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Leader's Line...

Share a Fly, Make a Friend

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

Have you ever walked into a fishing spot that you've never been to before, and been greeted by another fly fisher who is eager to share his or her fishing information? If you've experienced this, it's very likely that the friendly fly fisher was a member of the Long Beach Casting Club. Usually, the sharing of "what worked" helps to improve your catch of the day. A quick run-through of the effective flies and fishing techniques usually includes:

- ❖ Fishing hole location
- ❖ Effective fly pattern and size
- ❖ Depth of fish – shallow or deep
- ❖ For nymph fishing, amount of weight

Some fly fishers guard the information with the same level of secrecy as passwords to bank accounts. Others would gladly open their fly boxes to share effective flies with nearly perfect strangers, even novice fly fishers.

The purpose of this article is to encourage all Long Beach Casting Club members to be the fly fishers that willingly share flies and information about fishing holes. Even those of us without much fly fishing experience need to feel confident and share their success with others. After all, whether you are an expert or a novice and you just caught lots of fish, everyone would like to hear how you did it.

Anyone that has taken the Beginning Fly Tying

Class at the clubhouse ends the course with flies that anyone would be proud to share. When a fly is effective, whether the fly is one of those tied during the Beginning Fly Tying Class or was purchased at a local shop, be proud to share information with others streamside. Don't wait until you return home to share how you caught fish. That information will be most beneficial to someone fishing the same stream on the same day.

The club is founded on education, with the experienced fly fishers providing guidance to everyone. This sharing of information starts in the clubhouse and should carry forward to streamside with other fly fishers. Perhaps the Long Beach Casting Club could add "friendliness" to the long list of positive comments about club members.

Share a fly, make a friend. 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- Feb. 3	Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John. Pre-Trip: December 29, 9:00 am-noon.
Mar. 7-10	Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John. Pre-Trip: March 2, 9:00 am-noon.
Apr. 13	Kelsey Bass Ranch w/ Mick Woodbury. Pre-Trip: TBD.
Apr. 28- May 3	Green River, Utah #1 w/Yash Iseda. Pre-Trip: April 20, 9:00 am-noon.
May 5-10	Green River, Utah #2 w/Colin Kumabe. Pre-trip: April 20, 9:00 am-noon.
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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A Plan for All Seasons: Jimmie Morales Takes us Through a Calendar Year on the West Slope of the Sierras

TERRY KOMISAK, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

It might surprise many of us who are veterans of the early season "Lower O" campaigns to discover that (who knew?) the Sierras have a west side as well! Our January speaker, Jimmie Morales of Sierra Fly Fisher Tours, is a veteran guide on the west slope, which includes some beautiful places (e.g., you may have heard of a really nice spot called "Yosemite"). Jimmie will be giving us tips on where to fish the west slope through each of the seasons.

The discussion begins on the Merced River during the early part of the fishing season, then Jimmie moves on to the Tuolumne River. He will also talk about fishing the Kings River for the March brown and salmon fly hatches (any of you who have fished a salmon fly hatch have figured out how they got their name—they're roughly the size of a salmon). Here's a description of the Kings River from the Sierra Fly Fisher Tours website:

"The 20 mile stretch of the upper Kings River above Pine Flat is special regulation trout water. These are wild fish with a lot of muscle. It is also one of the most beautiful rivers in the west."

"The fishing begins here in mid to late February with some heavy BWO (#18 - 20) hatches and Golden Stone flies (#12 - 14). Depending on the weather, March also announces the arrival of the largest mayfly of the year, the March Brown (#12). The 'salmon fly' also starts to show itself in April. This is the largest stonefly of the year..."

As the season changes, Jimmie moves to the Yosemite area, and concludes the calendar year



stalking the large brown trout of the Sierras.

Join us on Thursday, January 31, 7:00 PM at the clubhouse, to get some ideas about fishing that "other" side of the Sierras.

New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Chad Kumabe
- ❖ Tom Groseclose
- ❖ Douglas Jones
- ❖ Lottie Lee

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.

