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# Target Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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## Leader's Line...

YASH ISEDA, PRESIDENT

I am pretty sure that many of you have heard of the talk and rumors surrounding Project Healing Waters at Long Beach Casting Club over the last couple of months. This issue has been divisive and, unfortunately, the ones made to suffer the most are the very same ones we are trying to help. The issue came to a head at and immediately after the last Board Meeting and, sadly, PHW at the Long Beach Casting Club no longer exists. This month's Leader's Line is a letter sent by the Club to the CEO of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing National stating the Club's position.

October 5, 2017

Dear Mr. Desgrosseilliers,

Ten years ago the Long Beach Casting Club (LBCC) began collaboration with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc (PHWFFI) and the LBCC Project Healing Waters (LBCCPHW) Program was born. The terms of its operation were outlined in a Memo of Agreement (MOA). Since that time many good works have been done in support of disabled vets in appreciation for their service and their sacrifice.

The SW Regional Coordinator/Program Lead, Carol(e) Katz has informed us that over the course of those years so many changes have occurred in the way the program is run that the MOA is out of date and obsolete. She assures us that all changes while informally agreed to have the full understanding and agreement of PHWFFI including your personal support. Until recently the LBCC board has not been aware of those changes and current practices.

Two months ago the LBCC board established a PHW review team to examine the operation of the PHW program. From that review we agree that the MOA is out of date and that current practices differ considerably from the original agreement. Since Ms. Katz agrees the document is obsolete, has no legal status and does not reflect what is reality, why have it at all? We have chosen to terminate the MOA until such time as the revised, up-to-date version can be considered.

## GOING FORWARD

In the interim, LBCC is pleased to provide our full and continuing support for the PHW Long Beach program in terms of our volunteers, facilities, instruction and education.

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We also recognize that the ownership and control of the program has shifted from LBCC to PHWFFI. Over the years Ms. Katz has played a central role in directing and controlling the LBCCPHW program while also taking on a major role in the leadership of PHWFFI as SW Regional Coordinator. Ms. Katz desires full control and independence over her PHW program without LBCC board overview or interference. Therefore LBCC is happy to act as a supporting club rather than a sponsoring club. We are quite pleased to do what we do best—fly fishing education for disabled vets while providing her and PHWFFI the freedom to run the program, to fund raising for the PHWFFI and cover program operating expenses.

I hope it is clear to you that we value our involvement in the PHW program, we believe in the program and the many good things that come out of it. Our decision to terminate the MOA until a new agreement can be developed simply reflects our obligation to act in the best interests of LBCC in reducing liabilities over which we have no control. It does not mean any desire on our part to terminate our support for Project Healing Waters.

Sincerely,

Yash Iseda, President, LBCC



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# The Club "Qs up" Al Quattrocchi to Talk about Corbina

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

**C**orbina make tiny ripples in very shallow surf. If you're lucky enough to see one, you've probably already spooked it. If you haven't, your fly probably will. But, if it doesn't, and the corbina takes your fly, you'll be treated to a battle with a trout-sized fish that fights like a marlin. Catching them is an art, and one of its most well-known practitioners is our November speaker: Al Quattrocchi ("Al Q", for short). Al will talk to us about strategies for catching corbina, or "beans", as they are affectionately nicknamed by the wild-eyed, obsessed anglers who fish for them.

Some excerpts from Al's website:

"Al Quattrocchi (aka The Qman) was born and raised in Brooklyn where he developed his love for saltwater fishing early in his childhood while living in Sheepshead Bay, which was once the largest commercial fishing fleet operating in the U.S. As a teenager he spent his formative saltwater fishing years on party boats, piers, bridges, beaches and jetties around Sheepshead



Bay, Breezy Point, Rockaway and Jamaica Bay chasing striped bass, bluefish, weakfish and fluke.

"After moving to California in the late seventies to attend college, he was inspired to switch to the fly rod and fly fish the surf after years of reading articles written by his east coast saltwater fly fishing luminaries; Lefty Kreh, Frank Woolner, Bob Popovics, Lou Tabory, and Nick Curcione. Al's articles and fly patterns have been published in Fly Fishing in Saltwaters, Fly Tier, CA Fly Fisher and Saltwater Fly Fishing magazines.

