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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

# A Snapshot of a Fly Fisher's Life During the "Days of COVID-19"

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

**H**ope you and your family members are all safe and healthy amid the COVID19 pandemic. For the safety of everyone, the club changed operations, cancelling all meetings and classes at the clubhouse through the end of April 30, until further notice. Here is a snapshot of a fly fisher's life:

- ❖ Beach parking lots are closed, hindering access to fly fishing spots. Some members still find ways to get out and catch fish.
- ❖ Mayor Garcia compliments Long Beach City residents on efforts to follow the "safer at home" order. City of Long Beach requires wearing face masks, plus social distancing of six feet, with no gatherings of more than 10 people.
- ❖ Yosemite National Park is closed to the public until further notice.
- ❖ Entering "Developed Recreation Sites" of National Forests is prohibited, including campgrounds, landings and restrooms. Members report fishing, accessing water through other locations.
- ❖ Most state parks, including Bolsa Chica State Beach and Huntington State Beach, are closed to vehicular access. Locals may bike, walk or run, to access the beach and fly fish.
- ❖ Mono County Supervisors send a formal request to the California Natural Resources Agency and California Department of Fish and Wildlife to delay the Eastern Sierra Opening Day until the state's "Stay at Home" order is lifted.
- ❖ California Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission considers (as of this writing) postponing the Eastern Sierra Opening Day to May 31.
- ❖ Bob Marriott's offers free shipping on all orders. Many members are tying flies while isolated at home.
- ❖ LBCC Wednesday night Fly Tying Forum begins using video conferencing.
- ❖ LBCC Annual General Meeting and Installation Meeting are held using video conferencing.
- ❖ On Easter Sunday, April 12 only, all park open space in Long Beach will be closed to the public, including spaces for passive recreational activities and active uses such as walking, running and biking.
- ❖ Long Beach Arena converted to provide additional hospital beds for COVID19 crisis. USNS Mercy arrived

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# Club Trips for 2020

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

**Note on Club trips:** all club trips are **ON HOLD** due to travel restrictions from Covid-19. As time goes on and the restrictions are lifted, we will evaluate trips and re-schedule if possible.

### TRIP DATE TRIP & LEADER

May 3-8	Green River, Utah #2 w/Colin Kumabe <b>-Moved to October.</b>
May 10-15	Green River, Utah #3 w/ Paul Burgner <b>-Cancelled.</b>
May 24	On the Bay Salt Trip w/ Mark Flo and Kevin Green 6:00 AM <b>-Cancelled, may be re-scheduled.</b>
May 30-Jun 3	Pyramid Lake w/ Paul Nakamura, Pre-Trip May 16, 9:00 AM-Noon <b>-Cancelled, may be re-scheduled.</b>
July 23-26	Brookie Bash w/ Mark Flo, Pre-Trip July 8, 7:00 PM, "Brookie Bash Day" is July 25 <b>-Cancelled.</b>
July 24	Sierra Tenkara Event w/ C. O'Dell, Pre-Trip July 8, 7:00 PM <b>-Cancelled.</b>
August 4	Local Tenkara Event w/ Art Strauss, Details TBD
Aug - TBD	Eastern Sierra Backpacks w/ Jim Garvey, Pre-Trip TBD
Sep - TBD	Eastern Sierra Backpacks w/ Jim Garvey, Pre-Trip TBD
Sep 19	Yards & Inches w/ M. Woodbury, Pre-trip Sep. 9, 7:00 PM
Aug-Sep - TBD	Eastern Sierra backpack w/ J. Garvey, Pre-trip TBD
Aug-Oct - TBD	Conejos or San Juan River w/ T. O'Brien, Pre-trip TBD
Aug-Oct - TBD	"Quiet Fisherman" w/ T. Komisak, Pre-trip TBD
Nov - TBD	NorCal Steelhead w/ Marc Bonvouloir, Pre-trip TBD

**T**rip deposits for 'double occupancy' trips which require deposits in advance are non-refundable. If you cancel, your money will be refunded only if another club member replaces you.

Trips are subject to change, so monitor Target Talk or the web calendar for the latest information. If you would like to be a streamkeeper 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).



## Got Photos?

If you have a great photo that would be of interest to your fellow members send it along to our Social Media guy, Tom O'Brien. It just might end up on Facebook or Instagram! Send 'em to Tom at:

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# The Manzanar Fishing Club

STEVE JONES, INCOMING PRESIDENT

As I sequester myself in my home, due to the Covid-19 virus, I continue to witness the cancellation of almost all of the activities that I enjoy doing. Then one day, out of the blue, I received a call from Colin Kumabe, asking me about the monthly meeting in May. My answer was that we would need to cancel the May and June presentations, just like so many other Club activities that were planned. Colin's answer was that he did not feel that we should cancel this activity, and felt that we could still figure out a way to present it on our computers with the help of Zoom.

Not familiar with Zoom, I had a hard time wrapping my mind around Colin's suggestion, but I liked his comment. So, I went to the Zoom website and viewed about an hour and a half of training content on this platform. I also participated in a couple of Zoom sessions with Mark Flo and others, who taught us how to tie flies and introduced us to the Zoom format.

After gaining an education on Zoom, both Colin and I realized that not only could we pull this off for our May and June monthly meeting presentations, but we could also offer this Zoom option for all of our future monthly meetings, along with our regular club meetings. I discussed this with Colin and we both feel that this added option will be good for the Club. This new computer option will open up our monthly meetings to many of our club members who are out of state, and those who live just far enough away that they do not like to fight traffic on a Thursday night.

We are hoping that we can get our normal 60–80 members at the Club at this meeting, and add about 50–60 on Zoom. Although we do not exactly understand how this will come together, we are excited about the challenge, and excited about bringing our monthly meetings to more of our members. More information will be coming.



