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# Target Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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## Leader's Line...

### Chilly Water, Cold Sulky Trout

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

During our Lower Owens River Club Trip in early January of 2019, water temperatures dipped below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the fish became very stubborn...there were very few fish caught. Cold temperatures in early January resulted in cold-blooded sluggish trout behavior. It seemed that each morning the fish just refused to eat any of my offerings and flies needed to be presented directly to the mouths of fish. How can we catch more fish? There were many fishy looking spots where making the following changes improved chances to catch stubborn trout:

- ❖ Adding or removing weighted flies.
- ❖ Adding or removing split shot lead.
- ❖ Increase or decrease leader length between strike indicator and flies.
- ❖ Shorten casts to reduce slack and set hook.

Only through trial and no-catch will you know:

- ❖ How heavy or light the flies is needed?
- ❖ How much lead to add or remove?
- ❖ How much to lengthen or shorten the leader to strike indicator?

The answers to these questions can be easily worked out, if you think about it. You just need to remember that in winter, trout hang on the bottom and other areas where food may be obtained with minimal effort.

Increase the weight on your flies and add split shot to bring the flies to the trout. The amount of weight that you will need to get the flies down to the fish is

typically affected by:

- ❖ Current speed – fast moving water will carry flies over spots holding fish.
- ❖ Stream depth and leader length – requires more lead or heavier flies to get the flies to the bottom faster.
- ❖ Thickness of leader – thicker leader moves line downstream faster than thinner leader.
- ❖ Fly sizes – unweighted large flies drift downstream faster than smaller flies.

If all else fails, go to turnout #9, then walk 100 yards upstream to a pool fed by the stream running over a cobble drop-off. Yell "Eddie sent me!" You will catch fish. I did and caught a fish, with witnesses Eddie Madrid and John Jones! Some may say I caught it because I built my rod in Eddie's LBCC Rod Building Class. Others say I was lucky...what do you think?

Best wishes to catch more BIG fish! See you at the LBCC Pond and upcoming club trips.

# Club Trips for 2019

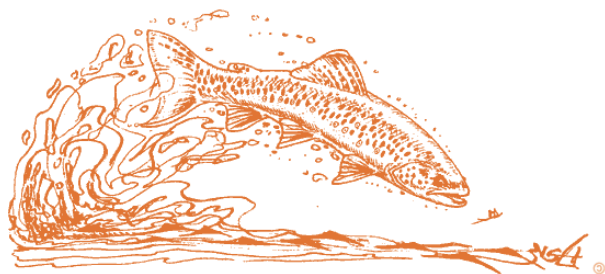
ART DAILY, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

## TRIP DATE TRIP & LEADER

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/J. Green and R. Allen. Pre-trip: June 19.
July 11–14	Brookie Bash w/ Mark Flo. Pre-trip July 6.

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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# Time to "Learn the Kern" with Guy Jeans

**TERRY KOMISAK, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

**G**uy Jeans, owner/guide/instructor, is a Certified Casting Instructor with the Fly Fishing International. He guides, lectures and teaches over 250 days a year all over the Southern Sierra, Sequoia National Forest, Golden Trout Wilderness, Domeland Wilderness and South Sierra Wilderness. He also guides and teaches "Fly Fishing in the Surf" classes along the California coastline. He is an "Elite Pro Staff" member and instructor for Redington.

In 2012, Guy received the "Lee Wulff Award" from the International Federation of Fly Fishers. He has fly fished all over the US and Canada and loves to catch all species of fish on a fly. He is also host of the critically acclaimed show and DVD series "Sierra Fly Fishing", and he writes articles about fly fishing for magazines and newspapers throughout the west. He is a contract fly designer for Solitude Fly Company and his Kern Emergers and other patterns are used and sold internationally.

Guy will be talking to the club on February 28, 2019. The topic is an overview of the Kern River, including the southern Sierra and the Kern River drainage. Lake Isabella is included in the area and allows the angler to sample carp and crappie. Brown and rainbow trout are found in both the river and lake. When the river is flowing too high for comfortable wading, in the high runoff season of early summer, Guy will give us pointers about fishing the upper creeks which gather to form the upper Kern River.

