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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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Leader's Line...

Do We Really Love our Local Rivers and Lakes?

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

A summer ago I went fishing at Twin Lakes near Mammoth. I started hiking around the lake and came to a spot where it appeared a whole family had eaten lunch. They left a mountain of trash behind. I went back to my car, found a bag and cleaned up the mess. It was hard for me to believe that someone would disrespect such a beautiful area. Because I have a couple of places in the Mammoth area, I spend a lot of time there, and have grown to love the beauty of the area.

Last winter I fished the Lower Owens a couple of times. During my treks up and down the river I encountered cigarette butts, empty beer cans, plastic grocery bags, and broken glass lingering on the river bank—unwelcome and unwanted.

As I string up a late evening terrestrial pattern, a juicy- looking foam hopper with a flattened barb, I can't help but wonder: do we really love our local rivers and lakes? And if the river had a say, would it agree with us? Or would it spit on our wading boots and laugh in our faces before rolling over the next boulder and snaking away? For most people the answer is the latter.

Before the proverbial brown trout contemplates the foam hopper and flits away disdainfully, both sides of the story need to be told. This is the lifeblood of the fly fishing community in most of Southern and Central California. To those hands which are filled with worn down cork and green fiberglass, it is the higher being in the universe.

As a community that reaches beyond just fly fishing, many of us have done their part to help protect the Eastern Sierra. No doubt about it: since the latter part of the 1900s and even into the early 2000s, we have taken many steps to protect and cherish the rivers and lakes that many of us call home.

As I mentioned, there is no doubt that we have taken care of the Eastern Sierra, and we enjoy it for what it is. But there is **SO MUCH MORE WE CAN DO** to take care of our home waters and right now we are not doing nearly enough. Let's take a look at the evidence.

Cigarette butts, empty beer cans, plastic grocery bags and broken glass. Old tires, soup cans, metal wires and soggy tennis shoes. Decaying inner tubes, used fishing line, broken lures and rusty scissors. The proof is in our rivers and lakes. This is where the fly fishing community comes into play.

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Club Trips for 2021

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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
Nov. 6–9	NorCal Steelhead Trip w/M. Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip October 30, 9:00AM

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 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.



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July Speakers will be Dave and Emily Whitlock

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Forty-five years ago, Dave combined his talents in painting, illustrating, writing, photography, fly fishing and lecturing, resigned his position as a research chemist and embarked on a new career as **a full-time professional** in the art of fly fishing.



Dave's art and writing appear regularly in many fly fishing and sport publications. He has written **five books**, demonstrated his fly fishing, fly tying and teaching skills in 10 videos and co-authored, contributed to or illustrated more than 20 other books. Dave is known internationally for his innovative fly-tying designs, including the popular **Dave's Hopper**, and for his exceptional aquatic landscape art.

Dave has taught fly fishing around the world, and he and his wife Emily have shared the magic of fly fishing at their **Whitlock Fly Fishing School** for over 20 years.



Dave's experience and creative outlook on the whole spectrum of fly fishing have earned him the reputation of being one of the top professional fly fishers in the sport.

Dave's topic for our meeting will be a few of the unique techniques he uses in tying flies, as well as showing us the knotless connection. Hope you can join us for this presentation on Thursday, July 29.

TOPIC: Dave and Emily Whitlock on Fly-Tying

TIME: Jul 29, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://zoom.us/j/94047246927?pwd=MlVQYWZ5SRVdaVzNzZDd5a0tIRTRUT09>

MEETING ID: 940 4724 6927

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RIP, Donovan Reed

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

The Club has learned that Donovan L. Reed, former Long Beach Casting Club President, has passed away, at the age of 87. Donovan was President from 1963–64.

We wish to express our gratitude for Donovan's service, and our condolences to his family.

Fly Fish the Trinity and Lower Sac Rivers with LBCC

LBCC WILL BE FISHING THE RIVERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA! JOIN US...



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RED LION HOTEL
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Join the club as we venture up north to Redding California to fish the Trinity and the lower Sac for Steelhead and trout. We will be fishing out of 'The Fly Shop' in Redding, CA. for two days of fabulous Northern California Fly Fishing.

