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Leader's Line...

Another Year

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors on August 30, Mark Flo resigned his position as president of the Long Beach Casting Club. At the same meeting, the board voted for me to replace Mark for the remainder of his term. I would like to thank Mark for all his hard work in and around the club. He has said that he will continue to volunteer in other areas and activities.

I'm hoping to complete some of the projects that we have been working on for a while. We have a strong Board of Directors and I see the club going in a good direction. Club trips will continue to draw new and experienced members. Casting, rod building and fly tying classes will be starting soon and continue to be a strong part of our club activities. Monthly luncheons will begin again in the fall. Thanks to John Lincoln and his volunteers for the time they give. These events have become more and more popular.

Club blasts are one of the new ways of communicating upcoming activities and events. If you are not receiving these blasts, contact Shirley Sakaguchi.

If you have any suggestions or concerns related to the club, please feel free to contact me or other members of the board. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their continued work and support.



Club Trips for 2017

ART DAILY, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Here are the Club Trips for the next couple of months, and the beginning of 2018. Join us!

2017 TRIPS:

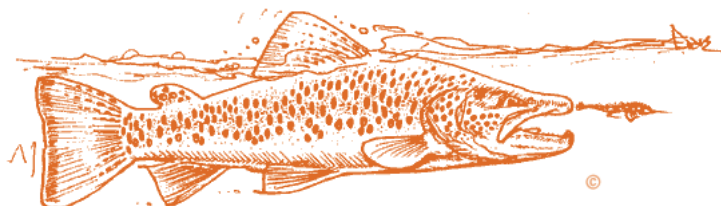
TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Oct. 1-3	Pyramid Lake w/ Mick Woodbury and Glen Stanley, Pre-Trip: September 20
Nov./Dec.	TO BE DETERMINED

2018 TRIPS:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
January 4-6	Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John; Pre-Trip: December 30, 9:00 AM-NOON
February 1-3	Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John; Pre-Trip: January 27, 9:00 AM-NOON
March 1-3	Lower Owens w/Yash, Dan & John; Pre-Trip: February 24 9:00 AM-NOON
April 1	Kelsey Bass Ranch w/Mick Woodbury; Pre-Trip: TBD
April 29-May 3	Green River, Week 1 w/ Yash; Pre-Trip: TBD
May 6-11	Green River, Week 2 w/ Paul; Pre-Trip: TBD

Trip locations and dates are subject to change so monitor Target Talk or the Web Calendar. Pre-Trip Meetings are usually at the clubhouse starting 7:00 PM. 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.

Attention Club Members! We have got only one more Long Beach Casting Club trip this year (October 1-3 Pyramid Lake with Mick Woodbury and Glen Stanley). If you have an idea for a trip and would like to be the "Streamkeeper", please respond to Art Daily! Thanks, Ed.



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Greg Vinci Invites Us Up the American River for "U.S. Steel"

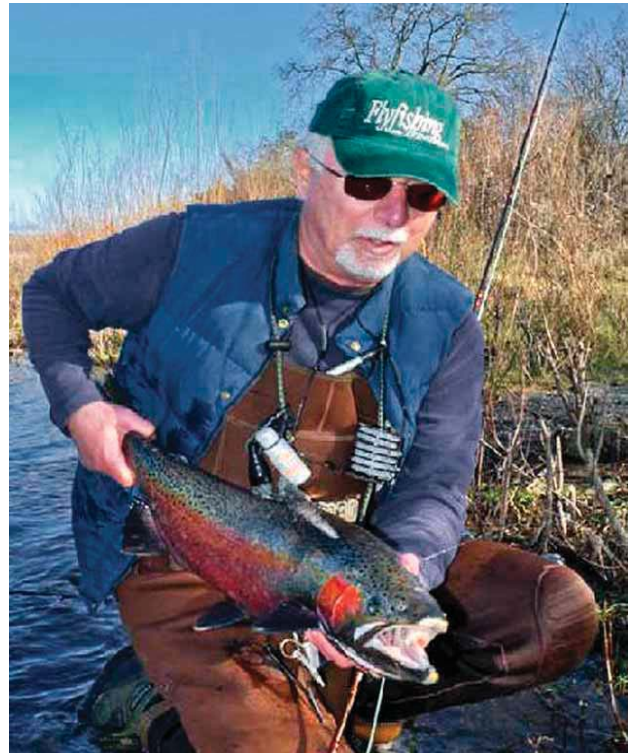
TERRY KOMISAK, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