With the Kern River drainage being as large as it is, for the more adventurous angler, overnight trips may be required to get a feel of the Golden Trout Wilderness. Guy has experience in guiding pack horse trips into this area.

If you like backpacking, you may want to quiz Guy



about this aspect of the wilderness area. Come to the club meeting to learn all that Guy has to offer about the Southern Sierra and Kern River drainage.

Join us on Thursday, February 28!

**"A gentle reminder** to all current members, we are coming up to 2019-2020 membership year. Our memberships are due by the end of March. Please renew your membership by PayPal or check and fill out the membership application form so our records and Roster will be up to date.

*"Thank you for your past membership."*

## New Club Members

**WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,**  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Bob Sjogren
- ❖ Ron Gastelum

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 rods, 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:



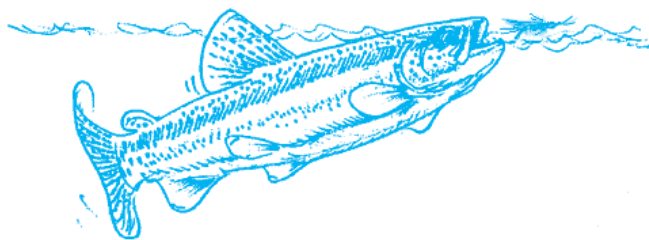
*"The Lower O is the best stream...EVER", Ernest H.*



*"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, three Joe Libeu hot spots!).
- ❖ Master nymph rig techniques (Yash)
- ❖ Soft hackle and 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.



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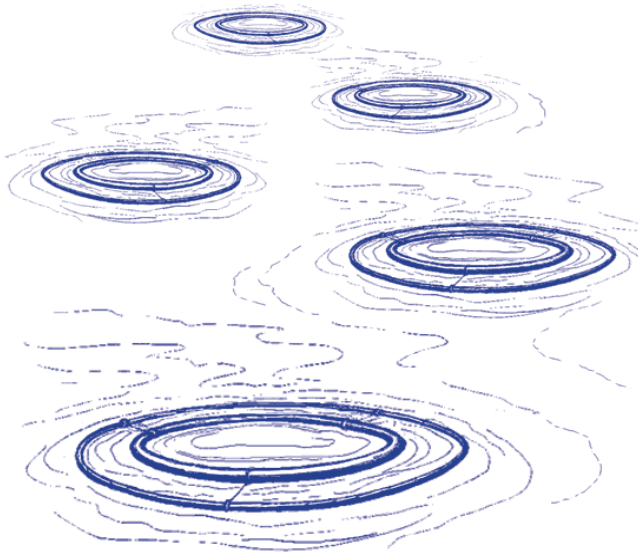
# Captain's Corner: Southwestern Tournament Looms Large

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

**W**e have two club casts scheduled for February: Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

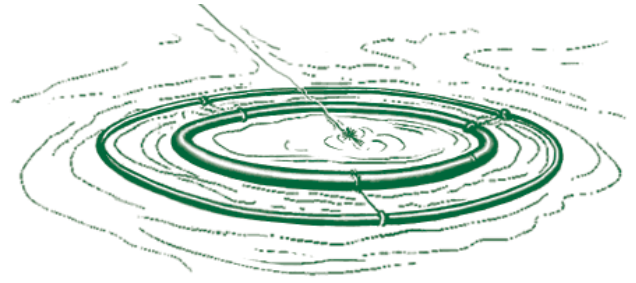
## **BROOKIE BASH IS ON!**

The Brookie Bash dates are set: we'll be going from Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> in beautiful Mammoth Lakes, California. Please email Mark Flo at [markcflo@yahoo.com](mailto:markcflo@yahoo.com) if you would like to reserve space in the condos for the three nights. The Bash is always fun.