Cory Shiozaki (left) and Richard Imamura

As a result, on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> we will hold our first-ever Monthly Meeting by computer at home. Our presenters are Cory Shiozake (Director-Producer) and Richard Imamura (Writer-Producer). They will be presenting "THE MANZANAR FISHING CLUB", a movie which they produced, along with information on the Manzanar Fishing Club.

Most of us have passed Manzanar on our way up to the Bishop and Mammoth areas and most of us have an understanding of the reason it was built. We are looking forward to gaining a different perspective and gaining more information on the Manzanar Fishing Club. The following are bios for each of the speakers:

## **CORY SHIOZAKI, DIRECTOR-PRODUCER**

Cory Shiozaki is a retired member of the International Cinematographer's Guild. He worked over 40 years in film and tv production, getting his early experience as a newsreel cameraman shooting local news for a Japanese language TV network in the mid '70s. In 1979 he joined the cameraman's union and has worked on a variety of major feature films and TV shows. His credits include: Dances With Wolves, Training Day, The Terminator, Back To the Future, Happy Days, Taxi, Laverne & Shirley, CHiP's, Baywatch.

Although he has an extensive career working on mainstream film and TV productions, Mr. Shiozaki's

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lifelong goal was to tell a story that was not widely mentioned in United States history classes: the forced incarceration of 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent, including his parents, as the result of Executive Order 9066, signed by Franklin Roosevelt on February 19, 1942.

In the spring of 1994, Shiozaki was introduced to trout fishing at Crowley Lake in the Eastern Sierra, by a friend from the Long Beach Casting Club. He immediately found a passion from this experience, and began to fish there between 50 and 100 days a year. From 2004 to 2008, Shiozaki has been a licensed and bonded fishing guide in his spare time, becoming a seasonal resident in Bishop, CA during his hiatus from camera work in the studios of Hollywood.

In 2004 Manzanar opened as the "Manzanar National Historic Site and Interpretive Center". Out of curiosity, Corey inquired if there was any record of internees sneaking out to go trout fishing while interned, and his suspicions were correct. He pursued his own research on this subject and compiled comprehensive research files which include vintage photographs and fishing artifacts. Corey has captured nearly 70 hours of recorded footage of interviews from surviving internees and experts in the field. He is a docent at the Manzanar National Historic Site and Interpretive Center, giving lectures and walking tours twice a year at the site.

His film, "THE MANZANAR FISHING CLUB", had a limited theatrical release in 2012 and received many awards, including a Certificate of Congressional Recognition screening in Washington D.C. on Capitol Hill.

### **RICHARD IMAMURA, WRITER-PRODUCER**

Richard Imamura came to the "Manzanar Fishing Club" project as a longtime editor/journalist and writer in the entertainment industry. Starting with local newspapers (*Daily Breeze*, *Gardena Valley News*), he went on to become the first (and only) Asian-American editor of a major international music industry trade magazine (*Cashbox*) and the founding editor of *Inside Kung-Fu* magazine. In the film industry, he has had extensive

experience in publicity, distribution and independent production, in addition to screenwriting.

The current phase of Imamura's writing has focused on historical documentaries. Acting as both writer and producer, Imamura has teamed with lifelong friend Cory Shiozaki on two projects covering the period of Japanese-American "Internment" during World War II, when nearly 120,000 Japanese-Americans were uprooted from their homes on the Pacific coast and incarcerated at "Relocation Camps" in the interior.

Imamura's parents and paternal grandparents (living in Guadalupe, near Pismo, at the time) were interned at the Gila River camp in Arizona (his parents met at Gila River). A prominent member of the Japanese community on Maui, Hawaii, Imamura's maternal grandfather was incarcerated without charges by the military for nearly a year after the Pearl Harbor attack. Imamura's father went on to serve with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in France and Italy.

As a fisherman, Imamura likes both salt and freshwater. He has fished the Eastern Sierra for trout for decades, and also enjoys going after steelhead and salmon in the McKenzie and Willamette rivers in Oregon. He also is very proud of the ulua he caught off Kihei, Maui. On the ocean, Imamura enjoys the half-day boats out of Pierpoint in Long Beach and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in San Pedro; as well as surf fishing in the Zuma, Broad Beach and Paradise Cove areas.

As you can see, we share the love of fly fishing with these two. Please join us on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on your computer. As of now we have the ability to host 99 members on the Zoom format on the 28<sup>th</sup>. If we find out that we need to host more than 99 after the May meeting, we may add more capacity for our June monthly meeting, which will also be done only on the Zoom format. If I were you I would log in to get your spot about 15 minutes early, for a better chance at getting into the meeeting.





# Finding Solace

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Only five weeks until Kelsey and excitement is growing.  
Many streamers to tie, can't wait to get going.  
Looking forward to another good trip,  
Fishing poppers, and streamers and ripping some lips.

The sign-ups are many, everyone anxious to go,  
Still four weeks away, the time's dragging so slow.  
Need to stay busy and plan what to take,  
With camping gear to pack and food to make.

Sleeping bags to gather, flashlights and such,  
Don't forget anything. Better take too much.  
Water and paper goods, toothbrush and paste.  
Three weeks to go but no time to waste.

All of a sudden, nothing is norm!  
This thing called a virus is causing a storm.  
The stores have been looted; the shelves are bare.  
We're not to leave home; just sit in our chair.

What's going to happen? We can only wait.  
Time will tell what will be our fate.  
As the days drag by and the reports look grim,  
Our chances of going are looking quite slim.

We're now staying at home under house arrest.  
That's an accurate fact we can all attest.  
We wash our hands and wear our masks,  
Passing the time with menial tasks.

