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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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Leader's Line...

A Big Thanks!

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

As all of you know, my term is coming to an end in April. I am going to take this opportunity to acknowledge those members that have helped these past years to make this club run well. I would like to thank the current board members, past and present who continue to serve. I want to take this opportunity to thank each person who has volunteered so many hours to make Long Beach Casting Club a model club in the fly-fishing community.

The present board has worked very hard to organize their job responsibilities to make this club run efficiently. Each board member has spent many hours of their own time to make sure that their job is done to the best of their ability. Thank you!

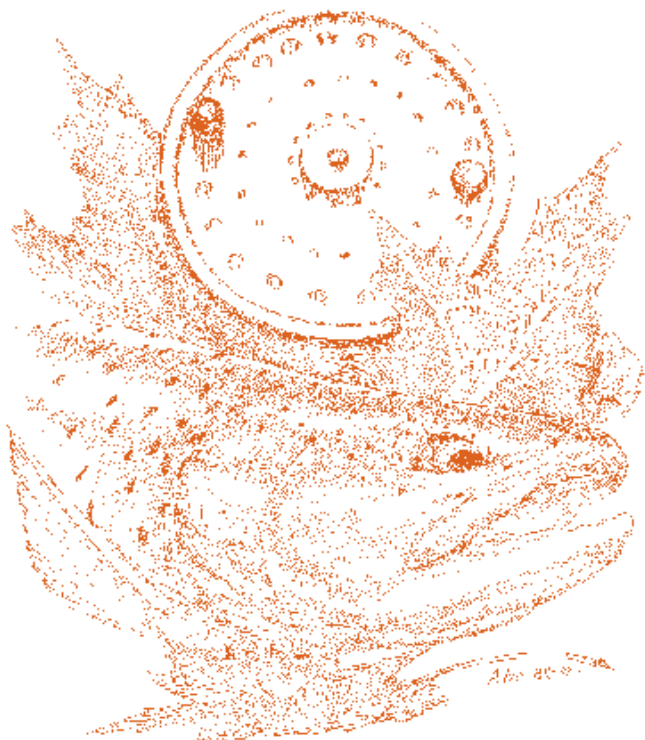
Other people that I would like to thank include: John Lincoln for the hours that he has spent in the kitchen cooking for the various club events and his work on the Nominating Committee. Norm Riggs for keeping the kitchen and pond in tip top shape. Paul Burgner for all of the raffle prizes. Also, thanking Paul for forming our internet committee with the help of Bruce Takenaka and Mike Lorenz. Shirley Sakaguchi for keeping the club members informed with the club email blasts and Sue Timm for making sure the Club's calendar is up to date.

I also need to thank Dave Holden for redoing the signs for the club. Marv Dworzak for taking care of the club mail. Linda Davis for taking charge in the library. Al and Judy Ross for their decorating expertise for the Christmas season. Then all of the others: Eddie Madrid for running the rod building class, Dave Boyer for teaching fly tying, Bob Middo and John Van Derhoof for casting classes, John Stein and Rick Long for coordinating and running the Fred Hall Show booth.

I feel that we have accomplished a lot in the past two years with attendance up for classes, noon lunches are as popular as ever, and our club trips have been well attended. I feel that the club is in a really good place and moving forward.

Finally, a SPECIAL THANKS to John Van Derhoof for the many years of putting out the monthly Target Talk and Rob Peterson for taking over that important job.

Thank you for all of your support the last two years. I have enjoyed serving as your president.



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:

- ❖ James Alexander
- ❖ Dan Durghinescu
- ❖ Michael Frame
- ❖ Jeff Frederick
- ❖ Andrew Frederick
- ❖ Andrew Gottlieb
- ❖ Samuel Kwok, Ha Lan Yap-Kwok & Caleb Kwok
- ❖ Tom O'Brien & Jeri O'Brien
- ❖ Terry Roznos & Janna Roznos
- ❖ Robert Taddeo

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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LBCC Board Nominees & the Annual General Meeting

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.