The Lower "O" Season

THE LOWER "O" BOYS

This traditional season of winter trips has morphed into a truly great experience for beginning fly fishers as the old pros spend Saturday and part of Sunday on the shoulder of rookies teaching them to read the water, rig their rod, and catch pretty trout. The schedule is:

- January 3-6;** Pre-Trip is Saturday, December 29 and led by Yash Iseda
Jan. 31-Feb 3; Pre-Trip is Saturday, December 29 and led by John Lincoln
March 7-10; Pre-Trip is Saturday March 2 and led by Dan Rivett

Some comments from prior beginners:



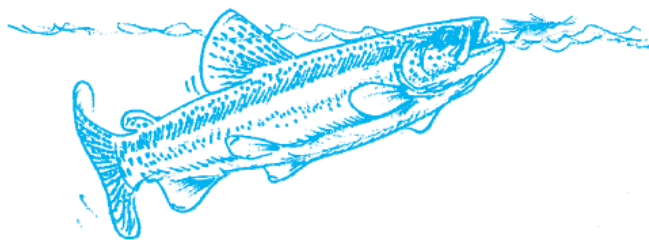
*"The Lower O is the best stream...**EVER**", Ernest H.*



*"The fish are **HUGE** on the Lower O", Zane G.*

The Pre-Trip Meetings are a combination of trip info and a class telling you everything you need to know about from when you step out of your car in jeans and sweatshirt until you step into the river in waders and boots and your rod ready to rock-n-roll. The class stars at 9:00 AM and goes until you are exhausted.

- ❖ Secret spots revealed (Carole's, Jeff's, Bob's and if he doesn't show up, 3 Joe Libeu hot spots!).
- ❖ Master nymph rig techniques (Yash)
- ❖ Soft hackle & streamers (Danny)



- ❖ Dry flies (Danny)
- ❖ How to dress (John)
- ❖ These classes are worth your while even if you can't make the trips.

Gustatory delights include Amigo's (Thursday), Japanese (Friday), and Pizza Factory (Saturday).

PLUS, the home-made six, yes six foot sandwich on Saturday for lunch (free).

Bishop is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a tank north in the beautiful Eastern Sierra and winter fishing can be spectacular. The weather can vary from peeling off layers of clothing to horizontal sleet. The Owens flow is currently at a very fishable rate.

The best part is the camaraderie of old and new friends and the sharing of arcane secrets.



February 2, 2019

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

*Great Buys on New and Used Tackle
 Benefits the Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers*

**Fly Tying Demonstrations ❖ Garage Sale
 Casting Instruction ❖ Silent Auction**

*Lunch & Admission \$10 for FFI Members,
 \$15 for Others*

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 4901 East 7th Street Long Beach, CA 90804**

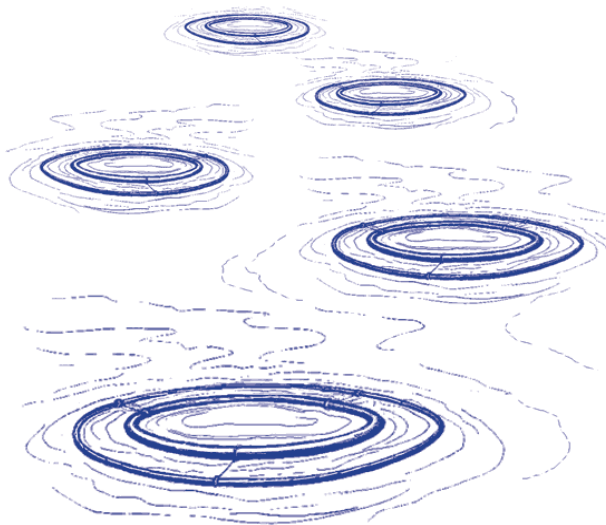
Captain's Corner: Get Ready for Southwestern Tournament, Intermediate Casting Clinic

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

We are continuing to have Sunday casting in January, 9:00 A.M. on the 6th and the 27th.

