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Leader's Line...

A Very Different Holiday Season for the Club

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

This holiday season is definitely a lot different from our usual. Our club has typically already had our Venison Stag party, and we are getting ready to get together with our families for the holidays. This has been a strange time to be the president of the Club. One of my hopes for this time is that we are moving forward as much as we can. I appreciate many in the club who are leading out on Zoom, helping to move things forward.

I would like to thank all of those who are participating in the club fly-tying videos. They are very professional, and it has been fun to listen to our participants' expressions of gratitude for those who created this opportunity to learn.

Another area of forward progress in the Club is the enhancement of our club's website. A number of our members have been diligently working on the new content and we are close to accepting three or four bids to help us create this new website.

We look forward to presenting these bids to our board in the next month, and hope to be finished with the website sometime in the first quarter of next year. We are going to need more help with this website, so please let us know if you would like to participate in keeping the new website current (no need for major website knowledge).

I have been seeing some of our members at the pond, helping newer members with their casting (social

distancing, of course). I am always blown away by the willingness of our members to teach others! Our pond is open for those who would like to come down and cast.

Bob Mayfield, our 1st Vice President, has done a great job finding excellent speakers for our Zoom monthly meetings. If you have not joined us for one of these Zoom meetings, I encourage you to log in. You can find the Zoom meeting invitation link in our current website calendar.

I hope that you have a great holiday and that you get the chance to get outdoors and get in some fishing.



Club Trips for 2021

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND 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 #1 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 21–23	Kelsey Bass Ranch #2 w/ M. Woodbury, Pre-Trip April 10, 9:00 AM
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 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.



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January Speaker: John McMillan, from Trout Unlimited, Tells Us How Diversity Has Been Key to our Steelhead Resurgence

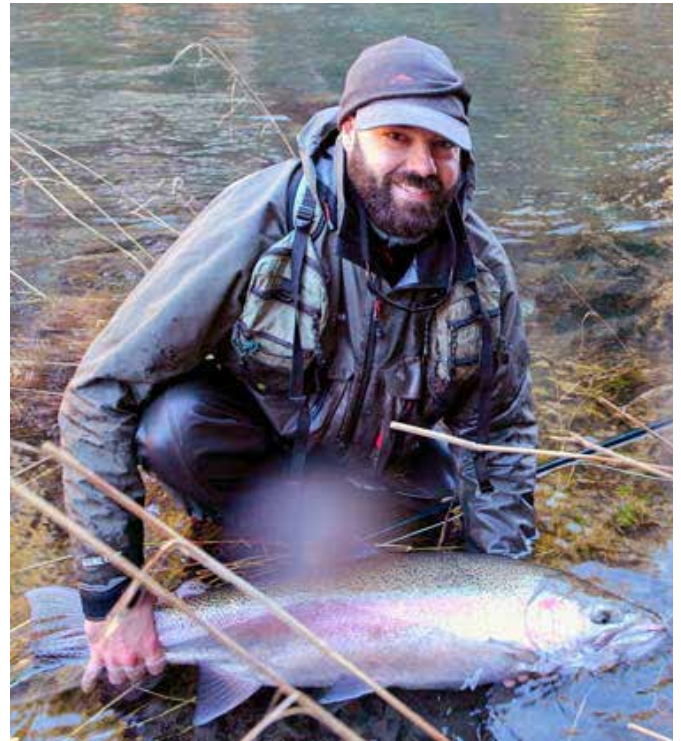
BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Long Beach Casting Club's January speaker is John McMillan. John is the Science Director for [Trout Unlimited's Wild Steelhead Initiative](#).

John was raised along the banks of the Washougal River, where he was indoctrinated into a fly fishing family, which eventually led to snorkeling, then to college and graduate school. Before coming to TU, John studied salmonids for the USFS, Hoh Indian tribe, Wild Salmon Center, and with NOAA/NWFSC as part of the [Elwha River dam removal project](#).

