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Leader's Line...

A Unique Time for the Club

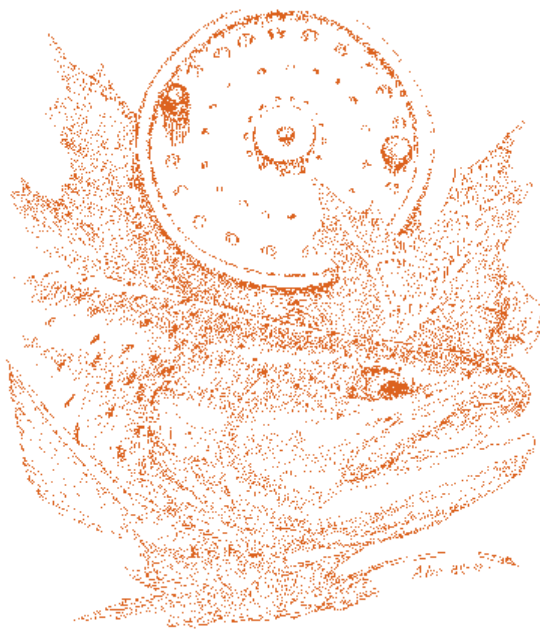
STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

This is a unique time to be president of the Club! I appreciate the Board for helping me to learn the many new duties and responsibilities. I also appreciate the newer members who have stepped up into leadership positions. We definitely have some new blood on the Board this year. I am grateful for Colin Kumabe who continues to answer my many questions with patience and understanding. He gives of his time freely and you can see that he really cares about the success of the club. It will truly be difficult to fill his shoes.

I really feel inadequate to handle this responsibility. Being organized is not one of my strong points. Writing articles is also something that I struggle with.

One thing I have learned from my service as the 1st VP this past year is that the people in the club are awesome! I have really enjoyed those whom I served with and fished with in this past year. My goal is to get to know many more of you through service this coming year.

There are so many gifted people at the club who are so willing to give of their time to teach others about this great sport. It is a pleasure to watch and admire their knowledge and



to watch the joy that it gives them to teach others. I truly feel that when you are in the service of others you are in the service of our God.

The sport of fly fishing has given me so much joy in my life. I really love to be in nature and I love being around others that share my passion. It can be a different language but it is great to find others that speak that same language.

My hope and desire for this next year is to serve with all my might and strength and to make long lasting friendships.

Although the zoom meetings are working for me my hope is to get us to return to the clubhouse so that we can enjoy each other's company.

Club Trips for 2020

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
July 23-26	Brookie Bash w/ A. Palomares, Pre-Trip July 11, 9:00 AM, "Brookie Bash Day" is July 25
July 24	Sierra Tenkara Event w/ C. O'Dell, Pre-Trip July 11, 9:00 AM - Cancelled
August 1	Southern California Tenkara Event w/ Art Strauss, Details TBD
Aug 9	On The Bay Salt Trip w/ Kevin Green, Pre-Trip July 22 7:00 PM
Aug 9-13	Conejos River w/ T. O'Brien, Pre-trip Aug 1, 9:00 AM
Aug 25-30	Eastern Sierra Backpack w/ Jim Garvey McGee Trail, Pre-Trip August 18, 7:00 PM
Sept 12-16	Eastern Sierra Backpack w/ Jim Garvey 20 Lakes Basin, Pre-Trip Aug 29, 9:00 AM
Sept 13-17	Southern Utah Fish with the 'Quiet Fisherman', w/ T. Komisak, Pre-Trip Aug 29, 9:00 AM
Sept 19	Yards & Inches Trip w/ Mick Woodbury, Pre-trip Sept 12, 9:00 AM
Oct. 5-9	Green River w/ C. Kumabe, Pre-Trip Sept 26, 9:00 AM
Oct. 12-16	Green River w/ Y. Iseda, Pre-Trip Sept 26, 9:00 AM
Nov 7-10	Northern California Steelhead Trip w/ M. Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip Oct 31, 9:00 AM

Trip 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.

Trip locations and dates are subject to change, so monitor Target Talk or the Web Calendar for updated information. Pre-Trip Meetings are usually at the clubhouse starting at 7:00 PM. Check here or the club's website calendar to confirm the time. Please contact Marc Bonvouloir if you have any questions at: mrmlb21@gmail.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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Who You Gonna Call? Glenn Ueda Tells Us How to Bust the "Ghost of the Coast"

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Corbina make tiny ripples in very shallow surf. If you're lucky enough to see one, you've probably already spooked it. If you haven't, your fly probably will. But, if it doesn't, and the corbina takes your fly, you'll be treated to a battle with a trout-sized fish that fights like a marlin. Catching this "ghost of the coast" is an art, and one of its most well-known practitioners is our May speaker: Glenn Ueda. Glenn will talk to us about strategies for catching corbina, or "beans", as they are affectionately nicknamed by the wild-eyed, obsessed anglers who fish for them. Glenn is legendary in the little world of corbina on the fly.

