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Target Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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Leader's Line...

Don't End up in the Drink! Some Tips and Tricks from your President on Keeping the Felt Side Down While Wading

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

Recently I was in the Mammoth area during a storm. It was great to see the much-needed snow and to see the rivers swell to double their size. The Sierras really needed the moisture. The rushing water reminded me how I struggle when wading in fast-moving water. As I age, my ability to move through fast deep water has really gone downhill. I thought I would do some research on wading safety and pass what I learned on to the Club. Here are some ideas to keep you safer while wading.

- ❖ Fish with a friend and consider a buddy system while crossing a river.
- ❖ Always attach a wading stick when fishing a fast-moving river (even if you don't think you need one).
- ❖ Wear polarized glasses.
- ❖ Avoid wading in water deeper than your knees.
- ❖ Wear a wading belt.
- ❖ Consider wearing boots with studded soles.
- ❖ Stay away from river hazards.
- ❖ If you fall into fast-moving water, get into the seated position and push off the rocks with your feet while backstroking into calmer water.

Safe wading!



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Club Trips for 2021, 2022

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Nov. 6-9	NorCal Steelhead Trip w/ M. Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip October 30, 9:00 AM
Jan. 7-9	Owens River Trip #1 with J. Lincoln/D. Rivett, Pre-Trip December 18, 9:00 AM
Feb. 4-6	Owens River Trip #2 with J. Lincoln/D. Rivett, Pre-Trip December 18, 9:00 AM
Mar. 4-6	Owens River Trip #3 with J. Lincoln/D. Rivett, Pre-Trip December 18, 9:00 AM
April 15-17	Kelsey Bass Ranch w/M. Woodbury (Pending approval of new ranch ownership)
April 24-29	Green River Trip #1 w/ J. Lincoln, Pre-Trip April 16, 9:00 AM
May 1-6	Green River Trip #2 w/C. Kumabe, Pre-Trip April 16, 9:00 AM

Trip locations, dates and pre-trips 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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November Speaker: Jenn La Follette gives us a Laurel-worthy History Lesson on Hardy Reels

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Jennifer La Follette has had the fishing bug, and a love of the great outdoors, since she was a child. Growing up with hunters, jumper horses, bicycles, lots of world travel and a fly rod has made for lifelong friends all over the world.

Her love for vintage tackle came about when her father gave her his great-great grandfather's fly rod and reel. This gift of a family heirloom sparked curiosity and a myriad of questions which were compounded with deeper digging. Pen Pal connections were made and turned into mentorship, then hands-on instruction from several well-known giants in the reel/fly fishing world.

These connections created a passion in Jenn for **Hardy Reels** and the history they have played in the sport of fly fishing. She has made it her mission to educate people on the history of the reel maker and the craftsmanship involved in creating such timeless masterpieces. Jennifer holds one of the most extensive collections of Hardy Reels in the United States. She not only collects Hardy reels but uses them exclusively while fishing.

Jenn is a licensed fly fishing guide in Oregon. She's competed three times at **Spey-o-Rama** and is involved in many nonprofits with her husband, Joel La Follette, owner of **Royal Treatment Fly Fishing** in West Linn, Oregon. She teaches single-hand and Spey casting and does walk and wade trips several times a week. She loves helping people learn to fish, and find their independence on and off the water.

While steelhead are a favorite on a swung floating line, seeking high altitude wild trout with light tackle



also tops her list of fun. In the past few years, she has developed a newly found addiction: saltwater fly fishing. Jenn also loves birding, gardening, hiking and keeping her six chickens and one Boston Terrier, Brie.

Jennifer will be presenting via Zoom. We will be both live in the Clubhouse and broadcasting the meeting in its entirety via Zoom.

TOPIC: Jennifer La Follette History of Hardy Reels

TIME: Nov 18, 2021 7:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99310175850?pwd=MnlJWEVVGK2hOQlI3NmpiOEVoTGo5Zz09>

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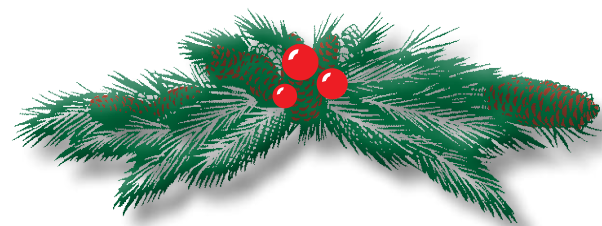
The Venison Stag: Our Annual Holiday Dinner

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about one of our club's most enjoyable social events: "The Venison Stag Holiday Dinner". We hope that you, your spouse, partner or family members can join us on Saturday, December 4th. This year's event will be at the Clubhouse.

To accommodate as many people as possible, you have a choice to eat in the Clubhouse or outdoors in the fresh air, covered by a tent with space heaters.

This is a wonderful opportunity to sit down to a tasty prime rib dinner with friends,



before the hectic holiday season starts. We will have live holiday music, a social hour with hors d'oeuvres before dinner and a raffle. It is a fun time to connect with old friends and make a few new ones. If you purchase your tickets in advance (before 11-22-21) the price is \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under the age of twelve. If you buy your ticket after November 22nd the cost is \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children. If you plan to come, it is extremely helpful for us if you purchase your tickets in advance, so we can better plan the amount of food we will need to buy and prepare. Buying in advance also saves you money.

DATE AND TIMES: Saturday, December 4th, with a social hour beginning at 6:00 pm, followed with dinner at 7:00 pm.

We appreciate those who volunteer to help with some aspect of the event, whether it is the decorating, kitchen work or cleaning. It takes an army to pull this off, and we could use your help. For new members, it



VENISON STAG RESERVATION



Saturday, December 4, 2021 ❖ Social Hour: 6:00 PM ❖ Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 22, 2021

Name: _____

I will attend the Venison Stag on Saturday, December 4, 2021

I will bring _____ adults. Total number _____ @ \$25.00 = _____ Total Enclosed:

I will bring _____ children. Total number _____ @ \$10.00 = _____ = _____

Yes, I would like to help!

