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Leader's Line...

The New Board of Directors is in Place!

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

In my last article I announced a new Board position at the Club. This person would be in charge of our website and social media pages. Well...for those of you who missed our Annual General Meeting, the new Board position was voted down. Many of the Club members felt that it would be very difficult for the Nominating Committee to fill the new position every year. They felt that this should be a committee chair, rather than a Board position. So a committee it shall be.

This new committee chairman for our website and social media pages will be asked to attend the Board meetings on a monthly basis, which has not happened in the past. Why, you ask? Well, we are putting a lot of effort into our website and social media pages, and feel that it will be an integral part of the Club. We want to make sure that we understand what is going on, and how we, as a board, can help.

I am learning that the members are the ones running this club and not the Board, which is the way it should be. I'd like to thank all those who attended the Annual General Meeting. We had some really good conversation, and many expressed their opinions. We appreciate those who really care about the direction the Club is taking, and for the great comments that we heard.

In the Annual Board Meeting we also voted in the new 2021-2022 Board members. We appreciate their willingness to serve. The new board was installed in a Zoom meeting, on April 17th at 7:00 pm. Shirley recently sent out the link for this meeting to all in the Club. We hope

that many of you were able to show your support to the new board by participating in this installation meeting. As a reminder, here are the 2021-2022 officers. If you bump into them around the Clubhouse or in a Zoom meeting, please be sure to thank them for their dedication.

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Let's make this new year the best year we've ever had in the Club! I am really looking forward to things returning back to normal, and meeting with everyone in person again.

Club Trips for 2021

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
April 25–30	Green River Trip #1 w/ J. Lincoln, 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 22–23	Kelsey Bass Ranch #2 w/ M. Woodbury, Pre-Trip March 30, 7:00 PM
May 30–Jun 1	Pyramid Lake w/ P. Nakamura, Pre-Trip May 22, 9:00 AM
June 6–10	Fall River Trip w/ M. Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip June 1, 7:00 PM
July 8–11	Brookie Bash w/ A. Palomares, Pre-Trip June 29, 7:00 PM
July 10	Brookie Bash day is Saturday
July 28–Aug 1	Saddlebag Lake w/ C. Kumabe, J. Garvey, Pre-Trip July 1, 7:00 PM
Aug. 3	Tenkara Trip Laguna Lakes, 9:00 AM with Art Strauss
Sept. 12–16	Southern Utah w/ Terry Komisak, Pre-Trip Aug 28, 9:00 AM
Sept. 15–19	Cottonwood Lakes w/ C. Kumabe, J. Garvey, Pre-Trip September 9, 7:00 PM
Sept. 26–29	Lee's Ferry Trip w/ C. Bond, Pre-Trip Sept. 18, 9:00 AM
Oct. 9	Yards & Inches w/ M. Woodbury, Pre-Trip Oct 2, 9:00 AM

Trip location, dates and pre-trip workshops are subject to change, so monitor Target Talk or the web calendar for the latest information. 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. 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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Doug Rodricks Shows us the Best of the Eastern Sierra

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Our May speaker will be Doug Rodricks, owner of Sierra Drifters. Doug will be giving us an overview of what he considers the best waters for the flyfisher in the Eastern Sierra. May will be a good time for Doug's presentation; by then, all of these waters will be open for the summer.

Doug took up fly fishing at the age of 18 and in 2001, he met Tom Loe in the Eastern Sierra, where he continued his path to learning the most exciting ways of catching trout. By learning from his mentor and friend, Doug soon found himself taking over as the owner of Sierra Drifters Guide Service.

Doug's patience, outgoing personality, and teaching techniques have served him well in guiding clients to some of the best fishing areas in the Eastern Sierra. He has a knack for working with beginners and youngsters, and finds it extremely rewarding to watch them catch their first fish on a fly rod. Doug's knowledge of the area and fly-fishing techniques have also challenged and rewarded some of the most experienced of fly fishermen.

Many of his clients say that an outing with Doug is like fishing with a friend they have known for years. Doug has appeared numerous times on the pages and covers of Western Outdoor News, with his clients displaying their trophy catches, accompanied by their smiles.

Doug's top-of-the-line Ranger Bay Boat spans 24 feet in length and sports an impressive 250 HP Mercury Verado, which not only gets you to the biting fish quickly and safely, but employs some of the most cutting-edge electronics and fish finding tools available. The casting platform on these boats is like no other. Doug also employs a 17-foot Willie Drift Boat for fishing the Lower Owens River.