We're pleased to welcome Greg Vinci to speak at our October meeting. Greg will take us on a trip up the American River in pursuit of steelhead, the "Fish of a Thousand Casts", as well as shad and striped bass.

In 1989, after a six year career in commercial photography, Greg opened Sierra Pacific Products, a wholesaler/distributor of fly tackle products. In 2010 he sold this very successful business to focus on writing and photography, his real passions. In his own words:

"I write for and contribute photography to outdoor magazines. My photos and articles regularly appear in national and regional magazines. I've written over one hundred articles primarily on outdoor subjects that include; California wine industry, fly fishing, California history and travel. My book FLYFISHER'S GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA was just published in December 2015 and is already in its second printing."

Greg is a well-known expert on the American River. He'll be sharing his years of experience with us as he



covers the Lower American River.

"Northern California's American River is one of the southernmost reliable trophy steelhead fisheries in the Northern Hemisphere ... the fish are large and they return each winter like clockwork. The American also hosts annual runs of "half-pounder steelhead" and good runs of American shad and striped bass. All of this in one of the most densely populated cities in the state.

"The presentation consists of over a hundred photos taken over the past ten years to illustrate the stories I've written for major fly fishing and outdoor magazines. The tour begins at the most downstream access point and then continues upstream to Nimbus Hatchery near the dam. Along the way we visit each of the access points and the best holding water for steelhead. Fly patterns and techniques are covered and I've included lots of maps to provide orientation as we proceed. This is a great introduction to those who have never fished the American, and it will also provide some good information to regular visitors that have not had a chance to explore the whole fishery."

Come join us Thursday, October 26th!



Learn the "Way of Spey" (Start Today!): Beginning Spey Casting Instruction

COLIN KUMABE, CAPTAIN

The LBCC is pleased to offer Spey casting instruction to members and the public. Since all casting skills require many hours of practice and instruction, there will be a meeting to help everyone understand equipment and Spey casting. Then, every participant may attend one of several practice sessions with seasoned casters to provide Spey casting instruction.

Register by sending an email either to Howard Uller (uller@ca.rr.com) or to me (ctkumabe@gmail.com). The LBCC casting instruction is free, no charge for these sessions. More information may be found at: <https://www.longbeachcastingclub.org/casting-games/>.

Mandatory Meeting & Practice Session:

Saturday, September 30 from 10:00 AM–NOON

- ❖ Practice Session – Saturday, 10/7/2017 from 10:00 AM–NOON
- ❖ Practice Session – Saturday, 10/14/2017 from 10:00 AM–NOON
- ❖ Practice Session – Saturday, 10/21/2017 from 10:00 AM–NOON
- ❖ Practice Session – Saturday, 10/28/2017 from 10:00 AM–NOON
- ❖ Practice Session – Saturday, 11/11/2017 from 10:00 AM–NOON
- ❖ Practice Session – Saturday, 11/18/2017 from 10:00 AM–NOON

Early registration required due to limited space, each Practice Session is limited to a maximum of 5 casters.

Then, once the practice sessions are done, the rest is up to you. Come on out to the pond for more instruction and practice. One of the greatest assets to the LBCC is the wealth of casting skill



knowledge base. Cast into the club's knowledge base of casting by simply asking for help while at the LBCC Pond!

Do You Recognize this Picture?

ROB PETERSON, EDITOR

A longtime club member, who shall remain nameless, submitted this. If you know where this picture was taken, please send me an email (robertwinzlerpeterson@gmail.com). There's an as-yet to be determined prize involved (hint: it's **NOT** a Rob Peterson personally hand-tied fly, so don't worry).

