CASTERS

2 Larry Allen 99
6 Mark Tsunawaki 97
8 Gregg Rodriguez 96
10 Mark Lipe 94

B CASTERS

2 Mark Flo 92 (91)

OPEN PLUG

A CASTERS

5 Mark Tsunawaki 88
7 Larry Allen 86

B CASTERS

1 Gregg Rodriguez 94
2 Mark Flo 90
3 Mark Lipe 89

C CASTERS

2 Zach Rodriguez 83

5/8 OZ. ACCURACY

A CASTERS

4 Larry Allen 91
6 Mark Tsunawaki 88

B CASTERS

1 Mark Lipe 93
2 Mark Flo 89

ALL-DISTANCE

2 Larry Allen 362
5 Mark Tsunawaki 305
6 Gregg Rodriguez 294
8 Mark Flo 259

FLY ACCURACY

7 Larry Allen 381
9 Gregg Rodriguez 377
9 Mark Tsunawaki 377
18 Mark Lipe 366
22 Mark Flo 356

PLUG ACCURACY

4 Mark Tsunawaki 365
5 Larry Allen 358
6 Mark Flo 352
7 Mark Lipe 350

ALL ACCURACY

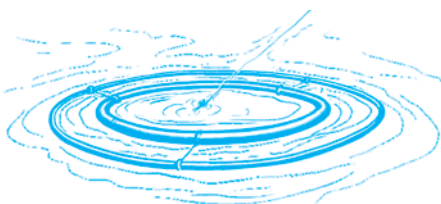
4 Mark Tsunawaki 742
7 Mark Lipe 716
10 Mark Flo 708


ALL AROUND

3 Larry Allen 38
4 Mark Tsunawaki 40
6 Mark Flo 62

SUNDAY SILVER BEE

Larry Allen





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Larry Allen Wins 2016 IFFF Mel Krieger Award

MARK TSUNAWAKI, PAST PRESIDENT

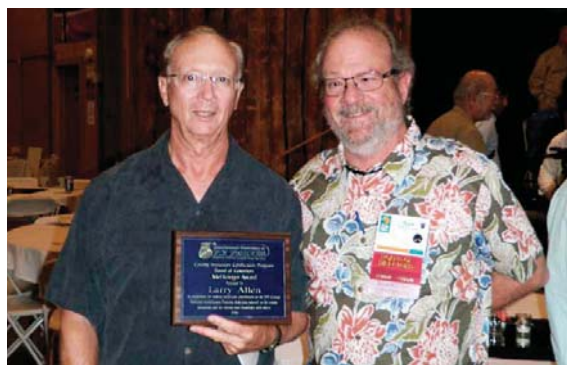
Larry grew up in the Dallas/Fort Worth area of Texas. He graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry and, while in Dental School, he met his future wife Marie. The two married and now live in Mesa Arizona.

He started fly fishing at the young age of 12 catching his first trout on a fly in the Rocky Mountain National Park. Since then he has fished all over the world, both fresh and saltwater.

In 1981 Larry opened the first fly shop in Arizona, Allen Fly Shop, which was located in Tempe, Arizona. He has taught fly-casting, fly tying, fly fishing classes, and has been a guest speaker to many fly-fishing organizations since 1981 throughout the US. He also became the Arizona Fly Fishing school instructor for the Sage Rod Company. He was a past instructor for Mel Krieger in his Club Pacific fly-fishing schools and became an IFFF Certified Casting Instructor in the early stages of the instructor program. In 2004 he received the IFFF Master Certified Instructor Certification.

Larry joined the Long Beach Casting Club in 2005 after being introduced to the casting games by Joe Libeu and John Van Derhoof and introduced to the ACA by Henry Fujita of the Oakland Casting Club. Since then, Larry has won 4 National Tournament individual gold medals, 2 team gold medals, and a member of the ACA All American Team 6 times.

In 2012, Larry started the Rio Salado Casting Club, introducing casting and tournament casting in Gilbert, Arizona, where members of the Long Beach Casting Club (many of whom lived in Arizona, including Past President Ron Robinson) along with Gloomis rod designer and tournament casting champion, Steve Rajeff and current ACA president Henry Mittel,



provided demonstrations and instructions.