Time has passed and it's Kelsey Day One.  
We're moping at home, our plans undone.  
We stare out the window  
watching it rain,  
Smug that at Kelsey,  
it's doing the  
same.



# Brookie Bash: Cancelled

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brookie Bash, originally to be held July 25 in Little Lakes Valley, is **cancelled**. Sorry folks, and thanks. Hope to do it again next year.

*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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# Meet Your New Board of Directors

**ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR**

**A**t the Annual General Meeting last week, Mark Flo asked the incoming directors to take a selfie and write a little biography for the reading pleasure of our membership. Well, Folks, the results are in. So it's time to meet your new Board of Directors, aaaaaannd...here [cue "Dating Game" music] they are!



**PRESIDENT:**  
**STEVE JONES**

"Born and raised in Seal Beach California. Graduated from BYU in 1983. Served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1978-1980 in Bolivia (I speak

Spanish). I am currently married with 4 kids and 4 grandchildren. Started a commercial General Contracting business in 1992. My activity in this business is minimal at this point but the business is still going strong. I have mainly been retired for the past 2 years. I spend most of my time fishing and serving in the club, lawn bowling, serving in my church callings, and spending time with my family. I love traveling and fly fishing with Joe Libeu and Kathy Kim with Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures to many world destinations! I have been traveling with them for about 20 years now and look forward to many more years to come. Started fly fishing in 1993. Was a member of the Downey Flyfishers from 1993 – 1999. Joined Long Beach Casting Club in 1999. I was a member of LBCC from 1999– 2006. Was very busy with work and did not pay dues one year and found myself out of the club in 2006. Joined back with the club in 2011. For the past year I have served as the 1st V.P. I have enjoyed serving and getting to know some of the great members we have at the club. I will be serving as the Club President soon. I look forward to continued service and getting to know many more members of this great organization."



**1st VICE PRESIDENT:**  
**BOB MAYFIELD**

"I'm a new member of Long Beach Casting Club, but I've been fly fishing for 30-plus years. I have completed native fish challenges in Wyoming, California, Nevada and Utah.

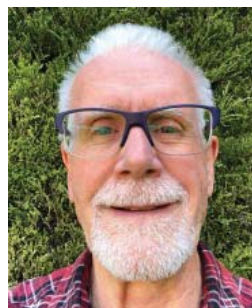
My favorite place to fish is California, especially the Lower Sacramento and Klamath Rivers in the fall. Besides fishing, I also like to surf. I'm married to Diane Mayfield (Member LBCC) who has also completed all the native fish challenges. I have two married children and four teenage grandsons. I live in Huntington Beach, where I'm a member of First Christian Church Huntington Beach."



**2nd VICE PRESIDENT:**  
**MARC BONVOULOIR**

"I have been a member since 2013 and have enjoyed the camaraderie of the meetings, casting sessions and club trips every year I have been a member. I have three Sadler

Slam pins that I am super proud to wear, since getting all five trout species in one weekend during the Brookie Bash is an awesome accomplishment. Favorite places to fish are Hot Creek and float tubing Crowley lake. Little known fact: I currently umpire high school baseball games in L.A. and had the distinguished opportunity to umpire the Division I championship game at Dodger Stadium in 2019."



**TREASURER:**  
**TOM MCGIVERN**

"I joined the club in 2014 to learn about fly fishing. I stayed because of all the nice people I met and the fun club activities, events and fishing trips. I am proud to be starting my third

term as treasurer for the club."



**CO-CAPTAIN:**  
**MARK FLO**

"I am a retired auto mechanic. I love to be in the mountains hiking and fly fishing, or on the bay in my kayak, saltwater fishing. I also volunteer at the Long Beach Fire Museum."



**CO-CAPTAIN:**  
**MIKE IVY**

"I joined LBCC in 2013 and was amazed at the wealth of knowledge the club had to offer. This is my second year as co-captain. This position has allowed me to bring Spey classes and tournament casting to the LBCC. I love Spey casting and enjoyed the journey to improve my casting over the years. My favorite rivers are the Missouri River in Montana and the Clearwater River in Idaho. I reside in Huntington Beach with my wife."



**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**  
**MARK ANGELO**

"I had the blessing of growing up at the edge of the California Delta. As a kid, a couple of neighborhood buddies taught me how to bait and lure fish in that scenic backdrop of the Sacramento River with all its wonderland of sloughs, backwaters and ponds. My favorite fish to hunt for then—and now—is largemouth bass. I am still new to fly fishing, and I look forward to becoming more proficient at casting and catching, using the methods of this artful craft. I live in Long Beach with my wife Catherine and my kids Anika, Joshua and Mariah. In 1994 I founded Fund Holder Reports, LLC, which has steadily grown into a nationwide company, specializing in tracking down heirs of financial accounts, and I currently serve there as CEO and Managing Director."



**FACILITIES & POND:**  
**STEVE HIGASHI**

"Twenty years ago, the first time I fly fished, my dad took me to the Upper Owens. Didn't know what I was doing but caught two dinks. It was rewarding to catch fish with an artificial lure, barbless hook and clean release. Had to wait until I retired before joining Club in 2017, to learn fly fishing."



**SENIOR DIRECTOR:**  
**YASH ISEDA**

"I've been a member for over 20 years, past president and the streamkeeper for the Bishop trips and also the Green. I have been very lucky to have had some great mentors during these 20-plus years."



**JUNIOR DIRECTOR:**  
**COLIN KUMABE**

"I joined in 1996, to meet everyone in the club, learn about fly fishing, and participate in the club trips and activities. I will not reveal favorite my fishing spot, but my second favorite spot to fish is Huntington Harbor from my kayak. Favorite club activities are all club trips, tournament casting, and the Fly Tying Forum. Past president 2018-2020."



