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## Leader's Line...

### Our Fearless Leader on Good "Leader"ship

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

**C**ast better and catch more fish?? Consider the leader at the end of your fly line. Knotted tapered leaders or KTLs are easy to build, work great and really catch fish. KTLs use different sizes of low memory monofilament, tied to assist with transferring casting energy from the fly line to the fly. KTLs are often better than the “knotless” tapered leaders when your fly line and fly fishing techniques are factored in. Here are two ways you can make KTLs better than knotless tapered leaders – matched stiffness and tippet length.

First, match the stiffness of the fly line to the leader butt section. KTLs are designed to transfer casting energy smoothly without “hinges” or sudden changes in line stiffness to the fly. Hinges in your leader significantly reduce casting accuracy; we have all worked hard to improve our casting strokes. While casting, hinges in your fly line and leader may be seen at locations where the fly line coating material is cracked or worn or at the joint between fly line and leader butt, due to improperly matched leader butt.

Compare the stiffness of the fly line and leader by bending equal lengths (usually about 8 inches) of fly line and leader material. When both fly line and leader material bend the same curvatures, then you have found the right leader to match your fly line. Try different leader materials to match the stiffness of your fly lines. Fly lines of different weights have different stiffnesses and thicknesses, e.g., WF-10 is stiffer than WF-6.

Knotless tapered leaders may be purchased in many

sizes. They offer different types for dry fly, streamers, big game, and bonefish to help with casting different fly sizes and weights. The manufacturer of each knotless leader type provides the buyer a hint of the fly line type, e.g., WF-6 or DT-6, etc. Buying the knotless tapered leader from the same manufacturer as the fly line is helpful to match the fly line stiffness with the leader, though not always. Compare the stiffness of your knotless leader to the fly line before going fishing.

Second, KTLs can be easily modified to accommodate different tippet lengths. For example, at Hot Creek, longer tippets provide more time for the dry fly to drift without drag. I had game changing success with the following addition to the end of KTLs: 3 feet of 4X tippet, 2 feet of 6X tippet and 2 feet of 7X tippet. This addition makes the whole leader length 16 feet, so cast carefully and watch the rocks, trees and bushes streamside.

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# Club Trips for 2018, 2019

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

## TRIP DATE TRIP & LEADER

- Oct. 14–18 Lee's Ferry w/ Keith O'Donnell. Pre-Trip: October 10, 2018. Currently we have 12 LBCC members on the trip.
- Nov. 10–13 Trinity/Lower Sac River Trip w/ Marc B. Pre-Trip: November 7, 2018. Currently we have 15 LBCC members signed up, need one more.
- Jan. 3–6 Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John. Pre-Trip: December 29, 9:00 am–noon.
- Feb. 7–10 Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John. Pre-Trip: December 29, 9:00 am–noon.
- Mar. 7–10 Lower Owens w/Yash, Dan & John. Pre-Trip: March 2, 9:00 am–noon.
- Apr. 13 Kelsey Bass Ranch w/ Mick Woodbury. Pre-Trip: TBD.
- May 6–10 Green River, Utah #1 w/ Yash Iseda. Pre-Trip: TBD.
- May 13–17 Green River, Utah #2 w/TBD. Pre-trip: TBD.

Trip deposits for trips that are 'double occupancy' and require deposits in advance are non-refundable. Should you need to cancel your reservation, your deposit money will be refunded if another club member replaces you.

Trip location, dates and pre-trip workshops are subject to change, so monitor Target Talk or the web calendar for the latest information. If you would like to be a stream keeper and need help organizing a club trip, let me know. Please contact me if you have any suggestions for a trip or any questions at [dailya42@yahoo.com](mailto:dailya42@yahoo.com).



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# Forget Fishing! Go Catching with Devin Olsen, our November Speaker

TERRY KOMISAK, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

**W**hile fly fishermen and women like to tout that fly fishing is much more than just about catching fish (and it is), I doubt there are many of us who wouldn't like to fill the net with a few more fish each day. Devin Olsen, our November speaker, has lived in the world of competitive fly fishing for over ten years, where catching one more fish is often the difference between a medal and a finish in the middle of the pack. Devin will teach us some of the European nymphing techniques that he's learned.

Even if you don't compete, one more fish may be just the way to cap off your day on a positive note. We often have a hard time leaving without one more...and you never know, that one last fish might be the one whose memory and photo hangs on your wall for a lifetime. The Tactical Flyfisher guide service is geared to help you catch that fish and make that memory. They can make the claim by using their hard earned knowledge of domestic and foreign competition inspired fly fishing and tying tactics, and supplying you with the gear needed to master those skills.

