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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

# California's Fall River: One of My Favorites

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

**A** couple of weeks ago I had another opportunity to fish one of my favorite rivers...the Fall River in Northern California. I have been fishing this river in late October for the past consecutive 11 years, because I love the technical nature of the fishery and the unmatched beauty of this peaceful place. I have been using a guide named Tom Peppas for all of these years. He has been guiding this river for over 40 years, and is a pleasure to hang out with.

The Fall River is the largest spring creek in the lower 48. It is about a one-and-a-half hour drive from the Redding area, near the town of Fall River Falls, and about 15 minutes from the City of Burney. The water is slow-moving and very clear. The grasses are beautiful, and really add to the experience.

You do not fish this river in a drift boat. You typically use a fairly flat-bottomed boat with a gas-powered outboard motor and an electrical trolling motor. For the dry fly fishing I rigged up a 5-weight rod with a nine foot 6x leader, along with 3-4 feet of 6-7x tippet.

Last month we were very lucky to have about 4-5 hours of consistent dry fly fishing. The way we fished for these rising trout was to position the boat about 50 feet upriver from the fish, then to make very short casts in the path of the rising fish and let our flies drift over them. We were using size 16-18 small blue-winged olive dry flies. When the flies drifted more than 50-60 feet away it was very difficult keeping our eyes on them, which is imperative in catching these fish.

The trick to catching these rainbow and brown trout on very light tippet was a very soft rise of the rod tip when the fish came up for the fly, and taking our time bringing them into the boat. Most of the fish that I caught were in the 16-18 inch range, but I did catch a couple in the 20-21 inch range (not easy on 6x tippet).

The other rod that I had on the boat was for streamer fishing. It was also a 5-weight rod, but we used a slow-sinking RIO intermediate line with a 5x leader and tippet. We used a damsel nymph that was deadly. The RIO intermediate line was super-easy to cast and a great line for this river. The retrieve was very slow strips. This is a great way to fish this river when the trout are not feeding on the top.

I mentioned earlier about the beauty of this area. It is so quiet and peaceful! All kinds of waterfowl and other species of birds are everywhere. Beautiful homes adorn the river. In late October the leaves were on fire! All kinds of orange, red, yellows and greens.

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# Club Trips for 2020, 2021

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

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Jan. 8–10	Lower Owens #1 w/ Yash Iseda, Pre-Trip Dec. 29, 7:00 PM—TRIP CANCELLED
Feb. 5–7	Lower Owens #2 w/ John Lincoln, Pre-Trip Jan. 30, 9:00 AM—TRIP TO BE DETERMINED
Mar. 5–7	Lower Owens #3 w/ Dan Rivett, Pre-Trip Jan. 30, 9:00 AM—TRIP TO BE DETERMINED
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

**T**rip deposits for trips which 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 streamkeeper 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).



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# December Speaker: Jim Cox from Western Rivers Conservancy, on Protecting the Rivers we Love

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

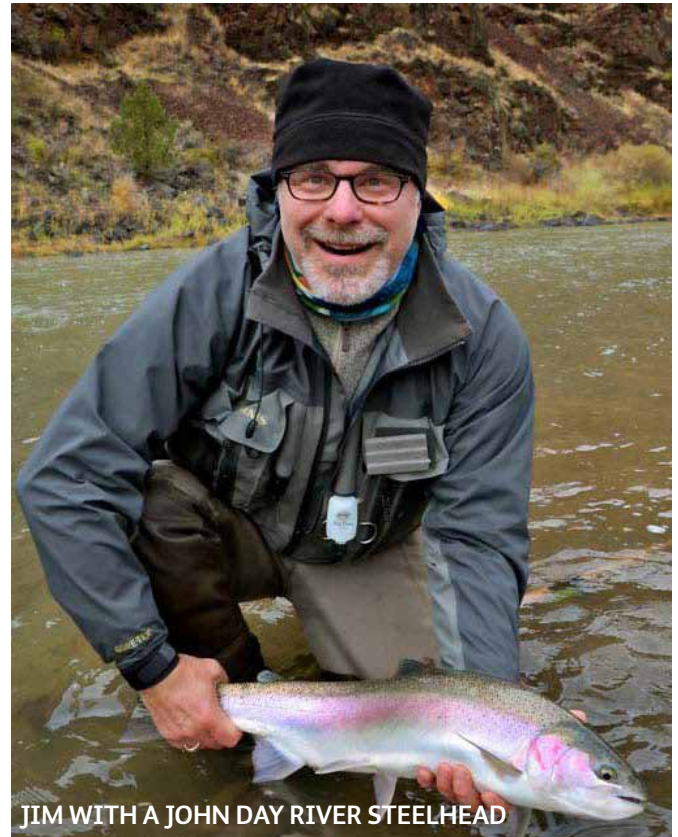
**L**ong Beach Casting Club's December speaker is Jim Cox, with Western Rivers Conservancy. Jim will be talking about how the Conservancy is working to protect the rivers we love. His presentation is entitled: "SOMETIMES TO SAVE A RIVER YOU HAVE TO BUY IT."

