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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

### January Again???

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

**W**hat phenomenon is named for the French word “already seen”? As Yogi Berra said, “Deja Vu all over again.” The February trip to the Owens was a carbon copy of January’s. Cold weather, cold water, and few fish, but we still had a great time. Water temperatures were below 40 degrees and the water flow was almost up to 200 cfs. Very few club members caught fish this trip. High club member was San Sasi with more than half a dozen. Mark Flo caught a “big one”, over 18 inches. A few others caught one or two during the weekend. That was it!

Talking to the game warden, his best guess is that, because of the exceptional weather this year with one cold front stacking up on another, the catch rate is down to a trickle. The Sierra snowpack is 173% above normal. Hopefully, the weather will return to what we call normal by March.

Fishing the Upper Owens had to be done with snowmobiles and snow shoes. A fellow checking in before me at the Creekside had just fished the Upper Owens using a snowmobile and a guide and caught a Crowley Steelhead measuring over 20 inches.

Our group was smaller this month, possibly due to the Super Bowl and the weather. We still plan to have the March trip and hope for better weather and fishing. The date is March 9–11. We also welcomed two new fishermen this month on our Owens trip: Jim Wilson and Paul Pinner.

At the end of this month we have one of the top fly

tiers in the nation. Charlie Craven is coming to our club from Old Town Arvada, Colorado to teach four classes. They are scheduled for February 25 and 26. If you are an observer, beginner or advanced tier, I would highly recommend that you take advantage of Charlie’s class. The class is \$40.00 per session. For reservations, call Dave Boyer at (972) 670-2425 or email him at [dboyer@glodesign.com](mailto:dboyer@glodesign.com).

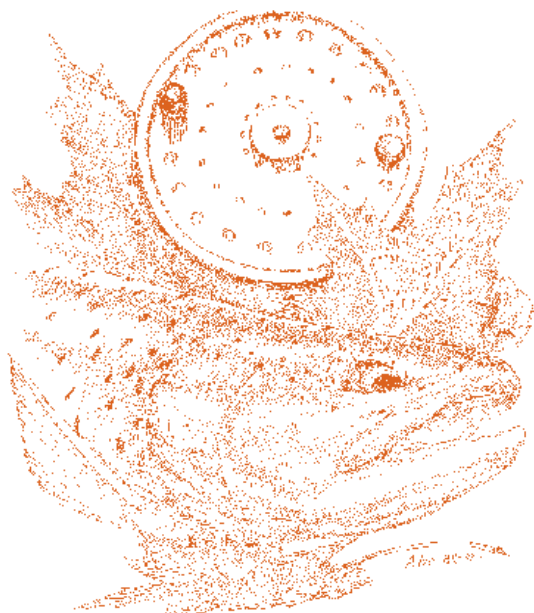
### GOOD-BYE CONNIE BULLOCK!

We all are going to miss Connie, a LBCC past president and life member, as she moves back to her home town in Pennsylvania. She has been very active with the IFFF for many years now and was the coordinator for the Southwest Council’s Fly Fishing Faire in both Bishop and Mammoth. Also, she formed the Santa Clarita Fly Fishers. She has been a very good friend to many of our members. We will miss you!

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The **GREEN RIVER TRIP** has openings for the second week in May. The trip consists of two days guided drift boat and two days walking the river plus five days lodging. According to our own John Van Derhoof, the Green is the one of our premier rivers to fish in the U.S. with a count of 15,000 fish per mile in Section A. So think real hard about going on this trip. Contact Matt Pena at Marriott's. The number is (800) 543-0282.



## 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:

- ❖ Anthony Daus
- ❖ Gary Hart
- ❖ Peters Family; Michael & Candi, Michael Jr. & Aaron
- ❖ Plotkin Family David & Stefanie, Trevor & Madison

Please greet and welcome our new members at the club's next Monthly Meeting. Here's wishing them a lifetime of healthy hatches and tight lines.

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# One Hour to Learn You Up on Photography with Michael Miller

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

**W**e spend a boatload on a really good camera and then put it on “automatic”. Next we lose the owner’s manual. Then we fret that our images don’t look any better than the ones we take with our phones. Maybe it’s time to buckle down and really think about what we need to learn to improve our photography. And, *no* we’re not talking about photo “Tips”. Enter Michael Miller...