"Al lectures and presents to many fly fishing clubs and fly shops in Southern California. He hopes to bring more younger people into the sport of saltwater fly fishing through the "One Surf Fly" event... Al also created the Double Haul Ball, which is an educational, collaborative effort put forth by fly fishing friends and FFI certified casters and held at the Long Beach Casting Club. The DHB is a full day of seminars, casting instruction and fly tying, created to help anglers bridge the gap between fresh and saltwater fly fishing."

Come join us Thursday, November 30. Rumor has it that Al will be at the clubhouse before the meeting, to tie some flies and talk about using shooting heads.

# You Are Looking at the Most Productive Fishing Spots, Now Cast to Them

COLIN KUMABE, CAPTAIN

**O**n popular streams such as the Lower and Upper Owens, all of us have fished the most productive fishing spots. Mediocre fishing locations are easy to walk up to, cast and land fish. More productive areas are fished so often and hard that they soon become mediocre spots. So, reach the most productive places in the heaviest fished spots with a good cast!

When we walk up to a run that looks “fishy”, we begin with a sequence of casts that will not spook every fish before we have given a satisfactory effort. Make the first casts while keeping in mind good casting and fishing fundamentals.

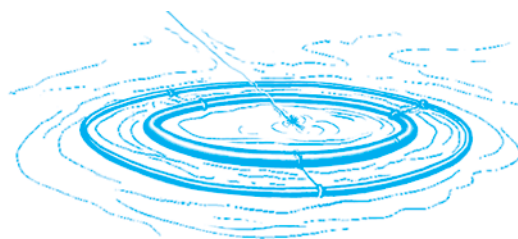
Here is a simple checklist to improve your chances to make your casts count. Take a moment to consider them before starting to fish. Remember also, smooth controlled loops result in the most accurate and consistent casts. Just keeping in mind the following will greatly help to catch more fish:

- ❖ Effect of current on the fly drifting to the fish
- ❖ Effect on back cast of trees, branches or rocks
- ❖ Effect of wind (across, ahead, or against) on the placement of the fly

Tight, controlled loops result in accurate and consistent casts. Just keeping in mind (and practicing) the following will greatly help to produce tighter loops:

- ❖ Use only enough casting stroke needed for the amount of line being cast.
- ❖ Smooth lift from the water accelerating to a firm stop and Pause.
- ❖ Smooth forward acceleration to a firm stop.
- ❖ Lower the rod to the water.

Please practice these casting basics at the LBCC Pond before your next fishing trip, so you can cast to the most productive spots. See you at the pond!



## Club Trips for 2018

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

**H**ere are the Club Trips for 2018 (we have no more trips scheduled in 2017). Join us!

### 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 at 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](mailto:dailya42@yahoo.com).

# Years, Yards & Inches

MICK WOODBURY, SENIOR DIRECTOR

**A**nother Yards & Inches has come and gone. The pozole was hot, the beer cold and the fishing—lukewarm. The ideal tide was incoming all morning, except the water pouring into the bay was considerably cooler than the low 70s water a week earlier. The cooler water frosted the bite too, but it also presented a test that only a few would ace.

The challenge was met best by Bob Ruscitto who logged a total of 116 inches. Kevin Green was close behind with 104. Dave Foster scored a 64. Total for the day was considerably off previous years at just 379. It was a welcome change for Bob. Too many times he's been the bride's maid. It was his turn to be the bride. The vice versa for Kevin.

This was the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Yards & Inches Tournament. In the decade of the tourney, we've caught, measured and released some 5,835 inches of fish. The first tournament logged just 107 inches but in three of the ten years, the catch has exceeded 1,000 inches with the highest number being 1,338. That's fishin'!

Since we're not too accustomed to measuring long distances in inches, it's also 486.25 feet or 13.5 yards. Imagine 60 8-foot 2x4s laying end to end, or 36 VW bugs, bumper to bumper. The best part: all fish were released to live another day.