☐ Please call me at this telephone number

() _____ - _____ . (cut out and return by 11-22-2021)

☐ I would like to eat outside in the fresh air under a tent.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Long Beach Casting Club
AND MAIL TO THE ABOVE AT:

P.O. Box 90035
Long Beach, California 90809-0035

is a way to get involved and meet new people. We will need the following volunteers:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH AT 8:00 AM:

Steve Higashi will coordinate Clubhouse cleaning. Mark Flo will coordinate holiday decorating. We will also need help with washing all our dishes and silverware.

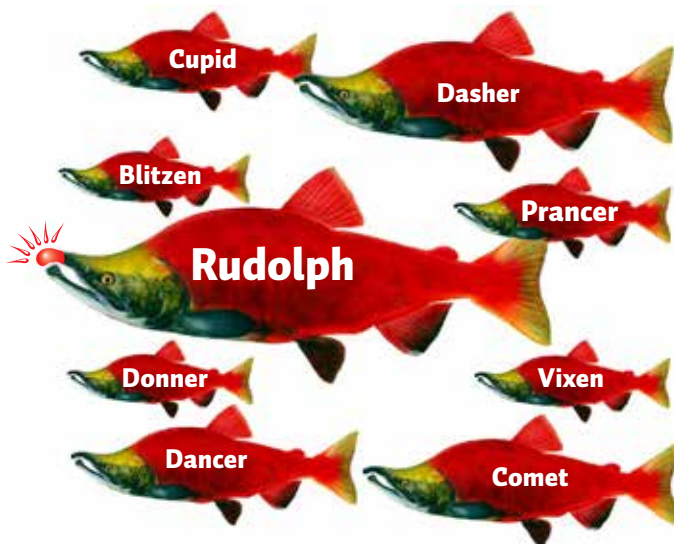
DECEMBER 4TH AM: we will need help with last-minute decorating and table setting.

DECEMBER 4TH PM: John Lincoln and Dan Luas will need help with the meal preparation and will also need servers at the event. And lastly, we will need four or five people willing to stay after the dinner, for washing dishes and cleanup.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, you can email me at bob@impac-marketing.net or call me at (714) 392-2211.

To purchase tickets in advance please use the registration form included. Please make checks payable to 'The Long Beach Casting Club' and note 'Venison Stag' at the bottom of your check.

We look forward to having you at this wonderful event!



Sockeye Salmon Santa Suits...Happy Holidays!

Masks Required Inside the Clubhouse

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB MANAGEMENT

A reminder from LBCC management: masks must be worn in the Clubhouse, except when consuming food or beverages. Adherence to this policy is not optional, for the following reasons:

- ❖ The Club's lease with the City of Long Beach requires strict compliance with health and safety laws.
- ❖ All gatherings are required to comply with the city's Health Order.
- ❖ Our lease specifically states: "Tenant shall use the Premises in such a manner as to comply with all laws applicable to Wages and Hours of Employment, Occupational Safety, and Fire, Health, Sanitation and Safety."

CONSEQUENCE:

Failure to adhere to any terms of the lease with the City of Long Beach places the Club's operational status in jeopardy. There exists the possibility that the City could invoke a violation clause and nullify our lease entirely. Additionally, there may exist members and others who do not feel comfortable attending events, knowing that the Club does not adhere to mandated Covid-19 guidelines.

For any indoor events—monthly meetings, fly tying, rod building, pre-trip meetings, casting meetings—the organizer must remind **ALL** attendees to wear masks, and have Club masks available. If there are any questions, reach out to the Board of Directors. If anyone in a meeting doesn't comply, the organizer can cancel the meeting. The Club's lease will be in jeopardy if the Club doesn't follow indoor masking laws.

Thank you for your assistance in always wearing a mask when you are inside the Clubhouse.

Save the Date!

4th Annual Spey Tourney

January 15-16, 2022

TOM OLSON, CO-CAPTAIN

Please see the below flyer. Our tournament is a friendly competition where we encourage and cheer for one another, from beginners to expert, Skagit to Long Belly.

In the past, we've had casters from the Golden Gate Club, Oregon and Washington. We are promoting the event to the Southwest Council, Spey Pages, and a network of Spey casters who really enjoy visiting the Long Beach Casting Club.

We have a group of Spey casters meeting Saturday mornings for Spey Club Casts. On occasional Saturdays, we'll be setting up the buoy line we use

for the tournament and teaching anyone who wants to learn.

If you have questions, please contact Tom Olson at **310-809-0409** or I've set up an email for the tournament lbccspeytournament@gmail.com.



 The flyer features a background image of a person in a hat and waders casting a spey rod into a body of water. Overlaid on the image is the LBCC Spey Casting logo in the top left corner. The text "SAVE THE DATE" is written in large, bold, red letters across the top right. Below this, the text "4th Annual LBCC SPEY CASTING TOURNAMENT" is written in large, bold, red letters. Underneath, the text "January 15th & 16th, 2022 at Long Beach Casting Club" is written in bold black letters. A list of details follows:

- WHAT:** The 4th Annual LBCC Spey Casting Tournament
- WHO:** Open to All — Beginners to Expert — Skagit to Long Belly
- WHY:** Improve your casting (and fishing!) — Learn from among the best!

 At the bottom, the text "Contact Tom Olson via email: lbccspeytournament@gmail.com" is written in bold black letters. Finally, the phrase "Join us for a friendly competition!" is written in a blue, italicized serif font at the very bottom.

Drone Video of LBCC

TOM OLSON, CO-CAPTAIN

When Steve Jones sent an eBlast to find a drone pilot to video the LBCC Pond and Clubhouse from above, we want to thank member Steve Nakano for referring Matthew Redman. Using a drone to video our Club was an excellent idea, to show how fortunate we are to have a clubhouse and pond surrounded by a beautiful park. A drone gives us a perspective we haven't had before.