Also, if you've got pictures of your own to submit, please do so. If this catches on and we get a lot of responses, we'd like to do it again from time to time and have some fun with it. So look around that dusty old library, or check your hard drive for pictures, and send them along! Thanks. --Ed.



Intermediate Casting Clinic 2017

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, CASTING CO-CHAIR

The club will offer our Intermediate Casting Clinic starting on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 PM. This is a class that has been given in the past and will be targeted towards individuals that want to improve their casting and fishing ability. Emphasis will be placed on fine tuning your casting, fishing casts, increasing distance and line speed and improving line control. The class will run for a total of three consecutive Tuesday nights—October 3, 10 and 17.

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

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



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Jack Gartside and the Royal Wulff

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

"One of my favorite un-provable theories is that fish, like people, will often see what they want to see at the moment of their desiring. At this time they may ignore distracting or otherwise disturbing elements that do not quite fit the image they have of their heart's—or stomach's—desiring.

"As an example, a trout looking to take a natural mayfly dun off the surface will often take a Royal Wulff—and here we must be presumptuous—because the general shape or outline of the fly is suggestive of this insect and corresponds with what has been called the fish's "search image." According to this theory, the trout will ignore the severely segmented body of peacock herl and floss, which is more like the body of an ant than of a mayfly. When ants are on the water, on the other hand, the trout will now focus on the segmented body parts of the Royal Wulff and ignore the parts that suggest the mayfly. It is this combination of disparate, coexisting parts—with the potential to be more than just the sum of its parts—that makes the Royal Wulff such a generally effective dry fly pattern.

"Or so I believe."

Jack Gartside,
FISHING THE SPARROW

Was thinking about Jeff Sadler today and since Rob sent this TT to me to review, and we had some room, I thought it might be fun to stick this article in by Jack Gartside—Harvard grad, Boston taxi driver, amazing fly tier and fly fisher. I knew Jack and fished with him when he visited West Yellowstone and would hang around in Blue Ribbon Flies—John...

PHWFF at Fly Fishers International Fair

CAROLE KATZ, PROGRAM LEAD

Eleven hundred people from several countries participated in the 2017 Fly Fishers' International Fair in Livingston, Montana, during the first week of August. There were 74 high caliber demonstration fly tiers, 93 educational workshops, women's events and some of the best casting instructors in the world, all surrounded by legendary fisheries for those who wanted to wet a line while there.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing had a significant contingent: CEO Todd Desgrosseilliers, Founder Ed Nicholson, COO David Folkerts, Southwest RC Carole Katz, Bozeman PL Jim Wenger, Albuquerque PL David Patton, five participants from Long Beach, three from Phoenix, Arizona and many others.

Our leadership had meetings with various leaders of FFI to discuss several collaborative efforts, and Carole Katz was added to the FFI Board of Directors as a PHWFF representative. Our veteran participants had the opportunity to fish the Madison and the Yellowstone Rivers, and local spring creeks. We attended some excellent workshops such as spring creek fishing, roll-to-spey casts and casting workshops with Master Casting Instructors Bruce Richards, Jim Valle, Rick Williams and Mark Huber. There was such a wealth of information available to attendees that it was difficult to choose among

all the workshops.

Founder Ed Nicholson presented Don Lee with the Patriot Award for his rod weaving excellence and fundraising over the last few years: in excess of \$27,000. The Patriot Award is PHWFF's highest award for service, and a great honor. The first thing Don said after hearing his name announced was, "What me? We are a team." The team includes Bill Boyce, Joe Richter, Bob Guenther and Jim Wilcox.

Todd was introduced to the legendary Bob Jacklin of West Yellowstone, who later sat with us during dinner. We staffed the PHWFF booth at the Fish Fest, where we raffled a rod by Don Lee, with a weave of the PHWFF logo, that earned \$800.