For the large trout in the rivers and creeks, nymphing and streamer fishing are the primary techniques Doug uses, but when the fish come to the surface to feed, he will switch to dry fly fishing to catch these beautiful fish. In the winter months Doug rides his clients out to the best fishing spots by snowmobile, where they fish to rainbow trout ranging from 19 - 25 inches in length.

Doug has developed some great teaching methods throughout his career, which make it quite easy for anglers to learn the best ways to catch fish on a fly rod. He has also experimented with, and implemented, some different techniques for catching trout in deep water on lakes.

I am sure that you will come away from this meeting with some new and innovative ideas on how and where to fish the Sierra in a whole new way. Come join us on Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting will be held via Zoom. To Join Zoom Meeting click on this link

<https://zoom.us/j/96252540023?pwd=blIwcUpkUE84dnl4RkwzZVF6MzNKUT09>

Meeting ID: 962 5254 0023
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A Golden Opportunity: Catch Some Trout at Cottonwood Lakes

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT
JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

Cottonwood Lakes Sierra Backpacking Trip: Wednesday, September 15 through Sunday, September 19, 2021. On Wednesday, drive to Horseshoe Meadow, located just outside of Lone Pine. We'll car-camp at the trailhead at 10,040 ft. to acclimatize. We'll sort equipment and participate in a group potluck dinner. There is good fishing in Cottonwood Creek for goldens just off the road before Horseshoe Meadow, for those who arrive during the day.

The next day we hike in 5 1/2 miles with 1,200 ft. of elevation gain, mostly in the last mile and a half or so. Base camp will be established at Lake Three for the next three nights, Thursday through Saturday. We will hike out via the South Fork of Cottonwood Creek, and drive out on Sunday the 19th.

Besides fishing for golden trout in a beautiful basin below the Sierra Crest (which includes the South Fork Lakes), the area offers day hiking to other lakes,



peak-bagging and the opportunity to relax and enjoy a stunning mountain setting. Refer to [Sierra South](#) by Kathy Morey and Mike White, "Trip #79, South Fork Lakes", for additional info. A bear canister is required in this area, and carpooling is encouraged.

The trip pre-meeting and discussion of lightweight backpacking equipment and techniques will be Thursday, September 9, 7:00 pm at the Long Beach Casting Club Clubhouse (or by Zoom if the clubhouse is not open). Contact Jim Garvey at [310-985-0761](tel:310-985-0761) (jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net) or Colin Kumabe at [562-221-9418](tel:562-221-9418) (ctkumabe@gmail.com) to reserve a spot, or if you have any questions.



Saddlebag Lake Sierra Backpack!

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT
JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

The Long Beach Casting Club's annual backpacking trip to Saddlebag Lake is scheduled for July 28 through August 1.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28: We plan to meet Wednesday evening at the Saddlebag Lake Campground, for a potluck dinner and to acclimatize and organize our backpacks. Be sure to take only what you really need! Leaving nonessential items behind makes your backpack light, and the whole trip even more enjoyable.

THURSDAY, JULY 29: Start hiking toward 20 Lakes Basin, fishing and enjoying the scenery.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 30-31: Day hikes to Lake Conness to catch golden trout or fish in some of

the smaller streams or lakes.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: Wake up early, fish, then pack up and hike back to the car.

The Pre-Trip meeting is currently planned for 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 1, at the LBCC Clubhouse. If the in-person meeting is NOT allowed be held at the clubhouse, then the meeting will be held via Zoom video conference (check the LBCC Calendar for the link). Jim Garvey will provide in-depth information on the trip and ultralight backpacking preparation strategies. Feel free to contact Jim Garvey for further assistance with gear selection and preparations.