The goal was to get footage to promote the Club. We can use the video and the still photographs on our website. Our drone pilot, Matthew Redman, has been flying drones for over five years, and flies them for commercial building projects and also just for fun. He's a certified FAA drone pilot, and to shoot our facility, which is so close to the Long Beach Airport, he needed to fill out an extensive list of questions and a flight plan.

Once he was approved, the casters started casting and Matthew flew the drone to highlight our facility. Matthew also used a Steadicam for close-ups, signage and some interior shots.

We want to thank Matthew for volunteering his time and talent. We also want to thank our members who helped with the photo shoot. I missed some of the names but we appreciate you for being there. We had several casters who participated: Conley Dees, Mark Flo, Nick Galvan, Ken Henderson, Don Huseman,



Colin Kumabe, Henry Mittel, Keith O'Donnell, David Ross and John Van Derhoof. We had a great audience hanging out on the Club benches which included: Lou Galvan, Rix Gano and family, Steve Higashi, Steve Jones, Eddie Madrid, Tom McGivern and Blair Williams. The previous week, Steve Higashi and Ed Alvarado cleaned the Pond and added the blue coloring so the Pond would look its best, and it did.

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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Numbers from the Yards & Inches: 2021, 4,000, 20, 3, 6, 94 & 12

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

It was the best of times and the worst of times. The week began with the first rainstorm of the year, which was notable for the loudest thunder and the brightest and longest lightning show in forever.

Approximately 4,000 lightning strikes were reported, mostly during one spectacular night. That was followed by an unfortunate oil spill, which closed beaches and marinas and cancelled an airshow. Then there was more rain.

However, the Sheriff's Harbor Patrol crew verified that Huntington Harbor was open. The oil hadn't drifted this far north. Good news.

The day began clear and warm. Perfect for our 2021 event, except where was the fleet? There were only two of us. Eventually, others showed up, so the count climbed to a whopping six.

BOOM

The Harbor Patrol had also reported that the wetlands areas were boomed off, just to be safe. And so it was, all the way to Buoy #4. At least half of the normal fishing area was cordoned off.

You started your drift at the bridge and in what seemed like just a minute, you were done. Finished. Start over. There was enough room for boat traffic in and out, but that was about it. Did I mention the water was off-color?

Not all was lost, however. Colin was undoing a tangle when a suicidal mackerel took his fly. It was about 10 inches. He followed up later with an equal-sized bass. Bob Mayfield also scored one bass, also small. That



brought the total number of fish up to three. Maybe it was Colin's?

I scored one hit the entire morning and, seeking to make a change, I suggested we eat brunch instead of waiting another futile hour for lunch. 6 - o Unanimous.

On the beach the posole was hot, the beer cold and the chips and salsa tasty. Then things picked up. We were joined by almost as many eaters as there were fishers. Our group grew to 11. Lawn chairs appeared and we had a great time chatting in the parking lot.

Though essentially fishless, everyone was generous. \$94 was donated to the Endowment Fund. The last number, 12? That was the number of posole servings. Someone took a serving home to mama.



Fly Fish the Trinity and Lower Sac Rivers with LBCC

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



ADDRESS: 4140 Churn Creek Rd, Redding, CA 96002
HOURS: Closes at 6:00 PM
PHONE: (530) 222-3555
E-MAIL: info@theflyshop.com

RED LION HOTEL
 1830 Hilltop Dr,
 Redding, CA 96002
 Phone: (530) 221-8700

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

Trip to Marble Canyon a "Puree" Success

CRAIG BOND, MEMBER

Eleven LBCC anglers descended upon the [Cliff Dwellers Lodge](#) and [Lees Ferry Anglers](#), for a couple of days of fishing the Colorado River just below [Glen Canyon Dam](#).

The lodge itself is rustic and quaint, located alongside Highway 89A about 15 minutes west of Lees Ferry. Accommodations include a restaurant, well-stocked fly shop, general store and gas station. The restaurant served an excellent menu, along with beer, wine and cocktails. We all met for dinners there, and some enjoyed breakfasts there as well. Lunches were provided by the guides.

From the lodge we drove each morning to the landing, where our guides waited for us in their jet-powered fishing boats. Each guide had a different preferred fishing technique and we were each well-matched for our particular skills and strengths (and weaknesses). The guides were helpful, patient and encouraging.

We all caught plenty of rainbow trout and some of us caught some browns, including one that went 21 inches. This same intrepid angler caught the smallest, measuring in at just over two inches. But even without the fish, just roaring up and down the river in these jet boats and marvelling at the amazing scenery made the trip worthwhile.

Each evening at dinner it was unanimously agreed that it was a wonderful trip—well worth the expense and the travel.



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 item description below.**

Use code **GPTGL42C** for the discount. The list and code change monthly, so keep watching here.

Items for this Month:

- ❖ [Fly Fishing Boxes ASIN:B07VG7C8RJ, B07VJG472Y](#)
- ❖ [Sinking Tip Fly Line ASIN: B07Y2ZGRFF, B07Y2YKPRN](#)
- ❖ [Big Game Predator Saltwater Line ASIN:B0877YCQ4N, B075Y9N4HP](#)
- ❖ [Super Slim Transparent Fly Box ASIN: B06WD3X27F, B06W2KGM3S](#)
- ❖ [Bonding and Welding Super Glue ASIN: B07RQ545N2](#)
- ❖ [Fly Tying Thread Spool Station ASIN: B077SBSZZ5, B08DF7PLJY](#)
- ❖ [Colorful Super UV Glue Combo Set ASIN: B07RTH7N5M](#)
- ❖ [Tungsten Round Ball Slotted Beads ASIN: B08Y69RG7M, B08Y671RRK](#)



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

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

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



FALL

2022 FLYBUY

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 22, 2022
9:00AM - 5:00PM
LONG BEACH, CA**

Sierra Backpacking Trip: Smoked out at Baboon Lake

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club's fall backpacking trip to **Baboon Lakes** was a real uphill climb to terrific fishing.

