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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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Leader's Line...

Some Improvements We've "Landed" for the Club

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club offers many ways of learning fly fishing skills including casting instruction, rod building, tournaments, club trips and fishing clinics. Based on recent "input meetings" (April 12 and May 17) to find enhancements, the club will offer more. Here are some of the improvements we've recently made:

- ❖ WiFi - the clubhouse is now equipped with wifi for members only. Please note the password will be changed occasionally.
- ❖ New Phone Number – the clubhouse now has a new phone number: (562) 434-1925.
- ❖ Termite Fumigation – the clubhouse will be fumigated for termites from June 25 thru June 27.
- ❖ Fishing Awards – the requirement to report the fish's weight has been removed; now only length is required (see Page 5).
- ❖ Tenkara – Watch your email for announcements of more Tenkara casting clinics, fly tying classes and fishing trips. Many thanks to Cecil O'Dell and Nobu Masuya.

Thanks very much to Keith O'Donnell, our Director, Facilities and Pond, for his efforts in taking care of the installation of the telephone and the WiFi. Keith also arranged the termite fumigation.

In the May issue of Target Talk the comments from the April Input Meeting were reported. The May Input

Meeting comments are summarized and categorized as follows:

- ❖ Web Page – post photos, photo contest, technical resources (knots, leaders, etc.), links to fly fishing and casting organizations.
- ❖ Clinics – On-the-River, On-the-Bay, On-the-Salt, fishing techniques, etiquette.
- ❖ Club Trips – Western Sierras and guided trips
- ❖ Speakers at Monthly Meetings – expand list
- ❖ Others – kids' casting & fishing, Trout in the Classroom.

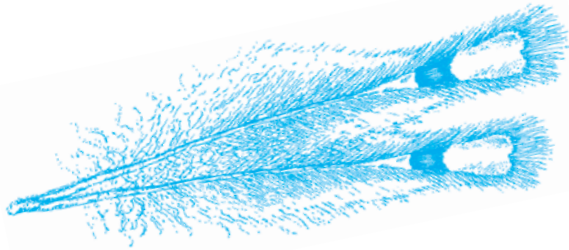
The helpful new ideas from both input meetings are before the Club's Board of Directors for consideration. Please let me or other directors know of your willingness to help. Implementing the above ideas will require the support of the volunteer club members to organize these events, trips and activities. If you have any recommendations to enhance the experience of club members, then please send me an e-mail at ctkumabe@gmail.com.

Club Trips for 2018

ART DAILY, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
July 20	Tenkara in the Sierras w/Cecil O'Dell; Pre-Trip July 7, 9:00 AM (this is part of the Brookie Bash)
July 20–22	Brookie Bash w/Mark Flo; Pre-Trip July 11, 7:00 PM
Aug 14–16	Tenkara Local Trip with Art Strauss; Pre-Trip: meet each morning on site (site 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 questions at: dailya42@yahoo.com.



New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Board of Directors approved these new members at the last Board Meeting:

- ❖ John & Alicia Burnham
- ❖ Ralph Combs
- ❖ Tom Davidson
- ❖ Dennis O'Hern
- ❖ Rody Yoshinaka

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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Fly Fishing in a "State" of Ecstasy: Chip O'Brien on NorCal & Southern Oregon

TERRY KOMISAK, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

In October of 1941, someone came up with the idea of uniting Southern Oregon and Northern California into the new state of "Jefferson". As these rural areas felt underrepresented by their respective state governments, the idea caught on.

On November 27th, a group of young men with hunting rifles stopped traffic on Highway 99, proclaiming a "patriotic rebellion". On December 2nd, Yreka was named the provisional state capitol and a local D.A. was named provisional governor. When US entered World War II, everyone forgot about the State of Jefferson and focused on going to war."



We at the Long Beach Casting Club, looking back on this time with the benefit of our historical perspective, can clearly see the problem: if these guys had time to even *think* about politics, they weren't fly fishing enough. They lived in a trout paradise.

Chip O'Brien, our July speaker, has no such perspective problem. Chip has fished the rivers of the fair would-be state of Jefferson for years. He'll be talking about the many opportunities to "secede" from the hustle and bustle of daily life and catch some fish in that region. Here's a little background on Chip:

"If you asked Chip O'Brien whether he preferred fly fishing or writing about it, he could go either way. As a kid he fanaticized [sic] about learning the ways of the long rod, and his love for writing managed to keep

pace.