SOUTHWESTERN TOURNAMENT IS COMING!

Volunteers are needed for the Southwestern Casting Tournament, which will be held on Saturday February 16th and Sunday the 17th. A pre-tournament volunteer meeting will be held Thursday, January 24th at 7:00 PM. I will be putting up a volunteer sign-up list on the whiteboard at the clubhouse, or you can email me at markcflo@yahoo.com. Thank you for all your great support.



SWCFFI INTERMEDIATE CASTING CLINIC

The highly successful Southwest Council/Pasadena Casting Club Intermediate Casting Clinic last held in November of 2017 is scheduled for two Saturday



mornings in January, 2019: January 12th and January 26th. Once again, the classes will be held at the PCC casting pond from 9:00 AM to noon. Once again, a team of the very best instructors in Southern California will be assembled for the benefit of qualified students. The class is structured for casters who can throw a three foot or tighter loop, with roughly parallel legs, for thirty feet.

Twenty slots are open to Southwest Council club members at the bargain price of \$50.00 and are sure to fill fast. To sign up, go the Southwest Council website at <https://swcffi.org/icc>.

Contact: C. Eric Callow, casting@swcffi.org; (818) 219-2276



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

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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.”

Karnage on the Klamath! Steelhead Beware the LBCC

MARC BONVOULOIR, MEMBER

Steelhead! That's the cry that excites all fly fishers. And so it did for twelve LBCC members who headed to Redding for a guide trip on famous rivers of northern California. What started out as a float on the Trinity River and the Lower Sacramento changed as we got closer to the date of the trip.

The Fly Shop in Redding called two weeks before departure to let me know there was a lack of needed precipitation on the Trinity to insure success in catching elusive steelhead. After much consultation a decision was made to replace the Trinity with the Klamath River. So on Sunday, November 11, six boats headed to different parts of the Lower Sac—two at the upper section at the famous Sundial Bridge, three departing from Bonnyview Road for a 13 mile float (yes, 13 miles!) and one from Anderson.

The weather was chilly with a steady breeze from the north—it was the same wind that devastated nearby Paradise during the infamous Camp Fire. That combination seemed to put the fish down a bit but



many were caught using indicator rigs with various flies such as Rubber Legs, Sweet Peas and a number of Caddis imitations. The fish had just transitioned from staging below salmon redds to their normal feeding lanes so fishing beads was not necessary. Many rainbows and a couple of large steelhead were caught—one by Kaz Hata and one by Dennis O'Hern.

The next day was special. The Klamath River is 125 miles and a two hour drive north of Redding on the 5 Freeway. To meet the guides at 8:00 AM it was necessary to leave the hotel by 6:00 AM in the dark.

When we arrived the temperature was 22 degrees! No worries. We all launched at the base of Iron Gate Dam. We were greeted by hundreds of spawned-out salmon everywhere: huge behemoths cruising in all forms of decay. Sad, but mother nature at work.

The first third of a mile is a no fish-zone with signage alerting us when to fish. One minute after dropping a line, **BANG!** Wild steelhead. Fishing Rubber Legs and beads pegged above the hook provided nonstop action for six miles to the takeout. All were wild steelhead. They weren't huge but fought incredibly hard on 7 weight rods. It turns out there are no other trout in the Klamath, just steelhead and salmon.

At dinner on the final evening, I asked for a show of hands of who would like to return next year for this trip. It was unanimous. It's true what they say about steelhead fishing. It's so addicting!





2nd Annual LBCC SPEY CASTING TOURNAMENT

Long Beach Casting Club
January 19th and 20th, 2018

What: The 2nd Annual LBCC Spey Casting Tournament
Who: Open to All — Beginners to Expert — Skagit to Long Belly
Why: Improve your casting (and fishing!) — Learn from among the best!

Join us for a friendly competition!