Here is a bit about Devin:

*"I started fly fishing at age 9. I will never forget my first day where I caught a cutthroat on an ant in the first meadow of the famed Slough Creek in Yellowstone on a hand me down fiberglass 7 weight! Though I'd been fishing with hardware since I was a toddler, that day started an addiction to fly fishing that I can't seem to shake."*

*"When I fished against Lance Egan and Ryan Barnes in the former Outdoor Life Network's Fly Fishing Master's*



*in 2004, I knew I had to find a way to compete in the sport I loved. It was serendipitous that I worked with both these anglers a year later after they had made Fly Fishing Team USA. I fished in my first regional and made the team myself in 2006.*

*"The ensuing years have been more educational than I could have ever imagined and I'm as hopelessly obsessed with fly fishing today as I've ever been. This obsession has brought dedication, which has helped me to have competitive success domestically and abroad."*

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## New Club Members

**WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,**  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

**T**he Board of Directors approved these new members at the last Board Meeting:

- ❖ John and Kathy Carver
- ❖ Penny Dobb
- ❖ Kevin Ebert

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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Here are common excellent leader formulas that provide for better accuracy (adapted from the American Casting Association):

**DRY FLY LEADER** – 6-weight forward fly line using clear Maxima line: 45" of 40# or 50# to match your fly line, 18" of 25#, 12" of 20#, 9" of 15#, 6" of 10#, and tippet 20"–22" of 6# or 8#.

**BASS BUG LEADER** – 8 or 9-weight forward fly line using clear Maxima line: 30" of 40# or 50# to match your fly line, 18" of 40#, 9" of 25#, 6" of 20#, tippet 15"–18" of 12# or 15#.

Use blood knots to join all sections, with the exception



of the tippet. Tie a couple of these leaders, neatly roll them up and store them in ziplock sandwich bags. Better yet, take them to the pond and test them out, then go fishing.

Best wishes to catch more BIG fish! See you at the upcoming club trips!

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.  
 Second deposit of **\$325.00** due no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. **Make check payable to the 'Long Beach Casting Club', and send to LBCC, PO Box 90035, Long Beach CA. 90809.**
- 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:** Meals, 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



# The Mighty Mo Gives Up Some Mighty Fish

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

**F**ourteen LBCC anglers arrived at Cascade, Montana, ready to do battle with the river's notorious chunky rainbows and browns. With two days' drifting and two days' wading, there was plenty of opportunity for everyone. The Missouri River is huge—some 4,500 cfs during our stay. In all, it's 2,341 miles long, but we were concerned just with the 35 miles below Holter Dam, which has 11 put-in points making for lots of access.

Cascade has a permanent population of 232. There is a school, two restaurants (one of which is also a church), a grocery store, a gas station, a motel (which we took over) and a small but extremely well-stocked fly shop. All within two blocks. It's everything you need. There is also a short sidewalk but no one even bothers to roll it up.

Hopper/dropper was the widely used setup along with some very technical dry fly fishing. If a fish looked at your dry fly once, you'd better change. Once and you're out.

The guides made a huge difference with some bringing bigger smiles than others, but that's fishing. If you haven't tried it, add the Mo to your list.



Steve Timm's Spotty

## Yards & Inches, #11

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

**B**eautiful weather and lots of hookups characterized the 2018 Y&I. In total, just over 29 feet of fish were caught. Rix Gano again proved his mettle with another first-place finish—this time with 106 inches. That's nearly nine feet of fish.

Other top scorers were Steve Timm with 62 inches and Mark Flo with 52.

I was a great fall day and there were apparently no complaints about the posole, since not much was left.



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# **California Waterfowl Association**

## **Owens River Annual Clean Up**

### **Bishop, California**

### **Saturday, February 9, 2019**



**Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground @ the footbridge**

**Bring gloves. Be prepared to help clean up as much of the river as we can.**

**Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!**

**Coffee and baked goods provided for all volunteers at 8AM.**

**Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM**

**@ Pleasant Valley Campground @ the dumpster.**

**There is a free raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away!**

### **2019 Sponsors include:**

**California Deer Association; California Waterfowl Association**

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**Silver Lake Resort; Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International**