The group of three, led by Jim Garvey, acclimatized at the **Lake Sabrina Campground** on Sunday night, September 19. Our trek began Monday morning, along the **Lake Sabrina trail**, from elevation 9,800 feet. The sky was clear and cool; an air temperature of 28 degrees greeted us in the early morning.

From the Sabrina Lake Trailhead, the first two miles were an easy climb on a well-defined trail of granite sand, shaded by gorgeous aspen groves and ancient pine trees. As we gained elevation, we saw fewer aspen trees but the scenery became even more interesting, with taller pine trees and waterfalls.

While in Mile Three of the hike, the grade became even steeper with many beautiful "granite stairways", built by the US Forest Service. Due to the 11,000-foot elevation at this part of the trail, finding the rarely-used Baboon Lakes trail junction from the Sabrina Lakes Trail was very difficult. A thick layer of pine needles and pine cones covered the unused trail.

With the Baboon Lakes trail so hard to find, Kevin Turvey's GPS and the map application on his mobile device were helpful in keeping us on the right trail. The trail's peak elevation was 11,300 feet. At that point, we could see the Sierra Crest with **Mt. Thompson** and **Mt. Powell** (13,000 feet) before our final descent of a couple of hundred feet to Baboon Lake.

We fished for a very short time and caught many big brook trout before setting up camp and cooking dinner. The group, exhausted, went to sleep very early.



On Tuesday morning, we woke to find the smoke from the **Sequoia Fire** pouring into the Baboon Lake basin. By the time we finished breakfast and our second cup of coffee, the smoke made seeing 500 yards to the opposite bank of Baboon Lakes difficult. We made a decision to hike out and head home.

The hike downhill to the trailhead was easy, less than four hours. We met many hikers along the way who said the air was clearer in the lower elevation, but we kept going, assuming the smoke would soon fill the area.

After returning to our cars, we each felt the right decision was made to hike out early. Hopefully, our next trip will not be cut short due to smoke.



"Opportunity Knocks on the Bighorn River"... a Fish Tale

LEE SMITH

This past August, I fished the **Bighorn River** in Montana at the **Kingfisher Lodge** for five days. Straightaway, I was reminded that when the weather changes, so must the fly fishing tactics. On Day Three of my trip, the temperature plummeted from the high and sunny 90s to the low and rainy 50s.

We launched the drift boat from the **Three-Mile Ramp** before sunrise. We started our slow drift downriver, streamer fishing. Later, we anchored the boat to fish nymphs near a side channel. We caught several large rainbows and browns with fly fishing techniques.

After a boat lunch, we drifted downriver. Guide Matt navigated the drift boat into a large side channel, 50 feet wide, which meandered through thick and lush green foliage. As we drifted along, we could see that a 30-foot tree had collapsed, and was lying perpendicular to the rushing current. This narrowed the channel width greatly, creating a faster flow at the top of the tree, where several bare limbs extended out over the water like thin fingers.

At the tip of the tree, a large area of algae had collected on the surface of the water, creating a mucus-colored green mat. The algae extended over the surface as if blanketing the water underneath it. This mat was, ironically, the perfect cover for trout seeking shelter. From our position, we could see several hungry trout voraciously feeding from underneath the algae mat.

Additionally, the tree created a narrow watery feeding lane that merged with a foam line. This juncture was an insect food buffet and a subsurface food source. Pale morning duns (PMDs) were the main course.

As I watched the feeding lane, I could see three trout actively foraging around the algae blanket. One of



the trout in particular, 18 inches plus, was suckling gluttonously. It was a beautiful sight. It swam in the current, veering side to side, eating insects that were drifting below the surface. The great trout would frequently rise to the surface, gulping the floating PMDs which entered its cone of view.

Intuitively guide Matt maneuvered the drift boat about 35 feet downcurrent, diagonally across from the fallen tree. We anchored on the opposite bank of the actively feeding trout, in order to position ourselves to cast a dry fly. He told us that in this part of the channel, the water was too deep and the substrate too murky to wade or stand in. Alas, we would have to cast from the drift boat.

The boat was backed up close to a dense growth of shrubs, bushes and small trees which created a wall of vegetation and a fly-casting challenge. This was the best boat angle we could get to cast a dry fly into the drift window of the feeding trout. As an experienced guide, Matt directed us to fish one at a time. He knew that dry fly casting would be a challenge from our anchored spot.

Ready for a challenge, I was the first to fish. Matt tied on a tandem dry fly rig. He tied the top fly, a Little Yellow Sally, to the 4X leader and the bottom fly, a yellow PMD, to a 5X dropper line. He knew the 5X would be risky, considering the likely aggressive bite of an 18-inch rainbow, but it would give a more natural drift. I had my 6-wt. Echo Boost rod, Hatch 5 Plus reel and WF6F Rio Perception fly line.

My first cast was perfect. The dry flies landed on the surface, and within seconds the PMD was taken

aggressively by the large rainbow. As I went to set the hook, the large trout broke the line off.

Patently, we waited for the area to settle. Matt tied on another PMD. Minutes later, the large rainbow returned to the same area and started feeding again as though nothing had happened.

My next cast landed accurately near the tree limbs on the surface. I was directly in the feeding lane. The rainbow energetically struck the PMD. The hook was set and my angler skills put to the test. But the trout swam directly into the current, giving it more leverage to resist.

After several minutes of battle, the fish was in the net: a beautiful 19-inch rainbow. It was a visual experience which will forever haunt my memories.

My fishing partner for the day was Tom C. He also had the opportunity to fish dry flies in this area, further down the channel where we could wade safely. He caught a large rainbow and had his own story to tell.

It was a team effort and a memorable afternoon on the Bighorn River, or, as my wife would say, a "fish tale" for another day.