Pozole? Somewhere between 35 and 40 gallons. Next year—the beginning of Decade Two.



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## New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

**T**he Club's Board of Directors approved the following new members:

- ❖ Chris & Emily Diggons
- ❖ Gary Forster
- ❖ Douglas Fredericks
- ❖ Nicholas Galvan (our youngest member)
- ❖ Gary Gillingham
- ❖ Steve Higashi
- ❖ Daniel Luas

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.

## LBCC Endowment Matching Fund

MICK WOODBURY, SENIOR DIRECTOR

**A**gain this year (thank you Art) we have a matching funds opportunity up to \$5,000. But the year is three quarters 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.

# Open Letter to the LBCC:

DAVE BOYER, FLY TYING CHAIRMAN

**W**hen I became a member in 2012, the Long Beach Casting Club blew me away with the facilities and offerings to the fly fisherman and general public. For the LBCC it is easy to offer casting, rod building, and fly tying classes. We sponsor a number of events, for tournament casters, the Southwest Council of FFI, other local clubs, Project Healing Waters, the Boy Scouts and like-minded groups.

What is a bit concerning is the apparent “fracturing” of our Club with some issues that are causing a rift within the Club and the Board of Directors. Unfortunately, we have had three of our Board resign in the past months. It does us no good as a club and as a force for promoting fly fishing in general with the unfortunate way some issues have been recently handled. We need good people that can guide the LBCC and have us act as a leader in the region for conservation, regulation, education and general social interaction with ALL members and the general public.

We as a Club are small potatoes in the general scheme of the world, BUT we are one of the largest clubs in the U.S. and as such there are others that look to us and our programs. We need to resolve issues in a civil and non-finger pointing manner. Yes, the club has issues, yes, they need to be resolved, but not in the manner that causes BOD members to resign.

We as a Club have to put our individual “egos” aside and present all issues, financial requests, etc. to the BOD, as they have the ultimate say on the direction of the Club. They are legally responsible for guiding the Club. If a situation arises that questions the direction of the Club, finances of the Club, various sponsorships of the Club, we need to civilly bring those to the attention of the BOD and resolve them without rancor to any individual member. This is a Club for all and we have a responsibility to guide it, not tear it down and force it in a direction a single individual or small group wants it to go.

For too long we have asked “what’s in it for me” in collaboration with the FFI and other organizations. What we should be asking is “what can we do to improve fly fishing for all in relation to Education, Conservation and our Community?”

The local Project Healing Waters chapter is one of the great success stories of the Long Beach Casting Club. They have Veterans who benefit greatly from the program. If you have not seen or talked with our Veterans, you are missing out. They are known Nationally and are very well respected being some of our greatest ambassadors in the Fly Fishing World. We need more programs and volunteers to help put on similar training. The Boy Scouts would be another great program to try and expand, same with Casting for Recovery.

We are a small cog in relation to conservation. We go up to a single river and do some work, and I don’t want to diminish that work, but is that really protecting the other waters we fish in? What can we do as a large Club to further benefit the general public and bring in the younger generations? There is a great untapped resource in our membership. We can leverage that and collaborate with other clubs and organizations to grow our Club. Let’s make the LBCC the envy of the FFI and other local fishing organizations.

We need the Board of Directors to be strong by taking aggressive leadership and forge a path that is positive for Fly Fishing, the Environment, our members and the community. Maybe that first step is a recommitment statement indicating the direction the Club is headed with positive steps and timeline to resolve issues that have caused three of its members to resign. Please help by encouraging them to administer actions that we can all be proud of as the Long Beach Casting Club.

My two cents worth, sincerely,

David M. Boyer  
LBCC, FFCOC, FFI-BOD

# Fly Tying, Meet Your Future! Club Puts on Youth Fly Tying Class

DAVE BOYER, FLY TYING CHAIRMAN

**W**e had a successful Youth Fly Tying Class in September. We had five young tiers give it their all in "creating" flies.

Each night the young tiers were shown how to tie a particular fly, then they got to choose the materials and colors to "create" their own. At the end of each session, they voted on who did the "best", with the winner getting a \$10 gift certificate. On the third night we did an "Iron Man" type tie, with each student getting the same packet of materials and they had to create a fly.