John's research and monitoring has often focused on the biology, behavior and ecology of steelhead and rainbow trout, with a particular interest in the mechanisms influencing why individual fish adopt particular life history strategies—such as anadromy and residency—and why such life histories are critical to the resilience of wild steelhead. As a result, he has published several peer-reviewed manuscripts on steelhead and salmon science, and has written books and book chapters about fish and fly fishing.

What his publications don't reveal is how much time he spends underwater with the fish. From summer low flows to icy cold winter days, John has snorkeled just over 2,000 kilometers of stream habitat, largely focusing on the behavior of salmonids and how they use, and interact with, their habitat. In fact, the reason John lives on the Olympic Peninsula is the myriad of rivers and streams and their immense opportunities for snorkeling and underwater videography and photography.



His upcoming talk will focus on the diverse life histories of steelhead. It will explain why such diversity is important to their resilience, and then provide an update on how steelhead are doing in the Elwha River after dam removal, and how diversity has been key to their resurgence.

I have heard John speak at the Long Beach Aquarium. What is not told in his bio is that John has a longing to be a comedian, which comes out in a delightful way during his presentation.

Pictured is John with his prized steelhead, which was 38.5 inches and 20 pounds, and in his glory with snorkel gear. Join us **Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 PM**.

To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93616155419?pwd=eVVNZWN0Tnh5STF1dXloYis0bnJUQT09>

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Long Beach Casting Club Wants You!

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Wanted: alive and enthusiastic...

Club members to serve on the Board of Directors, or otherwise get involved. The Nominating Committee wants a few good men or women who would like to lend their talents and abilities to help steer the club for the coming year.

If that might be you, or if you have a suggestion for someone you think would be good, contact anyone on the Nominating Committee. We're in the book:

- ❖ Mick Woodbury
- ❖ Jeff Gross
- ❖ Rick Hilles
- ❖ Terry Komisak
- ❖ Joe Libeu

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 **B07QMLFWJJ** 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:

- ❖ Fishing net with magnetic Wooden Nets
Asin: B08LYRXYZN
- ❖ Flyline Backing: Orange, 25LB, 110yds/100m
Asin: B086MSYCTN
- ❖ 6'6" (2.0m) 8-12lb Spinning Rod
Asin: B07F6ZW8TZ
- ❖ 15 Round Fishing Pole Rod Rack
Asin: B08GR783TR
- ❖ Ice/Crappie/Draft Fishing Reel
Asin: B0816C5RTX
- ❖ Mosquito Jacket B
Asin: B081135T1N
- ❖ Magnetic Rod Holders
Asin: B079NBK9L4
- ❖ Barbless Hooks 125PCS 9251 hooks combo
Asin: B07QMLFWJJ



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Long Beach Casting Club 2020 Trips: COVID-Free!

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

OLIVER HARDY: "So far so good."

STAN LAUREL: "It wasn't so far. We just came across the street."

This sentiment sums up LBCC's success in avoiding the COVID illness during this year's official club trips. Whereas we were fortunate in steering clear of the pandemic during our trips, we have a long way to go.

Since it began in late February/early March, the Club has had five official trips, beginning with The Brookie Bash in July, followed by the Southern Utah trip, two Green River trips and the Northern California Steelhead trip in November. Our success was largely due to the precautions taken by our members to avoid illness. Isolation, mask-wearing and testing resulted in this accomplishment.

This was no easy feat. With the country's economy flailing and unemployment at an all-time high, people turned to nature and the outdoors to escape the virus grip. Sales of RVs, along with campers, tents and recreation equipment, soared to the highest levels ever as the public raced to scoop up all the campsites in the state.



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Our sport fared well as sales of fly rods reached new heights. One fly shop owner told me Reddington and Echo ran out of rods! And have you noticed the number of television commercials featuring fly casters? Wow!

