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Leader's Line...

Why is the Green River Trip so Popular?

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

Fishing the Green River, from the river bank or a guided drift boat, is truly a treat for club members. The local businesses boast that anglers will catch trout averaging 16 inches. There were reports of 15 to 20 fish per day per club member fishing from boats, including a few fish larger than 21 inches. Many participants answered the question of "how many fish" honestly by saying, "I lost count after 15 or 20 fish". Forty club members just returned from the Green River and here is a partial list of the reasons the club trip is well attended each year.

- ❖ Catch 16 inch-plus trout in large numbers.
- ❖ Fish with great guides from Old Moe Guide Service.
- ❖ Stay in clean comfortable cabins at the Red Canyon Lodge.
- ❖ Have fun with old friends and new friends.
- ❖ Be part of the natural beauty of the Flaming Gorge area while fishing.
- ❖ Combine a club trip with a chance to visit family members and friends living nearby.
- ❖ Test personal skills for casting, angling and reading waters.
- ❖ Escape from LA traffic, work, and flat land.
- ❖ Pose with a trophy-sized fish (without dropping it!) for a photo.
- ❖ Eat homemade huckleberry ice cream at the Dutch John Resort store.
- ❖ Terrific fishing trip value \$

During the last dinner of the trip, everyone asked that their spot be reserved for next year. Sorry, anyone else wanting to go will need to be placed on a waiting list.

If you would like to attend as a third group, please send me an email. Perhaps having a trip during the third week will give people a chance to fish during the great annual cicada hatch occurring from late May through early June. We can add the cicada hatch as a new reason to participate in this club trip.

The biggest challenge of the trip was the wind; forget about freezing cold temperatures. Everyone reported the need for their best freezing cold weather gear. Wind will make us feel even colder and compound flaws in our casting skills and make tiny flies stick in our fleece, knit caps, fishing buddies, or guides. At least, the very cold wind didn't freeze the fly line in the rod guides and result in lost fish.

As we're advocates for "know before you go", the club distributes the trip information during the pre-trip meeting, listing favorite midway motels, rest stops and restaurants. Additionally, there are numerous

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Club Trips for 2019

ART DAILY, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE TRIP & LEADER

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, 7:00 PM .
July 11-14	Brookie Bash w/ Mark Flo. Pre-trip June 19, 7:00 PM.
July 12	Sierra Tenkara Trip w/ C. O'Dell, Pre-Trip: June 19, 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.
Nov. 9-12	Redding, California with M. Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip Nov.2, 9:00 AM

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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Mammoth Fisheries Summer Trifecta: Hot Creek, Upper Owens, and San Joaquin River

TERRY KOMISAK, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Our speaker this month, Chris Leonard, is a teacher at Mammoth High School. His greatest passions are education and fly fishing, making him a choice fly fishing instructor and on-water guide.

He guides through Kittredge Sports during the summer, also weekends and holidays during the school year: rivers and lakes, Tenkara and western rods. He has lived in Mammoth Lakes full-time since 2004. His favorite waters to fish and guide include the Owens River, Hot Creek, Rush Creek, Rock Creek, San Joaquin River, East Walker River and Crowley Lake.

A seasoned traveler, he has chased trout as close as the Western USA, as far away as the Midwest, Eastern USA, Central America and South America. He has hooked chrome in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, redbird in NOLA and bonefish, permit, and tarpon in Belize.

His passion for fly fishing began in 2005 when he started the Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club. Every spring, he takes local Mammoth kids out on the water to teach them how to fly fish!

Many Long Beach Casting Club members have spent time in the Eastern Sierras. It is the closest world-class trout fly fishing to Southern California. After the winter snowstorms, this summer will be epic! The rivers will be healthy, and the lakes full.

Chris will bring to the club his local knowledge of how to improve your odds of a successful day on three of his favorite fisheries: Hot Creek, the Upper Owens and the San Joaquin River. Hot Creek is undoubtedly Chris'



favorite moving water fishery. He averages about 75 days a year on this blue-ribbon creek. The Upper Owens is one of the most beginner-friendly rivers in the area. And the San Joaquin River is an absolute gem. It is second to none in regard to the pristine beauty of its natural surroundings.