"O'Brien acquired a BS in Journalism (how appropriate), an MFA in Creative Writing and fourteen seasons as a fly fishing guide, so the stage was set. When it dawned on him that he could teach writing and have summers off to fish, he made the obvious choice. After ten years discovering Oregon's best fishing (and writing about it), O'Brien moved to Spokane, Washington within easy striking distance of the Idaho Panhandle and Montana. He has authored hundreds of articles over the years in a wide variety of publications. You're most likely to see his work in California Fly Fisher, Northwest Fly Fishing and Fly Fisherman magazines.



And a little something on his presentation:

"This presentation encompasses some of my favorite wild trout fisheries in Northern California and Oregon, arguably some of the best fishing on the West Coast.

"Some of the California destinations included are the 'biggies' like Hat Creek, Fall River, the Pit, McCloud and the upper and lower Sac. But my fancies are not always that conventional. Sometimes I prefer to float tube the moving water of Keswick Reservoir, or fish the Capering Sedge hatch on Manzanita Lake.

"In Oregon I can't resist the adrenalin-pumping, white-knuckle fishing on the Keno stretch of the Klamath, the fabled McKenzie River or even throwing flies I cannot see to torpedo-shaped browns on the remote lower Owyhee.

"Included will be all you need to know to visit these terrific wild-trout Meccas and catch fish, but also a healthy dose of history, quirky facts, anecdotes and possibly a few bold-faced lies."

Come join us July 26!

Fly Fish the Trinity and Lower Sac Rivers with LBCC

LBCC WILL BE FISHING THE RIVERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA! JOIN US...



ADDRESS: 4140 Churn Creek Rd, Redding, CA 96002

HOURS: Closes at 6:00 PM

PHONE: (530) 222-3555

E-MAIL: info@theflyshop.com



Join the Club as we venture north to Redding, California and fish the Trinity River and the lower Sac(ramento) for Steelhead and Trout. We will be fishing out of 'THE FLY SHOP' in Redding, California for two days of fabulous Northern California Fly Fishing. Details are as follows:

WHEN: November 10th–13th 2018. Arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.

COST: The cost of the trip is **\$650.00** per person double occupancy. Trip cost detail is – \$475.00 per day for the guide, boat, flies and lunch and \$115.00 per night for the room, for two anglers.

DEPOSITS: First deposit of **\$325.00** due no later than September 1st, 2018
Second deposit of **\$325.00** due no later than October 1st, 2018

INCLUDES: Three Nights lodging and one day drift fishing on the Trinity River and one day drift fishing on the lower Sac. Lunch is included on drift days.

NOT INCLUDED: Fishing license, steelhead card and alcoholic beverages.

LODGING: We will stay at the Red Lion Hotel in Redding, a short distance from the fly shop. Room arrangements will be provided by Marc Bonvouloir. **ADDRESS:** 1830 Hilltop Dr, Redding, CA 96002 **PHONE:** (530) 221-8700

SCHEDULE: Sunday 11-11-18. We will meet the guides at the Holiday Market in Weaverville, this is right behind the Burger King, for a full day float/wade on the Trinity River. Weaverville is one hour west of Redding. Monday we will meet the guides at the Sundial Bridge (10 min. from the hotel) to float/wade the lower Sac River. This is our plan for now. Based on 'The Fly Shop' recommendation when we get there we will go where the fish are biting, plenty of opportunities.

GEAR: For the Trinity 6 to 8 wt. rods and for the lower Sac 5–6 wt. rods. Fishing license and a steelhead card (\$7.50) are required. Be prepared for all types of weather at this time of year.

MORE: Questions or to get on the interest list CONTACT: Art Daily at dailya42@yahoo.com

Fish the Missouri River in Montana

with Trout Montana September 9–14, 2018



ADDRESS:

1321st St. N.

Cascade, MT 59421

PHONE:

406-468-9330 (Fly shop & Motel)

844-468-3597 (Toll free)

E-MAIL: flyshop@troutmontana.com



DATES: September 9th–14th. Sunday through Friday. Arrive Sunday and check out Friday morning.

INCLUDES: 5 nights lodging and 2 days drift boat fishing +2 days to wade or whatever. Lunch and drinks are included on drifting days.

EXTRAS: Your Transportation, Meals, Tips, Guide tips, Fishing License, others

COST: 5 nights lodging, 2 days drift fishing and 2 days wade fishing: **\$825.00**. Float fish Monday/Wednesday, or Tuesday/Thursday—wade on alternate days.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT! First deposit of **\$200.00** due no later than June 1, 2018. Make your check payable to the Long Beach Casting Club and send to LBCC, PO Box 90035, Long Beach CA. 90809.

