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# Target Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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## Leader's Line...

### Mentoring, Anyone?

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

**A**s I have mentioned, this year is a very strange one to be the president of the club. With all the cancellations due to Covid-19, most of what we normally do has been postponed or cancelled, making it difficult to feel as if we are making any progress or making a difference for the club and its members. So...we as a board are attempting to figure out what we can do now to make a difference.

One thing is to enhance our website. We've been asking members to help us with this effort. We asked Mick Woodbury to write some statements about who we are and what we're trying to do as a club.

Mick wrote:

*"LBCC is a venerable, nearly 100-year old fishing club whose mission statement begins with the word Educate. Not only do we teach the basic fly-fishing skills of casting, tying and rod building, but we go far deeper and wider. Our charter includes conservation, tournament competition, protection and propagation of game fish, and sportsmanship. That mission attracts our nearly 500 like-minded members who are more likely to share their favorite fly than to keep it for themselves. Our focus includes more than just our members. We champion youth groups, conservation activities, fishing preserves and anyone who shares an interest in fly-fishing. Our tone is one of competence (teachers are naturally leaders) along with friendly and casual".*

As I read and re-read these words, I have been

thinking about a new program which I am interested in folding out within the club, hopefully soon. I believe it is right in line with Mick's quote above...that is, "Educate".

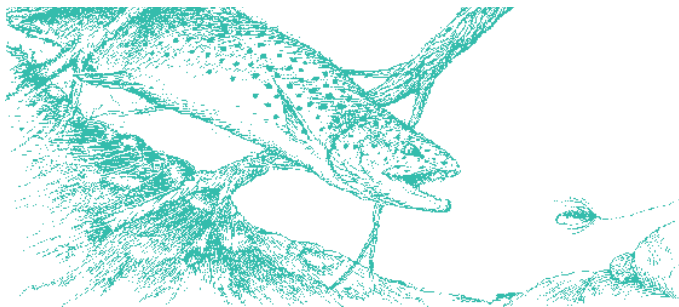
I believe there is not a better way to educate a person about our craft than to take someone fishing, with the sole purpose of improving his knowledge of fly fishing. To spend a couple of days teaching this person all that we know just to make a difference in this person's life.

I also believe that this one-on-one teaching will build friendships that can last a lifetime. For lack of better words right now, I am calling it the "Mentoring Program", and this is my first take at explaining how I feel this program should be rolled out:

Steps:

1. We would ask members of our club to serve on the Mentor Committee.

*Leader's Line...Continues on page 4*



## Club Trips for 2020, 2021

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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
Jan. 8-10	Lower Owens #1 w/ Yash Iseda, Pre-Trip Dec. 29, 7:00 PM
Feb. 5-7	Lower Owens #2 w/ John Lincoln, Pre-Trip Dec. 29, 7:00 PM
Mar. 5-7	Lower Owens #3 w/ Dan Rivett, Pre-Trip Dec. 29, 7:00 PM

**T**rip deposits for trips that are 'double occupancy' and require deposits in advance are non-refundable. Should you need to cancel your reservation, your deposit money will be refunded if another club member replaces you.

Trip location, dates and pre-trip workshops are subject to change, so monitor Target Talk or the web calendar for the latest information. If you would like to be a stream keeper and need help organizing a club trip, let me know. Please contact Marc Bonvouloir if you have any suggestions for a trip or any questions at: [mrmlb21@gmail.com](mailto: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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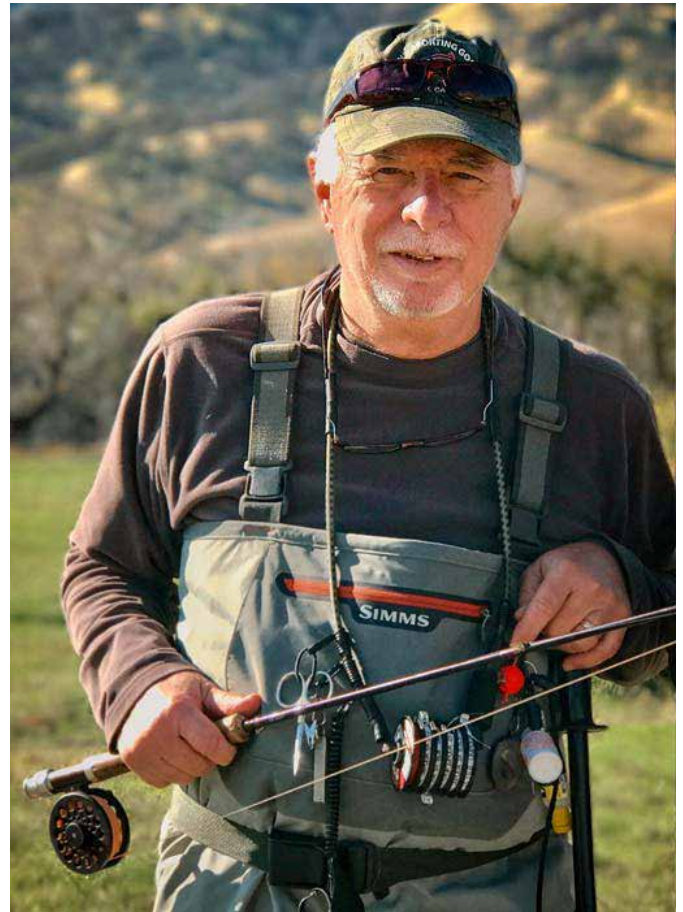
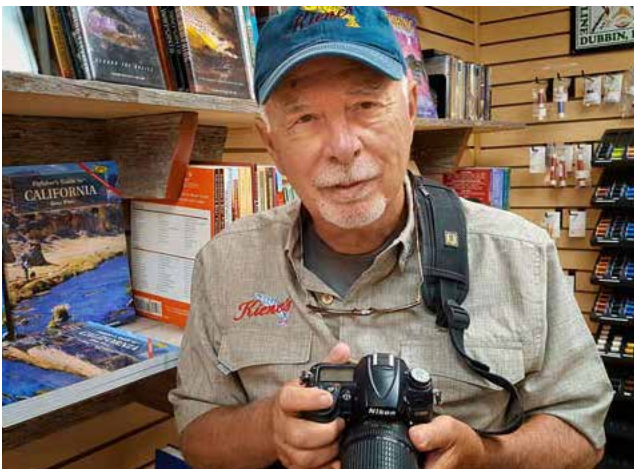
# Greg Vinci on Fishing Northern California's Trophy Tailwaters

