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Leader's Line...

Navigating Uncharted Flyfishing Waters

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

We have all traveled to a new stream and wondered how to catch fish. Perhaps a few simple steps in preparation for your next trip to strange waters will enhance your chances for catching fish. Most of us will try fishing in new rivers or streams on our own and have a great time. This article is about how I had a great trip to the McCloud River that worked best using flies and techniques learned during club trips to the Owens River. Before leaving on your trip do the following for increased chances in fishing success:

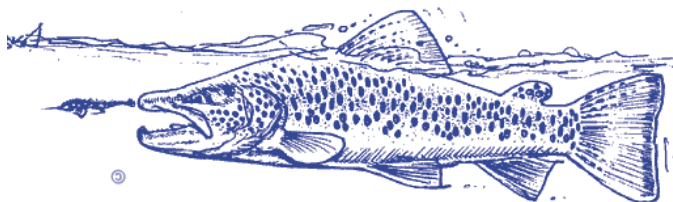
- ❖ Read about the intended destination in books from the LBCC Library.
- ❖ Obtain relevant advice from club members.
- ❖ Review fishing information and stream flow rates in on-line fish reports.
- ❖ Visit local fly shops and those near your destination for fishing advice.
- ❖ Listen carefully to the speakers at the LBCC meetings.

In my case, I did all of the above with poor results on my first day. I followed the advice of everyone, without success. I even used flies and fishing advice from the Fly Shop in Redding, with only a couple of strikes.

I fished on the McCloud until nearly 6:00 pm when the October Caddis, about two inches long, were out in huge numbers. I presented my giant October Caddis and had only two strikes (I know how Manny Machado felt). My consolation was the beautiful fall colors on the trees along the McCloud River.

On the second day of fishing on the McCloud, I had big success with my go-to-flies. These were the simple Blue Winged Olive and Ants that we learned to tie in the Beginning Fly Tying Class at the LBCC. Could not believe the fish wanted the ant (terrestrial) on a day with nearly no wind, go figure.

Moral of the story is that even after taking prudent steps to prepare for a fishing trip, fishing is unpredictable and sometimes the fish just don't cooperate. Perhaps, someone with "mucho dinero" would hire a guide after poor outcome on the first day? Best wishes to catch more BIG fish! See you at the LBCC Pond and upcoming club trips.



Club Trips for 2018, 2019

ART DAILY, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE TRIP & LEADER

Jan. 3-6	Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John. Pre-Trip: December 29, 9:00 am-noon.
Jan.31-Feb3	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: April 27, 9:00 am-noon.
May 13-17	Green River, Utah #2 w/Colin Kumabe. Pre-trip: TBD.
June 23-28	North Platte River w/TBD. Pre-trip: June 19, 2018.

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.



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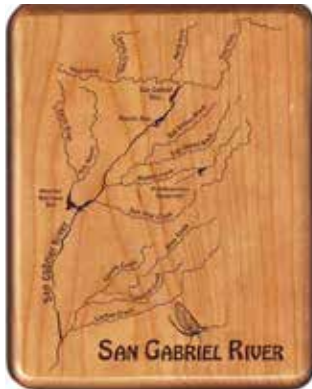
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Moore Scores Award!

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

At the October Monthly Meeting of the Long Beach Casting Club, our own Chuck Moore received a big surprise. When he got up to give his report on the West Fork San Gabriel River cleanup, a monthly activity he's been leading for years, Chuck was presented with a commemorative plaque and fly box, acknowledging his exceptional contribution to the West Fork. Colin Kumabe, Long Beach Casting Club President, and our October speaker Sandra Jacobson, South Coast Regional Director for California Trout, teamed up to give Chuck the award.



The commemorative plaque bears the inscription "In Appreciation for Years of Service Toward Conservation of The San Gabriel River, West Fork", as well as the logos of the Long Beach Casting Club and California Trout. The wooden fly box has a map of the San Gabriel River on the front and artwork by Dave Whitlock depicting a leaping trout on the back. Chuck's name is inscribed above the trout.