Our success thus far playing dodgeball with this sickness should not be construed as a triumph. The war is far from over. Presently the worst is upon us with record numbers of cases and hospitalizations increasing to the highest levels. Already the club has cancelled the Lower Owens trip in January with the February and March trips in jeopardy.

2021 will be a good year for trips though. Already we have a new trip to Fall River in Northern California as well as an upcoming trip to the Kern River/Lake Isabella and another to Lees Ferry in Fall. These and the heritage trips to the Green River, Brookie Bash, two Kelsey Bass Ranch trips and Yards and Inches. Look for these and other trips coming soon in Target Talk.

Laurel and Hardy had it right. They were around for the first pandemic in 1918 and survived. We will too with the vaccine around the corner. Happy Holidays and stay safe out there.

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LBCC Braves the COVID World to Fish Northern California: Steelhead Trip Recap

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Twelve club members, including two father/son teams, braved the COVID world to fish the steelhead waters of Northern California this past November. Despite no rain in the forecast and windy/cold conditions, we plied the waters of the Lower Sacramento, Trinity and Klamath Rivers. Many steelhead were caught and released, but many more were lost to the incredible fighting skills of these fish.

Colin Kumabe and his son Chad had an amazing second day on the Lower Sacramento, with double-digit numbers of fish caught, highlighted by a 10-pounder landed by Colin. But the best story was a monster fish hooked by Chad, which screamed upriver and doubled back downriver.

As Chad's backing came into view, guide Ernie Denison said "let him run!" Well, that fish ran into some sunken trees and got tangled. "Pop" went the line—not at the leader, but at the backing. Gone was the fish and the entire fly line. Luckily for Chad it wasn't his equipment. That's what these fish are capable of.

Bob Mayfield and his son James spent a lot of time on the Klamath, catching many half-pounders and adult fish in gorgeous scenery. Craig Bond and Tony Daus were the only ones to fish the Trinity, and caught many fish on probably the most beautiful float in northern California. There was no one there, because heavy winds were predicted but never developed.

The rest of the group—Armando Palomares, John Carver, Ron Sakoda, John Barnhill, Phil Hopwood and myself—fished two days on the Lower Sacramento, enjoying double hookups and witnessing spawning salmon, as well as bald eagles and vultures.



Camaraderie was a large part of this trip. Each night a number of members gathered to eat outside near the pool. The service and food were fantastic, but the joking and laughter were more fulfilling. It's gratifying to be able to socialize with like-minded fishermen in a fun setting, recounting the stories of the day.

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 that a percentage of your sale goes back to the club.



From the Membership Desk: Dues are Due!

MARK ANGELO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

To all current and former members: it's time to start thinking about annual dues renewal for the 2021 season. Long Beach Casting Club (LBCC) greatly appreciates your continued support and participation, especially during these unprecedented times we've been enduring the past several months. We hope all remain safe and healthy, as we forge through the remains of the current challenges we face and begin to once again entertain thoughts of upcoming LBCC events.

A reminder that your annual memberships expire March 31, 2021. It's never too early to renew. And, it's never been easier to renew. Simply log onto the LBCC website, <http://www.longbeachcastingclub.org>, and click the "Membership" tab. Scroll down and



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click "**LBCC New/Renewal Membership Form**" and follow the prompts. Be sure to provide us your current email and mailing addresses. For those of you wanting to pay by mail, print a copy of the renewal form and mail with payment to:

LBCC
P.O. Box 90035
Long Beach CA 90809-0035

Don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions about renewal: angelo.mark64@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year to you and yours!

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. 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 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.

Big Bass are Waiting... Kelsey x2 in '21

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Kelsey is four months away and I already have 15 signups. And that's before any mention of the trip in Target Talk. The calls began early November from returnees wanting to make sure they have a spot for the 2021 trip (sorry, the 2020 trip was COVID-cancelled.)

