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Leader's Line...

My "Go-To" Spots To Fish in the Mammoth Area

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

As always, I struggle with what to write about for these articles. I spend quite a bit of time in the Mammoth area because I live there part time. I spent most of the summer there, fishing and remodeling a place that I have purchased. So I thought I would write about three new fishing spots that I found this summer in the Mammoth area which I have really enjoyed. For me, getting rid of the crowds and fishing for native fish is a lot more enjoyable than fishing the normal "put and take" rivers and lakes in the area.

Here are some locations I have found this summer which fit this description (no crowds and native trout). Many of you may already know about them, but for those new to the area I thought I would attempt to explain the location of these spots and why I fish them, so they can try them out on their next Mammoth area fishing trip.

The first spot is a place called "Long Ears" on the Upper Owens River. Again no crowds and native fish. Most people who fish the Upper Owens take the Benton Crossing Road and fish within one or two miles up or down the river from the road.

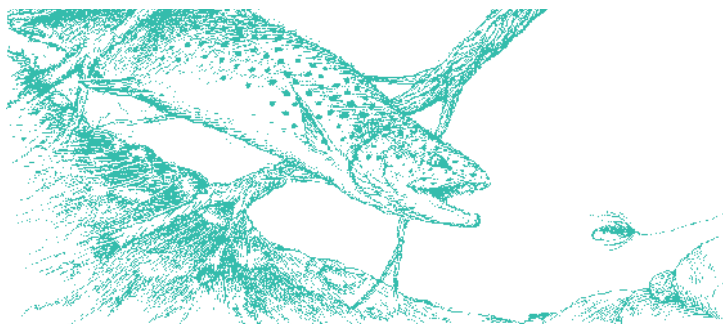
The best way to get to "Long Ears" is to take Hot Creek Road...continue past Hot Creek and go down about a mile until you hit Owens River Road. Take a left there and travel up Owens River Road about two to three miles until you see two large telephone poles. Take a right there and park in the area at the end of the road. The river is about a half mile walk from this spot. The hopper fishing is really good there during

the summer. Give this spot a try the next time you fish the upper Owens.

The next spot I have really enjoyed is also on the Upper Owens, but at the very beginning of the river, close to where it comes out of the earth. You need to take 395 north past Mammoth about six miles. Take a right on Owens River Road (not designated as Owens River Road—look for a large mail box), then look for Big Springs Campground. The road to the right of the campground is the place to park. Deadman's Creek joins with the Owens River here. I typically follow the river down about ½ mile and start fishing. This is a very short piece of the river which is open to the public for fishing (about one mile), then it turns into private land. Not many people know about this stretch of the river. It is beautiful and can hold some nice trout. Again, no crowds and native fish.

The next spot is a place that did not work out for me,

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Club Trips for 2020

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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 September 3, 7:00 PM
Sept. 13–17	Southern Utah Fish with the 'Quiet Fisherman', w/ T. Komisak, Pre-Trip August 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 October 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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Landon Mayer Takes Us After Giant Trout

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Landon Mayer's angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly fishing equipment. Mayer teaches and demonstrates his techniques and on-river knowledge to fellow anglers and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout. He shares these tips and secrets in his books: THE HUNT FOR GIANT TROUT (NEW FOR 2019), 101 TROUT TIPS: A GUIDE'S SECRETS, TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES, COLORADO'S BEST FLY FISHING, SIGHT FISHING FOR TROUT, and HOW TO CATCH THE BIGGEST TROUT OF YOUR LIFE, in addition to two DVDs: "MASTERING THE SHORT GAME (2019)", "LANDING THE TROUT OF YOUR LIFE" and "WEAPONS OF BASS PRODUCTION," both of which also feature John Barr.

Landon's passion for fly fishing has allowed him to make several noteworthy contributions to the sport on and off the water. This has included travels to fly fishing related organizations of the Mid-Atlantic, West, Pacific Northwest, Southwest, and Southern states, as well as teaching through guided trips, fly fishing classes, presentations, and demonstrations of his unique techniques.

Mayer is a contributing writer for "FLY FISHERMAN" and "HIGH COUNTRY ANGLER" magazines. His contributions also have been featured in publications such as "FLY ROD AND REEL", "AMERICAN ANGLER", "SOUTHWEST FLY FISHING", "FIELD AND STREAM", "FLY FUSION" and "FISH AND FLY" magazines.

As an ambassador in the fly fishing industry, Mayer represents several lines including Simms Fly Fishing apparel and is a royalty fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. He is also an advisory team member of Simms, Bauer Reels, R.L. Winston, Scientific Angler, Smith Optics, Fish Pond, Yeti Coolers, River Smith, Regal Visas and Casio Pro Trek watches.



Mayer has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 22 years, and one full season on the Nak Nek River in AK. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and their four children in Florissant, Colorado.

