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Leader's Line...

Simplified Fishing Regulations?

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

California Department of Fish and Wildlife proposed regulations impact favorite fishing streams frequented by Long Beach Casting Club members, plus many more bodies of water throughout the state. Regulation changes are being called “simplifications”; however, anglers are still required to “know the regulations” before entering the waters. Before May 3, send comments to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Trout-Plan/Regulation-Simplification/comments>

- ❖ State-Wide Regulations – comments on the overall changes to state-wide regulations.
- ❖ Waters With Special Regulations – comments on Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Gear Restrictions.
- ❖ Recommendations to add creeks, streams, rivers or lakes to the list of waters with Special Regulations in Section 7.50.

Or, you can send your comments via US Mail by using the comment form on Pages 8-9 of this month's Target Talk.

Any changes need to improve the anglers' experience and environmental quality, such as habitat in the water and along the water. Regulation change needs to be justified by scientific data. In this case, the State has not provided any science to substantiate the changes. If science is not used to support regulation changes, then changes to “simplify” regulations are arbitrary and capricious.

The three primary categories of changes are:

- ❖ Fishing seasons
- ❖ Gear restrictions
- ❖ Bag limits

FISHING SEASONS: The state is proposing to reduce the number of different “seasons” listed in the regulations from 300 seasons to six seasons. Changes to the seasons waters are open to fishing are claimed to be “simplified” by changing dates the rivers, streams or creeks are to be open. For example, many of the lakes, rivers and streams in the Eastern Sierras that currently open on the “third Saturday of April” are proposed to open the Saturday preceding Memorial Day. Anglers still need to know the dates the waters open by checking specific regulations for the water. These regulation proposals have not been justified by scientific proof that relates to the geologic, topographic or climatic differences that create the

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Club Trips for 2019

ART DAILY, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE TRIP & LEADER

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 2	On the Bay Trip w/ Mark Flo and Kevin Green. Pre-Trip: May 23, 7:00 PM.
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 June 20, 7:00 PM.
July 12	Sierra Tenkara Trip w/ C. O'Dell, Pre-Trip: June 20, 7:00 PM.
August 3	Yards and Inches w/ M. Woodbury, Pre-Trip: July 24, 7:00 PM.
August 13	Tenkara Fishing w/ A. Strauss Laguna Lakes, Fullerton, No Pre-Trip.
Aug. 20–24	Golden Trout Wilderness, Backpacking w/J. Garvey, Pre-Trip August 14 7:00 PM.
Sept. 18–22	20 Lakes Basin, Backpacking w/J. Garvey, Pre-Trip Sept. 11, 7:00 PM.
Sept. 23–26	Mono Hot Springs w/T. Komisak, Pre-Trip: Sept. 18, 7:00 PM.

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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Time to Czech your Rig... A European Nymphing Tour with Devin Olsen

TERRY KOMISAK, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Did you ever hear of Czech or Polish or European style nymphing and wonder what this style is all about? The European style was developed and then used because it let the angler take more fish than most other methods. At one time, it was a very effective way to put more dinner on the table. In modern day competition, using this method also produces many fish. Since most fish are taken underwater, it makes sense to know this effective method. Devin Olsen, our May 30 speaker, will help all of us understand euro nymphing.

While fly fishermen and women like to tout that fly fishing is much more than just about catching fish (and it is), I doubt there are many of us who wouldn't like to fill the net with a few more fish each day. Devin Olsen has lived in the world of competitive fly fishing for over ten years, where catching one more fish is often the difference between a medal and a finish in the middle of the pack.

Even if you don't compete, one more fish may be just the way to cap off your day. We often have a hard time leaving without just one more...And you never know, that one last fish might be the one whose memory and photo hangs on your wall for a lifetime.

The Tactical Flyfisher Guide Service is geared to help you catch *that* fish and make *that* memory. They can make the claim by using their hard earned knowledge of domestic and foreign competition-inspired fly fishing and tying tactics, and supplying you with the gear needed to master those skills.

Devin's bio is as follows:

"I started fly fishing at age 9. I will never forget my first day



where I caught a cutthroat on an ant in the first meadow of the famed Slough Creek in Yellowstone on a hand me down fiberglass 7 weight! Though I'd been fishing with hardware since I was a toddler, that day started an addiction to fly fishing that I can't seem to shake.