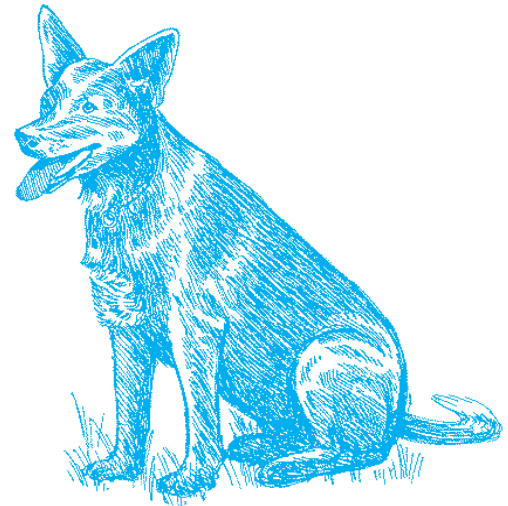
Michael has spent 30 years in the world of commercial and advertising photography. He has spent another 12 years as a professor of photography at California State University, Northridge. Michael’s program is:

*“I am planning on teaching you some basics. I am referring to how a camera works and how it controls the light that you let into it. I want to get your camera off automatic and back in your control. Finally, I want to help you design the image to make it more interesting.*

*“Then I will start asking you questions. Why are you taking photographs in the first place? Who is going to look at them and what do you think they want to see? You already know how to take pictures of naked fish. What about the rest of the fishing trip?*

*“All this and more I guarantee it. I only have an hour so listen up.”*

So if you want to get a lot more out of your camera then please join us at the March Monthly Meeting on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. See you there!



## A Chester Story

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

**C**hester, the Wonder Dog, was not registered with the AKA ("a German shepherd/mutt mix") but Gary LaFontaine dubbed him as the world's greatest fishing dog. One day Gary was fishing with his brother in identical kick boats on a lake.

*"We started casting against the cliffs on the far shore and soon Jay hooked a fat, 13-inch cutthroat. My faithful dog seemed a bit upset as he watched Jay play the fish, but he stayed firmly planted on my kick boat. It was a touching display of his confidence in me. I didn't get a strike on my first few casts, but Jay soon hooked another nice cutthroat. My boy Chester stood up and paced a bit on the back platform of the kick boat, but he sat down and stared at me. It was a touching display of his devotion to the one who cared for and loved him. My next few casts were ignored by the fish, but Jay hooked a third big cutthroat. I heard a splash and turned around to see Chester swimming over to my brother's kick boat. It was a disgusting display of a 'catch-fish-or-cut-bait' mentality that grips overly competitive fishing dogs."*

(From Gary LaFontaine, FLY FISHING THE MOUNTAIN LAKES. 1998. Greycliff Publishing Company.)

## Kelsey Bass Ranch: April 1<sup>st</sup> (no foolin') & 2<sup>nd</sup>

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

**I**magine yourself on a private, 125-acre catch and release lake, stocked with 15,000 Florida large-mouth bass plus bluegill and catfish. No traffic, no television, no meetings, no time clock and no well-worn path along the water's edge.

That's what the Club has scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kelsey Bass Ranch. This is float tube, kayak, pontoon boat fishing. There is even a launch ramp for small trailer boats.

This will be a car-camping trip. The camping area is a half-acre of grass lawn with plenty of trees. There are picnic tables, a huge BBQ grill and a porta john. It's closer than Mammoth, a bit farther than Bishop but with no hotels and no restaurants. You bring your own food and water. One of the many attractions is that it is remote. You leave the road in Snelling (who's even heard of that?) and then drive several miles through ranch land to the lake. The bird population is spectacular and frogs will sing you to sleep—or perhaps keep you awake.

Cost is about \$100 per night (\$200 for the weekend) which isn't a lot different from a motel room except with far better scenery. If we decide on a group BBQ on Saturday night, we'll up the cost a little bit for food. The Pre-trip will be March 22, 7:00 PM at the Club. Checks will be due that night. If you want more information, please check out [www.kelseybassranch.com](http://www.kelseybassranch.com). There are several YouTube videos about the lake too: "DESTROYING AT KELSEY BASS RANCH", "THE BASS MASTER CATCHES A NICE BASS" and "MONSTERS OF KELSEY" are three examples. Please note; one of these guys is fishing from shore. The setting is spectacular and if they're hitting top water... watch out!