Until we are allowed back into the clubhouse all meetings will be Via Zoom. To join September's Club Zoom Meeting on September 24th at 7:00 PM, click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88144256542?pwd=ZjVhRFVrRnhDbDEwcFNqb2NBTlM5UT09>

Meeting ID: 881 4425 6542

Passcode: 104142

New Club Member

MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

❖ James Porter

Please greet and welcome our new member at the next monthly meeting. Here's wishing him 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!**

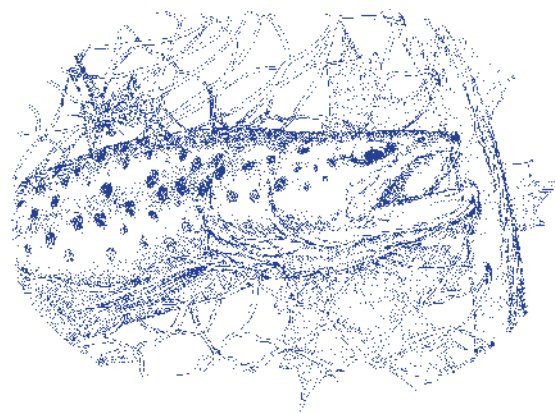
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and most likely wouldn't for you either. I kept hearing from the locals about a place where Lee Vining Creek dumps into Mono Lake. When I mentioned it to the guys at the fly shop in Mammoth, they would quiet the conversation and tell me not to talk about this place to others. Kind of like a secret spot. So I had to take the trek and see what it was like. The rumor was that many large browns would congregate at the inlet in the fresh water, then dart into the salt water of Mono Lake and gorge on shrimp, then come back to the fresh water. They said the browns got big in this area from eating the shrimp. My wife and I decided to give it a shot.

We headed north up the 395 from the Mammoth area, and parked along the street where you first arrive in the town of Lee Vining (where Lee Vining Creek goes under the 395). We were told it was about a two-mile hike to the lake. Four and a half tough hiking miles later and two hours later, we finally arrived at the lake.

We fished for about an hour, but didn't see any browns... we caught a couple of small rainbows. There was nothing in the lake. Now we had to hike back out four and a half miles, which about us. After the trip I went back to the fly shop and told them my experience. They said that I needed to fish the area at a certain time of the year, but wouldn't tell me when. Anyway, it was a bad experience and one we will not be trying again anytime soon.

We are blessed to have beautiful areas in the Sierra to fish in. Part of the fun for me is finding new spots and exploring. I would love to learn about some of your "go to" spots.



15% Discount from 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.

To check out use code **A37WKW3R** 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:

- ❖ Z2000 Spinning Reel 6+1
Asin: B07SLB49Y4
- ❖ 2nd Generation High Reel 3rd-Gunsmoke
Asin: B081N1QLLP
- ❖ Super Large Capacity Slim Foam Fly Box H24LB
Asin: B06XRFGY3K
- ❖ Fly Fishing Line WF8 (7/8)
Asin: B075Y9N4HP
- ❖ 3 PC Pack Pro Looped 1`x
Asin: B07CMXHCB
- ❖ 3 in 1 Classic Wooden Fly Tying Tool Caddy
Asin: B07VL72WYG
- ❖ Fishing Priest red
Asin: B07F6Z39FP
- ❖ CNC Machined Nail Knotter Tool Gold
Asin: B07GNZ428L



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Backpacking on McGee Trail with Jim Garvey

COLIN KUMABE, JUNIOR DIRECTOR

This trip is a 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 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, by Zoom. Here is the info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89285441425?pwd=ZOpFZUw3U3pLY3NNNm5nNjZJQzhCUT09>

Meeting ID: 892 8544 1425

Passcode: 420458

Jim Garvey will provide info on the trip, and some ultralight backpacking strategies. Contact him for further assistance with gear selection and preparations.

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

with interesting challenges.

For further reading, see *SIERRA SOUTH* by Kathy Morey and Mike White, Wilderness Press, trips #49 Steelhead Lake, #51 Big McGee Lake and #52 Rock Creek.

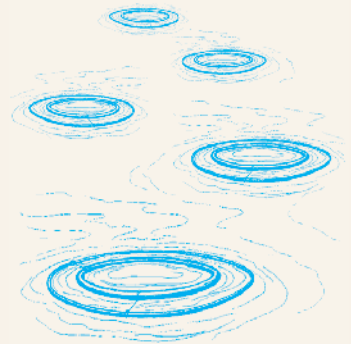
Email Jim Garvey (jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net) or Colin Kumabe (ctkumabe@gmail.com) for info.

First Pond Cleaning of the Year

STEVE HIGASHI, FACILITIES AND POND

On Saturday, August 1, 2020, the Long Beach Casting Club held the first casting pond cleaning of this unprecedented year. Thank you to Tom Olson for organizing this event and the following members who participated in this unannounced cleaning;

- ❖ Keith Cassford
- ❖ Matt Abrams
- ❖ Rix Gano
- ❖ Tim Lambert
- ❖ Tom Olson
- ❖ Yash Iseda
- ❖ Joe Kalohi
- ❖ Art Daily
- ❖ Dave Ross
- ❖ Steve Higashi



Thank you to Yash for providing coffee and Tim for providing doughnuts.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, members were individually contacted to limit the number of participants to allow for physical distancing.