## **LOWRANCE MARINE SONAR CLASS**

A Lowrance Marine Sonar class will be held at our Clubhouse on Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. Zach Meredith, a representative from Lowrance, will be there to discuss the best way to utilize their sonar to catch more fish. All our kayak fisherman would especially benefit by attending, but the entire club is invited. Among the topics covered will be basic to advanced Sonar, GPS and Structure Scan.



## **SOUTHWESTERN TOURNAMENT IS COMING!**

The Southwestern Tournament hosted by the LBCC will be February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a volunteer meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse. The Club needs volunteers to help with the following:

- ❖ Set-up 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM Saturday and Sunday.
- ❖ Judges all day Saturday and Sunday.
- ❖ Scorekeepers all day Saturday and Sunday.
- ❖ Equipment check 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Saturday and Sunday.
- ❖ Set-up and clean-up for lunch 11:00 am to 1:30 PM on Saturday and Sunday.
- ❖ Saturday Banquet set-up 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.
- ❖ Saturday Banquet serve and clean-up 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- ❖ Sunday clean-up after the Awards Ceremony approximately 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

The Casting Club appreciates all the volunteers who are needed to make the Southwestern Tournament run smoothly. Anyone interested in helping with the above tasks, please sign-up in the Clubhouse or contact Mark Flo (562) 743-7434 or email [markcflo@yahoo.com](mailto:markcflo@yahoo.com).



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**DATES:** June 23–28, 2019. Arrive Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, drift 4 full days June 24–27, depart June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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**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 SECURE YOUR SPOT:** Your 50 % deposit is due no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Make your check payable to “The Long Beach Casting Club” and send to the Club’s PO Box 90035. Your final deposit will be due by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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**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.

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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.”*

## Lower Owens A Success!

DAN RIVETT, PAST PRESIDENT

**O**n the weekend of January 5-6 the Long Beach Casting Club had our first of three Bishop trips. The weather was cool but not unbearable and included a dusting of snow to greet us on Sunday morning. In all we had 33 anglers join in and all that wet a line caught fish.

The catching was not wide open on the Lower Owens but the fishing was wonderful. Standing in the river with Mount Tom as a backdrop makes your cares and worries melt away. The flow was a very wadeable 88 cfs and the hatch was light with midges starting their appearance around 10:00 am followed by a smattering of mayflies between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm, depending on what stretch of the river you were in.

The group hit the usual eateries: Amigos, Yamatani's and finishing up at the Pizza Factory on Saturday night. As usual the group gathered after dinner at Creekside for fish talk, adult beverages and some putting golf balls around the group and under their chairs.

If you missed this outing we will be in Bishop again the weekends of February 2-3 and March 9-10. Please come out for some one-on-one time on the river and take advantage of getting to know other members better. Tight Lines...



NICK GALVAN SCORES A NICE RAINBOW



## "Vise Squad" Reconvenes for 2019 Fly Tying Forum

EDDIE MADRID, FLY TYING CO-CHAIR

**O**ur first session of the year was well attended and quality soft hackle flies with biot bodies were tied.

I have many requests for flies that can be fished on the Lower Owens. With that in mind, here is a list of flies that we will be addressing in the weeks to come.

- ❖ Green Rock Worm (Nymph)
- ❖ Cased Caddis (Nymph)
- ❖ Pheasant Tail Nymph
- ❖ Coby Killer (Soft Hackle)
- ❖ Blue Wing Olive (Dry)
- ❖ Elk Hair Caddis (Dry)
- ❖ Walt's Worm ( ? )
- ❖ Griffin Gnat (Dry)
- ❖ Midge

Let's start with the Green Rock Worm. You'll find several variations on YouTube; check them out.