A Rainbow Trout to Remember

Recordings of Previous LBCC Monthly Speakers

JAN: John McMillan, [TU's Wild Steelhead Initiative](#), on steelhead resurgence: 36 minutes.
[John McMillan Presentation January 28, 2021](#)
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FEB: Brandon Worthington of [Worthington Flyfishing](#), "Klamath Dam Removal": 53 minutes.
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Fly of the Month: BWO Barr's Emerger (Dry & Wet)

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ & TARGET TALK HELPER BOY...

So I am always trying to find a new way to simply present a winning combination of flies to a fish. I also tend to get a bit of writer's block trying to come up with something fairly new and/or effective for you good folks to tie and fish. I think that this month's fly should give you plenty of options: Barr's Emerger.

John Barr tied this fly about ten years ago and it is an avowed success. This thing hooks and lands fish like no one's business. If you are interested in more of Barr's patterns I can't recommend his book [Barr Flies, \(2007; Stackpole Books\)](#) highly enough. What I love about Barr's flies is that you can tie them in so many various fashions, and Barr's Emerger is the perfect example. Of course you can tie it as a BWO (Blue-Winged Olive), and PMD (Pale Morning Dun), Mahogany Dun and many more. But, more than that, you can tie it as different styles which can help you fish a lot better. Let me show you what I mean...

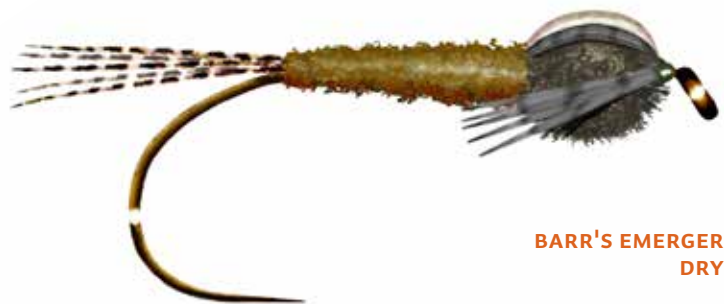
You all know I love the Green River, and you know I fish it in the springtime. Blue-winged olive time. Now most of my fish are caught using nymphs (something I used to hate, knew nothing about and went fishless constantly, yet I have learned a lot over the last 20 years and do pretty darned well now!) but I will always be looking over my shoulder for noses, mouths and backs sliding out of the water, slurping up dries. Using the two versions I will offer for you here, I can hunt fish in the beginning of the hatch and as the hatch progresses and strengthens. It has been part of my success the last couple of years catching more fish on a dry rig—actually a dry dropper rig, aimed specifically at rising fish and those at a couple of differing depths simultaneously.

Now, I fish the dry version once the hatch has strengthened but I don't fish it dry specifically. In my system it is the point fly behind a true BWO dry and I like to let it settle into the film or just below like—gee, imagine this—an emerger. The wet version which is really a bead head nymph will be fished just as the hatch begins. It will fish deeper, and be of interest to those fish readying themselves for the hatch, but looking for insects ascending to the surface. It is also fished as a point fly behind a dry fly on a dropper. After I present the fly I use the real dry fly as both a fly and an indicator. If that dry goes down early I'll be setting the hook on the point fly.

This same system will work anywhere, so tie up a few and vary the weight of the "wet" version to suit your needs!

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE BWO BARR'S EMERGER:

Hook (dry): Tiemco 100 or similar
 Hook (wet): Tiemco 2487 emerger hook or similar
 Thread: Veevus 12/0; dark olive
 Bead (wet): Copper colored bead; tungsten for a deeper drift
 Tail: Bronze mallard
 Body: Olive Brown dubbing
 Thorax: Adams gray dubbing
 Wing Case: Medium Opal tinsel over Medium dun hair
 Legs: Medium hackle fibers; trimmed to length
 Head: Thread



BARR'S EMERGER
DRY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE BWO BARR'S EMERGER:

- 1 If you are tying the wet version, you need to slide your bead onto the hook. Insert your hook in the vise and attach your thread behind the head space. Advance the thread to the bend of the hook (or, in the wet version, halfway down the bend) and get ready to prep the tail. Remove about 4–6 barbs from a bronze mallard scapular feather (dark brown with fine black barring) and tie them in. Barr tends to tie in the tail long and then cuts to length. I'm old school, and this bugs me no end, so I try to tie them in so that they are just a bit shorter than the length of the body.
- 2 Apply dubbing to your thread very tightly and wind the noodle with slender and smooth wraps up the shank, to the point where the thorax will begin.
- 3 At this point, cut off a short length of Opal-colored tinsel and tie it in, pointing to the rear. Now, remove about a dozen barbs off of a medium-to-dark dun hackle feather and tie them in by the butt ends. The tip ends should be pointing rearward.
- 4 Apply the thorax dubbing to your thread and wind it forward, leaving ample room for the head. Its final diameter should be about twice that of the body.
- 5 Now pull the dun hackle fibers forward over the top of the wing case, and bind them down with one or two not-too-tight turns. I then use my thumbnail to press down from above at the tie down point and fan the fibers a bit, over a wider area. Tighten the thread and add one or two more tight turns. Leave the tips uncut—you will need them soon.
- 6 Pull the opal tinsel over the wing case and keep it centered right in the middle. Secure it with two or three thread turns.
- 7 Almost home... Separate the hackle tips into two equal bunches and pull them back along either side of the thorax. These will act as legs. Bind the legs down at the head space with enough thread



BARR'S EMERGER
WET/NYMPH

wraps to hold them at a 45° angle to the body. Form a neat head and whip finish.

- 8 Finally, trim the tips of the hackle (yeah, I don't like doing that as well but there really isn't another way...) so that the legs extend about $\frac{1}{3}$ the way down the body. Now all you have to do is attach it to your rig and fish away!