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

New Club Members

MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Board of Directors approved these new members at the last Board Meeting:

- ❖ Shane Igo & Family
- ❖ Michael Alio
- ❖ Dave Sherrill
- ❖ Igor Vargas

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

In appreciation for the many years of support,

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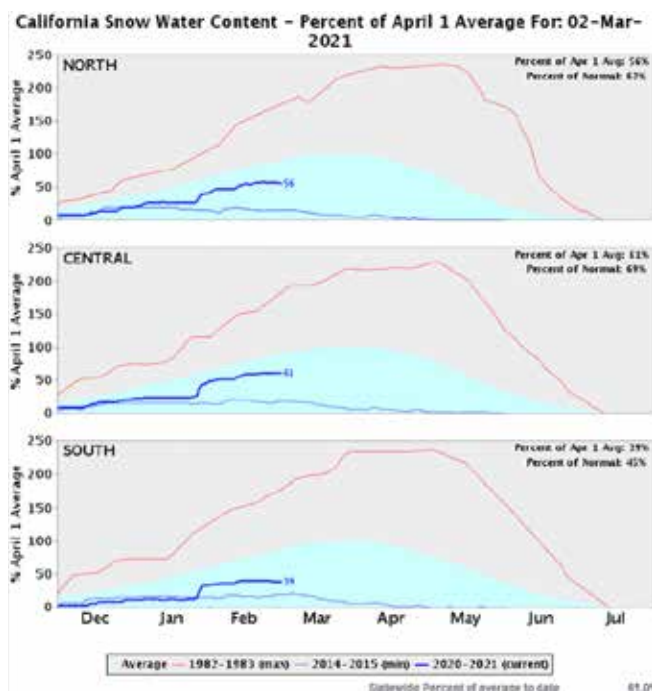
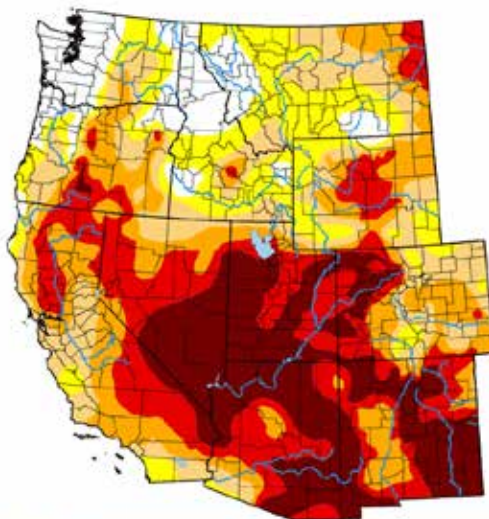
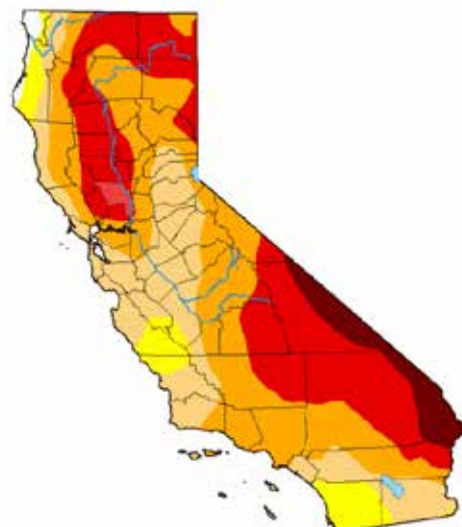
2021 Water Outlook for California and the American West

TONY DAUS, MEMBER

As we all know, California's trout, steelhead and salmon fisheries, agriculture and way of life depend on melting snowpack, to replenish rivers, streams and underground aquifers across the state. When the snowpack is well below average, there isn't enough water to meet the demands of all the stakeholders, whether human or piscine. This year is shaping up to be a dry one for California and for the American West, with drought conditions prevailing across much of the state and region.

There are several great websites to track the water picture in our region. One of the best is the United States Drought Monitor (<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>). This interactive map is prepared by drought experts and is color coded, with yellow being abnormally dry, and brown exceptional drought. The maps on the right depict the drought conditions as of April 8, 2021, and clearly show the difficult water year that lies ahead for much of the American West and our state (the 2021 water year started on October 1, 2020 and extends through September 30, 2021).

Another excellent source of information is the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, or WRD. WRD manages the aquifers that underlie most of coastal Los Angeles County, extending east to the Whittier/Montebello area. WRD prepares a monthly Groundwater Basin Update that presents and interprets data from across the state of California as well as the Colorado Basin, that deep brown area on the regional map above (California gets a significant amount of water from the Colorado River). One of their maps that shows the water content of the snowpack is provided at right, and is included in their monthly report (<https://www.wrd.org/reports/groundwater-basin-update>). Thankfully, February was a wet month. I would encourage you to take a look at their website and reports.