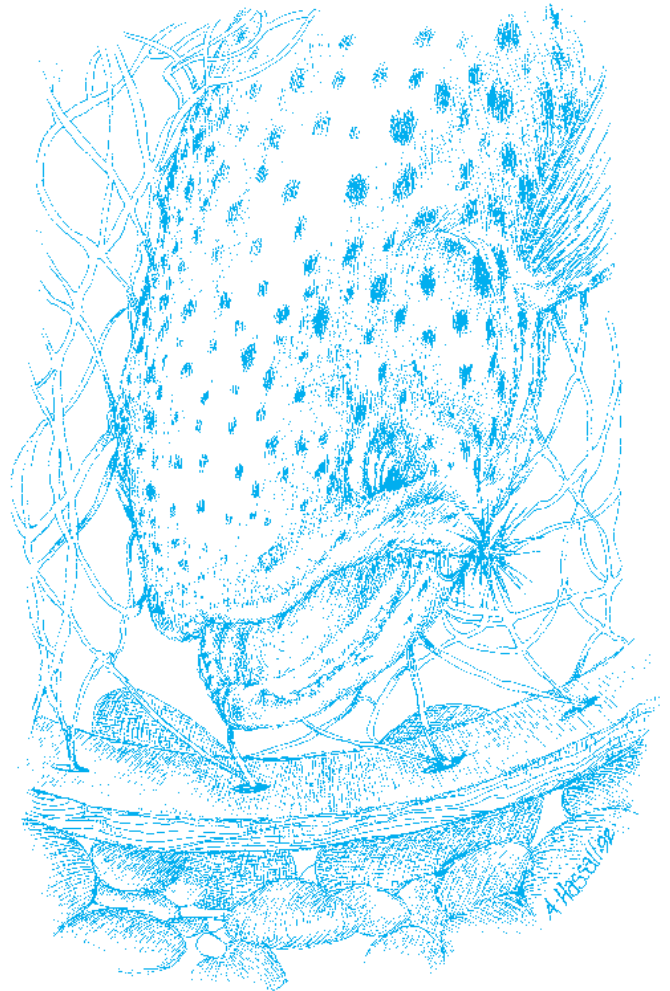
PRESIDENT:	Mark Flo
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT:	Terry Komisak
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT:	Art Daily
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	Brad Landon
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Wayne Sakaguchi
TREASURER:	Tommy Kendall
CAPTAIN:	Colin Kumabe
FACILITIES & POND:	Chris Visconti
JUNIOR DIRECTOR:	Yash Iseda
SENIOR DIRECTOR:	Mick Woodbury

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.

This year's meeting will be held on Thursday April 6, 2017 starting a 7:00 PM.

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.

See you there!



Annual General Meeting!

Thursday, April 6, 2017
at 7:00 PM

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

This is the most important meeting of the year—the election of your new Board of Directors!

*Be there, be heard;
Miss the drill, keep still!*

Awards & Installation Dinner

MARK FLO, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Come and celebrate with us the accomplishments from this past year, thank those who have made the club enjoyable and a success, and help us welcome the new board of directors that will be giving so much of their time during the next 12 months to keep our club energized. The Awards & Installation Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Long Beach Casting Club. The event will begin with a Social Hour starting at 5:00 PM and Dinner starting of the 6:00 PM.

This year's repast will feature Lasagna, Garlic Bread and a Garden Salad prepared by John Lincoln. Dinner is also a Pot Luck and we ask that attendees bring hor d'oeuvres and desserts—please look at the RSVP Form on page 10 of this issue to see which you should bring.

The price for this feast is an incredibly low (free!) per person and John's lasagna is outstanding so, be sure to join us and join in on the fun.

This event marks the official beginning of the terms of our new Board of Director's and is a great way to thank those members of the Board who are stepping down. Additionally, awards will be presented the club's tournament casters. Finally, is the great unveiling of the JA Award—LBCC's equivalent to the infamous DARWIN AWARD. So who will be the "Lucky" recipient this year?

Please mail in the RSVP form found in this edition of Target Talk.



Club Trips 2017

TERRY KOMISAK, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

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

2017 TRIPS:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
April 1–2	Kelsey Bass Ranch w/Mick Woodbury (Pre-Trip: March 22)
April 30–May 5	Green River #1 w/Yash Iseda (Pre-Trip: April 26)
May 6	Piru Creek w/Terry Komisak (Pre-Trip: April 27)
May 7–12	Green River #2 w/Paul Burgner (Pre-Trip: April 26)
May 27	On the Bay Clinic w/Kevin Green (Pre-Trip: May 17)
June 10	Alamitos Bay Trip w/Terry Komisak (Pre-Trip: May 31)
July 14–17	Brookie Bash (Pre-Trip: July 5)

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.

Fish Out of Water...

ART STRAUSS, MEMBER

"The finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back."

Those words by fishing legend Lee Wulff mirrors LBCC's catch and release philosophy. Releasing fish has become an increasingly common practice that most of us have followed for years to help ensure good fishing in the future.

Now a volunteer organization called keepemwet® has added science to the practice of C&R and this new knowledge can further benefit the health of released fish. By following the keepemwet principles and by incorporating a handful of easy tips when handling, photographing, and releasing fish we can all contribute to healthier and stronger fisheries for tomorrow.