**Tenkara Tanuki Fishing Rods; Trout Unlimited; Virginia Lakes Resort**

**Talk it up. Bring family and friends.**

**This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.**

**For information call Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.**

**Luong Tam, Chris Leonard, and Jarrett Coons will have a free clinic on fishing tenkara rods after lunch. Please join Luong, Chris, and Jarett. Rods provided.**

# Klamath River Steelhead Revisited

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

There is a saying among steelheaders: "The Tug is the Drug." In a fly fishing article, that needs no elaboration. I had just received "the Tug", and was hooked up to a bright silver Klamath steelhead. If I could get her in, she would be the only adult landed on the trip, though everyone had caught plenty of "half-pounders". Gino, the guide, was standing by with his cell phone, to take the picture that would immortalize me. Would I land the fish? Would I get my fifteen minutes of fame?

When Jim Cox, my friend from Western Rivers Conservancy, let me know that he had a vacancy on a September Klamath trip, I jumped at it. This one was different from my last trip (see the January, 2018 Target Talk). There we'd camped along the "Middle Klamath" near the town of Happy Camp. This time we'd be staying at the Requa Inn, a beautiful, historic hotel near the mouth of the river. I invited Julie, my long-suffering fishing/hiking widow, to join me for the last night of the trip, and, to my surprise, she accepted.

The drive down was uneventful, if "uneventful" can ever describe a drive that beautiful. Southbound from Portland, the bulk of it is on I5, but after Grant's Pass comes the U.S. 199, which goes through, for my money, the most beautiful river in California: the Smith.

Running over a pure serpentine bed, the Smith is the only river in California that is undammed from its headwaters to its mouth. I keep stumbling onto a fishing website that describes it as "the third cleanest river in the world", but I can't find a source to corroborate that statement and I can never remember the darned website, so I can only report it as an unconfirmed claim.

The water flows so clear that it looks blue in places, through a narrow canyon with huge timber which has mostly never been harvested, because the terrain is



too rugged to get it out. I know, I worked there for a summer. It's rough, and loaded with poison oak, but there's no place more beautiful.

The crown jewel of the drive along the Smith is Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, a magnificent preserve of ancient coast redwoods that would be worth visiting even if it weren't on the Smith River. If you're the kind of person who takes an interest in such things, go to the Visitor's Center there and ask one of the rangers about the "Grove of Titans", home to ten of the largest and most impressive coast redwoods in the world.

But, as usual, I digress. This is a fishing article. I made it to the Requa Inn ahead of my group, got checked in and put my fishing gear in order. The plan was to fish a half day in the afternoon, followed by two full fishing days. Before long, the rest of the crew showed up.

Jim introduced me to the other two anglers: Jim Young and Jim Smith. Yes, that's right—I was surrounded by Jims. I made a mental note to avoid shouting "Hey Jim!" while we were on the water, to prevent confusion. Our two guides, Gino Bernero and Randy Williams of Confluence Outfitters, showed up presently, towing two nice-looking jet boats, and we were off, thankful that neither of them was named "Jim".

The approach to the boat ramp at Klamath Glen can be a little sobering. Anglers tend to clean their fish there, which attracts some pretty intimidating wildlife. The soft silt around the ramp is criss-crossed with bear

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tracks and littered with their scat. Both the tracks and the scat are big enough to remind even the most fearless fly fisher that he doesn't always occupy the top link of the food chain.

But the ride in the jet boat is spectacular (note: put your hat on as tight as it goes). The boat is moving so fast that it zips past wildlife before they have a chance to react: mergansers, herons, otters, bears, ospreys, bald eagles. Autumn had just begun on the Klamath and among the dark brooding redwoods and Douglas firs were splashes of yellow and red from cottonwoods and maples.

The Klamath is not a river for all seasons. There are few resident trout, at least in its lower reaches. That's a shame, because I've seen huge hatches of mayflies and caddis. But the kind of fish the Klamath is home to, Chinook and Coho salmon and very aggressive steelhead, don't care about insects. When they're in the river, they've got one thing and one thing only on their minds: sex. Hard to blame them, since, at least for the salmon, they only "get lucky" once in their lives.

We stopped at Blue Creek, the site of my "steelhead massacre" (see the March, 2016 issue of Target Talk). The Klamath is now closed to fishing for a half mile upstream and 500 feet downstream of Blue Creek during warm water months, to protect the fishery. We fished downstream without getting a strike among the four of us.

The fishing was tough, but dinner at the Requa made

up for it. All the food is locally sourced and they have an outstanding chef. The meals were wonderful. After dinner we would gather by the fireplace for drinks.