I don't know how long Chuck has been heading up the West Fork conservation effort, but a riffle back through past Target Talks shows calendar entries going back to July 2008. Congratulations to Chuck on this well-deserved award, and a heart-felt thanks for all the years of dedicated service on the West Fork.

New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Russ Butcher
- ❖ Craig and Ziba Gibson
- ❖ Ray Law and son Wyatt
- ❖ Stephen Turi
- ❖ Kelly Brown
- ❖ Deborah Lorbeer
- ❖ Michael Stuart

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.

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
Caltrout; Ducks Unlimited; Eastern Sierra Fish Reports
Erick Schat's Bakery; Great Basin Bakery; Golden Trout Lanyards
Inyo Recycling and Waste Management; KIBS Radio
Kittredge Sports Guide Service; KMMT-KHVS Radio
Preferred Septic and Disposal; RIO, Redington, and Sage
Sierra Mountain Trout Guide Service
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.

Captain's Corner: Northwestern Tournament

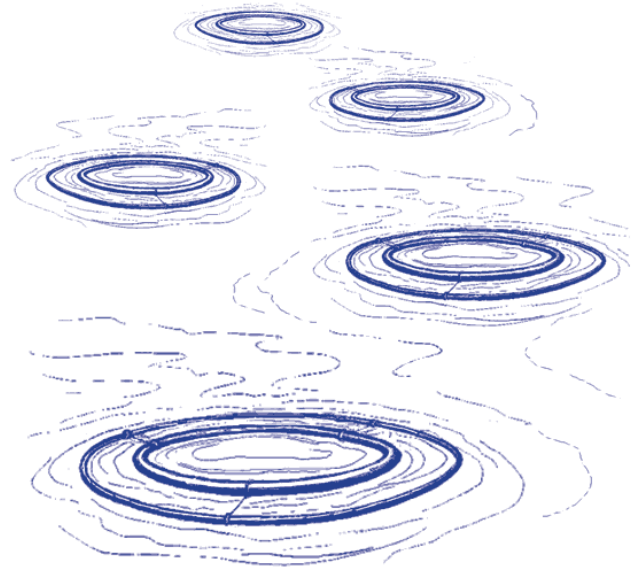
MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

The Annual Northwestern Casting Tournament was held this year in Oakland, October 13th and 14th, at The Oakland Casting Club's ponds. The Long Beach Casting Club fielded a team consisting of Mark Tsunawaki, Larry Allen, Colin Kumabe, Rick Hilles, Mark Flo and Nick Glavan.



This was Nick's first tournament, and he and his father Louie looked like they were having a great time. Nick took first place in the C division in four of the six games he cast in! Way to go Nick!

The overall winner was Henry Mittel, followed by our Club members Larry Allen in second and Mark Tsunawaki in third. Well done all three of you! We all had a great time casting and fraternizing together. See the following pages for tournament scores.



On February 16th and 17th, we will be hosting The Southwestern Casting Tournament at our pond. We will need help setting up and scorekeeping on Saturday and Sunday. We will also need volunteers to help with lunch and dinner.

Please email Mark Flo at Markcflo@yahoo.com and let him know what you would like to help with and your availability.

Oops...Target Talk Error

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

In "Klamath Steelhead Revisited" in the last (November) issue of Target Talk, I incorrectly stated the name of one of our Confluence Outfitters guides. It was Randy Hamann, not Randy Williams. Anyway, by way of apology, I'd like to give them another "plug" and include their link:

<https://www.confluenceoutfitters.com/>

While I'm at it, let me re-print the link to Western Rivers Conservancy, one of the best flyfishing-related non-profits I've found:

<http://www.westernrivers.org>

Northwestern Tourney Results 2018: at Oakland Casting Club

TROUT FLY

A CASTERS SCORE (CO)