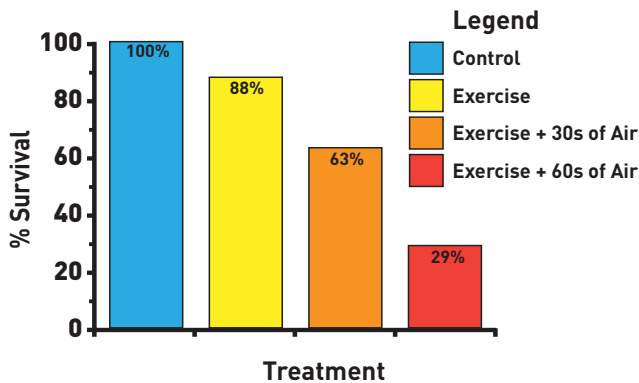


Illustration shows the survival of rainbow trout 12 hours following control conditions, exhaustive exercise, exhaustive exercise plus 30 seconds of exposure to air, exhaustive exercise plus 60 seconds exposure to air.

Why the higher mortality for air-exposed trout? Fish gills don't work in air. Gills consist of tiny, delicate structures, called lamellae, where oxygen exchange occurs. Water flow across the lamellae is essential for proper functioning and for a fish to breathe (oxygen in, carbon dioxide out...just like us). When fish are lifted out of the water, the lamellae collapse and stick together and the fish can't get any oxygen.

Imagine running a marathon and then being forced to hold your breath—your body (and likewise that of an angled fish) would be deprived of oxygen at the precise moment that you needed it the most.

Correct procedures can help us do a better job of fish release:

1. **REDUCE DURATION OF FIGHT** - Land the fish quickly without playing it to exhaustion. A 10K is easier than a marathon.
2. **MINIMIZE AIR EXPOSURE** - Keep a fish's mouth and gills fully submerged in the water as much as possible during handling.
3. **ELIMINATE CONTACT WITH DRY SURFACES** - To protect the mucus/slime that shields fish from diseases: a.) Land the fish in the water, b.) Wet your hands prior to handling fish, c.) Hold fish in or slightly above the water, away from dry or hard surfaces so that if it falls it will land safely in the water.
4. **REDUCE HANDLING** - The less a fish is handled, the better. Minimize handling time with barbless hooks and readily accessible de-hooking tools.
5. **USE PROPER NETS** - Landing nets let you keep the fish in the water while unhooking and photographing. Rubber nets are less abrasive than knotted mesh nets and don't snag hooks as easily.
6. **HANDLE CAREFULLY** - Fish have sensitive organs. Hold them gently without squeezing.
7. **REVIVE TIRED FISH CAREFULLY** - Hold fish facing up stream so water can pass through the mouth and gills. In still water, move fish in figure 8 pattern to keep fish facing into current. Moving the fish backwards can be harmful.
8. **PHOTOGRAPHY** - For photo-worthy fish, keep it in the water. Have the photographer do a countdown, 1, 2, 3 lift, 4 click, and 5 dunk.

Want more information? You can learn more at www.keepemwet.org.

Determined Volunteers at the Southwestern Tournament

COLIN KUMABE, CAPTAIN

Thanks to all of the Long Beach Casting Club for making Southwestern Tournament a success! Mother Nature brought record rains and wind to Long Beach and the Long Beach Casting Club members mobilized for an “emergency pond cleaning”. Then, the night before the start of the Southwestern Tournament, strong winds pushed down a large gum tree between the Clubhouse and the Dog Park.

Paul Burgner, Art Daily, Mark Flo, Steve Gonzalez, Jeff Gross, Kaz Hata, Lillian Hilles, Rick Hilles, Terry Komisak, Brad Landon, Joe Libeu, John Lincoln, Mark Lipe, Brandon Madrid, Cecil Odell, Rob Peterson, Norm Riggs, Dan Rivett, Wayne Sakuguchi, John Stein, Mark Tsunawaki, Linda Jones, Ed Tamson, and Mick Woodbury were determined not to let “a little” bad weather and “a few” falling trees keep them helping with:

Pond cleaning; Clubhouse and equipment setup and cleanup; Score keeping; “Tick” judging; Cast judging; Sunday breakfast cooking; Scorecard runners; Picking up lunches from Togo’s; Procuring and running the raffle; Baking cookies and desserts; Cleanup; etc.

Overall, the tournament was lots of fun. Meeting participants from the San Jose Fly Casters, Golden Gate Angling Casting Club, Pasadena Casting Club, and International Federation of Fly Fishers, made the weekend extra memorable. First-time tournament casters are welcome in the tournaments. Everyone competes in their own skill level division. Thus, expert casters compete with other experts in the “A Division”, away from first-timers. Since this tournament was the first for me, I

competed in the “C Division” with other first-timers. Please check out the Southwestern Tournament results on pages 8–9.