COMPETITIVE CLASSES:

- Open Men
- Open Women
- Senior Men 55 and Older
- Beginning casters that have not previously competed in a Spey tournament
- Novice – casters that have previously competed in a Spey tournament
- Juniors 16 and under



SCHEDULE:

- Practice — Thursday and Friday 17th and 18th 2019 – sign-up on site
- Qualifying — Saturday, January 19, 2019, starting at 8:30 am
- Finals — Sunday, January 20, 2019, starting at 8:30 am

Free: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for competitors

Vendors: Bruce & Walker Rods (Gene Oswald), Red Shed Fly Shop (Poppy & Linda) and others will be on hand...

More: Raffles, Prizes and Fun, Oh My!

REGISTRATION:

<https://www.longbeachcastingclub.org/tournaments/>
Fee: \$50.00 registration, includes lunch and dinner Saturday
Need more information? Lodging; transportation?
Contact Mike Ivy at: (Archie.ivyinc@verizon.net)



LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB SPEY CASTING TOURNAMENT

January 19th and 20th, 2019

Long Beach Casting Club

5201 E. 7th Street, Long Beach, California 90808

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE AND EMAIL _____

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: PRACTICE

SATURDAY QUALIFYING: CASTING BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

SUNDAY FINALS: CASTING BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

Your \$50 Entry Fee includes: T-Shirt, Breakfast, Lunch and Saturday Night Dinner.

CASTING DIVISIONS (Check one):

- ☐ Open Men
- ☐ Open Women
- ☐ Seniors Men 55 and older.
- ☐ Beginning casters that have not previously competed in a Spey tournament.
- ☐ Novice casters that have competed in last year's tournament.
- ☐ Juniors 16 and Under

REGISTRATION FEES:

- ☐ \$50.00 T-Shirt Size: _____ (S, M, L, XL, 2XL)
- ☐ Juniors \$10.00
- ☐ Free for the Beginning casters.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER: YES _____ NO _____ NUMBER _____

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.

CALIFORNIA TROUT



FISH · WATER · PEOPLE

11/20/2018

Long Beach Casting Club
PO Box 90035
Long Beach, CA 90809

Dear Anglers,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of California Trout, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$400.00 on 11/20/2018. Your support gives CalTrout the funds to fight and adds your voice, speaking up for threatened fish and their habitat. Because of you, we can develop and implement the science-based restoration projects that benefit fish and rivers in California for future generations.

With your support, CalTrout will:

- Remove barriers on Eel River tributaries, opening miles of quality habitat for steelhead and salmon. Currently we are working to find a way to remove PG&E's Scott Dam.
- Work with ranchers along Shasta and Scott rivers to improve irrigation methods, leaving more cold water in-stream for endangered salmon;
- Push for water infrastructure investments in the Central Valley, improving floodplain management for fish and people;
- Reconnect fragmented habitat in Orange and Ventura counties, benefiting endangered Southern steelhead, including planning for the removal of Matilija Dam;
- Inventory watersheds in the greater Bay Area to determine where CalTrout can add value to restoration projects;
- Advocate for continued legal protection of wild trout waters. For example, campaigning against raising the Shasta Dam and protect the McCloud River.

Thank you again for your support and adding your voice to speak up for California's threatened wild fish and their habitat. Together, we are protecting native fish and wild rivers for future generations.

Sincerely,

Casey O'Sullivan

Membership Manager

Thank you, Tight Lines!