### SIMPLE GREEN ROCK WORM

- Hook: Scud Style Size: 14-16 (Dai-Riki #125 or equivalent)
- Thread: Black, Brown or Olive Size: 8/0 or 70 denier
- Body: Olive or Tan Dubbing (I like Australian Possum) or dubbing of your liking
- Head/Legs: Black or Brown dubbing

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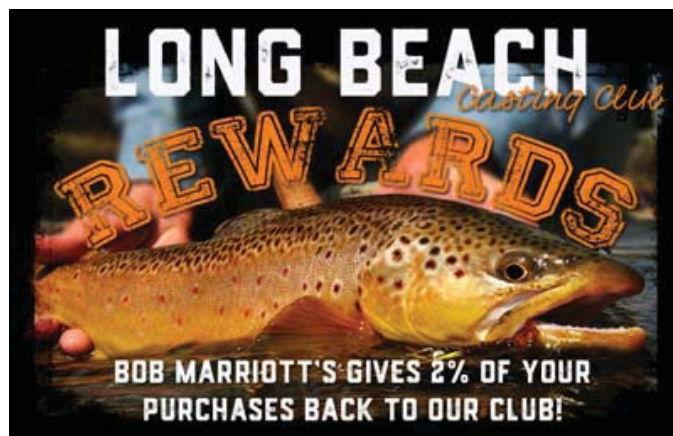


**Vise Squad...**Continued from page 7

### BEAD HEAD GREEN ROCK WORM

Hook: Scud Style Size: 14–16 (Dai-Riki #125 or equivalent)  
 Bead: Size: to match hook size  
 Wire: Lead wire/non-lead wire .015 Optional  
 Thread: Black, Brown or Olive Size: 8/0 or 70 denier  
 Rib: Small green wire (you can also use copper/black wire or 3x or 4x Tippet)  
 Body: Olive or tan Dubbing (I like Australian Possum) or dubbing of your liking  
 Head: Bead  
 Legs: Peacock Herl or Black or Brown dubbing

Thanks very much to all the dedicated fly tiers who attend these informative sessions. I hope to continue to see you at the Forum on Wednesdays.



**In appreciation for the many years of support**, Bob Marriott's is pleased to give 2% of all Long Beach Casting Club member purchases back to the club. This store credit can be used by the club for raffle prizes or toward other product purchases that will help enhance and benefit club activities. When purchasing from Bob Marriott's, please be sure to mention that you are a LBCC member to help ensure a percentage of your sale will go back to the club.



### **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.**



# California Waterfowl Association

## Owens River Annual Clean Up

### Bishop, California

### Saturday, February 9, 2019



**Meet @ 8:00 AM 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 8:00 AM.**  
**Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12:00 PM**  
**@ Pleasant Valley Campground @ the dumpster.**  
**There is a free raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away!**

#### **2019 Sponsors include:**

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**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.**

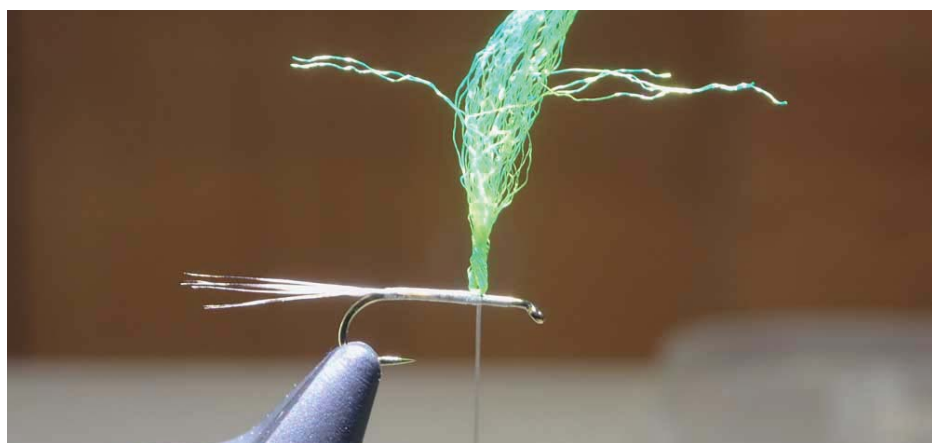
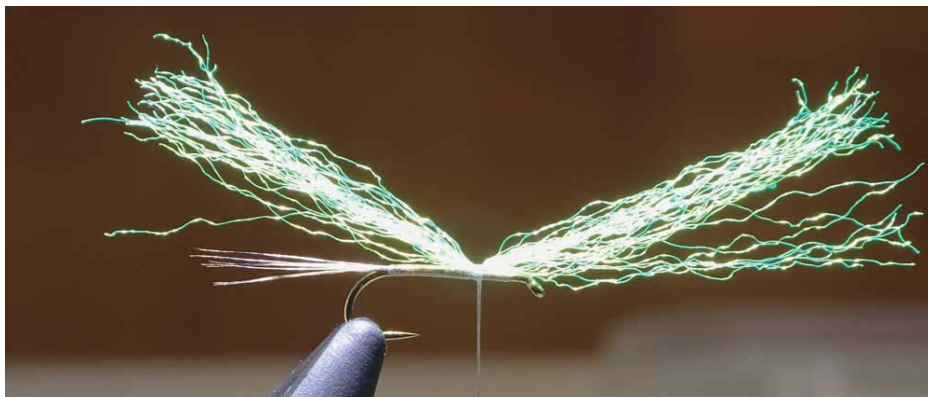
# Fly Tying Tip of the Month: Parachutes for Small Flies