Jim joined Western Rivers Conservancy as Director of Donor Relations in 2011. He has spent more than 30 years working professionally in the nonprofit sector. Jim is a past steering committee co-chair of the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, and he is also an active member of the Northwest Planned Giving Roundtable. He is a member of numerous conservation organizations including Trout Unlimited, Flyfishers Club of Oregon, Fly Fishers International, the Native Fish Society and The Freshwater Trust, among many others.

Jim holds a Bachelor of Theatre Degree from Willamette University. He lives in Portland, Oregon. In his free time, you can find him fly fishing for trout and steelhead on the wild rivers of the West.

Western Rivers Conservancy has been working for more than 32 years to conserve and protect lands on more than 170 rivers and streams in nine western states. The presentation will focus on how WRC purchases river-land across the West to protect and conserve vital river ecosystems and to provide compatible public access.

Included in the program is stunning photography, and Jim will include updates on many of our most recent projects, including acquisitions on California's



JIM WITH A JOHN DAY RIVER STEELHEAD

Klamath, South Fork Antelope Creek and Gualala Rivers; Idaho's Salmon and Snake Rivers; Oregon's John Day, Williamson and North Umpqua rivers; and Washington's Chehalis, Methow and Wenatchee rivers systems, among others.

Please join us on Thursday, December 17th, 2020, for this exciting presentation.

Robert Mayfield is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**TOPIC:** LBCC December Speaker Jim Cox

**TIME:** Dec 17, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91440580942?pwd=Wm5uNXVNMTR3anIOekI3Q1lSmpmQT09>

**MEETING ID:** 914 4058 0942

**PASSCODE:** 751170



### Leader's Line...Continued from page 1

You can expect to see few other fishermen if you go to the Fall River. This is a very technical river and will humble you for a while, until you get the hang of how to hook and fight these wild trout on very light leaders and tippets. This challenge is why I love fishing the river so much.

If you are taking advantage of the Fall River trip coming up next year, you are in for a treat. If you are going up there by yourself and want a guided experience, let me know. Tom Peppas is the man on this river.



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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 **86PUOU5L** 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/Crappie/Draft Fishing Reel  
Asin: B0816C5RTX
- ❖ Fly Fishing Rods 9'0" LW5  
Asin: B07NYN3C42
- ❖ Graphite Fly Rods 7'9" LW3  
Asin: B07XHGY2D4
- ❖ Fly Fishing Box Grey-H045D  
Asin: B07YC6FCSG
- ❖ Magnetic Net Release  
Asin: B08688LF2X
- ❖ SuperSlim FlyBox100% Waterproof grey A  
Asin: B08LV3J2D3
- ❖ Micro Glint Nymph Thread  
Asin: B07JKMFQ8D
- ❖ 3-D Streamer Fibers  
Asin: B085RM5XSX

# Thanks, Cleanup Crew!

STEVE HIGASHI, FACILITIES & POND

**W**hile rain was forecast for the morning of Saturday, November 7, 2020, seven club members joined me in cleaning the casting pool. Thank you to the following;

- ❖ Keith Cassford
- ❖ Ed Alvarado
- ❖ Joe Kaloh
- ❖ Brad Landon
- ❖ Steve Jackson
- ❖ Tim Lambert
- ❖ Dave Ross

The Long Beach Casting Club is one of a few fly fishing clubs fortunate to have such a valued asset as the casting pool. Although the clubhouse is still closed, our casting pool is open to club members and the public. Casters can use the casting pond to practice and improve their casting skills, with space allowing for safe physical distancing outdoors.