Chris will discuss where, when and how to best fish these waters. He will also touch a bit on two of his other favorite fisheries: The East Walker River and Crowley Lake. Please join us Thursday, June 27, as we gear up for what is going to be a productive and lengthy summer of fly fishing in the Mammoth Lakes region.

New Club Members

**WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

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

- ❖ Michael and Nicholas Seckington
- ❖ Keith Cassford
- ❖ Tom Chambers
- ❖ Sanford and Robbin Coggins
- ❖ Sue Antolin
- ❖ Darrel Buteau
- ❖ Rodger Hallsten
- ❖ Joe Frisch

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.

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 Wednesday, June 19 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 has room for one more person. 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.



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articles in past Target Talk issues with recommended flies, tippets, fly rod weights and fishing techniques. Utilize these resources and your next trip will be even better, as your fishing results improve.

Preparation for your next trip will start with a trip to the Long Beach Casting Club Pond to practice casting. See you at the Pond!



A 20" Kelsey Bass

Kelsey Bass Quotebook!

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Word-of-mouth is one of the best forms of communicating opinions. The following were overheard at Kelsey.

"This place doesn't suck."

"This is one of my happy places—right here."

"If I were a cow, I'd want to be a Kelsey cow."

"The evening top-water bite made the weekend."

"I caught a bass on a Tenkara rod."

Apparently a good time was had by all, as well as some exceptional fishing. Don't miss out on the Kelsey bass trip next year! -Ed.

Captain's Corner

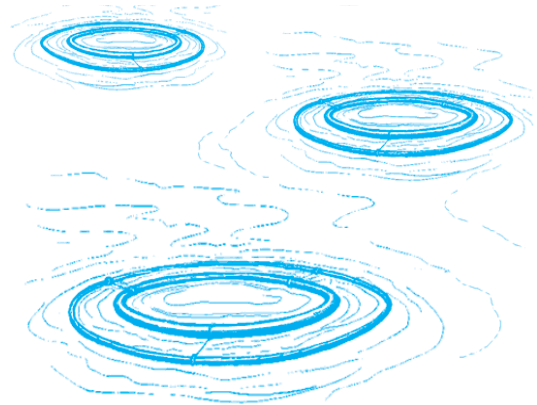
MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

We are continuing with our Tuesday night summer casting program. If you found it hard to reach your target on the Green River and would like to improve your casting skills, please come down on Tuesday nights after 6:00 PM for casting games on the pond. If you want tight loops, you have to shoot at hoops.

Please turn in registration forms for any hopeful Fishing Awards for the Green River trip to Mark Flo at: PO box 90035 Long Beach, Ca 90809-0035

OUTINGS:

Pre-Trip for the On the Bay Outing is Thursday May 23 at 7:00 PM. Sunday, June 2nd is the Long Beach On the Bay Outing. Meet at Alamitos Bay at 6:00 AM (Ocean and 69th Place) for surf or bay fishing. Bring a lunch for an 11:30 picnic on the beach.