A little autobiographical background from Glenn:

"I now enjoy sharing my passion for fly fishing by conducting store and club seminars throughout



Southern California. A budding writer, I had my first article 'Ghost of the Coast' recently published in CALIFORNIA FLY FISHER. With numerous inquiries and always seeking new challenges, I launched 'So Cal Flats Fishing Guide Service' in the spring of 2017. A resounding success, I learned as much about myself as my clients did about corbina. My mission is to have those that I guide learn not only the finer points of pursuing corbina but to also raise their awareness of access to public waters, many of which are walking distance from our home in Huntington Beach. My wife Mona along with our two dogs Kai and Mac have lived in 'HB' since 2015."

And a little something about his talk: *"Glenn holds multiple IGFA world records. He will be talking about sight-fishing for the coveted California Corbina in our local Southern California surf. Learn the basics including seasonal patterns, food sources, tidal cycles, structure recognition and approach, balanced rods, reels and tackle, proper leader construction and effective fly patterns. If you are already an avid bonefish or carp fisherman, or simply looking to try the wonderful world of surf fly fishing, this is for you!"*

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SAVE DATES: Beginning & Intermediate Spey Casting Classes Starting Saturday 7/25/2020

MIKE IVY, CO-CAPTAIN

To assist those wishing to either develop or enhance their spey casting skills, the LBCC is sponsoring Beginner and Intermediate Spey Casting classes on the club pond. These sessions are cost free and open to club members only 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 2 sessions.

Where: LBCC Clubhouse and Pond
5201 E. 7th St.
Long Beach, CA

When: The dates and times of each session are listed below.

- ❖ Session 1 - Saturday, 07/25/2020, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- ❖ Session 2 - Saturday, 08/01/2020, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Limit of Attendees: Six students. Must sign up with Mike Ivy (archie.ivyinc@verizon.net) to reserve a spot.

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)



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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 **NS7QZLB2** 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:

- ❖ Generation High Reel 3rd-Gunsmoke
Asin: B081N1QLLP
- ❖ Fly Fishing Reel Black 3/5
Asin: B07VPB3RP5
- ❖ Silicon Super Slim Fishing Box 1pcs-g048lb
Asin: B083SDNL11
- ❖ SF1A Streamer Fly Box
Asin: B01MR4XKPU
- ❖ Transparent Plastic Waterproof Fly Box
Asin: B081CMN832
- ❖ Sports Sun-glasses Polarized
Asin: B0899M84ZH
- ❖ Dimmer-able LED Fly Tying Light
Asin: B073CQM9DD
- ❖ Chest Bag with tool
Asin: B07MYRCCWR

Backpacking on McGee Trail with Jim Garvey

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

This trip is to hike in and out of the McGee Pass Trail to explore and fish the areas around Big McGee Lake/Steelhead Lake, Tully Lake to Grinnell Lake and Fish Creek. Here is the plan:

- ❖ Tuesday, August 25: we will meet Tuesday evening at the trailhead for a potluck dinner and to acclimatize and organize our backpacks. Please be sure to take only the things you really need! Leaving nonessential items behind makes your backpack light and the whole trip even more enjoyable.
- ❖ Wednesday, August 26: we'll start hiking very, very, very early, by 7:00 AM, toward the Big McGee Lake and Pass area, likely camping near Big McGee Lake.
- ❖ Thursday, August 27 through Saturday, August 29: explore and fish the area, possibly finding one or two "base camps" to take day hikes to nearby areas (such as Steelhead Lake, Tully Lake to Grinnell Lake and Fish Creek).
- ❖ Sunday, August 30: Hike out along the McGee Trail and drive home.

The pre-trip meeting is planned for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, August 18, at the LBCC Clubhouse. If the in-person meeting is **not** allowed be held at the clubhouse, then we will hold the meeting using a Zoom video conference.

Jim Garvey will provide in-depth information on the trip, as well as some ultralight backpacking preparation strategies. Feel free to contact him for further assistance with gear selection and preparations.

The **one** option that could be discussed at the pre-meeting is continuing on the trail and exiting at Rock Creek. This option is very exciting, plus longer distance

Captain's Corner

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN



CASTING: due to health restrictions regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, the Nationals scheduled for the end of July in Pittsburgh, PA have been cancelled. The ACA Board is considering a postponement till the fall or conducting the 112th National next year.