For those members who are Covid-19 low risk, are comfortable with a group of ten or less and would like to participate in the next pool cleaning, contact me by text or email and you will be notified for the next pool cleaning.

Yards & Inches Tournament, Lucky #13

BY MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Has the virus kept you shut in? Do you miss the bite, setting the hook, feeling the bend in the rod? Would you like to fish close to home in a safe environment?

Your chance is coming on Saturday, September 19th at the Yards and Inches tournament—also known by many as the Posole Bowl. You'll be socially distancing, breathing fresh air and seeing friends you might not have seen for a while.

If you haven't tried fishing the salt, you're in for a treat. Sand bass and spotted bay bass have serious attitude. They can bend a rod and spike your heart rate in an instant. It's a floating event—kayak, pontoon, dinghy, float tube, small boat, etc. However, float tubers better stick to the boat docks; the main current gets too strong to kick against.

For those who are new to the club, the Y&I is a local, members-only catch and release event that happens about five miles from the Clubhouse. The targeted species include spotted bay bass, sand bass, calicos, croaker, white sea bass, halibut, mackerel and just about anything else that swims in the bay except sharks and rays. The rules are simple: catch a fish (flies only, no bait), measure and record its length and turn it loose. Repeat, repeat, repeat. The highest number (total length of everything you catch) is declared the winner. Last year, the combined fleet caught 863 inches (71+ feet) of fish caught and released. Steve Timm was the winner with an impressive 299 inches (more than 24 feet)!

Six to eight weight. rods work just fine. You'll want a sinking line or shooting head and weighted flies. The fish are all bottom dwellers. If you're not plowing the bottom, you're not fishing. The most common fly is the Clouser, or versions of it. More about flies at the Pre-



Trip, September 9 on Zoom, 7:00 PM, by Steve Timm, last year's winner, who will conduct that meeting and pass along his tips and tricks.

Fishing is in Huntington Harbor from the PCH bridge inland. It's all calm-water bay fishing. Launch around 6:00 AM. Lines out at 11:00 this year because the incoming tide tops out about then. It's a six-foot tide so the fish should be awake, active and eating the entire time.

Most launch at the Sunset Aquatic Marina at the west end of Edinger. You can also launch at Seabridge Park. Everyone is a winner. Even if you get skunked, you can claim a bowl of posole, chips, salsa and a PBR. If you're the actual winner, you also get your name on a trophy. OK, the trophy is a big yawn, but the bragging rights are cool and the PBR is icy. The "weigh-in" will be at Seabridge Park, 16252 Countess Drive about 11:30 on the west side of the parking lot. **Bring your masks!** Since this is the 13th annual event—a baker's dozen—we'll most likely have dessert as well.

White Elephant Sale

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

It's said that elephants never forget, but this one needs to postpone. There is no way to hold a safe gathering with as many members as we have. But as soon as the restrictions are eased and we can safely gather again, we will have one heck of a sale.

There are hundreds, no thousands of items -- something for everyone --all at bargain prices. **Whenever it happens, you do NOT want to miss it!**

Need to Catch a Brookie? Here's Your Map

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

Each year, the Long Beach Casting Club holds the Brookie Bash to award a special pin to anglers who catch five trout species: golden trout, cutthroat trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and brook trout. This year anglers were faced with a new challenge: where to catch a brook trout.

A fire near the Rock Creek area resulted in the closure of Rock Creek Road, cutting off access to the Brookie Bash meeting spot at Mosquito Flats. In an act of compassion for this problem, Mark Flo, LBCC Casting Co-Captain, revised the rules for the Sadler Slam to allow a brook trout caught any day and anywhere to count.

So, where else can we catch a brook trout? Every year the brook trout is the easiest species to catch while hiking up the trail from Mosquito Flats. Since we can catch the brook trout so easily, nobody bothers to look for other locations where brookies may be easily caught, until now.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife publishes a very nice booklet, "Eastern Sierra Back Country Fishing Guide" with colored maps of the lakes and streams and trout species that may be found. Here is a link to the guide: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5410679.pdf

Download or print this booklet to take along on your next trip; you will increase your odds of catching all five species in the Brookie Bash. Or, have more fun knowing where to fish.



Saddlebag Lake Backpacking Trip

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club's annual backpacking trip to Saddlebag Lake is scheduled for September 12 thru 15. The group will:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: We plan to meet Saturday evening, at the Saddlebag Lake Campground for a potluck dinner and acclimatize and organize our backpacks. Be sure to take only what you really need! Leaving nonessential items behind, makes your backpack light and the whole trip even more enjoyable.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: Start hiking toward 20 Lakes Basin while fishing and enjoying the scenery.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: Day hikes to Lake Coness to catch Golden Trout or fish in some of the smaller streams or lakes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: Wake up early, fish, then pack up and hike back to the car.