Some comments from the veteran participants who attended:

- ❖ *"The casting instructors were fantastic. They addressed bad habits and I learned something from each one of them."*
- ❖ *"The Spring Creek Workshop was so comprehensive. The side-by-side comparison of natural insects vs. commercial flies was an eye-opener. This workshop really helped me understand the pros and cons of various casting presentations."*
- ❖ *"The MCIs really understand various medical problems and suggested small changes in technique that really helped me."*
- ❖ *"I really enjoyed the lightly used gear sale at terrific prices."*
- ❖ *"I learned so much from Jim Valle and really appreciated his positive comments to all of us. He was so positive and encouraging."*
- ❖ *"I was amazed to learn how useful single-hand spey casts can be in many fishing situations. I'm a much better roll caster after that workshop."*
- ❖ *"I left there a much better fisher."*

We hope to have at least 100 PHWFF participants and volunteers at the Fair next year in Boise, Idaho, August 6–11.



Calling the Vise Squad: It's Time to Get Out and Bust a Fly!

DAVE BOYER, CHAIRMAN

It is that time of year again for the Beginning Fly Tying classes. Orientation will be Tuesday November 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Class is open to anyone (you do not have to be an LBCC member) that would like to learn or brush up on tying skills, so mark your calendar. We go for a total of 17 weeks (15 fly patterns) with guest instructors to cover all types of techniques and flies. At the end of the classes you will be able to read a pattern/recipe and tie pretty much any fly.

For those who would like to further their tying skills we have the ongoing Wednesday night Fly Tying Forum. Again, open to everyone; no particular skill level required. You can also come to just BS if you so desire, but we try to have a couple of guest instructors each month to show us some uncommon tying techniques, different or new materials and flies. Please join us for a social hour (or two) and/or to learn some new skills.

Tight Lines!



THE LEGENDARY DAVE WHITLOCK AT THE VISE



LBCC Endowment Matching Fund

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Again this year (thank you Art) we have a matching funds opportunity up to \$5,000. But the year is two-thirds gone and we've accumulated only about 40% of the contributions needed to reach the full matching amount.

Remember, every \$25 you give, means \$50 for the Club; \$100 means \$200; and \$250 means \$500!

This Club is a real treasure and the endowment will only make it better. Checks are payable to LBCC Endowment Fund. Thank you.

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"59^{er}" Seeks Gold in the High Sierra

ROB PETERSON, EDITOR

I'll be 60 in December, and life is changing. No complaints, it's better than ever; for example, I'll be boarding a plane tomorrow to be introduced to my first grandchild, a girl. But some things aren't as easy as they once were. One of those is high-altitude hiking, so I'm trying to do as much of it as possible while I can.

In August I backpacked with friends in the Golden Trout Wilderness. I fished Golden Trout Creek and Cottonwood Lakes for (you guessed it) golden trout.

Goldens are beautiful. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that there's no more beautiful trout. I'll go out even further: there is no other trout that comes close.

They look like aquarium fish. Their backs are bright green. Their sides are brilliant gold. Their undersides are red, or orange or vermillion. Whatever it is, it's beautiful. They have the characteristic rainbow trout red lateral stripe, but it's somehow more pronounced because of the gold background. Their lower fins are trimmed in black and white, and they have, especially the juveniles, spectacular green "parr marks" along the lateral stripe. The red blotch by the gills is reminiscent of a cutthroat. I'll say it again: there's no trout as beautiful—not even close.

But they're the "blondes" of the trout world: they get by on their looks. The short growing season make them opportunistic feeders, but they give opportunistic feeding a bad name. They're so stupid I suspect that even other trout make fun of them.

I once cast into a stream at Horseshoe Meadows, put

one boot in the water and spooked a little golden. He was frantically swimming away, then saw my fly and gulped it down. I think if I'd put a bare foot in the water, five goldens would have gone after my toes.

So when I emailed our own Mr. Van Derhoof for fly recommendations for the Golden Trout Wilderness, I thought he'd say I could dub a hook with dryer lint. But he responded immediately: the upright blue-winged olive (featured in our March 2015 Target Talk edition), was the "go-to" fly. The night before the trip, I set aside a half hour in the wee hours of the night and tied a half dozen—that's all the time I had.

