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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

# Fishing the Redds: Why the Heated Debate?

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

Every year at this time, the age-old debate begins, as to whether fishing to spawning trout on the redds is ethical, and whether or not it affects the reproduction process. This article is written as my opinion and reflects the philosophy and practices I have learned through my years of fly fishing. It is meant to be an informative and educational article, so that others can form their own opinions. *[Editor's note: a redd is "a hollow in a riverbed made by a trout or salmon to spawn in". It's from the Scottish/Irish verb redd: "to put in order, tidy up"—Rob]*

I'm not an expert, nor do I have any biological studies to back up my opinions. But I have done some recent studying on the subject, so I would like to bring it up in an attempt to educate some in the Club on this important topic.

I believe the general consensus of most fly fishers is that fishing to spawning fish is not an ethical, challenging or rewarding way to fish. However, there are those who cannot resist temptation, and those who believe they are not doing anything wrong or harming the trout in any way. Basically, it boils down to whether you are just being greedy and you "just gotta catch fish", or you really believe you are not harming the fish.

There are those who argue that catching a spawning fish on a redd isn't any different from catching a pre-spawner in a run away from the redds. Yes, you are putting stress on both of these fish, but a pre-spawn fish has time to recover before it actually starts spawning. A stressed spawning fish, once released,

will continue to spawn, but will not have the same vigor. Therefore, the process of cleaning gravels and the spawning will not be done at the same intensity it otherwise would have been. For example: run five miles, and as soon as you finish, go home and start some challenging activity. Yes, you can do it (maybe), but is it the same as if you had been rested?

So we've established that, while catching spawning fish may not be harmful to the process, it certainly can't help. I'm a firm believer that catching active spawning fish does not harm the overall process. On the other hand, I do believe that walking in and around the redds does damage. What do I mean by this? Not only are you crushing eggs in the gravels with your weight, but worse, you are stirring up silt, which settles into these spawning gravels. This, in turn, limits the amount of oxygen for the eggs, and they can suffocate. Therefore, if you must fish to spawning fish, the best thing you can do is to wade and fish below them.

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# Club Trips for 2021

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

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
May 21–23	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	Sierra Backpacking Trip 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	On the Salt Surf Trip w/ K. Green, Pre-Trip TBD
Sept. 12–16	Southern Utah w/Terry Komisak, Pre-Trip Aug 28, 9:00 AM
Sept. 15–19	Sierra Backpacking Trip 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

**T**rip 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 only 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](mailto:mrmlb21@gmail.com).



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# Chris King Shows us Fishing Opportunities Around Redding

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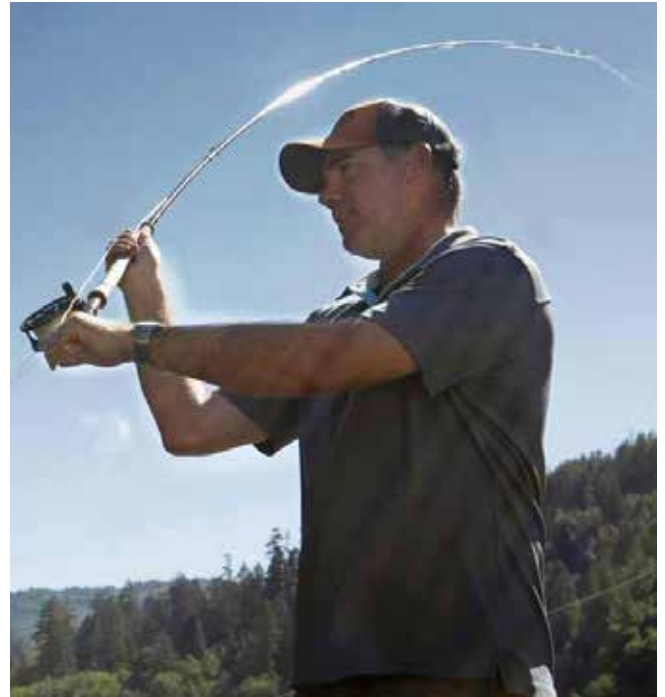
Chris' father was a fighter pilot, so the places he called home as a tyke were many. After his dad retired from the service, the family settled in Iowa. He spent his summers at hockey camp, as well as chasing walleye and muskie in Minnesota.