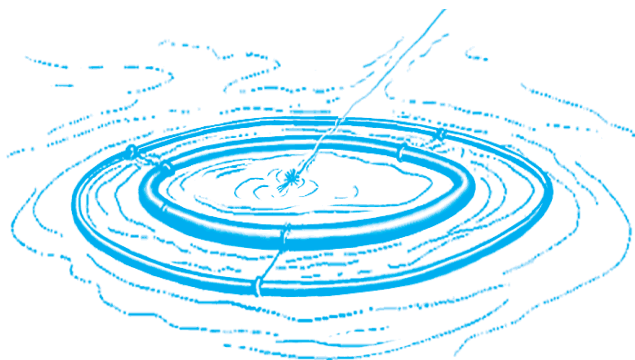
This year, upcoming Jr. caster Michael Han (12 years), San Jose Fly Casters, took 1st place in the Dry Fly “C Division”. Let’s take our kids and grandkids out to learn to fly cast, hopefully, LBCC will have a Jr. entrant next year.

The Saturday dinner banquet was hosted at the LBCC Clubhouse. The meal was created by the Club’s noteworthy chef, John Lincoln, with the help of Brandon Madrid and Wayne Sakuguchi. The evening was capped off with the raffle and silent auction managed by Paul Burgner.

Many thanks to the Sunshine Committee, Joe Libeu, Dan Rivett, and Mark Tsunawaki for the Sunday Breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon and toast....

Breakfast of Champions!

See you at the pond to work on our “tight loop” casting techniques, then catch more fish!!!



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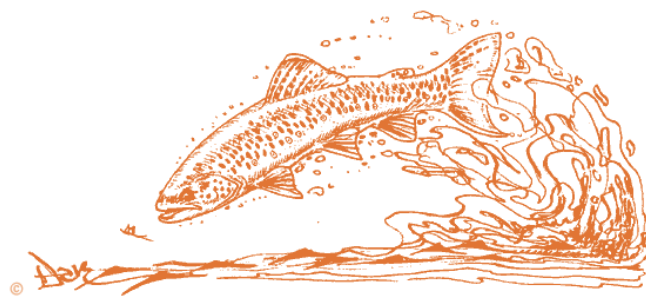
CAROLE KATZ, PROJECT LEAD

Somehow PHWFF CEO Todd Desgrosseilliers managed to fly to Southern California when arrivals to most Southern California airports had been cancelled because of record-breaking rain and high winds. We were glad he was able to make it to our Southwest Region Conference.

Eleven program leads also came: Fred Ramirez from Fresno, CA, Ron Bellerose from Las Cruces, NM, David Lipscomb from Martinez, CA, Norm Johnson from Phoenix, AZ, Richard Martin from Redding, CA, David Hoffberg from Sepulveda, CA, Joe Narkevitz from Santa Barbara, CA, Kevin Widner from Show Low, AZ, Jim Owen from Tucson, AZ, Henry Little from San Francisco, CA and Carole Katz from Long Beach.

We all met at the LBCC clubhouse to watch the Southwestern Casting Tournament on Saturday. In addition to the tournament games, we saw a demonstration of the Danish Games and the 5-Weight Combination Game by John Van Derhoof. Afterward we talked about incorporating casting games into our programs as a means of improving casting skills and accuracy, and that those games would culminate in a national competition similar to our national rod building and fly tying contests.

We had a day-and-a-half to talk with Todd, hear plans for the future of PHWFF, discuss issues of concern to



all of us and share ideas. One of the highlights was a discussion of the wader/wading safety program developed by the Phoenix program. It's always worthwhile for our leadership to come together to build relationships, but it was especially worthwhile this time when we could get to know Todd.

Todd stayed until Monday so that he could go to the weekly class at Long Beach PHWFF where there was a display of outstanding rods that had been built and some of our alumni came back to meet him. A representative of a local foundation from which we had received a grant was able to meet Todd and witness all the energy and creativity in our class. He was very impressed and said so as he left. Our guests remarked about how fortunate we are to have such a great clubhouse and pond in a park setting, and they were impressed by the friendliness and hospitality of those they met.

Two weeks later we had a booth at the Fred Hall Show, where we raffled custom saltwater and fly rods, a fly tying bench, boxes of flies and a net made by a PHWFF participant. The income from this show was the best ever, by a lot. Along with two volunteers, the veterans in our program did a terrific job of staffing the booth and talking about our program.

Sadly, PHWFF lost two veterans on March 7. Bob Riggs, a Korean War veteran in the Long Beach program, passed away after having had heart surgery. Bob will always be remembered for his cheerful personality and big smile. Our national family lost Brian Mancini, an original PHWFF participant and spokesperson for our organization who had been severely injured in Iraq. Brian is one of the 22 per day tragedy that we hear about. They will both be missed.