See the calendar and website for details and status of casting events.

with interesting challenges.

For further reading on the trip, you can check out "SIERRA SOUTH" by Kathy Morey and Mike White, Wilderness Press. This trek is described in trips #49 Steelhead Lake, #51 Big McGee Lake, and #52 Rock Creek.

Anyone wishing to join this backpacking trip should email Jim Garvey (jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net) or Colin Kumabe (ckumabe@gmail.com).

New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Board of Directors approved this new member at the last Board Meeting:

❖ Ron Engelenburg

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!**

Brookie Bash 2020

WHAT: The Sadler Slam

WHEN: July 23–26

WHERE: Eastern Sierras

WHY: 'cause...

*“Rookies and Brookies
are made
for each other!”*

—Jeffrey Sadler

**Pre-Trip
Meeting
at the
Clubhouse:
July 11 @
9:00 AM**

**Stream Keeper:
Armando
Palomares
Email:
a.palomares@
sbcglobal.net**

**Earn the LBCC special pin “The Sadler Slam” by
catching all five species that weekend:
Brookie, Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat and Golden!**



Brookie Bash: 22nd Year!

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

You can't keep a good Brookie Bash down! One of the signature events on the Long Beach Casting Club's trip calendar, the Brookie Bash was slated for removal or at least postponement this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Fortunately we are moving ahead with the Bash on Saturday, July 25, 2020 in Little Lakes valley.

The pre-trip meeting will be Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 am. Bring a chair to the pre-trip meeting, since we will be meeting outside the clubhouse so we can social distance. The club house will be open for a restroom break. This year's streamkeeper is Armando Palomares. Contact him at **760-644-2755** or a.palomares@sbcglobal.net for details.

Please make lodging arrangements on your own. I for one am camping, starting on Thursday, July 23. There will be a social distancing pizza party on Saturday evening in Mammoth Creek Park at 7:00 pm. Bring \$5, a camping chair and drinks of your choice as we rehash(lie) about the fish we caught!

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!"***

[Editor's Note: thanks to Mark Flo for running this trip the last six years. Mark is staying home this year to protect his family-Rob.]

Fly Tying Forum Info

ROB PETERSON, EDITOR



The on-line Long Beach Casting Club Wednesday Fly Tying Forums have been going very well. They have been well attended, and we have gotten two new attendees from the Flyfishers' Club of Oregon.

All are welcome to these tying sessions. If you'd like to join, the information for the July Fly Tying Forums 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 that week's fly, materials, etc.

Wednesday night fly tying meeting and password.

TOPIC: Fly Tying At LBCC
TIME: 7:30 PM (19:30) Pacific Time (US & Canada). Every week on Wednesday.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

<https://zoom.us/j/536964637?pwd=T3JNYVY3YkI4anBsSWWhKQUNUVXk1Zz09>

MEETING ID: 536 964 637

PASSWORD: 052075

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Come join us Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 PM. The presentation will be on-line as well. Going forward we are going to be presenting all meetings via ZOOM. So, if we are back in the clubhouse and you cannot make it to Long Beach, below is a link to the live meeting. You can participate at home or in the clubhouse.

TOPIC: LBCC Meeting Glenn Ueda

TIME: July 30, 2020 7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88465318247?pwd=cThGWVI4b2FiS2RjVTINOW95Slc1UT09>

MEETING ID: 884 6531 8247

PASSWORD: 724813

Fish the Conejos River with Conejos River Anglers

❖ August 9–13, 2020 ❖



Address:

34591 State Highway 17
Antonito, Colorado 81120
E-mail: conejosanglers.com

Phone:

Local: (719) 376-5660

Conejos River Anglers Cabins

- DATES:** August 9-13, 2020 arrive Sunday, depart Thursday.
- RESERVE YOUR SPOT:** A **\$440.00 deposit is due no later than July 9, 2020**. Your second deposit of **\$440.00 is due no later than July 30, 2020**. Make check payable to the 'Long Beach Casting Club', and send to LBCC, PO Box 90035, Long Beach CA. 90809.
- COST:** The total cost of the trip will be approximately **\$880.00*** per angler, double occupancy.
- INCLUDES:** 4 nights lodging and 3 days guided wading on the waters of southern Colorado. One day will be guided on private water.
- CONEJOS RIVER ANGLERS:** The Conejos River (Meadows) is 3 miles of high mountain meadow below Platoro Reservoir. The Conejos is the largest tributary of the Rio Grande. The upper meadow is a serpentine wonder that cries out for a visit. The lower river provides easy access to great fishing.
- CABINS AT CONEJOS RIVER ANGLERS:** Located on site with the fly shop, these cabins offer two beds, bathroom and small kitchen facilities. There are a number of restaurants in nearby Alamosa.
- LIMITED:** To 6 LBCC member anglers. All anglers must have average wading ability.



