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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

### Do You Know the Way to San Jose (for the ACA)?

MARK FLO, PRESIDENT

**A** beautiful, sunny, glorious weekend to be in the Sierras for the Brookie Bash. Several members headed up early and found that the rivers where we usually find productive fishing (Lower and Upper Owens and Hot Creek) were still flowing too fast from the snowmelt. A number of people floated on Lake Crowley and Rock Creek Lake. I had reports of Brookies being caught on Royal Wulffs in honor of Jeff Sadler.

Eight of our members shared a condo and as of the last report they were all still talking to each other. Thanks to John Jones for a special breakfast casserole, and to Eddie and Brandon Madrid for evening ice cream.

Saturday was Brookie Bash day. We met at 8:00 AM in the rapidly filling parking lot of the Mosquito Flats trailhead, near Rock Creek Resort. We spread out among the six lakes and many creeks along the four mile Little Lakes Valley trail. Many fish were fooled by Adams, Ant, Elk Hair Caddis, Royal Wulff and Woolly Bugger flies.

Tom Tatham, founder of the Brookie Bash, made an appearance, but couldn't to catch a single fish, as he'd left his reel in the car. Hear that, Sunshine Committee?

It gives me great pleasure to announce that two of our members achieved the prestigious Sadler Sierra Slam Award. Drum roll please...Colin Kumabe and San Sasi (two time winner!) completed the five trout challenge. Jeff Sadler came up with this challenge just to "make it

more fun". At least one trout of each species: Brown, Rainbow, Brook, Cutthroat, and Golden, must be caught in a single weekend. So, the next time you see Colin or San, give them a pat on the back! Maybe they'll share the secret of their success.

Saturday, twenty-four of us gathered at Giovanni's Pizza in Mammoth. Everyone agreed that hiking (or floating) at 10,000 feet makes you tired and hungry.

This year's American Casting Association National Tournament is at The San Jose Casting Club at the end of July. Thirteen events are held over four days. From our club there is Mark Tsunawaki, Mark Lipe, Mark Flo, Colin Kumabe, Rick Hilles, Larry Allen and Ed Tamson. Along with the summer casts on Tuesday nights and most Sunday mornings, you may see our team daily at the Club as the event draws near. The tournament provides an incredible opportunity not only to improve your technique by observing world class casters, but also to share with people of like mind your passion for this magnificent sport.

# Club Trips for 2017

## ART DAILY, 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
August	TO BE DETERMINED
Sept. 9	Yards & Inches with Mick Woodbury (Pre-Trip: August 30)
Sept. 10–16	Missouri River, Montana w/Art Daily: (Pre-Trip: September 6)
Oct. 2	Pyramid Lake w/??? (Pre-Trip: September 20)
Nov./Dec.	TO BE DETERMINED: <i>the club is looking for "streamkeepers" and destinations. If you've got an idea, let us know!</i>

Trip locations and dates are subject to change so monitor Target Talk or the Web Calendar. 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 [dailya42@yahoo.com](mailto:dailya42@yahoo.com).

## 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:

- ❖ Fred and Karen Barkis (Family)
- ❖ Ryan Fiske

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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# Tony Reinhardt... New Strategies and Tips Designed to "Float our Boats"

**TERRY KOMISAK, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**O**ur August speaker is Tony Reinhardt. Tony is the owner of Montana Trout Outfitters, located in Missoula, Montana and he has been a guide on the waters of western Montana for the last 19 years.

Tony was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa and grew up fishing and hunting all over the mid-west. He moved to Montana for college and although he earned his degree at the University of Montana, he spent far more time on the rivers than in the classroom.

He started working at a local fly shop immediately, and the following year began his career as a guide. In 2010 he started his own outfitting business and his guide season is nearly filled each year with returning anglers. Tony also serves as a Travel Advisor for Wild on the Fly Fly Fishing Adventure Travel and has hosted trips to locations across the globe.