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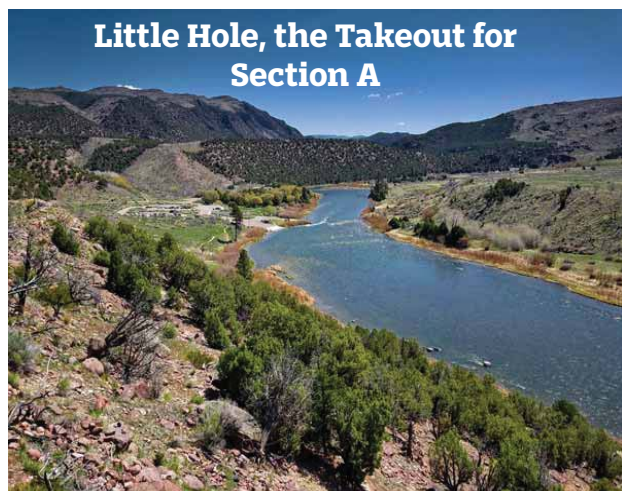
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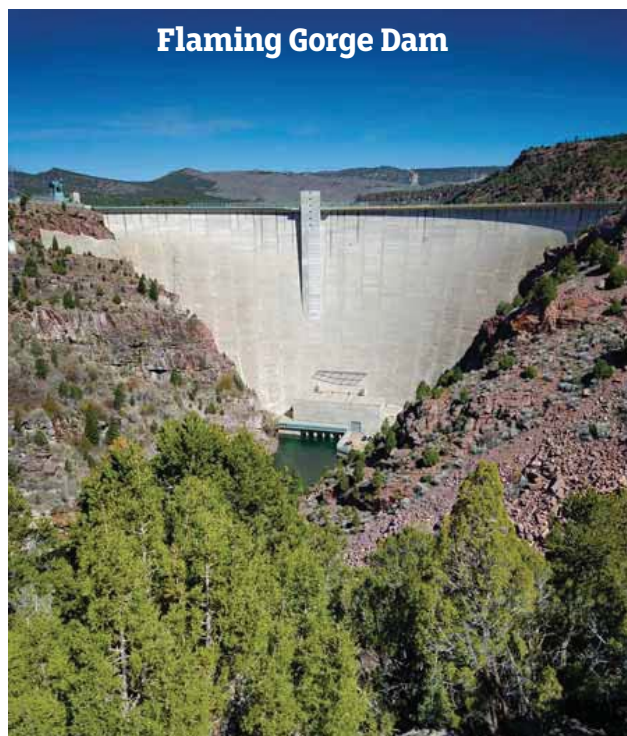
The Green River Trip #1 in Pictures: Great Fishing, Crazy Weather and Much, Much More

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Welcome to the "Green River Edition" of Target Talk! This month's Leader's Line is devoted to Green River Trip #2, and if you skip to the back you'll find a Green River recap in our Fly of the Month segment. Thanks to President Colin Kumabe and Past Prez John Van Derhoof for these excellent articles. As I once again find myself with some space to fill in the current Target Talk, and I've got a whole lot of pictures, I thought I'd put together a pictorial journey of Green River Trip #1.



Those of you who have attended the Green River trip in the past, and bothered to read the pre-trip information, may remember this quote from Page One: "...there is no such thing as bad weather; only inappropriate clothing!" My son, who spent the winter in Fargo, North Dakota, might disagree with this philosophy, but in the case of the Green River in May it works great. Fortunately, it appeared that everyone brought their long johns, wool beanies, rain jackets and fingerless gloves on Trip #1. We got rain, we got snow, we got wind and we got sun. And that was just the first twenty minutes.



With this kind of weather, fishing ranged from tough to spectacular, but everyone (or at least everyone I talked to) caught fish. Some people caught a whole lot of fish. As is usual on any trip, those in the drift boats did the best, especially when it came to fishing dry flies. However, many anglers walking on the banks found pods of aggressive trout to drift nymphs to, and some were lucky enough to encounter rises and tie on some dries.

This was my third trip, and so far I've confined my fishing to the "A" section of the Green, but there is also a "B" and "C" section of the river (see the pre-trip



information mentioned above), a nearby boat ramp and picnic area on the reservoir called "Antelope Flats" and the lake right by the Red Canyon Lodge. There is also an area called "Jones Hole", roughly a two hour drive from Red Canyon Lodge. More on Jones Hole later. But there's a lot more to this trip than fishing.



Mark Flo with a Nice Rainbow

For one thing, there's the food. The Red Canyon Lodge and Flaming Gorge Resort are both very good. The dinners were wonderful, and punctuated by great conversation. Also, Dan Luas, staying at the Red Canyon Lodge, served up excellent breakfasts on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Any plans I'd had for sticking to my diet were "tableted", so to speak. Tuesday was tamales and Thursday was omelettes, and both were amazing. It was a great chance to catch up with others on the trip and get some fishing reports. Hats off to Dan.

Another big draw is the scenery. I flew in to Salt Lake City this time and rented a car. After a long and heated discussion with Siri (I think I may have made her cry), I gave in and used her route along I-80. It turned out to be beautiful, especially for an old fan of Western



Fish On!

movies like me. It takes you through Wyoming cow country, then crests a timbered summit or two in the Uinta Mountains on its way to the Lodge. I passed a couple of trailheads with fishing signs on them. I made a plan to come back and fish them, but ran out of time.