The final night we let them tie any fly they wanted and a couple of them even tried to spin deer hair, not a technique we had shown, but they did very well for first timers. They created two or three flies, then picked what they thought was their 'best' one and we mounted it in a glass ornament for use during Christmas or whenever they want to display their handiwork. Fun was had by all and they were sad there were not more upcoming sessions. Maybe next year we can do more.

As a side note, the only two students that did not have family as LBCC members convinced their folks to



either allow them to join as a Junior Member, or as a full Family Membership. So we gained at least two more Club members!!!

I would like to thank all that helped in donating tools and supplies, and for Shirley Sakaguchi, Wayne Sakaguchi and Eddie Madrid for working with me in "teaching" tying and helping load up the glass ornaments.

## Saving Klamath Steelhead

ROB PETERSON, EDITOR

**T**hose of you whose memory is still sharp (mine went south long ago) will recall an article I contributed (Target Talk March, 2016) about Western Rivers Conservancy and its effort to save the Klamath River steelhead run, through a purchase of land around a major tributary: Blue Creek. That effort is moving forward quickly, and they've now completed the purchase. Here's an excerpt from their website:

*"In northern California, Western Rivers Conservancy has purchased the final 8,582 acres in our effort to forever protect Blue Creek, the lifeline of the Klamath River. This extraordinary step puts us within striking distance of completing the Blue Creek Salmon Sanctuary and Yurok Tribal Community Forest, a 73 square-mile preserve in the heart of redwood country. WRC is now working to convey the land to the Yurok people for permanent conservation."*

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# It's Fly Tying Time Again!

DAVE BOYER,  
BEGINNING FLY TYING CHAIRMAN

**I**t is getting to be that time again for the Beginning Fly Tying classes. This year the Orientation Night will be Tuesday November 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The class is open to any member of public—you do not have to be an LBCC member—that would like to learn fly tying, or brush up on your skills, so mark your calendar.

The class runs 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 are interested in improving their skills at potentially a higher level, or need help on a particular fly or just want to get the hell out of the house for a bit, then on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM we have the on-going Fly Tying Forum.

Again, open to everyone, no particular skill level required. You can come watch, tie or just BS if you so desire. We always try to have a couple of guest instructors each month to show us some uncommon tying techniques, different or new materials and flies. We have done systems boxes, hoppers, and a number of cool local inspired flies **THAT ACTUALLY CATCH FISH**—what a novel concept!

Either way, please come and join us for some fly tying fun!



## Beginning Fly Tying Class Patterns by Week:

### Introduction to Beginning Fly Tying

November 7, 2017 – Dave Boyer

### Techniques and Demonstrations

November 14, 2017 – Dave Boyer

### Ant (Wet Fly, Terrestrial)

November 21, 2017 – Dave Boyer

### Soft Hackle (Wet Fly, Emerger)

November 28, 2017 – Jun Watanabe

### Boss (Steelhead)

December 5, 2017 – Wayne Sakaguchi

### Scud (Nymph/Crustacean)

December 12, 2017 – Dan Rivett

### Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear (Nymph)