The Pre-Trip meeting is currently planned for 7:00 PM, Thursday, September 3, at the LBCC Clubhouse. If the in-person meeting is NOT allowed to be held at the clubhouse, then the meeting will be held via Zoom video conference; check the LBCC Calendar for the link. Jim Garvey will provide in-depth information on the trip and ultralight backpacking preparation strategies. Feel free to contact Jim for further assistance with gear selection and preparations.

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

Fly Fish the Trinity and Lower Sac Rivers with LBCC

LBCC WILL BE FISHING THE RIVERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA! JOIN US...



ADDRESS: 4140 Churn Creek Rd, Redding, CA 96002

HOURS: Closes at 6:00 PM

PHONE: (530) 222-3555

E-MAIL: info@theflyshop.com

RED LION HOTEL

1830 Hilltop Dr,
Redding, CA 96002

Phone: (530) 221-8700

Join the Club as we venture north to Redding, California to fish the Trinity River & the Lower Sacramento River for steelhead and trout. We will be fishing out of 'The Fly Shop' in Redding, for two days of fabulous Northern California Fly Fishing. Details are as follows:

WHEN: November 7–10, 2020. We arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.

COST: Total cost of the trip is **\$684.00** per person, double occupancy plus a small fee ranging from **\$15–\$25** each for boat trailer repositioning. Trip cost detail is: **\$495.00** per day for the guide, boat and lunch and **\$126.00** per night for the room, for two anglers.

DEPOSITS: First deposit of **\$495.00** due no later than October 1st, 2020 and should be sent directly to The Fly Shop under LBCC NorCal Trip designation on your check. Second deposit of **\$189.00** will be paid upon departure from Red Lion Hotel when you check out on Tuesday, November 10.

INCLUDES: 3 Nights lodging and one day drift fishing on the Trinity River and one day drift fishing on the lower Sac. Lunch is included on drift days.

NOT INCLUDED: **Meals, fishing license, Steelhead Card and alcoholic beverages.**

LODGING: We will stay at the **RED LION HOTEL** in Redding, close to **THE FLY SHOP**. Call Marc to get your name on the list. Room arrangements will be provided by Marc Bonvouloir.

SCHEDULE: Sunday, 11-8-2020. We will meet guides at The Fly Shop 8:00 AM (10 minutes from the hotel) and depart to float the Lower Sacramento. On Monday, 11-9-2020 we will meet the guides in Weaverville for a full day float/wade on the Trinity River. Weaverville is 1 hour west of Redding. River designations may change due to late fishing conditions.

GEAR: For the trinity 6–8 wt. rods and for the lower Sac 5–6 wt. rods. Fishing license and a Steelhead card (\$7.50) are required. Be prepared for all types of weather at this time of year. The Fly Shop will provide rods/reels if needed and all flies.

MORE: Questions or to get on the interest list Contact Marc Bonvouloir at 213-369-9525 mrmlb21@gmail.com

Fishing Report From Utah and Colorado!

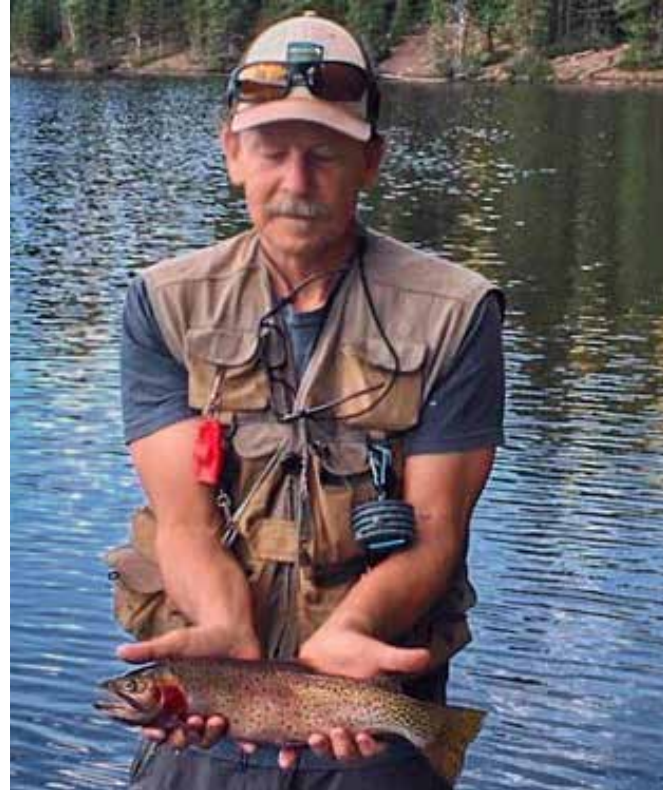
KELLY BROWN, MEMBER

Just got back from nine days fishing the waters of South Central Utah and Southwestern Colorado, through remote parts of Utah's Fishlake National Forest, and Colorado's Curecanti National Recreational Area and Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest. It was an epic trip and so much fun.