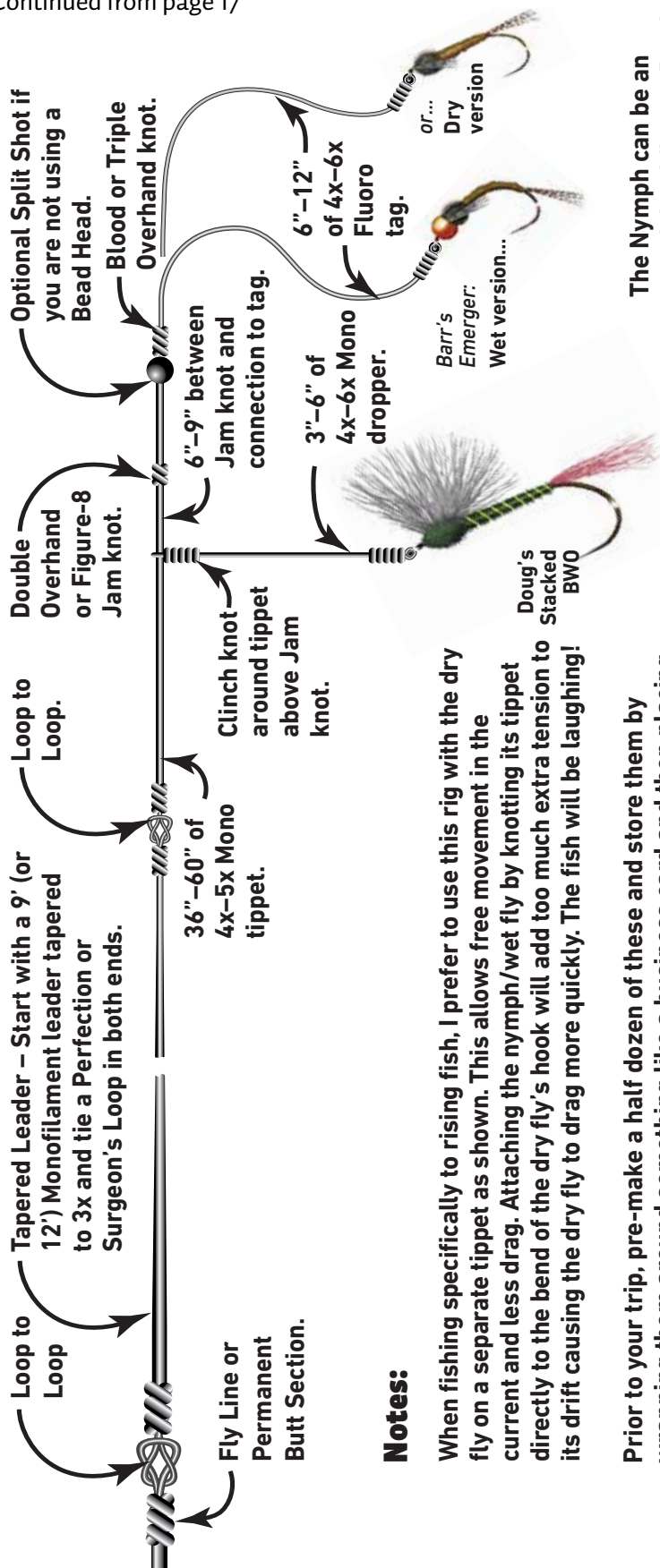
NOTES:

- ❖ The "dry" version of this pattern is not what most of you will think of as a conventional dry fly. In fact you're thinkin' John's a bit whacked out, 'cause this is obviously a nymph. Well it's only a nymph when it is fished down where nymphs live. But if you fish it in the film or just below by dressing it with some floatant, now it becomes an emerger or even a true dry. Don't be fooled by looks; think about where it is in the water column.
- ❖ Keeping the thought process focused on the water column, consider the bead you choose for the "wet" version. A standard bead will sink less quickly or deeply; some have a few of them as well as the tungsten bead flies.
- ❖ When using a fly with a tungsten bead, slow your casting down to keep from tangling your leader. They tend to flip around a lot...
- ❖ On the next page you will find a schematic of how I rig these with a dry fly.

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Barr's Emerger...Continued from page 17

Typical Dry/Dropper Rig



Notes:

When fishing specifically to rising fish, I prefer to use this rig with the dry fly on a separate tippet as shown. This allows free movement in the current and less drag. Attaching the nymph/wet fly by knotting its tippet directly to the bend of the dry fly's hook will add too much extra tension to its drift causing the dry fly to drag more quickly. The fish will be laughing!

Prior to your trip, pre-make a half dozen of these and store them by wrapping them around something like a business card and then placing them in a plastic bag. This way should you ruin one in the process of casting or landing a fish, you have several ready to go quickly and without the need to build a new one at streamside.

I cannot impress strongly enough how imperative it is to wet a knot before slowly drawing it tight. This is especially true of the Jam knot you tie 6"-9" from the bottom of your tippet. Even adding a drop of something like vegetable glycerin (it's water soluble) lubricates and really helps to create a strong knot tends not to fail.

The Dry Fly should be a relatively good floater like a Hackle Stacker, Parachute or an Elk Hair Caddis and a reasonable imitation of the natural.

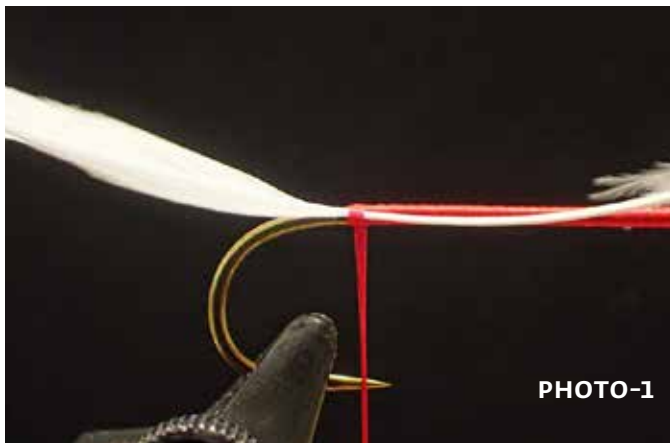
The Nymph can be an unweighted fly or a Bead Head style to help it sink. Depending on how deep you want to fish it, you can add a small #8 or #10 Split Shot to help either version sink. Place the Split Shot above the knot to the Fluoro tag.