For newer members, every year the Club goes to **Kelsey Bass Ranch** near Merced for a two-day campout/bass fishing trip. Kelsey is a private, 120-acre, catch-and-release lake (social distancing should be no problem with seven to eight acres each) with overnight camping available only to clubs and groups. It's remote: dry camping (no running water), no electricity. We'll have two porta-potties, a large community barbecue grill, a launch ramp and a great bass and bluegill fishery all to ourselves. It is a great walk, wade or float fishery.

Wildlife is abundant. Expect to see turkeys, all sorts of ducks, geese and birds, frogs and cattle. If you're a birder, bring binoculars. Camping is on a half-acre, grassy, tree-filled peninsula with lots of shade. Visualize camping in a park with only club members as your neighbors. Oh, did I mention the lake was originally stocked with some 15,000 Florida-strain largemouth bass? Double-digit bass are a real possibility with the average three to five lbs., or about 16 to 20 inches. I've personally caught 20-inch bass and 12-inch bluegill.

Because the response has been so great and so early, I called to see if we could accommodate more people by tacking on a couple more days to our schedule. No problem, they said. Then they mentioned that another prime weekend, May 22 and 23, is also available. Wow! We'll take it! FYI, weekends during the spring are reserved years in advance and become available only when given up by a previous club.



A NICE KELSEY RANCH BASS

So, here's the deal this year. We'll have two Kelsey trips. Trip Number One is Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and April 11. Trip Number Two is May 22 and 23. Both of these trips revolve around bass pre-spawn and spawning time, which make for the best fishing of the year.

Those who were on our last trip have first priority. But with two trips, everyone should be able to go. Those who have already signed up can choose which trip they want to join.

Your daily cost should be approximately \$125 per person. That covers a \$100 per day fishing fee, your portion of a newly-instated \$200 per event fee to cover the porta-potties and mowing the grass and, if he's available again, about \$10 a head for a bass guide who gives us tips and tricks for bass fishing. He'll also fish with everyone at some time during the day. He will also have available lots of his hand-tied bass flies—flies that really know how to hunt.

Get on the list soon. I'll be sending more information as the time gets closer. **Email:** mick@rwmktg.com. **Cell:** 949-275-2063. Can't wait to feel the tug of a big Kelsey bass.

LBCC History Class #101:

The following is a letter written to Jack Turner by Carl Wiand. Jack had asked Carl if he could supply some information on the history of our club. This information is to be a part of a complete history soon to be completed. I am sure you will agree that this is a beautiful letter and gives you a glimpse of the real nature of our dearly departed friend. I believe our new members can benefit from the accounts of Carl and possibly all of us can derive some new enthusiasm from his words.

A LETTER FROM CARL WIAND

Target Talk (March–April '71)

Dec. 3, 1970

Dear Jack:

Have been in V.A. Hospital for past couple months with a bum ticker. Found your letter when I got back home, Thanksgiving eve.

Probably I am one the very few who participated in the early events of the Club, and now I'll try answering your questionnaire.

I was interested in the news that a group of fishermen were forming a casting club. As I went out Ocean Ave., I saw Capt. Bradley, on the South side of Ocean Ave., with a casting rod in his hand. I had a good outfit consisting of a Meek #2 casting reel and a split bamboo rod, but I wasn't sure of my ability to cast, so the next time I saw where they were casting I decided to go out and get a firsthand look at, the lay of the land.

That day, I met Capt. Bradley, Dave Linder, Geo. Clark, and some others. After watching Geo. cast, I decided it was safe for me to chance it. So that's how I joined the Club, my card says this was 42 years ago.

I was the clubs third president, Dave Linder, having been the first and Pursley the second.

One day, Pete Morbocker, LB Park Supt. had Dave, Pursley and myself out by what is now the "Bowling Green" and began trying to sell Houghton Park as a permanent location for our casting club. This we turned down in no uncertain terms. In self-preservation he said "he would show us good spot which, if would petition the park board, he would try and get it for us." He did, we did, and they did and it's where your pool and Clubhouse are now located. However, when we got it, it wasn't like it is now, for then it was a bunch of underbrush, with two or three dead and burned trees. Pete wanted to clean up this spot and it was the only way he could get rid of the trees, etc.