1	Luis Montes	99
2	John Thiele	98
3	Chris Korich	97 (100)
4	Maxine McCormick	97 (98)
5	Glenn McCormick	96
5	Henry Mittel	96
7	Larry Allen	95
7	Matt Donaldson	95
9	Tony Ramirez	94
10	Luke Sing	93
11	Keith Pryor	91
11	Mark Tsunawaki	91
13	Ken Deleray	90
14	Eric Callow	89
14	Mark Flo	89
14	Ralph Hardin	89

B CASTERS SCORE

1	Rick Hilles	92
2	Mariano Domingo	89
3	Alice Gillibert	88
4	Elaine Gong	87
4	Colin Kumabe	87
5	Donna O'Sullivan	77

C CASTERS SCORE

1	Nick Galvan	88
2	Sue Klear	84
3	Mike Young	78

BASS BUG

A CASTERS SCORE (CO)

1	Henry Mittel	96
2	Matt Donaldson	95
3	Glenn McCormick	94 (96)
4	Larry Allen	94 (95)
5	Keith Pryor	93
5	Chris Korich	93
7	Luke Sing	92
7	John Thiele	92
9	Mark Tsunawaki	91
9	Ralph Hardin	91
9	Luis Montes	91
12	Maxine McCormick	89
13	Tony Ramirez	88

B CASTERS SCORE

1	Elaine Gong	95
2	Alice Gillibert	89
3	Donna O'Sullivan	88
4	Rick Hilles	87
4	Ken Deleray	87
4	Eric Callow	87
7	Colin Kumabe	86
8	Mark Flo	84
9	Mariano Domingo	83

C CASTERS SCORE

1	Nick Galvan	89
2	Mike Young	84

1/4 OZ. ACCURACY

A CASTERS SCORE (CO)

1	Henry Mittel	94 (96)
2	Chris Korich	94 (92)
3	Larry Allen	92
4	Keith Pryor	90
4	Mark Tsunawaki	90
6	Ralph Hardin	86
7	Glenn McCormick	85
7	Tony Ramirez	85

B CASTERS SCORE

1	Colin Kumabe	87
2	Mark Flo	86 (88)
3	Elaine Gong	86 (86)
4	Matt Donaldson	85
4	Luke Sing	85
6	Alice Gillibert	82
6	Donna O'Sullivan	82

C CASTERS SCORE

1	Mariano Domingo	85
2	Nick Galvan	84
3	Luis Montes	82
4	Tobi McCormick	80

OPEN PLUG

A CASTERS SCORE (CO)

1	Chris Korich	97
2	Henry Mittel	94
3	Keith Pryor	93
4	Tony Ramirez	89
4	Larry Allen	89
6	Ralph Hardin	88
6	Mark Tsunawaki	88

B CASTERS SCORE

1	Mark Flo	94
2	Luke Sing	92
3	Elaine Gong	88
4	Alice Gillibert	87
5	Matt Donaldson	82
5	Donna O'Sullivan	82
7	Colin Kumabe	80

C CASTERS SCORE

1	Luis Montes	88
2	Nick Galvan	84
3	Mariano Domingo	81

ANGLER'S FLY

A CASTERS SCORE

1	Henry Mittel	157
2	Larry Allen	147
3	Keith Pryor	130
4	Mark Tsunawaki	129
5	Mark Flo	113
6	Ralph Hardin	110

B CASTERS SCORE

1	Matt Donaldson	135
2	Colin Kumabe	116
3	Mariano Domingo	115
4	Eric Callow	113
5	Elaine Gong	104
6	Donna O'Sullivan	101

1/4 OZ. DISTANCE

A CASTERS SCORE

1	Henry Mittel	219
2	Larry Allen	214
3	Colin Kumabe	192
4	Ralph Hardin	180
5	Mark Tsunawaki	149
6	Mark Flo	144

B CASTERS SCORE

1	Matt Donaldson	158
2	Elaine Gong	132
3	Donna O'Sullivan	110

DRY FLY

A CASTERS SCORE(CO)