Tony will present a show on Float Fishing Strategies and Tips. The program is designed to offer insights into float fishing that will help both the first timer and veteran angler fish better from a drift boat. The differences between float fishing and wade fishing will be highlighted, along with the roles of each angler in different float fishing situations. All of the key aspects of a successful float fishing trip will be covered, from casting angles, line management, hooking and fighting fishing, and teamwork. Advanced tips will also be covered to help anglers take their float fishing to the next level.

A trip to the Rocky Mountain west is on many angler's agenda each season to float some of the country's most famous streams. Learn the tips and tactics that



will lead to more trout in the net, and less frustration on your next trip.

Come join us Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>!

## Coming Soon to LBCC: Tenkara Rod Fun!

**ART DAILY, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**A**ttention Club members! Stay tuned for a one day local Tenkara rod trip for blue gill in Yorba Linda. Art Strauss is putting together a local trip so that all you Tenkara rod members can get that rod out and catch some local blue gill.

It's still being planned but we should more information about it very soon that will come to you in a future email blast! Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

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# Casting Fundamentals: A Firm Stop!

COLIN KUMABE, CAPTAIN

**T**he motion of the casting stroke ends with a firm stop, on both the forward cast and back cast. In fact, the Firm STOP is the most important aspect of your cast. Without it your cast will lack enough energy to turn over and, if it's windy, forget it!

Remember, the casting stroke, both forward and back, has the following basic phases:

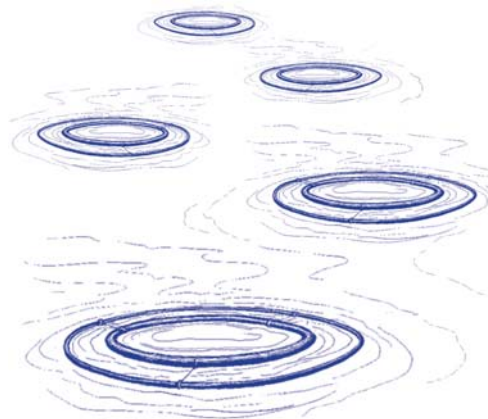
1. Slow, Gradual Start
2. Smooth Acceleration
3. Firm **STOP!**

In fly casting, the firm stop significantly decreases the effort needed to cast. The firm stop releases the energy stored in the rod on the back and forward casts. Consider the number of casts we make during a typical day of fly fishing (200 casts per day?). Let the power you loaded into the fly rod provide extra distance throughout the day with a firm stop at the 10:00 and 1:00 casting positions. However, don't get into the bad habit of swinging the rod harder in an effort to stop the rod more firmly. This will result in nothing but tailing loops, utterly ruining your day.

A great example of a firm stop that allows the transfer of rod energy is shown in this video of Chris Korich, American Casting Association Hall of Fame inductee, casting to a target 50 feet away: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfKpOJQDu9I>.

Please note that following the firm stop, there is a brief pause to allow the energy from the rod to be transmitted throughout the fly line, leader, tippet and fly.

Fly casters aren't the only ones that need to make a firm stop in the casting stroke. Spin casters and bait casters ALL use the firm stop to unload the energy in the rod. Here is a link to the American



Casting Association web page showing Steve Rajeff, champion caster, using a firm stop for added distance:

<http://www.americancastingassoc.org/video/plugin-dist-clips.html>.

This summer I noticed many spin fishers casting without a firm stop. I am not sure whether they know that they can cast much further with the same effort by using a firm stop.

Check out these videos, and then stop by the Long Beach Casting Club Pond to practice your firm stop for a better cast with extra distance.

See you at the pond.

**CLUB CAST NEWS: Mark Tsunawaki Scored a Perfect 100 in the Bass Bug Game!**

On July 23, 2017, Mark Tsunawaki, former LBCC President, scored his first perfect 100 in the Bass Bug game at the Long Beach Casting Pond. This perfect Bass Bug score adds to Mark's recent achievement of a perfect 100 in the Trout Fly game on May 1, 2017.