BOB MAYFIELD, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**W**e are pleased to welcome Greg Vinci to speak at our October 29 meeting. Greg's talk will be on fishing Northern California's trophy tailwaters. Many of us travel all over the west and worldwide and miss the treasured waters we have right here in California. This will be a timely talk as we start to see the beginning of the fall/winter salmon and steelhead runs in Northern California.

After a twenty-year career as owner of Sierra Pacific Products, a wholesale fly fishing tackle distribution company, Greg sold the business in 2010. Since then he has been able to re-establish a relationship with his first loves, writing and photography, and his work can be now seen in many fly fishing and outdoor magazines.

He regularly contributes to SALMON & STEELHEAD JOURNAL, STEELHEADER'S JOURNAL, NORTHWEST FLY FISHING and SOUTHWEST FLY FISHING magazines, AMERICAN ANGLER, FLY FISHING & FLY TYING JOURNAL and GRAY'S SPORTING JOURNAL, among others. In December of 2015 his book FLYFISHER'S GUIDE TO CALIFORNIA was published by Wilderness Adventures Press and it is now in its fourth printing.



His product innovation, "Insta-Set Indicators", was named by FIELD & STREAM magazine as the best fly tackle accessory for 2011. Greg's day job is as the Social Media Director for Kiene's Fly Shop in Sacramento CA. In addition to writing and photography, he travels around California, speaking to fly fishing clubs about some of the great fishing opportunities in the state.

Join us via Zoom Thursday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Topic: LBBC Speaker Greg Vinci

Time: October 29, 2020 7:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

To Join Zoom Meeting click on this link

<https://zoom.us/j/98974550398?pwd=ZW1zU3lIWHpTUk2NFloamJOSVNBUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 7455 0398

Passcode: 003430

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2. An email blast would go out to the membership, asking for mentors and those who felt they needed this training. Hopefully we would have an equal list of mentors and trainees. I believe that as soon as we had these two lists of interested members, some might want to start this program sooner than later. Others might want to wait. That would be up to the people involved. We are hoping that we can get the mentors to commit to participating in this program one time per year (or more often if desired).
3. The Mentor Committee would organize a zoom Mentor Training Meeting, to discuss some ideas on good teaching techniques and on what to teach.
4. The Mentor Committee would match up the mentor and trainee, and ask the mentor to contact the trainee about the fishing trip. The mentor and trainee would together decide where the trip would be, for how long and other details (totally up to the two people involved).
5. Plenty of photos would be taken, and I would like to carve out some time in our monthly meetings for a discussion, so that the mentors and trainees could talk about their experiences.

It is a pretty simple program, a program which, I am hoping, will do exactly what Mick said that we as a club are all about. That is, educate and build friendships.

Please give me your thoughts on how you feel about this proposed new program, and if you have any suggestions on improvement. Also, please let me know if you would like to be part of the Mentor Committee.

I am very much looking forward to our Green River Trip! It will be wonderful to be with friends in that beautiful part of the world and to be catching fish again.