1	Glenn McCormick	100
2	Maxine McCormick	98 (100)
3	Chris Korich	98 (99)
4	Luis Montes	98 (97)
5	Ralph Hardin	98 (94)
6	Matt Donaldson	97
6	Henry Mittel	97
8	Ken Deleray	96
9	Mark Tsunawaki	95
9	Mark Flo	95
9	Larry Allen	95
9	John Thiele	95
13	Luke Sing	93
14	Keith Pryor	92
15	Tony Ramirez	91
16	Eric Callow	89

B CASTERS SCORE(CO)

1	Donna O'Sullivan	92
2	Alice Gillibert	91
3	Elaine Gong	90
4	Rick Hilles	89
5	Mariano Domingo	88
6	Colin Kumabe	83

C CASTERS SCORE

1	Nick Galvan	92
2	Sue Klear	88

WET FLY

A CASTERS SCORE (Co)

1	M. McCormick	98 (97)(98)(99)
2	Keith Pryor	98 (97)(98)(97)
3	Larry Allen	98 (96)
4	Henry Mittel	98 (94)
5	Matt Donaldson	98 (93)
6	Ralph Hardin	97
6	Chris Korich	97
8	Tony Ramirez	96
8	John Thiele	96
10	Mark Tsunawaki	95
11	Luke Sing	94
12	Mark Flo	93
12	Glenn McCormick	93
14	Luis Montes	92

B	CASTERS	SCORE(CO)	C	CASTERS	SCORE(CO)
1	Elaine Gong	94	1	Nick Galvan	83
2	Alice Gillibert	93 (92)(96)			
3	Rick Hilles	93 (92)(87)			
4	Colin Kumabe	93 (91)			
5	Eric Callow	90			
6	Donna O'Sullivan	89			

C	CASTERS	SCORE
1	Mariano Domingo	93
2	Nick Galvan	92

3/8 Oz. ACCURACY

A	CASTERS	SCORE(CO)
1	Henry Mittel	94 (96)
2	Keith Pryor	94 (92)
3	Chris Korich	93
4	Larry Allen	90
5	Ralph Hardin	89
6	Tony Ramirez	88
7	Mark Tsunawaki	86

B	CASTERS	SCORE(CO)
1	Elaine Gong	88
2	Luke Sing	87
3	Colin Kumabe	86 (89)
4	Mark Flo	86 (87)
5	Alice Gillibert	85
6	Matt Donaldson	84
7	Donna O'Sullivan	82

C	CASTERS	SCORE
1	Nick Galvan	86
2	Mariano Domingo	82

5/8 Oz. ACCURACY

A	CASTERS	SCORE(CO)
1	Henry Mittel	97 (97)
2	Chris Korich	97 (95)
3	Larry Allen	96
4	Mark Tsunawaki	92
4	Keith Pryor	92
4	Tony Ramirez	92
7	Ralph Hardin	85

B	CASTERS	SCORE(CO)
1	Luke Sing	89
2	Mark Flo	88
3	Elaine Gong	87 (1)
4	Matt Donaldson	87 (0)
5	Alice Gillibert	84
6	Colin Kumabe	83
7	Donna O'Sullivan	81



ALL ACCURACY

	CASTER	COMB	TF	BB	1/4	OPEN	DF	WF	3/8	5/8
1	Henry Mittel	766	96	96	94	94	97	98	94	97
1	Chris Korich	766	97	93	94	97	98	97	93	97
3	Larry Allen	749	95	94	92	89	95	98	90	96
4	Keith Pryor	743	91	93	90	93	92	98	94	92
5	Mark Tsunawaki	728	91	91	90	88	95	95	86	92
6	Luke Sing	725	93	92	85	92	93	94	87	89
7	Matt Donaldson	723	95	95	85	82	97	98	84	87
7	Tony Ramirez	723	94	88	85	89	91	96	88	92
7	Ralph Hardin	723	89	91	86	88	98	97	89	85
10	Mark Flo	715	89	84	86	94	95	93	86	88
10	Elaine Gong	715	87	95	86	88	90	94	88	87
12	Alice Gillibert	699	88	89	82	87	91	93	85	84
13	Nick Galvan	698	88	89	84	84	92	92	86	83
14	Colin Kumabe	685	87	86	87	80	83	93	86	83
15	Donna O'Sullivan	673	77	88	82	82	92	89	82	81