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# Philosophers Look at Fly Fishing

JEFF SADLER, PAST PRESIDENT

There are philosophers and poets and cabbages and kings and our own Mark Flo. Sure, he seems regular but he signs off his e-mails with Henry David Thoreau's:

*"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."*

Deep; very deep; and I suspect it applies to fly fishermen more appropriately. Ours is a contemplative sport and we bring all we know to the pursuit and then are not totally upset with zero fish. This is counter-intuitive until you realize that fly fishing is much more akin to hunting than it is to bait fishing. You are thinking and analyzing and moving and making educated guesses and doing it constantly looking for change, an advantage, a hint of what is going on in front and below us. The reward of a strike is almost incidental. I believe John Buchan summed it up very well with:

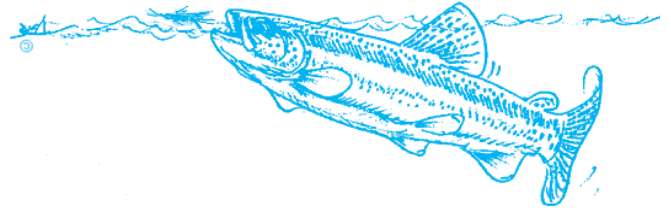
*"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."*

The challenge is in the variability. I cannot understand a bowler who practices over and over to groove the exact same stroke. Games worthy of playing can never be played perfectly. Difficult games—and fly fishing is one of the most difficult despite its lack of rules—are what theologian John Dominic Crossan calls:

*"Experiments in disciplined failure."*

They are a way of acknowledging and preparing for the limits that life imposes on us. They develop empathy for those who fail.

Heraclitus ca. 400 b.c.e. succinctly said:



*"You can never step in the same river twice."*

He was a philosopher dealing with the effects of time on human experience but we know that literally the river is always changing. How many have heard: *"You shoulda been here yesterday, or this morning, or 5 minutes ago."* The Lower Owens is a prime example as we, LBCC, fish it a lot and over a long time and what we fished successfully on Saturday may be dead on Sunday. The Club-Hole or Marv's-Hole was the absolute most sure thing on the river until they raised the flow one year and while it is still there, it ain't the same. Thus the challenge.

Fishing in California is particularly challenging because as Mark Twain said:

*"In California whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting over."* Coupled with: "Water flows downhill except towards money." Plus what may be the state motto: *"Aureo hamopiscari"* or *"To fish with a Golden Hook"*, or more commonly *"Money Talks."* Yes, we tolerate impossible water standards and while California could be better it is still the Golden State.

Shakespeare in MIDSUMMERS NIGHT DREAM has Puck saying:

*"... what fools these mortals be."*

True, sadly true, but an anonymous quote which I love tells us:

*"Nothing is fool proof to the truly gifted fool."*

**Philosophers Look at Fly Fishing**  
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## PHWFF Fends off Grizzlies, Mosquitoes for Two Exceptional Trips

CAROLE KATZ, PROGRAM LEAD

Summer months are always busy for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, with casting classes and fishing outings. John Van Derhoof and Joe Libeu led the casting classes this year, with assistance from the many program volunteers. It's been fun to watch several of the veterans really work on their casting skills in order to become better fly fishers.

In early June, Mark Tsunawaki led a group of eight to Fort Smith, Montana to fish the Bighorn River. This trip is always a highlight of the year because of the hospitality and generosity of Mark and Rachel Stroda at Leaning Tree Lodge and the consistently good fishing. The guides were a wealth of information, telling us the history of the area and pointing out specific places on the river, such as the Bozeman Trail crossing, the Drive In and the Pipeline, to name a few.



Due to the amount of water coming out of the Yellowtail Dam (14,500 CFS) we were not able to get out of the drift boats to wade, but the guides knew exactly where to set the drift and we were always on fish. Our day's trip would take us through approximately 20 miles of the river—that's a lot of rowing. Everyone caught fish, ate too much as usual, and had a good time.