OK this gave us the location. Now all we had to do was develop a club. A few of us put up few dimes, had a hole dug in the ground, filled it with water, and we were in business.

I had aluminum rings (believe- 26" in dia.) made for unknown distance and Wet Fly targets and a large unwieldy wooden circle made for the 3/8 oz. center target.

We found out that we would have to surface the pool if we expected it to hold water. Pursley came up with the bright idea of using asphalt. On the warm days the asphalt would let go globs of crude oil which would float to the top and if you want to know the conditions our casts were carried on at that point, may I suggest that you take your pet outfit up to LA and try casting in the La Brea pits.

Oh yes, during the unpaved period I was Captain. One time I darned near lost my boots in the mud. After that, I would throw the rings out in the pool and after the cast I would tie a gang hook on my line, casting it out into the ring and then drag them to shore. Forgot we had a lead weight for an anchor.

We had also built a store room or clubhouse, or whatever you wished to call it, out of termite infested telephone posts. We stored our targets etc, in this palatial edifice until the termites won out. With the help of Long Beach's 1933 earthquake and with the help of, Capt. Bradley, Cliff Lathrup, (Benny) Robinson and other members of the Fire Dept., we came into possession of a couple surplus frame buildings, which, throughout the years, have been improved upon until they have now become the glorified home of your present Club. This glorification process and enlargement of the pool will have to be detailed by others, two of whom I think most capable will be Fred Metzger and Al Iverson.

I believe it was in 1932 that we held the First Western Tournament. This was during my term as president and I was ably desisted by Dave Linder, Ed Elliott, Benny Robinson and Carroll Thorn Sr. We had quite a turnout from the San Francisco Casting Club.

Our fishing trips covered all San Diego County lakes, ie Hodges, Sweetwater, Henshaw, Upper and Lower Otay, in fact all of: them including Havasu and the High Sierra lakes.

The So. Calif. Auto Club asked our Club to help by putting on a casting tournament at their display, believe was at Figueroa and Washington. We did, as we figured it would stimulate the starting of new clubs. It helped some and it did get a number of new members for our Club.

Maybe the above will supply you with some information. Of course, a lot of water has gone under the bridge; experiences that include Andy Anderson, Clarence Macdonald, Cecil Martin, Fred Dean, Judge Charles Wallace, Vernon and George Doty, Hal Sackett, Claude Kreider. Everyone recalls some happy experience that will remain happy memory, but it's up to you fellows to build your own and if I can help, call and if I can I will try to fill in.

Yours in real fellowship,

Carl Wiand

(A note of thanks goes out to our longtime member Dennis Hacker for sending this along to me. This was taken from the March-April '71 edition of Target Talk. With this Dennis also included some "anonymous" articles penned by Harry Phure, again plucked from the depths of Target Talk. I will share them in the future...Van Derhoof)



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LBCC Buff for Sale!

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

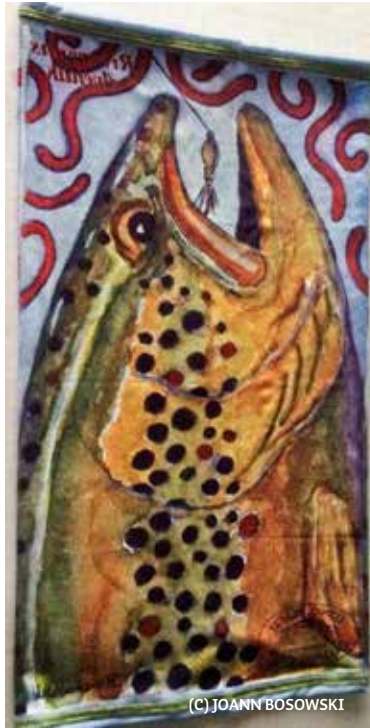
Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, everyone wants to have a mask or face covering like a fly fishing pro. To help members properly cover their noses and mouths, the Long Beach Casting Club is selling **the LBCC Buff**.