MORE?

- Additional drifting days can be arranged with Trout Montana fly shop
- This trip is limited to 12 anglers.
- Contact Art Daily for details and to get on the interest list at: dailya42@yahoo.com.

But You Can Still Claim it was a 20 Pounder: LBCC Changes a Reporting Rule

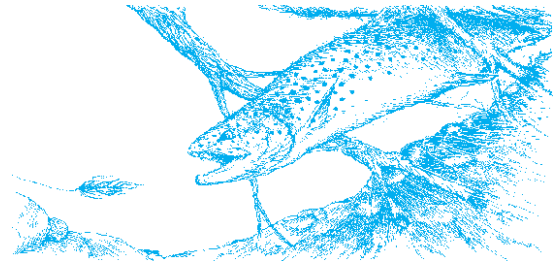
COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

During the last couple of years, there have not been Fishing Awards recorded in the LBCC Roster. Please register your catch using the “Annual Fishing Award Registration Form” found at the end of the Club’s Roster or on the Club’s webpage. The completed forms may be delivered to the Clubhouse or sent to Brad Landon, LBCC Recording Secretary.

The twelve Fishing Award categories are:

1. Award for the largest brook trout caught on a fly.
2. Award for the largest brown trout caught on a fly.
3. Award for the largest steelhead caught on a fly.
4. Award for the largest rainbow trout caught on a fly.
5. Award for the largest golden trout caught on a fly.
6. Award for the largest trout caught on a fly.
7. Award for the largest bass caught on a fly rod with an artificial lure with one hook.
8. Award for the largest bluegill caught on an artificial lure.
9. Award for the largest crappie caught on an artificial lure.
10. Award for the largest freshwater fish caught anywhere on anything.
11. Award for the largest trout or landlocked salmon caught in Oregon with standard fly fishing equipment and artificial fly.
12. Award for the largest saltwater fish caught by fly casting with standard fly fishing equipment and artificial fly.

During the May 21, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors a rule change was approved: a report of the fish’s weight is no longer required to enter a fish for



any of the club’s fishing awards. This rule change is reflected in the current registration form. Why did we make this change? There are two reasons.

1. When these rules were created most members were glad to keep a “large” fish to be shown to others as proof, instead of photographing it. Now, all or nearly all fish caught by club members are released in hopes that the same fish will grow to be larger when caught again.
2. Survival rates for fish that are weighed, in addition to measuring length, are lower than those for fish released after only measuring length. Weighing a fish will require the fish to be removed from the water, further reducing its survival chances.

Each entry must be recorded on the proper club form and submitted to the Recording Secretary within 30 days of catch.

Green River trippers, report your catch of monster brown trout and rainbow trout; you still have time. If you caught a giant whitefish, you can report it under category #10.

Okay, kayakers, report those bass in category #7. It’s too late to report a catch from the April 2018 Kelsey Bass Ranch trip.



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Water, Water, Everywhere...Figuring Out the Columbia River Gorge

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

July is just about upon us, and your faithful Target Talk editor finds himself without much material, as many of our usual contributors are out (who knew?) fishing. With a lot of space to fill, I decided to write a little something about my new digs: Portland, Oregon. Frankly, a person could fill a whole Target Talk issue without getting to half the fishing opportunities within a couple hours' drive.



As some of you know, I moved here in the middle of May. I'm still working, so I can't just pick up and go fishing whenever I want to. That may be a good thing for my marriage, and it's allowed me to spend time in the evenings researching the local waters. There are a lot of local waters to research.

But before I get to the rivers and streams, I'm going to write a few words about the local fly fishing "scene". It had occurred to me that, while it was great to be moving to an area with so much steelhead fishing, there's a huge emphasis right now on two-handed casting at the club, so the timing couldn't have been worse. I'd missed the lessons with Greg Bencivenga, and in Portland there wouldn't be a casting pond to practice in.

My wife Julie and I are spending our mornings at my son's house, so she can babysit our new



granddaughter while I work. On our first drive up McLoughlin Boulevard, on our way to my son's house, we saw—a casting pond! Complete with casters up to their thighs in water, practicing their single Speys. It was only five minutes from our place.

I got my gear together and went there that Saturday. There were two casters throwing long distance single Speys with tight loops. The guy to my right had long dark hair in a pony tail and looked familiar. I shook my head, looked again, and it was Greg Bencivenga! He lives up here, which is why it wasn't easy to get him down to Long Beach for the casting lessons. Needless to say, I didn't leave the pond until I saw him getting out of the water. After introductions, we set up a casting lesson. I just had it last week, and it was very helpful.