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

**H**ow many of us try wrapping thread up and down a parachute post to form the base and have the thread unwrap on us if we pull too hard? What about trying to tie off the hackle after its wrapped? I have, and it can be aggravating. Well here's a good solution to the problem...

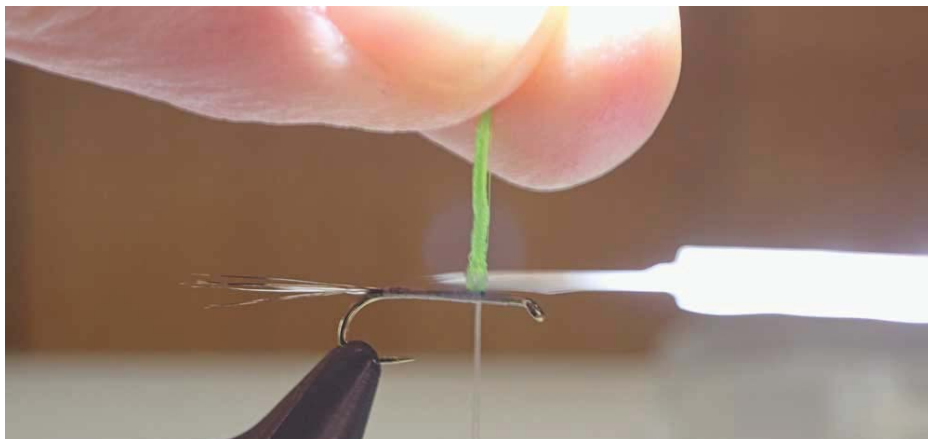
On small parachute flies (#18 and smaller), Tim Flagler uses UV curing resin to set the post and finish off the hackle wraps. I have modified his technique a bit and find it much easier and faster than using thread on the post and to tie off the hackle.

1. I use a thin amount of posting material, here EP Trigger Point Fibers, bound to the hook with a few (three tops) wraps of thread (Photo #1).



2. Then twist the post and apply a single drop of thin UV resin (Photo #2). I used Solarez Bone Dry as it has a very thin brush, but a drop of any thin resin at the end of a bodkin will also work. Just be careful as too much will wick up the post too far, making the entire wing rigid and something that a fish might likely spit out.