Fly Tying Tip: Full Feather Mounting

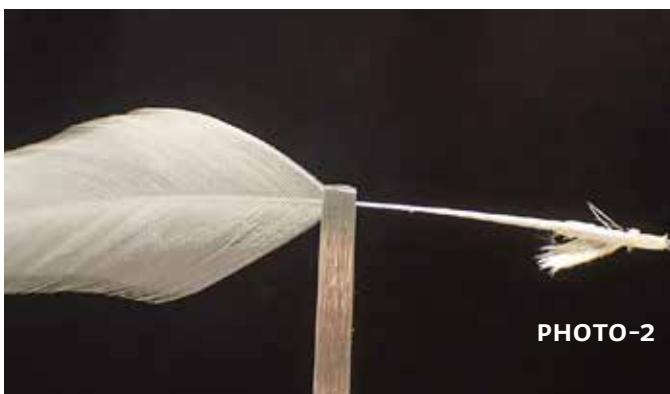
DAVE BOYER. MEMBER

Have you had issues with creating a full feather streamer and had the feather "roll" on you as you tie it onto the top or side of your hook (**PHOTO-1**)?

The feather in the photo is lying flat horizontally but I want it vertical and tied on the side of the hook. Sometimes you can keep the webby portion that can help keep the orientation, but what happens with a pattern where you just tie in the rachis (stem) of the feather so that you do not build up bulk?

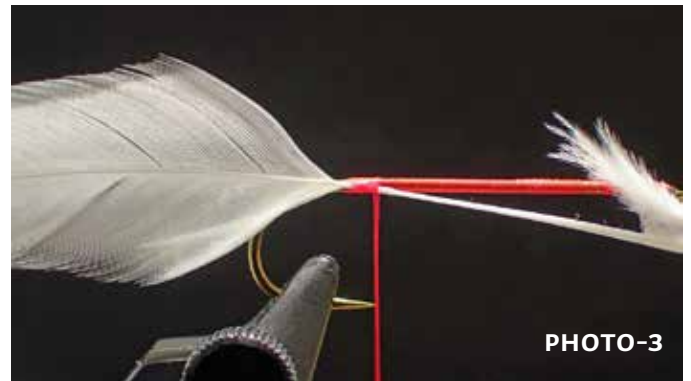


Once you have stripped the lower barbs for the rachis, take your thumb and forefinger and "roll" the rachis between them. You will notice the rachis is not round but oval, with the "flatter" section either parallel with the barbs or perpendicular to them.



If you are tying the feather onto the top of the hook or the side and it rolls, causing you all kinds of frustration, take a flat/smooth pliers and crimp the rachis so it is flat on the surface, matching the location on the hook you are tying to (**PHOTO-2**).

Now, as you tie in your feather, it is oriented as you want, and tied on the hook location you want (**PHOTO-3**). Don't fight your material, make it work your way. Keeps your frustration level lower with streamer flies!!!



Give it a try!

New Club Members

MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Bob Schacker of Huntington Beach, CA
- ❖ Jesse James of Fountain Valley, CA
- ❖ Dave McMillen of Fullerton, CA
- ❖ Bill Whitcomb of Anaheim

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!

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Join us for a weekend of educational experience designed for anglers of all levels who wish to improve their success on the streams.

BEGINNING CLINIC:

You will learn about a productive rigging system for subsurface and get an overview of insect life, reading the water and stream structure, safety and positioning yourself in the stream. You will gain insight and knowledge that will be a strong foundation in any fly fishing.

ADVANCED CLINIC:

You will be introduced to the increasingly popular Czech and other European nymphing techniques. You will learn both short and long-line methods and how to tie these rigs. You will be amazed at how effective these methods of subsurface fishing are, and your understanding will help

you improve in other areas of fly fishing.

2020-2021 CLINIC SCHEDULE:

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

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

It's that Time of Year Again! The LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Class

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

Due to Covid-19, the LBCC is again offering Zoom Demonstration Videos, which were a great success last year. This is not designed to replace the traditional hands-on classroom, but rather to provide a quality equivalent and introduction to Beginning Fly Tying.

The videos will demonstrate various techniques to tie on different materials for different patterns. It is open to the public, you **do not** have to be a member of LBCC! This is designed for the fly fishermen/women and kids who are new to the world of tying their own flies.

The demonstrations will show you the basic skills, and are a very good refresher if you haven't tied a fly in awhile. The demonstrations will run for five months: October 26, 2021 through March 01, 2022. We will be dark for the holiday weeks. The demonstrations are on Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30 PM. After each video, we will have separate break-out sessions with our volunteers for Q & A.

Please register for our Zoom Presentations by emailing your first/last name and email address to:

Shirley Sakaguchi: lbcc.contactus@gmail.com.
Deadline is October 19, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact **Cecil Odell:** cecilodell54@gmail.com.

In addition, we need your help to spread the word about this event. If you are on Facebook or Instagram please go to the **LBCC's Facebook** page <https://www.facebook.com/Long-Beach-Casting-Club-122263361163617/events> or **Instagram** page: <https://www.instagram.com/longbeachcasting/> and **LIKE, JOIN & SHARE** with your friends.

The Beginning Fly Tying Demonstration Event will be advertised in the coming weeks along with many other LBCC events. Help us get the word out to people who can benefit from our great programs.