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## 15% Discount from Aventik

### PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

**C**hao 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 **9XITNGV2** 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:

- ❖ Ice Fishing Reel  
Asin: B0816C5RTX
- ❖ Graphite Fly Rods 7'9" LW3  
Asin: B07XHGY2D4
- ❖ Tenkara Rods 12'0" 13sec(Mini)  
Asin: B07VJKBLVW
- ❖ Silicon Super Slim Fishing Box 1pcs-g048lb  
Asin: B083SDNL11
- ❖ Super Large Capacity Slim Foam Fly Box H24LD  
Asin: B07LH48TZW
- ❖ Fly Fishing Line WF14(13/14)  
Asin: B075YC1C91
- ❖ Three Cyanoacrylate Adhesives UV Glue  
Asin: B07RQ545N2
- ❖ Magnetic Rod Holders  
Asin: B079NBK9L4

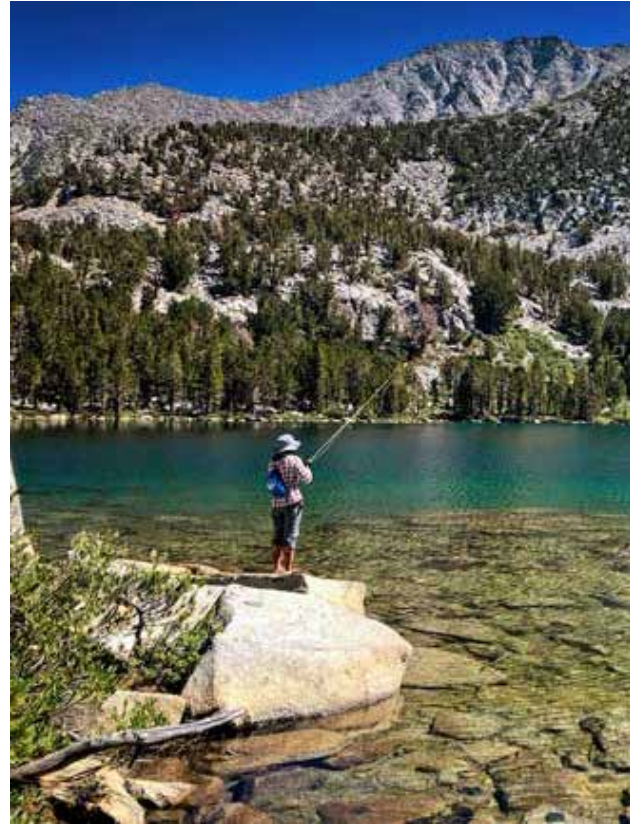
# Solitude, Natural Beauty and Great Fly Fishing! McGee Trail Backpacking Trip

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT  
JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

**E**ach summer a group of LBCC members embarks on a backpacking trip to somewhere in the Eastern Sierras in search of solitude, natural beauty and, most of all, great fly fishing. This year, the group headed up the McGee Trail to the Big McGee Lake area.

The McGee Trail starts on the west side of Crowley Lake, then enters the John Muir Wilderness and eventually joins the Pacific Crest Trail. The backpacking group headed out from the McGee Trailhead at elevation 8,400 feet.

The beginning of the trail is a moderate climb, while passing through the valley carved by McGee Creek, for about five miles. Around Mile Five at elevation 9,900 feet, the trail starts to steepen rapidly. The grade was so steep and the air so thin that several of us thought of spending the first night on the trail, and finishing the last two miles the next morning. However, we slowed our pace and were able to finish the hike on the first day.



The first day of fishing was terrific! Large brookies everywhere, eager to eat nearly any fly presented any possible way. Streamers or dry flies were the way to get these trout.

Jim Garvey led the group of six backpackers: Adam DeLeon, Colin Kumabe, Sandeep Sasi, Scott Davidson and Shawn Fife. Thanks to Jim for providing his knowledge of backpacking to help us prepare, guide us and keep us motivated over difficult inclines.



# Fall River Trip, June 2021

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**I**n an effort to expand Long Beach Casting Club potential fly fishing destinations, the club is looking at a June, 2021 trip to one of the largest spring creeks in California. The Fall River is a 21 mile-long tributary to the Pit River, in northeastern Shasta County in northern California.

It is a designated Heritage and Wild Trout Stream. The cool clear waters of this world class spring creek are fished from boats, casting 30-40 feet downstream with big dries to tempt large rainbows along the bottom.

**WHEN:** June 6-10. Arrive Sunday, depart Thursday. Four nights.

**WHERE:** Circle 7 Ranch. Visit [circle7onthefall.com](http://circle7onthefall.com).



to see this incredible location on the river. There are five homes on the ranch. We will have the entire White House set up for eight members. Virtual tour online of White House is a must to note the beauty of this home.

**WHAT:** with four bedrooms and 2.5 baths, the White House has ample room for eight members to spread out and fish as much as they want. Amenities



include Satellite TV, wi-fi, central air, sundeck with BBQ. Rental boats are available each day. We will be guided the first day (Monday) on the nuances of fishing from boats on a spring creek. The Fly Shop in Redding will supply four guides. Early June has major hatches of mayflies and, if lucky, the largest mayfly hatch, Hexagenia, will have us casting size 8 dries to ravenous fish!