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2017 Southwestern Tournament Results

Trout Fly

A CASTERS

1	Chris Korich	99
2	Henry Mittel	96
3	Glen Ozawa	95 (94)
4	Ralph Hardin	95 (90)
5	John Thiele	94
6	Mike Miller	92
7	Mark Lipe	90
8	Glen Nagumo	89
9	Rick Hilles	87
10	Mark Tsunawaki	85
11	Mark Flo	82

B CASTERS

1	Elaine Gong	86
2	Ed Tamson	83
3	Austin Emmerling	78

C CASTERS

1	Colin Kumabe	84
2	Michael Han	83
3	Julie Hanada	65

Bass Bug

A CASTERS

1	Chris Korich	98
2	Mark Tsunawaki	96
3	Henry Mittel	95 (98)
4	Mike Miller	95 (90)
5	Ralph Hardin	94
5	John Thiele	94
7	Glen Nagumo	89
8	Mark Flo	88
8	Rick Hilles	88

B CASTERS

1	Glen Ozawa	94
2	Christopher Walker	91
3	Mark Lipe	90
4	Austin Emmerling	87
5	Elaine Gong	86
6	Ed Tamson	83

C CASTERS

1	Colin Kumabe	83
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1/4 oz. Accuracy

A CASTERS

1	Henry Mittel	96
2	Chris Korich	94
3	Mark Tsunawaki	91
4	Glen Nagumo	82

B CASTERS

1	Mark Lipe	92
2	Christopher Walker	90
3	Elaine Gong	84
4	Mark Flo	82
5	Austin Emmerling	81

Open Plug Accuracy

A CASTERS

1	Henry Mittel	97
2	Chris Korich	94
3	Glen Nagumo	88
4	Mark Tsunawaki	85

B CASTERS

1	Mark Lipe	96
2	Austin Emmerling	90
3	Elaine Gong	86
4	Mark Flo	85

Dry Fly

A CASTERS

1	Henry Mittel	98
2	Chris Korich	97 (99)
3	Glen Nagumo	97 (98)
4	Mike Miller	97 (96)
4	Ralph Hardin	97 (96)
6	Glen Ozawa	96
7	John Thiele	95
7	Mark Tsunawaki	95
9	Mark Lipe	93
10	Mark Flo	90
11	Rick Hilles	84

B CASTERS

1	Eric Callow	95
2	Christopher Walker	94
3	Elaine Gong	92
4	Austin Emmerling	87

5	Ed Tamson	85
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C CASTERS

1	Michael Han	91
2	Colin Kumabe	90
3	Julie Hanada	74

Wet Fly

A CASTERS

1	Chris Korich	100
2	Mark Tsunawaki	98 (96)
3	Henry Mittel	98 (95)
4	Ralph Hardin	95
4	Glen Ozawa	95
6	Rick Hilles	93
7	Glen Nagumo	92
7	Mike Miller	92
9	Mark Lipe	90