**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**  
**BRAD LANDON**

"Favorite waters: the Green, Hot Creek and Owens."

Our 2020 Board members were installed at a special (on-line) meeting on April 19th, 2020. Good luck guys!



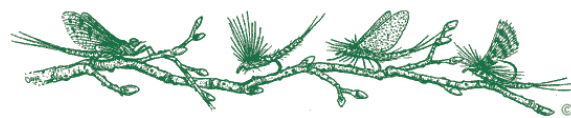
# Memorable Trip on the White River, Arkansas

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

This happened just a few days ago in early April, this year, and was a first for me while fishing any waters. Three of us were floating the White River near Cotter, Arkansas in a "River Boat" (fancy Jon Boat). We had been fishing all morning, and stopped to have a bite to eat. During our break we noticed a juvenile bald eagle in a tree, just downriver from us, watching the stream. It is the first juvenile I have seen on the river. There are several nests up and down the river, so it wasn't an unexpected sight, but it was fun to see one that hasn't developed its full adult plumage.



Then we started back fishing. Immediately I caught a 10-inch rainbow. As I stripped it in to within about six feet of the boat, that juvenile bald eagle came out of the tree and tried to steal my catch! Tom, who was rowing, and I were both shocked at how close he came! The eagle did miss a meal as he failed in his attempt, and the fish lives to enjoy another day. Can't say how neat it was to be that close to a wild Eagle! Even as a juvenile, they are huge. Keep watching those trees, you never know what will happen.



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last week in the Port of Los Angeles to provide additional hospital beds for non-COVID19 patients.

- ❖ President Trump warns the toughest weeks are ahead.
- ❖ All public schools are closed, providing "distance learning" for all students.
- ❖ Only "Essential Businesses" are allowed to be open.
- ❖ Curbside service at many restaurants is common, drive thru lines at In-N-Out are very long.
- ❖ Local markets, including large chains, are beginning to return to regular levels of supplies in most items after running low on eggs, fresh meat, toilet paper, disinfectants, hand sanitizers, and rubbing alcohol. Social distancing for checkout lines at markets are demarked by signs on floors.
- ❖ Three weeks ago, Ahi sells for \$0.49/pound as wholesalers are unable to sell to sushi restaurants.
- ❖ Gas prices due to domestic demand down by more than 30% and "price war" between the Russian and Saudi oil producers (Regular per gallon) National Average \$1.88, California \$2.89, Long Beach \$2.96.
- ❖ NBA , MLB seasons cancelled, maybe NFL too.

Watch the eblasts for video conferencing events as the club adjusts to using technology to conduct meetings and clinics. Please check the club's calendar for updated information on club activities. We have time to tie many flies and practice casting, so we'll be ready when fly fisher's life returns to "fishing as usual." Looking forward to seeing you soon at the Pond!

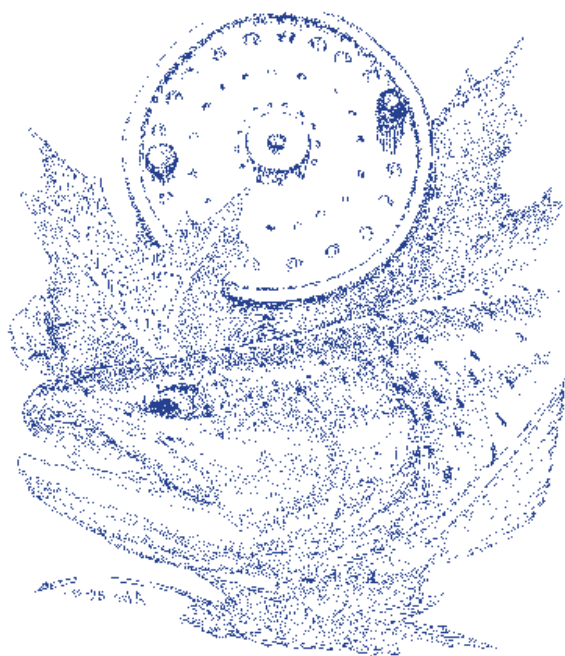


## Pond Cleanings Cancelled

STEVE HIGASHI, FACILITIES & POND

**D**ue to the Covid-19 outbreak, our March 21, pond cleaning was **cancelled**. With the uncertainty of the Covid-19 progress and social restrictions, the next pond cleaning will be scheduled as soon as it is determined safe. The scheduled date will be announced by an email blast.

Thank you and stay safe and healthy.



## Captain's Corner

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

**C**ASTING: Tuesday night and Sunday morning casting is cancelled until further notice.

### FISHING AWARDS:

Biggest Rainbow Trout: **18"**: June Park, Hot Creek.  
Biggest Brown Trout: **14"**: Kevin Theberge, Hot Creek.

## Why We Spey, the Way We Spey!

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

**S**o recently the Club held our third annual Spey competition. Had a ton of folks competing and I think I can safely say that a great time was had by all of the participants and attendees. If you were there I think you would agree and if you weren't... well, I think you missed out.

The nature of the competition, which is casting distance, is quite different from what you may have seen in single-hand events. Each competitor attempts to complete a maximum of twelve casts in six minutes; six over each shoulder and of those six, three with anchors on the left side (an anchor is that portion of the line on the water that helps load the rod through surface tension) and three on the right side. The best cast of each of those four scenarios (right shoulder/left anchor; right shoulder/right anchor; left shoulder/left anchor; left shoulder/right anchor) is added into a total and the person with the highest score wins. If you fail to make one good cast in any of these four categories you stand to lose up to 25% of your total score. Ouch!