In July, five veterans and one volunteer travelled to



Dubois, Wyoming, where we were surrounded by the spectacularly beautiful Wind River Range, the Absarokas and the Tetons to the west. Dubois is at 7,000 feet and things just went up from there. We stayed in the very comfortable and conveniently located Flying W Vacation Rental and fished with three great guides from Dunoir Fishing Adventures.

The Wind River was too high and too dirty to fish because of a massive slide so we went to alternate fishing locations. The first day we fished Brooks Lake, followed by two other drainages in the Absarokas on subsequent days. We caught primarily cutthroats, a few rainbows and a brown, all with brilliant coloring. One day was spent in the Tetons and Friday night we went to the Dubois rodeo which was fun.

It was unsettling to be in grizzly country the whole time, passing by a lot of "Be Bear Aware" signs, carrying bear spray, and guides with guns yelling "Hey Bear" as we hiked through the willows. The grizzlies ignored us but the same cannot be said of the constant mosquitoes. I can't imagine this trip without DEET.

We'll be busy with continuing weekly classes and two more trips this summer, followed by a one-day outing to Jess Ranch Lakes in Apple Valley. More on those trips later.

If you would like to donate either equipment or money to support our program, or volunteer to help, please contact me at [Katzhogan@gmail.com](mailto:Katzhogan@gmail.com).

# Boy Scouts Visit the Long Beach Casting Club

**CRAIG HAINES, LBCC BOY SCOUT LIAISON, FLY FISHING MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR**

**W**hen a Boy Scout takes on the Fly Fishing Merit Badge he must be ready to learn a lot about fly fishing in a short time. In July we hosted eight Boy Scouts at the LBCC clubhouse to earn the Fly Fishing Merit Badge.

The Scouts were attending Aquatics Camp at the Long Beach Boy Scout Sea Base for the week and they spent their afternoons with us, learning about fly fishing. And questions flew far and wide around the clubhouse.



What does 5x mean? WF5F—is that code? What’s a hackle? What’s a bobbin? What does this fly imitate? Safety, first aid and hook removal? Ouch!

Matching a balanced flyrod, reel, line, leader and tippet. What are the different fly lines? Caring for your gear. Tying fishing knots to rig your rod. Dry flies, wet flies, nymphs and streamers: what do they imitate, when do I use them? How do I tie on two flies? Study the water for aquatic life, match-the-hatch, how and why? Why catch and release? Why fishing regulations? “Leave No Trace Policy”? “Outdoor Code” and fly



fishing? How can I catch, ID, clean and cook a fish on a fly rod? These questions and many more were answered as the Scouts waded through the ten merit badge requirements to completion.

On fishing day we all brought our lunches, safety glasses and fishing gear to El Dorado Park and had a grand old time practicing catch and release with the bluegill. A #8 Stimuli dry fly, trailed by a #18 bead-head, flashback, pheasant tail nymph dropper worked, as well as other small flies. As one of the Boy Scouts shouted before leaving, “Next time, look out Mr. Bass! This is fun!” Which, of course is why we all belong to the Casting Club. We love to have fun fly fishing!

A hearty congratulations “shout out” to the Scouts that earned their merit badge. One more step completed on the path to Eagle.

In thanks to our fellow club members that volunteered, we tip our fishing hats to you: Mark Flo, Tim Constantine, Bob Guenther, Rick Hilles, Terry Komisak, John Jones, Eddie Madrid, John Van Derhoof and Mick Woodbury, as well as Helena Stephen, LBAC, BSA Sea Base Staff Counselor.



# Fly of the Month: Yash's Mysis Shrimp Fly

YASH ISEDA, PAST PRESIDENT

**T**he Frying Pan River in Colorado is one of the best North American rivers containing Mysis Shrimp. It's renowned for huge fish succumbing to a variety of shrimp patterns. Over the years, I and other Club members have fished the Frying Pan and used all of the Shrimp patterns available. I have found that the fish have seen these patterns so many times now that these patterns have lost their allure and effectiveness.