Two days later, back in the pond, I noticed a familiar looking blonde girl throwing unbelievable loops for unbelievable distance, and a familiar looking man who was obviously her coach. A few steps over in their direction revealed none other than club member Maxine McCormick, accompanied by her coach (and



champion caster from the Golden Gate club), Chris Korich. If memory serves, Maxine was practicing for the World Championships in Port Haverigg, England this August. Chris and I had a nice chat, and then they got down to some impressive business.

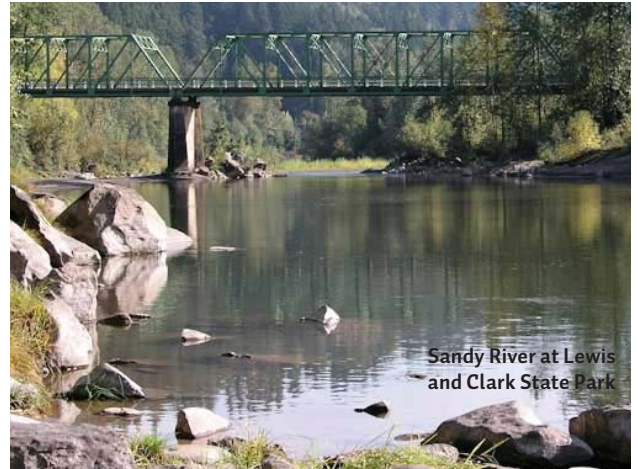
I hadn't realized that Maxine's family now lives here also. Later I found out from John Van Derhoof that she also practices with Steve Rajeff at his home just over the bridge in Washington. As it turns out, his brother Tim's company, Echo Fly Fishing, is based in Vancouver, right across the Columbia River from Portland.

To "cut to the chase", fly fishing is huge in Portland. I'd had no idea. But let's move on to the streams.



Though there are plenty of opportunities to fish for resident trout and warmwater species like bass, the heart and soul of fishing in the Pacific Northwest is salmon and steelhead. And the biggest runs of salmon and steelhead in the lower 48 come through the Columbia River watershed. If you're a devotee of steelhead fishing, some of the biggest-name streams you've heard of end up in the Columbia. The Grande Ronde and the Clearwater are tributaries to the Snake, which empties into the Columbia in Washington. The Deschutes and the John Day come into the Columbia from the south.

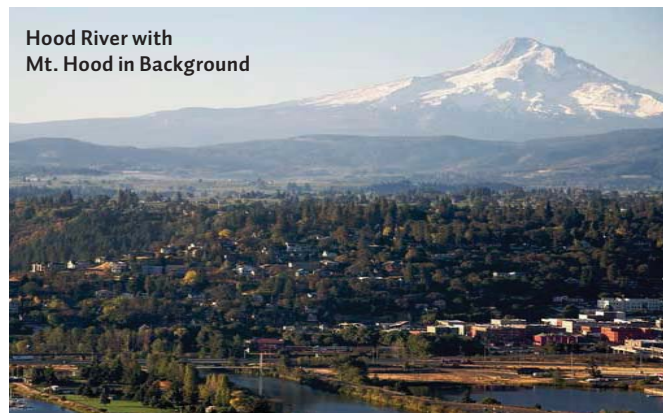
But all those require a fair drive, while there are many great opportunities within a "stone's throw" of Portland. These include the Sandy River, with access at beautiful Oxbow Park about 45 minutes



east of downtown Portland, the Clackamas, about the same distance to the south, and a host of rivers within an hour to an hour and a half (about the same distance as Piru or the San Gabriel from my old house in Torrance): the Klickitat, the East Fork of the Lewis, the Kalama, the Cowlitz...there's not enough Target Talk to list them all.

Believe it or not, I haven't done any fishing yet! For one thing, most of the summer steelhead runs are just beginning in June, and most of the winter runs have come to an end. But there are opportunities less than an hour away, so I have no excuse.

In my own defense, I have done some reconnoitering. Julie and I took off up the Columbia Gorge on Interstate 84 last Saturday. After a leisurely breakfast in the town of Hood River (a great spot for lovers of windsurfing and good craft beer) we formulated a plan to check out the Klickitat River on the Washington side of the Columbia.



I stopped at the Gorge Fly Shop after breakfast, and talked to a younger guy named Cody who was much more helpful than the grumpy fly shop guy in Troutdale (note to self: never again go into a Portland fly shop wearing a "Dodger" T-shirt).