Since the Covid-19 virus is on the rise and no one would want to jeopardize fellow members and the club, everyone should adhere to Covid-19 guidelines by wearing masks and observing physical distancing.

Please stay safe and healthy so that we can eventually return to the clubhouse and club activities.

ALEXANDER KOCH, FROM WASHINGTON, DC,  
TIES HIS FIRST FLY



## First Zoom Fly Tying Demo a Success

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

**O**ur kickoff Zoom meeting for the Fly Tying Demo was a great success! Though we were competing with the World Series that night, we had about 30 guests signing in. One guest was from Florida, new to fly fishing and tying, another was from Montana, and the rest spread out throughout California.

Scott Davidson did a great job with his intro videos which everyone enjoyed. Our breakout rooms worked great with our volunteers answering questions. Thank you to all who helped make this happen during these trying times of Covid virus. Long Beach Casting Club is a teaching club and this shows we are continuing on.

We (volunteers) are looking forward to helping out in the next several weeks with the flies as scheduled. Stay tuned for next month's "Target Talk" article when the participants start tying.

FEBRUARY 20, 2021  
BISHOP, CALIFORNIA



FLY OR SPIN FOR THE WIN





## Bishop Trout Rodeo: February 20, 2021, Pleasant Valley Reservoir

Welcome to the first ever Trout Rodeo, held in Bishop, California on February 20, 2021! This catch and release tournament is a challenge to ALL anglers to see who comes out on top. The event is open to fly and conventional anglers and we have made it easy to be a part of it.

**SCORING** – All anglers MUST use the iAngler app. This app allows you to photograph and record your catch, where it is then sent to the event administrator for scoring. Fish must be measured from the tip of their nose to the fork of their tail and rounded to the next lowest ¼". All species available (trout, carp and bass) will count towards your total score and must be released. Please photograph your catch. All flies and lures MUST be a single hook and de-barbed. In the case of lures, replacing your treble hook with a single barbless hook is fine. Foul hooked fish (not mouth hooked) will not be counted.

iAngler will "hold" the record of your catch until your phone can get Internet coverage and at that point, will download your catches to the event administrator for scoring. All catches MUST be caught during the designated time of the tournament (6:00 AM – 3:00 PM) and within the eligible waters as listed below. Your catch is automatically time and location stamped.

### HOURS OF EVENT:

- 8:00 AM** – Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop for any questions or last minute registrations. Before the event, you will need to download and install iAngler. Once you are signed in to the event, you are responsible for taking photographs.
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM** – Head out and fish your favorite area! Feel free to move around but be sure not to crowd other anglers.
- 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM** – At this point, we are planning on dinner, raffles and awards at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. This is all subject to Covid restrictions and may be modified. Winners will be announced that night in some shape or form!

**ELIGIBLE WATERS** – Pleasant Valley Reservoir, from the power plant outlet to the dam. You may fish from shore or use a floatation device. The Owens River may be fished from the Pleasant Valley Campground all the way south to Line Street Bridge (Polita Road). Please read and follow all Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations for any area you fish.

**COST** – **\$25.00** per person. There is an additional fee (\$20.00) if you want to compete in the team category and there will be separate prizes for each team member. There will be separate categories for fly caught and lure caught along with separate prizes. If you are a licensed guide or lodge/retail owner, you may participate in a separate category for no cost. If you are affiliated with Casting For Recovery and/or Project Healing Waters, there is no charge for you to participate as an individual or as a team.

Details for the Awards Dinner and any after event gatherings will be forthcoming closer to the event. We are working closely with Inyo Department of Health as to what constitutes safety and are following their guidelines.

**LODGING** – there are campgrounds at Pleasant Valley Reservoir and many hotels/motels in Bishop. We are working on event pricing.

**COVID 19** – Participants agree to wear a facial covering (over mouth and nose) when indoors or when outdoors and within 6 feet of persons from another household. While in Inyo County, they take face covering seriously when indoors or when outdoors without physical distancing. Their Board of Supervisors recently passed an ordinance allowing people to be ticketed and fined for violations of the local face covering order.