ALL DISTANCE COMBINATION

	CASTER	COMB.	ANGLER'S FLY	1/4 OZ. DIST.
1	Henry Mittel	376	157	219
2	Larry Allen	361	147	214
3	Colin Kumabe	308	116	192
4	Matt Donaldson	293	135	158
5	Ralph Hardin	290	110	180
6	Mark Tsunawaki	278	129	149
7	Mark Flo	257	113	144
8	Elaine Gong	236	104	132
9	Donna O'Sullivan	211	101	110

ALL AROUND

	CASTER	ALL-ARO	TF	BB	1/4 A	OPEN	AFD	1/4 D	DF	WF	3/8	5/8
1	Henry Mittel	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
2	Larry Allen	24	2	4	2	3	2	2	4	1	2	2
3	Mark Tsunawaki	43	4	5	3	4	4	6	4	5	5	3
3	Matt Donaldson	43	2	2	8	7	3	5	2	1	8	5
5	Ralph Hardin	45	5	5	5	4	7	4	1	4	3	7
6	Mark Flo	53	5	9	5	1	6	7	4	7	5	4
7	Elaine Gong	57	7	2	5	4	8	8	8	6	4	5
8	Colin Kumabe	65	7	8	4	9	5	3	9	7	5	8
9	Donna O'Sullivan	84	9	7	9	7	9	9	7	9	9	9

WESTERN BEE AWARD

Gold Bees: Chris Korich, Henry Mittel, Larry Allen

Fish the “Grey Reef” Section of the North Platte River in Central Wyoming with Grey Reef Anglers



Wyoming's Best Lodge & Guide Service for Fly Fishing the Grey Reef & Miracle Mile waters of the North Platte River

ADDRESS: 2145 Sunflower St.
Casper, WY 82604

PHONE: 307-267-2559
EMAIL: WWW.GREYREEFANGLERS.COM

DATES: June 23rd - 28th, 2019. Arrive June 23, fish 4 days June 24-27, depart June 28, 2019

INCLUDES: 5 nights lodging, all meals, 4 full days of fishing

EXTRAS: Your Transportation to and from Grey Reef Anglers, Guide Tips, Fishing License, Liquor

COST: The total cost for the trip is **\$ 2200.00 per person;**

This Trip is Double Occupancy AND is limited to 10 anglers.

HOW TO GET ON THE TRIP: Send a 50 % deposit ASAP to The Long Beach Casting Club. Make your check payable to “The Long Beach Casting Club” and send to the clubs’ PO Box 90035.

HOW TO GET THERE: Drive to Casper, Fly to Casper, Grey Reef Anglers will pick you up in Casper and transport you to the lodge. Fly to Salt Lake or Denver and drive (approx. 4 Hr.) to Grey Reef Anglers.

MORE: Grey Reef Anglers Lodge & Guide Service is located southwest of Casper, Wyoming over-looking the wide open North Platte River Valley and the famed “Narrows” stretch of the Grey Reef. It’s a river with limited pressure, larger eager fish, and beautiful surroundings. We provide world-class fly-fishing float trips, upland bird hunting, and full-service lodging for our customers. Grey Reef fly fishing trips include guided float trips for trophy trout on the Grey Reef, and Miracle Mile tail-water sections of the North Platte River. One day fishing on the Miracle section included at no extra cost.

New Swedish Cope Log Lodge Includes private decks, private rooms with private bathrooms, overlooking the entire river valley and the lower Grey Reef section of the North Platte River, a truly stunning view from each room in this brand new lodge, only 1/4 mile from the river. Your guide will pick you up here and drop you off at days end. Casper airport shuttles to the Lodge available upon request.