Details are as follows:

- WHEN:** November 6–9, 2021. Arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.
- COST:** Total cost of the trip is **\$684.00** per person, double occupancy plus a small fee ranging from \$15–\$25 each for boat trailer repositioning. Trip cost detail is: \$495.00 per day for the guide, boat and lunch and \$ 126.00 per night for the room, for two anglers.
- DEPOSITS:** First deposit of \$495.00 due no later than October 1st, 2021 and should be sent directly to The Fly Shop under LBCC NorCal Trip designation on your check. Second deposit of \$189.00 will be paid upon departure from Red Lion Hotel when you check out on Tuesday, November 9.
- INCLUDES:** 3 Nights lodging and one day drift fishing on the Trinity River and one day drift fishing on the lower Sac. Lunch is included on drift days.
- NOT INCLUDED:** **Meals, fishing license, Steelhead Card and alcoholic beverages.**
- LODGING:** We will stay at the RED LION HOTEL in Redding, close to THE FLY SHOP. Room arrangements will be provided by Marc Bonvouloir. See above for Red Lion contact info and address.
- SCHEDULE:** Sunday, 11-7-2020. We will meet guides at The Fly Shop 8:00 AM (10 minutes from the hotel) and depart to float the Lower Sacramento. On Monday, 11-8-2020 we will meet the guides in Weaverville for a full day float/wade on the Trinity River. Weaverville is 1 hour west of Redding. River designations may change due to late fishing conditions.
- GEAR:** For the trinity 6–8 wt. rods and for the lower Sac 5–6 wt. rods. Fishing license and a Steelhead card (\$7.50) are required. Be prepared for all types of weather at this time of year. The Fly Shop will provide rods/reels if needed and all flies.
- MORE:** Questions or to get on the interest list Contact Marc Bonvouloir at 213-369-9525 mrmlb21@gmail.com

LBCC is ready for the 2021 Re-Opening!

TOM OLSON, CO-CAPTAIN

CLUBHOUSE AND POND CLEANING:

Steve Higashi, Facilities & Pond, and I teamed up to get the Clubhouse and Pond ready for the re-opening of LBCC. We had several work days with small teams of members, to comply with COVID restrictions, and we're happy to report that the Clubhouse and Pond are ready for all the members to enjoy, this summer and beyond.

KITCHEN CLEANLINESS

The kitchen was thoroughly deep cleaned from floor to ceiling—the cabinets were emptied, shelves cleaned, all the dishware washed in the dish washer, the refrigerator is spotless (Linda Davis), the stove and hood (inside and out thanks to Joe Saldana), counter tops, floors and everything in-between. Thank you to John Lincoln, Dan Luas, Linda Davis, Joe Saldana and Norm Riggs for their attention to detail.

MEETING AND FIRESIDE ROOM CLEANING

The inside of the Clubhouse was also thoroughly cleaned. Even though the Clubhouse was closed over a year, it was dusty and needed a deep cleaning and sanitizing. All the tables, chairs, wood furniture, cushions, fireplace, picture/fly frames, window sills, trash cans, storage closets and hardwood floors were cleaned and polished. Thank you to Joe Libeu and Art Daily for pressure washing and drying 100 chairs. Thanks to Joe Kalohi, Adam Deleon, Rix Gano, Steve Lankenau, David Ross, Norm Riggs and Scott May for all their deep cleaning hard work, and moving the furniture and putting everything back in its place.

POND CLEANING

The Pond was drained and completely washed down with a team of three on the fire hose. Another team pushed all the muck with wide squeegees to the drain, and all the debris was scooped up and wheel barrowed out. The crew did an excellent job and did it efficiently. Thanks to Ken Henderson, Art Daily, Mark

Flo, Steve Jones, Colin Kumabe, Ray Law, David Ross, Tim Lambert and Brad Landon.

EXTERIOR OF THE CLUBHOUSE

The entire exterior of the Clubhouse was pressure washed, as well as scrubbed with long-handled brushes, and rinsed clean. We had two pressure washers and the whole porch was cleaned from the ceiling to the concrete, including the benches and railings. The cleaning continued all the way around the building, from the ground to the roof eaves. The hard-working team of Bob Allen, Blair Williams, Steve Lankenau and Brad Landon made the Clubhouse shine again.

POND RE-STRIPING

It's been about three-plus years since Mike Ivy and David Ross striped the Pond. The lines have been slowly fading. Thanks to Steve Higashi for initiating the idea to re-stripe the Pond and to the Board for approving the budget. We hired Mike Ivy's brother and his helper, who used a street striping machine and paint to complete the task. We let the Pond dry overnight and painted the lines the following day. Thanks to additional help from David Ross and Mark Flo, all the lines and yellow target marks were completed and the Pond refilled, for everyone to enjoy and to be ready for future casting tournaments.