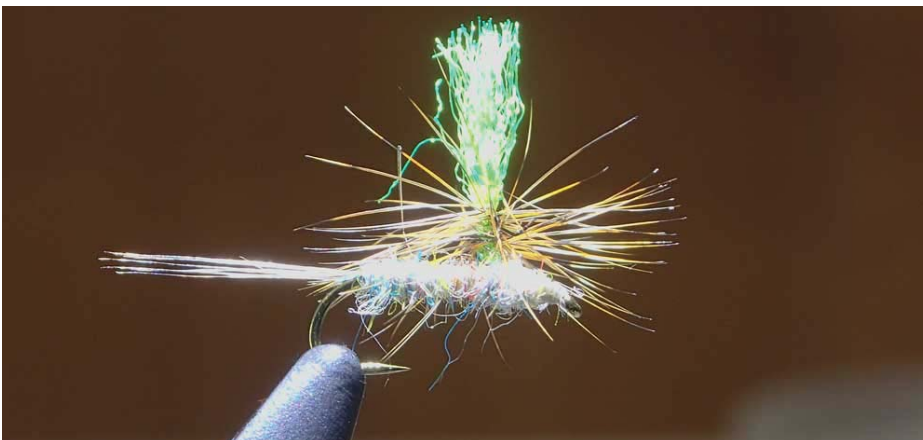
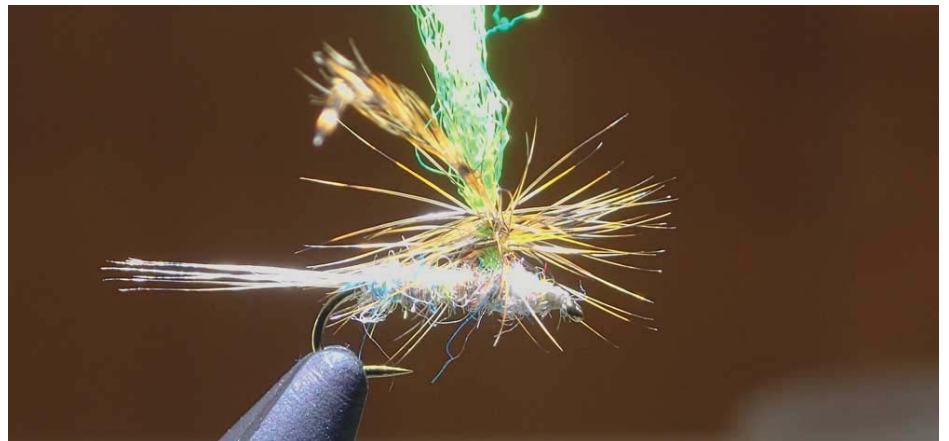
3. While still holding the twisted post hit with the UV light (Photo #3).





4. Once you have your tail, abdomen, thorax completed and hackle tied in, form a neat head and whip finish your thread (Photo#4).

5. To wrap the hackle, again use a single drop of UV resin on the stiffened section of the post, then wrap your hackle up the post through the resin. As you hold your hackle in the wet resin, again hit it with the UV light (Photo #5).



6. Trim your hackle and you are done (Photo#6)! All without the pain of horizontal thread wraps, tying down your hackle and trying to whip finish behind the eye or on the post.

**POINTS TO CONSIDER:** the most important thing about this method is the amount of UV resin you use. It cannot be stressed enough that a light, single drop

of resin will do the job. Any more and it will quickly bleed up the twisted wing, making the entire post solid. While Solarez Bone Dry has a thin brush, you will need to drain or scrape off the excess resin that is above the brush where it is attached to the cap or it will run down towards the tip. **Also**, if you have a resin without a brush, put a drop on a Post-It Note and use your bodkin to apply a small drop from the Post-It Note to the post. Easier single handed when you are holding the parachute post with the other hand. Just don't leave the Post-It Note in sunlight or flash it with your UV light!

**Finally**, using too many wraps when tying in the wing will increase its size at the base, and cause it to taper from base to top like a wine bottle. This means the first turn of hackle won't be flush with the thorax and the hackle barb, and the base of the wing will be exposed. The fish won't care but another more critical tier might!!!

## Fly of the Month: Hot Creek Micro Caddis

A couple of years ago I was going to go up to Mammoth Veteran's Day weekend with my daughter, Nicole, and decided to take a look in my fly boxes. I had discussed fly selection with my local expert, Jim Solomon, based on his trip two weeks prior and, man, I was woefully low on the style of caddis that had been hatching for him plus the BWOs that were just starting to make their appearance. It was time to hit the vise and crank out some Hot Creek Micro Caddis...

Many of you who have fished Hot Creek are well aware of the Gray Sedge (caddis) that hatch there all year long. As the season progresses, the caddis seem to shrink in size, all the while increasing our frustration. The caddis that were working two weeks before my expected trip were size #22 and #24. Now, I really don't want to spend a lot of time trying to tie some fancy or difficult pattern for something this small, when there is a pattern that is very simple to tie and effective to fish.