"When I fished against Lance Egan and Ryan Barnes in the former Outdoor Life Network's Fly Fishing Master's in 2004, I knew I had to find a way to compete in the sport I loved. It was serendipitous that I worked with both these anglers a year later after they had made Fly Fishing Team USA. I fished in my first regional and made the team myself in 2006.

"The year 2017 marked my 9th consecutive berth as an angler for Fly Fishing Team USA in the 37th Fips Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships in Slovakia. In 2015 I was incredibly fortunate to finish with the individual bronze medal and even more fortunate to have been a part of the squad that won the first team medal (a silver) for the USA at the world fly fishing championship in Bosnia. In 2016 we followed that feat with a team bronze in Vail, Colorado. Fly fishing competitions have exposed me to tactics and techniques from incredible teammates and fellow fly anglers from across the globe.

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

Come join us Thursday, May 30!

The 'bows in Snow Played Gamely on the "O"

YASH ISEDA, PAST PRESIDENT

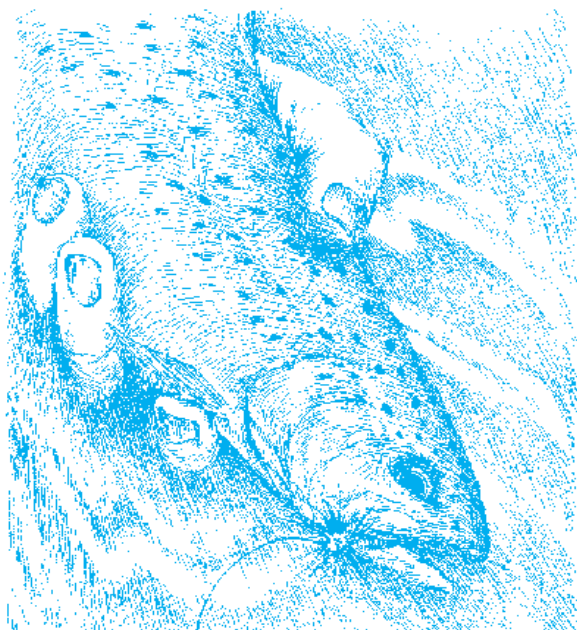
Something new to think about on the March trip to the Owens: snowshoeing to Hot Creek, fishing the Gorge or snowmobiling to the Upper Owens for Snow Bows. Weather was expected to be cold and snowy so alternative ideas for fishing were explored.

Thanks to John Bosowski, Dan and I decided to try snowmobiling with a guide from Sierra Drifters. The



weather was freezing with wind on Friday which made it impossible to cast. Our guide decided to return for a half day on Saturday. The weather was much improved and a beautiful day with no wind.

Dan and I each caught one Snow Bow but missed many, probably due to a difference of setting the hook. John did better by catching two beautiful fish. Tony Smith and Dave Simcox also got a guide and made the same trip. Dave caught six big bows and Tony caught seven, one of



which was a 15" Brown.

When you hire the guide for this trip, he explains that you will be in a sled that he pulls with the snowmobile. Our guide met us at Benton Crossing and took us up about a mile or two to the Upper Owens. From there we fished with the guide's set up. It was a very interesting experience that I would recommend to those who want an adventure. I will be planning another guide trip with a snowmobile next March.

Even though the weather was cold, thirty members made the trip in March. As usual, we had enjoyable dinners together and met every evening at the Creekside lounge. Hope you will join us next season. Don't let the weather deter you from coming on a great trip and trying some new options!



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need for changing dates to open waters for fishing.

GEAR RESTRICTIONS: Changes to gear restrictions are purported to be “simplified” by removing references to single flies and allowing multiple barbless, including treble barbless hooks. Anglers still need to know whether barbless hooks are allowed in the waters. This change was justified by claims from Department of Fish and Wildlife staff that the fish mortality rate is not significantly higher in fish caught with barbless treble hooks than single barbless hooks.

BAG LIMITS: Changes to bag limit restrictions are claimed to be simplified by keeping bag limits as a standard of zero, 2 or 5 fish bag limit. Some areas the number of fish allowed to be taken will increase, check the fishing regulations for specifics. Do not assume your favorite water has the same limits as before these proposed changes. The Department of Fish and Wildlife staff indicated that bag limits are established based on the amount of fishing pressure and the ability for the body of water to support removal of fish. Be sure to fill out the Angler's Survey where you fish to provide feedback to the state and help to modify these regulations for keeping fish.