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. 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

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

<http://aventiksports.com/>

(see discounts on Page Four of Target Talk).



It's Winter!
IN THE EASTERN SIERRA...
 ...and the Lower Owens River is fishing **hot!!!** The Wild Trout Region of this magical fishery located directly north of Bishop is a really fun place to spend a day this time of year.

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.



Adjusting to Minimize Unwanted Drag

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

Artificial flies, in order to effectively catch fish, must drift in a manner that mimics the real insects. Most mayfly nymphs are poor swimmers, and cannot overcome moderate and strong currents. The best presentation will result when artificial nymphs move freely, without being pulled in a direction or speed the fish are not accustomed to seeing.

There are several reasons our flies move unnaturally in the current:

- ❖ Either leader, sinker, strike indicator or flies are pulled by currents of different speeds or directions.
- ❖ The angler pulls the leader and fly line in a direction contrary to the current direction.
- ❖ The sinker is heavier than needed to sink the leader, and flies to the bottom, resulting in the flies moving slower than the current.
- ❖ Strike indicators are too heavy or too large to drift along with the current.
- ❖ Leader is too long such that the sinker is “ticking” or hitting the bottom so often the sinker slows the flies to significantly less than the current speed.
- ❖ Fly line is on the water surface, being pulled by different currents, and changes the speed and direction of drifting flies.

To remedy the above, you will need to experiment with:

- ❖ Varying leader length.
- ❖ Varying sinker amounts.
- ❖ Varying strike indicator size and weight, or using none at all.
- ❖ Keeping your rod tip high to minimize the amount fly line on the water surface.

With experience in adjusting the leader length, sinker weights and strike indicators, you will find your

“preferred combinations” that give you success.

Unwanted drag will result in the right flies on the right leader/tippet not being eaten by the fish. This will be proved when someone who is catching fish says: “Here, use my rod and set up in my spot”, and you don’t catch anything. Then, to catch fish, you will need to re-create the drift without drag that your generous friend used at the spot.

Remember, fish spend their whole lives eating and rejecting something that doesn’t look like food. All fish see hundreds of nymphs each day drifting through the current, thus are trained to open their mouths for food and keep their mouths shut for sand, leaves or sticks. The fish don’t need many non-food pieces to drift by to realize what real food looks like.

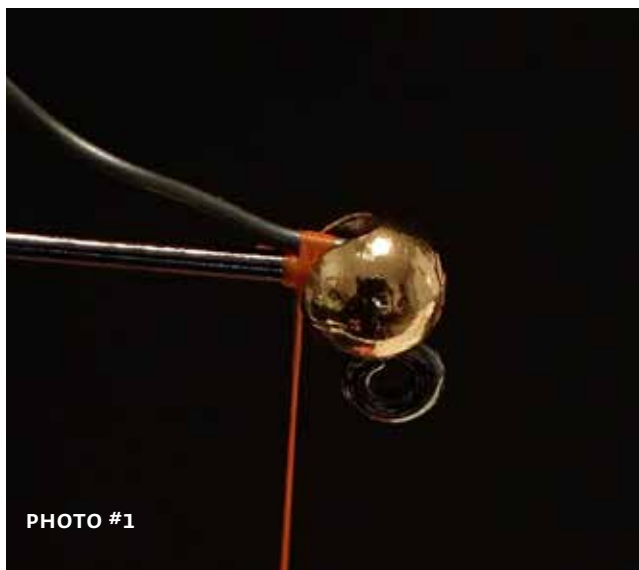
Please practice your cast and managing your fly line to avoid or minimize unwanted drag on your flies. Your preparations for your next fishing trip start at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond. See you at the Pond!



Fly Tying Tip: Lead Wraps

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

Watching a Tim Flagler video, I noticed that he used a very effective technique to add lead wraps behind a slotted bead on a jig-head fly. Once you have your bead installed on the jig hook, start your thread, then insert the end of your lead into the back of the bead slot ([Photo #1](#)).