December 19, 2017 – Paul Burgner

### December 26, 2017 - No Classes for Holiday Break

### Pheasant Tail (Nymph)

January 2, 2018 – Mick Woodbury

### Clouser Minnow (Bass/Saltwater Streamer)

January 9, 2018 – Ron Finney

### Crazy Charlie (Saltwater Fly)

January 16, 2018 – Doug Uyematsu

### Woolly Buzzer (Wet Fly/Streamer Fly)

January 23, 2018 – Diedre Engle

### Muddler Minnow (Streamer Fly)

January 30, 2018 – Gary Spencer

### Elk Hair Caddis (Dry Fly)

February 6, 2018 – Charlotte Harriman

### Adams (Dry Fly)

February 13, 2018 – Howard Uller

### Parachute Adams (Dry Fly)

February 20, 2018 – Joe Libeu

### Rusty Spinner (Dry Fly)

February 27, 2018 – Jeff Gross

### Royal Wulff (Dry Fly)

March 6, 2018 – John Van Derhoof

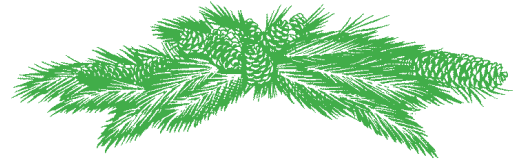
# Venison Stag Christmas Dinner

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

**T**he Venison Stag Christmas Dinner is fast approaching and it is time to mark your calendar to reserve a spot for the club's biggest social event of the year. The date for this year's event is Saturday, December 2. A social hour will start at 6:00 PM with refreshments. Dinner will be served starting around 7:00 PM.



The Club's first Venison Stag Christmas Dinner was held in 1941 and it has been an annual event ever since. Originally, members who were hunters as well as fishermen would clean out their freezers and bring their game to share with the members at the dinner.



Seventy-six years ago the menu included two deer, two antelope, a bear, half an elk, and half a moose. All were barbecued on a spit. Since, at this time, the membership was exclusively male, the event was called "a stag". Those traditions are long gone, save the name, and now we dine on delicious prime rib with all the fixin's cooked by our very own master chef John Lincoln and his team.

An accurate head count is necessary to plan and prepare the dinner and there is a reservation form included on this page of the Target Talk. The cost is \$20 if made by reservation or \$30 at the door. Of course, all members, family and guests are welcome. Please send in your reservation as soon as possible. For an event of this magnitude we depend on members for help. We need people to clean the clubhouse, set up decorations and set the tables, assist the chef, and do the final cleanup.

Please contact Terry Komisak to RSVP, or if you'd like to volunteer to help, at tk\_nsp44@yahoo.com or call at: (562) 221-2631. You can drop off your completed form, with a check, in the slot in the clubhouse library.

## VENISON STAG RESERVATION

Saturday, December 2, 2017 ❖ Social Hour: 6:00 PM ❖ Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 21, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the Venison Stag on Saturday, December 2, 2017

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

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ children. Total number \_\_\_\_\_ @ 6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I would like to help!

Please call me at this telephone number

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# Fly of the Month: Halo & How to Use it!

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT

**H**ere is a pattern that I wish I could lay claim to, but I can't. It was described to me 30 years ago by two friends who had just returned from the Green River. They were given the fly by their guide, who got it from another guide, and so on. Nonetheless this pattern, a Pheasant Tail variation, has replaced all of my "go to" nymphs for most fishing applications.

It is particularly effective on those maddening trout rising sporadically to something very, very small and undeterminable. For these fish, a size 18 or 20 Halo with a fine tippet, an 8 or 10 split shot, a strike indicator and a long drag free dead drift float may be your key to success. It also works great in combination with WD-40 as the bottom fly in a two-fly rig. Or, use it as the top fly with a San Juan Worm especially during high water conditions. Another combination is the Halo on the bottom with a RS-2 as the top fly. In this instance be sure to try and keep the RS-2 closer to the surface than normal which may mean the distance between the flies may need to be increased according to the depth of the water. As a dropper in a "Dry-Dropper" rig is also a great choice.

The Halo is a variation of the Pheasant Tail nymph. No more; no less. The pale yellow/cream/primrose thread that I use is to counter the effect of the dark hook changing and/or darkening the color of the Krystal Flash underbody. That being said, the name "Halo" could also apply to a type of fly or flies that use the same technique to create the body and is not restricted to pheasant tail as the over-body. The over-body could, just as easily, be thread or dubbing and I regularly tie a "halo" version of a WD-40 using light olive UV Ice Dubbing.

The idea of adding the flash underneath the traditional Pheasant Tail body is to add a sparkle to it—to make it look alive. The pheasant tail body material is wrapped flat with a space between the fibers to allow that flash to peak through. The same effect cannot be achieved by just wrapping a Krystal Flash rib; it's not even close.

Adding the flash in the thorax does the same thing and makes the fly look like it is in that stage of a mayfly's life when the thorax is beginning to split to allow the new form of the insect to emerge. Now on to the fly...