Hope all think about the regulations changes and send your comments to the state using the link above. When these new regulations take effect, be sure to read and follow the new regulations. See you at the Long Beach Casting Pond!



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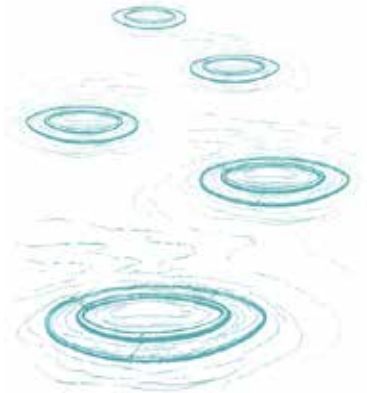
MARK FLO,
CO-CAPTAIN

Director's Handicap winner for 2019 is Colin Kumabe.

Congratulations Colin!

Our Summer casting begins Tuesday May 14 at 7 PM. Come on out and improve your accuracy casting with us. If you want tight loops, you have to shoot at hoops!

The American Casting Association Nationals are coming to Southern California! Watch the best in the U.S. July 31st to August 4th. See flyer on Page 10.



New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Jonathan T. Davis
- ❖ Edward Alvarado
- ❖ Charles Robinson
- ❖ Don Ford
- ❖ Gerald Berman
- ❖ Larry Massa
- ❖ Mark & Catherine Angelo
- ❖ Lisa Corso
- ❖ Kevin Theberge
- ❖ June Park

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.

Fish the “Grey Reef” Section of the North Platte River

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

INCLUDES: 5 nights lodging, all meals, 4 full days of drifting the North Platte and area waters.

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 1st, 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 15th, 2019.

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 (approximately 4 hours) 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.”

Brookie Bash: 21st Year!!!

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

The 21st (as far as I can figure out) Annual Brookie Bash will be held Saturday, July 13th in Little Lakes Valley. The Pre-Trip meeting will be Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Remember the immortal words of Jeffrey Sadler:

"Rookies and Brookies are made for each other!"



Brookie Bash Condo #1 is full! To reserve another condo, we need a minimum of six people. Please contact me to reserve a spot. Call Mark Flo at 562-743-7434 or email Markcflo@yahoo.com for reservation, and the \$100.00 deposit is due to me before May 30.

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.



Comment Sheet for New Fishing Regulations (See Leader's Line)

Statewide Regulation

Fishing districts **for trout waters only** will be replaced by a statewide trout angling regulation. Waters that are not located in the proposed table of regulations, or stated as "move to 7.0 statewide reg;", will have the following regulation:

Open year-round, 5 trout bag, 10 trout possession limit, no gear restrictions.

Comment (optional):

Additional Waters to be Added to Section 7.50

If you would like to see a water **added** to the table of waters with special fishing regulations (section 7.50), please provide below (optional).

Water name (County):

Section Description:

Desired Season, Bag, and Gear Regulation:

Describe the Need for a Special Regulation on this Water:

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Section Description:

Desired Season, Bag, and Gear Regulation:

Describe the Need for a Special Regulation on this Water:

Want to fill this out later? Provide comments at:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Trout-Plan/Regulation-Simplification/comments>

Exceptions to Statewide Trout Angling Regulation

Please refer to the table of proposed regulations for waters with special fishing regulations (section 7.50). If you would like to see a different regulation than what is proposed, or have insights on the fishery that may aid regulation package development, please comment below (optional):

Water name, county, and section OR number from table:

Comment:

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Comment:

We will not be providing an official public response to each individual comment provided here. All stakeholder input will be taken into consideration as a regulation revision package is developed for formal public review through the California Fish and Game Commission.

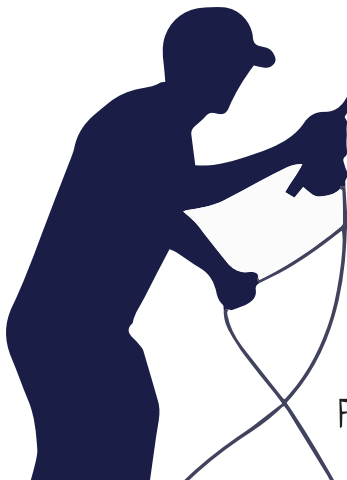
If you prefer to mail this form, send to:

**Regulation Revision
CDFW, Fisheries
Branch 830 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811**



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A Quick Update About the Green River

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

I just got home from my annual trip to the Green River. While I'll relay more news about flies and fishing in next month's edition (like I have the past few years), I thought a bit of information now might be appreciated by those heading up there shortly.