JIM COX WITH A NICE HALF-POUNDER

The next two days we stayed further downstream, and the fishing really turned on. "Half-pounders", steelhead who are sexually immature, but have one or two years in the ocean under their belts, were the rule. They're called "half-pounders", but they can weigh a couple of pounds, and can really fight hard when hooked. These were fresh from the ocean, and pure silver, unlike the half-pounders around Happy Camp last November.

Jim Young hooked one adult, but it came off. Lesson learned: with a steelhead, set the hook to the shoreward side of the fish and keep the rod sideways and pointed toward the

shore.

That second day was great for me. It seemed as if every swing attracted some attention from my little half-pound friends. I was fishing with Gino, a certified two-handed casting instructor, and his help with my casting was really making a difference. There was no wind, so I was practicing all four of the basic double hand casts: Snap-C, Single Spey, Double Spey and Snake Roll, with both hands. The fish were eager, and though they were all half-pounders, they were a lot of fun. After a day of good fishing, a gourmet meal and a glass of really good Scotch, I went to bed ready for a great finale.

The third day dawned bright and beautiful. We stayed



downstream again, fishing at the Brooks Riffle and a long smooth run known as "The Orchard". I was fishing with Jim Cox, and Gino was guiding us once more. I was catching fish, but Jim, fifty yards ahead of me, was putting on a show. I heard a fisherman on the other side of the river, telling his friend: "That guy's catching a fish on every cast—what's your problem?"

Then it happened. A huge tug. I set the hook and—CRACK! My rod broke cleanly in half. We'd been using "poly" leaders with a six foot per second sink rate, and they'd occasionally hang on the bottom. My huge tug was a down tree. Well, at least the knots in the leader were good.

Fortunately, Gino had a rod that he wasn't afraid to lend me after witnessing this tragedy. Minutes later, I was back in business, hoping that I wouldn't break his rod as well. We fished that run all the way down, then settled in for lunch. Even with a broken rod, life, I concluded, could be a lot worse.

Once our stomachs were full, Gino asked if we wanted to continue to hammer the Orchard, or try a new spot. Jim and I voted for a change of scene. Off we went, up the river, hanging on to our hats.

Swinging through the next riffle, I caught a half-pounder or two. Then it happened. A huge tug. I set the hook and—I had a steelhead on.

It didn't take long to figure out that this wasn't a half-pounder. I applied a little pressure and it responded with a heart-stopping leap. Beautiful, muscular and silver, it was a thrill to watch. I kept my rod sideways and pointed toward shore,

and prayed that it wouldn't come off, as Gino pulled out his cell phone and lined up the "fish porn" shot.

After a good battle, I had the fish close: a twenty inch hen. I grabbed the leader and she swam right between my legs! Before I could stop her she wrapped herself around my leg three times, popped off the hook and swam away, never to be seen again. But fear not: I've got the picture. It's not the usual fish porn, but it's a picture nevertheless.

Not long after, we headed home. Just as I was putting my gear in the car, Julie came out to greet me; she'd arrived a little early. Dinner that night was, of all things, a baked steelhead. It was cooked to perfection; not dried out as salmon and steelhead often are. Good thing they didn't release *that* guy.



ROB'S ADULT MAKING HER ESCAPE

The next morning at breakfast, we said our good-byes and reflected on a great trip. I'd like to wrap this up by acknowledging the wonderful outfits that made it possible. They both deserve your business.

**First: Western Rivers Conservancy.** This is an excellent non-profit that saves trout streams by finding funding, buying them and handing them over to an appropriate organization for oversight. See the March 2016 issue of Target Talk for my article on them, and visit their website at: <http://www.westernrivers.org>.

**Confluence Outfitters.** Randy and Gino were exceptional guides and teachers, and made the experience fun from start to finish: <https://www.confluenceoutfitters.com/>

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*"The year 2017 marked my ninth consecutive berth as an angler for Fly Fishing Team USA in the 37<sup>th</sup> Fips Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships in Slovakia. In 2015 I was fortunate to finish with the individual bronze medal and to have been a part of the squad that won the first team medal (a silver) for the USA at the world fly fishing championship in Bosnia. In 2016 we followed that feat with a team bronze in Vail, Colorado.*

*"Fly fishing competitions have exposed me to tactics and techniques from incredible teammates and fellow fly anglers from across the globe. Away from competitive fishing, fish have sculpted my professional life as well.*

*"I hold a bachelor's degree in ecology and a master's degree in fisheries science and spent three years working as a fisheries biologist before taking on Tactical Fly Fisher as a full time business in 2017. I have a wonderful wife*



*Julia of 12 years, a four year old son Levi whose favorite fish are bull trout, and a 10 month old daughter who shows early signs of fly fishing virtuosity. What more could a guy ask for?"*

Come join us November 29!