## MATERIALS FOR TYING THE HALO:

- HOOK:** Any standard nymph hook size #12–20.
- THREAD:** I use Veevus 12/0 Pale Yellow (often called Primrose or Light Cahill).
- TAIL & BODY:** Pheasant tail (can change colors like dyed olive or black).
- UNDERBODY:** Pearl Krystal Flash (use fl. Green with olive and orange with black).
- THORAX:** Peacock herl (I also use Peacock or Black Peacock Ice Dubbing or even beads).
- WING CASE:** Pheasant tail (or, try Krystal Flash or pearl mylar tinsel for a flashback then add UV glue to make it look like a split back).



### INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE HALO:

1. Place a hook in your vise and attach your thread. Wind back to the bend of the hook and tie in 3 or 4 pheasant tail fibers (the larger the fly, the more fibers needed). Do not cut off the butt ends but fold them back to be used in Step 3 for the body. Wind your thread forward smoothly to the starting point of the thorax (about one-half the length of the shank). Tie in 2 strands of Pearl Krystal Flash.
2. Wind the 2 strands of Pearl Krystal Flash smoothly and evenly towards the tail and then back to its starting point near the start of the thorax. By winding down and back you will achieve a smooth underbody with a consistent thickness and degree of flash.
3. Gently take hold of the butt end strands of pheasant tail making sure they are flat like a ribbon and not twisted in your fingers. Wind them forward keeping them flat and allow hints of the Krystal Flash to peek through. This is probably the toughest part of the fly so take your time and be patient. Leave the butts as you will use these for the wing case after you add a few more strands in Step 4.
4. Select about 8 to 10 strands of Krystal Flash and tie them onto the shank of the hook in the thorax area. Tie them in horizontally just like you would tie in the wing on a spinner winged mayfly. Leave them so that they are about ¼" long on each side of the hook. You will shorten them in Step 5. Add a half dozen or so strands of pheasant tail to fill out the size and thickness of the wing case. Now, tie in a strand of peacock herl and wind forward creating the thorax. Be sure to make on full wrap diagonally (from back to front to back) over the Krystal Flash "wings". If you don't do this there will be a hole lacking any peacock herl on the underside of your thorax.
5. Almost done. Pull the butt ends of the pheasant tail forward forming a wing case and tie them off. Whip finish the fly and remove the thread. If you wish, color the pale yellow thread head with a marking pen like a Sharpie. Finally, trim the Krystal Flash "wings" so they only just protrude out beyond the thorax. The fly is now complete.

*...see page 13 for rigging instructions!*



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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:

Colin Kumabe ([ctkumabe@gmail.com](mailto:ctkumabe@gmail.com)), or

Howard Uller ([uller@ca.rr.com](mailto:uller@ca.rr.com)).

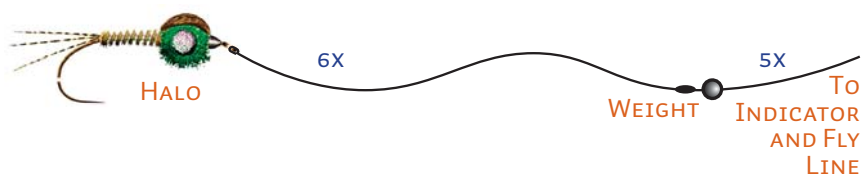
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# The Halo System... HOW TO FISH THE HALO!

## SINGLE FLY:

Attach the Halo (#16–#22) to the terminus of a 14' to 19' leader. Fished like a dry, I start with a 9' or 12' mono leader that tapers to 3x or 4x and then I add the tippet. The tippet should be 2' of 6x flouro and 4' to 5' of a 5x flouro transition. Where the 5x is attached to the 6x add a #8 or #10 split shot.

The Halo is un-weighted and free to move while the weight pulls it below the surface.