# The Right Time for October Caddis: Northern California Steelhead Trip

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

Last weekend (November 8 and 9) several club members went to fish for steelhead in Northern California. In addition to fishing with the guides, I left home a day early to fish without a guide, in the streams, and lucked into the October Caddis hatch on the McCloud River.

We were at the McCloud River at the right time. The October caddis were big, and just about everywhere. The adults were found on the ground, shrubs and trees.



Since we arrived at the river around 3:30 pm, we only had just under two hours of fishing time. During that time, the fishing was very exciting. Large trout were very eager to strike the pupa and adult versions of our flies.

I caught a giant 20" rainbow on the caddis pupa shown in the attached photo. My son referred to the October Caddis as a "steak dinner for trout", while he caught several big rainbows on the adult version, also in the photo. Notice the size of these flies, which were visible on the water even with very little daylight. We fished until 5:30 PM, when a headlamp was needed to hike back to the truck.

The next day, we fished the Lower Sacramento River and asked our guide, Ernie Dennison from The Fly Shop, when was the best time to fish the McCloud River using the October Caddis. He said that the best time starts around the end of October, usually Halloween.

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## LBCC Pyramid Lake Float Tube Outing W/Rob Anderson & Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing ♦ May 30–June 1, 2021



CHANCE TO CATCH  
THE TROUT OF A LIFE TIME!



- WHEN:** Fishing three full days, May 30–June 1; Sunday through Tuesday. Arrive Saturday May 29, depart Wednesday June 1.
- GUIDES:** Provided by Rob Anderson and guides from Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide Service (PLFFGS). Website: [www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com](http://www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com). Phone: 775-742-1754.
- COST:** **\$350.00**. Includes hot breakfast, lunch & drinks on fishing days and guide assistance.
- LODGING:** Preferred Hotel – Western Village Inn & Casino, Sparks, NV. Cost is TBD, working to secure a block of rooms and secure best price. Info forthcoming, but you will make your own reservations.
- WHAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:** Your Transportation, Hotel, Meals (other than breakfast and lunch on fishing days at the lake), Guide Tips, Fishing Permit (from Paiute Indian Tribe).
- FISHING GEAR:** Bring your own Float Tubes, Pontoon Boats, Kayaks (PLFFGS has limited crafts for rent), Rods/Reels (7, 8 or 9 wt. with fast sinking shooting head line) & Tackle. We will be fishing in about 30 feet of water. PLFFGS will provide recommendations and you can purchase flies and leader kits from them prior to the trip.
- MORE:** ♦ Trip is limited to 16 anglers.  
 ♦ Deposit of **\$175.00** due no later than February 15, 2021.  
 ♦ Final deposit of **\$175.00** due no later than April 1, 2021. Make check payable to the 'Long Beach Casting Club', and send to LBCC, PO Box 90035, Long Beach CA 90809.  
 ♦ Contact Paul Nakamura for details and to get on the Outing List: [pnaka1946@gmail.com](mailto:pnaka1946@gmail.com) or 310-486-3367.  
 ♦ Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent to members who have signed up for the outing.  
 ♦ PLFFGS will provide Trip Planning and Fishing Details to help you prepare for the outing.



# LBCC History Class #101: LBCC Succession...Really?

JOHN VAN DERHOOF,  
PAST PREZ & LBCC HISTORIAN

**I**t's Election Time so here's a quickie view into our Club's political succession: "Say what? Is there any??" Yes, there actually is! Generally the Second Vice President moves up to First Vice President. Then, the First Vice President moves up to President. Key word is "generally" and there have been plenty of examples where this was not the case!

The Long Beach Casting Club has a long history and, generally, certain members of the Board of Directors are groomed (whether they know it or not!) to become the president of the organization. However, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Board of Directors and individuals within the Club, said circumstances sometimes are well out of their control. We don't draft or conscript individuals into a position. Everything here is voluntary. Please understand this!

To illustrate my point let's examine the ascension of Michael Dunn to the presidency of the Long Beach Casting Club in 1981. The organization had just gone through a traumatic period where **the first female member of this august and male-only organization had just been accepted**. The meetings to get to that point had been so fiery and disruptive they created a pause in the regular ascension of that year's current set of Board of Directors. Fearing a repeat of the previous year, no one was willing to move up the ladder to assume control of the Club as president. Mike Dunn finally said "okay fine, I'll do it". Mike wasn't even a Board Member—he was the editor of Target Talk. Instead of one of the Club's Board Members accepting the office, Mike took control and moved the Club forward. He did an excellent job of creating a ton of capital revenue for the Club through his efforts obtaining top class "goodies" for the White Elephant auction and mini auctions at the annual Venison Dinner. Mike also pushed forward an increase in membership, which was needed for an

organization that was losing its place as a leader in the world of fly fishing clubs.