Sign up now and, if you have any questions, let me

know: Mick Woodbury at [mick@rwmktg.com](mailto:mick@rwmktg.com).

It will be fun!



## Club Trips 2017

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

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

### 2017 TRIPS:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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.

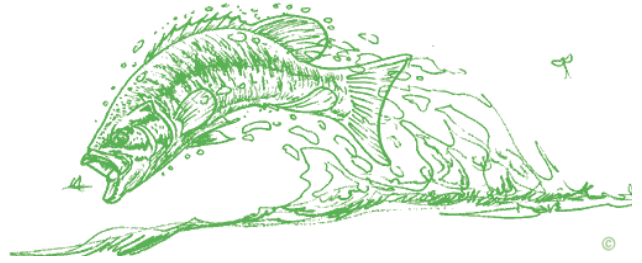
Please contact me if you have any suggestions or questions at [tk\\_nsp44@yahoo.com](mailto:tk_nsp44@yahoo.com).

# LBCC Board Nominees

## DENNIS KONG, RECORDING SECRETARY

The 2016–2017 Nominating Committee consisting of Dan Rivett, Marv Dworzak, Eddie Madrid, Cecil O'Dell and John Lincoln, have considered the following members for the nomination to the various offices for the 2017–2018 Long Beach Casting Club's Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT:	Mark Flo
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	Terry Komisak
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	Art Daily
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	Brad Landon
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Wayne Sakaguchi
TREASURER:	Tommy Kendall
CAPTAIN:	Colin Kumabe
FACILITIES & POND:	Chris Visconti
JUNIOR DIRECTOR:	Yash Iseda
SENIOR DIRECTOR:	Mick Woodbury



The election of these Nominees will take place at our most important meeting of the year—the Annual General Meeting. It is a brief meeting with no guest speaker and all members are encouraged to attend.

The Annual General meeting is in lieu of the regular monthly meeting. Any ten members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Refer to the Long Beach Casting Club Constitution & Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, for the procedure to nominate candidates from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. The Constitution & Bylaws are located in the back of your copy of the LBCC Roster.

## Charlie Craven FLY TYING CLASS AT LBCC!

Charlie will be at the Long Beach Casting Club on February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. The Classes will be 2 per day and 4 total to choose from: Morning from 8:00 until Noon and Afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30. Each session will focus on two of Charlie's favorite patterns his Juju Baetis and Two-Bit Hooker. A \$5.00 LUNCH will be available on both dates: Burgers prepared by our very own John Lincoln! The class is open to LBCC Club members and the general public.

**COST OF THE CLASS WILL BE \$40.<sup>00</sup>**

Contact Dave Boyer for reservations at:  
972.670.2425 or [dboyer@glodesigns.com](mailto:dboyer@glodesigns.com)

Students will need to bring their own  
materials and fly tying tools.





# The Lower "O" Season

## THE LOWER "O" BOYS

**T**his traditional season of winter trips has morphed into a truly great experience for beginning fly fishers as the old pros spend Saturday and part of Sunday on the shoulder of rookies teaching them to read the water, rig their rod and catch pretty trout. The schedule is the March 9–12 trip led by John Lincoln; Pre-Trip is Saturday March 4.

Some comments from prior beginners:



*"The Lower O is the best stream...**EVER**", Ernest H.*

*"The fish are **HUGE** on the Lower O", Zane G.*

The Pre-Trip Meetings are a combination of trip info and a class telling you everything you need to know about from when you step out of your car in jeans and sweatshirt until you step into the river in waders and boots and your rod ready to rock-n-roll. The class starts at 9:00 AM and goes until you are exhausted.



Gustatory delights include Amigo's (Thursday), Japanese (Friday), and Pizza Factory (Saturday).

Bishop is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a tank north in the beautiful Eastern Sierra and winter fishing can be spectacular. The weather can vary from peeling off layers of clothing to horizontal sleet. The Owens flow is currently at a very fishable rate.

The best part is the camaraderie of old and new friends and the sharing of arcane secrets.