### **Lower Owens Winter 2019 Tenkara Clinics January 19 & 20 and February 16 & 17, 2019**

#### **On the H2O Guided Tenkara Fly Fishing Clinic w/ Chris Leonard & Luong Tam – Bishop, California**

Join Chris Leonard and Luong Tam for a full day on Saturday and a half day on Sunday of guided Tenkara fly fishing in the Wild Trout Section of the Lower Owens River this winter 2019. Chris & Luong will offer two clinics this winter: January 19/20 and again on February 16/17. We will focus on developing a strong set of Tenkara specific fly fishing skills while targeting trout on the Lower Owens. You will walk away with a better understanding of Tenkara fly fishing and fishing the Lower O.

**Cost of the clinic is \$350 per weekend per angler.**

Luong and Chris have offered this clinic in the past. It was very successful. Class size is limited to six total per weekend. The student-to-teacher ratio is 3 to 1. We will meet at the footbridge in the PVR campground on Saturday @ 8:00 AM. We will be on the water until 4:00 PM on Saturday. Sunday, we will meet again at @ 8:00 AM. We will be on the water until 1:00 PM on Sunday. Cost per person is \$350. Included is guided instruction, use of equipment if needed, flies and consumables, lunch Saturday only (tell Chris dietary restrictions if any), and gratuity. Bring waders and a wading staff! You will need them. Rent a pair if you don't own any. What's not included? Everything else. Attendees of the clinic will be required to sign a liability release form. Signs up are a first-come, first served basis. Mail a non-refundable check payable to Chris Leonard to PO Box 1568, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, and call Chris @ 818.288.3271! Please specify which weekend you would like to attend: January 19/20 or February 16/17.

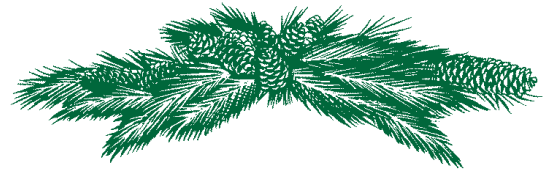
**Contact Chris for any questions regarding this fantastic weekend on the water @ 818.288.3271.**

# Venison Stag Christmas Dinner

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

The 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 1. A social hour will start at 6:00 PM with refreshments as well as music provided. 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. At that dinner 74 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 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. Or, you can sign up on the lists that are located on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

## VENISON STAG RESERVATION

Saturday, December 1, 2018 ❖ Social Hour: 6:00 PM ❖ Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 21, 2018

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

I will attend the Venison Stag on Saturday, December 1, 2018

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

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ . (cut out and return by 11-21-2018)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
Long Beach Casting Club  
AND MAIL TO THE ABOVE AT:  
P.O. Box 90035  
Long Beach, California 90809-0035



# Fly of the Month: Sno Cone

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Everybody loves a snow cone; especially on a hot summer day. Shaved or finely crushed ice, with your choice of a topping, they are tough to resist! This last July on a very, very hot day I learned that trout on the Green River really appreciate them as well.

Fishing on the Green in mid-summer can be a crap shoot. At least it was for me this year. Yes, the fishing was good at times but, because of the mid-90s to low 100s temps, an overabundance of rafters on the "A" Section due to the heat (couldn't really blame 'em) and all of the fishing guides being forced into the "B" and "C" Sections, the fish were mostly sitting on the bottom and sulking. Two flies came to the fore in enticing the fish to play: a bubble gum pink silicon wiggly worm and the Sno Cone.

I have been playing with this pattern for a while now and have, as I usually do, taken something simple and pimped it out. I am an inveterate tinkerer. That being said, this time I really feel like I came up with something in this version that is still fairly simple but has some qualities that the fish really liked better than the run of the mill snow cone. Adding the Holographic tinsel and coating the body with UV resin made this fly completely outfish my plain, "normal" versions using the SAME materials with the exception of the Holographic tinsel and the UV resin coating over the body. Go figure... I fished as both a top fly and a bottom fly in a Two-Fly bottomed weighted rig and, depending on the time of day, I got good results in both locations.

