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Leader's Line...

A Great Experience at Jones Hole

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

I recently had a great experience which I wanted to share with the members of the club. On the way to the Club Green River trip, Steve Jackson and I decided to spend a day fishing the Jones Hole in Utah. The day before we fished, we stayed in a hotel in Vernal, Utah. The next morning we traveled about one hour to the Jones Hole. The Jones Hole is a spring creek that flows about four miles until it dumps into the Green River. You start your day at the Jones Hole Fish Hatchery.

This beautiful spring creek has crystal-clear water and flows through a lush green canyon. We started our hike thinking that we would go down a couple miles and fish our way back, but we really wanted to see the Fremont Indian pictographs before we started back up. We walked and walked, but we did not see any pictographs. To our surprise, we hit the Green River after four miles of hiking.

I had always heard that the Jones Hole dumped into a very muddy Green River, but that was not the case this time. The Green was very clear, probably because we made the trip in October instead of May. We were really glad that we continued the whole way down, because just above where the water dumped into the Green was a great wider section of the Jones Hole which was full of fish, some of them very large.

I caught a couple of 12–14" rainbows on a dry fly. Then I started running a nymph (small hare's ear) through a hole which had some large fish holding in it. I hooked into one of the rainbows and all hell broke loose in the

stream. This was a big fish! Probably 23–24 inches or more.

I fought him for a couple of minutes, then he spat out the hook. I was pissed to say the least! I really wanted to land that fish!

I brought in the rig and looked at the hook. The gap of the hook opened-up. I thought to myself: "that is what I get for buying \$.70 flies." I fish a lot up in the High Sierras so the hooks typically work just fine for me, but this fish was a different story. The next time I am fishing for large fish, I am going to make sure I am fishing with a hook which I know will not straighten out. Plus, I will take my time landing the fish and not put so much heat on him.

The bad part of walking the whole four miles down to the Green River was that now we had to walk and fish the whole way back. We figured that when we arrived

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Club Trips for 2020, 2021

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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
April 16–18	Kelsey Bass Ranch w/ M. Woodbury, Pre-Trip April 10, 9:00 AM
April 25–30	Green River Trip #1 w/ Y. Iseda, Pre-Trip April 13, 7:00 PM
May 2–7	Green River Trip #2 w/ C. Kumabe, Pre-Trip April 13, 7:00 PM
May 16–21	Green River Trip #3 w/ P. Burgner, Pre-Trip April 13, 7:00 PM
May 30–Jun 1	Pyramid Lake Trip w/P. Nakamura, Pre-Trip May 22, 9:00 AM
June 6–10	Fall River Trip w/Marc Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip June 1, 7:00 PM

Trip deposits for trips that are 'double occupancy' and require deposits in advance are non-refundable. Should you need to cancel your reservation, your deposit money will be refunded if another club member replaces you.

Trip location, dates and pre-trip workshops are subject to change, so monitor Target Talk or the web calendar for the latest information. If you would like to be a stream keeper and need help organizing a club trip, let me know. Please contact Marc Bonvouloir if you have any suggestions for a trip or any questions at: mrmlb21@gmail.com.



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Gary Borger: Nymphing From Top to Bottom

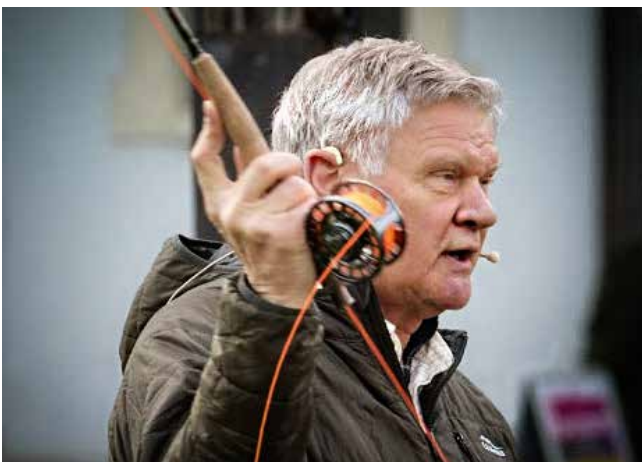
BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Learn some amazingly easy and highly successful new tactics for nymph fishing which make the process completely visual—just like fishing dry flies.