## Free Admission for Working the Fred Hall Show

**RICK LONG & JOHN STINE, MEMBERS**

**T**he Fred Hall Show will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center starting on Wednesday March 1, 2017 through Sunday, March 5, 2017. Volunteers are needed each day to help work three-hour or four-hour shifts in the morning, afternoon or evening and, if you volunteer to work the show, you will get in free!

Please contact: Rick Long at 310-375-6900 or by email at [vglong1@gmail.com](mailto:vglong1@gmail.com) or; John Stine at 562-431-2817 or by email at [jmastine@verizon.net](mailto:jmastine@verizon.net)



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## Captain's Corner

COLIN KUMABE, CAPTAIN

### *"Running against the wind..."*

sounds like a Bob Seger lyric.

**C**asting in the salt you will definitely be running against the wind. Head down to the sand anywhere around Long Beach and you will be casting into the wind. Good news, most of the fish on our coast can be found in the "trough", where the water from the receding wave meets the shore breaking waves. Good news, usually casting to the trough involves getting wet or making a 50 foot plus cast. Now imagine making this cast 100 or more times during your fishing outing to the surf.

If you thought "running against the wind" will be difficult, shooting line long distances starts with the basic casting fundamentals. Bad casting stroke problems are magnified when trying to get extra distance, buck the wind and shoot your fly in the surf.

Interested in improving your casting for saltwater fishing? Come on out to perfect your casting at the pond. In saltwater, an excellent casting stroke that produces great distance with the least amount of effort will keep you on the water all day long. Whether using shooting heads or full length lines; floating or sinking lines, the same principles of good back casts and a smooth forward motion to a "stop" apply to the longer casts often required for saltwater fishing. Preparations for your next fishing trip start with improved casting techniques. Check the

LBCC Calendar for the Club Casts when experienced casters may help you to improve your casting skills.

See you at the pond!



## Beginning Casting Clinic

BOB MIDDO, CASTING CO-CHAIR

**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.

Orientation will take place in the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 7:00 PM. Enrollment, rod/reel/line selection advice and practical tips will be addressed during the session. This is a short (45 minutes +/-) classroom presentation only. There is no need to bring a rod and reel to this presentation.

Actual casting on the pond will run for four consecutive weeks, beginning Tuesday, March 14, 2017 and concluding April 4, 2017. All classes are on Tuesdays and run from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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 and hope to see you there.

## YACHT SALES

*Craig Belden*

Email: [Beldenyachts@gmail.com](mailto:Beldenyachts@gmail.com)

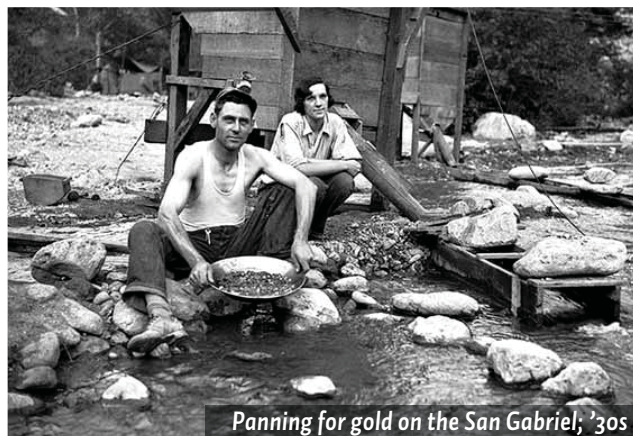
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# Mining Dredges on the East Fork?

ROB PETERSON, MEMBER

*I'd like to pass along something I received from John Tobin, Conservation Chair for the Pasadena Fly Fishers. If you enjoy fishing our local rivers (San Gabriel River, Piru Creek, Santa Ana River, Bear Creek, Deep Creek, etc.) you should read this. Gold miners are challenging the current moratorium on suction dredges in California streams. The below article outlines the effects of these dredges on water quality and fish habitat (spoiler alert: they aren't beneficial), and includes a suggested format for a comment letter. Please read the below and, if you feel so inclined, send your comments to the State Water Resources Control Board by February 28<sup>th</sup>.*



Panning for gold on the San Gabriel, '30s

## Will Harmful Suction Dredge Gold Mining Return to the San Gabriel River?

**State Water Board Seeking Public Comments Now!**

Harmful suction dredge gold mining may return to the East Fork San Gabriel River and many other sensitive southern California streams unless concerned anglers and conservationists urge the State Water Board to adopt protective regulations.