A question I hear all the time is "why do Spey casters **HAVE** to cast over both shoulders and why do they make all of those different casts?" The answer is simple—it's called wind. Spey lines are thick—usually much thicker than single-hand lines and they catch wind just like a sail and this can prove to be quite problematic.

In Spey casting we have six basic casts at our disposal to use, given the circumstances we find ourselves in while fishing. Doesn't matter if it's in a river, a lake, or even the surf, we use one of these six casts to deliver the fly and hopefully hook up. Two of these basic casts, the Roll Cast and Switch Cast, are more foundational and lack the ability to change direction—they cannot move the line and fly from a downstream position hanging in the current to a

mid-river spot from which you can swing the fly and fish—therefore they are not used as much when fishing except in slack water. In fact, the Roll Cast is actually the finish of all Spey casts. So, if you can't Roll Cast you're...well...let's politely say you are going to have difficulties.

The choice of which one to use of the other four depends on the wind direction, and the equipment and system you are using. Let's start with the single most important reason to choose one cast versus another: wind direction.

Of the six basic casts, four are change-of-direction casts. In one or two moves you can start the cast from a downstream position, cast and re-present your fly mid-river and start fishing on the swing. The four casts are the Double Spey, Snap T (or C), Snake Roll and Single Spey. These four casts can be classified into two different types—Sustained Anchor (two-part casts) and Kiss & Go (single move), and all of these casts are separated into two wind directions—downstream and upstream. Here's how they break down:

	SUSTAINED ANCHOR	KISS & GO
DOWNSTREAM WIND:	Double Spey	Snake Roll
UPSTREAM WIND:	Snap T (or C)	Single Spey

Regardless of the strength of the wind, knowing and allowing for its direction is crucial in keeping you, the caster, safe and free from pain and personal damage. The point in using these different casts is to get the wind to blow your "D" Loop away from you, so that each cast places that loop (and your anchor on the water) on the downwind side of your body. This will save on the number of body piercings you receive that would be better done at a shop or booth in the mall...

Taking it a step further, the side of the river you are on will dictate the shoulder over which you make that cast. If you have a downstream wind you **NEED** to use



either a Double Spey or a Snake Roll to re-present the fly. If you are River Right (the right side of the river looking downstream), that cast will be made over the right shoulder. If you are River Left, it would be made over the left shoulder. With an Upstream Wind, it works similarly with the exception that the shoulder used is reversed. On River Right, you would use a Snap T (or C) or a Single Spey over your left shoulder, and on River Left, the cast would be over the right shoulder. So remember, wind direction dictates the cast; the side of the river you are on dictates the shoulder over which you make that cast.

Equipment and system choice will often, though not always, determine which type of cast to make. Those individuals competing in the tournament were primarily using Kiss & Go casts like the Snake Roll and Single Spey, which they knew would maximize distance. But they probably wouldn't use those same casts if, instead of a 15' rod, 70' line and floating leader with yarn, they were casting a 13' rod, 23' Skagit head and 15' of T14 sinking tip/leader with a tungsten cone head, bunny-strip Intruder fly.

Most likely, they'd choose a Sustained Anchor cast like the Double Spey or Snap T (or C). These types of casts are much more efficient to use with heavy equipment designed to fish deep. Only accomplished casters can manage a Kiss & Go cast with this type of equipment. It requires excellent timing, and patience, to master.

So there really is a method to the madness that you see when you watch someone Spey casting. You need to first consider the direction of the wind, then the side of the river you are fishing from as well as the type of equipment or system you are using **BEFORE** you make your mind up on which cast to make. If you don't, I hope you have someone with you to remove that large hook stuck in a delicate location...

Tight lines but not too tight!

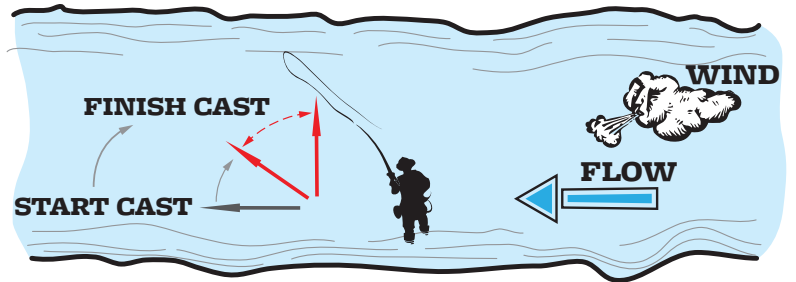
# SPEY CASTS (AND WHEN TO MAKE THEM)

**NOTE:** River Left or River Right is determined by which side of the river you are on while facing downstream

## RIVER LEFT

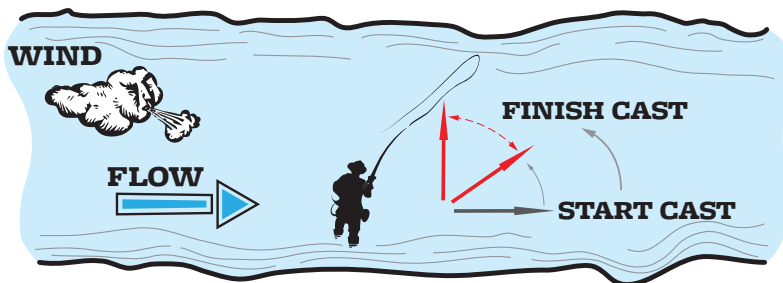
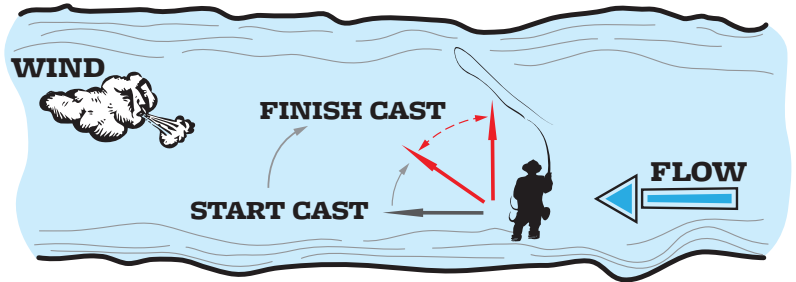
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Downstream Wind