The year before Chris started high school, he was thrust into culture shock when his father changed jobs and the family moved to New Jersey (Exit 352). It was there, on weekends in the Poconos and Catskills, that his dad introduced Chris to fly fishing.

But it was not until Chris took a semester off from college, which ended up as eight years in Breckenridge, Colorado, that he found his passion. During this time, Chris truly fell in love with fly fishing. In Colorado, he worked his way through the Federation of Fly Fishers (now Fly Fishers International) instructor program and became a Certified Casting Instructor.

Shortly after he had completed his first summer of guiding in the Rockies, his dad told him: "Chris, if you ever figure out what you want to do with your life, sooner or later you will be doing it". It was this statement that made Chris realize he was enjoying his time as a guide, and he set out to make a living in the fly fishing industry. He moved to California as a sales rep for a rod and reel manufacturer.

While peddling his goods throughout California, Chris called on **The Fly Shop® in Redding**. The Fly Shop had just started working with Mel Krieger to develop their Fly Fishing Schools program. As Mel was the architect of the casting certification program, Chris was thrilled to be offered a chance to help teach the schools. Chris learned a ton from Mel and was there at the beginning of what is now arguably the best fly fishing-themed camp for kids in the country.



Since then, Chris has become Master Certified and Two-Hand Certified as a casting instructor. Chris is an Emeritus Member of the Fly Fishers International Casting Board of Governors.

After a guiding career that has spanned two decades, Chris is sitting at a desk, booking the young hot shot guides at The Fly Shop®. He's also in charge of all The Fly Shop® school programs, and manages **FishCamp™**. This gives Chris an intimate knowledge of what the waters around Redding have to offer. During his presentation Chris will be sharing that knowledge with us in hopes that we can get up to discover these beautiful areas of California. Please join us **Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 pm.**

**TOPIC:** Chris King Fishing Opportunities in and around Redding CA

**TIME:** Jun 24, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**JOIN ZOOM MEETING**

<https://zoom.us/j/97925027050?pwd=UWozUHhkVEdKaTlXS9jSW5wOGVxUT09>

**MEETING ID:** 979 2502 7050  
**Passcode:** 907162



# A Golden Opportunity: Catch Some Trout at Cottonwood Lakes

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT  
JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

**C**ottonwood 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:jim-garvey@sbcglobal.net)) or Colin Kumabe at [562-221-9418](tel:562-221-9418) ([ctkumabe@gmail.com](mailto:ctkumabe@gmail.com)) to reserve a spot, or if you have any questions.



# The Saddlebag Lake Sierra Backpack is Coming Your Way Soon!

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT and  
JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

**T**he Long Beach Casting Club's annual backpacking trip to Saddlebag Lake is July 28 through August 1.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28:** Meet Wednesday evening at the Saddlebag Lake Campground, for a potluck dinner and to organize packs. Take only what you need! Leaving nonessential items behind makes your backpack light, and the 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 and lakes.

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

The Pre-Trip meeting is 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 1, at the Clubhouse. If that's not allowed, we'll do a 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 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](mailto:jim-garvey@sbcglobal.net)) or Colin Kumabe ([ctkumabe@gmail.com](mailto:ctkumabe@gmail.com)).

## New Club Members

MARK ANGELO,  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

**T**he Board of Directors approved these new members at the last Board Meeting:

- ❖ Naoki Mizusawa
- ❖ Matt Abrams
- ❖ Alex Siemers
- ❖ Jason Bishop
- ❖ Jim Olarte
- ❖ Joshua Taylor
- ❖ Andrew Shaw

Please greet and welcome all of 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,

**B**ob 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.





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

People are always asking me: "what do redds look like?" In order for trout to have a good reproductive success rate, they seek out gravel bars that have gravels averaging from one to two inches. There also must be a good flow of water over these gravels, which will bring high levels of oxygen; for that to occur, they are usually located in shallow water. A redd can be from one square foot up to a large area of river.