Suction dredge gold mining of our rivers and streams degrades water quality and puts public health at risk by mobilizing toxic mercury left in the river beds from historic mining. It also chronically disturbs fish and wildlife habitat and sensitive cultural and historical sites along rivers. In 2012, the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) determined that adverse suction dredge mining impacts on water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and cultural/historical sites were significant and unavoidable. Soon after, the California Legislature passed a moratorium on suction dredge mining until the CDFW adopted new regulations reducing these impacts to insignificance, but the CDFW has been unable to do so.

Meanwhile, miners have a case before the California Supreme Court challenging the moratorium and CDFW's inadequate regulations. The miners claim that the federal government has the sole authority to regulate mining under the weak and antiquated 1892 federal mining law. Concerned that the state moratorium may be overturned in court, the California Legislature in 2015 authorized the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to regulate suction dredge mining under the federal Clean Water Act. This means that if the current mining moratorium is overturned in court, miners would still be required to secure a water quality permit under federal law from the SWRCB before they could start mining and polluting our rivers.

The SWRCB is now seeking public input for the development of new water quality regulations for suction dredge mining. A series of public workshops are scheduled in January and written comments will be accepted by Feb. 28, 2017. The health of our rivers, which provide clean drinking water, habitat for fish and wildlife, and our cultural and historical legacy, is at stake. Please attend one of the public workshops and write a comment email today.



## COMMENT LETTER—POTENTIAL ACTIONS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY FROM SUCTION DREDGE MINING

State Water Resources Control Board  
Div. of Water Quality – NPDES Unit  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100  
Via email: [suctiondredgecommentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:suctiondredgecommentletters@waterboards.ca.gov)

Dear Water Board:

I support the development and adoption of regulations by the Water Board to protect water quality and other beneficial uses of the state's water from suction dredge mining.

Suction dredge mining mobilizes toxic mercury in the river and sends it downstream, polluting our water supply and fish and wildlife habitat. It also causes chronic disturbance of fish and wildlife habitat. Riverside mining operations also harm Native American cultural and historic sites.

I urge that the Water Board develop and adopt regulations that prohibit suction dredge mining in waters that are mercury or sediment impaired, provide critical habitat for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife, designated as federal or state wild and scenic rivers and wild trout streams, possess sensitive Native American and historical resources, and provide a critical source of drinking water.

Some of our most treasured rivers, including the East Fork San Gabriel River, Big Tujunga Canyon, Middle Fork Lytle Creek, and Deep Creek should be off limits to suction dredge mining to protect their water quality, wild trout, threatened and endangered species, and other beneficial uses.

Suction dredge mining in California is largely a recreational hobby. It isn't worth degrading our drinking water supply or harming fish and wildlife. Public health as well as the ecological health of our rivers and streams are at stake.

Thank you,  
(name, address, email)



## Wulff Quotes

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Jeff Sadler was on my mind the other day while getting ready to teach the Royal Wulff for the Beginning Tying Class. I remembered a bunch of quotes he sent me for Target Talk about that renowned fly and thought you might enjoy some of them...

*"In 1930 Reuben Cross was asked to dress some Royals for L. Q. Quackenbush using a durable substitute for the mandarin breast fan wing. He came up with white calftail for the wings and the Quack Coachman was born. This is another piece in the Royal Coachman-Royal Wulff evolution."*

A. J. McClane, THE PRACTICAL FLY FISHERMAN

*"Ted Marciano sent me a dozen exquisite, size 20 Royal Wulffs. They went into my fly box, but not because they were ever going to be used. Instead, they were intended*

*as conversation pieces for showing off to other anglers. Then, one day I tied one of them on—and it was deadly business."*

Gary LaFontaine, THE DRY FLY

*"I once asked Lee (Wulff) what his Royal Wulff represented. He puzzled a moment and replied with a smile, 'Well, I don't think they represent any one single insect, more like a dessert, something after the main course, a little like strawberry shortcake.'"*

Jack Dennis, WESTERN TROUT FLY TYING MANUAL

*"The jauntiness and efficacy of the Royal Wulff has a western, freestoner kind of beauty; it works so well that a whole school of sophisticated anglers will do anything to keep from using it."*