If you haven't helped on a Club facilities project in the past, please do so in the future. Steve Higashi taught me that the best part of working on a project is getting to know your fellow members. It's a great way to feel like part of the Club, and to give back. New friendships were made for future fishing and/or casting.



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.



Get that Gear Out, the Saddlebag Lake Sierra Backpack is Coming Your Way Soon!

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT and
JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28: Meet Wednesday evening at the Saddlebag Lake Campground, for a potluck dinner and to organize packs. Remember to take only what you need! Leaving nonessential items behind makes your backpack light, and the trip even more enjoyable.

THURSDAY, JULY 29: Begin the hike toward 20 Lakes Basin. We'll be taking breaks to fish and enjoy 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) 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:

- ❖ Bob Miyamoto
- ❖ Glen Goodsell

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,

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.



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We are arguably the largest demographic that directly uses the river for recreation. The power that we hold as a collective army of wader-clad men and women is unrivaled by any other outdoor recreational group in California. The fly fishing community needs to step up, and we need to work harder at protecting the river that pulses through our own veins. We need to truly love our local waters.

This means doing the little things, the ones that show the most. When we're out on the river chasing scales and fin, we need to do our part and love the river with all our hearts — and fishing vests.

We need to collect the trash we find on the river, the remnants of abuse which our local waters have faced over the years.

Fill up your fishing vest with the trash you find, and dispose of it responsibly. Pick up that empty chip bag you find tucked under a rock, and stow it away in a side pocket. The empty beer can that has faded from sunlight and shifting currents doesn't belong on the bank; it belongs in a recycling bin. Wrap up the discarded fishing line you see on a willow branch, and find a good pocket to keep it in until you get home.

Invest in a portable trash receptacle that hooks onto your wading belt; the investment will almost immediately pay off when you get to the river.

It's the little things that can make the biggest difference in a relationship, and those little things will pay off in the long run. We are caring for and loving the waters we call home when we do those things.

If you are a fly fisherman who truly loves our local waters, you will feel a sense of pride, joy, and relief when you take trash from our local rivers and lakes. You will have a feeling of accomplishment and of being part of something larger than yourself, even if you're the only one doing it.

When we remove those signs of selfish misuse, the cigarette butts and plastic bags, we are not only

taking care of our waters; we are helping the rivers and lakes heal.

It will make the rivers and lakes healthier in both the short term and long term. Not only will we benefit as an angling and recreational community, but the ecological community will benefit tremendously from our efforts too.

So, the next time you're out fishing, don't turn a blind eye to the trash you find. Take the extra time and care to pick up that used fishing line or piece of rusty wire, and tuck it in a back pocket on your vest. Our waters will thank you for generations to come.

15% Discount from Aventik

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

Chao 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 ASIN number below.**

Use code **VI246SVX** for the discount. The list and code changes monthly, so keep watching here.

Items for this Month:

- ❖ [UV Clear Glue Thick Thin Flew+UV Power 395nm Zoomable Pen Light](#)
[ASIN:B086GRQD3X](#)
- ❖ [Aventik skagit shooting head](#)
[ASIN:B075SGQ1KQ](#)
- ❖ [Aventik sinking fly fishing line ips 5-6](#)
[ASIN:B07KTTQD9W](#)
- ❖ [Aventik Easy-Empty Magnetic Fly Tying Trash Tray](#)
[ASIN:B07WLW48GS](#)
- ❖ [Aventik fly reel and line combo](#)
[ASIN:B07P7M8QG5](#)

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:

Armando

Palomares

EMAIL:

**[a.palomares@
sbcglobal.com](mailto:a.palomares@sbcglobal.com)**



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



Brookie Bash: 23rd Year!

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

You can't keep a good Brookie Bash down! One of the signature events on the Long Beach Casting Club's trip calendar, the Brookie Bash was slated for removal or at least postponement last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Fortunately, the club moved ahead and the Bash was a resounding success—although a fire in Rock Creek canyon opened up new waters to catch the Brookie. This year it is scheduled for July 8-11 with Saturday, July 10th being Brookie Bash Day at Mosquito Flats.