**PACKAGE: \$803.00** per member includes four nights accommodations, shared guide for full day on Monday, shared rental boat for two days Tuesday–Wednesday. Food is not included. Groceries may be purchased at Safeway in the town of Burney on the way to the ranch.

**NOTES:** last month an e-blast was sent out to gauge interest. **Currently we have 13 members signed up for eight spots.** If you have serious interest, email me at [mrmlb21@gmail.com](mailto:mrmlb21@gmail.com) to get on the waiting list. Drive time from Los Angeles is 9.5 hours. Other locations to fish include Hat Creek, Pit River, Baum Lake and McCloud River.

*The Fly Shop*

# October 27, 2020! Date is Fast Approaching For Long Beach Casting Club Beginning Fly Tying

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

**D**ue to Covid-19, 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 flies. 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](mailto:sakagusc@gmail.com). Deadline is October 20, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Cecil Odell: [cecilodell54@gmail.com](mailto: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 watercolor paintings for each slide. You can find her on **Instagram@BosowskiArt**: [https://www.instagram.com/bosowski\\_art/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/bosowski_art/?hl=en)



## 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

**Nov. 24 - No Classes for Thanksgiving Break**

**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

# 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](mailto: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:** Three 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 one 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](mailto:mrmlb21@gmail.com)

# LBCC History #101: Ed Thomas, ACA Hall of Fame

JOHN VAN DERHOOF,  
PAST PREZ & LBCC HISTORIAN

**A**s Club historian, I have been asked to provide some tidbits of knowledge about our Club's past for this and future editions of TARGET TALK, so here is my first offering to you all...

Since this **is** a "CASTING CLUB" I thought our first look into the past should be about casting. Maybe this will be an inducement to get more of you down to our pond and get in what I am sure will be some well-needed practice. Okay I digress, but yeah, the pond is open for business and you should use it.

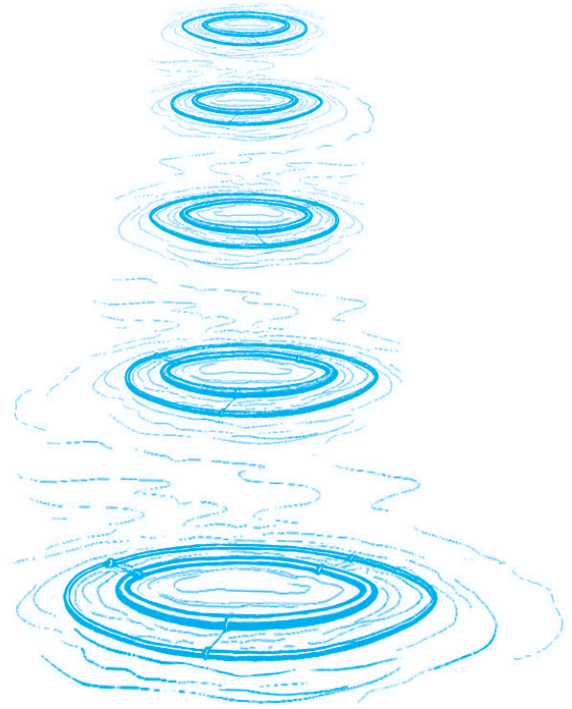
Our club has been blessed over the years with some truly amazing casters—not just tournament casters, but guys and gals that can throw a great line and also teach the art. One of our best (and our only member of the American Casting Association Hall of Fame) was Ed Thomas. Ed was amazing.

I knew Ed before he passed, and he taught me a great deal about casting in general and tournament casting specifically when I was still competing. One of my favorite memories of Ed is while I was a casting newbie and practicing at the pond. I made a false cast at a target and on the back cast as the fly headed straight for my face, I flinched. Ed was walking by, steadying himself with his cane, when it happened. He looked at me and growled "Whatsa matter kid? Scared of the fly?"

To which my response was "Uhhhh, Hell yeah, Ed!"

He proceeded to show me a drill about casting dynamics that got me used to and understanding why the fly would not smack me in the face—mostly!

Ed's true claim to fame happened in 1961 at the



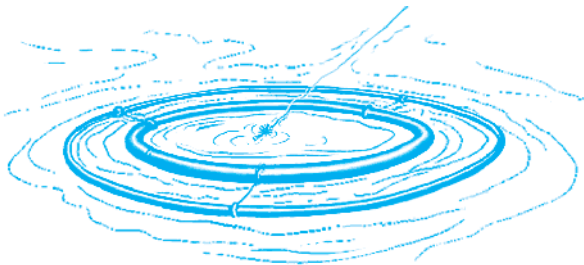
National Tournament held right here at the Long Beach Casting Club. The casting event was Wet Fly. Usually not a part of a National Tournament these days, it was quite common back then. The object of the game is simple: five targets in a straight line, five feet apart and starting at 35 feet and ending at 55 feet with ten consecutive casts **and no false casting**. Just ten pick up and lay downs. It ain't easy.