Thomas McGuane, THE LONGEST SILENCE

*"The Royal Wulff is the drag queen of mayflies."*

Dr. Carl Rischer



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# A Little History on the Trout of the San Gabriel River

ROB PETERSON, MEMBER

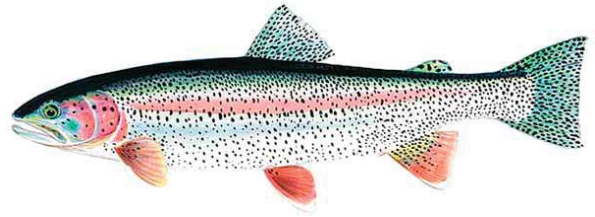
**M**ark Flo and I are thinking of taking our bicycles to the West Fork this weekend. It's been a long drought, and it's been a couple of years since I've been up there. If we make it, it will be interesting to see what we find. What will the water level be? Will the flow be sufficient to flush out some of the accumulated debris? Will the fish come out to play?



The San Gabriel River has a long history with Southern California anglers. Lately I've been checking that history out with the help of Google, and I've found some interesting things.

The San Gabriel runs for 58 miles, beginning its course along the spine of the San Gabriels and ending at its mouth in Long Beach. It was stocked at least as early as 1930. It supported a run of steelhead which was brought to an end by the construction of Morris Dam in 1934, 2.7 miles from the mouth of San Gabriel Canyon. In 1939, San Gabriel Dam was completed six miles upstream.

The Department of Fish & Game (now the Department of Fish & Wildlife) did a survey in 1934, noting *"scant if any natural propagation"* in the area between the West Fork and the confluence of Cattle Canyon Creek with the East Fork. That report goes on to state that the river "Does not support heavy fish population.



Aged fish have best chance in this stream on account of more water than other L.A. streams."

Things got better, though. In 1951, the DFG reported natural trout propagation in the area as "Fair", and there is a report in the 1954 DFG journal of a 22 inch trout being caught! By 1983 a DFG letter stated that *"The upper portion of the [San Gabriel] river drainage presently supports a self-sustaining population of wild rainbow trout"*, and the following year they recommended including the East Fork above Cattle Canyon in their Wild Trout Program. Even back then, the document noted that *"Habitat destruction from recent and present mining activities is very evident"*.

By 1998, an El Nino year, I'd begun to fish it, and the fishing was incredible. I remember talking to Yoshi Kato, an excellent student of the San Gabriel who kept very accurate counts of the fish he caught. His comment on a day's fishing the West Fork (his fishing was much better than his English): *"30 fish: no good. Fifty fish: good."* A good nymph fisherman could log a 100 fish day on the West Fork in those days. They weren't big, but they were certainly numerous.



The drought has really affected those numbers, and as I've said, it's been a couple of years since I've bothered to try the West Fork. But I'm looking forward to checking it out. We shall see...

# Fly of the Month: Iris Caddis

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

**A** lot of you have noticed that I have been tying really tiny flies lately. You've seen me at various events, as well as the Wednesday Night group, tying #22s, #24s and yes, even #26s. Well this month's fly is another one that I love to tie in no-see-um sizes but you can and should tie them larger as well—the Iris Caddis.

I first tried the Iris Caddis years ago in West Yellowstone. I needed to match a sneaky hatch of *Glossosoma* Caddis on the Madison between Hebgen and Quake Lakes. Blue Ribbon Flies suggested the Iris Caddis; an adult emerging from its pupal shuck. It sat low, floated well and worked like magic in #18 and #20. Lately I have used #22s and #24s with equal panache on Hot Creek when those demonic little gray sedges are about.

Caddis, like many mayflies, can go through the same period of vulnerability as they try to free themselves from their pupal shell. The looped wing mimics the stuck wing as well as the air bubble they use to help them up the water column. The spiky body also helps flotation when the water gets a bit rougher. By understanding this about the lifestyle of caddis you will be glad to know that you can tie this in a variety of sizes and colors. Tie it in tan (size #16–#20 for *Hydropsyche*, *Arctopsyche* & *Lepidostoma*), amber (size #14–#16 for *Hydropsyche* & *Arctopsyche*), olive (size #16–#20 for *Brachycentrus*) and black or charcoal gray (size #20–#24 for *Glossosoma* and gray sedges).