We had six of us traveling in four rigs: my four buddies and one 13 year-old son of a buddy. Two of my buddies are new to fly fishing, one is a certified instructor (Joel Pepper) and the other has many years on various waters around the world. Over 2,000 miles driven with around 300 or so on dirt roads into the far depths of Utah and Colorado. Great fishing with all catch and release, expansive scenery for days, and downright fun!



Average fish size was 14" with largest around 20"+ with browns, Bonneville cutthroats, rainbows, lake trout, and brookies. We fished the Gunnison, Taylor, Lake Fork, Uncompahgre and many smaller streams and still waters tucked away from people. The fish were exceptionally aggressive, especially the rainbows. We would fish the evening hatch that started just before dark, 8:45-8:55 PM, that would last 15-25 minutes with prolific rises, meaning over



a hundred rises on the rivers and on one lake I would estimate a rise every three to five seconds.

I caught a rainbow on the Lake Fork, and I have never seen such an aggressive fish. This fish nailed my fly, a purple-bodied Stimulator I tied (I like the color purple), and immediately launched three feet into the air, traveling over five feet in the air running upriver, then jetted downriver, launching again for at least 10-12 feet in the air and three to four feet high. It ended up snapping my 4x tippet and we estimated it to be at least 20"-22". It was an awesome fight for a minute or so.

We fished dries (Trudes, Purple Haze, Light Cahill, Stimulators, Caddis, and variants of these), nymphs (Prince/Bead Head Prince, Pheasant Tail, Double Standards, Rainbow Warriors and variants), streamers, Hopper droppers, Stimie droppers and emergers. Stimies with legs worked wonders!

Thankfully Charles and I had tied enough for all of us. All in all, an epic trip and I am going back, as I bought yearlong licenses!

A Tale of Bugs, Blood, Guts and, of Course, Fishing

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

We were fortunate enough to have our granddaughter, Hope (now 11), visit from Southern California for the month of July here in Mountain Home, Arkansas. She has tied flies with me since she was three years old, so knows Granddad's passion is fly fishing. She has joined me in fishing here in the past, but is one who has an aversion to...bugs.

Last year I took her to Dry Run Creek, a location for youth and handicapped only, with a catch and release policy as there are some 30+ inch browns and rainbows residing in the creek (makes you drool!). It is adjacent to a fish hatchery at Norfork Dam, so there are plenty of nutrients for the bugs, with the hatchery outfall, and plenty of bugs for the fish.

When fishing, a bug landed in her lap, she screamed and threw her hands (and rod) up into the air and off the rod went to the middle of the creek! Fortunately, another dad was in the creek and was able to retrieve the rod before it headed for parts unknown.

Later that summer, she also went through a Trout Unlimited summer camp at the hatchery, learning to cast, tie flies, some entomology on the same Dry Run Creek and dissection of a trout. What was her favorite part? The dissection! She had to have hands-on, and even helped her partner hold back pieces so they could view the guts. Bugs bad, blood and guts cool... go figure!

This year I took Hope fishing on the White by myself, which proved impossible. We had a huge amount of rain earlier this spring and the reservoirs were within six inches of topping out and still 25 feet high.

Since then, the flows in the White River have been unseasonably high and will stay that way until the

end of October. Normal summer flow is about 1,000 cfs and you can wade up to about 3,000 cfs in certain areas. This year, we have flows of 12,000 cfs and up to 27,000 cfs, which is flowing *fast*.

When we went, I took two rods, thinking I would always have a rig ready for her to fish and one to untangle. Did not realize handling the boat, rigging 12 feet of leader under an indicator with two flies, untangling or re-rigging, helping her cast that unwieldy rig and watching her indicator would be an issue.

Wrong, way too much for a one man operation. After no fish that day, decided I needed help, so contacted a local guide, John Berry, and his wife Lori Sloas. On our appointed morning, John operated the boat and Lori coached Hope, one-on-one, to great success.

Lori worked with Hope's casting, helped her keep her rig untangled and gave pointers on hooking, playing and landing a fish in those high flow waters. At the end of the morning, she had the biggest fish and smile and had out-fished me. *That* was what I was hoping for!

What I find the most rewarding as a granddad is finding ways to let the younger generation learn and have fun, a goal of every parent and grandparent! As with teaching a spouse, I did find it was better and easier having help by calling in reinforcements. Hope is already looking forward to next summer and a return trip to more bugs (not), blood, guts and fishing!



Brookie Bash 2020 Recap—Pandemic, Fires and Great Fishing!

BY MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Who thought it would be this tough to participate in the LBCC's signature fishing event? A pandemic targeting 60+ age fisherpeople, a lightning-sparked fire in the one place we need to catch the tournament namesake fish! The crowds of people responding like canines to a dog whistle running up to the Eastern Sierra to get away from it all. Geez!

For the 20-plus members who braved these conditions, the club commends you for your sheer willpower and maybe just a little lack of cautionary smarts!

The fishing was first rate. Horseshoe Meadows had plenty of golden trout, although the flows in Cottonwood Creek were low. Hot Creek, Crowley Lake, McCloud lake and the Upper Owens were on fire. It seemed the most difficult fish to catch was the most plentiful—brook trout.