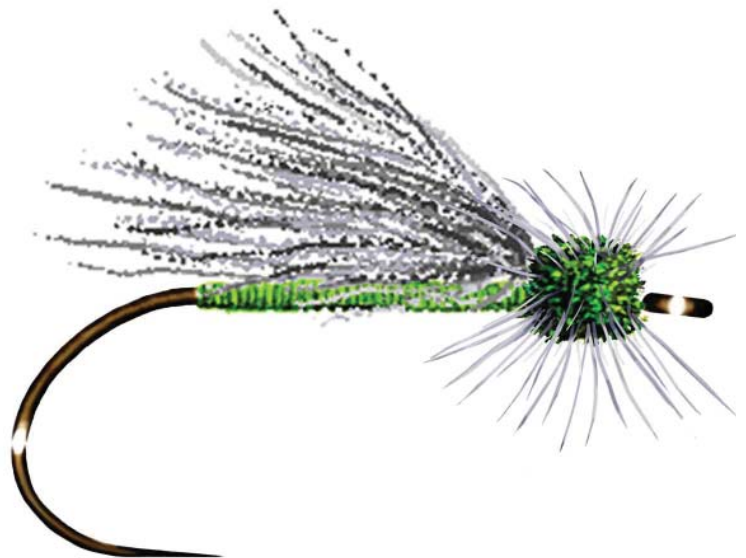
The Hot Creek Micro Caddis is a simple thread body, CDC down wing, peacock herl thorax and one or two turns of dun hackle. Jeez, how easy can you get—okay you can; don't use a hackle and it will still work. The beauty of this pattern is that I wouldn't hesitate to use it during a midge hatch or for emerging Blue-Wing Olives. If you're tying this pattern and want to meet all of these three circumstances then take the extra 30 seconds and use the hackle; it really seems to help during the BWO hatches...

Oh, so you want a fly to use someplace other than Hot Creek? Heck, I have used this fly fishing scum suckers and midge hatches on the Green, micro caddis and late season Pale Morning Duns (size #18 & #20) on the Henry's Fork, Callibaetis emergers (size #18) on Lake Hebgen and bank feeding cutthroats on Slough Creek (size #20 & #22), the Lamar (size #18 & #20) and Soda Butte Creek in Yellowstone.

Believe me, this fly works.

### MATERIALS FOR TYING THE HOT CREEK MICRO CADDIS:

- Hook: Tiemco #101 (ring eye) in sizes #18–26 (Partridge Vince Marinaro Midge hooks in sizes #20–24 are an excellent choice as well)
- Thread: Uni-Thread 8/0 in bright green or chartreuse
- Body: Your tying thread
- Wing: Natural dark dun CDC feathers tied downwing style
- Thorax: Peacock herl
- Hackle: Natural or dyed grizzly medium dun trimmed top and bottom
- Optional: 3–6 strands of pale olive Zelon tail for mayfly emergers





## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE HOT CREEK MICRO CADDIS:

- 1 Attach the thread to the hook and wind down to the end of the shank, and then back again to the beginning of the thorax. The thorax should be about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the shank length. Since the thread is your body material, you should take care and wind smoothly, minimizing gaps and overlaps to create a smooth body. If you want to tie this specifically as a mayfly emerger like a Blue-Wing Olive, add about 4 to 6 strands of pale olive Zelon as a tail. This will imitate the mayfly's shuck.
- 2 Select a CDC feather to use for the wing and, using the loose loop technique, tie it in so the wing lies flat over the body, extending to or just slightly beyond the end of the body. When fishing this as an emerger, you can shorten the wing slightly to make it look more like a wing that has not fully expanded, and is therefore an insect not ready to fly away.
- 3 Select a dun-colored hackle from the very base of a neck that matches the size of the hook, and tie it in with the dull side pointing forward, towards the eye. Select a nice but fairly short fibered strand of peacock herl from the bottom of the "stick" and tie it in with the dull side (the quill side) going forward. Wind the peacock herl forward to the headspace and tie it off. This should be about four to eight turns, depending on the size of the fly and the density of the herl.
- 4 Wind the hackle forward about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  turns, depending on the size of the fly. The hackle is not really for flotation but simulates legs and just adds to the bugginess of the pattern, so keep it simple and don't overdo it. Whip-finish a very, very small head and hit it with a coat of head cement. With flies this size the last thing you want to do is leave the eye glogged with cement. So, take a moment and grab something skinny, like an old hackle tip, and pass it through the eye to clear it out.