Gary Borger is one of the world's foremost fly fishing educators. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been a fly fisher since 1955, and since 1972 has taught classes and lectured internationally on all aspects of fly fishing for trout and salmon.

A free-lance writer and photographer, Gary is also a Contributing Editor for FLY FISHERMAN magazine, and Editor at Large for THE VIRTUAL FLY SHOP. He has written ten best-selling books on fly fishing: NYMPHING, NATURALS, THE BORGER COLOR SYSTEM, FISHING THE DRY FLY, DESIGNING TROUT FLIES, PRESENTATION, FISHING THE FILM, READING WATERS, LONG FLIES and THE ANGLER AS PREDATOR.

Gary pioneered fly fishing videos. His video production company has produced 17 internationally acclaimed videos. This production work has earned him a listing in "Who's Who in Entertainment." Gary was also a consultant on Robert Redford's movie A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT.



Gary is a recipient of the Ross Allen Merigold Complete Angler Memorial Award, the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award, The Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award, The Federation of Fly Fishers' Lifetime Achievement in Fly Casting Instruction Award, the VFS Fly Fisherman Readers' Poll Hall of Fame Award, the Jim Green Fly Casting Award and the Joan and Lee Wulff Conservation award. He is internationally recognized for his conservation efforts, and received the first Lew Jewett Memorial Life Membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers in 1979.

In 2013, Gary was named one of the seven most influential fly fishers of the last 50 years by Canada's FLY FUSION Magazine. Gary is currently working on a 20-book series entitled FLY FISHING with his son Jason.

Please plan to join us. We will meet via Zoom, and below is the link. We expect this meeting to fill up fast and we only have the capacity for 100 attendees, so log in early and chat with other members beforehand.

To Join Zoom Meeting (Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:00 PM):

<https://zoom.us/j/99642926544?pwd=QlJhb28xcGhjdVJJVThBSVg3M0QzQT09>

Meeting ID: **996 4292 6544**
Passcode: **253376**

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back at our car we had walked over nine miles that day.

The main reason I wanted the Club to know about this fishery is because it is located in such a beautiful setting, the fishing can be great, and you will have the chance to see the Fremont Indian pictographs. We did find the walls of the canyon with these pictographs on the way back up the canyon. Pretty cool to think that these Indians lived there 800 to 1,400 years ago and the walls have the proof.

We mentioned to one of our Green River guides that we had fished the Jones Hole a couple of days before, and he said that he had caught the biggest trout of his life at Jones Hole. It was a 32" brown!



Because the Jones Hole is a tributary to the Green River, some of the large trout use the Jones Hole to spawn, and some of these larger trout stay in the system. You have an opportunity for a huge fish at Jones Hole. We saw very few people on our hike. It felt like we had the canyon to ourselves. The next time you go up to the Green River you may want to consider fishing this great stream.



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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 **KMSD6GGD** 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:

- ❖ Blue Handle Net
Asin: B08H5J56JB
- ❖ Yellow, 24 Inch Drift Sock
Asin: B08C29M3Z6
- ❖ Tele Spinning 7'6" Rod
Asin: B08HG9ZK1W
- ❖ 8'0" LW3 Combo
Asin: B088CVNF3G
- ❖ Crappie Reel
Asin: B0816C5RTX
- ❖ Fly Tying Trash Tray
Asin: B07WLW48GS
- ❖ Rod Holder
Asin: B079NBK9L4
- ❖ Light Gray Mosquito Jacket
Asin: B08FX3JQDX

LBCC Relaxes with "The Quiet Fly Fisher" in Loa, Utah

TERRY KOMISAK, MEMBER

How was that Loa trip? Well, let me say we had an enjoyable, relaxing time and enjoyed the fishing as well as the scenery.



The location was in Southwestern Utah, just north of the northern entrance to Capitol Reef National Park. Our guide service was <https://quietflyfisher.com/>. The owner and guide, Mike James, knows the region very well, having spent a large portion of his life there. He and his guides are competent, and not only put the angler onto fish but instruct anglers on all aspects of fly fishing.