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*Price subject to last minute changes.

Club Trips and COVID-19

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

I know what you're thinking. How in the world are we going on club trips when this pandemic is targeting people like us? Our Club has a great history of creating and attending some great trips: Green River, Brookie Bash, Yards & Inches as well as Eastern Sierra backpacking trips and locations such as Montana, Colorado and northern California. So what do we do? I've spoken to a number of members and have gotten the gamut of responses—from "I'm going nowhere until there's a vaccine" to "I'm going nuts at home and am ready to go." I may be wrong but I sense most members are somewhere in between those sentiments.

That's where I am as well. Most of the fun of a Club trip (not counting catching great fish in a wonderful location) is the camaraderie of members at dinner and beyond. It's what draws us to the Club in the first place. Joining like-minded people who are as passionate about our sport as we are or, as I like to describe it, a bunch of old fly fishers lying to each other with a drink in our hands. So what do we do?

When it comes to health and staying well, it seems most logical to consult the experts. So I've done some research. Health professionals have come to the conclusion that testing for the virus is the way to go. It's available everywhere and it's free. I was tested on April 16 and three days later I received an email confirming that I was negative. Hmmm... What if you wanted to take a chance and go to the Brookie Bash for instance, but you don't want to go by yourself? You choose a member partner and both get tested a week before the trip. If you both turn up negative and you didn't go to Trader Joe's or a Rage concert in between, then go together on the trip. Wear masks while in the truck and social distance as much as possible for the weekend.

Our sport is intrinsically an individual game. We are outside on a piece of water away from humanity. So this year there will be no condo rental for the Brookie Bash. Everyone going will need to handle

accommodations on their own. There are two places we will meet—Mosquito Flats at the end of Rock Creek Lake Road on Saturday, July 25 and pizza dinner at Mammoth Creek Park at 7:00 PM that night. Bring a camping chair, a few bucks, drink of choice and an appetite. Armando Palomares and I will be there with a few pizzas (if we both test negative—fingers crossed). That being said, are we 100% safe? No. We will all be playing dodge ball with this virus until there's a vaccine or we reach herd immunity.

The Club has great trips this year. Two new ones are the Southern Utah trip with Terry Komisak and the Conejos River trip with Tom O'Brien in New Mexico/Colorado. They are both limited to six members and they will undoubtedly be incredible trips.

So the question is: what do we do? What'll you do?

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.



Fish Southern Utah with The Quiet Fly Fisher

❖ September 13–17, 2020 ❖



Address:

17 E. 200 North
Loa, Utah 8747

E-mail: quietflyfisher@gmail.com

Phone:

Local: (435) 616-2319

Mill Cabins and Lodge — www.themillscabins.com

DATES:	September 13-17, 2020 arrive Sunday, depart Thursday.
PAYMENT TERMS:	Reserve your spot— <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ A \$ 200.00 non refundable deposit is due no later than June 15, 2020.❖ Your second deposit of \$ 300.00 is due no later than July 15, 2020.❖ Your final deposit of \$ 335.00 is due no later than August 15, 2020. Make check payable to the 'Long Beach Casting Club', and send to LBCC, PO Box 90035, Long Beach CA. 90809.
TOTAL COST:	The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$835.00* per angler, double occupancy.
INCLUDES:	4 nights lodging and 3 days guided wading or float tubing on the waters of southern Utah.
THE QUIET FLY FISHER:	Southern Utah is the secret fly fishing destination you have been looking for. If you want no crowds, incredible dry fly, nymph fishing on small streams and rivers or float tubing on scenic mountain lakes for rainbows, browns, brookies, splake and tiger trout, this is for you!
THE MILL CABINS:	Located close to the fly shop, these log cabins in Lyman, Utah are hand built, offering rustic charm. Double occupancy (2) two persons per night with double beds. Bathroom, refrigerator, TV and microwave are in each room. There are a number of restaurants serving the Lyman area very close to the hotel.
LIMITED TO:	6 LBCC member anglers. Must have good wading ability!

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*Price subject to last minute changes.



A Reminder from a Member of Flyfishers' Club of Oregon: Keep 'em Wet!