**CASTS:** Left-Hand Snake Roll  
Left-Hand Double Spey



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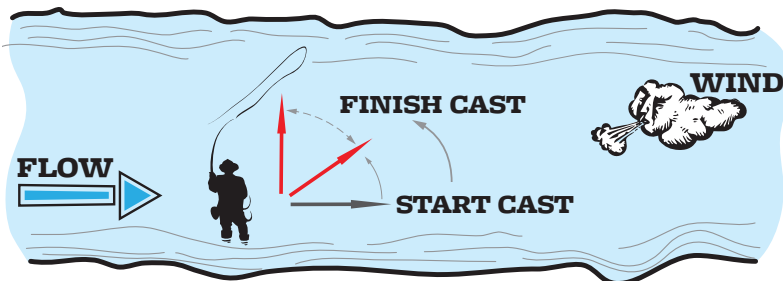
**CASTS:** Right-Hand Single Spey  
Right-Hand Snap 'C'



## RIVER RIGHT

**SITUATION:** River Right  
Downstream Wind

**CASTS:** Right-Hand Snake Roll  
Right-Hand Double Spey



**SITUATION:** River Right  
Upstream Wind

**CASTS:** Left-Hand Single Spey  
Left-Hand Snap 'C'



# Wednesday Night Fly Tying Forum Goes On-Line!

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

**W**e may be stuck at home, but that's no reason we can't learn some new tricks and techniques to improve our fly tying. Thanks to our Co-Captain, Mark Flo, we now have the means to put our Wednesday Fly Tying Forum on-line. We are using Zoom video-conferencing software to bring the Forum right into your homes. Zoom will work on your iPhone, iPad, laptop or desktop.

The information for the May meetings is below. Just click on the link under "Join Zoom Meeting", and enter the meeting ID and Password when prompted. Email blasts will be sent out to let you know the fly to be featured that week, the materials you'll need, etc. Just set up your phone or computer by your fly tying station, and you're ready to go!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FLY TYING MEETING AND PASSWORD.  
RECURRING TILL MAY 27.

**TOPIC:** FLY TYING AT LBCC

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# Some Valuable Information on Hook Strength

STEVE TIMM, MEMBER

I just tested some of our popular hooks which we use on the Green river. All of the hooks I tested were Size 20.

- ❖ The J. Stockard 510 Emerger hooks, this year's model which they call "J2", broke at four lbs.
- ❖ Last year's J. Stockard hook, before they had the J2 version, broke at five lbs.
- ❖ The Daiichi 1160 Klinkhammer hooks broke at six lbs.
- ❖ The Daiichi 1120 heavy scud hooks broke at seven lbs.
- ❖ The Tiemco 2488H, where "H" is for "Heavy", maxed out my scale at eight lbs., and this hook never broke.

So, given that last year I had the J. Stockard emerger hooks bending, landing only two out of 12 hookups the first day, the J. Stockard J2 emerger hooks won't work for the Green.

The Klinkhammer hooks are marginal. If you use 5x, then it might be that they will be ok. I don't know how old my Klinkhammer hooks are though. I see they were redesigned in 2017. I rarely fished the Klinkhammers.

For my test I did a straight pull over a period of just a few seconds. If you're fighting a fish which is doing the head shake for a good bit, the hook would fail at even lower rates than what I measured. Last year I was fishing with 5x and never broke off but sure did bend a bunch of the Stockard emerger hooks.

My testing rig: the hook is inside, with the line coming out a pinhole in each end. When the hook breaks, the little pointy end may break off, and the hook goes flying at lethal speed! Thus the rig to contain it.



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## 15% Discount from Chao Hang & Aventik

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

Chao Hang of Aventik is offering LBCC members a **15% discount** on the below products. To take advantage of the offer, go to the club page and click on Sponsors. Then click on (Aventik). The Aventik (Amazon) page will come up. Type the ASIN # in the search area (example: ASIN B079NBK9L4). The product will come up.

When checking out use code **LSP3JHLN** for the discount. The list and code will change from time to time, and we'll list it in the current Target Talk.

### Items for this Month:

- ❖ Light Ultra Light IM12 Fly Rods 8'0" LW3  
Asin: B078LY2424
- ❖ Fly reel 3/5  
Asin: B07P7KSKZ9
- ❖ Fiber Glass Fast Rod 8'1" LW5  
Asin: B071NBFVJL
- ❖ Waterproof Fishing Hook Box Green B2C  
Asin: B075FSQF34
- ❖ Trout Net  
Asin: B073LM8K62
- ❖ 100% Waterproof Fly Fishing Box  
Asin: B071YZJ2GX
- ❖ Hook Remover Gold  
Asin: B081CPTPCB
- ❖ 3-D Streamer Fibers  
Asin: B01NCVGG73

# UPDATE: Eastern Sierras Opening Day Postponement

COLIN KUMABE, PRESIDENT

On April 15, 2020, the California Fish & Wildlife Commission held an Emergency Meeting and granted the ability for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to temporarily delay, suspend or restrict recreational fishing if the director of CDFW, in consultation with the president of the Commission, finds that such action is necessary to protect against the threat from COVID-19 based on state, federal, local, and tribal public health guidance and public safety needs. This news release by the CDFW may be found at:

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2020/04/15/california-fish-and-game-commission-meets-remotely-allows-cdfw-to-temporarily-delay-restrict-or-suspend-fisheries-where-needed-to-prevent-the-spread-of-coronavirus/>

When more information on the decision by the CDFW Director and the Commission President's decision to postpone Opening Day is available, then an eblast will be sent to club members.