The pre-trip meeting will be Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00pm as a Zoom meeting. Look for the email from the club with meeting details. This year's stream keeper is Armando Palomares. Contact him at **760-644-2755** or **a.palomares@sbcglobal.net** for info on the trip.

Please make lodging arrangements on your own. I for one am camping, starting on Thursday, July 8. There will be a pizza party on Saturday evening in McGee Creek parking lot at route 395 at 7:00 pm. Bring \$5, a camping chair and drinks of your choice as we rehash(lie) about the fish we caught!

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

Remember the immortal words of Jeffrey Sadler:

***"Rookies and Brookies
are made for each other!"***

Lessons Learned: Kelsey II

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

Trip One (April) was described in these pages as all about Kelsey's mood swings. Trip Two (May) will be described from another perspective. Maybe it's not about Kelsey at all. Maybe, just maybe, it's about how we as fishermen and women ("fisherpersons", to be PC), ignore the obvious while also refusing to step out of our own deeply worn ruts of engrained habit.

Example One:

Kelsey has beautiful outcroppings of lily pads which appear as floating leaves with colorful blooms. The leaves are attached to stems which extend down to a root system in the lake bottom. Lily pads provide shelter, shade, cooler water temps and safety for frogs, perch, damselflies and dragonflies. They also produce oxygen which restricts algae and generally provides good cover for bass to ambush their prey. Kelsey fly rodders have found that those stems are

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**THIS 19-INCHER TOOK A SKIMMER
FLY JUST BEFORE SUNDOWN**

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actually tough and well anchored. Our flies and those stems seem to have a fatal attraction which often ends in broken tippets, lost flies and re-tying a new rig.

Unlike conventional dark-side fishers who throw weighted lures with 30 or even higher test braid lines which can be ripped through lily pads with little issue, our #8 tippets are more vulnerable. As a consequence, we, consciously or not, cast to the open spaces and not *into* the pads where the fish are lurking.

If only fly rodders could throw into the pads...

D-uh...we can! Weedless flies are so named for a reason, and what a difference they can make. Don't aim for the open spaces, aim for the stickups. Don't fear the lilies, embrace the lilies. If your cast is too long and your fly lands on a pad, rejoice. Simply wait a few seconds, gently twitch it off the pad and into the water. When it disappears into a big swirl, it's really a kick. It's an addiction that keeps you coming back for more.

Example Two:

We fish all day, we're tired and we head back to camp. The thought of a cold toddy, a snack and a good dinner prevail. We do it all the time. We leave work and go home for dinner. It's engrained. It's what we do. And even though James Bond tells us to never say never, I will never eat a sundown dinner again at Kelsey. Never. Ever (probably).

It's called the bewitching hour, the sundown bite, the golden hour, the twilight bite, the top water time,

aspen glow. Whatever the name, don't squander it in camp. As the light level drops toward sunset, bass become more active.

With the light getting dimmer they can begin to look up. They may also be getting hungry, who knows? Whatever the reason, it's the ideal time to be on the water. Subsurface flies work too, but watching topwater takes is incredible. The same thing happens in early morning light. Get out there, even if it means returning to camp by flashlight. One fish can make a trip and a memory that will last a lifetime.

The Big Question: we have right of first refusal for our Kelsey fishing dates. Our May trip (#2) happened only because another group didn't renew. The big question for next year was which of our dates do we keep? Which date was best? The answer turned out to be not either/or, but both. I can honestly say it's not the date, it's the technique, the timing and the effort expended.

Our April trip had murky water because of an algae bloom. That's a first time it ever happened and it was a fluke. We couldn't see the fish and we couldn't see the spawning beds. But those who fished at the right times (low light) were successful. And those who put forth some effort were successful.

The same for the May trip. The water was clearer, but the spawn was over. Temperatures were about the same, both trips. The biggest difference was the April goose eggs had hatched and we got to see the goslings.

All 31 people want to return again next year. So be it. I'm taking names for both waiting lists.



Long Beach Casting Club's Pyramid Lake Float Tube Outing

PAUL NAKAMURA, MEMBER

In late May twelve LBCC members made the long 525 mile drive up to Pyramid Lake in Northern Nevada, in search of big Lahontan cutthroat trout. In the end we had a very enjoyable time, in great weather with minimal winds, but the fishing was not what we had hoped for.