FELTON JENKINS (REPRINTED FROM THE FLYFISHERS CLUB OF OREGON NEWSLETTER)

*[Editor's Note: I met Felton and his dog, Dean, on a Western Rivers Conservancy trip to the North Umpqua last October (for more on Western Rivers Conservancy, see my articles of March, 2016, January, 2017, January, 2018 and November, 2018). Felton has an excellent perspective on conservation ethics. Here are his thoughts on catch and release. For a great article from KeepEmWet.org, see the March, 2019 issue of Target Talk-**Rob**.]*

Since our club members release most of the fish they catch, we need to be as great at releasing fish as we are at catching them. Also, when fishing many rivers in the Pacific Northwest, we can encounter threatened and endangered fish, like Snake River steelhead and Chinook salmon. There's no excuse for harming these fish if at all possible. There are some great resources out there that can help us learn best practices and improve our game on the water.

Check out www.KeepEmWet.org. This movement is now a non-profit started by fisheries scientists Sascha & Andy Danylchuk. They are both avid anglers who happen to be married and who have conducted studies around the world on handling and releasing fish. Their approach starts with three main principles:

- ❖ MINIMIZE AIR EXPOSURE (10 seconds or less, just once, is important).
- ❖ ELIMINATE CONTACT W DRY SURFACES (dry hands & net, boat bottom, ground).
- ❖ REDUCE HANDLING (Use barbless hooks, rubber nets, forceps, etc.).



Building on the three principles are 12 Tips to help implement the principles. See <https://www.KeepEmWet.org/#keepemwet-tips>. Most of these tips are common sense, but not all are well known and practiced enough. Fish need oxygen, but they can only get it as aqueous dissolved oxygen. I had heard that we should think about how long we can hold our breath as a guideline for a fish. But Sascha likened it to having your head stuck under water right after you crossed the finish line of a marathon run. Yikes. Ten seconds now sounds like a long time!

A fish is stressed and maybe exhausted when we bring them to hand, just when they need oxygen the most. Too much time out of the water for pictures, too much contact with dry hands/ground/boat floor etc. and too much time being restrained and handled (including while in the water) can lead to mortality, either now or later. Even a fish that seems to swim away fine but has not been handled well could suffer delayed mortality from predation, disease or just not fully recovering from the encounter. If a fish is solidly hooked in the





gills or back in the throat, clip the tippet and leave the fly. If the fish is bleeding from the gills, then consider harvesting the fish if legal to do so. Anyway, Keep Fish Wet does not mean don't ever harvest a fish.

Everybody loves fish pictures, and some people like images of themselves with ichthyo-fauna. But keep the fish mostly in the water, or just barely out of the water, while still dripping, for a quick picture. I'm guilty of doing it imperfectly in the past, and I bet I still make mistakes. Everyone can get better at this, just like everyone can get better at fly fishing. Keep at least the fish's head and gills in the water as much as possible, while facing upstream in flowing water. The steelhead close-up is one I got on the Sandy River a few winters ago. More people want to see the fish than my face. And we don't need a picture of them all; just ask my wife Karen.

I recommend listening to April Vokey's podcast with Andy and Sascha at April's website, www.

AnchoredOutdoors.com, episode #155. I understand April gained some fans when she presented to Flyfishers' Club of Oregon a few years ago, and she has a bunch of good podcasts on her site or at **"Anchored"** on your podcast app. Also, the Conservation Angler has prepared a document **"10 Ways to be a Conservation Angler"**. One of their important guidelines is to cease fishing for salmonids when the water temperature is greater than 68 degrees F, or 20 C. Higher water temps mean lower dissolved oxygen. Keep that in mind when going out for summer steelhead (<https://theconservationangler.wordpress.com/2017/08/14/ten-ways-to-be-a-conservation-angler/>).

One more word on barbless hooks. We really do not need the barb to land fish when you play a fish correctly and quickly. A lot of unnecessary handling come from digging out a barbed hook, it's bad on the fish and you are wasting fishing time. If it's not already barbless, pinch the barb on a new fly when you put it in your flybox. And make sure your older flies are pinched when you take them out. Ask your fly shop to carry barbless flies whenever possible. Not only is it safer for the fish, it's a lot safer for you. Many of us have gotten a fly stuck in the skin, and if not the skin then your waders, jacket, etc. A few days before my wedding in 2004 I came home with a large, barbed saltwater fly stuck in my cheek; it was really windy. Not cool. Another word to the wise, always protect your eyes with glasses when fishing. Have fun out there and treat the resource with respect.





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Rindge Dam in Malibu: It's Time to Go

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

I was shocked, though not surprised, to read that another swimmer recently died in the lake at Rindge Dam in Malibu Creek State Park. The area has long been notorious for injuries and deaths from diving off the cliffs into the lake. The swimmer who died was only 26 years old, which I would guess is about the average age for fatalities there.