One of the few rules for the Brookie Bash is to catch the brook on Saturday in the Little Lakes Valley on a dry fly. Well, on the Tuesday preceeding our trip a lightning strike caused a fire below Little Lakes Valley in the Rock Creek drainage, shutting down our quest.

A quick call by streamkeeper Armando Palomares to Brookie Bash Expert Mark Flo resulted in an expansion of the Brookie rule to include any and all waters in the Eastern Sierra. The fish still had to be caught on a dry fly. Well that's like going to a restaurant that has a massive menu. What do I order? Where the heck am I going to get that Brookie? Luckily a number of members figured it out and got it done. Members who achieved the 2020 Sadler Slam:

- ❖ Colin Kumabe
- ❖ Armando Palomares
- ❖ Marc Bonvouloir



When we get in the clubhouse, Sadler Slam buttons will be presented to these members.

Special thanks goes to streamkeeper Armando Palomares for organizing the event. On an interesting note, 15 members enjoyed a social distancing pizza party on Saturday night in the McGee Creek parking lot off Rt.395. It was the first official club gathering since the pandemic hit in March of this year.

Tenkara Trip Recap

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

On Tuesday, August 4 streamkeeper Art Straus was joined by nine LBCC members at Laguna Lakes in Fullerton. Everything seemed perfect; good weather, great equipment and willing anglers. The only issue was the fishing. As Art noted: "there were plenty of bass up to two pounds and many bluegill. You could see them, they would follow the fly, suck it in then spit it out!" No fish were landed but everyone had a great time.

Art is planning another outing towards the end of summer. Check out Target Talk for an update.

It's That Time of the Year Again: the Long Beach Casting Club's Beginning Fly Tying Class

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

Due to Covid-19, The LBCC is offering Live Zoom Demonstrations and Videos. This is not designed to replace the traditional hands-on classroom, but rather to provide a quality equivalent and introduction to Beginning Fly Tying.

It is open to the public, you **Do Not** have to be a member of LBCC! This is designed for Fly Fishermen/ Women and kids who are new to the world of tying their own fly's. The demonstrations will show you the basic skills and are very good refreshers if you haven't tied a fly in awhile.

The demonstrations will continue for four months, starting on October 27, 2020 and running through March 2, 2021. We will not be doing class during the holiday weeks. The demonstrations are on Tuesday evenings, starting at 7:00 pm. After each demo, we will have a Q&A session, and separate break-out sessions with our volunteers.

Please register for our Zoom Presentations by emailing your first/last name and email address to: Shirley Sakaguchi: sakagusc@gmail.com. Deadline is October 20, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecil Odell: cecilodell54@gmail.com.

A special note from the LBCC, we would like to give a Thank You to **Dan Oliver** for doing all the demonstrations of each fly and to **JoAnn Bosowski** who donated her time and talent for the beautiful water color paintings for each slide. If anyone is interested in any other of her work you can find her on [Instagram@BosowskiArt](https://www.instagram.com/BosowskiArt).



Beginning Fly Tying Schedule

Introduction to Techniques and Tool Demo

October 27, 2020

The Ant (Wet Fly, Terrestrial)

November 3, 2020

Soft Hackle (Wet Fly, Emerger)

November 10, 2020

Boss (Steelhead)

November 17, 2020

Freshwater Scud (Nymph/Crustacean)

December 1, 2020

Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear (Nymph)

December 8, 2020

Pheasant Tail (Nymph)

December 15, 2020

Dec. 22, Dec. 29 - No Classes for Holiday Break

Clouser Minnow (Bass/Saltwater Streamer)

January 5, 2021

Crazy Charlie (Saltwater Fly)

January 12, 2021

Woolly Bugger (Wet Fly/Streamer Fly)

January 19, 2021

Elk Hair Caddis (Dry Fly)

January 26, 2021

Adams (Dry Fly)

February 2, 2021

Parachute Adams (Dry Fly)

February 9, 2021

Humpy (Dry Fly)

February 16, 2021

Rusty Spinner (Dry Fly "Spent")

February 23, 2021

Royal Wulff (Dry Fly)

March 2, 2021

Trout in the Classroom (TIC)

BOB ALLEN, MEMBER

Who could forget the 300 or so excited students as they watched spellbound as their trout eggs were delivered into their previously established chilled aquarium habitats? Then to watch daily as they developed into small fry, with all the features of adult fish which we as a club so lovingly enjoy.

It was unfortunate, although it was of course the right decision, to cancel the Trout Release Day at Eldorado Park due to Covid-19. Many activities were planned and over 50 volunteers were standing by to share their experiences and enthusiasm for this unique Club outreach.

We accomplished much last season with the help of Club members, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Eldorado Park staff and the Long Beach Unified School District. I assure you that all the schools had their trout released at the proper location either by Club members or classroom teachers.