Owens River Annual Clean Up

BISHOP, CALIFORNIA - SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021



Meet at 8AM at the Pleasant Valley Campground at the metal footbridge

Bring gloves. Please practice social distancing etiquette when in large groups.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked goods provided for all volunteers at 8AM.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM

@ Pleasant Valley Campground @ the dumpster.

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Luong Tam, Chris Leonard, and Jarett Coons will have a free clinic on fishing tenkara rods after lunch. Please join Luong, Chris, and Jarett. Rods provided.

Some Thoughts on the New California Department of Fish & Wildlife Fishing Regulations

CHRIS LEONARD

If you think the 2020 presidential election was controversial, take a look at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) fishing regulation changes, effective March 1, 2021. I've had some heated discussions about the changes in the Eastern Sierra.

In early 2019, CDFW proposed an “inland trout regulation simplification process”, to improve scattered and confusing current regulations (confusing to anglers who don't read the regs, I suppose—I always understood them). This immediately raised questions (and eyebrows) in the angling community.

The new regs affected blue-ribbon fisheries all over California. Questions arose, from “What fish count data supports such changes?” to “Did some politician's son get a ticket, and the family got upset?” We heard the answer to the former at the first public meeting in Bishop, California in March 2019. No fish count surveys or data were used to make the decisions. As for the latter, who knows?

The CDFW scientists felt that the regs were stale and archaic. Per biologist Roger Bloom, there are over 500 fisheries, with an almost equal number of regulations, in question. They felt it was time to tidy up the annual reg booklets we used to find next to outfitters' cash registers (today, those regs are mostly online).

CDFW held six public meetings in March and April 2019. Hot Creek alone generated over 4,000 responses. They'd proposed allowing lures there; after the responses, they left it alone. Sometimes, if it's not broken, don't fix it. Not changing Hot Creek is a win.

Reg changes include: no fishing on Cottonwood Lakes until September 1, closing tributaries of Crowley and Silver Lake in spawn seasons, ending the barbless-only season on Crowley, opening high country fisheries and closing the East Walker River in winter.

I believe CDFW got the majority of changes right. I commend them for better protecting the Eastern Sierra's spawning fish, a critical component of the fishery's health. They did leave some spawning periods open. The Upper Owens with its famous spawning “snowbows” is still a year-round fishery, but cutts that move up from the lake are now protected in tributaries like McGee Creek. I don't know why they protected the cutthroat but left the spawning rainbows exposed, but the cutts got a good deal.

The closure of Cottonwood Lakes until September 1 is interesting. It usually snows there by October, so it will be a short season for those golden trout habitat lakes. It's probably to protect them from backpackers, since goldens aren't supported by a hatchery.

Crowley was mostly left alone, though everyone is wondering why the barbless-only season was changed. It's legal to fish barbs on Crowley from August 1 to closing. It may have to do with enforcement.

The most talked-about change is to the East Walker River. It was closed in winter until about 15 years ago. Most people wait till spring to fish it. It has minimal flows in winter, and opinion is 50-50 on whether it should be closed. The river starts in California but flows into Nevada a few miles down. Nevada hasn't closed its section of the East Walker in the winter.

I think those fish should be given a rest in the winter. They're exposed to predators when it is flowing just above 20 cubic feet per second (cfs) and they are already stressed. Ideally, DFW would just close it every time it flows under 70 cfs, but they don't have the staffing. I stated that it should also be closed in August when temps are high and the water is oxygen-starved, but that opinion fell on deaf ears.

Most of us question why they increased the taking of fish from one trout 18 inches or more to two. That might encourage taking more from a system sacred to its majority catch-and-release anglers. We'll see.

Trout Unlimited and Caltrout are now fighting CDFW to stop the winter closure. As much as I respect the work of both TU and Caltrout, the presence of both organizations in the Eastern Sierra has been "come and go" over the years. But it makes a good soundbite, fighting big government bureaucracies for the rights of anglers.

The East Walker shouldn't be open in the winter; there's hardly any water in it. Why the East Walker, and not Hot Creek and the Upper Owens? The East Walker is a true tailwater fishery, and it will flow barely over 20 cfs for most of winter. The Upper Owens and Hot Creek, on the other hand, are spring-fed (the Owens is also manipulated by LADWP flows), but both have more water in the winter than the East Walker. And water equals fish habitat.