After an overnight at Horseshoe Meadows Campground, in the back of my RAV4, armed with a sleeping bag, an electric lantern and a good book (and parked near the restroom because, at my age, that's big), I joined my friends at the trailhead and we set off.

This part of the Golden Trout Wilderness is dry high country, mostly foxtail pine, with a little lodgepole pine and western white pine. There's little undergrowth. We were headed for Trail Pass, well over 10,000 feet. At the top, I was breathing pretty hard. We could hear thunder and I felt a few raindrops on my face.

We went down a set of switchbacks through the pines, with a growth of bracken fern beside the trail. The sprinkle of rain turned into a torrent, accompanied by peals of thunder, then into hail, the size of frozen peas from a "Green Giant" bag.

We got under a stand of pines and put on our rain clothes, while one of the hikers regaled us with the story of a hailstorm he rode out in Kansas, with stones the size of baseballs. The dents in his car, which we'd all seen, bore silent witness—we enjoyed the hailstorm, feeling lucky to be in the "Green Giant" category.



But this is a fly fishing article, so let's get to the fishing. I was the only angler in the group. The next day, my friends mounted an expedition to Kern Peak, while I made a five-mile jaunt to Little Whitney Meadow.

The trail to Little Whitney skirts the edge of the Malpais, a basalt badland surrounded by pine forest. Then it follows Golden Trout Creek, which was full and clear and noisy. I could see the goldens clearly, but I wanted to check out Little Whitney Meadow, so I resolutely looked away and kept going.



There's a cattle fence around the meadow, with a rude gate of pine branches and barbed wire. I went inside and followed the trail to the opposite end of the meadow, past long green grass and colorful displays of wildflowers. There were swarms of butterflies and flocks of noisy songbirds under blue skies, and a mild breeze. The day was perfect.

On the far side of the meadow I found a small riffle and run in an open part of the meadow, ideal for casting. The water was clear; the rocks underneath it bronze. Now and then a little golden finned out from cover to eat a bug.

I started with a Schroeder's Parachute Hopper. If they'd eat anything, why not use a big, visible fly? But unlike the typical "blonde" goldens, they ignored it.

Next: a Parachute Adams. There were flashes of gold under the fly—refusals. Then a #22 Cripple BWO, and I caught my first golden. Tip of the cap to John!

It was time to head back to camp. I re-traced my steps, stopping to sight-cast at nice pools along the trail. The fish here were much "blonder", and any fly would do. It was nice to clearly see them take the flies.

I got back to camp tired and very happy.

We had six days and five nights of wonderful hiking and spectacular views, but not much fishing. Since, again, this is a fly fishing article, I'll skip to our last day, camped at Cottonwood Lake #2, when I got another chance to string up the fly rod.

There's a stream between Lake #1 and Lake #2, sited in an open meadow with beautiful views of Mt. Langley and New Army Pass, which, at over 12,000 feet, was the highest point of our journey. The meadow was very boggy, but I was able to find high points and make my way to the

stream.

Even though I fished the narrow stream from my knees, I spooked a fish or two. These trout had seen a few flies and graduated from the "blonde" class. They were more selective than their brethren in Golden Trout Creek, but also bigger: eight inches and up. For golden trout, they were lunkers.

It was a while before one of them rolled on my blue-winged olive and took it, but he was beautiful: ten or eleven inches. I caught a couple of others, then it slowed down. I decided on one more long cast around a little bend. A double-haul or two got me to the spot, and a huge fish rolled, but didn't stick. Another long cast: same thing. Then I inspected the fly and noticed that the hook was bent out, from a romantic encounter with a manzanita bush. Oh well, I was in the mountains fishing—how could it possibly get any better?

(Epilogue: here's how. Last night I got the chance to hold my granddaughter for the first time. I'm going to go out on a limb and say there's never been a more beautiful baby. I'll go even further and say there's never been one that comes close. Tight lines! -Ed.)