I learned that the Klickitat springs from the Klickitat Glacier, on the slopes of Mount Adams to the north. It flows shallow, clear and beautiful until summer ramps up and the glacier starts to melt. In early June, it was still clear, a good place to use floating lines and maybe even try "skating" a dry fly for steelhead. Since this was a reconnoiter, and I hadn't brought my gear, I put that information away for the, I hope, very near future.

The bridge at Hood River is "paved" with steel grating. Driving over it creates a sound with a musical pitch, giving it the nickname "The Singing Bridge". There is actually a YouTube out there where a guy has recorded different people driving over the bridge at different speeds, creating the tune to "Happy Birthday" and "Old Man River". Wish I had that kind of time.

Once safely on the other side (here a sigh of relief is called for—the bridge is from the 1920s and is desperately in need of replacement), we stopped at the "Bridgemart" for a couple of bottles of water and a Washington fishing license. A little side note: if you purchase a Washington license on-line and you want to fish for salmon or steelhead, you have to wait ten days after purchase—I have no idea



Hood River Bridge



Klickitat Gorge

why.

Eleven miles to the east of the Hood River Bridge is the town of Lyle, Washington and the mouth of the Klickitat. Unlike the western part of the Columbia Gorge, which is heavily forested with huge Douglas firs and looks like Lewis, Clark and Sacajawea will come poling down the river at any moment, the area around the Klickitat is grassy, flat-topped hills, dotted with impressive Ponderosa pines.

The river has a mint-condition trail running the first 17 miles of its length. It's hikeable, but a fisherman could cover a lot more water with a mountain bike. The trail follows the 1903 Columbia River and Northern Goldendale-Branch Railroad, so it's graded and relatively smooth the whole way.

The first few river miles are fairly narrow and hard to access. They're not much good for swinging a steelhead fly, but very good for a nice walk. As we drove along, the gorge narrowed even further and



the canyon walls closed in until we could no longer see the river. We pulled into a turnout, walked onto an old railroad bridge, and looked upriver.

The stream was in shadow. The basalt cliffs on either side were sheer, and the whitewater roared through the narrow channel. Wooden platforms hung from the canyon walls; each held a long pole with a net on the end. We learned later that the Yakama tribe uses the poles, called "dip nets", to catch salmon. They stand on the platforms and dip them into the whitewater to net the fish as they leap upstream. It's quite a spectacle. It's apparently also quite a spectacle, when the Yakama aren't fishing, to watch the salmon leap the rapids and cascades undisturbed by dip nets.

As we drove upriver, the landscape widened and we saw miles of magnificent riffles and runs with beautiful tailouts and clear, walking-speed water. There were campgrounds, boat ramps and bridges with easy river access. It was early in the season, but we saw fishermen swinging steelhead flies through perfect runs and driftboats floating gently downstream, with no sound other than water flowing against rock, and creaky oars in oarlocks. Mission accomplished.

Somewhere between Mile 18 and Mile 22, far

beyond the little town of Klickitat, the road went over the Leidl Bridge, made a hairpin turn and left the river, climbing steeply on its way to the Yakama Reservation. Our river-reconnoitering done, we pulled into a turnout and headed for home.

I was in some kind of fisherman's trance, staring into space with a goofy smile on my face. I just can't decide now whether to go back and fish the Klickitat this weekend, or take my newly-issued Washington fishing license and try the East Fork Lewis, the Kalama or the Cowlitz. They're so close together (and so close to Portland), they can be done, or at least scouted, on the same day.

Or, I could indulge my fondness for bad puns, come back to fish the Klickitat in the morning and go south to fish the Clackamas, or "Clack", in the afternoon, making it a "Klick" and "Clack" day (sorry about that one -- let's hope that John, our Editor Emeritus, proofreads this and edits it out before Target Talk goes to press).

On the way home, we stopped for clam chowder at Cascade Locks, and it began to rain. Not a Torrance rain--a torrential, Oregon rain that drummed hard on the roof. I ate a bowl of excellent chowder, sipped a wonderful craft beer and sighed contentedly. I mean, it's Oregon! Ya want water?

We got water.



Brookie Bash: 20th Year!