B CASTERS

1	Mark Flo	97
2	Ed Tamson	96
3	Elaine Gong	93
4	Christopher Walker	89
4	Eric Callow	89
6	Austin Emmerling	86

C CASTERS

1	Colin Kumabe	87
2	Michael Han	86

3/8 oz Accuracy

A CASTERS

1	Henry Mittel	98
2	Chris Korich	96
3	Mark Tsunawaki	92 (95)
4	Glen Nagumo	92 (94)
5	Bob Middo	86

B CASTERS

1	Mark Flo	90
2	Austin Emmerling	89
3	Mark Lipe	87
4	Elaine Gong	81

C CASTERS

1	Michael Han	80
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5/8 oz. Accuracy

A CASTERS

1	Henry Mittel	98
2	Chris Korich	97

3	Glen Nagumo	92
4	Mark Tsunawaki	89
4	Bob Middo	89

B CASTERS

1	Mark Lipe	88
2	Austin Emmerling	86
3	Elaine Gong	85
3	Mark Flo	85

C CASTERS

1	Michael Han	85
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Angler's Fly

A CASTERS

1	Henry Mittel	158
2	Chris Korich	142
3	Glen Nagumo	131
4	Mark Tsunawaki	28

B CASTERS

1	Mark Flo	111 (106)
2	Austin Emmerling	111 (101)
3	Ed Tamson	110
4	Don Huseman	106
5	Elaine Gong	90

1/4 oz. Distance

A CASTERS

1	Henry Mittel	234
2	Chris Korich	201
3	Mark Tsunawaki	160
4	Glen Nagumo	139

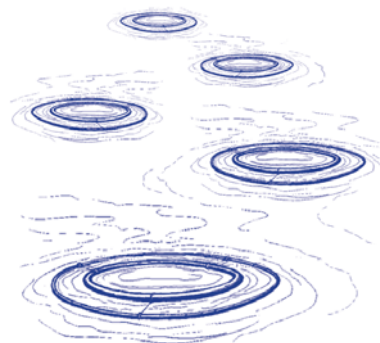
B CASTERS

1	Mark Flo	180
2	Austin Emmerling	144

C CASTERS

1	Colin Kumabe	167
2	Elaine Gong	126

Note: () Cast-Off score



All Accuracy

	CASTER	TOTAL	TF	BB	1/4	OPEN	DF	WF	3/8	5/8
1	Henry Mittel	776	96	95	96	97	98	98	98	98
2	Chris Korich	775	99	98	94	94	97	100	96	97
3	Mark Tsunawaki	731	85	96	91	85	95	98	92	89
4	Mark Lipe	726	90	90	92	96	93	90	87	88
5	Glen Nagumo	721	89	89	82	88	97	92	92	92
6	Mark Flo	699	82	88	82	85	90	97	90	85
7	Elaine Gong	693	86	86	84	86	92	93	81	85
8	Austin Emmerling	684	78	87	81	90	87	86	89	86
9	Christopher Walker	454	90	91	90	--	94	89	--	--
10	Michael Han	425	83	--	--	--	91	86	80	85
11	Ralph Hardin	381	95	94	--	--	97	95	--	--
12	Glen Ozawa	380	95	94	--	--	96	95	--	--
13	Mike Miller	376	92	95	--	--	97	92	--	--
14	Rick Hilles	352	87	88	--	--	84	93	--	--
15	Ed Tamson	347	83	83	--	--	85	96	--	--
16	Colin Kumabe	344	84	83	--	--	90	87	--	--
17	John Thiele	283	94	94	--	--	95	-	--	--
18	Eric Callow	184	--	--	--	--	95	89	--	--
19	Bob Middo	175	--	--	--	--	--	--	86	89
20	Julie Hanada	139	65	--	--	--	74	--	--	--

All Distance

	CASTER	TOTAL	AF	1/4D
1	Henry Mittel	392	158	234
2	Chris Korich	343	142	201
3	Mark Flo	291	111	180
4	Mark Tsunawaki	288	128	160
5	Glen Nagumo	270	131	139
6	Austin Emmerling	255	111	144
7	Elaine Gong	216	90	126
8	Colin Kumabe	167	--	167
9	Ed Tamson	110	110	--
10	Don Huseman	106	106	-

All Around

	CASTER	AA	TF	BB	1/4A	OP	AF	1/4D	DF	WF	3/8	5/8
1	Henry Mittel	14	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
2	Chris Korich	17	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
3	Mark Tsunawaki	37	5	2	3	6	4	4	4	2	3	4
4	Glen Nagumo	39	3	4	5	4	3	6	2	6	3	3
5	Mark Flo	51	6	5	5	6	5	3	6	4	5	6
6	Elaine Gong	57	4	7	4	5	7	7	5	5	7	6
7	Austin Emmerling	58	7	6	7	3	5	5	7	7	6	5

RSVP FORM

AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET

Long Beach Casting Club ♦ Saturday, April 22, 2017 ♦ Start 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM

Dinner will be: Lasagna, Garlic Bread & Salad

Pot Luck Assignments: Last name begins with: A–M Hor D'oeuvre; N–Z Dessert

Name: _____

Number in Party including myself: _____ Phone: _____

I am willing to help out with preparation, serving or cleanup: _____

mail by:
Wednesday April 19, 2017
Make check payable to:
Long Beach Casting Club

mail to:
Long Beach Casting Club
C/O A&I Dinner
P.O. Box 90035
Long Beach, CA 90808-0035

Also, in order to help with the head count, please contact Yash Iseda at: yiseda@verizon.net



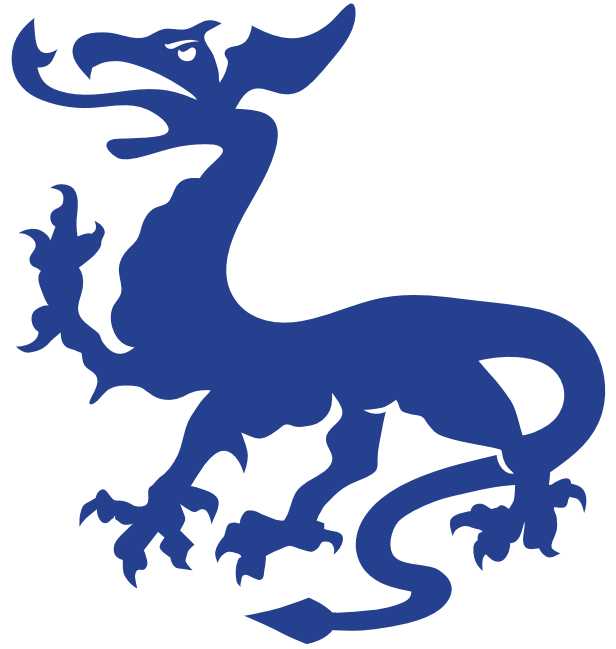
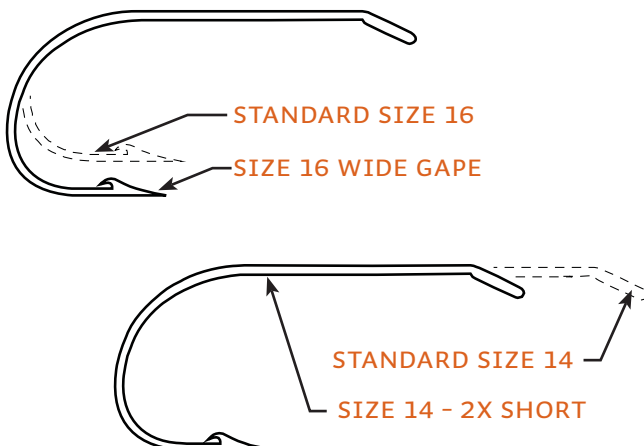
Hic Sunt Draconis

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

Or *"Here be Dragons"* the quote ancient cartographers used when they came to the edge of the maps of their known world. Dragons, draco, drakul, drakkon; words to describe mythical beasts. Well we have our own mythical beasts in fly fishing.