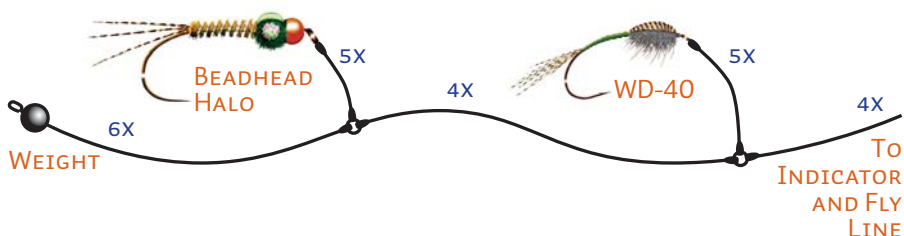


## 2-FLY NYMPH - NORMAL WATER:

Top Fly - Light Beadhead or un-weighted Halo or WD-40

Bottom Fly - Beadhead Halo (normal or Tungsten)

Notes: If you use a weight on top rig invert the flies—the heaviest or "deepest" will always be the closest to the weight. If you want the rig to run horizontally through suspended fish, add a small weight 12" above the top fly.

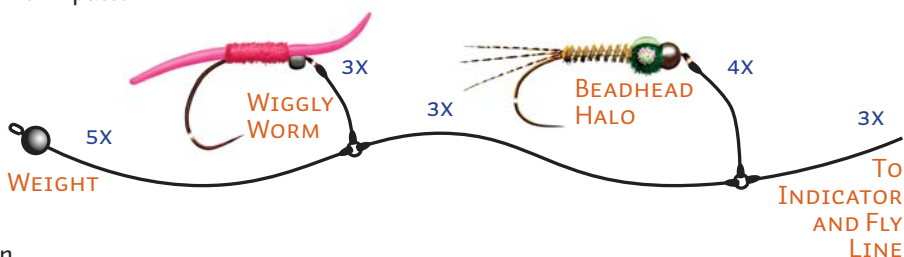


## 2-FLY NYMPH - HIGH WATER:

Top Fly - Beadhead or un-weighted Halo or WD-40

Bottom Fly - Beadhead Halo (Tungsten) or Worm pattern

Notes: If you use a weight on top rig invert the flies—the heaviest or "deepest" will always be the closest to the weight.



## NYMPH & DRY/DROPPER RIG:

Dropper - Parachute or Hair-Winged Dun

Point Fly - Beadhead Halo (normal or Tungsten)

Notes: I often add a tippet ring between the Point Fly and the Dropper as this allows me to quickly change my options or add another fly.



## SWINGING SETS:

#1 Two Flies: Point - Halo Soft Hackle; Upper - Halo Wet Fly

#2 Two Flies: Point - Halo Nymph (Beadhead); Upper - Halo Soft Hackle

#3 "THE TRIFECTA": Point - Halo Nymph (Beadhead); Middle - Halo Soft Hackle; Upper - Halo Wet Fly



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\*I'll choose which looks best with paper texture

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Arthur Strauss  
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or...

Email your photo (JPG or IMG format) to :  
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Thanks in advance for supporting the club and our Endowment Fund!

## Christmas Island

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

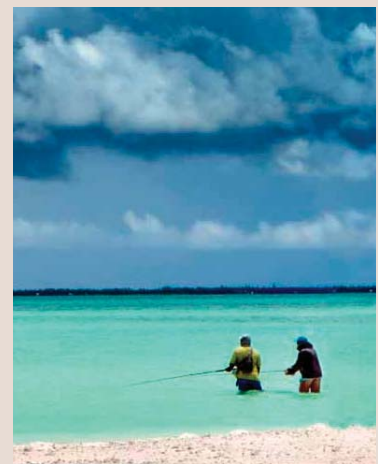
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It is known for huge numbers of Bonefish, big G.Ts (Giant Trevally) and the opportunity to fish for many other saltwater species. The Villages brings something extra to your Christmas Island experience: a guide for yourself each day, included in our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

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



# Calendar of Events

## November

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5	Sunday	9:00 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: AL QUATTROCCHI

## 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

## January

2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4-6			Lower Owens Trip #1
7	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
8	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
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23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: CAROL ANN MORRIS
27	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #2
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
31	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch



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