MARK FLO, CAPTAIN

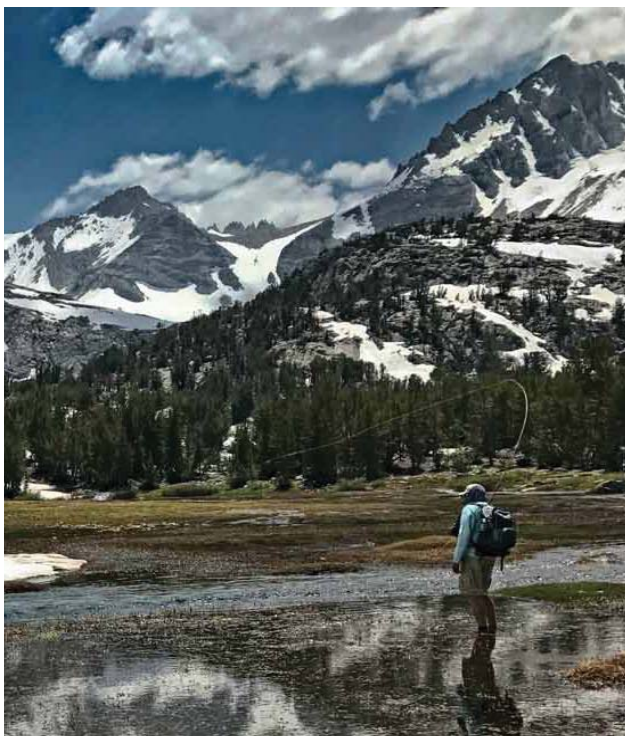
The 20th (as far as I can figure out) Annual Brookie Bash will be held Saturday, July 21st in Little Lakes Valley. The Pre-Trip meeting will be Wednesday, July 11th at 7:00 PM.

If we have enough people who are interested, we will be renting one or two condos for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. We need a headcount to determine how many people need to be accommodated. Please contact Mark Flo at markcflo@yahoo.com as soon as possible to reserve your spot. You must have your non-refundable deposit to Mark by Wednesday, May 31st.

Earn the LBCC special pin "The Sadler Slam" by catching all five species of trout that weekend: Brookie, Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat and Golden.

Remember the immortal words of Jeffrey Sadler:

***"Rookies and Brookies
are made for each other!"***



A Word from the Conservation Committee

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Last month, as you may remember, our own Art Strauss wrote an article on Proposition 68: a bond issue "to protect our own unique water resources, fight climate change and provide public access to clean drinking water and safe parks." Well, it turns out that Proposition 68 passed! So, what does that mean to us fly fishers?

Here's a quote from Cal Trout, on a subject near and dear to my own heart (see my article on Southern California steelhead in the December, 2016 issue of Target Talk): "We will secure Prop 68 funds for projects like removing fish barriers in Southern California including Rindge Dam, which is a huge detriment to endangered Southern steelhead."

Can you imagine fishing for steelhead on Malibu Creek, the same creek that Humphrey Bogart used to fish back in the '30s? I'm sure there are a million uses we could put the Proposition 68 money to, but for me, blowing up the Rindge dam is a great start.

LBCC Presents: Jim Garvey—Time to (Ultra) Lighten Up

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

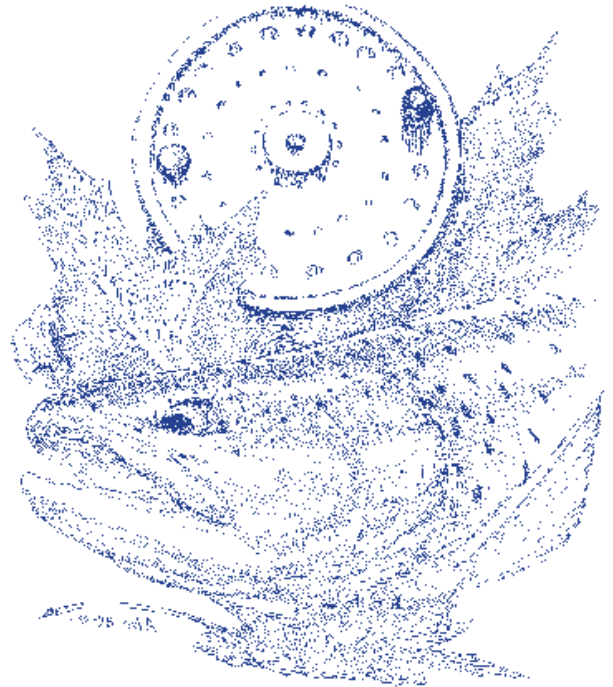
Prepare for your next backpacking/fishing trip by attending this presentation. Jim Garvey will help prepare you for the club trip (September 6 thru 9) with a checklist of items to pack.