*I think
we all
knew
that this
was going
to happen...
eventually.
Hope he got
to your place
before this
happened!*



**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**

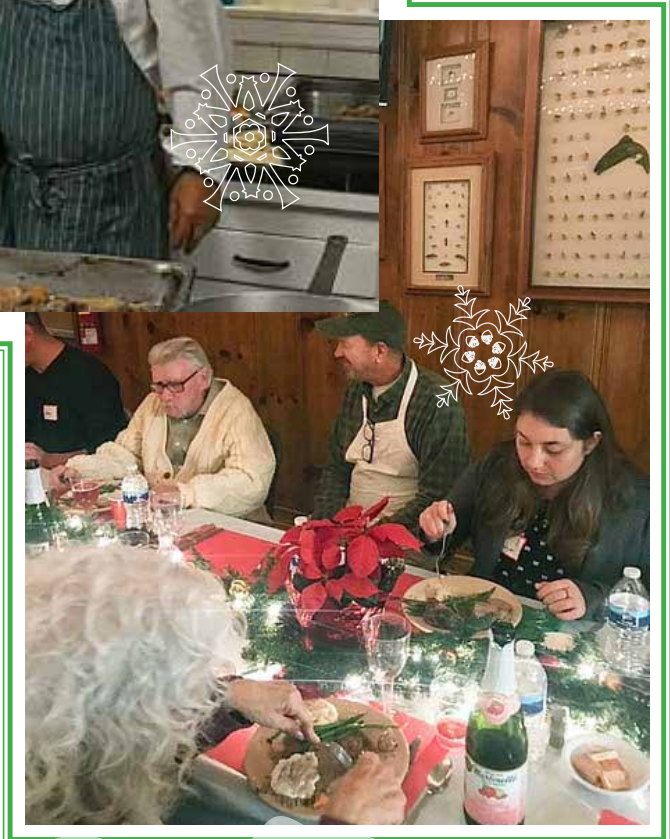
Join Chris Leonard and Luong Tam for a full day on Saturday and a half day on Sunday of guided Tenkara fly fishing in the Wild Trout Section of the Lower Owens River this winter 2019. Chris & Luong will offer two clinics this winter: January 19/20 and again on February 16/17. We will focus on developing 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, 2018



Lookin' Like a Great Time
Was had by All!!!

Thanks to
Linda Davis
for the Photos!

Why Single-Hand Spey?

Maybe Not what You Think...

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

I can offer several wonderful reasons to use a single-hand rod and to use a two-handed rod but the primary reason is simply a matter of application. Fishing a dry to specific fish needs accuracy and delicacy—go single-hand. Repetitive medium to long casts swinging flies—a two-hander is your best bet. Fishing to a bonefish on the flats—long quiet presentations with accuracy: think single-hand. Throwing a lot of weight needing to get deep—two-handed rods are probably the best way to go.

There dozens of differing ways to use a single-hand rod. I have mentioned a few already but have left the aspect of Spey style casting unmentioned. Unabashedly I will say that I can only think of one reason to fish with a single-hand rod all day long using Spey style casts: that I had already broken all of my two-handed rods and single-hand was all I had left... So, why single-hand Spey? If we try to morph Spey style casting with a single-hand rod then what are the benefits? There are many but not necessarily in the way you may think...

HERE ARE SOME OF MY THOUGHTS:

- ❖ Single-hand Spey shows its value when, while casting dry flies, it allows you to make quick and radical changes of direction to re-present your fly to a rising fish.
- ❖ Casting streamers where you can pull heavy sink tips or flies up from the depths and deliver them to the river bank.
- ❖ Swinging soft-hackled flies while going from dangling downstream in the current to re-presenting out where the fish are in a single, safe move.
- ❖ Casting from beneath a canopy of trees in current and your line starting in a downstream position.
- ❖ Make casts with minimal back cast room (this does **NOT** work well for dry fly fishing; you can't

false cast so the fly will constantly be sinking).

One thing that anyone should look into when planning to spend a lot of time using Spey style casts is the rod and line combination that you will be using. Since Spey style casts **ALL** finish with a Roll Cast, your line needs to make your rod Roll Cast better! Fast rods do not Roll Cast well—period. They require perfect timing hence, over-lining a fast rod is imperative to good results.