Using different bead materials and weights will help the fly stay and fish better at the depth you want it to. Tungsten for deep or on the bottom, plain metal are better suited for the mid-zone and plastic or glass near the surface. For a surface pattern you can even pull a CDC puff through the bead's hole to act as gills and fish it in the film.

So on those hot days, hang out at home and make some Sno Cones. And, if it's *really* hot, make some snow cones and enjoy both!

## MATERIALS FOR TYING THE SNO CONE:

- Hook: Tiemco 2487, 2488 or 2457 Midge/Shrimp/Pupae hook or similar; size #12–18
- Thread: Your favorite black thread in 6/0, 8/0 or 12/0
- Bead: Pearl White metal, tungsten or glass
- Body: Black Tying Thread
- Ribbing: Holographic tinsel (Black, small) followed by Copper Wire
- Cover: High quality UV Curing Resin
- Wing: Two strands of Krystal Flash
- Thorax: Black Peacock Ice Dubbing.





## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE SNO CONE

- 1 Slide your bead onto the hook. Your bead material choice determines where you intend to fish this in the water column—the lighter the material the higher in the column you will fish it. With the bead in place, insert your hook into the vise and attach your thread behind the head space. Wind down to about half way around the bend and tie in Holographic Mylar tinsel and then the copper wire both along the back side of the hook and low.
- 2 Using your tying thread build up a smooth, tapered body to a point about the width of two headspaces behind the bead. Wind the Holographic Mylar tinsel as a ribbing evenly over the body and tie off. Now do the same with the copper wire, but insuring that the copper wire is adjacent to the back/rear edge of the Holographic tinsel, and tie it off. Now we get a little weird; whip finish where the ribbings are tied down and remove the thread from the hook.
- 3 Very lightly coat the body and ribbing with a high quality UV curing resin, allowing it to flow evenly over the body but not letting too much run into the thorax area. Err on the side of too little! You can always add a second coat. While rotating the hook in your vise shine the light of a UV flashlight over the body for about 20 to 30 seconds as the resin cures. Rotating the vise while you hit it with UV light will keep the body from becoming lumpy or too thick in one area. Apply a second coat only if necessary.
- 4 Reattach your thread in the area behind the bead. Select about a 3–4 inch length of Krystal Flash and tie it onto the top of the hook, with one half pointing back towards the rear of the hook and the remainder to the front. Pull the Krystal Flash pointing forward back and tie it down alongside the strand pointing back. Trim it so it's about half the length of the hook shank.
- 5 Apply some Black Peacock Ice Dubbing to your tying thread and wind a nice thorax behind and



SNO CONE WITH GILLS

against the bead. The thorax should be as large as or slightly larger in diameter than the bead. When the size is reached whip finish next to the back side of the bead. Your Sno Cone is ready for consumption—well, a trout's that is...

### NOTES:

If you want to add gills to a beaded midge pattern you will find that the technique is very simple. Cut off an 8" length of 5x tippet. Now, simply insert some 5x tippet through the front (eye) side of the bead's hole after the bead has been slid onto the hook. Re-insert the tippet from the back side through the hole creating a loop. Place the tip end of a CDC puff or any other material you want to use inside the loop. Pull the loop and the material through the eye of the hook. YES, it might be a tight fit or even too tight, so you will occasionally have to use less material or a slightly larger bead. With a little bit of practice and some experimentation you will have few problems planning in advance.



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# Calendar of Events

## November

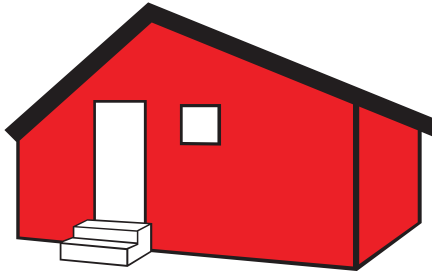
4	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	On the River Clinic Classroom Session #3
10-11			On the River Clinic (Field Trip) Lower Owens
10-13			Trinity/Lower Sac w/ Marc Bonvouloir
11	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
14	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Saturday	8:00 AM	Clubhouse Cleanup
18	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
21	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Devin Olsen

## December

1	Saturday	7:00 PM	Venison Stag
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
8	Saturday	9:00 AM	Youth Fly Casting and Fly Fishing
9	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
23	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
29	Saturday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #1

## January

2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
3-6			Lower Owens #1
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
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17-18			Spey Tournament Practice
19-20			Spey Tournament
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31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD



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