Fly of the Month: Hi-Viz Spinner

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT

Over the years I feel that I've failed to address the importance of this stage of the life cycle of a mayfly. Yeah, I have preached ad nauseam about the importance of the Trico spinner phase but with the one exception, I have left the topic largely ignored. Well, this month I hope to extend your level of understanding a bit more.

The spinner phase of a mayfly is its last. The insects are now sexually mature and, after mating, will soon die as they return to the river depositing themselves on the water. The females to lay their eggs thus continuing the cycle and the males...well God only knows why they are there—guess they need to die somewhere and the water is nearby. The beauty is trout have a true boon in terms of feeding. A food source that won't and can't fly away. No wasted energy for the fish. Easy pickin's. The fish rise up and down like yo-yos eating one or dozens with each mouthful. The only thing you can do as an angler is to throw something at them that doesn't look too stupid, land it within inches of the fish, not allow it to drag on the surface and in perfect time with each rise and open mouth. Don't be foolish enough to think that these fish will move more than 12 inches out of the way to eat your superbly tied imitation—ain't gonna happen folks!

Now some mayfly spinners return to the water in the morning or midday and several (like Rusty Spinners: Baetis; Pink Ladies: Epeorus; Pale Morning Duns, Green and Brown Drakes: Ephemerella; Speckled-Wing Mayfly: Callibaetis; and Tiny Western Olive: Pseudocloen) can and do return in the evening. It's quite tough enough to see a small or even a larger pattern that is lying flat on the surface of the water in full daylight but, late in the day, it's dang near impossible. Your eyes will thank you that you tied some Hi-Viz Spinners.

If you want a list of patterns to tie check out Fred Arbona's book MAYFLIES, THE ANGLER AND THE TROUT. This is the best book I've found as it includes great information about imitating specific mayflies (east and west) and lists the important stages of each species life cycle including sizes and colors of each part of their body that you, the angler, need to focus on. This makes it the perfect source for closely imitating every major mayfly genus and species in the North America. So tie some Hi-Viz Spinners and have fun!

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE HI-VIZ SPINNER:

- THREAD:** 12/0 Veevus to match the natural
- HOOK:** Tiemco 100 in sizes 10 to 24 (I use a Tiemco 101 ring eye for hooks smaller than 16)
- TAIL:** Coq de'Leon or Hackle fibers in colors to match the natural
- BODY:** dubbing or thread to match natural.
- THORAX:** dubbing (color to match natural)
- WING:** EP Triggerpoint Fibers tied flat to match the natural plus a Hi-Viz color like orange or black.



SIDE VIEW
EPEORUS ALBERTAE - PINK LADY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE HI-VIZ SPINNER:

1. Place the hook in your vise and attach the thread and wind back to the end of the shank. Apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread. Wind 2 or 3 turns of the dubbing forming a small ball at the end of the shank which will help to split the tails.
2. Place the tail for the far side of the hook on the top of the shank. Use the tension of the thread to pull the tail into position along the far side of the hook. Now, place the near side tail on the underside of hook and again use the thread's tension to pull it towards you along the side of the hook. I like the tails to be $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the hook shank. Dub your thread in a color that will match the color of the natural. Wind the dubbing forward creating a neat, thin abdomen.
3. Select wing fibers in a color to match the natural—usually white or a very light dun. The amount you use depends on the water type of the species you are matching. Slow water species, the wing is light and heavier than normal for faster water. Tie the wing material at the thorax and perpendicular to the shank using X-wraps. Finish with the thread behind the wing and do not trim to length yet.
4. Dub your thread for the thorax and wind a couple of turns behind the wing and then at least one or more full X-wraps over the wing. Finish winding the dubbing in front of the wing leaving a space for the Hi-Viz material and head.
5. Now select a section of Hi-Viz fibers. Use bright orange for day time or black for dusk or evening. Tie in a length of your Hi-Viz fibers over the top of the thorax and about the same length as the each of the spinner wings. Trim off the butt ends of the Hi-Viz fibers, wind a small head and whip finish. Grab both spinner wings and the Hi-Viz fibers between the thumb and forefinger and pull them straight back over and beyond the body. Trim all of them at the same time with one cut where they line up with the bend of the hook.