**FISHING TIP:** If a fly is too small to be readily seen tie a size #18 light tan Elk Hair Caddis (or a Parachute Adams) onto your 5x tippet. Next, attach 9" to 12" of 6x tippet to the bend of the Elk Hair Caddis' hook. Finally, tie on the tiny fly. Present your fly and watch the Elk Hair Caddis. If there is a rise nearby (but not the Elk Hair Caddis) set the flippin' hook! Also, after the sun goes down but still light enough to see and fish don't use a light colored fly; use a black one. Black actually shows up better when the water's surface reflects the sun's silvery afterglow.

Without a doubt, this is one of the best ever emerging caddis patterns for picky trout on tough water. Tie some because they work and the tying is easy!

## Materials for tying the Iris Caddis:

Hook:	Standard dry fly hook; sizes 14–24
Thread:	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Tail/Shuck:	Olive or gold Zelon or Darlon
Body:	80% olive hare's ear and 20% olive Ice Dubbing
Wing:	Loop of white or light dun Zelon, Darlon or even E.P. Triggerpoint Fibers
Head:	Same as body or slightly lighter wrapped loose and shaggy



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### Instructions for tying the Iris Caddis:

- 1 Attach your thread behind the headspace and wind down to the bend of the hook. Cut off a length of olive or gold Zelon for the shuck (I prefer gold for most patterns) and tie it in. Trim it so that it is about the length of the body or a bit shorter.
- 2 Mix together the two types of dubbing and loosely apply them to the thread. Make sure that the guard hairs from the rabbit are still there which will help make a spiky body. Dub forward to the thorax keeping shaggy—this body does not want to be neat.
- 3 Select a length of white or light dun winging material. For flies size #16 and larger I like to use Zelon or Darlon while smaller flies get Triggerpoint fibers. Fold the material in half to form a loop and place it lying flat over the body with the end of the loop just reaching the end of the body. Tie in the wing using the loose loop method and trim off the excess. If this is intended for smaller sizes and, if your eyesight

isn't as good as it used to be, then instead of cutting the butts off you can stand them up as

a mini post that will make the fly a bit more visible. You can also treat the post with floatant to keep it from sinking in rougher water.

- 4 Almost done and the rest is easy—well really, the whole fly is. Using the same dubbing mix for the body or one that is slightly lighter (you can achieve that by adding a lighter olive dubbing to it), apply it loosely to your thread. Again, wind this head dubbing very loosely and shaggy—the buggier the better! If you tied this is a fly with a post, be sure to wind in front of it to help stand it up and behind it to hide the wing tie down area. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Now, just add water...



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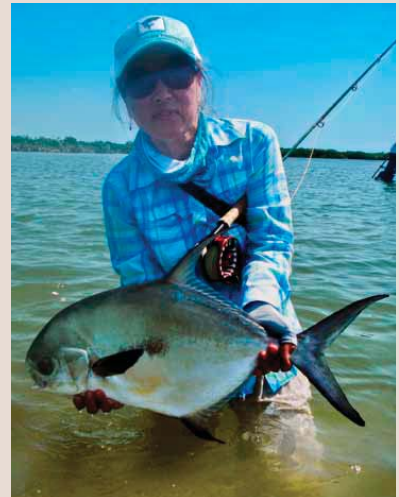
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# Calendar of Events

## March

1-5	Week	7:00 PM	Fred Hall Show
1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Lower "O" Workshop #3
5	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class: Orientation Night
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
9-12	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #3
12	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class: 1 <sup>st</sup> Night of Casting
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
18	Saturday	8:30 AM	Beginning Spey Casting Clinic
19	Sunday	9:00 AM	Director's Handicap Tournament
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Night of Casting
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Kelsey Bass Ranch Pre-Trip
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Night of Casting
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced

## April

1	Saturday		Club Trip: Kelsey Bass Ranch
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class: 4 <sup>th</sup> Night of Casting
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
22	Saturday	7:00 PM	Awards and Installation Banquet
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Pre Trip Meeting: Green River Trips #1 and #2
30	Week		Club Trip: Green River #1 (April 30 thru May 5)

## May

1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
7-12	Week		Club Trip: Green River #2 (May 7 thru May 12)
10	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: ON THE BAY CLINIC
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: to be announced
27	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Trip: ON THE BAY CLINIC
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum



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