During the process of spawning, the trout clean the gravels, which creates depressions in them (or areas of lighter color). There is a misconception that the eggs are deposited in these depressions. What really happens is that the eggs are deposited in the mounds of gravel just below them, rather than in the depressions themselves. While the trout are kicking up and cleaning the gravel, they are depositing the eggs at the same time. As a result, the eggs become buried in these mounds of gravel.

I admit it: I've tried it, and I've learned from it. It's hard for me to understand and accept the notion that catching (or most of the time foul-hooking) spawning trout is a fun, ethical way to fly fish. You are intentionally targeting an easy prey which is tired, and for the most part doesn't even give you much of a fight. It goes against the grain of what fly fishing is all about. Fly fishing is an addiction, full of art, grace and understanding of our environment; it's not about greed or the photograph of the huge fish (without mentioning how you caught it...you know who you are!).

So what is the philosophy of the Long Beach Casting Club? We just don't do it! We believe: "Why take the chance of potentially harming our future?" We catch just as many fish (if not more) by fishing the runs and riffles below the redds. Yes we use egg patterns and glo bugs and post them in our fishing reports, but we do not use them on the redds. We use them in the runs below the redds.

Let's take care of the fish populations in the rivers that we fish!

## Utah's Flaming Gorge Green River Trip: April 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

JOHN LINCOLN, MEMBER and  
DAN LUAS, MEMBER

The LBCC had 23 people attend the Green River Trip. We experienced quite an arsenal of weather, snow, high winds etc. but like always the fish gods were looking out for us. The River was loaded with an abundance of quality fish. The "A" section was spectacular! The "B" section held large trout and even larger white fish and the "C" section also fished very well, with the exception of one day that was super windy which made it difficult for the guide to row down the river. There is no doubt that Old Moe's guides are some of the best. Most attendees stayed at the [Red Canyon Lodge](#) or the [Flaming Gorge Lodge](#), which had all of the amenities.



This was a memorable trip for all, with special moments that each person will always treasure. First time to the Green: Dan Oliver, Lottie Lee, Doug Fredricks, David Appleton, Josh Martinez, and Dennis Leon.

Thank you to everyone that made this a special trip!



# Colin's First Post-COVID Vaccine Fishing Trip

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

This trip to the Green River will be remembered as my first real trip since I had my COVID vaccine. Here is a partial list of the reasons this club trip is so well attended each year.

- ❖ Got my COVID vaccine.
- ❖ Catch 18 inch plus trout in large numbers.
- ❖ Fish with excellent guides from Old Moe's Guide Service.
- ❖ Stay in clean comfortable cabins at the Red Canyon Lodge.
- ❖ Have fun with old friends and new friends.
- ❖ Be part of the natural beauty of the Flaming Gorge area while fishing.
- ❖ Combine a club trip with a chance to visit family members and friends living nearby.
- ❖ Test personal skills for casting, angling and reading waters.
- ❖ Escape from LA traffic, work, and flat land.
- ❖ Pose with a trophy-sized fish (without dropping it!) for a photo.
- ❖ Catch big trout on size 20 dry flies.
- ❖ Terrific fishing trip value.

Businesses advertise that fish caught in the Green River average 16 inches. Members returning from the trip this year report that the minimum trout size was 18 inches. Unfortunately or fortunately, I caught a White Fish which turned out to be the smallest fish of the trip, at 12 inches. Fishing with a guide resulted in catching 15 to 25 fish per day, including a few fish larger than 21 inches.

Many participants answer the question of "how many fish" honestly by saying, "I lost count after 15 or 20 fish".

On the last evening of the trip, the group enjoyed dinner on the porch of the **Red Canyon Lodge** Restaurant. The weather could not have been better for dining out: 74 degrees with light wind and partial



sunshine. During the last dinner of the trip, everyone asked that their spot be reserved for next year.

Everyone who fished from the Green River banks reported a very good mayfly hatch in the afternoon. The mayfly hatch was very strong from two miles downstream of Little Hole (near the campground) to around a half mile upstream from Little Hole. Mayflies were hatching in size 20 and floating down the river in such great numbers, you were lucky when the fish ate your fly.