Now, competitive casting uses deductive scoring to determine a winner. Kind of like a Dutch auction where the price continually drops until someone decides that it's low enough to make money off it without letting a competitor get it. Each caster steps into the casting box with a perfect score of 100 until... well, until they fail to hit the center of a target. If you walk out of that casting box with a 100 you just cast a perfect game, but you may not be the winner. If someone else casts a 100 (or more than one...) then you have a cast-off and everyone casts their round again until the best caster is left standing. In the last National Tournament I participated in, I was in a six-way cast off for second place—my final result wasn't one of legend...actually, it really sucked!

Ed's 1961 Wet Fly game was legend. Ed's first round was a perfect 100; so was his second game, as he did

have others to contend with. So was his third and his fourth and fifth. By this point, his only competition was Steve Aleshi of the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club. Steve was a true gentleman and an outstanding caster, as well as a 13-time member of the USA All American Casting Team. Steve and Ed made an epic showing that day—each one tossing out perfect score after perfect score. The slightest mistake by either one of them would relegate them to second place. Neither would relent.

It took ten rounds of casting before a winner and National Champion would be crowned. It was Ed Thomas and the final score was 1000 to 999. Steve dropped one point in that final round, while Ed cast a perfect tenth round. It actually works out to 100 casts hitting a target against overwhelming odds and under tremendous pressure. Few of you realize how hard it is to hit a 30" diameter target at a variety of distances one hundred times in a row. It was truly amazing!



It's also tournament casting legend—more importantly, it is tournament casting fact and a record that has never been equalled.

Ed Thomas: Long Beach Casting Club; ACA Hall of Fame Member; and 1961 Wet Fly National Champion!



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## Target Talk Gets a Splash of (Water) Color

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

If you've become a little tired of the same old Target Talk Clipart, help is on the way in this month's issue. Member JoAnn Bosowski, a professional artist who is doing the pictures for our Zoom Fly Tying Demonstrations, has kindly given us some beautiful examples of her artwork to use in Target Talk (the above painting, "My Double", is one of them).

You can find more examples of JoAnn's artwork at the clubhouse, in this issue of Target Talk or at: [https://www.instagram.com/bosowski\\_art/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/bosowski_art/?hl=en)

## New Club Member

MARK ANGELO,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

❖ Dick Holland

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!**

# Some Things You Can't Touch with a 10-Foot Pole

ANONYMOUS

The Sunshine Committee's sadistic role of embarrassing club members has been mercifully interrupted by our virus situation, but because we still like to chuckle at other members' screwups, the following is submitted--anonymously.

**6:00 AM, Wednesday morning, July 22.** Incoming minus low tide. Perfect conditions to fish the bay. After far too many months of no fishing activity, two fishing buddies decide to fish Huntington Harbour. It would be a good opportunity to catch up, put some bend in the rods and pre-fish the Yards & Inches.

Immediately after launching, there's water in the bilge.

"Strange. It's typically bone dry."

A little bailing and all is well. Time to start the outboard. Turn on the fuel, pull out the choke, engine in neutral. Pull. Pull. Pull. Pull. Nothing.

"Hmmm. It isn't starting and looks like I need to bail again. The drain plug is in. Where's all this water coming from?"

Bail. Bail. Bail. Back to the engine. Pull. Pull. Pull. Nothing. Pullpullpullpullpull.

"Why won't it fire?"

Splash! Near the bow a heavy splash is followed by a frantic scooping sound and "Nooooo!"

"What happened?"

"I dropped the reel and it went overboard. How deep is it here?"

"About 11 feet."

"Crap!"

"Can you see it?"

"No."

The overcast and the glare makes it impossible to see below the surface.

"It's obvious someone doesn't want us to go fishing today. Let's wait a while, and when the sun comes out, the visibility will be better. I have some cookies, you brought doughnuts, let's just catch up."

**Later.** "Don't think the sun is coming out. I'll go home and get my wet suit and dive to find it. It's not that deep."

**Still later.** Sun a bit brighter, water three feet deeper.

"Got my wet suit. I'll change, then go in."

Splash. "Water's not too bad. Can't see the bottom though — too murky. Here goes."

Splash, kick kick. "Gasp. Couldn't get to the bottom."

"Your wet suit is way too buoyant. It looked like you were only about six feet down."

"Wish I had a weight belt. Shoulda brought my fins. When's the next low tide?"

"About 5:30 this afternoon."

"Think I'll come back then." The water won't be so deep. Let me get out of this suit."

## CRASH CRUNCH

"What happened?"

"I slipped on the steps!"

"You OK?"

"Yeah. My foot's sore but I think I'm OK."

**Even later the same day.** Photo of bruised foot is texted. "It's not broken, but let's not try to get the reel today. Too painful. Maybe later in the week?"

**Same day, about sundown.** A single-handed attempt using a 10-foot pole, landing net, duct tape and flashlight was made without success.

**Two days later, Friday Afternoon, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Low tide.** Even with bruised foot, reel retrieved, first dive.