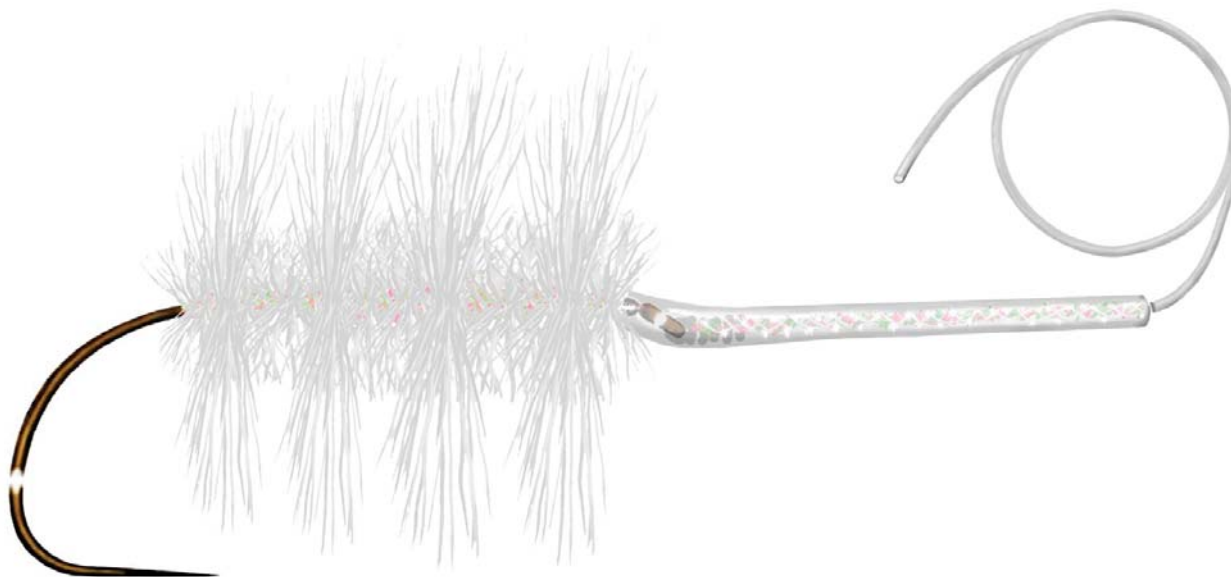
I decided to create a pattern that is slightly different, but effective. Last year, on the Club trip, I used this pattern for the first time with great results. Don't hesitate trying other colors and materials with the same pattern to develop flies of your own. That's what fly tying is all about!

## Materials for tying Yash's Mysis Shrimp

Hook: Standard ring eyed hook; size #18 and smaller  
Thread: Uni-Thread Trico 17/0  
Body: Ostrich Herl, white  
Ribbing: Small Opal Tinsel  
Hackle: White, Size 16–18  
Tubing: Standard clear tubing

## Instructions for tying Yash's Mysis Shrimp

1. Insert the hook in the vise, de-barb the hook if necessary and lay a base layer of thread (make sure it is light in color) along the length of the hook shank.





2. Tie in tinsel, Ostrich herl, and hackle at the bend of the hook. Make sure the tinsel is a couple of inches longer than normal as you will need it later. Wind the Ostrich herl and down the hook shank and tie it off behind the eye of the hook. Wrap the hackle from the bend of the hook and through the previously wound Ostrich herl to the eye of the hook and tie off.
3. Wrap the tinsel evenly spaced through the hackle and herl to the eye of the hook and tie it off. DO NOT cut off the remainder of the tinsel as it will be needed shortly. Do however, cut off the remaining herl and hackle behind the eye of the hook once they are secure.
4. Cut a piece of clear standard tubing ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 1" long depending on your hook size— $\frac{3}{4}$ " for a size #18) and set it aside. Now, cut a length of 5x tippet material about 6"–10" long. Take the tippet and attach it to the eye of the hook with a Clinch or Improved Clinch Knot. Pass the remaining tippet and the remaining tinsel through the clear tubing. Push the tubing into the eye of the hook.