The changes would have made a lot more sense if CDFW had used fish count science and census data to consider the fisheries. These changes were designed by humans, for humans, from the opinions and observations of humans. They didn't come from legitimate observations like recording fish counts over the years; they did their "data mining" from asking people like myself in the Charlie Brown Auditorium at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop, and the back rooms of the Bass Pro Shop in Cucamonga, what we thought of their proposals.

At every meeting in the beginning of 2019, people in attendance asked the biologists what actual biology they had. They didn't have any, or at least nothing tangible. The decisions that were made were based upon the solicited input of anglers of all backgrounds, and based upon their respective opinions of the fisheries in question.

I assume the DFW's biologists then looked at all the "data" (angler input), and made their decisions on the legality of our fisheries from there. Guess what?

You still have to read the regs to know the regs. That didn't change.

I think they were proposing unthinkable changes, like opening up Crowley Lake to more months of catch and kill. They were considering allowing Hot Creek to become one giant bird's nest of spent triline from broken-off lures. But the pushback they got on both fisheries was enough to tell them to let them be.

CDFW was corrected from the start on a lot of the potential mistakes they were proposing. They also listened to concerns about protecting the spawning browns in Rush Creek, between Grant Lake and Silver Lake. But the entire process lacked fish count data, and I'd have a more solid argument about keeping the East Walker closed during winter if there were tangible numbers to work with. You'd also have a better argument to make about keeping it open with real data.

So we are back where we started. The 2020 United States president has been determined. The changes to the fisheries? While legally in place now for a year, they are still being discussed. Hard, real fish count data would have made this much easier for everybody.

The California Department of Fish and [**Wildlife Fishing Regulations effective March 1, 2021**](#) can be found on their website.

Chris Leonard is a guide for Kittredge Sports, Mammoth Lakes.



2021 Brookie Bash

WHAT: The Sadler Slam

WHEN: July 8–11

WHERE: Eastern Sierras

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DATES: September 26–29. Arrive Sunday and depart Wednesday.

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Your second deposit of **\$300.00** is due no later than **July 1, 2021**.

Your final deposit of **\$196.00** is due no later than **August 1, 2021**. Make your check payable to Cliff Dwellers at the address above.

COST: The total cost of the trip will be approximately **\$696.00** per angler, double occupancy. This does not include guide tips, food or drinks

INCLUDES: Three nights lodging and two days drifting on the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam.

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MORE? Contact Craig Bond LBCC Streamkeeper at: **818-730-5745** or bondc007@yahoo.com.

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❖ September 12–16, 2021 ❖



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DATES:

September 12–16, 2021 arrive Sunday, depart Thursday.

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- ❖ A **\$300.00** non refundable deposit is due no later than **May 1, 2021**.
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LODGING:

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- ❖ Your transportation to and from Loa, Utah, tips for guide service
- ❖ A current Utah Fishing License which can be purchased on-line here:
<https://secure.utah.gov/hflo/main/serv1/index.html?server=serv1>

EXTRAS:

Since this is a fall season trip, expect thunderstorms and cooler weather. Bring a warm jacket and cap. Also, the elevation of the lodge is 7,400'. Bring sun protection gear. Wading can be demanding at elevation and stream beds are uneven. Some waters are around 10,000'.

MORE:

The guides will provide transportation in their 4WD vehicles. Bring motion sickness remedies if necessary. **NOTE:** Loa, Utah is a small touristy community which closes early, 8:00 PM. Bring things you need, don't expect to find them there. There are several good restaurants in the area which tend to close around 8:00 PM also.

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Recordings of Long Beach Casting Club Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK
EDITOR

The Club has begun recording the presentations from our Monthly Meetings. Here is the information for the three we've recorded so far; to access them, click on the below links, and copy and paste the password information at the prompt:

JANUARY: John McMillan, the Science Director for Trout Unlimited's Wild Steelhead Initiative. on



how diversity is key to steelhead resurgence.

[John McMillan Presentation January 28, 2021](#)

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FEBRUARY: Brandon Worthington of Worthington Flyfishing, Ashland Oregon. The topic was "A Guides Perspective on the Upper Klamath Dam Removal Project".

[Brandon Worthington Presentation Feb. 25, 2021](#)

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MARCH: James Monteith, Founding Chairman of Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands. The topic

was "Reintroducing Sockeye Salmon to Wallowa River".