## Moral:

A reel in the hand is worth two in the water.

# Around the (Virtual) Clubhouse: News and Events Shamelessly Plagiarized from Shirley's eMail Blasts

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

**W**hat's going on at the Long Beach Casting Club? Plenty, even while we're in the throes of the Coronavirus pandemic. The following is a little sample collected from the eMail blasts we've been receiving (thanks to the efforts of Shirley Sakaguchi).

## **GREEN RIVER PRE-MEETING INFO**

**Date: Saturday, September 26**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96364230755?pwd=OFZDW EJUVUdOWNhdEJJRm1iaHJGQT09>

**Meeting ID: 963 6423 0755**

**Passcode: 579104**

Also, please download the Green River packet that is on our club website. It will cover the information needed for the trip:

[https://longbeachcastingclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/GreenRiverClubTripInformationHandout\\_rev\\_4-26-2019.pdf](https://longbeachcastingclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/GreenRiverClubTripInformationHandout_rev_4-26-2019.pdf)

## **INTERMEDIATE FLY CASTING CLINIC CANCELLED**

**Due to Covid-19 concerns, the Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic, scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM, is cancelled.**

We expect to be back in business next year, beginning on October 5, 2021.

## **ON THE RIVER CLINIC IS NOW "TBD"**

**At this time, the clinic is TBD due to COVID-19. Below is the information in case things change.**

**Classroom Dates: Nov. 14 and Nov 21, 2020 (Saturdays 8:30am-Noon)**

**Lower Owens Outing Date: Dec. 12 and 13, 2020**

As part of the Long Beach Casting Club's continuing education, join us for an educational experience geared to individuals who wish to gain overall fly fishing knowledge. You will be introduced to the equipment needed, entomology, stream structure, casting applications, short and long line presentation, reading the water, fly selection, how to organize your fly box and basic knots.

We will then take the knowledge you have gained and apply it to a Lower Owen's weekend outing where you will receive individual instructions from river-wise instructors.

The On the River Clinic is led by Past President Joe Libeu, who is a licensed guide, Master Casting Instructor and owner of Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures. Joe has been fishing the Lower Owens since 1975 and considers this watershed to be his home waters. The class is for beginning club members only.

## **IT'S A BOY! CONGRATULATIONS TO RIX AND YUMI GANO**

*[This one's a tad out of date...it happened just after the September Target Talk went to press--Ed.]*

On August 15, LBCC Member Yumi Hori Gano gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, Milo Gano.

The previous Saturday, Yumi walked around the LBCC Casting Pond with the excited big sister to be, Sierra. So, by taking this walk, Yumi pioneered a new use for the LBCC Casting Pond while husband Rix Gano practiced Spey casting.

Best wishes to Yumi for a speedy recovery. By the way, Milo Gano is now the youngest member of the Long Beach Casting Club!

# Out of the Pandemic (Well, Not Really), Into the Fire

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

**M**y first fly fishing destination was the West Fork of the San Gabriel River. It was, as frequently happened with my early forays into the sport, a disaster.

I had just joined the club. Michael Wishaw, a longtime member, had offered to take some beginners to catch their first trout. I went to see my friend and mentor, Milt Huber (see my article in the [July, 2017 issue of Target Talk](#)), who ran a fly shop out of a trailer in his front yard, to pick up some flies.

Milt compiled a quick list of "West Fork-friendly" flies on a 3x5 index card (remember those? Somewhere in my house I've still got it):

- ❖ Parachute Adams
- ❖ Black Gnat Parachute
- ❖ Blue-Winged Olive
- ❖ Prince Nymph
- ❖ Pheasant Tail Nymph

He put the flies in a plastic cup, patted me on the head (figuratively speaking) and sent me off.

The next day I loaded two fly rods and my son, Christopher, into whatever soccer van we owned that year. We headed off for the West Fork. In those days (1997) before cell phones, directions were important, but the directions were a little sparse: "Just drive up the Azusa Canyon Road and there's a parking area by the river. You can't miss it!"

I drove up and pulled into the first parking area I found by a river. Unfortunately, it was a dirt parking lot, and the river was the North Fork, not the West Fork. There were no signs to that effect, of course.

We waited until it became obvious that we weren't going to connect with Mr. Wishaw, then went down

to fish. There was a smooth, even path through cottonwoods to the stream bank.

I put on a Parachute Adams (it still might be my favorite fly), and gave Chris a Black Gnat Parachute. We tried dries, dry/droppers, nymphs, everything Milt had taught us, with no results.

Then a mortally wounded rainbow trout, which appeared to have wriggled off someone's barbed hook upstream, swam weakly by on its back. I cupped it in my hands, showed the poor fish to my son, and let it go, to die in peace. "Well, Chris," I said, "at least we caught a fish."

Later, I learned that some other beginners had connected with Michael, and succeeded in catching fish. It was an experience, as I mentioned, consistent with my other early forays into the sport.