Please stay safe and healthy and hope to see and cast with you at the Pond soon, when this all settles out.



## *Spring is Upon us Here in the Eastern Sierra!!!*

It's an early spring, and the creeks and rivers are all fishing very well right now. Call me if you'd like to get into some early season action! Give me a call if you'd like to book a trip for this fishing season.

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## Fly Tying Tip: Alternate Tools (cont.)

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

**A** thing I've noticed is that, when grabbing hooks stored in a magnetic case, or in a pack that has a magnetic pad, it is easier to grab a hook with a tweezer rather than your fingers, especially if you have a small space and large fingers.

**BUT**, if you use standard tweezers, they can become magnetized and you may get more than a single hook (PHOTO #1, bottom). There is an alternate style tweezer that has non-metallic ends. This way you can pick up a single hook at a time (PHOTO #1, top). It makes grabbing a single hook a whole lot easier.



Another cool item is a pair of lead shears. These are small wire cutters but have a retention system (PHOTO #2) while the jaws are closed.



When you cut small clumps of hair, or other items that may be difficult to hold onto, the shears will hold them until you can grab them with your fingers. They work

great on standard long hair, and even better on short hair like moose hock or similar (PHOTO #3).



As with last month, items can be found at electric supply stores like Orvac (California) or Altex (Texas), or through the Internet. Search for: "Authentic InnoVaper Precision Ceramic Tweezers", or "Lead Shears".



## New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Stacey Deleon Watson
- ❖ David Drummond
- ❖ Maury Blanchard
- ❖ John Paxton
- ❖ Josh Paxton
- ❖ Michele Mooney

Please greet and welcome our new members at the next monthly meeting. Here's wishing them a lifetime of healthy hatches and tight lines. **Members: if you see visitors at our club meetings, let's make them feel welcome and inform them of the activities we have to offer!**

# Fly of the Month: Stacked Griffith's Gnat Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

**W**ith Covid-19 lurking around every corner and under every bed, I have been spending a lot of time at home tying flies. Partly to be socially distant and mostly 'cause I need flies to go fishing. Yes, I am leaving to go to the Green like I do every year. If the weather is cold, raining, snowing and a bit breezy like it is every spring up there, then not too many insects (like humans...) will want to venture outside to play. Those that do are hardy and, unfortunately, small. So let's talk about an effective and fairly easy fly to tie which the fish will eat: the Stacked Griffith's Gnat Emerger.

Midges and a few hardy mayflies like Baetis (Blue-Winged Olives —there are multiple genera and species of these, so be careful as to your identification) are about the only insects for fish to prey on during the winter months. Midge hatches like Blue-Winged Olives can trigger exceptional feeding opportunities for trout. With large emergences, they can be an easy meal, but can also lead to very picky eating habits by the fish. The fish more often than not want to see something that very closely mimics the Real McCoy in terms of size, color/value/hue and a natural drift. They also want to find an easy meal—one that won't fly away while they try to eat it.

The Griffith's Gnat is very familiar to many anglers and is actually an imitation of a midge mating cluster or "midge ball"—several midges all clumped together trying to procreate and make more midges, all while literally rolling across the surface like a ball. The midge balls are insects which have hatched and are returning to the water. The Griffith's Gnat Emerger is intended to be used during the actual hatch/emergence from a subaquatic life and in particular, a midge that is still attached to its nymphal shuck and having trouble flying away. This is a fairly simple fly to tie, especially in small sizes, and I usually have Size #20–#24 with me when fishing in the winter and early spring. Lately I have been tying them using a hackle stacker, even in really, really small sizes. Why? Because it is fun, I like a challenge and I love the way a hackle stacker floats on the water.

I tie them in three color combinations: 1) olive thread with dark olive and silver rib, pink shuck and peacock Ice Dubbing thorax (shown); 2) tan thread with dark copper rib, orange/gold shuck and hare's ear Ice Dubbing thorax and; 3) black with silver rib, claret shuck and UV black Ice Dubbing thorax. The hackle remains grizzly for all.

Tie some up for your next trip to the Lower "O" and for the Green. You will like the way they perform!

## MATERIALS FOR THE STACKED GRIFFITH'S GNAT EMERGER:

- Hook: Tiemco #101 ring eye in sizes 18 to 24.
- Thread: Olive Veevus 12/0.
- Tail: Salmon pink Darlon or Zelon, sparse.
- Body: Thread ribbed with dark olive and silver extra small Ultra Wire.
- Thorax: Dark Peacock Ice dubbing.
- Hackle: Grizzly Hackle Stacker over the thorax.



## TYING THE STACKED GRIFFITH'S GNAT EMERGER:

1. Before we get into the pattern, let's talk about hook choices. I use a ring eye hook for all of my flies that are size 18 and smaller. Why? It's simple and, yeah, maybe a bit old school but what the heck—I AM old... The ring eye (straight eye) gives the hook more gap and in my opinion leads to better hooking ability in small sizes. Not really an issue in larger sizes. Why not use an upturned eye? First, I can't stand the way they look and second, I actually think their hooking ability is diminished because when the hook is pulled tight the point of the hook rolls away from the fish—the exact opposite of a circle hook. Now, on to tying...
2. Place the hook in the vise and attach your thread at the headspace. Wind smoothly to the bend of the hook, and select a sparse clump of Darlon or Zelon for the shuck. Tie in the shuck so that it points slightly downward. Remove a length of both the dark olive and silver wire rib and tie it in low on the far side of the hook.
3. Now wind your thread smoothly up the shank of the hook, toward the beginning of the thorax. Taking care not to cross the two strands of ribbing, wind them forward to the thorax and tie both ends off. The ribbing should be equally spaced, as shown in the illustration.
4. Using your tying thread, prepare a two or three strand loop to serve as the core of the hackle stacker, right where the thorax begins. I usually use two loops by winding the first loop over my finger, which is about 2" above the shank, and then one turn around the shank. Then another loop over my finger and another turn of thread around the shank. Then I encircle the base of both loops completely with a wrap of thread, to lock it in place and to help keep the loop open.
5. Select a nice long grizzly hackle and tie it in slightly in front of the loops. Stick the index finger of your dominant hand into the loops, lift them up and keep them taught. Now wind the hackle parachute