The Awapa plateau, as the region is named, is known for cattle ranching and cattle feed raising. This semiarid zone requires water capture and holding in dams for later use. That feature offered us many lakes



and streams to fish.

We fished the lakes for large tiger trout and Kokanee (landlocked) salmon, with the opportunity to hook into large brookies and rainbows. These impoundments also hold grayling and Colorado cutthroat trout.

Another day offered different waters to fish. We drove to local streams and rivers and were rewarded with brown trout and rainbows. The rural scenery was a pleasant change from city driving. We were able to see wild turkeys, and the pronghorn antelope were cruising the high plains alongside us at 30 mph.

The lodgings we chose, The Mills Cabins, were spartan but suitable. Many more opportunities for lodging are available.

All told, the six participants on this trip were pleased with the fishing and the opportunity to see a portion of Utah that many people don't see.



Fall River Trip, June 2021

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

In 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.



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 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

Yards and Inches... A 2020 Recap

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

The 13th Annual Yards & Inches Tournament is now history, and how nice it was to gather and visit in person. With a gorgeous sunrise, beautifully clear (no smoke) blue sky, a gentle breeze and one of the best incoming tides of the year, it was a perfect day for the event.

One angler appeared to be permanently connected to the grip end of a bent rod. Steve Timm—last year's winner—repeated by winning again. Steve logged 272 inches. That's an impressive 22+ feet or 7.5 yards.

Sharing the winner's circle were John Stine with 109 inches and Mark Flo with 81 inches. In all, some 588 inches of fish were caught.

Bob and Diane Mayfield joined the group this year. Nice to see ladies on the water. We won't mention which of the two caught more fish.

Tom Groseclose joined the group with his beautiful restored dory. This was the dory's first fish outing since the restoration and, happily, the skunk was kicked off the boat.

At the weigh-in, chips and salsa served as starters, followed immediately by hot posole and icy PBR. The hungry group contributed \$70 to the endowment fund.

The Y&I is unique for several reasons:

- ❖ It's the Club's only fishing tournament and all fish are released unharmed.
- ❖ It's close to home—just minutes from the clubhouse—and takes advantage of the wonderful salty resource we have at our doorstep.
- ❖ It's a chance to come together immediately after the event, and talk about the day and eat together.
- ❖ Best of all, everybody wins. The last place finisher

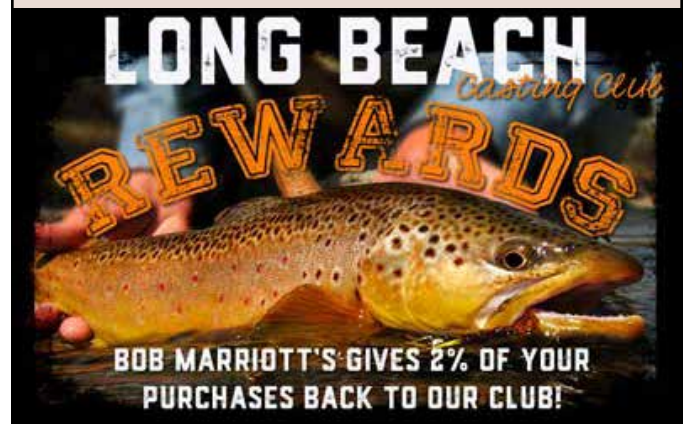


- ❖ gets the same posole as the winner.
- ❖ Finally, you don't even need to be a participant. A couple of members showed up at lunch time just to see what was cookin'.

It was great. Until next year!

In appreciation for the many years of support,

Bob Marriott's is pleased to give 2% of all Long Beach Casting Club member purchases back to the club. This store credit can be used by the club for raffle prizes or toward other product purchases that will help enhance and benefit club activities. When purchasing from Bob Marriott's, please be sure to mention that you are a LBCC member to help ensure a percentage of your sale will go back to the club.