I followed suit the very next year by not moving through the normal path towards the LBCC presidency. I had joined the Board of Directors as Tournament Captain midway through Dennis Plocher's turbulent term the year before Mike's. I continued in that same position through Mike's term. I then (through a massive combination of ignorance and stupidity) said "yes" to being the Prez in 1982. Talk about not being in Kansas anymore, Dorothy... Because of some things I did at the end of my term (don't ask...), I felt the wrath of many of this Club's older members—several of them would not even talk to me for years! Such children...

Now, let's fast forward 30 years. As I stated earlier, the normal order of succession is that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President should become the new President. Well, what if the current 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President turned out to be someone who the Club felt was incapable, or at least had what most considered little ability to organize and control the Club, and was in line for the presidency? This is where the membership's ability to vote for someone else comes into play. Democracy works at the LBCC and Yash Iseda's term as president is witness to a time when the existing line of succession was unwanted, and others weren't willing to step up and do their share!

An example of American innovation or just plain blind luck? Doesn't matter, fact is this organization got through some really tough times with its ability to adapt and NOT be stuck with a defined policy of succession. Here's the sad fact: many members never realize what goes into the running of this organization. I would urge all of you to please wake up and pay a bit more attention to what is going on here, and become active in and informed about the Club's operation. At least to the point where you attend and listen to what's happening at our April Annual General Meeting!

Tight lines and loops but not **too** tight—like life, **they can collide!**

# Fall River Trip, June 2021

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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](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.



# Dumb Luck and the Kindness of Strangers

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

## *Second in a Series of Personal Fishing Trip Stories Portraying the Generosity of Those in Our Sport*

A few months ago I wrote about an incredibly lucky fishing trip to the Redding area, which involved **California Fly Fishing** magazine blog and meeting writer Chip O'Brien. We fished the crazy waters of Keswick Reservoir.

The book ***Dumb Luck And The Kindness Of Strangers***, by John Gierach, describes the fortunes of fishing some beautiful locations with some amazingly generous fly fishers. It's happened to me a few times. This is the story of my second such experience.

A number of years ago (I'd like to say 15 or maybe 20, time seems to just fly by when life has been good) my wife and I were researching places to retire and decided to check out the Boise, Idaho area. Idaho always had the allure of mountains, water and open spaces, so we planned it around our anniversary in mid-April.

At the same time, my fly fishing exploits were ramping up and I was looking forward to some new water. I wasn't tying flies but buying them online—mostly very cheaply! My brother in law, LBCC member Tim Griffith, mentioned to me an online store called Blue Fly Café.

At 99 cents a fly, I bought a ton and got to know the owner, Mike Moseley. Mike is a gregarious sort, always open to discussing fly fishing and flies, and just has an overall welcoming spirit. He also resides near Boise and invited me to fish with him when I got there.

"Wow," I thought. This is awesome but always seems to be a theme in the fly fishing world! Friendly, generous people always willing to help fellow fly fisherpeople.

Boise is a metropolitan area in the middle of farms, plains and really nothing much—which makes it a perfect headquarters to explore the countryside. The state capital towers over the city on a slight hill, overlooking the Boise river and the blue football field of Boise State. It is home to the largest Basque population in the United States. The food is incredible.

After touring the city on day one, my wife and I decided we would each have a day to ourselves—I would fish with Mike and she would explore the quilt shops in the area. Mike asked me to purchase a one-day Oregon fishing license and he picked me up early in the morning. We were headed to the Owyhee River just across the border.

Idaho is the potato capital for a reason. Hours of driving took us through hundreds of acres of farmland interspersed with glimpses of the Snake River.

The Owyhee is a major tributary to the Snake. It flows north and averages over 900 cubic feet per second. Big brown trout inhabit this off-color water, and can be taken on nymphs and dries. It is in a beautiful canyon.