The Grey Reef and Miracle Mile tail water sections of the North Platte River arguably the best fly fishing in Wyoming right out our back door. Our trout pictures speak for themselves about Wyoming trout size, abundance, and our guides experience level. This is the place to fly fish for legendary trout on a relatively quiet river. Guided North Platte River fishing float trips with Private Access, and Private Boat Ramps that keep you away from anyone else, and the very best Grey Reef guide staff ready to show you a great time! Experience the thrill of a Grey Reef rainbow rising to eat your dry fly, or monster North Platte River brown trout eating your streamer!

As some of our members that have been there have said:

“...this is my, number one choice fly fishing venue.”

Lee's Ferry Trip is a Big Success!

KEITH O'DONNELL, FACILITIES AND POND COORDINATOR

Twelve LBCC members made the trip to Northern Arizona to fish the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry. This is a 16 mile tail water fishery that stretches from Glen Canyon Dam to Lee's Ferry, where our jet boats would launch and head up river. This is also where groups that were rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon would put in and head down river.

The scenery at this river is awe-inspiring. This was our second trip and it's still beautiful to see. The fishing was pretty good too. Everyone caught fish. We caught rainbows wading and drifting using different combinations of worms, scuds and midges. I did hear that some had success using dry flies.

I have to admit I'm tired of being out-fished by my wife. She managed to land a 20" trout that was 30 yards into the backing when her rod tip broke. On our last day, some of our group experienced hail and heavy rain, and when it stopped we saw a few beautiful waterfalls.



The facilities at Cliff Dwellers Lodge were adequate. The restaurant, though small and crowded still put out fine fare. Eddie and I, while sharing a slice of avocado pie, got



a kick out of this sign that was in the restaurant window:

"JUST SO YOU KNOW . . .

There are no Cliff Dwellings at Cliff Dwellers Lodge

No Ferry, at Lee's Ferry

No Lake, at Jacob Lake

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY CONFUSION THIS MAY CAUSE YOU.

CDL Staff"

[It's good to hear that Lee's Ferry is fishing well. It's been plagued by poor flow management for years. This year, the Department of the Interior implemented "Experimental Macro-Invertebrate Production Flows", or "Bug Flows", which consist of steady low flows over the weekends and higher fluctuating flows during the week, to promote higher hatch and egg survival rates. These flows were executed between May 1 and August 31, and the result was record midge hatches in the area. For some background on management of this stream, see my article in the October 2016 issue of Target Talk -.ed]



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The Season of Gratitude

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

It's a wonderful time of year. Streams are running low and clear so it's easier to read the water, fish are on the feed, fattening up for winter, fewer people are on the rivers, leaves are turning colors of reds, yellows and orange and the cozy smell of fireplaces has replaced the acrid smoke of 2018 forest fires.

It's also time for holiday get togethers, over-eating and gifts of appreciation for the ones we love. Have you started your gift list yet?

If you've read a Target Talk this year, attended a Club meeting, utilized the pond, visited the clubhouse, savored a nooner luncheon, taken a casting, fly tying, or rod building class, gone fishing with a club member or learned something new from a guest speaker, you have much to appreciate. So why not add the Club to

your gift list? A contribution to the endowment fund has lots of benefits.

- ❖ You'll be helping others (and yourself).
- ❖ You'll be one of the few who make a difference.
- ❖ You'll feel proud to be connected to one of the finest fly-fishing clubs in the country.
- ❖ You can take advantage of a tax deduction.
- ❖ Your gift will be doubled with matching funds.

The endowment is a hedge against future inflation. It's a way to help lift the burden of operating expenses such as water, electricity and insurance bills. It's intended to assure the longevity of our heritage. As a 501 (c) (3), your donation is tax deductible and for donations of \$250 or more you will receive a letter for tax purposes.