LBCC History Class #101: When a Stag was a Stag

JOHN VAN DERHOOF,
PAST PREZ & LBCC HISTORIAN

I wonder how many of our newer members—those who joined in the last 10 years or so—understand why the Club’s Christmas dinner is often called “the Venison Stag”. Oh yeah, there was venison and elk, bear and wild-shot duck and geese on the menu, but why call it a stag? Truth be told, up until 1980, every event at the Long Beach Casting Club was a stag event. There were no female members.

The LBCC was a male-only “stag” organization in 1980. Yes, there was a Long Beach Women’s Casting Club. They held their own events—even tournaments—but they were separate from the LBCC. It took the end of the ‘70s, the second wave of the women’s rights movement (think Hanoi Jane ‘72) and feminism to bring this organization its first lady member. The Club was soon to hit a major crossroads.

I was a new member then and, like many new members, I was not really privy to a lot of the Club’s inner workings. At that time the Club had a maximum membership of 260 members (some of the really old-timers—all eleven of you—may remember another number but that’s what I remember), and this was due to occupancy limits set by someone (we never did really find out who) for meetings inside the building. In fact, for years, the Club had a seriously long waiting list to join. However, by 1980 there were 241 members and those numbers were falling. Then, along came Kathleen Bowen...

Kathy and her husband Denis were a nice couple, whom I regularly saw on Sunday casts in the fall and winter and Tuesday night casts in the spring and summer. Denis, who worked at McDonnell Douglas, was a good tournament caster and enjoyed the competitions. Kathy was a bit on the outspoken side, as I remember from when we occasionally cast plugs and visited. I didn’t realize she felt it was time

to bring the LBCC out of the dark ages. She did that when she submitted her application for membership and the rest is a history few of you know.

Well, the men of the Long Beach Casting Club acted exactly as you would have expected them to. Yeah, just like 10-year old boys. “This is terrible!” they cried. “She can join the Women’s Casting Club—oh, she already is...” whinging and whining about a loss of the Club’s venerable history and its eventual ruination. If she was approved they would all take their ball and go home! It **WAS** the end of their world as they knew it. Nothing worse could have possibly happened. There were meetings at the Clubhouse demanding that she not be allowed entry as a member. I attended only one of these meetings and it was almost frightening how much vitriol was directed at the Bowens. A month earlier they were the nicest folks on the planet and now they were trash. It was pretty ugly.

At the final meeting, cooler heads prevailed. Welllll, maybe not; maybe just ones with more pragmatic thoughts. Kathy had threatened to sue if she was not admitted as a member. It took our resident attorney, John Napoli, to inform the membership that Kathy would likely win that suit as the Club was located in a public park and would also likely be bankrupted by the decision. Additionally, it would lose most if not all of the favor it carried from the City of Long Beach over the previous decades. Reason (and the selfishness of not wanting to lose what they had) won out and Kathy was named a member of the Long Beach Casting Club—the first woman member and a watershed moment in the Club’s history. Some diehards left the Club. Oh well...

This was a point of crisis for this Club. The meetings that were held at the Club discussing Kathy’s application were difficult and contentious to say the least. I felt for Dennis Ploucher, the Club’s president at the time, as he had an incredibly stressful term in office. In fact, the following year, no one was willing to step up to the presidency for fear of the same thing happening. So, in a rare bit of LBCC succession, Mike Dunn went from Target Talk editor to President without ever being a Board Member.



The irony of this entire chapter is that a year later Denis got transferred to McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis, and he and Kathy were gone. No more female members of the LBCC until April, 1983.

I have written this in the fashion in which I remember it, as I know of no written record. Also, I wrote it based upon my feelings at the time, so my apologies if it seems opinionated. It was a long time ago, and I was a new member but I was all for her inclusion. After all, I was a child of the '60s and '70s, a bit rebellious, and I felt it was right for her to be a member. I also felt that a side benefit of her membership was a great opportunity to grow and expand this organization.

I know, I know, this sounds horrid on my part—to use her membership as a device for increased membership and finances, but frankly this Club was sucking wind and had two fingers of the requisite three above the water. By bringing in wives, girlfriends—heck any and all women—we were growing the Club, through individuals and potentially families as well. Something I believed we absolutely needed then and still need today.