As time went on and I got better, I had great days on the West Fork. I considered it my home water, especially after I started taking Odie, my Labrador retriever "wannabe" dog, along with me. Later, I met Mark Flo; for years, we made it a regular habit to bike and fish the West Fork. It's not a blue ribbon stream, but I love that place and I'll always remember it kindly.

The reason I write about it is that it appears to be in just about the exact middle of the Bobcat fire. That fire has also burned through Santa Anita Canyon, where I used to fish the little check dams. I remember once letting a four-year old kid reel in one of my hookups; he looked up at his dad and said "Look, Daddy, I caught a fish!" There are also spot fires in Cooper Canyon, where, while I was fishing the Falls, Odie the Lab Wannabe disappeared up the trail for a half hour. He gave me a huge fright until he came back, wagging his tail and grinning.

I'm wondering what these streams will look like when the smoke clears. Even more, I'm thinking of the people whose lives and homes have been affected by this and other fires. I hope you're not one of them. Stay safe, everybody.

## LBCC Buff for Sale!

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone wants to have a mask or face covering like a fly fishing pro. To help members properly cover their noses and mouths, the Long Beach Casting Club is selling **the LBCC Buff**.

Thanks to JoAnn Bosowski for the artwork on the buffs and Chao Hang of Aventik Sports for producing them.

The LBCC Buffs are being sold for:

- ❖ **One for \$6**
- ❖ **Two for \$10**

If you'd like to purchase a buff, contact Paul Burgner at [kbzx2@aol.com](mailto:kbzx2@aol.com). Get



several buffs, to leave one in your fishing bag and another in your car or truck. They are great gifts for family and friends.

Make your purchase while the supply lasts! When the buffs are sold out, you are out of luck.

You can find JoAnn Bosowski's artwork in the LBCC Clubhouse or at Instagram@BosowskiArt:

[https://www.instagram.com/bosowski\\_art/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/bosowski_art/?hl=en)

and Chao Hang's other fishing gear at Aventik Sports at:

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(see discounts on Page Four of Target Talk).



## It's Full on Autumn IN THE EASTERN SIERRA!!!

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# Fly Tying Tip: Dubbing Base

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

I think we have all had issues with our hair wings (like an Elk Hair Caddis) rotating on the shank of our hook, as we tie them in or when we fish them. Something similar happens on dumbbell eyes. We can use adhesive on the eyes to prevent twist, but using adhesive on hair wings may not be desirable or effective. They still seem to twist, even though we apply head cement to the final thread wraps.



Tim Flagler has a neat technique that works well on hair wings. Instead of just a thread base for the wing, use a little superfine or other dry fly dubbing, and place a small base on the hook shank where you tie in your wing. (Photo#1).



Once you tie in your wing (Photo#2), you will find that it is much more resistant to twisting on the



shank. I have gotten used to using GSP thread for my hair wings. The thread is very slick, so the dubbing provides a much better base than thread alone. Tim also shows this tip for dumbbell eyes and parachute posts, but I have had less luck with those, versus using the technique on a hair wing.

If you look at our beginning manual for the Elk Hair Caddis, we even show the dubbing for the body not extending under the wing. Until I found this tip, I had a difficult time keeping wings from twisting. Give it a try, you might find it works for you on any hair wing pattern.

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# Fly of the Month: Extended Body BWO

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

**S**ooooooo, this month is all about challenging your abilities. You absolutely do not need to tie this fly to catch fish. If you're not in the mood, then go to the February edition of Target Talk and tie the "easy" version. However, if you want to go outside your comfort zone, then read on...

Many years ago (1970s and 1980s) there was a renowned tier of flies who regularly fished the Henry's Fork of the Snake river in Idaho. His name was Bing Lemke. Bing was one of the most successful fly fishers on what many people consider the toughest, most technical body of water on earth to be successful on! How tough? Well, one June evening fishing there I counted ten different species of insects and three with multiple states (dun and spinner) on the water at one time! I had to figure which one the fish were eating? Give me a break!

Bing knew. Bing always knew and one of his specialties was an extended bodied mayfly pattern that he regularly used. By happenstance and the fact that I could tie some wicked Atlantic salmon flies, I was very fortunate to get to know Bing back then and he taught me how he tied those amazing flies. Back then, Bing used an overhead jig and so did I. Since then I have done away with this appurtenance and gone with a hands-only approach. I have been tying quite a few of these lately and they worked very, very well last spring fishing the Green. They also held up quite well against the formidable teeth found in your garden variety brown trout.

This fly is **NOT** for everyone, just those who want to extend their wings and try something off the wall and difficult. You don't need it to catch fish—a fly like this is better suited to catching your fellow fly tiers! Yeah, that's important too. Practical tying is fine but going beyond the pragmatic is what keeps our sport and fly tying fresh, growing and improving. Sorry, in my opinion you can only tie so many Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ears before you go bonkers...