Beginning Fly Tying Schedule

Introduction to Techniques and Tool Demo

October 26, 2021

The Ant (Wet Fly, Terrestrial)

November 2, 2021

Soft Hackle (Wet Fly, Emerger)

November 9, 2021

Boss (Steelhead)

November 16, 2021

Nov. 23 - No Classes for Thanksgiving Break

Freshwater Scud (Nymph/Crustacean)

November 30, 2021

Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear (Nymph)

December 7, 2021

Pheasant Tail (Nymph)

December 14, 2021

Dec. 21, Dec. 28 - No Classes for Holiday Break

Clouser Minnow (Bass/Saltwater Streamer)

January 4, 2022

Crazy Charlie (Saltwater Fly)

January 11, 2022

Woolly Bugger (Wet Fly/Streamer Fly)

January 18, 2022

Elk Hair Caddis (Dry Fly)

January 25, 2022

Adams (Dry Fly)

February 1, 2022

Parachute Adams (Dry Fly)

February 8, 2022

Humpy (Dry Fly)

February 15, 2022

Rusty Spinner (Dry Fly "Spent")

February 22, 2022

Royal Wulff (Dry Fly)

March 1, 2022

Calendar of Events

November

1	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
5-7	Weekend		FFI Fly Fishing Expo
6	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
6-9	Week		Northern California Steelhead w/ Marc Bonvouloir
7	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jennifer LaFollette
20	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
21	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
27	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation

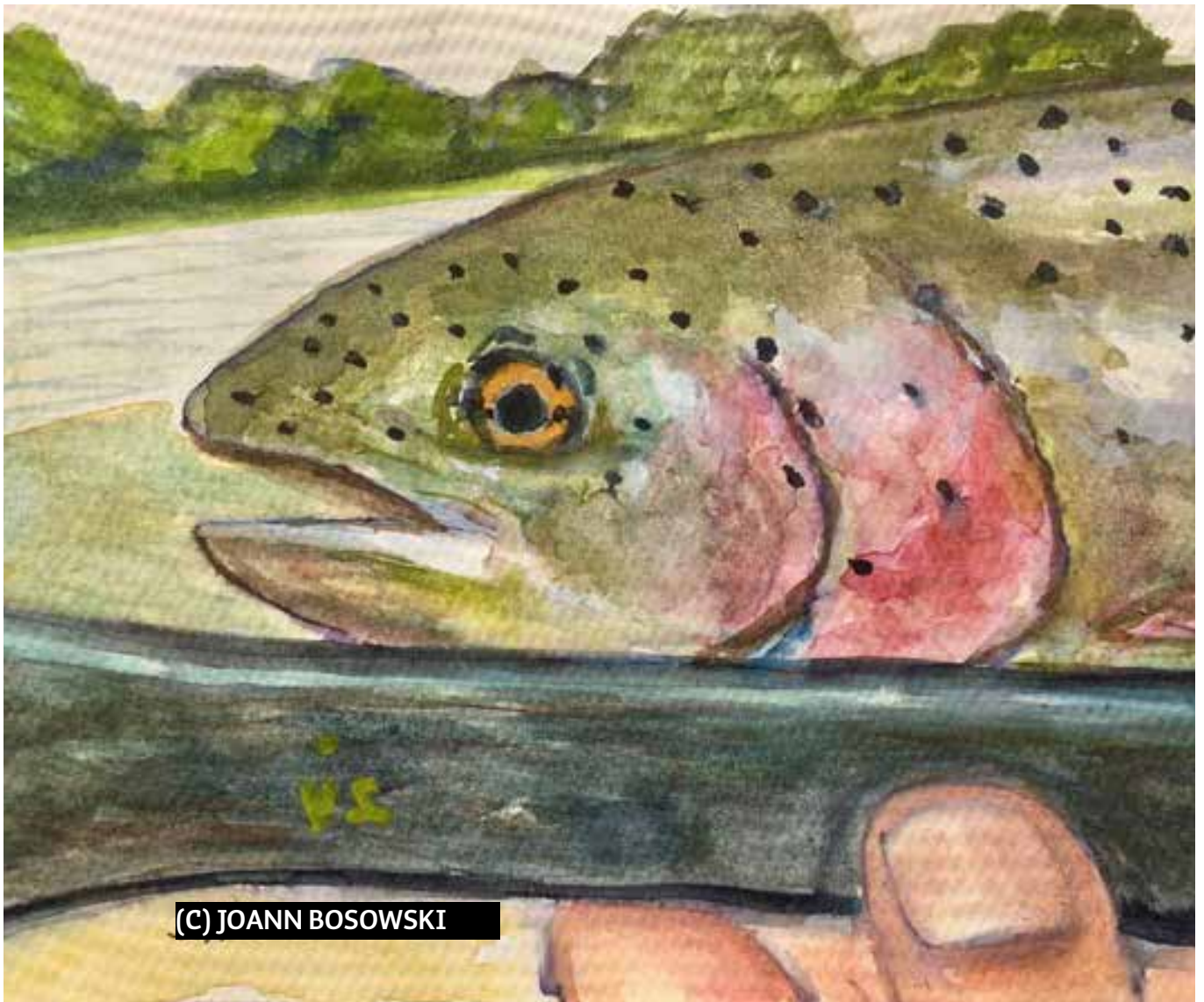
December

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
4	Saturday	6:00 PM	Venison Stag
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
11	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
12	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
18	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
			Lower Owens Pre-Trip w/ Dan Rivett, John Lincoln
19	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)

January

3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting	
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation	3 Sunday

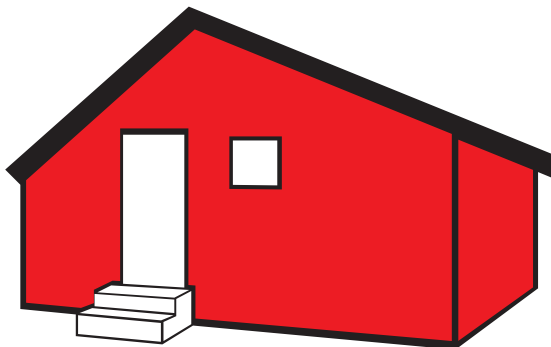
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
7-9	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens #1 with Dan Rivett & John Lincoln
9	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
15-16	Weekend		Long Beach Casting Club Open Spey Tournament
16	Saturday	9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
22	Saturday	9:00 AM	Fall Fly Buy
23	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum on-line (Tying begins at 7:30)
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Steph Albano



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