For the group, it was challenging to find fish that would bite consistently, but even so, we managed to catch around 70 cutthroats. Most of these fish were the Pilot Peak strain, with around 14 over 10lbs. There were also many Tui Chubs caught. These are smaller native fish, found in some northern Nevada and California lakes.

For all of us, it was our first-time fishing there “on the water”. The variety of water crafts included float tubes (some with oars), pontoons and kayaks—quite a “flotilla”. We fished in water from 15 to 60 feet, but mostly in 25-35 feet.

Our guides from [Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing](#) tried three different locations, hoping to find hungry trout: Monument Point, Warrior Rock and Pelican Point. Rob Anderson, the head guide, believed the water temperature had not warmed up enough, and was colder than in the last few years. Moving around was also very difficult with all of our water crafts.

Two guys, Richard Kobayashi and Chris Yamada, wisely stayed late at Warrior the second day and returned there after we stopped fishing the last day. The last day they found a nice school of Lahontan cutties and managed 24 in three hours with four over 10 lbs. This proved to all of us that there are definitely lots of big fish in the lake.

They also found the best method for catching was

fishing straight down on the bottom. The best fly was a heavy black Marabou jig, with some caught on white and chartreuse jig flies.

Three great lunches were cooked by Chef Rob, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the company and camaraderie at this beautiful ancient desert lake. Most of us stayed at [Western Village Inn and Casino](#) in Sparks, Nevada, which is 35 miles from the lake. The accommodations were great and there are three excellent restaurants to choose from.

Two of the guys in our group camped out at Pyramid Lake, and two others stayed in cabins at the [Pyramid Lake Lodge](#). It sure beats making the 70+ mile drive each day.

Not sure about a float tube trip there next year, but there is lots of interest in doing a “ladder” trip there next March, which is prime time fishing at the lake. I will probably set up a three day Long Beach Casting Club trip, followed immediately with a three day trip for the [Fly Fishers of Orange County](#).





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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.

Fall River Recap: How to Forget Everything You've Learned about Fly Presentation

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

If you began your fly fishing experience by fishing the Fall River in Northern California you would be a marginal fisherman on any other water. Don't believe me? Our guide on the first day said "Slack line is your friend." Wait...what?

That's right. Fishing downstream presentations from a boat that is anchored perpendicular to the flow of the river, the guide taught us to shake out 30 to 60 feet of fly line through the guides in an "S" curve fashion to let the fly drift naturally. How do you hook and land a fish that far away with slack line? Good luck, but that's how it's done.

The Fall River is a spring creek which emanates from underground in a spectacular valley at an altitude just over 3,000 feet. More like a spring river in the long shadow of Mount Shasta, the river's volume is about four to five times that of the lower Owens.

Motoring upstream from our headquarters on the **Circle 7 Ranch** in small John boats with either gas or trolling motors, we spooked hundreds of rainbow trout in super-clear and cold water. Bug activity was robust: spinner falls in the mornings followed by blue-



winged olives, caddis and eventually big PMD's.

A note on the PMD's: mostly on the yellow side, their bodies were fat, as in beer gut fat! If you had tied a fly like that in a fly tying class you'd have been demoted to bait fishing.

The fish? All wild rainbows in the 15-20 inch range and do they fight! Because of the downstream presentation, battles can last minutes, not seconds.

Fishing was not easy. The weather, normally at the 80 degree mark which promotes huge hatches, turned cold for us. Highs in the mid 60's prevailed and put the fish down. Nymphing and swinging soft hackles and leeches was needed to tempt these educated fish.

Eight LBCC members enjoyed really great accommodations at the ranch, not seen in the COVID era—we were all under one roof, sharing meals, drinks and fun stories. The camaraderie was a welcome departure from the isolation we've all experienced in the past year and a half. All in all, a fun trip in a beautiful setting.



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DATES:	September 12–16, 2021 arrive Sunday, depart Thursday.
TOTAL COST:	The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$795.00* per angler, double occupancy.
PAYMENT TERMS:	Reserve your spot— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A \$300.00 non refundable deposit is due no later than May 1, 2021. ❖ Your second deposit of \$300.00 is due no later than June 15, 2021. ❖ Your balance is due no later than August 15, 2020. Make check payable to the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, and send to LBCC, PO Box 90035, Long Beach CA. 90809.
INCLUDES:	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 Quiet Fly Fisher for Sept 13,14,15.
FISHING GEAR:	3 wt. to 6 wt. rods. Float tubes can be arranged by the guide service.
LODGING:	Sun Glow Motel, 91 E. Main St., Bicknell, Utah 84715
YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 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.