Take two or three thread wraps over the lead, leaving the thread at the back of the bead. Wrap your lead just in front of your thread, which helps keep your wraps tight ([Photo #2](#)).



Once you have the number of lead wraps, tie off as you would other materials with your thread. You only need about three or four wraps over the lead, then helicopter off the lead. ([Photo #3 and #4](#)). It leaves you with a clean set of wraps, and they do not move or want to twist.



You can also use this with standard beads and lead-only on a hook. With the lead-only, the small tip and tag ends provide a bit of a step for doing a taper from bare hook to larger diameter of the lead wraps.



This is a very effective technique for applying lead and reducing waste. It's also great for anchoring the position of the bead on the hook, to keep it from twisting and sliding while tying.

Our Zoom Fly Tying Continues...

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

Our Fly Tying Demo Zoom meetings have been going on for several weeks now. The average number of participants is 25–30, and about 12 volunteers. The breakout rooms have been working great, almost one volunteer per participant for questions and answers. We've been receiving some good feedback saying how great the videos are, how helpful some of the volunteers are and that they like the after-hour Q&A with John Van Derhoof and Joe Libeu. We have been receiving some great photos that the participants have sent in each week. A big thank-you to Dan Oliver for demonstrating each fly, JoAnn Bosowski for her watercolor artwork and all the volunteers.

Here are some of the flies so far:

WEEK 3:
Soft Hackle
by Bob
Miyamoto
from Culver
City, a few
weeks'
experience



WEEK 3: Igor Vargas caught a nice Brown on the Lower Owens using his Soft Hackle (self-tied flies do work)



WEEK 4: Boss by Bob Miyamoto from Culver City, a few weeks' experience



WEEK 5: Scud by Igor Vargas from Woodland Hills, CA, a few weeks' experience



WEEK 6: Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear by Igor Vargas from Woodland Hills, CA, a few weeks' experience

Fly of the Month: Madison Bullet

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

This last spring in Utah fishing on the Green was one of the best trips I have ever had, in terms of numbers of fish. COVID had raised its ugly head and I was selfish, stupid and stubborn enough to go despite all of the warnings and potential hazards. As it turned out, that trip was safer than spending an hour in Trader Joe's, getting the necessities, but it did create the circumstances that made fishing so great. Which brings me back to the Fly of the Month and something that helped the fishing to be so productive.

Since everyone was hunkering down at home, the guides on the river had little to do, so the fish saw no pressure whatsoever. But, they were a little on the picky side. They would not eat certain things which would normally be gobbled up with enthusiasm—a black Zebra Midge, for example. They wouldn't touch 'em. But my guide, Doug Roberts, had a solution which they would eat. No, I am sworn to secrecy as to that pattern and I won't break the promise, but the similarity of this month's Madison Bullet is pretty dang close and, I assure you, it was working very nicely when I was fishing on my own and not using Doug's flies.

I was fortunate to have a few of these in #16 and #18 in my box, and they were a good substitute. I tied them because they were simple, were fast to tie and looked promising. I first noticed the Madison Bullet while tying the year before, at the East Idaho Fly Tying Expo. One of the tiers there was cranking 'em out like mad. Said he needed to get ready for the next weekend's fishing. He had learned of them through Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, Montana. That shop always has great ties. The one variation I added was the "Hot Spot" over the bead. Instead of hanging a couple of Krystal Flash strands out behind the bead, or changing thread color to fluorescent orange in the same spot, I decided to do this trick with tinsel. Once coated with UV resin, it tosses out different colors, and adds just enough flash to attract attention without being horrifying to the fish.

I fished this fly at the bottom of a Bounce rig (aka bottom-weighted or Provo rig), with the top fly being a Halo or some other mayfly nymph. The Madison Bullet ruled the morning hours. As the day wore on, then more and more fish ate the Halo or other mayfly nymph instead of the Madison Bullet. It was at this point that I would switch to a mayfly nymph on the bottom and a soft hackle mayfly on top.