Larry was nominated for the IFFF Mel Krieger Instructor Award in which the criteria are as follows:

1. The award will be given annually, if warranted, to a person, a couple or club who have dedicated their lives to fly casting instruction.
2. An IFFF member must make the nomination.
3. The recipient must be a member of the IFFF.
4. The recipient must be an IFFF Certified Instructor.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA - that may be considered in selecting recipients of this award:

1. The candidate should be known as a motivator of students.
2. The candidate is known for sharing their knowledge of teaching with others.
3. The candidate has made a significant, long-term contribution to the art of fly-casting.

In August 2016, Larry was honored being awarded the Mel Krieger Instructor Award at the IFFF Conclave in Livingston, Montana. Larry now joins another LBCC Mel Krieger Award winner, Joe Libeu, who received his—as the very first recipient—in 2007.

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Fly of the Month: Solly Clouser

AL QUATTROCCHI & JIM SOLOMON

This month I would like to present a great surf pattern submitted by my friends Al Quattrocchi and Jim Solomon. These two guys are diehard, fanatic surf fishers and they practice their passion on a regular basis. They are both outstanding and talented fly fishers and fly tiers.

This fly has been very successful for them on a wide variety of species in the surf and I have it on good authority that this pattern is also dynamite in freshwater as well.

If you have a hankering for a local salty tug, give the Solly Clouser a try and I am sure it will prove successful for you as well. (—ed.)

Materials for tying the Solly Clouser :

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S stinger #4
Thread: Monofilament
Eyes: 5/32" Dazl-Eyes or bead chain
Tail: Fox Squirrel Tail
Legs: Oil color Rubber legs tied in 'V' style
Tail Flash: Orange Krystal Flash
Body: Grizzly Variant Schlappen Orange
Body Flash: One turn of Dyed UV Polar chenille
Head: flat Diamond Braid

Instructions for tying the Solly Clouser :

Tie in eyes a distance of approximately 1/3 length of hook shank behind eye of hook. Figure eight eye and then post eye with approximately 5 tight wraps of thread. Then glue underside of thread to eye.

Wrap thread to just behind eye of hook and tie in one sparse clump of squirrel tail approximately 3 times the length of hook shank or however long you want the tail. Make sure you put a small amount of super

glue on the top of hook shank. Pull hair over top of eyes. Wrap thread tightly at eye of hook then jump thread to just behind the eyes. You want the head of fly to taper nicely. Tie hair down to just before bend of hook.

Tie in rubber legs "V" style starting behind eyes to just short of bend. Make sure legs are divided to each side of hook. Tie in sparse clump of orange Krystal Flash "V" style. Apply super glue to top of the shank and tie in sparse clump of squirrel tail starting at behind the eyes. Now you have sandwiched the rubber legs and flash which should prevent the legs from wrapping around the shank when fishing.

The body is made from one long and large variant schlappen hackle that is tied in wet fly style. Make sure each wrap is pulled back before making the next wrap. You want the hackle tips to lay back. Tie in on wrap of dyed UV Polar chenille wet fly style. Wrap thread back towards bend of the hook while you hold the hackle and chenille in the position of a wet fly. Next tie in about a 3" length of flat diamond braid and wrap sparsely around eyes and to just behind eye of hook. Whip finish and then apply Tuffleye to head.

This fly really pulsates in the water so let it drop during your strips. Remember to always vary the stripping pattern until you find the right Mojo.





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Calendar of Events

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
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
14	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
18	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
31	Saturday	9:00 AM–NOON	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower "O" Workshop #1

January 2017

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5–8	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #1
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
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
18	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Carpenteria Surf Clinic
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced
28	Saturday	9:00 AM	FlyBuy 2017 for the Southwest Council of the IFFF
29	Sunday		Club Trip: Carpenteria Surf Clinic
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower "O" Workshop #2
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class

February

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
2–5	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #2
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17–19	Weekend		Southwestern Tournament
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class

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2015-2016 Dates:

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



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



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VENISON STAG RESERVATION

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

Reservations are due by November 21, 2016

Name: _____

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

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

I will bring _____ children. Total number _____ @ 6.00 = _____ = _____

☐

Yes, I would like to help!

Please call me at this telephone number

() _____ - _____ (cut out and return by 11-21-2016)

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