Now, go have some fun fishin'...



### NOTES:

Since I first wrote this, there have been a lot of changes in the fly tying world of materials. Many of the new items now available have made tying even quicker and easier and patterns, frankly, better.

Of these new products, the one I have most embraced is Hareline Dubbing's Ice Dubbing. This product alone or mixed with other dubbing materials is great and creates color and flash that I believe really attracts fish to your fly. For the Hot Creek Micro Caddis, using the Peacock-colored Ice Dubbing for the thorax instead of peacock herl will add a bit more flash to your fly. It will also make it more durable and easier to tie (unless you struggle with dubbing!).

Another product that I have found very useful is Enrico Puglisi's (EP) Trigger Point Fibers. This fine-textured synthetic material is also waterproofed and that means less care needed when fishing as opposed to CDC that won't perform well with just any floatant.

If you read these Fly of the Month articles you will have noticed that many patterns that I have been pushing have been ribbed. Using an extra small wire ribbing in a contrasting color to the body makes the fly look more realistic with minimal weight added. For darker bodied flies I routinely reach for Ultra Wire's Chartreuse and on lighter flies consider using the olive.

One final thought... When considering hackle purchases, I would suggest buying a neck—especially a Whiting neck. No, I don't get a kickback from them but even their poorest grade rooster necks have an astounding range of high quality hackles. You cannot get that buying a saddle that will only get you one or two sizes of flies that you can tie. I have a lot of older Hoffman necks and even those were amazing for their time and they still offer a lot of tiny hackles that can be used for small flies like this month's pattern.

Happy tying!

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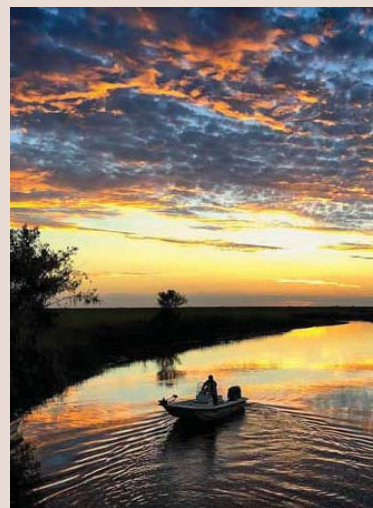


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# Calendar of Events

## February

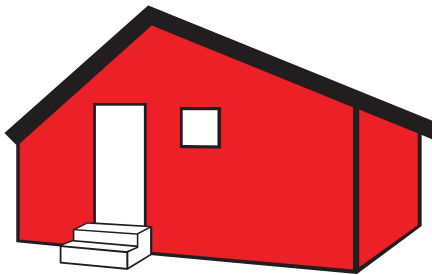
1/31–2/3	Weekend		Lower Owens #2 w/ John Lincoln
2	Saturday	9:00 am	Fly Buy
3	Sunday	9:00 am	Club Cast
4	Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Beginning Fly Tying
6	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum
12	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Beginning Fly Tying
13	Wednesday	9:00 am	Conservation Team at 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
21	Thursday	7:00 pm	Lowrance Marine Sonar/Fish Finder Class w/ Zach Meredith
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: Guy Jeans

## 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
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		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: Frank Duarte

## April

1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
10	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Saturday		Kelsey Bass Ranch w/ Mick Woodbury
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Green River #1 and #2
		7:00 PM	Awards & Installation Dinner
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28–5/3	Week		Green River #1 w/ Yash Iseda



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