The best fishing tactic was to accurately place your fly in the "feeding lane" of one specific fish. Remember, during a strong hatch there are dozens of real flies in each small patch of water. Why would the fish pick my imitation mayfly? Is it luck or a well-tied fly or "right place right time"? All of these are involved in hooking a fish. Keep in mind that you still have to cast your fly to the right spot.

Many thanks to John Carver and Kathy Fudin for supplying great prizes for the largest fish, most fish in one day, most fish total for two days with guides and the smallest fish.

Preparation for your next trip will start with a trip to the Long Beach Casting Club Pond to practice casting and place your fly in the magic feeding lane. See you at the Pond!



# Kelsey's Mood Swings: Trip One

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Once again, Kelsey didn't disappoint. Though she started off a little reticent, by the end of the weekend she was back to her beautiful, accommodating self.

When we arrived Friday afternoon, she was a bit moody. An earlier algae bloom had upset her, then came some harsh winds which thoroughly riled her. She was a reluctant playmate.

By Saturday morning, though, her waters were clearing, and while there was still some breeze to contend with, Mike Martin had already discovered the words she wanted to hear – black wooly bugger. He had found her good side.

After breakfast, San and Chad geared up to do battle and drove to the east side of the lake. We could see their cars but they were out of sight, ardently fishing a secluded cove. Lunch time came and went and there was still no sign of these two determined anglers as the afternoon clicked by. It was nearly dinner time when the two returned, both of them sporting big smiles and impressive numbers. They too had uncovered Kelsey's whims.

Sunday morning's sunrise was over a dead calm lake. It was gorgeous. By then everyone knew the secrets and even if they hadn't already hooked up, they would soon. By evening, most had fish of impressive size and/or numbers. Dinner time was a happy time.

Why is Kelsey so special? Borrowing New Mexico's slogan, it's a Land of Enchantment. There are beautiful sunsets and a view across the lake of rolling hills and multiple colors. There is serenity and solitude.

At the same time, there is constant activity with geese, ducks and so many birds you can't count them all. Swallows pluck insects out of the air and fish erupt in the lily pads. There are also turkeys, and bull frogs, and bellowing cattle.

Oh yes, there are also bass, big strong bass. And bluegill. But the fish are only the excuse to visit. Catching is a bonus.

What Kelsey doesn't offer is a well-worn path around the lake with empty beer cans, trash and worm cartons. On this trip there were cowboys on horseback cutting the herd, separating moms and calves from the main herd. You don't see that in the city.

At the Saturday night bonfire, I asked the group, "Who would like to return next year?" Hands shot up like fireworks and someone said, "But next year, let's make it four days. Two is too short." There was agreement all round.

The evening campfires proved more entertaining than TV. Yarns were spun and tall tales told. One of the most memorable was Glen's, recalling an encounter with a bull who was quite protective of his cows. Glen's description of the snorting and pawing the ground made the story come to life. But perhaps Diane Mayfield had the best line of the night, as she left the fire saying, "I've had enough of these bull stories. I'm going to sleep."



# 2021 Brookie Bash

WHAT: The Sadler Slam

WHEN: July 8–11

WHERE: Eastern Sierras

WHY: *"Rookies and Brookies were made for each other!"*

-Jeffrey Sadler

STREAMKEEPER:

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Earn the LBCC special pin "The Sadler Slam" by catching all 5 species of trout that weekend: Brookie, Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat and Golden!

# Owens River Annual Cleanup 2021

CHRIS LEONARD

The **2021 Owens River Annual Cleanup** on Saturday, May 1, 2021, was the most successful cleanup yet in eight consecutive years!

This year's cleanup drew over 150 volunteers. While a handful of local residents attended the event, the majority of the participants were guests to the Eastside, who traveled to Bishop for the weekend to engage in volunteer tourism, by cleaning up the Owens River in Bishop and its surrounding areas.

The participants enjoyed Great Basin Bakery coffee and baked goods in the morning, as well as a tenkara casting demonstration hosted by Luong Tam of **Tenkara Tanuki**. Volunteers spread out around the valley to collect rubbish which doesn't belong anywhere other than in a trash can.

Everyone reconvened at noon for June Pie and Upper Crust pizza for lunch, with refreshments furnished by Vons of Bishop. Several event donors rewarded participants with swag that was handed out in a free raffle. Some lucky folk walked away with anything from a gift certificate to a local outfitter or restaurant to a fly fishing rod.