The easiest dragon to slay is the mythical hook size ranging from small to large: ...28, 26, 24,.....8, 6, 4, 2, 1, 1/0, 2/0, 3/0, 4/0... Even this is a strange scale with the smaller sizes being even and the larger the number the smaller the fly (yes, there are odd sized hooks but not very popular). There is a "1" in the center of the scale and then we go to "1/0" pronounced "one aught" and continue with larger numbers being larger hooks. Got it??? Well, hold on...

Another club member and I were having an interesting discussion on this very subject one evening and I posited that a "wide gape" hook made no sense as gape was the unit of measure for hook size. The other member said not only did wide gape make sense, it was correct as the hook size is based on shank length. So, if he takes a size 16 and widens the gape to size 14 gape then he has a size "16 wide gape." If I take a size 14 and shorten the shank length to a size 16, I have a size "14 2x short."



Both of these hooks are absolutely identical in shape and size, so, your turn to vote now. Which of the two descriptions is correct???

BOTH and neither. As William E. Schmidt says in the opening line of HOOKS FOR THE FLY: *"Standardization is sadly lacking in the hook industry with each maker having their own standards."*

The point of this is to convince you that all standards ain't... Some lie, some exaggerate and some are ignorant when telling you "facts." But in this case there is no truth and, as they say, *"knowledge is king"*.

The purpose of this article is to convince you to do your own research or science and come to the conclusion that best fits your fly fishing style, (or in this case fly tying style) which is not necessarily the hot, hyped, newly advertised breakthrough which is generally a re-naming and repackaging of something done many times and years ago. One thing many people need to learn about this sport is that there really isn't much very new in fly fishing...

(Editor's Note: this is a reprint of an older article by Jeff who always came up with new ways to think about things and many new to the sport may find some of this enlightening.)

Fly of the Month: Ken Iwamasa's Tarcher Nymph

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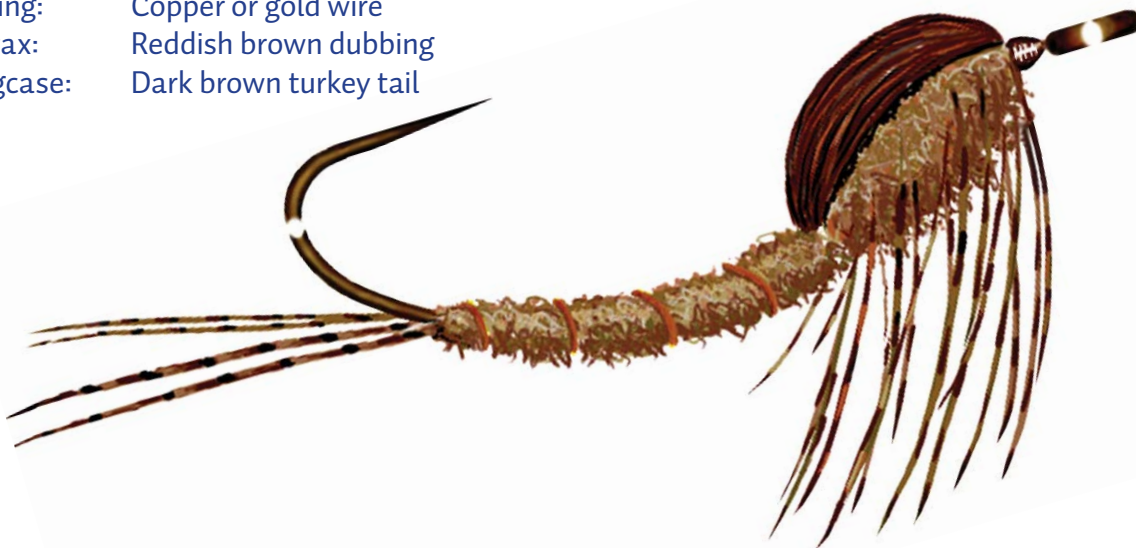
Like most of you, I love using any fly that gives me an advantage and doesn't take too long to tie. This month I bring to you the Tarcher Nymph, the product of Ken Iwamasa an outstanding fly-fisher, tier and writer (and though a resident of the great state of Colorado, is a Cal State Long Beach alumnus). The Tarcher Nymph is tied in an inverted style that offers a couple of advantages. First, the fly imitates a few abundant genres of mayflies, most notably Ephemerella, which do not swim well. Studies have shown that when they do attempt to swim to the surface to hatch they arch their abdomen like a scorpion.