Once you're at the lodge, things get even prettier. There is a beautiful lake which goes almost to the front porches of the resort's cabins. There's a canyon rim trail with magnificent views of the Flaming Gorge through the pine trees. The area is open meadow, carpeted with grass and sagebrush and studded with Ponderosa pines. I walked it one evening during a snowstorm, enjoying the beauty. It was even prettier the following morning at dawn, with a blue sky and bright sun slanting through the trees, melting the previous night's snow.

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The "Steves" (Gonzalez & Jones)

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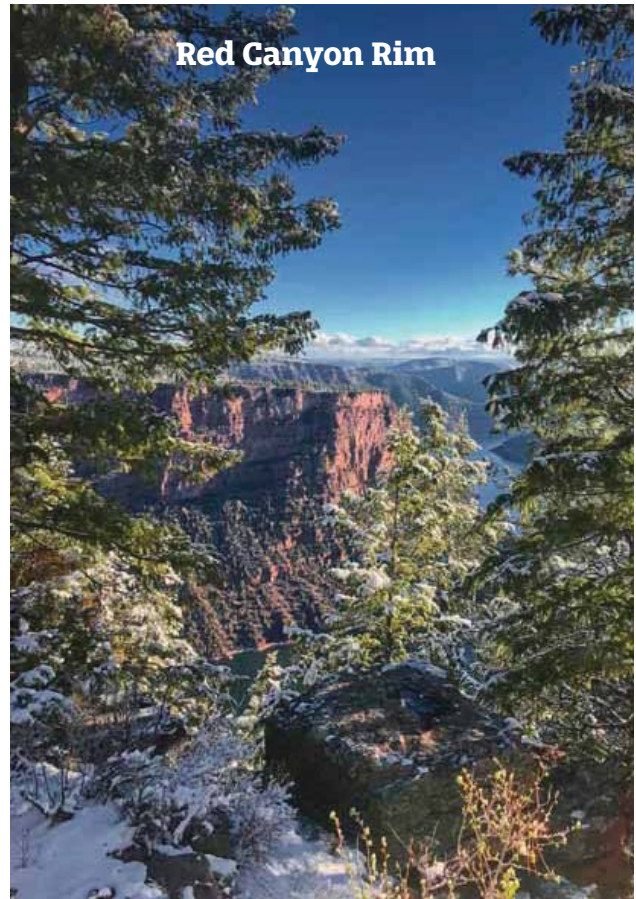
Which brings me to the wildlife. As I walked in the shadows of the pines, I spooked a herd of elk and got to see them canter across the trail not far in front of me. A little further along I came near to the campground and decided it was time to go back. I turned to see a bighorn ram in the trail. He must have known it wasn't hunting season, because he took his time leaving and gave me plenty of really good photo ops.

My first Green River trip, years ago, was the first time I saw a pronghorn antelope. I've since learned that they are so plentiful in Wyoming that you don't even need a tag to hunt them, and on my return trip to Salt Lake City this time I saw many of them on the hilltops. I also learned on this trip that wild horses can be seen on the 191, north of the I-80...something to keep in mind for next time.



Bighorn Ram

But you don't have to leave your drift boat to see wildlife on the Green. I saw a couple of ospreys with trout in their talons, just demonstrating who really knows how to fish. Mark Flo saw one with a trout so large that the poor bird almost couldn't get out of the water with it. My first trip on the Green, I saw something swimming toward me that made me wonder whether I should get out of the water and



Red Canyon Rim

run. It turned out to be a muskrat. There are otters, duck, mergansers and other creatures on the water.

But let's get back to the fishing. The Green River is known for its cicada hatch (a form of locust that is really big, unbelievably noisy and irresistible to trout). This hatch occurs in late May and June, so our trips are generally far too early, especially Trip #1 (see Colin's comments in Leader's Line). But one of our own, Mr.