Mike was happy to guide and watch me fish. We hit pocket water and had little success nymphing, but we were biding our time, waiting for the hatches to occur. By midday, mayfly, caddis and some large stoneflies started emerging. We drove down the canyon to some slow moving water and spotted some risers on the far bank.

Mike had me tie on a massive bug—a Size 8 Cicada. I looked at him and said "Really?" He nodded and I cast it up stream. As it floated lazily I could see more and more fish rising to something small.

The drift was perfect, and **BAM!** A huge brown hammered the fly. I was shocked at how big the hook-jawed fish was—21 inches and fat. I think everyone in that canyon heard me scream with delight. Mike laughed and netted the fish.

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

[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:

<http://aventiksports.com/>

(see discounts on Page Four of Target Talk).



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

*Crowley Lake is California's premier trout stillwater fishery. The autumn bite is strong, and the views on the lake can't be beat.*

*Give me a call if you'd like to book a trip for the lake. Chris Leonard - 818.288.3271  
I offer half-day and full-day trips. Moving waters as well as Crowley Lake.*



## Right Time for Caddis...Continued from page 7

The fish don't eat the dry fly version of the October Caddis on the first few days the adults appear. Instead, the trout need a couple of weeks plus a hard freeze and many dead adults floating on the river, in order to recognize the adult October caddis as food. This confirms what I have heard from John Van Derhoof: that trout need a few weeks to recognize an insect as food.

Please practice your cast so you can place the October Caddis in the right spot. Practice with poor light, as managing your fly line and hitting your target becomes much more difficult. Your preparations start at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond.

See you at the Pond.



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## Dumb Luck...Continued from page 11

We caught a few more on the same bug. I was shocked; there were no insects that size hatching, but Mike knew, and made a believer out of me, that you don't always have to match the hatch to catch fish.

What an incredible experience. I thanked Mike a hundred times on the way back to Boise, and asked him why he took the time to drive and guide a perfect stranger to such a great fishery. He just shrugged and said he was happy to do it.

Sharing one's time and knowledge for fellow fly fishers. It makes this sport great, and is a trait I see in most members of the LBCC. It sure was a trait in Mike.

Just Dumb Luck and the Kindness of Strangers.

## New Club Members

MARK ANGELO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

❖ Eric Hinderberger

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



# Fly Tying Tip: Trimming Hackle

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

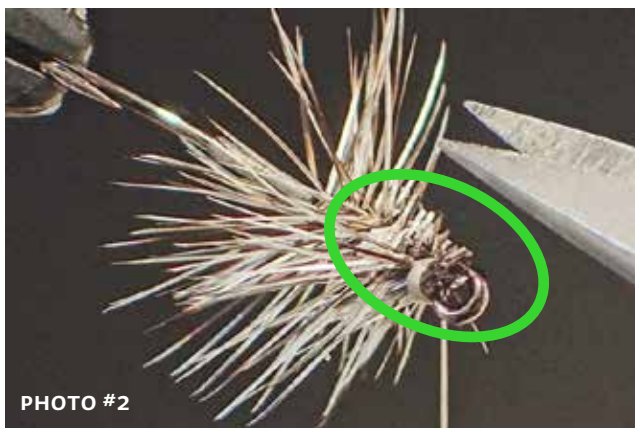
I have been watching a number of videos on tying recently. I have noticed that once the tiers are done palmering their hackle, as they cut off the excess, they come in from the front of the fly with their scissors (PHOTO #1).

PHOTO #1



I found that, coming in from the front, there were times when I trimmed more hackle than I had intended, giving my fly a haircut in the process (PHOTO #2 —exaggerated cut).

PHOTO #2



To reduce this excess cutting of the barbs along with the shaft, come in perpendicular to the hook shank with the scissors (PHOTO#3). You will find you have less tendency to unnecessarily remove parts of your feather. To further reduce cutting too much feather,

PHOTO #3



you can also take your scissors and open the tips into a small 'V' (PHOTO #3), hold the feather shaft, and "push" the scissors against the shaft.

With tension on the shaft and pushing the scissors, you'll find only the shaft is cut, no excess barbs.