Also, your line brand/model choice makes a big difference. So what lines Roll Cast well? A line with a longer front taper (35'–45') with a long thick to thin taper toward the tip is usually a good starting point. However, those designed for beginning casters with an increase in diameter and weight from back to the front of the line are not. These are designed to KICK over the line on a less than perfect effort while overhead casting. I used to think double taper lines Roll Cast well but am finding that this is not true. Their continuous level taper is a liability—as the line rolls out it loses energy but since the line does not decrease in size it stalls. One of my favorite fishing lines, the Rio Gold, is actually a poor Roll Caster for the same reason—a too long level belly section. The Rio Grand is even worse. Be sure to look at the maker's taper diagrams before you buy a line!

Two Rio fly lines that do Roll Cast well is their Trout LT (Light Touch) and, not surprisingly, the Single-Hand Spey line. The latter is very nice for Spey casting but it's not as good for delicate overhead casting while combining both techniques—I would term it “a bit clunky”. The Trout LT is nice for overhead and but only okay for Spey casting as the line is a bit on the light side.

My current favorite all around line is the AirFlo Sixth Sense. It utilizes the classic AirFlo Delta taper—same as their long popular Spey line—it Roll Casts like a dream and is a very nice overhead line as well. The AirFlo River & Stream is a “Ridge” line using the same taper and is excellent as well. The AirFlo 40+ is a great line for single-hand Spey casting but is on the heavy side for delicate overhead casting.

Another line that Roll Casts and overhead casts very well is the old Wulff Triangle taper. The Wulff Ambush line Roll Casts well but beware, this line is very, very heavy for its given line weight (185 gr. for a 4 wt.—a standard AFTTA 4 wt. is 120 gr.—185 gr. is a 7 wt.—yikes!). The Scientific Anglers VPT also does a great job of Roll Casting but sadly, I think they canned it from their lineup... Finally, there are some excellent short Skagit heads that are intended for single-hand and switch rods that are great for fishing with heavy sink tips. Check out the AirFlo Scout.

GENERAL ROD & LINE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ❖ If you are planning on using Spey style casts while fishing a dry fly, use your normal dry fly outfit and line—usually a 9' rod for a 4, 5 or 6 weight line. A medium-fast action rod is, to my way of thinking, ideal and matches well with lines that Roll Cast well.
- ❖ If you plan to be throwing regular fly lines with sinking leaders/tips consider using one line weight more than normal. The extra weight helps pull the sinking component from the water.
- ❖ If you want to fish with a sinking tip integrated fly lines don't bother—it doesn't work! Not enough mass in the floating back end to pull the sinking part out of the water or Roll Cast.
- ❖ Going to fish a nymph with a single fly rig use one line weight heavier. Fishing nymphs with a multiple fly rig use one line weight heavier and practice a lot before you go so you can be smooth or you will be untangling your rig all day long!
- ❖ There are several short Skagit heads designed for single-hand rods to deliver heavy sinking tips. Some are what I claim to be “stupid short” and poor performers but, the AirFlo Scout is superior to all of them with a slightly longer length and excellent casting and flight qualities. These lines are all just heads and require that a running line be attached between the head and your backing.

So I hope this gives you a good starting point as you step out and try single-hand Spey casting. Getting these techniques down will absolutely improve your casting and fishing success. Remember, the **ONLY** way you will learn these techniques is to get out and try and then practice—practice a lot!