5. Take the tinsel that is in the tubing and using the Hackle pliers begin to twist the tinsel until you get a segmented look inside the tubing. This will also sparkle and scatter light. At this time, take a small amount of UV cement and put it at each end of the end of the tubing curing it with a UV light. Once the tubing, tippet and tinsel are set, cut the remaining tinsel at the front of the tubing.
6. All you should have left is your 5x tippet protruding from the clear tubing. Measure about 4–6" of tippet material and make a Perfection Knot at the end. Or, if you prefer, attach the tippet to a tippet ring using a Clinch or Improved Clinch Knot.

Now you have a completed Yash's Mysis Shrimp which you can connect to your Dropper Loop set up with a loop to loop or Clinch Knot connection.

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## Philosophers Look at Fly Fishing

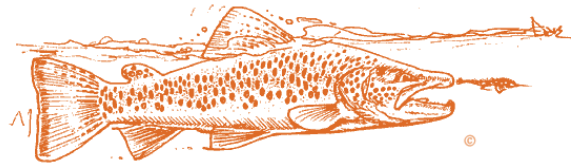
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And while we can and have been fooled many times by an animal with the brain the size of a pea, we come back, smarter, older, wiser, and get fooled again but more elegantly this time. This is the challenge. All fishermen, including fly fishermen, are viewed with suspicion when they open their mouths regarding size, number, species, beauty, and ease of catch regarding fish. So, why do we tolerate such nonsense? I think that Tertullin ca. 200 c.e. said it best:

***"Credo quia absurdum est"***  
— I believe it because it is absurd.

What do I believe? Those who know me well know I am not a religious man. However, many years ago on my first reading of *A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT*, I was struck by the beauty and truth of the very first line of Norman Maclean's masterpiece:

***"In our family there is no clear line between religion and fly fishing."***



Tom Tatham opined about the spirituality of the High Sierra and he was dead-on right. When I am high in the Eastern Sierra church is in session. Not with a supreme being but with a supreme sense of oneness with nature and trees and water and fish and bears and bugs and all of it. Oddly enough it is the Eastern Sierra that instills this in me. Not the West Slope, not the Rockies, not the Uintas, not anywhere else with the possible exception of Yosemite Valley.

So, what is this small essay about when it summarizes uncertainty, hope, failure, uncertainty again, water wars, fools, absurdity and finally religion. I would like to think that all of these thoughts and many more come to us on the stream. Thus, to sum it up, I think we search for what one of the great philosophers of the 1960s, Dave Garroway, said:

***"Peace."***

# Christmas Island

June 19–26, 2018 ❖ The Villages of Christmas Island

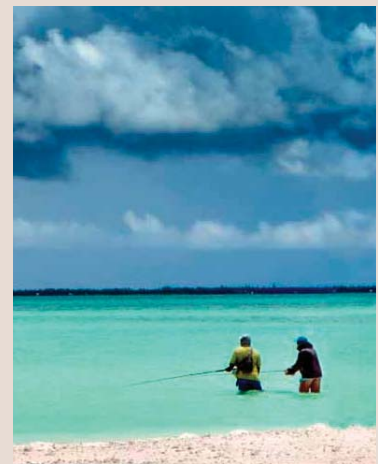
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# Calendar of Events

## August

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5	Saturday	8:30 AM	Spey Clinic: Relocated from Pasadena Casting Pond
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19	Saturday	12:00 PM	Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue!
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Yards & Inches Pre-Trip
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TONY REINHARDT

## September

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Kids' Fly Tying Class
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Missouri River, Montana Pre-Trip
9	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Trip: Yards & Inches
10	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
10-15			Club Trip: Missouri River, Montana
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Kids' Fly Tying Class
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Kids' Fly Tying Class
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Kids' Fly Tying Class
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TO BE ANNOUNCED

## October

1	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Class
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic -- Classroom
8	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Class
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic -- Classroom
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Class
18	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic -- Classroom
21	Saturday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic -- Lower Owens
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TO BE ANNOUNCED
29	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast



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