That is probably the best reason to get rid of Rindge Dam, but there is another very good one: it's a barrier to migration of the endangered (in fact, barely surviving) Southern California steelhead.

Before Malibu Creek was dammed, it was known as a great place to catch steelhead. Humphrey Bogart was a big fly fisherman, and designed his own flies for steelheading on the creek. Legend has it (I can't verify this story, but I like it so much I'm including it) that he and fellow movie star Tyrone Power got drunk one time and had an argument about the best method for catching steelhead.

Mr. Bogart showed Mr. Power his favorite fly, and Mr. Power showed Mr. Bogart his method of choice: a snub-nosed .38 revolver. Bogart won the ensuing contest hands-down—bullets don't travel very well under water. Again, I have no idea whether this story is true, but after all, this is a fishing newsletter.

In the 1920s, the Rindge family built a dam on Malibu Creek and the steelhead population took a downward turn. The last recorded steelhead was caught in 1936. The dam is still in place. It was a popular hiking destination in Malibu Creek State Park for years; I've been there several times myself with a local hiking club. In August of 2014, it was closed to the public as it had become (as quoted from THE MALIBU TIMES):

"...a destination for teenage daredevils and vandals



who, according to State Parks officials often make the treacherous hike to the dam in order to drink, dive into the creek and paint the dam's walls."

Search and rescue in the narrow canyon is dangerous and expensive. In November of 2013, a dam-bound hiker fell 200 feet. Rescuers had to use a helicopter and winch to get him out of the canyon. In addition, according to Craig Sap, a spokesman for the State Park system: "Sanitation conditions down there have been reported to be abysmal, not just the trash but also the human waste down there."

One solution, which is also of interest to fans of the steelhead, is to tear down the dam. Another quote from THE MALIBU TIMES: *"...for years, the State has been pushing to tear down Rindge Dam, which is said to have a negative impact on the steelhead trout's migration up and down Malibu Creek and may prevent spawning. Opponents, however, argue the project could cost up to \$100 million and be a waste of state resources for a small population of fish. Residents of Serra Retreat also worry its removal could unleash tons of dirt and sediment that has built up behind the dam."*

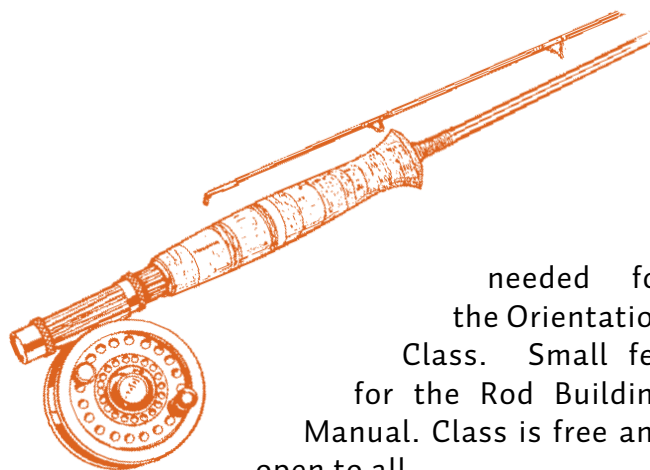
Granted that the current steelhead population in Malibu Creek is small (the Southern California steelhead is genetically different from other varieties and is listed as an endangered species), that is very likely because there is not enough habitat downstream of the dam to support a larger population. There is no immediate plan to remove the dam, so this situation will likely continue in its current state for a while.

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The Orientation Class will be on September 1, 2020. After a two-week hiatus, the class resumes on September 15 for actual instruction. There will then be five weeks of rod building instruction, and the class will end on October 13.

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



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Fly Tying Tip of the Month

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

I know many of you look forward to Dave Boyer's monthly tips—I know I do. But, Dave has been swamped so I thought I might toss out one thing that I do constantly and I know virtually none of you do. Untwisting your thread.

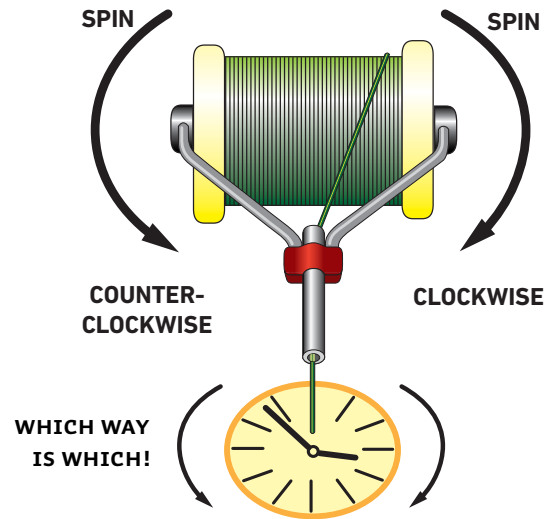
You have heard me, other tiers and instructors harp on this point over and over. Yet, when I watch students in our Beginning Class and the vast majority of the instructors, none of them take advantage of this technique. It is one used by ALL of the best tiers I know. And I know a lot of them!