It was wonderful. It was great to see so many people taking pride in our public lands. The 2022 Owens River Annual Clean Up will likely be scheduled for March or April of next year. Stay tuned for the announcements.

For anyone wanting to partake in a similar event, the Rush Creek and June Lake Loop Annual Cleanup is right around the corner. It's scheduled for Saturday, June 19, 2021. Interested volunteers meet at 8:00AM at the Silver Lake boat ramp in the June Lake Loop.

Volunteers will reconvene at the boat ramp at 11:30 am for barbecued hot dogs and refreshments. There will also be a free raffle for swag for everyone who



participates. This is an opportunity to clean up the areas around Rush Creek and the June Lake Loop.

Anyone interested in more information, or if you'd like to donate, please contact organizer Joe Lemire at **909-609-1101**.

## 15% Discount from Aventik

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

**C**hao Hang of Aventik is offering LBCC members a **15% discount** on the below products. Go to the club page and click on "Sponsors", then "Aventik". The Aventik (Amazon) page will come up. Type the ASIN # in the search area (example: ASIN B079NBK9L4). The product will come up.  
**Or: just click on the item description below.**

Use code **U4JX78JV** for the discount. The list and code changes monthly, and we'll update it in the current Target Talk.

### Items for this Month:

- ❖ [Riverruns Fly Tying Thread Spool Stand](#)  
ASIN: B077SBSZZ5
- ❖ [Aventik Silicone waterproof box](#)  
ASIN: B0865X12L9
- ❖ [Aventik nymph line](#)  
ASIN: B072KNFD39
- ❖ [12C fishing tackle box](#)  
ASIN: B078VJ2G2Z
- ❖ [Aventik ECO cassette cnc aluminum reel](#)  
ASIN: B087BSS3LJ
- ❖ [Aventik Tenkara Rods Pro IM12 Nano 6:4](#)  
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Lees Ferry: [www.leesferry.com](http://www.leesferry.com) Cliff Dwellers: [www.cliffdwellerslodge.com](http://www.cliffdwellerslodge.com)

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

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT!** First deposit of **\$200.00** due no later than **May 1, 2021**.

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.

**LEES FERRY ANGLERS:** The Colorado River at L.F.A. is a tailwater fishery with a consistent temperature of 46–48 degrees. It is a 365-day-a-year fishery. Because of the constant water flow with enormous quantities of insects, scuds and other aquatic life, the growth of the trout is extremely rapid.

**CLIFF DWELLERS LODGE:** At magnificent Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, Marble Canyon, Arizona. The lodge is nonsmoking but cigars and cigarettes may be smoked outside in designated areas. Cliff Dwellers Restaurant has a full menu and was voted one of the top ten best restaurants in Arizona Highways Magazine; 2013.

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

# Fish Southern Utah with The Quiet Fly Fisher

❖ September 12–16, 2021 ❖



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or: Terry Komisak at – [tk\\_nsp44@yahoo.com](mailto:tk_nsp44@yahoo.com) [562]221-2631

<b>DATES:</b>	September 12–16, 2021 arrive Sunday, depart Thursday.
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	The total cost of the trip will be approximately <b>\$795.00*</b> per angler, double occupancy.
<b>PAYMENT TERMS:</b>	Reserve your spot— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ A <b>\$300.00</b> non refundable deposit is due no later than <b>May 1, 2021</b>.</li> <li>❖ Your second deposit of <b>\$300.00</b> is due no later than <b>June 15, 2021</b>.</li> <li>❖ Your balance is due no later than August 15, 2020. Make check payable to the <b>LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB</b>, and send to <b>LBCC, PO Box 90035, Long Beach CA. 90809</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>INCLUDES:</b>	Four nights lodging; three days guided wading or float tubing on the waters of southern Utah provided by The Fly Shop as run by the <b>Quiet Fly Fisher</b> for Sept 13,14,15.
<b>FISHING GEAR:</b>	3 wt. to 6 wt. rods. Float tubes can be arranged by the guide service.
<b>LODGING:</b>	Sun Glow Motel, 91 E. Main St., Bicknell, Utah 84715
<b>YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Your transportation to and from Loa, Utah, tips for guide service</li> <li>❖ A current Utah Fishing License which can be purchased on-line here: <a href="https://secure.utah.gov/hflo/main/serv1/index.html?server=serv1">https://secure.utah.gov/hflo/main/serv1/index.html?server=serv1</a></li> </ul>
<b>EXTRAS:</b>	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'.
<b>MORE:</b>	The guides will provide transportation in their 4WD vehicles. Bring motion sickness remedies if necessary. <b>NOTE:</b> 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  
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**T**he 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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# Fly Tying Tip: A Parachute Option...