Fly of the Month: Schroeder's Hares Ear Parachute

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

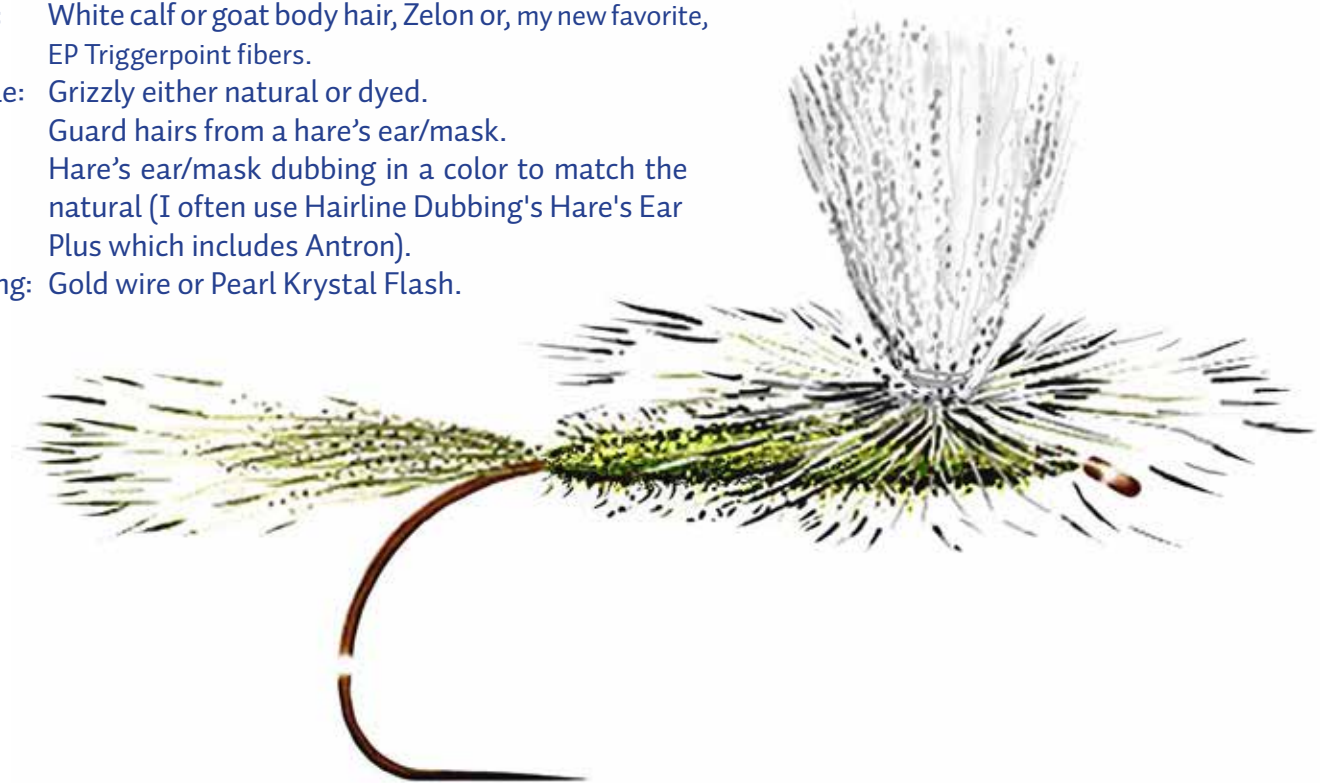
Here you are fishing a stream for the first time and you're without a clue as to what to start with. You look inside your fly box and you are met with the classic "search" patterns: Hare's ear nymph, Pheasant tail nymph, Prince nymph, Parachute Adams, Elk-hair caddis and of course, the Royal Wulff. Well here is one more that should be added to your selection: Ed Schroeder's Hare's Ear Parachute.

I first introduced this pattern to LBCC members 20 years ago in October of 1998 and it is still one of my all time favorites for those times when I want to search a stream with a dry fly. Ed Schroeder of Fresno, California came up with a winner in this fly. You've likely seen it at many of the fly shops that you frequent but how many of you have tried it? In my opinion it is one of the finest searching patterns around. I will reach for this pattern before dry fly standards like the Parachute Adams or even a Royal Wulff (sorry Mr. Sadler). The fly's success can be attributed to its buggy appearance which is a result of the hare's ear fur for the body and the tail. Additionally the fly, like other parachutes, presents gently to the water, has a low profile and realistic silhouette on the water.

The color choices are as varied as the number of naturals out there to imitate but start by trying natural/tan-brown, gray, olive and black. These four will cover the majority of the insects you want to match. My personal favorite is one with an olive body, a pearl Krystal Flash rib and a grizzly hackle dyed olive.