The one thing to take away from this event is that the Club was irretrievably changed for the better. Our membership did increase dramatically as did a welcomed female membership that has contributed vitally to our Club, and our 260-member cap was thrown out (currently we're at well over 400!). It was the best move our Club ever made—despite the fact that most members had to be dragged along kicking and screaming!

Fly Tying Tip: Clean Hands

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

These are a few tips to help you produce better looking flies. Have you had issues with your flies, especially light-colored bodies, darkening? Your hands may be the culprit. If you sit down to tie and have natural oils and dirt on your hands and fingers, they will transfer to your dubbing and other materials, possibly causing your fly to darken more than you want. Wash your hands before, and even during, your tying sessions to help keep your fly bodies clean. Most materials will cause the dyes to transfer to your hands. Ever noticed how black marabou really is a pain while using it? Your hands turn black! Similar things happen with other materials, so washing your hands will help keep your colors true and separated.

Something similar happens with white thread on a dark hook. If you dub a light color on white thread, once the fly gets wet the white thread turns translucent and the dark-colored shank will show through, darkening your dubbing or other materials. If you use, say, primrose (light yellow), that affect is lessened or eliminated.

One other small piece of advice: if you have rough hands/fingers from work and you have difficulty with thread or floss catching on your fingers and fraying, try a product called "THREAD HEAVEN" (see photo, only about a 1" cube in size), available from Michaels, Jo-Ann Fabrics and other hobby shops. It is used to keep bead threads from fraying, but it also works great on your fingers to help smooth them out, reducing the fraying that occurs. Steve Fernandez told me about the product and I now use it doing floss bodies; it is great.



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

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

Due 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. Deadline is October 20, 2020.

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

A special note from the LBCC: we'd 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. If anyone is interested in any other examples of her work, you can find her on 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

Combat Fishing Report

Sept 14, 2020

(Sort of...No Fishermen Were Harmed in the Telling of this Tale!)

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

Mike and I were tired of trying to wade the high flows of the White River below Bull Shoals here in Arkansas, so we decided to try our luck below the dam at Table Rock, near Branson, Missouri.

Monday, September 14, was the designated day as the morning showed no power generation scheduled. We arrived about 8:00 am, hoping to have the place to ourselves. WRONG.

The parking lot was overflowing. Once we got our waders on and selected our weapons of choice, we headed for the river. COMBAT fishing for as far as the eye could see. There must have been 4,000 fly fishermen lined up elbow to elbow (OK, slight exaggeration).

The stairs ended at the river, adjacent to an outfall from the local hatchery. The outfall was about two feet wide, and less than a foot deep. About a quarter of those 4,000 were lined up on both sides, high sticking, trying to catch a trophy trout, including a guy in a Lazy Boy (really just a lawn chair, but he was still sitting and fishing with a fly rod!).

Not only that, a few hundred yards upriver was another outfall with the same type of combat gathering, including another guy in a Lazy Boy (must have been brothers)! What was weird: I watched both Lazy Boy guys catch fish... crazy.

With that, I figured it must be easy fishing, so I pushed, shoved and knocked guys down to get into the river at a primo spot. I had to, as they would not

move out of my way willingly.

I started with my pre-designated fly attached, but after about half an hour, not a single bite. OK, I decided, Lazy Boy must be using a secret fly, only known to him. Instead of elbowing my way back to him, I swallowed my dignity and asked the upriver guy what he was using, as he was pretty successful. A green woolly, he says.

Great, I have one of those, says me. In a Size 14, he says. Fantastic! I think the smallest I have is on a 14/0, a wee bit bigger bugger. Went to grab it, and found I had left my fly box at the truck! Fantastic start of the day.

After again pushing, shoving and knocking guys down to get back to shore, I went and retrieved my fly box. As my woolly was too big, I decided to use a green crystal bugger in about a Size 8, the smallest I had.

Starting back down to the river, I saw a gathering of angry combat fisherman, pointing to the stairs and looking as if ready to do harm. How rude! So, for the better part of discretion, I decided to work upstream and let things calm down.

Fortunately, they had not recognized me at the base of the stairs, as I was wearing camouflage like the rest of them with the same waders, vest, hat, neck gator around my face, etc. Whew, dodged a bullet there!