This year I went up about three weeks earlier than normal as the East Idaho Fly Expo I tie at was moved up. The Mountain West has been enduring a later than normal winter and I was met with cold temps and snow through much of the trip. How about starting the 'A' Section in 22° temps and spending most of the morning de-icing rod guides...

Fishing was good—maybe not as good as previous years. The low flow of the river (800 cfs) has really relocated the fish and made conditions tougher. You may think that such a low flow is great so you can wade across—not so much! Sure you can wade and get to "maybe" some better dry fly spots but you won't be alone there and nymph fishing won't be any better on the other side of the river than one you are normally on. The low flows were also tough on the guides and finding fish—they do swim and they do move!

Fortunately the flow has gone up to 950 cfs which should help out and yes, even flows at about 1200 cfs offers much better fishing than when I was there!



Beginning Spey Casting Classes to Start!

MIKE IVY, CO-CAPTAIN

To assist those wishing to either develop or enhance their Spey casting skills, the LBCC is sponsoring Beginner's Spey Casting classes on the club pond. These sessions are cost free and open to both club members and the public wanting to learn more about this form of casting.

WHAT: Develop your basic spey casting skills through an exposure to different spey casting approaches. Consists of 4 sessions.

WHERE: Long Beach Casting Club Pond

WHEN: The dates and times of each session are listed below:

- ❖ Session 1 - Saturday, **May 11** from 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
- ❖ Session 1 - Saturday, **May 25** from 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
- ❖ Session 1 - Saturday, **June 8** from 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
- ❖ Session 1 - Saturday, **June 22** from 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

WHY: To provide an introduction to the art of spey casting. These skills will enhance your steelhead and salmon fishing experiences.

COST: Free, no charge for these sessions.

QUESTIONS: Contact Mike Ivy (archie.ivyinc@verizon.net).

How to Carry a Rigged-up 13-foot Spey Rod through Heavy Brush without Swearing

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

As we're about to kick off a new session of beginning Spey casting classes, the time seems right for a quick tutorial on how to get through streamside bushes with one of these Godzilla-sized rods in tow. Those of you who have fished with me before will have trouble believing that I can do *anything* flyfishing-related without swearing. Be that as it may, I will share the below method of carrying a Spey rod through heavy brush. Let it serve as an illustration that such a thing is possible for the average Spey rod-toting angler. Whether it's possible for *me* is another matter entirely.

I can't take any credit for coming up with this method. It was taught to me by the folks at Lost Coast Outfitters (based in San Francisco), to whom I'm eternally indebted. I spent a wonderful and productive steelhead trip on the Klamath with these guys (see the January 2018 issue of Target Talk for the whole story), and they are top-notch. Along with a big smile, I came away from that trip with this very good tip for carrying my Spey rod around in the bushes.

Let's face it, it's tough to carry 13 feet of fly rod in heavy brush. You're walking a "trail" consisting of a set of muddy footprints left by your buddy, and being slapped in the face by willow saplings or cattails. You hold the Spey rod up to keep it out of the branches, and the line gets caught in a twig. Then you try carrying it behind you and you're fine until you have to make a turn. You feel a funny resistance as you walk, and turn around to find that your fly is stuck to a willow, and one hundred twenty five feet of fly line has come off your reel. Then you try carrying it in front of you, and hit your buddy in a part of his anatomy that, for the sake of propriety, we won't mention.

You came out here to have fun, but now you're just plain irritated. You don't want to break the rod down, because then you'll just have to rig it back up. On the other hand, your fishing buddy, whom you've just "goosed" with your rod tip, is looking back at you and wondering if he knows you as well as he thought he did. What will you do? What *will* you do?

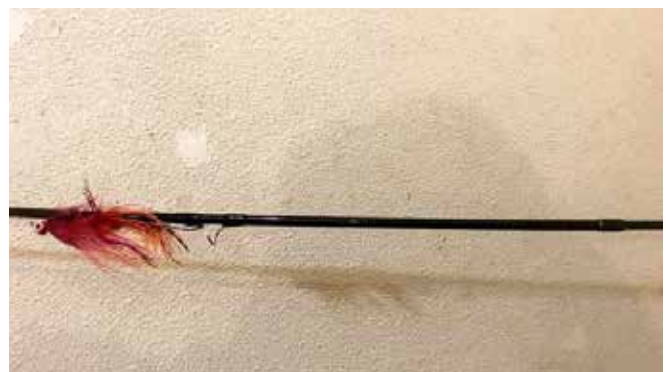
Fortunately (or this wouldn't be much of an article), there's a solution. You can break your rod apart without taking the fly off or disturbing even one of the 326 knots you tied to get rigged up. It may take you a couple of tries before you get this method down, so I advise you to learn it and practice it. That way, when you need it, it will be fairly easy.