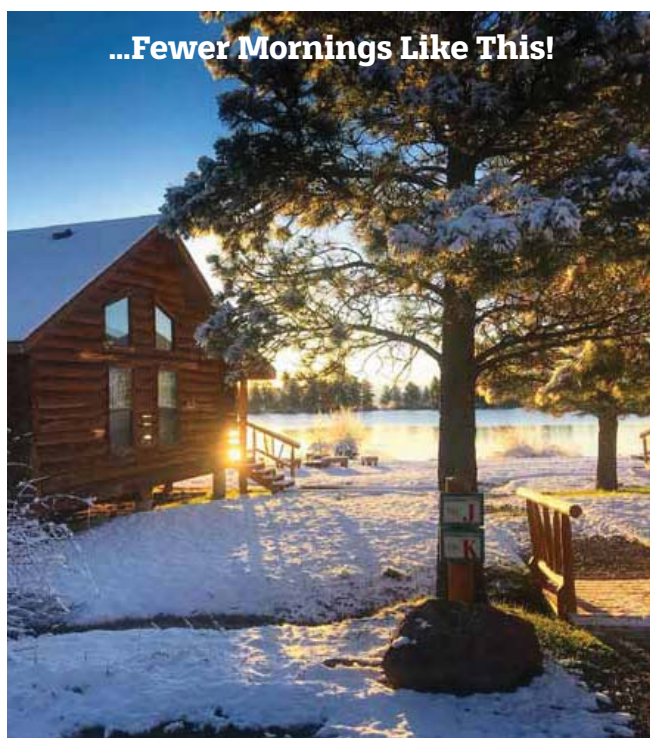
Pronghorn

John Lincoln, was able to find an early cicada hatch.



John took a two hour drive (and a significant hike) to Jones Hole, a spot on the Green River in Dinosaur National Monument, well downstream of the Gorge. It's famous for ancient Native American pictographs. John was able to see the pictographs but also ran into the only cicadas anyone saw (or heard) on the trip. He fished cicadas on the surface and caught some really nice trout.

Beautiful scenery, crazy weather, great food (and company), really cool wildlife, excellent fishing and the possibility of casting a dry fly the size of your thumb to willing trout. How could it get any better?



June Saltwater Outing

KEVIN GREEN & MARK FLO, MEMBERS

LBCC half-day saltwater outing will be Saturday June 2 at 7:00 AM. This is not just one, not just two, but **THREE** outings in one! You can fish the ocean side of the Long Beach peninsula. Or the Alamitos Bay side in Long Beach. Or float tube or kayak in Alamitos Bay. Yes, this may be the greatest fly fishing extravaganza known to man. Or, it could just be a saltwater fly fishing outing...

Pre-trip will be Thursday evening May 23 at 7:00 PM. Your hosts will be Kevin Green and Mark Flo. We will cover flies, tactics and gear. Bring a lunch for an 11:30 picnic on the beach!



Knot-Tying Workshop

EXPERT INSTRUCTOR: EDDIE MADRID

What: Learn basic knots for leaders, tippets, and fly lines.

When: Saturday, June 8, 9:30 am to noon

Where: LBCC Clubhouse

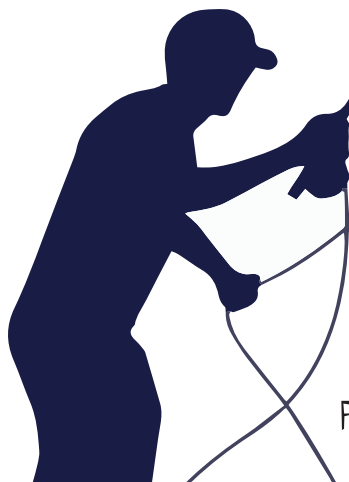
Learn **ALL** knots needed to connect tippet, leader, fly line, backing, and reel to confidently fight big fish!

Everyone that fly fishes needs to know how to tie these knots!



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The Nationals are Coming! The Nationals are Coming!