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, *a poor substitute for DAVE*

**P**oor Dave Boyer is swamped this month, so I thought it might be nice to see an alternative way of doing a parachute wing and hackle. My friend Michael Gula put a video up on Facebook, displaying this technique. I have seen him tie this way at the [East Idaho Fly Tying Expo](#), and have since adopted it as my normal method for tying parachutes.

Start the fly by tying in the tail and the body, and stop at the thorax. Now tie in your wing like you would a spinner, with two thread turns in one direction and two turns in the other (**PHOTO #1**). I'm using EP Trigger Point fibers for the wing, but any similar material will do.



Lift both sides of the wing together vertically and "post" the wing with about five or six winds of thread up, and the same back down. This will stand the wing up and stiffen the base (**PHOTO #2**).



At this point, if you would like a bit of durability, you can add a small drop of cement (*not* UV resin; it's a coating and not an adhesive) at the base.

Then tie in your hackle with its best side facing out (it will be facing down when wound). Then wind

the rachis of the hackle up the base of the wing to the top of the existing thread wraps that created the wing post, then wind the thread back down (**PHOTO #3**).



Start winding the hackle from the top of the thread wraps around the wing post, down to the thorax dubbing. Keep the wraps even and edge-to-edge—no crossing. With the hackle pulled down on the front side of the body, tie it off by wrapping three or four careful horizontal turns around the base of the wing post (**PHOTO #4**).



Finally, the head of my vise is pushed forward and down so that the eye of the hook is now straight down. If your vise will not allow you to do that, you can simply take the fly out and reinsert it. I whip finish the fly by hand carefully below the hackle and around the wing post, at its base (**PHOTO #5**). Now trim the wing to its final height.



Give this method a try and have fun!



# Fly of the Month: Green River Re-Cap...Let it Blow!

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

So it's another year but it is never the same trip. Last year was marked by a river that had seen few if any anglers due to COVID-19, and we exploited that with one of the most amazing trips since my daughter Nicole and I were there in 2010. Many people thought I was taking an awful chance by going last year (including my own family members), but it was probably safer to be there than sitting at home in Belmont Heights. As it was, the fishing was off the charts good—mostly nymph fishing but some reasonable dry fly was found as well—and hardly a soul around.

This year was a totally different trip in many respects. First let's address the COVID situation. The disease is still an issue up there, but what has happened as a result of people being furloughed or working at home is, when some of the initial restrictions relaxed, it was "*let's hit the river*" time. Just like here at home, people wanted to escape being penned up. Anything is better than sitting at home watching daytime TV... My friend and guide Doug Roberts, owner of Old Moe Guide Service, told me his business was 160% of normal. He and his guides are swamped! Also, all of the other Dutch John/Green River guide services are experiencing a similar surge. People need to get out and they're going to the Green River to do it.

That all means there have been a lot of people floating down and tromping along the banks of the river. Fortunately, I only experienced a high number of wade anglers the Saturday before Easter and the following Friday. Just so you know: if you are planning a trip on the Green and want fewer numbers of people competing for space on the river, then fish Sunday (they're all going home), Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday those enjoying a four-day weekend will start arriving, Friday is always busy and Saturday is madness.

This year there was another reason for lower than normal crowds even on the early week days—weather. Well, we always have it, but this year it was particularly windy and we had a couple days of snow. Snow is just cold but wind sucks. I am sure a lot of people who were planning to just wade didn't even try, because it was a bit rough out there. Many of those who had floating days scheduled probably suffered through it, but I was fortunate to be able to switch one of my wade days, and Doug and I did cancel one day due to high winds.