Jim Garvey is a lifetime backpacker and was a member of the Riverside County Search & Rescue team for 15 years and Chairman of the Sierra Club Ski and Mountaineering Section. Looking forward to seeing you there!

WHO: Anyone interested in backpacking
WHAT: Ultralight Backpacking with Jim Garvey
WHERE: LBCC Clubhouse
WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 24, 2018



**DON'T
BE
THIS
GUY!**



Big Thanks to Club Member Chao Hang

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

One of our new members, Chao Hang, owns a company that manufactures fly fishing products (fly rods, reels, boxes, lines, leaders and just about everything else you might need for fly fishing). He has generously donated a fly rod, 60 fly boxes (with the club logo) and 30 fly tying toolkits. I bought one of his rods (two-in-one nine foot 5/6 weight) for around \$100.00, and just love it.

He sells his products on Amazon under the name of AVENTIK. Please take a look at his store on Amazon. You can do this by going to the club's website and clicking on the word "Sponsors" at the top of the page. Then click on the word AVENTIK, and it will take you into his store.

I want to thank him again for the donations.

Fly of the Month: Trico Spinners

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

While I am aware of the saying “too much knowledge is a dangerous thing” I tend to ignore it. It’s not the information, it’s how you use it that’s dangerous, right? I just wish I could find a way to get my brain to work properly...

With fly fishing so much of what we accomplish is based on what we know. Understanding the relationship between the trout and its food is certainly one of the biggest keys to success. Through one of our sport’s bigger challenges, a Trico spinner fall, I have learned that reading about and observing a specific insect you encounter can make all the difference in the number of trout you catch and release.

Tricorythoides, also known as a White-Winged Black, is a diminutive yet abundant mayfly that inhabits lakes and slower moving streams and spring creeks. It is a hatch that requires long, fine leaders and downstream, drag-free floats. I have fished Trico imitations on Henry’s Fork, Silver Creek, Hebgen Lake, Williamson River and even our own Hot Creek and Owens River. One of the most enjoyable mornings I have spent fishing was on the South Fork of the Platte River below Spinney Reservoir in Colorado's South Park with my ex-wife Kelley and Joe Libeu. Joe will, without one second’s hesitation, regale anyone willing to listen with stories of me running full tilt downstream trying to keep up with a hot fish. All true of course.

This year I will be lucky enough to attend my nephew's wedding not far from Colorado Springs which is, of course, very close to the South Park and that very same "Miracle Mile" downstream of Spinney Reservoir. Thinkin' of going fishing and tying Tricos...

The Trico “hatch” can be remarkably consistent from location to location. To fish the hatch and spinner fall correctly you need to know which form of the insects are on the water and being fed upon by the trout. The males hatch during the nighttime hours and congregate near the banks. The females start to emerge early in the morning hours and if you are fishing during this time try using a #18 or #20 tan RS-2 or a similar sized Halo with an indicator and a small (#8 or #10) split shot or a tan or gray Sparkle Dun. A two-fly rig with a combination of any of these three will be productive but my preference is the Halo below, the RS-2 above and the weight on the bottom.

The females quickly molt from the dun stage and become sexually mature shortly after hatching and by 9:00 AM males and females will mate in swarms over the bank and water. It is here that the hatch becomes exciting as the males begin dying *en masse* on the water. You will probably not notice the insects on the water but you will notice the increased trout activity with their steady, rhythmic rises



TRICO MALE

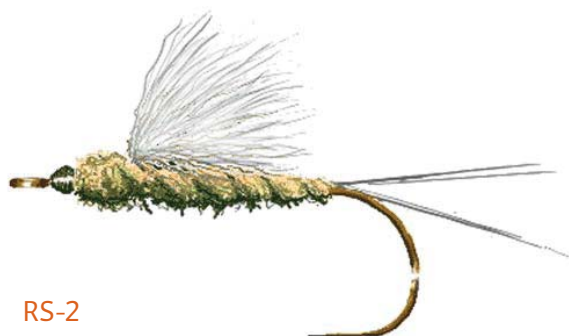


TRICO FEMALE

as they feed on 6 to 12 of the hapless insects with each mouthful. Quickly change to the male version of the Trico spinner, as this is what the fish will be concentrating on. In the meantime the females will return to the stream bank plants to prepare their egg-sacks before returning to the water to lay their eggs and eventually die.

As more and more of the females return and with fewer and fewer males left to feed on, the fish will usually switch over, keying in on the female version of the Trico spinner. Don't hesitate to change flies as soon interest in the male Trico spinner wanes. While everyone else is being spurned by finicky fish you will be happily hooking fish after fish until the spinner fall ends around noon.