For those of you with good Internet access, there's a YouTube video from the guys at Lost Coast Outfitters with a great description of this method:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgBmK_EqXCw

For the rest of you, here's a rundown of how to break your Spey rod down without snipping a single item off your rig. Let's assume that you've got a four-piece rod.

- 1) **FIRST, WITH YOUR ROD RIGGED UP** and some line out, grab the fly in your left hand (left handers, use your right hand).
- 2) **GO OUT TO THE END OF THE ROD** and capture the fly in the first rod guide, or "eye", in the last segment of the rod (the tip). Reel in line until there is no slack left. Your line should look like the picture, with the fly captured in the first eye of the rod tip.



3) **SEPARATE THE SECOND SEGMENT OF** the rod from the first segment (the one with the reel), pulling a couple of inches of line from the reel in the process. Hold the two segments together, being careful not to pinch down any of the line, which needs to remain free.



4) **SEPARATE THE THIRD SEGMENT OF** the rod from the second segment. Hold the three segments together, again being careful not to pinch down any of the line, which needs to remain free.



5) **SEPARATE THE FOURTH AND FINAL** segment (the rod tip) from the third segment. Hold all four segments



together and for cryin' out loud, don't pinch down any of the line.

6) **NOW COMES THE COOL PART**, which holds the whole thing together. Strip about six inches of line from the reel. Then, pull some line from the first eye of the second segment (the first segment after the one that holds the reel), and wrap that line around all four segments. Note that the setup in the picture has a ten foot sink tip and a three or four foot leader, so all the fly line is still on the reel, and what you're wrapping around the four segments is the sink tip.



7) **LAST, REEL IN THE SLACK** and hold the whole affair together by gripping all four segments near the top of the cork handle (where your top hand would be, if you were casting).



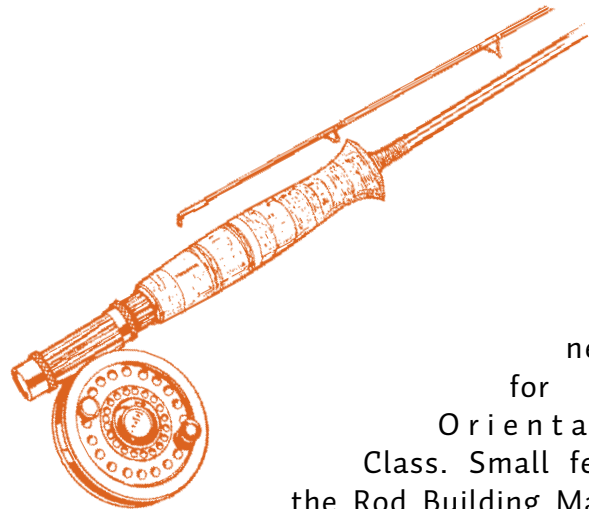
Note that the segments are only wrapped together at the reel, so they will tend to splay apart at the front unless you grip them firmly at the handle. Congratulations! You are now free to move about the willow thicket.

Coming to a Clubhouse Near You! Don't Forget About the Rod Building Class Starting May 14 at 7:00 PM

EDDIE MADRID, ROD BUILDING CHAIR

Learn the steps needed to build your own fly rod. This class covers the basics of component selection and techniques needed to make your own rod. While instruction focuses on fly rods, the techniques covered are applicable to regular fresh and saltwater rods too.

In addition to instruction, class participants have access to specialized building tools to help build that special heirloom rod. No tools are



needed for the Orientation Class. Small fee for the Rod Building Manual. Class is free and open to all. The Orientation Class is Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM. There is no class May 21. Rod-building begins on Tuesday May 28 and runs for a total of five weeks of instruction (class meets each Tuesday at 7:00 PM, ends on June 25, 2019).

For questions, contact Eddie Madrid (562-537-9618 or netboy3@verizon.net)



Spring is upon us here in the Eastern Sierra!!!

We are looking at a fantastic fishing season approaching us with the huge amounts of snowfall.