Mike was embarrassed by my antics and, not wanting to get caught up in the possible mob festivities, left me to my own devices. He went downstream to safety.

As I worked my way up to a good spot (with only a small crowd of about a hundred) I threw in my offering and **WHAM**, got hit immediately by an angry fish who decided I had been way too rude downstream and he would take my crystal bugger away from me. **NO WAY**.

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We battled, me trying to keep my fly, him trying to take it away. **I WON!** It was a fat 20-inch rainbow, and I told him to leave me alone as he disappeared.

He must have informed his family. A couple of minutes later another family member decided to try and take my fly away. I guess he did not like the earlier embarrassment either. Persistent family, I will give them that, but he did not prevail either as I retrieved my fly once again. Must have been a younger sibling as he was only 18 inches, but just as fat and sassy.

The family finally got wise and quit arguing with me. In the end, I spanked four of them for trying to take my bugger away from me.

At that point I noticed a guy upriver from me was using a bobber. He caught about five in a row, as I watched jealously. With the crystal bugger not working by then, I decided to try my hand at an indicator (fish like that sophistication, you know). Caught one on a complex twist sowbug, then nothing. Seemed like the fish were punishing me for my earlier arrogance.

At that point, I decided they were fearing me, so I started to work my way downriver to see if Mike was still willing to associate with me. I stealthily walked through the earlier combat fishermen as they gave me the evil eye. I just ignored them because the mob had settled down, thankfully, and as I stayed camouflaged, no one stopped me.

Mike was about last in line in the Combat Zone, so it took me a bit to get down there. All the while, as I was moving/fishing, there were trout galore visible in about six to 24 inches of water. I could cast to them, but they would thumb their nose at all my offerings. I knew they feared me! Or maybe, Mike had warned them to just ignore me.

Once I got close to Mike, I decided to try a crackleback (a local delicacy, or so say the trout), as I had overheard some of the combatants say they



were having success with it. Having worn out my welcome with my earlier elbowing, and not wanting to be recognized, I did not ask questions on how they were fishing it but decided to give it a try.

No success as a dry, so I let it get wet to swing it. As

I went to move a step or so downstream after a few casts, I looked down and about 100 fish were sitting in the lee of my legs!

Holy cow, what ever happened to fishing for trout that required stealth, no bright colored clothing, stay invisible, sneak up on them and all that? I think I was bamboozled by the West Coast Elitists, fish and/or fishermen. Then it came to me: they saw me as a GOD and came to worship at my feet. That had to be it!

But I was humbled again as it finally dawned on me that they were just swimming around my legs laughing, knowing I could not get a fly in front of them. Like some of my old girlfriends, a bunch of tease artists not giving me anything.

The biggest was about 20 inches and was only three inches from my leg. Not only that, as I was being distracted with the supposed worshipers at my feet, they sent a newer member down to try to steal that well-crafted delicacy, my crackleback.

It did not work. I caught him, an 11-inch rainbow, in the act of stealing, despite the distraction. The more I think about it, the more I decided the trout below Table Rock are not as sophisticated or elitist as those you see in the West. These here are redneck trout, who don't give a hoot what a fisherman does or thinks!

Then the warning siren went off; they were going to start power generation and increase water flows. I decided I did not want to drown in rising water, so I called it a day, with a final count of seven thieves to hand. By then Mike was willing to associate with me again, thankfully, as he was my ride home.

Boy, have I got a lot to learn. Redneck Fish laughing at me, no stealth needed, need to be nice to Lazy Boy guys, little old ladies and guys on crutches while combat fishing. I can sometimes be a slow learner, so it will happen again.

Oh well, I didn't get skunked. Till next time, tight lines.

Green River: Fall 2020

COLIN KUMABE; JUNIOR DIRECTOR

After postponing the trip to the Green River originally scheduled for May this year, the first group of 13 members headed to Dutch John, Utah for a week of fishing fun. Quality fishing with the guides was especially memorable with many reporting their personal best fish.

There was summer-like weather with sunny clear days, with high temperatures in the upper 70s with lows at night in the upper 30s.