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE HARE'S EAR PARACHUTE:

- Hook: Standard dry fly; size #8 to #20.
- Thread: Size 6/0 in a color to match the body.
- Wing: White calf or goat body hair, Zelon or, my new favorite, EP Triggerpoint fibers.
- Hackle: Grizzly either natural or dyed.
- Tail: Guard hairs from a hare's ear/mask.
- Body: Hare's ear/mask dubbing in a color to match the natural (I often use Hairline Dubbing's Hare's Ear Plus which includes Antron).
- Ribbing: Gold wire or Pearl Krystal Flash.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE HARE'S EAR PARACHUTE:

1. Start the fly by attaching the thread near the bend of the hook, winding forward to the head-space and tie on the wing. The wing should be shortish—the length of the shank or less. Tie in the wing pointing forward, then post (stand up) the wing being sure to make a few complete turns of thread around its base. Tie in the hackle making sure that a short length (1/8") of bare stem is exposed and wind the thread back to the bend.
2. Tie in the tail which should be a mixture of the stiff guard hairs from a Hare's Mask and some basal fur. It should be the length of the shank and don't make it too thick.
3. Tie in the rib now if you are going to use one. Apply dubbing to the thread and wind it forward to a point one full turn in front of the wing. The appearance of the body should be rough and spiky to help trap air, scatter light and add to the buggy and lifelike quality of the fly. It will also help it float better. Wind the rib forward in the opposite direction to the body, dubbing to the base of the wing, and tie it off.
4. Start winding the hackle by making the first of 3 to 5 turns high and then spiraling down. The bare stem helps to make that first turn without having stray hackle fibers sticking out all over the place. Add another thin turn or two of dubbing to cover and protect the point where the hackle was tied down, form a small head and whip finish.



How Not to Fix Two Stuck-Together Fly Rod Sections

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

I have two permanently stuck-together sections of a fly rod. If I ever find out what's making them stick, I'll market it and put Gorilla glue out of business. Speaking of gorillas, maybe I'll find one to try to pull them apart. It won't work, but it'll be fun to watch.

Since I've got a little bit of space to fill in Target Talk, here's a very informative list of ways to unstick a fly rod, courtesy of the Internet, none of which work:

Get it cold. The parts will contract and loosen. This sounds very scientific. Tried wrapping the offending join in a bag of ice. Result: still stuck. Wife asking why there is no ice for her "ice" tea.

Get it warm. The parts will expand and loosen. Again, very scientific. Tried a blow dryer: nothing. Wife walks downstairs in a towel, asking where her blow dryer is.

Get the male side cold and the female side warm. The male side will contract and the female side will expand and the sections will scientifically come apart. Result: wife making a cup of coffee and towel-drying her hair. Seems irritated for some reason.

Try putting the two sections behind your knees and pulling them apart, for better leverage. Use bumpy shelf paper for stronger grip. Result: intense lower back pain. Wife seems downright angry. Maybe I shouldn't have used the same shelf paper that had been covering the shelves.

Get a friend to pull one section while you pull the other. Got my son, a Marine, very strong. Result: we both have intense lower back pain. Son seems angry.

Well, the rod is still stuck and the family isn't very happy with me, but on the bright side, my swearing has really improved. Thank you, Internet!

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Calendar of Events

January

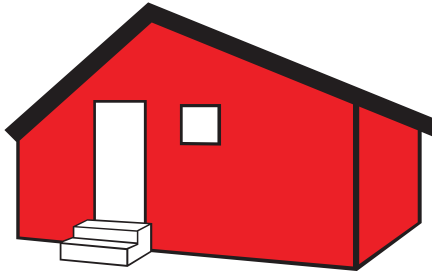
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
3-6			Lower Owens #1
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
9	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Saturday		Spey Casting Practice
13	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pond 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
31-2/3			Lower Owens #2 w/ John Lincoln

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

March

2	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #3
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
7-10			Lower Owens #3 w/ Dan Rivett
10	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
13	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
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	Directors' Handicap
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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