It's going to be a five-star fishing season!

**Give me a call if you'd like to book a trip for this fishing season. Chris Leonard - 818.288.3271
I offer half-day and full-day trips. Moving waters and Crowley Lake.**



Fly Tying Tip: Cut Material To Length

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

At times trying to cut material to the proper length on the hook after doing your initial thread wraps is difficult and messy. Better yet is to cut it to length before you bind it down to the hook.

One of the best examples is doing the wing on a Western Coachman. If done properly, there is virtually no head room in front of the hackle (**PHOTO-1**).

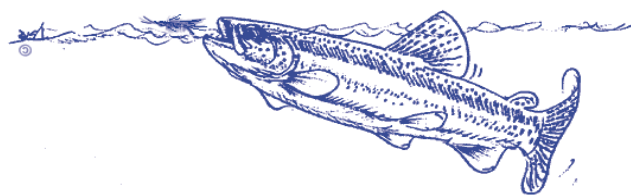


Trying to bind down an uncut wing (**PHOTO-2**) produces a flared section that will be extremely hard to trim cleanly given the amount of headspace before placing the wing.

Instead, trim the wing to length and only grab the wing about one to two thread widths up the wing and bind down (**PHOTO-3**). You still get the flared ends, but now you don't need to trim them.



Also, you get a smaller cleaner head (**PHOTO-4**). You can cut virtually any material to length prior to binding it down; this saves time and can result in a cleaner fly.



15% Discount from Chao Hang & Aventik

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

Chao Hang of Aventik is offering all LBCC Club Members a **15% discount** on the products listed below. To take advantage of this offer, go to the club Web page and click on Sponsors. Then click on (Aventik). The Aventik (Amazon) store page will come up. Type the ASIN # in the search area. Example (**ASIN B079NBK9L4**). The product will come up. When checking out use code **AYM3RJ5E** for the discount. The product list and code will change from time to time and will be listed in the current Target Talk.

ITEMS FOR THIS Month:

- ❖ Magnetic Rod Holder, ASIN B079NBK9L4
- ❖ Red Knotter & Nipper & Retractor, ASIN B07GNZHFNP
- ❖ Fly Tool Caddy, ASIN B07GP1DYK5
- ❖ Para Post Wings, ASIN B07JKNT4YT
- ❖ Fluo Thread, ASIN B07JKJRKWK
- ❖ 5.5 mm Lead Beads, B07F65SD4S
- ❖ Squirmy Wormy, ASIN B07DCR73D6



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Fly of the Month: Comparadun & Sparkle Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Over the last 30 years few flies have gained a better reputation for catching fish in difficult and selective conditions than Al Caucci's and Bob Nastassi's Comparadun. In smooth water conditions it has proven so reliable, adaptable and durable that I would not consider being without several in the sizes and colors to match the insects that I would expect to find hatching on the water I was fishing. On a trip to Hot Creek a few years ago with my daughter Nicole, I used a size 20 Sparkle Dun to land a snaky, dark colored Rainbow out of a narrow slot next to the far bank. I was fortunate to make a good cast with a lot of slack and absolutely the right pattern to nail that fish. The dark olive Sparkle Dun that I used was the perfect pattern for the conditions.

The Comparadun is a no-hackle pattern that can trace its roots back to Fran Betters' Haystack pattern of the '30s and '40s. The "No Hackle" style of fly was reintroduced by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards in their book *Selective Trout* in 1971. Swisher's and Richard's pattern featured duck quill wings that split the body and, though very effective, were difficult to tie and lacked durability—often lasting only one fish. This led to the development of the Comparadun by Caucci and Nastassi and its introduction in their book *Hatches* in 1975. The addition of deer or elk hair to the wing dramatically increased the fly's ease of tying, durability and ability to float. By varying the size, wing, tail and body color any mayfly can be imitated. Also, due to the nature and shape of the wing it can be used for spinner imitations as well as for duns.

In the mid-1980s Craig Matthews and John Juracek, owners of the Blue Ribbon Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, presented their Sparkle Dun to the fly-fishing world and thereby extended the versatility of the Comparadun. By replacing the hackle tail with Zelon to match the color of the body, Craig and John created a pattern that imitated a mayfly dun trapped and crippled in its nymphal shuck. This stroke of genius has led many to believe this to be one of the most effective spring creek patterns of all time. Whether it's the Comparadun or the Sparkle Dun, both are outstanding patterns that deserve a place in your fly box.