The second advantage relates to how this fly fishes. Wrapping the lead wire weight in the bow in the shank and tying the fly upside down helps the ride through the water with the point up. This creates a keel effect and saves on hang-ups in the rocks along the bottom. However, don't forget to tie a few with little or no weight to keep the fly closer to the surface when needed.

The colors used here are those attributed to Iwamasa's original, however you can alter them to match any mayfly species you might want. For the budding entomologist, two good sources of information on specific mayflies are Fred Arbona's, *THE MAYFLY, THE ANGLER & THE TROUT* and Rick Hafele's and Dave Hughes', *THE COMPLETE BOOK OF WESTERN HATCHES*. Fred Arbona's book is outstanding and is unfortunately out of print. It is well worth searching for and can be found at used bookstores especially those that specialize in fishing and hunting. Happy hunting and enjoy fishing the Tarcher Nymph.

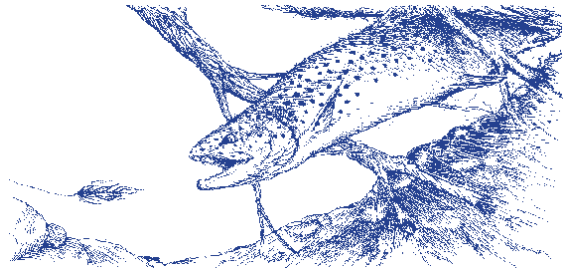
MATERIALS FOR TYING THE TARCHER NYMPH:

Hook:	English bait style with a straight eye like a Mustad #37160, Partridge Yorkshire Caddis, or Tiemco #205BL in sizes #10 to #20
Thread:	Brown 6/0 to 8/0
Weight:	Medium lead or lead-free wire
Tail:	Brown partridge or bronze mallard fibers
Abdomen:	Reddish brown dubbing
Ribbing:	Copper or gold wire
Thorax:	Reddish brown dubbing
Wingcase:	Dark brown turkey tail



INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE TARCHER NYMPH:

1. Start by first placing the hook in the vice with the point down (you will invert the hook shortly). Attach the thread to the hook at the headspace, wind down the shank and stop directly over rear of the straight section of the hook point. Wind the lead wire about 6 to 10 turns at the high point of the bend of the shank. Wrap over the lead wire with your thread to anchor it in place and return the thread to the end of the shank.
2. Tie in 4 to 8 fibers of tail material. The length of the tail should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the shank. Whip finish the thread, remove the fly from the vice and re-insert it in the jaws with the point up.
3. At the point where the tails were tied in, tie in the wire ribbing on the lower back side of the hook shank. Apply dubbing to the thread and wind forward about $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the shank forming a neat, tapered abdomen. Wind the wire ribbing 4 to 6 turns in the reverse direction both strengthening and segmenting the body.
4. Prepare a $\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide by 1" long section of dark brown turkey tail for the wingcase and tie it in flat and pointing to the bend of the hook. You can coat the wingcase with vinyl cement prior to tying it in to help keep the fibers from separating. Stroke the barbs of the hackle perpendicular to the stem and tie it in by the tip. Apply more dubbing to the thread and wind the thorax making it a little thicker than the abdomen.
5. Wind the hackle forward 3 to 4 turns and tie it off. Trim some of the hackle off the top side of the thorax and pull the wingcase forward over the remaining hackle and thorax. Tie off the wingcase at the headspace. Form a small head with the thread and whip finish. Apply some head cement and take it to your favorite stream for swim.



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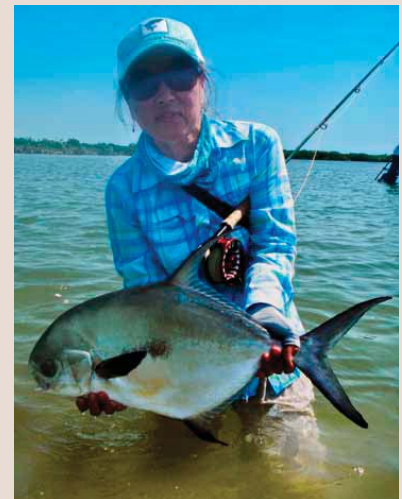
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Calendar of Events

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 TH 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	5:00 PM	Awards and Installation Banquet
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Pre Trip Meeting: Green River Trips #1 and #2
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pre Trip Meeting: Piru Creek Trip
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
6	Saturday		Club Trip: Piru Creek Trip
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: Orientation
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
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip Meeting: Alamitos Bay Trip

June

5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Saturday		Alamitos Bay Trip
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class
14	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
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