Get ready for an
unforgettable experience!

*Price subject to last minute changes.



Recordings of LBCC Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

The Club has begun recording the presentations from our Monthly Meetings. Here is the information for the four 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 of the presentation was "Reintroducing Sockeye Salmon to the Wallowa River".

James Monteith Presentation March 25, 2021
Passcode: 19@H7fdT

APRIL: no monthly meeting (replaced by General Annual Meeting).

MAY: Doug Rodricks, owner of Sierra Drifters Guide Service in Mammoth Lakes, California. The topic was "Fishing the Sierra".

Doug Rodricks Presentation May 27, 2021
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Fly of the Month: Add Color to Your Favorite Nymphs

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

There has been a lot of talk around the club, especially at noontime, about tying nymph patterns with red metal beads, red wire, red metal beads *and* wire, purple combinations, gold vs. copper beads or wire and on and on and on...why? It's simple: folks have discovered that, by adding something new to a staid old pattern, fish are looking at and eating them with a new enthusiasm. Colors that were once used only in salmon and steelhead flies are now catching supposedly picky trout with regularity.

When I was young and ignorant (now I'm old and still with little change in my intelligence) I experimented with trout fly colors like there was no tomorrow. Thirty and forty years ago Mike Dunn used to fish the upper and lower Owens and Hot Creek with a remarkable array of colored flies and many of them worked really well. There were two colors that worked better than the rest: red and pale blue. Sadly, Mike, a LBCC President (1981-1982), passed away, but he would use a variation of the Martinez Black where the abdomen was pale blue. He tied it on a lark, using left-over material on his bench, tied it onto his line in desperation when the fishing was dead and it worked—it worked really well! Similar colors and fly styles still work today.

So what fly patterns and colors would be effective? I am going to suggest that you select a favorite pattern or two and try something like the ones I have presented here. I regularly use three nymph patterns when I fish: the Pheasant Tail, my variation of the Halo, and the Hare's Ear. Sure, I use plenty of others like the WD40 and Yash's Twin Midge, but those three are absolute standbys. By adding a red metal bead (especially a tungsten bead) and red wire tightly spaced I can affect the way it fishes and the way the fish sees it. So give them a try and good fishing!

Materials for Tying the Red Pheasant:

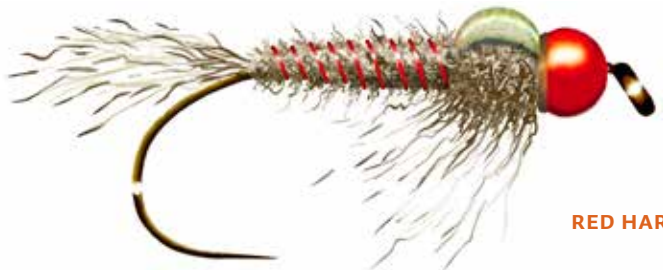
- HOOK:** Tiemco #3761 in sizes 14 to 20
- HEAD:** Red metal (use tungsten for faster sinking) sized to match hook size
- THREAD:** Veevus 12/0; dark olive
- TAIL:** 3–6 male Ringneck Pheasant tail fibers
- BODY:** Ringneck Pheasant tail fibers wound on in normal direction
- RIBBING:** Small or extra small red Ultra Wire closely spaced in reverse direction
- THORAX:** Peacock Herl or Black Peacock Ice Dubbing
- WINGCASE:** Pearl Krystal Flash fibers with a thick coat of flexible UV curing glue



RED PHEASANT

Materials for tying the Red Hare:

- HOOK:** Tiemco #3761 in sizes 14 to 20
- HEAD:** Red metal (use tungsten for faster sinking) sized to match hook size
- THREAD:** Veevus 12/0; tan dun
- TAIL:** Hare's mask guard hairs with some under fur
- BODY:** 50%-50% blend of Hare's Ear Ice Dubbing & Dark Hare's Ear Plus Dubbing picked out
- RIBBING:** Small or extra small red Ultra Wire closely spaced in reverse direction
- THORAX:** Same as Body only more heavily picked out
- WINGCASE:** Pearl Krystal Flash fibers with a thick coat of flexible UV curing glue