Why? It's really simple, your thread is already twisted in a clockwise direction when you install it on your bobbin holder. Every time a right-handed tier (I'll get to the lefties in a minute) makes a turn of thread around the hook, you're tightening the twist in the thread. Making it worse—a lot worse. Twisted thread does not lie flat. You are actually trying to make secure wraps on a material with thread that is getting smaller in diameter, and using less surface area, with each turn.

How do you do it? It's really simple. Simply grab your bobbin holder where you normally would hold on to it. Now spin the thread in the direction you want. The direction of spin is based on looking down the nose of the bobbin holder: clockwise and counter-clockwise.

As the thread and bobbin holder is spinning, watch the thread and you will see it actually getting slightly larger in diameter. That means that it is getting flatter. Flat is thin and broad covering more surface area. Twisted is small diameter and round and can actually cut delicate materials.

Tired of fighting with thread that wants to twist at the wrong time? Wraps around the nose of your bobbin holder? With flattened thread you can make "loose loop" wraps that are truly loose loop. By that I mean you don't even have to run the thread up between the



thumb and forefinger over the top of the material and down between the thumb and forefinger. Getting your thread to be exactly where you want it, when you want is a simple matter of counter-spinning the thread.

By adding a small amount of twist in one direction or the other you can make the thread tuck in tight against your fingertips or go the other way to keep clear of them. It's all in the magic of thread control and the amount of twist in your thread.

Now, for all the southpaws out there. Since the vast majority of threads are twisted by the manufacturer in a clockwise direction, your winding of thread is actually untwisting the thread naturally. Of course you can over do it and add twist but it only happens when you wind a lot of thread down a long shank. If it happens just spin the thread in a clockwise direction. More than anything else, you will find that sometimes your thread might be too flat, if there is such a thing, and spreads out to such a degree that the individual fibers start to fray. Just spin the thread counter clockwise and you're back to normal.

So surprise me the next time I see you tying. Show me you really want to get better and you have taken this article to heart. At the very least try it for a dozen flies and see what you think. It will improve your tying skills and allow you to better do what you want to do.

So start spinning that bobbin holder!

Fly of the Month: Bullethead Yellow Sally

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

Over the years I have always enjoyed the buggy, entomological aspect of tying flies. One of the first books I read was **MATCHING THE HATCH** by Ernest Schwiebert followed quickly by his masterwork **NYPHHS**. After reading these I spent more and more time at streamside watching what insects were making themselves available to the fish. One of the insects that intrigued me was the Little Yellow Stonefly or Yellow Sally. I often noticed it on Hot Creek and the Owens River where I learned how to fly fish (technically that's where I began to learn—we're always learning). The more I fished and the more locations that I fished, the more I noticed the Yellow Sally.

The Yellow Sally (*Isoperla* sp.) is a very common species of stone fly that inhabits the cold, well-oxygenated waters of North America's freestone streams and rivers. Here the nymphs live for one to two years among the stones and gravels of the bottom, feeding on plant matter. The size of the nymph, which is a golden brown in color, ranges from about a #18–#12 on a standard nymph hook.

They hatch in typical stonefly fashion by crawling to the shore and climbing up and out onto a branch or rock, with the winged adult extracting itself from the nymphal case. The insects take to the air soon afterwards and look for a mate. What attracts the attention of the trout is the return to the water of the females laden with eggs. It is when they are on the water laying their eggs that they are the most vulnerable and create for you, the angler, your best chance for success. Fish the Bullethead Yellow Sally on any riffle section of water on a spring or summer morning or evening. For all the Jeff Sadler's of the world, this fly also makes for an excellent summertime searching pattern, when little else appears to be hatching and the thought of putting on a nymphing rig is repugnant.

Materials for tying the Bullethead Yellow Sally:

- Hook: Tiemco 2312 or Daiichi 1260 in size 14–20.
- Thread: 12/0 Veevus Light Cahill (primrose or pale yellow).
- Body: Rear 1/5 –scarlet red dubbing for egg sack.
Front 4/5s –lemon yellow dubbing dressed thin.
- Body hackle: Ginger (or barred ginger) dry fly, sparse and about 1–2 sizes smaller than normal for the size of the fly.
- Hackle: Ginger dry fly at thorax.
- Wing/Head: Light dun elk body hair, tied in forward and pulled back over the thorax for a head and wing.