Now is your chance: make a difference, give back, secure your role in preserving our legacy. Any amount is a help. Send checks to the treasurer marked "Endowment Fund."



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.

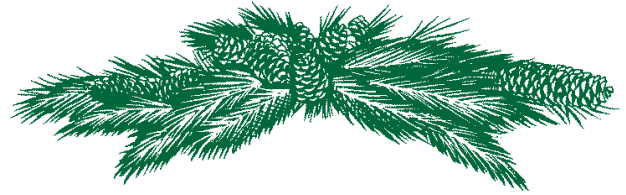
Contact Chris for any questions regarding this fantastic weekend on the water @ 818.288.3271.

Venison Stag Christmas Dinner

TERRY KOMISAK, 1ST 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 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 (Friday, November 30 8:00 AM), assist the chef, serve dinner (Dec. 1 4:30 PM) and do 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

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Fly of the Month: Kaufmann's Stimulator

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

What the heck is it? The Stimulator is one fly that evokes just that kind of reaction. Sort of a caddis fly, sort of a stone fly, sort of a hopper; this pattern works so well under so many different circumstances that it should be included in your fly box.

Developed by Randall Kaufmann this fly is, in my opinion, one of the best attractor patterns around. The secret to its success lies in its qualities of illusion. It isn't anything specific but the bushy wing and tail, the palmer hackle all combine to make it look alive and quite edible whether there are ants on the water, mayflies, caddis, stoneflies or nothing at all.

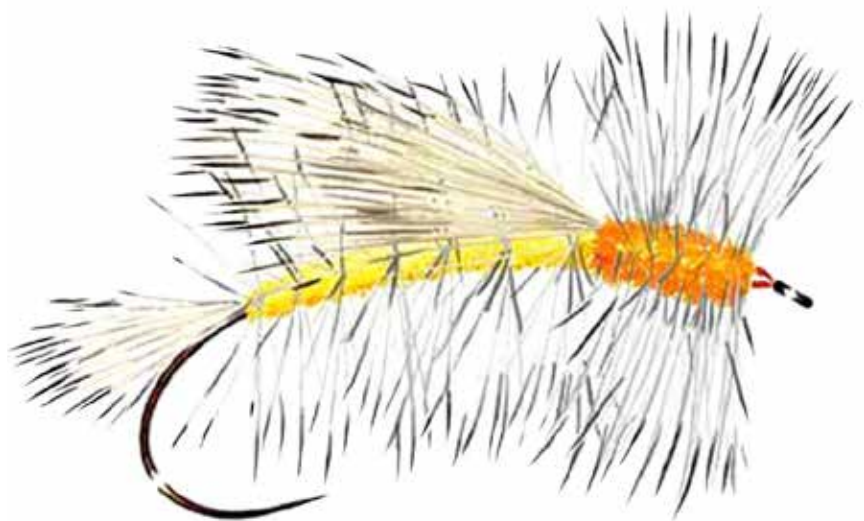
Tie the Stimulator in a variety of sizes and colors. Yellow is an excellent all around color but orange, olive and black can all be very effective. The all black version is particularly effective and quite visible at dusk. For those who remember Jeff Sadler, "Mr. Royal Wulff" there was even a "Royal" Stimulator.

You should also consider changing the hackle colors. I prefer using grizzly for the body hackle but some tiers swear by brown hackle. On occasion I will change the thorax hackle to brown dyed grizzly, dark dun dyed grizzly or olive dyed grizzly. The dyed grizzly hackles help to add the illusion of movement adding a truly lifelike quality to the Stimulator or any fly, for that matter. Another excellent choice is a high quality badger hackle—either silver or golden. I especially like this hackle color over a darker colored body.

Whatever the Stimulator is doesn't really matter. What does matter is that the fly works and works very well. Tie some up and take them out for a test drive.