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Spey Casting

Long Beach Casting Club

Jan 27-28th 2018

TOURNAMENT

Wanna
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Your Casting?

What: The inaugural LBCC Spey Casting Tournament

Who: Open to All - beginners to expert - Skagit to Long Belly

Why? Improve your casting (and fishing!) - Learn from among the best.

Join us for fun and friendly competition

THREE COMPETITIVE CLASSES!

Class A – Open

Class B - Intermediate

Class C - Novice

SCHEDULE:

Practice – Friday, January 26, 2018 – sign-up sheet on site.

Qualifying – Saturday, January 27, 2018, starting at 8:30 a.m. Top 10 advance to finals.

Finals – Sunday, January 28, 2018, starting at 8:30 a.m.



Lunch for competitors on Saturday. Guests, \$5.

REGISTRATION:

On-line at <https://www.longbeachcastingclub.org/tournaments>

FEE: \$25 registration fee. Includes [Lunch/Dinner]

RULES:

<https://www.longbeachcastingclub.org/tournaments/>.

Need More Information?

Lodging, transportation? Please contact:

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Howard Uller (uller@ca.rr.com).

Map/Direction: To LBCC Clubhouse.

Saddlebag Lake & 20 Lakes Basin

COLIN KUMABE, CAPTAIN

Backpacking to streams and lakes, far from regular fishing crowds is very rewarding. Catching natural trout in large numbers is just one of the rewards – breathtaking vistas. This backpacking trip, led by our wilderness expert Jim Garvey, was along the eight-mile Saddlebag Lake trail (see map this page) through the 20 Lakes Basin at 10,000 feet elevation.



Those of us who fish within a “short walk” of the car will nearly always be fishing for stocked fish. Fish that are planted in streams or lakes don’t have diets like natural trout. On this backpacking trip, we found streams and lake with fish that were “eating” dries (Sandeep Sasi’s yellow Humpy, Mitch and Jim Garvey’s red Humpy and my Sierra Bright Dot) and soft hackle (Kaz Hata’s yellow bodied soft hackle).

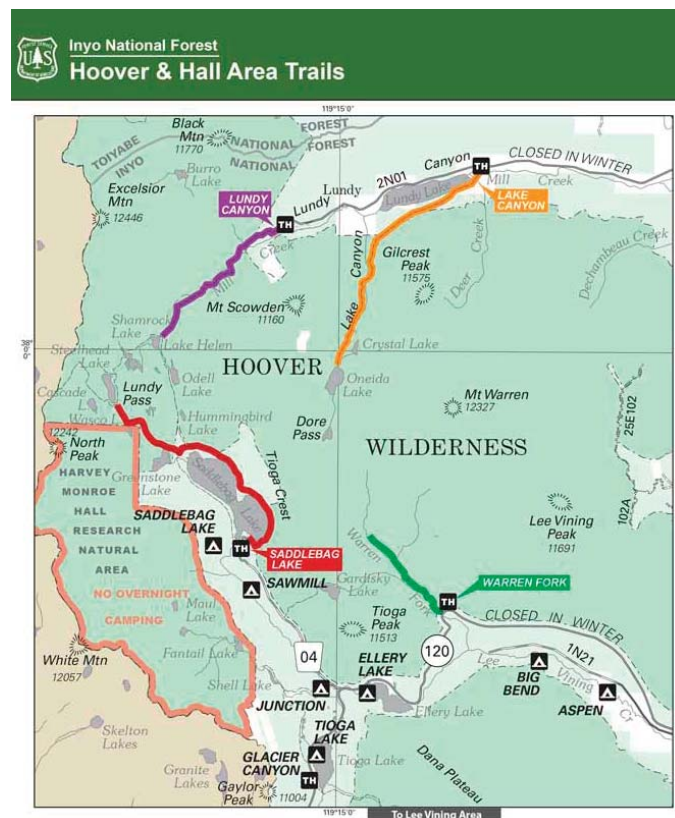
The high lakes and streams don’t have lots of aquatic life, but have lots of insects that are dropped into the water by strong gusts of wind from the slopes. Does catching a fish on every cast seem unbelievable? I would have caught more fish, except I kept getting



my fly tangled in trees, bushes, or rocks.