Change the materials around to tie a pattern that works well for you. The version I have included is ideal for BWOs (Baetis) in many parts of the country during the late fall, winter and spring months. So spread your tying wings and do something challenging!

## MATERIALS FOR TYING THE EXTENDED BODY BWO:

- Hook: Firehole 419 short shank dry; size #18–24
- Thread: Veevus Dark Olive 12/0 or other to match the natural
- Tail: 7x or 8x monofilament
- Body: Your tying thread, tapered
- Ribbing: Extra-fine Chartreuse Ultra Wire
- Hackle: Medium Dun or other to match the natural; dry fly quality
- Wing: BWO EP TriggerPoint Fibers or other to match the natural
- Thorax: Peacock Ice Dubbing or color to match the natural
- Head: Your tying thread



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE EXTENDED BODY BWO:

1. Attach the thread to the hook behind the head space, and wind back to the mid-point of the shank. Pull out about eight inches of fine (7x and 8x) tippet material. Fold it in half and then in half again—four total strands of material. Tie in mono with the looped ends extending beyond the bend of the hook. Also, tie in the Chartreuse Ultra Wire and bind it and the mono down to the shank, stopping at the bend of the hook.
2. Here's the tough part. Lift the strands of mono and wire straight up, and start winding your thread up the mono and wire. You will need to wind with your off hand while holding the mono and wire with your normal hand, yet still be able to grab your bobbin holder with that same normal hand and re-grab it with your off hand. Nope, not easy. Once you have wrapped the mono and wire to a length equal to the length of the hook shank, start going back down to the hook. Since mayfly bodies taper, wind the thread about half way up the extended body section and back down, giving it a slight taper. Also, wind smoothly with the thread on the hook shank for a quarter of its length, as this will be the continuation of the abdomen from the extension.
3. Holding the mono in your off hand, spiral the chartreuse ribbing down the body with equal spacing. Once you get to the hook shank continue to wind over the thread abdomen and stop at the half-way point along the shank. Tie off the wire and remove it by helicoptering it off. Cutting metal wire and tinsel will dull your scissors, and also leave sharp edges that will cut your thread when you can least afford to have it cut!
4. It's hackle stacker time...holding your bobbin holder lift straight up about three inches and over the top of the index finger of your off hand, down around the hook shank a couple of times. Now repeat the process, creating two three-inch loops. Still holding the thread upright in the index finger of your off hand, wind one complete turn of thread around the base of these two loops (and four total strands of thread). Prepare a nice quality hackle and tie it in with the dull side down. Now, stick



the index finger of your normal hand in the two loops of tying thread and hold them upright and taut. Use your off hand to wind the hackle, and the normal hand to catch and hold while the off hand reaches around the other side. Wind the hackle like you would a parachute up the thread, about the length it would take to reach the eye of the hook. Once there, start winding back down to the hook shank and tie off the hackle.

5. Cut off a small clump of TriggerPoint Fibers for the wing. Don't use too much! Trim one end and then place that cut end right up against the hackle. You will likely have to switch hands, so tie the butts down, just touching the hackle. Wind only about half the remaining distance to the eye to secure the wing to the hook.
6. Apply a small amount of dubbing to your thread for the thorax, and wind two or three turns between the wing and the hackle. Continue winding two or three more turns in front of the wing. Be sure to leave some room for the head space. Split the wing into two equal parts, and now pull your stacked hackle between the two halves. Don't pull too tight—just enough to be taut—and tie off the stacked hackle with your thread. Too tight and the hackle core might snap back from under the thread.
7. Form a neat head and whip finish. Remove the core thread for the stacked hackle. Finally, cut the wings to length by pulling them straight back and cutting them in line with the bend of the hook. Finally, remove all but two strands of the mono body core—they will act as your two tails.

Congrats! You survived!!!

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you improve in other areas of fly fishing.

### **2020-2021 CLINIC SCHEDULE:**

BEGINNING	ADVANCED
December 12-13	—
January 23-24	January 9-10
February 20-21	February 6-7
February 7 & 8	February 21 & 22
—	March 6-7

The clinic is limited to a maximum of 6 students. **\$300.00** tuition includes 2 full days of on-the-stream instructions. Not included are lodging, tackle, meals, fishing license and transportation. Dates are subject to change based on local conditions.

# Calendar of Events

## October

5-9	Week		Green River Trip with Colin Kumabe
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentations-Prep Session
7	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
11	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
12-16	Week		Green River Trip with Yash Iseda
13	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentations-Prep Session
14	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
17-18	Weekend		Northwestern Tournament
20	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentations-Prep Session
21	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
25	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
27	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
28	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Greg Vinci (Northern California Trophy Tailwaters)
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	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
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	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
11	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
14	Saturday	8:30 AM	Tentative: On the River Clinic Class Session #1
17	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
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	Tentative: On the River Clinic Class Session #2
25	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
29	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast

## December

1	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
5	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
9	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
12-13	Weekend		Tentative: On the River Clinic
13	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
15	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
23	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #1,#2,#3
30	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line



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