style around the thread loop core, up and then down. This takes a bit of practice but you will find it to be a very effective technique with other fly tying applications. When you finish winding up and down the length of the thorax, lay the hackle over the front of the shank and, keeping your bobbin holder close to the hook, tie it off with a few turns. Holding the loops upright, carefully stroke the hackle fibers back so that they mostly point to the rear of the hook.

6. Almost done. Apply the thorax dubbing to your thread very thinly, and then wind the dubbing forward. Make sure the first turn of the thorax dubbing is right next to, and in front of, the hackle. Wind the dubbing forward to the headspace.
7. Take the thread loops of your stacked hackle and pull them forward. Keep the loops/core straight but not too tight. Tie the thread loops down with a couple of very tight turns of your working thread. You should note that if you pull too tight on the thread loops they may snap back a bit and could come loose so, pull firmly but don't overdo it.
8. Form a small neat head and whip finish. Attach the fly to your tippet and proceed to catch fish!

### NOTE:

I use a hackle stacker because I like the way it rests low on the surface, which is perfect for emergers. It's also fun to do. If the technique proves too challenging don't worry about it—just wind the hackle like normal and cut away the underside hackle as close to the thorax as you dare!



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TARGET SPECIES: Tarpon, Permit, Bonefish, Snook  
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6 rods available

#### **LAWRENCE BAY LODGE, NORTH SASKATCHEWAN**

July 2-9, 2020 ♦ **\$4,900**

TARGET SPECIES: Northern Pike  
7 nights ♦ 6 days of fishing  
8 rods available

#### **TWO PATAGONIA TRIPS IN 2021**

**Estancia Maria Behety, Tierra Del Fuego, Argentina**

January 2-9, 2021 ♦ **\$6,600**

TARGET SPECIES: Sea-Run Browns  
7 nights ♦ 6 days of fishing  
8 rods available

#### **ESTANCIA RIO CAPITAN, ARGENTINA**

January 9-16, 2021 ♦ **\$5,900**

TARGET SPECIES: Rainbows  
7 nights ♦ 6 days of fishing  
6 rods available

As many of you requested, we are letting you know about these trips far in advance. Please let us know if you would like to reserve a spot or would like more information about any of the new trips mentioned here.

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# Calendar of Events

## May

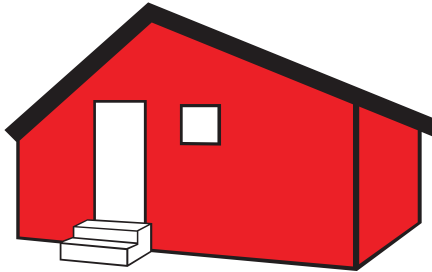
3-8	Week		Green River #2 w/ Colin Kumabe- <b>On Hold, moved to October</b>
4	Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting on-line
6	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
9	Saturday	9:00 am	Beginning Spey Casting- <b>Cancelled, will be re-scheduled</b>
10-15	Week		Green River #3 w/ Paul Burgner- <b>Cancelled</b>
12	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Rod Building- <b>Cancelled, may be re-scheduled</b>
		7:00 pm	Pre-Trip: On the Bay Salt Trip- <b>Cancelled, may be re-scheduled</b>
13	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
16	Saturday	9:00 am	Pre-Trip: Pyramid Lake- <b>Cancelled</b>
20	Wednesday	12:00 pm	Nooner Lunch- <b>Cancelled</b>
		7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
23	Saturday	9:00 am	Beginning Spey Casting- <b>Cancelled, will be re-scheduled</b>
24	Sunday	6:00 am	On the Bay Salt Trip- <b>Cancelled, may be re-scheduled</b>
26	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Rod Building- <b>Cancelled, may be re-scheduled</b>
27	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
28	Thursday	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting: Cory Shiozaki on-line
30-June 3	Week		Pyramid Lake w/ Paul Nakamura- <b>Cancelled, may be re-scheduled</b>

## June

1	Monday	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting on-line
2	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Rod Building- <b>Cancelled</b>
3	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
6	Saturday	9:00 am	Beginning Spey Casting- <b>Cancelled, will be re-scheduled</b>
9	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Rod Building- <b>Cancelled</b>
10	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
16	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Rod Building- <b>Cancelled</b>
17	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
20	Saturday	9:00 am	Beginning Spey Casting- <b>Cancelled, will be re-scheduled</b>
23	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Rod Building- <b>Cancelled</b>
24	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
25	Thursday	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting: Vaughn Podmore on-line

## July:

1	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
6	Thursday	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
			Pre-Trip: Brookie Bash and Sierra Tenkara Trip- <b>Cancelled</b>
15	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
22	Wednesday	12:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
23-26	Week		Brookie Bash w/ Mark Flo- <b>Cancelled</b>
24			Sierra Tenkara Trip w/ Cecil O'Dell- <b>Cancelled</b>
29	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Fly Tying Forum on-line
30	Thursday	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting: Glen Ueda (Corbina Presentation)



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