## *In appreciation for the many years of support,*

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# Welcoming Sockeye Salmon Back to the Wallowa Valley: an Update

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

**A** while back (see the [April, 2020](#) issue), I wrote about an initiative in my adopted home state of Oregon, to bring sockeye salmon back to the Wallowa "Valley of the Winding Waters". Sockeyes were once the main source of food for the Wallowa Band of the Nez Perce Tribe, contributing nine meals of every ten. They were so thick in the river, in the late summer and early fall, that "as the Nez Perce crossed these streams, their horses were sometimes seen to actually kick these fish out on the bank".

A dam was constructed on Wallowa Lake in 1919, which extirpated this strain of salmon. But now funding has become available to refurbish the dam and include a fish passage, and the Nez Perce Tribe is planning to bring sockeyes back to the area.

Fundamental to this plan is a conservation easement, which has been put in place to protect the traditional spawning grounds of the sockeye run, at the inlet to Wallowa Lake. Conservation easements are a relatively new way of protecting an area's natural resources. Here's a definition, from the National Conservation Easement Database:

"A conservation easement is a voluntary, legal agreement that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. Also known as a conservation restriction or conservation agreement, a conservation easement is one option to protect a property for future generations."

In a conservation easement purchase, the owner of the land involved is typically the seller. It has been used by ranchers, for example, to offset the cost of keeping their property in a pristine state. By selling conservation easements, many ranchers and farmers have been able to keep their property in the family

without having to over-graze, over-log or otherwise deplete its natural resources. The easement is typically purchased and held by a conservation organization, government department (Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) or other entity, such as a tribe.

The area covered by the conservation easement is owned by the Wallowa Lake Lodge, which was recently purchased by a local group of small investors to keep the Lodge and its surroundings from being developed. Part of the agreement was for the Nez Perce Tribe to purchase the easement.

In November, Wallowa Lake Lodge conveyed the easement to the Tribe. A ceremony is planned, but with the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, it is being postponed. Native American tribes have been hit disproportionately hard by Corona virus, and are extremely concerned. Many important Nez Perce Tribal events are being cancelled or postponed to prevent the spread of the disease.

Though the easement has been conveyed, the Tribe is still working to complete the purchase's financing. Some new options are being considered, including "crowd funding". A "Go Fund Me" site may be coming soon. I'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, please consider making a contribution, and helping the Nez Perce Tribe to bring a historically huge sockeye salmon run back to the "Valley of the Winding Waters".

Just send a check to the following address, with a cover note specifying that it's earmarked for the Wallowa Lake Conservation Easement (you can also note that on the check byline).

## Send to:

Ann McCormack, Economic Development Planner  
Economic & Community Transportation Planning  
Nez Perce Tribe  
P.O. Box 365  
Lapwai, Idaho 83540

**Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts!**

# Fly of the Month: Atherton #5

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

**N**ot surprisingly, most of us concentrate our fly tying on the latest and greatest patterns. You read about a pattern in your favorite fly fishing rag that landed 103-plus fish, all over 18", in an afternoon and, wow, you have got to have that in your box! Of course, if you believed that article you should have your head examined. The reality is that all flies will catch fish, depending on the circumstances, and you just need flies which you know and trust will work in a variety of situations. One of my favorites is really old school: the Atherton #5.

I first read John Atherton's **THE FLY AND THE FISH (1951)** in the late '60s or early '70s, and was immediately and forever intrigued by his use of color and impressionism. Using multiple-colored hackles (what are often called "color breaks") and mixed-color bodies, many of Atherton's favorite patterns were quite variegated in appearance. Starting with the light-colored Atherton #1 and progressing incrementally darker through Atherton #6; his dry fly patterns are a study in realism through the use of multiple colors, giving the fly the quality of appearing "alive". This is a traditional dry fly. By that I mean it uses old, time-honored materials, proportions and techniques. This ain't a Klinkhamer but I would bet that an Atherton #5 Klinkhamer would indeed be a killer pattern. I offer this pattern to all of you because I think most of the Club's current crop of tiers have little understanding of many of the materials and the techniques these older (and still very effective) traditional flies require. Last month, I had you tie in mallard wing quill wings—this month: wood duck.

Another material I really need to address is the hackle and tail material on this fly: Cree. As I type this there is a Whiting Silver grade Cree neck being bid upon. With 30 minutes left there were 47 bids and the current price was sitting at \$450 (it ended at \$455). A Cree Gold grade Midge Saddle sold for \$440 two or three weeks ago. Folks, this is a chicken neck we're talking about here! It is, however, the toughest color to breed and one of the hardest to find in any quality. I love to use it on a fly, and it makes any pattern with a hackle or tail of brown and grizzly combined simpler and, I believe, better.