COMPARADUN

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE COMPARADUN & SPARKLE DUN:

- Hook: Standard dry fly in sizes 12 to 22 (for sizes 18 and smaller I prefer a ring-eyed hook such as a Tiemco 101 as it allows for a wider hook gap).
- Thread: 12/0 Veevus in a color to match the natural.
- Body: Olive dubbing or a color to match the natural.
- Wing: Winter Whitetail in natural or dyed colors as needed (Nature Spirit Comparadun hair is great).
- Tail: Hackle fibers in a color to match the natural or, for the Sparkle Dun, Zelon/Darlon to match the natural.



SPARKLE DUN

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE COMPARADUN & SPARKLE DUN:

1. Place the hook in the vise and attach the thread at the bend of the hook and wind forward to the headspace. Stand your wing material up perpendicular to the hide and cut off a bunch about the size of a pencil. Remove all of the short hairs and the basal fluff.
 2. Tie the wing in with the tips forward. Stand the wing up in two or three equal parts, using one or two turns of thread between each part, and wind a small jam at the front of the wing after the last part. The wing should stand about the length of the shank in height and should fan evenly around the upper half of the hook. Wind the thread back to the bend of the hook.
 3. Dub a small amount of body material onto the thread and wind one or two turns around the hook, creating a small dam to help split the tails. Select one to four hackle fibers, depending upon the size of the fly, for tying onto the far side of the hook. Place the fibers onto the top of the hook and use thread tension to pull them around to the far side of the shank. Select an equal number of hackle fibers for the near side of the hook. For this, place the fibers on the underside of the hook and allow them to be pulled toward you and into position on the near side of the shank.
- NOTE:** If you want to tie a Sparkle Dun, do not tie the dubbing dam, but simply tie in the Zelon tail. The color usually matches the body color, but I prefer salmon pink for Baetis and gold for PMDs. The Zelon tail should be equal in length to the body and appear rather light and translucent.
4. Apply more body material to your thread and wind the remainder of the body. The body should taper evenly and increase slightly in diameter the closer you get to the wing and decrease quickly down to the head. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Apply head cement and the fly is complete and ready for the stream. Good luck!



IMPROVED BAETIS
SPARKLE DUN

Improved Baetis Sparkle Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

A recent version that was shown in the Blue Ribbon Flies weekly newsletter, offers an interesting twist to this classic. This is one I want to fish soon! Here's how it's tied:

1. Start the fly normally with the deer hair wing tips pointing forward. Now tie in a long clump (20 strands or so) of Zelon that extends from where the tail would end to right on top of the wing. Align the tips of the Zelon with the tips of the deer hair.
2. Wind evenly over the Zelon down to the tail and back up to the beginning of the thorax. If you want a rib add it before going back to the thorax. The thread (and optional rib) is the body. Trim the Zelon shuck (tail) to slightly shorter than a normal tail.
3. Stand up the wing (both the Zelon & deer hair) in two or three equal parts. First pull back the Zelon and stand it up with one or two wraps and then some or all of the deer hair and stand it up. Believe me, this method really helps to get a nice upright and fanned out wing.
4. Finally, apply some dubbing to your thread and dub over the thorax to the headspace and whip finish. Voila, a great new addition to your fly box!

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May

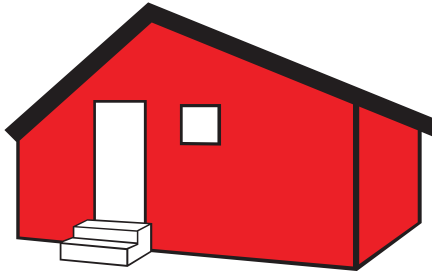
1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5/5-5/10			Green River #2 with Colin Kumabe
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	On the Bay Pre-Trip
25	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Devin Olsen

June

2	Sunday		On the Bay Trip w/ Mark Flo and Kevin Green
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
8	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting
		9:30 AM	Knots and Rigging Workshop
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
12		9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
19	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: North Platte River
20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Brookie Bash & Sierra Tenkara Trip
6/23-6/28			North Platte River w/ J. Green & R. Allen
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Chris Leonard

July

1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
10	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11-14			Brookie Bash w/ Mark Flo
12			Sierra Tenkara w/ Cecil O'Dell
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Yards & Inches
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD
7/30-8/4			American Casting Association National Casting Tournament
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum



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