So tie up a few in a few different colors, and if COVID lets some of us go fishing in the Sierras or, later this spring, somewhere like the Green, at least you will have a couple to save the day!

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE MADISON BULLET

Hook: Firehole #315; #12 to #20
 Hot Spot: Wide Pearl/Opal Tinsel
 Bead: Copper Plated tungsten; 2.4 mm ($\frac{3}{32}$ "
 for a #16 hook
 Thread: Veevus 10/0 or 8/0 Brown
 Tail: Dark Pardo Coq de Leon
 Body: Thread and UV resin
 Ribbing: Fine copper wire



BROWN MADISON BULLET

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE MADISON BULLET:

1. Let's start by sliding the bead onto the hook and placing the hook into your vise. Now, before you slide that bead into position let's do something a bit different. Attach the thread to the hook immediately behind the eye. Don't worry about the head space! Grab a 2" to 3" length of your Hot Spot tinsel (I like Opal) and tie it in flat with the end going forward, whip finish and remove your thread. *NOW* push the bead into place. If you used too much thread it won't fit so keep that in mind when you tie in the tinsel.
2. Attach your thread to the hook behind the bead and select a 6" length of copper wire. Before tying it in, bend one end into a short "U" shape. Push the bend of the "U" into the bead to help force the bead to stay in one location while you tie. Then bind the wire down smoothly to a point about halfway around the bend of the hook.
3. Select a small clump of Coq de Leon barbs for a tail—anywhere from three to six will do. Tie them in so that their length is short; about one-half the length of the body.
4. Now the fun part...winding. Keeping your thread flat by constantly counter-spinning it from the body so that it smoothly tapers to not quite the diameter of the bead. This takes time and patience and keeping the thread flat will really help keep the body smooth.
5. Wind the ribbing forward in the normal direction, and tie it off at the end of the body. Nope, I didn't use five turns on this one. I am more concerned with the amount of space between turns, insuring that I give the body the look of a mostly segmented body. Not too wide a distance, and not too narrow either. This is one of the exceptions I alluded to, when discussing the number of turns in last month's newsletter. Tie off the wire and "worry" or helicopter off the excess. Doing this will create fewer sharp edges, and less cut thread at exactly the wrong time.



TAN MADISON BULLET

6. Last bit to go. Grab the tinsel you tied in way back at the beginning and pull it straight back and over the top of the bead. Tie it off right behind the bead and whip finish. Now using your favorite UV resin (mine is Solarez Bone Dry—it's thin, it penetrates and it ain't sticky when cured) and apply a couple of light coats not one great big glob. Be sure to apply some on the top of the hook to cover and fill inside beneath the tinsel but keep it out of the eye of the hook!

NOTES:

You can tie this in almost any color you like. You will most often see it in the brown which I have described, tan/cream with a gold bead/rib and dark red with a silver bead/rib.



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2020-2021 CLINIC SCHEDULE:

BEGINNING	ADVANCED
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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

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— Cancelled
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— Cancelled
16-17	Weekend		LBCC Spey Casting Tournament— Cancelled
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— TBD
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)
16	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
23	Tuesday	6:00 PM	LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Brandon Worthington (Klamath Dam Removal)
28	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast

March

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 #3 with Dan Rivett— TBD
7	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Cast
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Class
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Class
17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
21	Sunday	9:00 AM	Director's Handicap
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Class
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: James Monteith, Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Class
31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)



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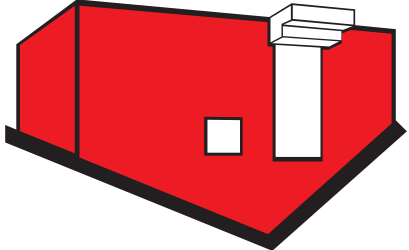


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