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE KAUFMANN'S STIMULATOR:

- Hook: 2x or 3x long Tiemco 2312 or 200R, Daiichi 1270 or Mustad 79580, in sizes 6–16
- Thread: Orange 3/0, 6/0 or 8/0
- Tail: Elk (natural, dyed or bleached to suit)
- Abdomen: Yellow dubbing (natural or a synthetic)
- Rib: Grizzly hackle, tied palmer style and with the length the same as the gap
- Thorax: Orange dubbing (natural or synthetic)
- Hackle: Grizzly or brown over thorax, dry fly style
- Wing: Elk (natural, bleached or dyed to suit)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE KAUFMANN'S STIMULATOR:

1. Attach your thread to the hook at the headspace and wind evenly down to the point of the barb. Cut off a clump of elk hair, remove the basal hairs and stack the tips. Tie in the elk hair for the tail, its length extending beyond the bend of the hook (about the length of the hook gape) and leave the butts long as this will help maintain a smoothly tapered body. Bind the butt ends of the elk hair on the hook shank as an underbody.
2. Select a good quality grizzly (or as desired) neck or saddle hackle that has a barbule length equal to or slightly less than the hook gape. Tie in hackle for the abdomen with the concave side of the feather facing forward. Dub a tapered yellow body forward to a point about 2/3 the length of the shank.
3. Wrap the hackle forward, palmer style, over the abdomen and tie off. Remove another bunch of elk hair for the wing, knock out the basal hair and stack. Tie in the elk hair wing so that the end of the wing is about even with the bend of the hook.
4. Select a good quality neck hackle that is slightly longer than the abdomen hackle and up to 1½x the width of the gape. Tie in the thorax hackle with the concave side facing forward and dub the orange thorax forward to the headspace. Wrap the hackle forward, dry fly style, and secure it firmly.
5. Form a small, neat head, whip finish, apply a thin penetrating coat of head cement and take your fly out for a spin.



Southwest Council FFI Conservation Meeting

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

I attended a Southwest Council, FFI meeting on conservation in Southern California on Saturday, November 10. The meeting was held at the Pasadena Flyfishers clubhouse. Since I'm in Portland now, I had to call in to it, but that worked fairly well and I learned some interesting things.

The purpose of the meeting was to learn about the conservation projects the different clubs were working on or interested in. The Council's goal is to create a Southwest Council conservation committee with the following proposed functions:

- ❖ Assist in coordinating resources, club to club, within the Southwest Council.
- ❖ Assist with support from external resources.
- ❖ Assist in working with government agencies.
- ❖ Assist in procuring grants both from FFI and other organizations.

The meeting was chaired by Mark Landre, in his first year as Southwest Council Conservation Chair. Most of the time was spent learning about projects the different clubs were working on. Some highlights:

1. Silver Creek Project: remove non-native brook trout from Silver Creek (a little north of Bridgeport) and re-introduce native Lahontan cutthroats.
2. Golden Trout Project: habitat restoration and monitoring of the golden trout population in the southern Sierra.
3. Trout in the Classroom: students raise trout from eggs in a classroom setting (see August, 2018 issue of Target Talk).

A follow up meeting is being planned.

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Calendar of Events

December

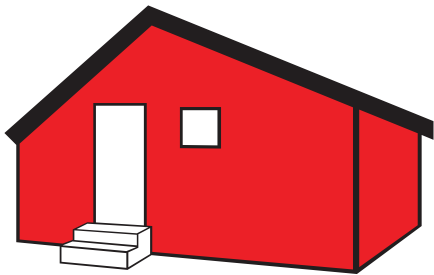
1	Saturday	7:00 PM	Venison Stag
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
8	Saturday	9:00 AM	Youth Fly Casting and Fly Fishing
9	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
12	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation 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 and #2

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
12			Spey Casting Practice
13	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond Cleaning
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
16	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17-18			Spey Tournament Practice
19-20			Spey Tournament
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD
31-3			Lower Owens #2

February

2	Saturday		Fly Buy
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 at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
16-17			Southwestern Tournament
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
20	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD



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