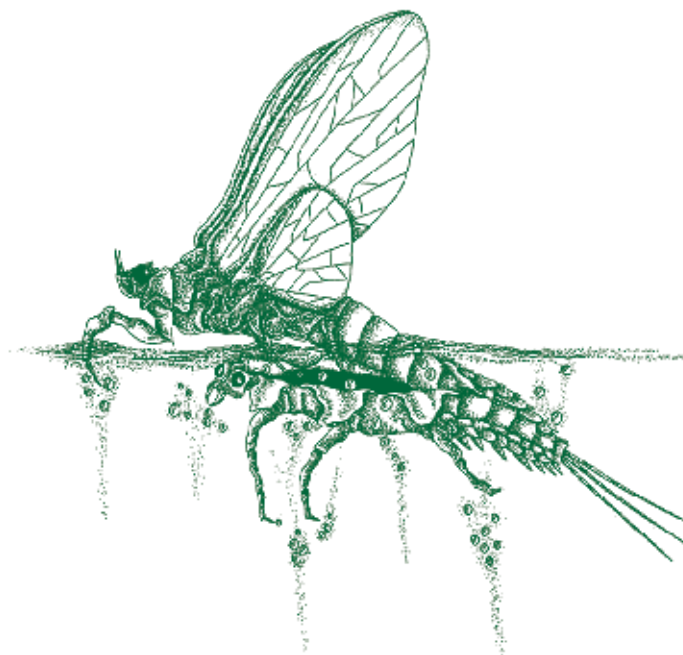
RED HARE

Instructions for Tying the Red Pheasant:

1. Slide the bead over the point of the hook and then place the hook into the vise and attach your thread at the headspace. Tie in 3–6 (depending upon the size of the fly) male Ringneck Pheasant tail fibers as the tail and the length of the hook shank. Fold the tail fiber butt ends back, for use as the body.
2. Attach a 4–6 inch length of red wire to the far side of the hook. Now wind the butts of the pheasant tail fibers forward to the beginning of where the thorax will be. Wind the wire forward in the reverse direction. Make the turns of wire evenly spaced and close together.
3. Tie in six to 14 strands of pearl Krystal Flash to be used as a wing case. Tie in peacock herl and wrap or dub the thorax with ice dubbing (which is a great substitute for peacock herl on small flies). Go right up to the back side of the bead with the herl or dubbing. Pull the Krystal Flash wingcase over the thorax, tie it down securely and remove the excess.
4. Whip finish and cut away your tying thread. Carefully apply a thick coating of a UV curing flexible cement over the wingcase and take it outside and into the sun, or hit it with a black light, to cure and harden the resins. You can buy the black lights at Home Depot for about \$10 where they are sold as scorpion lights (for finding scorpions at night in the desert or in your home—yikes!)

Instructions for Tying the Red Hare:

1. Slide the bead over the point of the hook and then place the hook into the vise and attach your thread at the headspace. Tie in a small clump of the guard hairs from a Hare's Mask with a small amount of the fur still mixed in. The length should be the same as the hook shank.
2. Attach a 4–6 inch length of red wire to the far



side of the hook. Mix the dubbings together thoroughly (make sure you leave enough for the thorax!) and apply the blend to your thread. Wind the dubbing forward to the beginning of the thorax. Wind the wire forward in the reverse direction. Make the turns of wire evenly spaced and close together. Pick the dubbing out a bit, making sure not to pull out the wire.

3. Tie in six to 14 strands of pearl Krystal Flash to be used as a wing case. Dub the thorax with the Hare's Ear blend, winding right up to the back side of the bead. Pull the Krystal Flash wingcase over the thorax, tie it down securely and remove the excess.
4. Whip finish and cut away your tying thread. Carefully apply a thick coating of a UV curing flexible cement over the wingcase and take it outside and into the sun, or hit it with a black light, to cure and harden the resins.

Now take your two flies out for a test spin this fall or winter. I will be testing some of mine in Bishop at the Fly Faire, and I'll make sure to let you know how it went.

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2020–2021 CLINIC SCHEDULE:

BEGINNING	ADVANCED
December 12–13	–
January 23–24	January 9–10
February 20–21	February 6–7
February 7 & 8	February 21 & 22
–	March 6–7

The clinic is limited to a maximum of 6 students. **\$300.00** tuition includes 2 full days of on-the-stream instructions. Not included are lodging, tackle, meals, fishing license and transportation. Dates are subject to change based on local conditions.