This is an exciting yet demanding fishing opportunity and when you have a successful day you will come to realize that a little knowledge goes a long, long way.



MATERIALS FOR TYING THE TRICO SPINNER:

Hook:	Light wire dry fly hook in sizes #18–#24 (I like the ring-eye Tiemco 101)
Thread:	Black (I use 12/0 Veevus)
Wing:	Light gray Zelon fibers (do not use white as written in other pattern lists; believe it or not white tends to be too opaque and you want nearly clear)
Tail:	Dark dun hackle fibers
Male Body:	Black dubbing
Female Body:	Pale Watery (bluish) green dubbing
Thorax (both):	Blackish-brown dubbing around the wing



INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE TRICO SPINNER:

1. Attach the thread to the hook behind the headspace and wind down about $\frac{1}{4}$ the shank of the hook. Cut off about a 1" length of 20 to 25 strands of Zelon for the wing and tie them down perpendicular to the shank of the hook in spent-wing fashion using X-wraps. Do not use too much wing material—err to the side of being thin. Advance the thread to the bend of the hook. Apply a very, very small drop of cement (for this I much prefer something "rubbery" like Dave's Flexament) to the fibers at the base of the wings.
2. Apply a small amount of dubbing to your thread and wind one or two turns to create a ball to help separate the tails. Remove one or two hackle fibers for the far side tail and using the loose loop method tie it into place. Repeat this step for the near side tail.
3. Apply more body dubbing to your thread and wind a thin, neat, evenly tapered body to a point just before the wings. Apply the thorax dubbing to your thread and wind 1 turn immediately behind the wing, at least 1 complete turn diagonally over the base of the wing and 1 or 2 turns in front of the wing to the headspace. Form a small, neat head, whip finish and apply head cement.
4. Using a pair of flat nosed pliers pinch the base of each side of the wing flat and forcibly fanning out the fibers. The glue that was placed there at the beginning of this fly will now hold the fibers in this position. With your scissors first trim the wings so that they are each about the length of the shank then trim them to look like the distinctive shape of a mayfly that you see in the illustrations.

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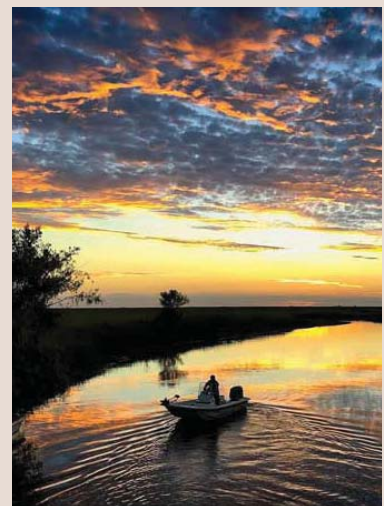


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Calendar of Events

July

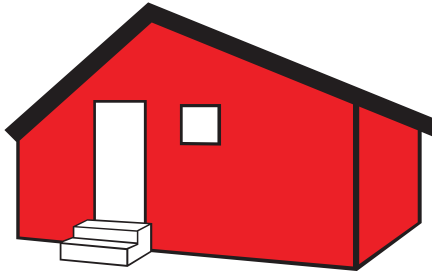
2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Thursday	6:00 PM	Spey Casting
7	Saturday	9:00 AM	Eastern Sierra Tenkara Pre-Trip
11	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Brookie Bash Pre-Trip
16-20			Boy Scouts' Summer Session #1
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Friday		Sierra Tenkara w/ Cecil O'Dell (part of the Brookie Bash)
20-22			Brookie Bash w/ Mark Flo
23	Monday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
23-26			Pond Closed for Striping!
24-26			ACA National Tournament, Valparaiso, Indiana
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Ultralight Backpacking Presentation by Jim Garvey
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Chip O'Brien
30-3			Boy Scouts' Summer Session #2

August

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4	Saturday		Club Spey Tournament
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7-11			FFI Fly Fishing Fair, Boise, Idaho
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13-18			Boy Scouts' Summer Session #3
14-16			Local Tenkara w/ Art Strauss
15	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD

September

3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Youth Fly Tying
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
6-9			Sierra Backpacking Trip w/ Jim Garvey
8			Yards & Inches w/ Mick Woodbury
9	Sunday	9:00 AM	Captain's Handicap
9-14			Missouri River Trip w/ Art Daily
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Youth Fly Tying
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
15	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Youth Fly Tying
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
22	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Youth Fly Tying
26	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD



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