MICHAEL MILLER, PASADENA CASTING CLUB

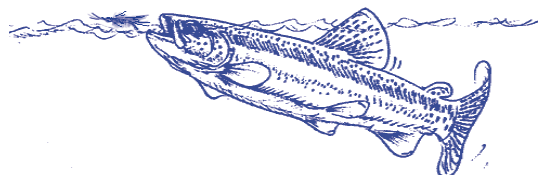
For the first time the Pasadena Casting Club is hosting the ACA National Casting Tournament. We have been working on it for months now having officiating classes, renting a Distance casting field, getting permits, raising money, making hats and tee shirts etc. These are all parts of the process that you of The Long Beach Casting know so well. You have been so helpful already being so quick to steer us with your knowledge and even lending us a rod stand to copy. We are also fairly certain we will continue to ask you for advice as the learning curve with this is pretty steep.

Presently, we are in need of experienced officiators. While the officiating classes that we hosted produced enough new people for one shift of scorekeepers and tic judges for three stations of accuracy we remain in need of another shift of same. Our thinking is that our club could do first shift starting at 8:30 AM and hopefully the second later shift populated with our people and some from your club.

If any of you can help us out it would be most appreciated. The date for the distance games is August 1-2 and the date for accuracy games is August 3-4.

Our Club members David Bird and Tom Smith are in charge of the score-keeping responsibilities for the tournament. If you can help us, please do so by contacting David Bird at this email address:

david.bird1939@sbcglobal.net



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 **BQZKXMPG** 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:

- ❖ Fly patch combo – ASIN: B079N3JMJC
- ❖ 3D streamer fiber – ASIN: B01NCVGG73
- ❖ Fold-able Wading Staff – ASIN: B071V3DXCW
- ❖ Fly Tying Foam – ASIN: B07NW8V3ZC
- ❖ Two UV Power Light – ASIN: B079N77H5J
- ❖ Super Realistic Peacock Quill – ASIN: B076XVNZ9Z
- ❖ UV Flies Caddis Nymph Combo Set – ASIN: B07MHGXKNB
- ❖ Fishing Priest – ASIN: B07F6TK6KC



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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.”

Oregon's Deschutes River: We are "Golden"!

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

The Deschutes River, here in now-and-then sunny Oregon, is beloved of flyfishers. It hosts a famous run of summer steelhead and has an exquisite resident native trout, known as the "redside rainbow". The flies are big. No squinting through your magnifiers to tie on a #22 Zebra Midge here; if your #16 Caddis Pupa isn't netting fish, you "trade up" to a #14.

There are tremendous hatches here, but one of them so completely overshadows all the others that it's known simply as "The Hatch". This is a mix of salmonflies, golden stones and Little Yellow Sallies. It goes from mid-May through June, and it's on now.



My wife Julie and I went on a drive around beautiful, snowy Mount Hood on Saturday, ending up in the town of Maupin, right in the heart of the Deschutes stonefly madness. We'd brought a picnic with us and found a day-use area just above the river. A big stonefly showed up on our picnic table. Julie, sandwich in hand, ran for her life. I went down to the river and got these pictures, wishing I'd brought a fly rod.

These are all golden stoneflies (*Acroneuria californica*); I haven't seen any salmonflies (*Pteronarcys californica*), which are even bigger. But these guys are big enough. The favored imitation, a "Chubby Chernobyl", is usually tied on at least a #8 hook.



Stonefly "hatches" are a little different from the mayfly and caddis behavior we're used to. Typically stonefly nymphs crawl along the river bottom to the bank, to hatch. The surface pandemonium ensues when they wander into the bushes and mate (see the picture). They frequently fall into the water, and the trout are right by the bank, waiting.

Needless to say, I won't make the mistake of coming here without a fly rod again. Next time, I'll be rigged up with a #8 Chubby Chernobyl. Tight lines!



Fish the West Slope of the Sierras at Mono Hot Springs Resort!

Join the Club and fish the West Slope of the Sierras at the beautiful Mono Hot Springs Resort. Fish the streams and lakes in this gorgeous mountain hideaway. You will not be disappointed.