Words can’t describe the beauty found in the 20 Lakes Basin. Our group hiked over leftover snow packs feeding ponds, streams and lakes. Trees are scarce along the trails above 10,000 feet but, the wildflowers provide color and scents that you will never forget. Due to the long and wet winter this year, the 20 Lakes Basin still seemed to be enjoying spring-like weather. The temperatures, lows in the 30s and highs in the 70s, provides ideal conditions for the plants to grow during this short summer.

Back country guides? Not needed, we had Jim Garvey. As for the fishing, they were biting everyone’s flies. Bears? No bears; only mosquitos.



Fly Photo Frames

ARTHUR STRAUSS, MEMBER

Members, have you tied a special fly or flies and want to have a nice photograph made of it? Well here's your chance!

Send me a digital photo of your fly (or flies) or your actual fly, and I will edit/frame it for you (5 x 7 in):

Indicate preference (circle as appropriate) :

1) Photo-like; 2) Watercolor; 3) Painting; 4) Name of fly or Your name* (write your name or fly name on this flyer). Price: \$10 per fly

*I'll choose which looks best with paper texture

ALL MONIES GO TO the LBCC Endowment Fund – Mail me this flyer with cash/check & your name and address or bring it to the monthly meeting. I'll either bring the finished work to the meeting or mail it to you.



Send your fly to:

Arthur Strauss
8 Blanchard
Irvine, CA 92603

or...

Email your photo (JPG or IMG format) to :

astraussmd@gmail.com

Thanks in advance for supporting the club and our Endowment Fund!

Christmas Island

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

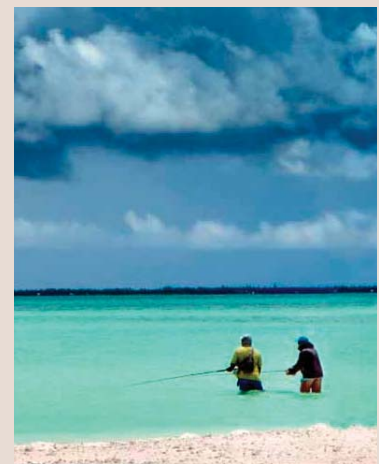
You already know the quality of fishing at Christmas Island!

It is known for huge numbers of Bonefish, big G.Ts (Giant Trevally) and the opportunity to fish for many other saltwater species. The Villages brings something extra to your Christmas Island experience: a guide for yourself each day, included in our package of **\$2,790** pp.

The package includes: 6 days of guided fishing (1 guide per angler); 7 nights accommodation in comfortable, air-conditioned bungalows (double occupancy); all meals; and all ground transportation on the island.



Not included are: flights to and from Christmas Island; alcoholic beverages; gratuities; fishing license; fishing equipment; departure tax; laundry service.



Calendar of Events

October

1	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
1-3			Club Trip: Pyramid Lake
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
6	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spey Practice #1
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
14	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spey Practice #2
14-15			Northwestern Tournament, San Francisco, California
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	10:00 AM	Spey Practice #3
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Greg Vinci
28	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spey Practice #4
29	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast

November

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5	Sunday	8:30 AM	Club Cast
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spey Practice #5
13	Monday	12:00 PM	Boy Scouts Session
14	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Boy Scouts Session
		7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		1:00 PM	Boy Scouts Session
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
16	Thursday	1:00 PM	Boy Scouts Session
18	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spey Practice #6
19	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TO BE ANNOUNCED

December

2	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag
3	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
20	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #1



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