[James Monteith Presentation March 25, 2021](#)

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Spring is Upon us Here in the Eastern Sierra!!!

It's an early spring, and the creeks and rivers are all fishing very well right now. Call me if you'd like to get into some early season action! Give me a call if you'd like to book a trip for this fishing season.

CHRIS LEONARD - 818.288.3271

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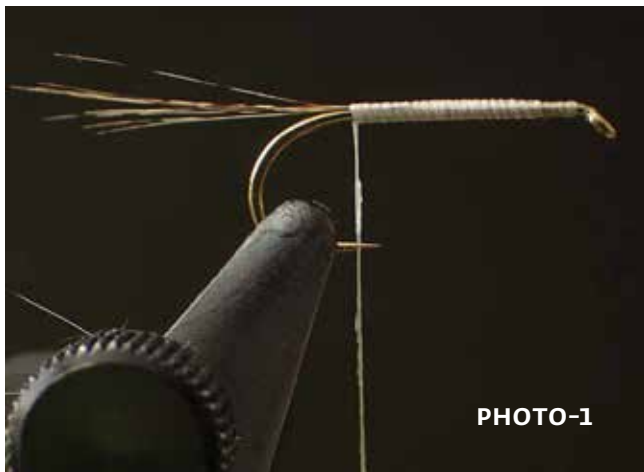


Fly Tying Tip: Touch Dubbing

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

Dubbing is one of the bane of beginner tiers. Invariably, too much dubbing is applied to the thread base and the resulting dubbing noodle is too bulky.

For slender bodies, consider touch dubbing. This works well on smaller flies. All you need is a bit of dubbing wax applied thinly (no gobs) to your thread (**PHOTO-1**, 14/0 thread on a #14 hook, for scale)...



then you just “touch” your dubbing to the waxed thread (**PHOTO-2**).



This works very well with synthetics that are very hard to twist dub as they have no scales, unlike natural hair/fur. For a thinner profile, twist the dubbing on the thread before wrapping (**PHOTO-3**).



For a bit buggier, translucent body, just wrap the un-twisted dubbing (**PHOTO-4**). Either technique works extremely well on small flies with thin bodies.



If you are one who has trouble judging the amount to spin on the thread for a “noodle”, this is one technique you might try.



Fly of the Month: Iris Caddis

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A lot of you have noticed that I have been tying really tiny flies lately. You've seen me at various events, as well as the Wednesday Night group, tying #22s, #24s and yes, even #26s. Well this month's fly is another one that I love to tie in no-see-um sizes but you can and should tie them larger as well—the Iris Caddis.

I first tried the Iris Caddis years ago in West Yellowstone. I needed to match a sneaky hatch of *Glossosoma* Caddis on the Madison between Hebgen and Quake Lakes. Blue Ribbon Flies suggested the Iris Caddis; an adult emerging from its pupal shuck. It sat low, floated well and worked like magic in #18 and #20. Lately I have used #22s and #24s with equal panache on Hot Creek when those demonic little gray sedges are about.

Caddis and many mayflies can go through the same period of vulnerability as they try to free themselves from their pupal shell. The looped wing mimics the stuck wing as well as the air bubble they use to help them up through the water column. The spiky body also helps flotation when the water gets a bit rougher. If you understand this about the lifestyle of caddis, you can tie this in a variety of sizes and colors. Tie it in tan (size #16–#20 for *Hydropsyche*, *Arctopsyche* and *Lepidostoma*), amber (size #14–#16 for *Hydropsyche* and *Arctopsyche*), olive (size #16–#20 for *Brachycentrus*) and black or charcoal gray (size #20–#24 for *Glossosoma* and gray sedges).

FISHING TIP: If a fly is too small to be readily seen, tie a size #18 light tan Elk Hair Caddis (or a Parachute Adams) onto your 5x tippet. Next, attach 9" to 12" of 5x or 6x tippet to the bend of the Elk Hair Caddis' hook. Finally, tie on the tiny fly. Present your fly and watch the Elk Hair Caddis. If there is a rise nearby (but not the Elk Hair Caddis) set the flippin' hook! Also, after the sun goes down but still light enough to see and fish, don't use a light colored fly; use a black one. Black actually shows up better when the water's surface reflects the sun's silvery afterglow.