The Green River flow rates, around 900 cfs, were lower than we are used to fishing. The river looks different: wider banks with many exposed rocks. In the mornings, the water flow rates were around 800 cfs, then increased to 900 cfs later in the day.

Traveling posed interesting challenges this year. Most of the group decided to drive without overnight stops. Some of the group stopped to fish on the Provo River and nearby lakes on the way there or back.

The guide-provided flies that worked while floating were very tiny, size 24, smaller than we usually tie. In addition to the regular nymphing rig with micro scuds and "Ray Charles" flies, we used grasshopper flies in the afternoons. I didn't have size 24 nymphs and caught several trout on size 20 mayfly nymphs.

Preparations for the next trip start with practicing your casts at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond. See you at the Pond.



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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

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. 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 examples of JoAnn Bosowski's artwork in the LBCC Clubhouse or at:

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Fly of the Month: Caddis Pupa Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

You're fishing Hot Creek, the Owens (Upper and Lower) or the Madison, in the spring, summer or fall, and you know full well that at some point you may need to tie a caddis imitation on your leader/tippet. This begs the question "What should I have in my fly box that will cover a few different conditions?" Exactly the point. In my opinion you need nymphs and dries in a variety of colors and sizes and you need some caddis emergers and pupal imitations. This month's pattern is a fun-to-tie and effective caddis pupa imitation.

Caddis are present in many waters that we fish and they cover a wide range of colors and sizes, from micro-caddis and sedges, which we often see on Hot Creek in size #22 or #24, to the B-52 sized October Caddis. Caddis have three very distinct forms in their lives: the larval stage, which we often refer to as a Rock Worm, the pupal stage and of course the winged adult. The pupal stage to me is one of the most interesting. It is brief, and usually the point at which the insect moves through the water column, becoming an adult. Some species even trap a bubble of air around their bodies to help them ascend more quickly. Also, the transition from the pupa to the adult can occur in very short order and oftentimes as it nears the surface. The new adult just keeps on going through the surface film and flies away to mate. During heavy hatches you will sometimes see trout chase the caddis right out of the water.

What I love about this pattern is that it can be used in a couple of very effective ways. If you are anticipating a hatch during the day, start by fishing this as the top fly in a two-fly rig. Use a Rock Worm larva as your bottom fly. Now you are covering two different stages simultaneously and hopefully increasing your chances of a hook-up. As the day progresses and you start getting more takes on the top fly, switch over to a dry dropper rig with this imitation as your point fly. Since the fish are spending more time looking for food higher in the water column, they may eventually start feeding on the surface for newly-hatched adults or returning egg-laying females.

For additional information about caddis and their life cycles I can recommend two books. The first is NYPHS by Ernest Schwiebert and the second is CADDISFLIES by Gary LaFontaine. Both are great resources and must-haves for a complete fly fishing library (although Schwiebert's fly fishing tales at the start of each chapter are a bit grandiose).



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MATERIALS FOR TYING THE CADDIS PUPA EMERGER:

- Hook: Firehole 317 barbless emerger; size #16–22
- Thread: Veevus Olive 12/0 or other to match the natural
- Body: Chartreuse dubbing; or to match natural
- Ribbing: Extra-fine Gold Ultra Wire
- Thorax: Chartreuse Ice Dubbing or color to match the natural
- Wing: Mallard wing primaries
- Hackle: Furnace hen
- Head: Bronze Mallard barbs
- Head: Your tying thread



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE CADDIS PUPA EMERGER:

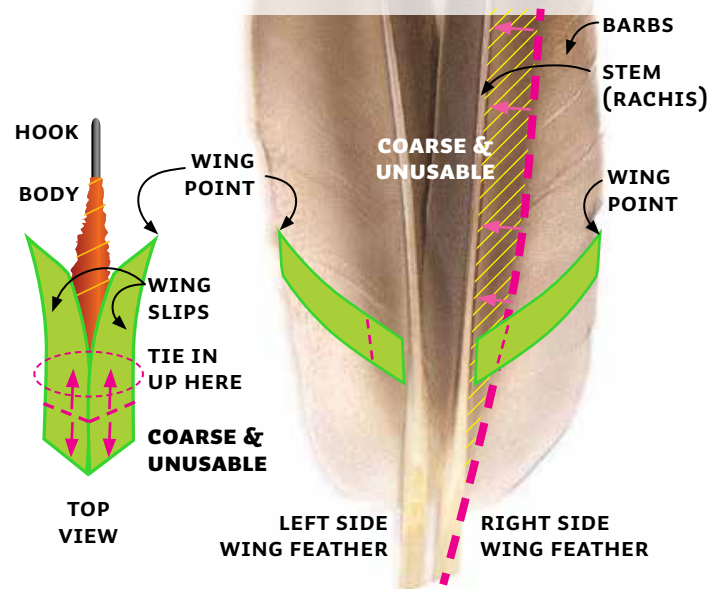
1. Mount the hook and attach the thread to the shank behind the head space. Wind back to the mid-point of the hook bend. Cut off a 6" length of fine gold wire, and tie it in low on the near side of the hook shank. This is the proper location for installing wire, when you are going to wrap it in the opposite direction of the dubbing.
2. Apply dubbing to your thread and wind forward to where the thorax should begin—about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the shank. The dubbing should be a bit fatter in the middle and taper slightly at both ends. Now wind the gold wire ribbing in the opposite direction to the beginning of the thorax, tie it off and "helicopter" off the excess.
3. Apply the thorax dubbing (usually a slightly darker shade than the body) to your thread and wind a thorax, but be sure to leave about two (2) head spaces instead of the usual one (1). If you don't, you will find yourself fighting for space here shortly! Do not make the thorax much thicker than the body—it will cause problems with the wing.
4. Select a matched pair (both left and right) of mallard primary quills. Here's a material that many of you have likely never used but it has been a standard for traditional wet and dry flies since long before most of us were born. It still has a place in fly tying today.

Look at the photo of the pair of feathers. They are marked "Left" and "Right" and I have added a distinct pink dashed line on the Right Side feather. Look carefully at the Left Side feather and you see a color difference that corresponds to the same location as the pink line on the Right Side feather. This color change is a "No Tie-In" zone as the feather barbs on the stem (rachis) side of that line thicken dramatically and are essentially unusable. At about the same point on each feather cut away a slip similar to the pair indicated in green.

For this fly the wing point will point down (on a traditional wet fly it is up) and the natural curvature of the wing slip will be in towards the

body. The Left Side wing slip will be on the near side (your side) of the body and the Right Side wing slip will be on the far side. Place each wing slip on the top of the thorax, so they look like the pair of wing slips pictured. The wings should extend about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the body in length as in the TOP VIEW below. Make sure you keep that unusable section of the feathers beyond the tie down point and use a loose loop to tie them down. When using the loose loop you finish by pulling **UP** and not down, as this will help keep the wing from rotating. Very carefully trim off the butt ends of the wing.

5. If you can fold a hackle feather so that the barbs are on one side, now is the time to do so. If you can't, don't worry; just tie in the hackle by the tip and wind three or four turns while pulling the barbs back, so that they cover the body. Tie off the hackle and remove the excess.
6. Last step...select two barbs of a bronze mallard feather. These feathers are found on a mallard's scapula and are often used for salmon and steelhead Spey Fly-style wings. I also use them for traditional upright dry fly wings when I want a darker look than wood duck. We're going to use these two barbs as antennae, which are very distinctive on a caddis pupa. Tie them in over the back and about $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the length of the body. Form a neat head, whip finish and go fish it!



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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

November

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
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	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
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	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Gary Borger
21	Saturday	8:30 AM	Tentative: On the River Clinic Class Session #2
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
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 (Tying begins at 7:30)
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	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
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 (Tying begins at 7:30)
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #1,#2,#3
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)

January

4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentations-Prep Session
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
8-10	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #1 with Yash Iseda
10	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
12	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentations-Prep Session
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
15	Friday	9:00 AM	LBCC Spey Casting Tournament Practice
16-17	Weekend		LBCC Spey Casting Tournament
19	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentations-Prep Session
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
24	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
26	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: John McMillian (Cal Trout)



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