The biggest influence on this week's fishing was water flow (860 cfs). Though we were not sure of the reason, it does appear that the entire state of Utah is in an extreme drought. This is the most likely reasoning behind the low flows; however, the watershed area of the Green River is the Wind River Range in Wyoming, and they are at 90% snow pack. Still, Utah is controlling the flow to just above the minimum allowed (800 cfs), and as I write this flows are still the same, with no prospect of getting much fishier flows like 2000 to 3000 cfs. This did help with fishing on the 'B' Section, however. The low flows made Red Creek Rapids a very technical and hazardous Class III rapid, and very few people, it seemed, wanted to risk it. I floated two days on the 'B', and



we saw one drift boat and an inflatable raft camping. We took no chances, and I did have to get out and walk below the worst part of the rapids.

Okay, John, so what about the fishing? Those days walking were tough; however, there were some dry fly hatches that occurred and I took advantage of them. And those days in the boat were awesome, and all nymph fishing. We floated 'B' section and 'C' down to Burnt Tree (four miles below the takeout at Indian Campground and Jarvie Ranch). On Monday we easily caught well over forty fish and possibly close to fifty. Yes, really, that many. No monsters but the average was 17"–19", and a few around 21". We were using the typical two fly drop shot rig (weight at the bottom, bounce, Provo—whatever you call it they're all much the same).

If Monday was excellent, then Wednesday was almost exhausting. We did the same float, and the fishing was even better. With low flows keeping most people from floating anything other than the 'A' Section, there was very little pressure on the fish. Even though there was enough wind to keep a BWO hatch from happening, the nymph fishing was off the charts. Easily more than fifty fish came to the net and I farmed more as my wrist and arm wore out and I started to rush things.

Well this is a Fly of the Month article, so here goes... On the upper 'B' stretch, it was mostly a small #18 or #20 Zebra Midge on the bottom, and an equally small and dark BWO nymph above (think the old black Disco Midge with a tail). This held true early but by mid-



morning the Zebra Midge came off, and a Perdigones style nymph went on the bottom. By the way, *perdigones* in Spanish simply means "pellet" or "shot", like buckshot. However all of you who have tied them will think heavy bead, thin minimally dressed body, covered with UV resin and tied on a jig hook. We weren't using a jig hook but it had a synthetic quill body, herl thorax, an orange hot spot and black UV resin wing case. A Halo without a bead also worked very well as a top fly on my wade days.



The real fly of the trip, however, was the humble Squiggly Wiggly—bubble gum colored silicon rubber leg material. Below Red Creek Rapids it would have been difficult to keep the brown trout off them. It's almost embarrassing to admit to fishing with 'em but hell, they really do work.



Less embarrassing is the dry fly I used to good effect during the two brief hatches I ran into. It was a Winged Stacked Hackle Baetis in size #20 that I have used often in the past. It's a hackle stacker that splits a Trigger Point fiber wing into two halves. Each wing then sits out at about a 45° angle from vertical, making it effective as both a dun and spinner imitation. The hackle stacker design means it sits low in the water, but floats incredibly well. Fish liked it too!



So that's the trip. Lots of fish on the boat and too little water for good wade fishing. Sadly there was a lot of wind this year—I really enjoy the snow, but not wind. Hanging your rig straight downstream for two minutes waiting for the wind to let up just long enough to make a cast is a royal pain...



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–	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

## June

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #4 — <b>Cancelled</b>
		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 — <b>Cancelled</b>
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #6 — <b>Cancelled</b>
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting Class <b>Session #1—Day 1</b>
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 <b>Session #1—Day 2</b>
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— <b>Cancelled</b>
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)
24	Saturday	10:00 AM	Celebration of Life for Yash Iseda at the Clubhouse— <b>TBD</b>
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
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: David and Emily Whitlock on Fly Tying
31	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting Class <b>Session #2—Day 1</b>

## August

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Tenkara Trip Laguna Lakes w/ Art Strauss
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
7	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting Class <b>Session #2—Day 2</b>
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Doug Rodricks from Sierra Drifters, Bishop
28	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Southern Utah with Terry Komisak



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