Instructions for tying the Bullethead Yellow Sally:

- 1 Attach the thread at a spot over the point of the hook and advance forward with smooth, even wraps to a point just behind the eye. Wind the thread to create a very small head, making sure that the eye is closed off. Remove a clump of 20-30 elk hair fibers to be used for the wing, remove the shorts and basal hair and even the tips in a hair stacker. The amount of hair used should err on the side of sparseness. Measure the elk hair over the body—the wing should not extend past the bend of the hook. Reverse the wing so that the tips are pointing forward and tie them down as close to the eye of the hook as possible. Cut off the wing butts on an angle and bind them down, insuring a smooth transition to the hook shank.
- 2 Wind the thread back to the point of the hook and apply a small amount of scarlet dubbing material, for the egg sack, to your thread. I prefer to use a synthetic dubbing material for this particular fly, as it retains its color better when wet. Wind the egg sack dubbing about $\frac{1}{5}$ the length of the body. The dubbing body on this fly should be kept thin in diameter, as these insects are slender and delicate in appearance. Select a good quality ginger hackle that is about one or two sizes smaller than a normal hackle for the size of fly you are tying. Remove the softer fibers and list from the stem and tie it in where you finished winding the egg sack, with the dull (concave) side pointing forward.
- 3 Apply the lemon yellow dubbing to your thread and wind forward to the beginning of the thorax. Again, remember to keep the body thin. Wind the body hackle forward, palmer style, to the beginning of the thorax. Select a good quality ginger hackle, a size slightly smaller than normal for the fly your are tying, and prepare it in the same fashion as the body hackle. Tie the hackle in just behind the eye of the hook.
- 4 Apply more lemon yellow dubbing to your thread and wind rearward over the thorax and wing butts, stopping when you meet the body dubbing.
- 5 Wind the hackle rearward with smooth wraps which allow the dubbing to show slightly between the hackle stem. Tie off the hackle where the body and thorax meet. Clip the top of the hackle over the thorax (and also on the underside for smoother waters), but leave the body hackle alone.
- 6 Your thread should be where the body and thorax meet—this is the tie-down point for the wing. Grab the wing and firmly pull it back towards the bend of the hook. With the wing pulled back, squeeze the fibers down between your thumb and forefinger. Give the wing a slight $\frac{1}{4}$ of a turn twist to help keep all of the fibers together, and wind over the wing like you would on an elk hair caddis. Bind down the wing securely, whip finish and add a drop of head cement. The Bullethead Yellow Sally is now ready for its maiden voyage.

NOTE:

This type of fly is perfect for imitating many different types of insects: hoppers, crickets, cicadas, stoneflies in other colors and sizes and larger caddis. The addition of rubber legs along the side at the tie-down point of the wing can add a certain degree of movement that fish find quite attractive.



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Calendar of Events

July

1	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
11	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Brookie Bash w/ Armando Palomares
15	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
22	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: On the Bay Salt Trip with Kevin Green
23-26	Week		Brookie Bash w/ Armando Palomares
25	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning & Intermediate Spey Casting Class
29	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Glen Ueda (Corbina Presentation)

August

1	Saturday		Local Tenkara event w/ Art Strauss
		9:00 AM	Beginning & Intermediate Spey Casting Class
		9:00 AM	Pre-trip: Conejos River with Tom O'Brien
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
9	Sunday	6:00 AM	On the Bay Salt Trip with Kevin Green
9-13	Week		Conejos River with Tom O'Brien
12	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
15	Saturday		LBCC Spey Tournament
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pre-trip: Eastern Sierra Backpacking-McGee Trail with Jim Garvey
19	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
25-30	Week		Eastern Sierra Backpacking-McGee Trail with Jim Garvey
26	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: John Stevenson (Fishing the Delta)
29	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Eastern Sierra Backpack - 20 Lakes Basin w/ Jim Garvey
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Fish with "The Quiet Fly Fisher" with Terry Komisak

September

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building-Orientation Class
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
9	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
12	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-trip: Yards & Inches with Mick Woodbury
12-16	Week		Eastern Sierra Backpacking-20 Lakes Basin with Jim Garvey
13	Sunday	9:00 AM	Captain's Handicap
13-17	Week		Fish with "The Quiet Fly Fisher" with Terry Komisak
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23	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: White Elephant Club Activity
26	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Green River
27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building
30	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line



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