So, what does this next season have in store? Continuing discussions are on-going with the School District, teachers, Club Board members and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The only certainty at this juncture is that there is "no certainty"! Covid-19 has presented a plethora of challenges for the public and private schools' abilities to deliver curriculum safely to their students. Not only is the students' safety a concern, but also that of the instructors, as well as anyone invested in the TIC Program, which might encourage Club members' classroom participation.

I have recommended to a Board member that we take a "wait and see" attitude until such time as there is a definite direction to safely move forward, from the Long Beach School District and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Hopefully this will come sooner than later.



Saltwater Bay Outing a Huge(?) Success

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

The Salt Water Bay outing was a HUGE success. OK, it wasn't that big. But it was fun !

We started at 6:00 AM, with people showing up until around 7:00. We had 12 participants:

- ❖ Kevin Green
- ❖ Mike Martin
- ❖ Betty Swart
- ❖ Maria Rivas
- ❖ Mark Flo
- ❖ Colin Kumabe
- ❖ Kaz Hata
- ❖ Craig Haines
- ❖ Michele "Shelly" Mooney
- ❖ Tom Groseclose
- ❖ Bob Guenther
- ❖ Richard Harms

Some beautiful Bay Bass and Bonito were caught, but it was a little on the slow side. We had great weather; it was delightful to be bobbing in our kayaks and float tubes on the sparkling water all morning.

Several people were new to bay fishing, and may have been inspired to join the Plastic Navy of the LBCC, which plies the waters of Newport, Huntington and Long Beach.

Attention All Computer Nerds! LBCC is Calling for Volunteers to Help Improve its Web Page

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

The truth is, you don't have to be a computer geek. Long Beach Casting Club is looking at our web page, www.longbeachcastingclub.org, with an eye to improving look and feel, adding functionality, and in general making improvements. And the club is looking for volunteers to help with that.

A "Zoom" meeting was held on Friday, August 14, to discuss options. Many good ideas were advanced, including improving the interface, making it more easy and accessible for those new to fly fishing, connecting the website to our social media presence

and making more use of video, especially for educational purposes (the Club is authorizing expenditures for new camera equipment as well). A follow-up meeting will be scheduled some time in September.



The Club's website is one of our main vehicles for projecting our image to the outside world. It's the best way we have of saying to a broader audience: "This is who we are, this is what we do, and this is why you should care." In my opinion, it's worth the cost and effort of making it the best it can be.

Please send your recommendations for enhancing the Club's web page to ctkumabe@gmail.com or Steve Jones, LBCC President, SJones@austinjonescorp.com. And definitely contact them if you'd like to be part of improving the web site, or know a web developer who might be a good fit for this kind of project.



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Fly Tying Tip: Rubber Leg Tie-in

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

I have been tying up some simple stone flies, a Girdle Bug (PHOTO #1) that is one of the hot flies currently on the White River. The main difference, here at least, from a Pat's Rubber Leg version, is the Girdle Bug does not have the antenna up front, so it's a little bit quicker to tie. I was asked how I tie in my legs and keep them perpendicular to the hook shank. It made me think...

Years ago, I saw a video from Kelly Gallop on tying in rubber legs which is quick and effective. The technique works well with any rubber leg or other material you want tied in 90 degrees to the hook shank. Here is how it works:

Once you have the rubber leg located where you want it (PHOTO #2), flatten your thread, and take a single figure-eight wrap over the legs (PHOTO #3; CLOSEUP OF PHOTO #2), then two wraps in-front of the legs and tighten (PHOTO #4).

That's it! If you need to adjust to get them horizontal, you have a bit of wiggle room and I have yet to have a leg pull out, as the cross-wrapped thread compresses the legs so they are hard to pull off the shank. You do not need multiple wraps of thread over the legs; that just increases the probability that they will not remain perpendicular to the hook shank as you tie them in.

Hope this helps and have fun tying!





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Fly of the Month: Harrop's Hair-Wing Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

While gathering ideas on flies to tie to refresh my dwindling supply, I pulled out my copy of Judith Dunham's book: *The Art of the Trout Fly*. The story and flies of René and Bonnie Harrop caught my attention and I felt that they were deserving of a place in the Fly of the Month. The fly selected for this month is René's Hair-Wing Dun.

Hailing from St. Anthony, Idaho, the Harrops have tied commercially for some of the best-known fly shops in the west. Consummate fly fishers, their fly tying skills reflect their understanding of the insects they are trying to imitate. The flies selected for their story represent the various stages of *Ephemerella inermis*, popularly known as the "pale morning dun". Living just down the hill from the Henry's Fork, they have intimate knowledge of this species. This insect produces tremendous hatches on spring creeks across the west and puts large and selective trout on the feed. The Hair-Wing Dun is designed to ride low in the water yet still have a reasonable ability to float in rougher stretches of water. The pattern used for the fly is based on the colors of a pale morning dun, but don't let this stop you from substituting other colors to match your hatch.