- DATES:** Arrive Monday September 23 and fish 24, 25 & 26. Depart Friday, September 27, 2019.
- EXTRAS:** Your transportation cost, Guide Tips, Fishing License, Liquor, food.
- COST:** The cost for the trip is **approximately \$540.00 per person w/guide or \$200.00 on your own.**
- INCLUDES:** 4 nights lodging in stone cabins and 3 days guided fishing with Jimmie Morales.
- SIGNING UP:** Contact Terry Komisak @ 562-221-2631 or tk_nsp44@yahoo.com. Contact Terry ASAP so he can reserve cabins and guides.
- GETTING THERE:** East out of Fresno thru Clovis on Hwy. 168, drive 85 miles East to Mono Hot Springs Resort.
- MORE INFO:** Contact Terry @ 562-221-2631 or Mono Hot Springs Resort at <http://www.Monohotsprings.com> or Call them at (559) 325-1710.



*On the San Joaquin River with Guide Jimmie Morales
- Fly Fishing For Eastern Brook Trout*



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: UV Resin

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

A lot has been written about UV Resin types and their cure lights, but I was asked recently when do you use the resin? Initially UV resins were used as a replacement for epoxy. As the resins cure immediately, there is no need for a drying wheel, multiple coats with drying times in between coats! For large fly heads, thick UV Resin is a must as the faster flowing ones are harder to work with in heavy layers. You can also use multiple layers instead of a single thick one.



I use the medium thick resins to protect the bucktail on Clousers and similar flies that will hug the bottom (PHOTO-1). The resin is a great protector and will allow your flies to last a bit longer. How about UV bodies for small bait fish imitations or shrimp? Using clear will give you a translucent body allowing the underbody to reflect through.

Thinner resins and flexible resins are great for producing shell backs on scuds, or sowbugs (PHOTO-2). They can also be used for wing cases on nymphs. How about a thin coat on the face of a deer hair popper to give it some stiffness? Use the flex types to stiffen the front of large synthetic wings on streamers. Helps them retain their shape when stripped.



You can use the real thin versions (brush on) with parachute wing posts and hackle (previous tip) or to penetrate thread wraps in lieu of head cement. Try protecting delicate abdomens like Peccary and quills with a coating. Coat heads of Thunder Creek and similar minnows.

Finally you have colored resins. Loon and Solarez have “colors” that can be used as hot spots, bodies, colored wing cases, eggs, etc. Let your imagination run wild (PHOTO-3). Finally, check out the web for additional ideas, like the Facebook page for Solarez, some great ideas on uses for UV resins.



Fly of the Month: The Green River at 800 CFS... No Thanks!

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Well what a difference a year makes. Once again the Green River provided a ton of opportunities and several challenges. Fishing was pretty good but as the river was running at its bare minimum flow of 800 cfs, they were a lot tougher to find.



Unlike years past, I went to tie flies at the East Idaho Fly Tying Expo before going to the Green. Held in Idaho Falls, the show was three weeks earlier than normal. By going to the Green afterwards I thought my fishing might be a little warmer and more similar to what I was used to. Strike one...

This year has been marked by a lot of late winter and early spring snowstorms in the Wasatch Range in north central Utah and Idaho and the Uinta Mountains over by the Green River. While the Wasatch Range had a lot of low snow on my drive up I-15 to Idaho Falls, the drive east from Ogden to Flaming Gorge Lodge was almost entirely white. The Uintas were particularly striking with snow and red rock but what really surprised me was seeing Sheep Creek Bay. Many of the Club's members have fished there but it was completely frozen over. As was Cart Creek Bay which is the arm of Flaming Gorge Reservoir that lies below the suspension bridge just before you cross the dam. I will say that it finally thawed when I was leaving six days later.

When I got to the Lodge I was able to check in early, grab a quick lunch and make my way quickly down to Little Hole to get in an afternoon's fishing. As I got down to the water I was pretty surprised at how low the flow was. Yup, I knew it was 800 cfs and had been there during 900–950 cfs flows but 800 cfs was markedly different. Normally I can see enough into the water and spot fish finning in the current. Not this time and being a Sunday, there were but a few anglers to be seen and there were some Baetis in the air. The fish shoulda' been there.



I waited a bit to see if there were any fish rising—they didn't—and then rigged up a two-fly rig. I put a #18 Halo on top and a black and copper #20 Snowcone on the bottom. About ten casts later I had my first fish and it was a rainbow on the Halo. And so went the afternoon, mostly rainbows, a smattering of energetic browns, all on the Halo and all ho-hum fish around 17"–18".