Without a doubt, this is one of the best ever emerging caddis patterns for picky trout on tough water. Tie some, because they work and the tying is easy!

Materials for tying the Iris Caddis:

- Hook:** Standard dry fly hook; sizes 14–24
- Thread:** Olive 6/0 or 8/0
- Tail/Shuck:** Olive or gold Zelon or Darlon
- Body:** 80% olive hare's ear and 20% olive Ice Dubbing
- Wing:** Loop of white or light dun Zelon, Darlon or even E.P. Triggerpoint Fibers
- Head:** Same as body or slightly lighter wrapped loose and shaggy



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Instructions for tying the Iris Caddis:

- 1 Attach your thread behind the headspace and wind down to the bend of the hook. Cut off a length of olive or gold Zelon for the shuck (I prefer gold for most patterns, but sometimes a shrimp orange Darlon works amazingly well) and tie it in. Trim it so that it is about the length of the body or a bit shorter.
- 2 Mix together the two types of dubbing and loosely apply them to the thread. Make sure that the guard hairs from the rabbit are still there; it will help make a spiky body. Dub forward to the thorax, keeping shaggy—this body does not want to be neat. You can pick out the dubbing afterwards to get the effect you want.
- 3 Select a length of white or light dun winging material. Do not use **TOO MUCH!** For flies size #16 and larger I like to use Zelon or Darlon, while smaller flies get Triggerpoint fibers. Fold the material in half to form a loop and place it lying flat over the body, with the end of the loop just reaching the end of the body. Tie in the wing using the loose loop method, and trim off the excess. If this is intended for smaller sizes and, if your eyesight isn't as good as it used to be, then instead of cutting the butts off you can stand them up as a mini post, which will make the fly a bit more visible. You can also treat the post with floatant to keep it from sinking in rougher water.
- 4 Almost done and the rest is easy—well really, the whole fly is. Using the same dubbing mix for the body or one that is slightly lighter (you can achieve that by adding a lighter olive dubbing to it), apply it loosely to your thread. Again, wind this head dubbing very loose and shaggy—the buggier the better! If you tied this fly with a post, be sure to wind in front of it, to help stand it up, and behind it, to hide the wing tie-down area. Form a small, neat head and whip finish. Now, just add water...



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Calendar of Events

May

2-7	Week		Green River Trip #2 with Colin Kumabe
3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #1 — Cancelled
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
16-21	Week		Green River Trip #3 with Paul Burgner— Cancelled
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #2 — Cancelled
19	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
22	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Pyramid Lake with Paul Nakamura
22-23	Weekend		Kelsey Bass Ranch #2 with Mick Woodbury
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #3 — Cancelled
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Doug Rodricks from Sierra Drifters, Bishop
30-6/1	Week		Pyramid Lake with Paul Nakamura

June

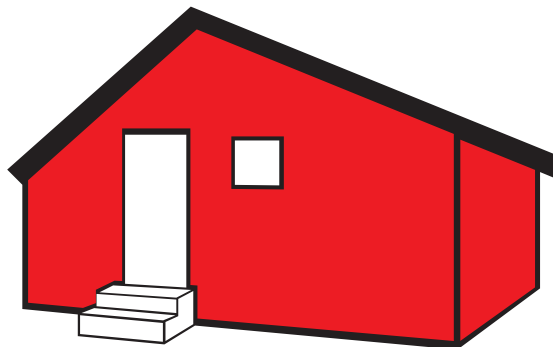
1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #4 — Cancelled
		7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Fall River with Marc Bonvouloir
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
6-10	Week		Fall River with Marc Bonvouloir
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #5 — Cancelled
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #6 — Cancelled
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting Class Session #1—Day 1
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Chris King from Redding Fly Shop
26	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting Class Session #1—Day 2
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Brookie Bash w/ Armando Palomares, Cecil O'Dell
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)

July

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Saddlebag Lake w/ Colin Kumabe, Steve Garvey
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
8-11	Weekend		Brookie Bash with Armando Palomares
9	Friday		Sierra Tenkara with Cecil O'Dell— Cancelled
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: David and Emily Whitlock on Fly Tying
24	Saturday	10:00 AM	Celebration of Life for Yash Iseda at the Clubhouse— TBD
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
28-Aug 1	Weekend		Saddlebag Lake w/ Colin Kumabe, Jim Garvey
31	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting Class Session #2—Day 1



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