This fly is pretty easy to tie and really works well. You can substitute the split tails with Zelon and turn it into a "stuck shuck". If you haven't already guessed it by now, fly tying will turn you into a junior entomologist. No, you don't need to know all the entomological names, but you will start learning the colors of many of the most common insects you will run into while you're fishing. If you fish the lower Owens you will want to know what a blue-winged olive or a midge is. If you fish Hot Creek you will want to know what a gray sedge is. If you fish the Henry's Fork of the Snake you will need to know all of these plus at least a dozen more to be successful! That's what is great about fly tying. First you get the enjoyment of tying your flies and then you can take your creations out fishing, test them and all the while you're getting a little more of an education.

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE HAIR-WING DUN:

- Hook: Tiemco #100 or 101 or similar, in sizes 12 to 20
- Thread: Veevus Lt. Cahill (primrose) 12/0 or other color to match the natural
- Hackle: Honey Dun or ginger or other color to match the natural; dry fly quality
- Tail: Ginger Coq de Leon barbs or other color to match the natural; dry fly quality
- Body: Pale greenish-yellow dubbing or other to match the natural
- Wing: Light elk hair or other to match the natural
- Head: Lt. Cahill (primrose) or other to match the natural



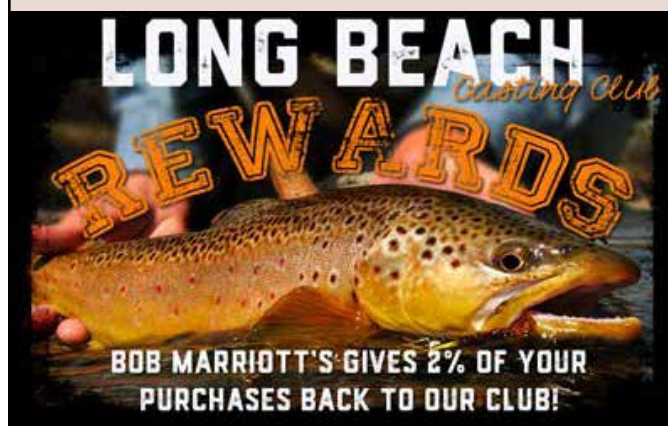
INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE HAIR-WING DUN:

1. Attach the thread to the hook behind the headspace and wind back to the mid-point of the shank. Tie in the hackle with the concave (dull) side forward. If you want to avoid having the hackle pull out when you start to wind it, then try the following. Start by binding down the stem going toward the eye 3 or 4 turns and then pull the stem back towards the tail and wind back to the bend, trimming off the excess.
2. Wind a small amount of dubbing at the bend of the hook to help split the tail. Tie in 1 or 2 barbs of tail on each side of the dubbing ball. I prefer to tie in the far side of the split tail first by placing the fibers just beyond the top of the hook using thread torque and tension to pull them into place. To tie the tail fiber for the near side, employ the same technique but start from the underside of the hook.
3. Apply dubbing to your thread and wind a smooth, tapered body up to and then beyond the hackle to a point about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the shank. Remember you should be going beyond where the hackle is tied in as you will be wrapping on top of the thorax portion of the dubbing. Proportion is important on this fly and the hackle should start from right in the middle of the body and occupy $\frac{1}{4}$ of the shank in front of that spot. Wind the hackle forward evenly spaced to the end of the dubbing. This should be about 3 to 7 turns depending on the size of the hook. Trim off the excess hackle once you have got the hackle right.
4. Cut off and stack your elk hair wing. The amount should be a little less than you would normally use on an Elk-Hair Caddis. The wing length should only extend to the end of the body—no more! Measure the wing for that proper length and tie it in angling it upwards slightly more than an Elk-Hair Caddis'. Trim off the butt ends just like, yup, you guessed it, an Elk-Hair Caddis. Wind a smooth head and whip finish.
5. The final touch, which helps the fly to ride low to the surface like the natural, is trimming the hackle. Turn the fly upside down and move your scissors in from the front and trim the hackle as close to its stem as possible. The hackle should still protrude out from the sides and slightly downward like pontoons, **without** any cut tips.



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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.

Calendar of Events

September

2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Eastern Sierra Backpack 20 Lakes Basin w/ Jim Garvey
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
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
19	Saturday		Yards & Inches with Mick Woodbury
23	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Landon Mayer
26	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Green River
27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
30	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line

October

5-9	Week		Green River Trip with Colin Kumabe
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Class-Subject to Change/Cancellation
7	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
11	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
12-16	Weekend		Green River Trip with Yash Iseda
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Class-Subject to Change/Cancellation
14	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
17-18	Weekend		Northwestern Tournament
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Intermediate Casting Class-Subject to Change/Cancellation
21	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
25	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
28	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Greg Vinci (American River)
31	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Northern California Steelhead Trip with Marc Bonvouloir

November

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
4	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
7-10	Week		Northern California Steelhead with Marc Bonvouloir
8	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
11	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
14	Saturday	8:30 AM	On the River Clinic Session #1
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
18	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Speaker To Be Determined
21	Saturday	8:30 AM	On the River Clinic Session #2
25	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
29	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast



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