I know you're sick of hearing about the Halo but the danged thing works and it **always** works a little better once it has been chewed on a bit. What was surprising was that nothing touched any midges that I offered. I switched out the black Snowcone pretty early on and tried several midge alternatives: a Copper John, multiple colors of Zebra midges, \$3 Dips and yes, sadly Yash, a Twin Midge, all with zero positive results. In fact, I caught no fish on midges this entire trip. Saw midges in the air (really tiny) but no hook-ups.



I floated both Monday and Tuesday with Doug Roberts, owner of Old Moe Guide Service. I have been fishing with Doug for years now and he never fails to produce a great day on the water. This year was no exception save the fact that the fish were in quite different locations from previous years. Monday morning we were greeted with 23 degree temps at the put-in for the 'A' Section and I was still de-icing my guides around 11:00 AM. The morning proved to be a bit on the slow side until Doug put on a secret weapon: the Green River Midge (GRM for short). However it was not a midge and while still sworn to secrecy I CAN tell you it was about two inches long to the tail, grayish in color with some brown and green sparkle, had no wing and was tied on a homemade jig hook with a bunch of lead. It was fished dead drift as the bottom of a two-fly rig and was really effective.

Once the fish started to hit the upper fly, a Baetis nymph that Doug ties, we knew the fish were starting to key in on BWOs and it was time



to switch over to a two-nymph rig: a Halo on the bottom and Doug's pattern, which was essentially a dark pheasant tail body but with a pale thorax that included some UV flash.

Soon it was dry fly time and we did very well on a Hackle Stacker of Doug's design. It was quite visible even from 50 or even 60 feet out and, more importantly, the fish liked it. Yes we really were fishing at those distances as any noise from the boat would put the little buggers down!

Day Two floating was, at least from the fishing perspective, a carbon copy of Day One. The only exception was the temperature which was technically 12 degrees warmer but infinitely colder due to a wind that must have come down to Utah via the Artic Circle. Same flies in the morning; same

flies at midday and same dry flies to end the day. Probably 30 fish or more each day. It could have been better but I doubt my arm would have agreed.

Walk and wade fishing was certainly a lot more challenging than floating. Didn't have too many people to contend with until fishing with my friend (and ex-wife) Kelley, and her friend Steve on Friday, but since the fish were in deeper water or displaced altogether it was definitely slower-paced. Even slower than my first "half" day but I will say that the dry fly fishing in a few spots was at times pretty good. I picked up a really nice brown between ramps #1 and #2 on a size #20 Upright BWO which was tied in tandem with Doug's Hackle Stacker. Another pattern that worked well was the Nearly Dun that I featured in last Month's Fly of the Month article.

I love fishing the Green; that much should be obvious. I keep going back because every trip is different and I learn so much more about fishing (and the River as well) every time I return. That means you will have to read something like this again next year...



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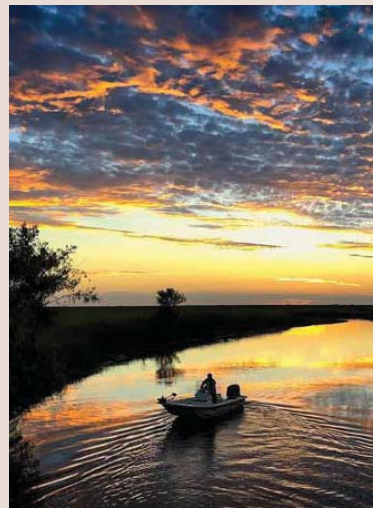
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Calendar of Events

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
6	Thursday	9:00 AM	Beginning Casting-Scouts
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
13	Thursday	9:00 AM	Beginning Casting-Scouts
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
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Brookie Bash & Sierra Tenkara Trip
22	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting
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
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

August

3	Saturday		Yards & Inches w/ Mick Woodbury
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Saturday		LBCC Spey Casting Tournament
13	Tuesday		Tenkara Fishing w/ Art Strauss
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
14	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Backpacking-Golden Trout Wilderness
20-24			Backpacking-Golden Trout Wilderness w/ Jim Garvey
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Casting
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD



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