Fly Tying Tip Electrical Clips—Round 2

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

An earlier tip showed how to use an electrical clip to help organize loose materials as you tie. Another good use for the clip is as a hackle plier. This tip is for holding small hooks to place them in a vise. If you have difficulty with small hooks when trying to insert them in the jaws of your vise, this is for you.

Electrical clips come in all sizes, (**PHOTO #1**). As you might expect, the larger clips are hard to use with small hooks, say, size 22 and smaller. By the same token, large clips are useless with, say, size 30 hooks.



PHOTO #1

PHOTO #2 shows a Size 16 TMC-2487 in the large clip, a TMC-101 size 26 in the middle and, if you are a real glutton for punishment, a Gamakatsu C12-BM in a size 30 on the left.



PHOTO #2

PHOTO #3 shows a #18 hook inserted in the vise with the clip; much easier than trying to hold them with your thumb and finger. You can also take the hook, when held by the clip, and run it through a shallow dish of beads—an easy way to put beads on.

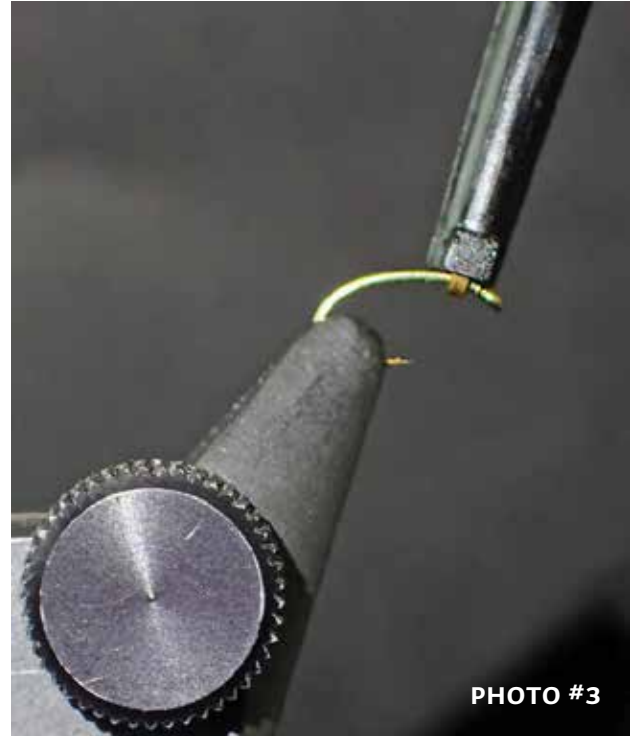


PHOTO #3

Finally, they can be used as display clips, once your fly is complete. There are a number of commercially available display stands using the clips. They are a real versatile tying tool; give them a try.



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Calendar of Events

July

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Saddlebag Lake w/ Colin Kumabe, Steve Garvey Spey Casting Under the Lights
3	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
8-11	Weekend		Brookie Bash with A. Palomares (Sierra Tenkara Cancelled)
10	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
17	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
24	Saturday	10:00 AM	Celebration of Life for Yash Iseda at the Clubhouse— TBD
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
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 Session #2—Day 1

August

2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Tenkara Trip Laguna Lakes w/ Art Strauss
		7:00 PM	Club Cast
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
7	Saturday	9:00 AM	Beginning Spey Casting Class Session #2—Day 2
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
14	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
21	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Club Cast
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 Club Spey Cast
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class—Session #1

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

September

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
4	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Cottonwood Lakes Backpack w/ C. Kumabe, J. Garvey Spey Casting Under the Lights
11	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
12	Sunday	9:00 AM	On the Salt Surf Trip w/ Kevin Green, Pre-Trip TBD Club Cast & Captain's Handicap
12-16	Week		Southern Utah Trip w/ Terry Komisak
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Class—Session #2
15	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
15-19	Weekend		Cottonwood Lakes Sierra Backpack w/ Colin Kumabe, Jim Garvey
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
18	Saturday	9:00 AM	On the Salt Surf Trip w/ Kevin Green Pre-Trip: Lee's Ferry w/ Craig Bond Club Spey Cast
19	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #3
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Spey Casting Under the Lights
25	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
26-29	Week		Lee's Ferry w/ Craig Bond
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Rod Building Session #4
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Todd Pond



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