I have fished this fly all over the Sierras and the West as a searching pattern—much better than an Adams or Royal Wulff, in my not at all humble opinion. My favorite catch on an Atherton #5? A plump 17" rainbow, while fishing the Henry's Fork in the middle of a Brown Drake hatch. I could see this one fish rising and eating small sail boats, and the only thing I had in my box similar in size and color was a size 10 Atherton #5.

## MATERIALS FOR TYING THE ATHERTON #5

Hook: Your favorite standard dry fly; #12 to #22  
 Thread: Veevus 12/0 Dun or Black  
 Tail: Dark Cree barbs (or brown & grizzly mixed)  
 Body: Hare's ear; pinkish tan hare's ear and dark hare's ear mixed  
 Ribbing: Fine gold oval or round tinsel  
 Wing: Wood duck flank; upright and divided  
 Hackle: Dark Cree (or brown & grizzly mixed)



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE ATHERTON #5:

1. Let's start by attaching the thread to the hook, behind the eye. Select a wood duck flank feather (not the one with the black and white tip barring) which has a fairly equal amount of barbs on either side of the rachis (stem). The old method of prepping this feather was to nip out the center of the feather, rub the feather briskly between you palms to remove the curvature (it never does) and tie it in. I am going to suggest that you remove equal width sections (about the width of the hook gap) from either side of the rachis and place them side by side. With the concave sides facing out place the two back-to-back, and, with the tips pointing beyond the eye of the hook, tie them in so that they are the length of the shank or ever so slightly longer.
2. With the wings tied in, lift them into a vertical position or beyond, and, with your thumb and forefinger, crush them at their tie-in point to break their resistance. Wind a few turns in front to act as a dam to hold the wing upright. Now separate the wing into two halves, near and far side, and take one or two thread X-wraps between the two halves to keep them separated. Don't overdo it!
3. At this point tie in your hackle (or hackles, if you are using brown and grizzly mixed) securely and wind the thread back to the bend. Select a hackle (or hackles) from the sides of a neck and pull off enough barbs to make a nice tail. The feathers on the sides of a cape are called "spade" feathers and are usually straighter and thicker. Why? Because these "side" feathers actually meet at the rooster's throat and are beefier, to help protect the rooster from a challenging rooster's spurs. Tie in the tail with the length the same as the body.
4. Now, tie in the gold oval or round tinsel low on the near side of the hook. Prepare your dubbing material, mixing the colors. To get a slightly pinkish cast I mix 50% tan and 30% dark tan hare's mask with 20% light pink rabbit. To do this, mix the two tan colors first and add the pink



ARTWORK BY MICHAEL GULA

last, until the desired slightly pinkish shade is achieved. Apply the dubbing to your thread and wind a smooth, tapered body, stopping at the point where the hackle is tied in.

5. Wind the ribbing forward in the reverse direction and tie it off at the end of the body. I will use five turns only 'cause it is very traditional, looks the best and I will laugh heartily at you if you use more or less! This applies to ALL ribbing on just about all flies with only a few exceptions (and those exceptions are all odd numbered).
6. Apply a very small amount of dubbing to your thread. This will be a base for the hackle. Wind it between the hackle and the wing, around and in front of the wing, and stop at the headspace—about two to four turns total. Wind the hackle two or three turns behind the wing and three or four turns in front of the wing and tie off. Wind a neat, smooth head and whip finish. You now have an Atherton #5—go fish with confidence!



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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

## 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— <b>Cancelled</b>
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		On the River Clinic— <b>Cancelled</b>
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)
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jim Cox (Western Rivers Conservancy)
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
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
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— <b>Cancelled</b>
10	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
12	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
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— <b>Cancelled</b>
16-17	Weekend		LBCC Spey Casting Tournament— <b>Cancelled</b>
19	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
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 McMillan (Olympic Peninsula Steelhead)
30	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #2,#3

## February

1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
2	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
5-7	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #2 with John Lincoln— <b>TBD</b>
7	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
9	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
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25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Brandon Worthington (Klamath Dam Removal)
28	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast



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