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Leader's Line...

Happy New Year from Your President

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays to all. It feels good to finally get some rain here, and some snow up in the mountains. It also feels good to socialize together again, and associate with one another at the Clubhouse. We continue to be a very active club, with a lot going on, thanks to the great members we have and their willingness to give of their time and talents.

The Venison Stag turned out great, thanks to an army of willing helpers at the Club. It felt great to see everyone, and I wanted to thank both those who put this event together and those who came and participated. Our Beginning Fly Tying Class has been a big success and is the envy of many other fly fishing clubs. We now have the Fly Tying Forum in person at the Club on Wednesday nights. In January, we will be installing a new handrail on the porch,

and fixing some water damage on the bottoms of the vertical posts. We appreciate all those who help us to keep our wonderful facility in tip-top condition.



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We should be finishing up our new website in January. Many have been putting in long hours, trying to make this new website the best it can possibly be.

The Nooner Lunches are in full swing on the third Wednesday of each month. Our monthly meetings are now at the Clubhouse. If you prefer to watch them on Zoom, we still have that option, but we are hoping we can see you at the Club with your mask on.

We've had quite a few new members join the Club in the past month. We are excited that our membership continues to grow. Yes, as a club we are doing great! Let's keep up the good work as we move into the coming year.

Club Trips for 2022

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Jan. 7-9	Owens River Trip #1 with J. Lincoln/D. Rivett, Pre-Trip December 18, 8:00 AM
Feb. 4-6	Owens River Trip #2 with J. Lincoln/D. Rivett, Pre-Trip January 29, 9:00 AM
Mar. 4-6	Owens River Trip #3 with J. Lincoln/D. Rivett, Pre-Trip February 26, 9:00 AM
Mar. 15-18	Pyramid Lake Trip with P. Nakamura, Pre-trip March 3, 7:00 PM
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
May 31-Jun 4	Fall River w/ M. Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip May 21, 9:00 AM
July 21-25	Brookie Bash with A. Palomares, Pre-Trip TBD

Trip locations, dates and pre-trips may 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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Steph Albano: Facilitating the Female Fly Fishing "Fin"atic

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Steph Albano is owner and operator of **Finatical Flyfishing**. Finatical Flyfishing has a unique business model as it is a fly fishing travel business for women, run by women.

Steph spent the bulk of her career at Carquest Auto Parts. She has held positions in national marketing, as Director of Distribution Center Operations and as a Financial Analyst helping store owners with their businesses. A mentor of Steph's in Denver encouraged her to strike out on her own and in 2019 she launched her own small business consulting company, Hatched Concepts. In May of 2021 she launched Finatical Flyfishing.

As an avid 'weekend warrior' on the river most of her life, Steph spends the best of her summer free time on the Henry's Fork in Idaho. Steph has traveled and fished in Chile, Alaska, the Bahamas, Mexico, Cuba, the Seychelles, Belize, Christmas Island, Hawaii and throughout the western United States.

As Steph traveled to many of these remote locations and looked around on her home water of the Henry's Fork, she began to see more women on the water. Her fly fishing experiences taught her that signing up for an international trip as the only woman in a group of twelve men is not always an ideal situation.

Steph's firsthand experiences and those of her friends led her to believe that she could create flyfishing trips run by women for women. Thus, the birth of Finatical Flyfishing. Through this model she is seeing women enjoying new friendships, personal growth and the camaraderie that goes



along with it. Finatical Flyfishing offers an alternative to serve the growing women's flyfishing market.

There are now many resources to help fly fishing women to grow locally and online. Finatical Flyfishing offers the chance to explore novel places and have new adventures in a safe environment, with the best guides and professionals in the area.

Please join us January 27 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse, where Steph will be presenting live. We will also broadcast the live presentation via Zoom.

TOPIC: Steph Albano of Finatical Flyfishing

TIME: Jan 27, 2022 07:00 PM Pacific Time

ZOOM MEETING:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83242343142?pwd=bTlacysyTFBMaWpHOHrcWdtSkh5UT09>

MEETING ID: 832 4234 3142

PASSCODE: 692421



Accolades to the Singing Chef and his Talented Team: Venison Stag 2021

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

The December 2021 Venison Stag Dinner is now history, and for those of you who missed it, sorry to have to say this, but you really missed it! It was a great evening.

Guests entered the Club to a festive Christmas tree and beautifully decorated tables. Rick Hilles' infamous punch is always a hit, as were the appetizers ably served by roaming waiters.

Head chef John Lincoln took a time-out from the kitchen to join his ukulele group, the Kukui Nuts,



playing music and singing. Not only is John a great chef, he also carries a good tune.

The food, as always, was superb. John and his kitchen crew manage to outdo their previous performances every year. Kudos to Dan Luas, Eddie Madrid, Conley Dees, Mike Tabe, Randy Teeple and Thea Lincoln.

It took three days in the kitchen to prep everything just right. There wasn't a can or box to be found anywhere; everything was made from scratch. The menu looked like this:

APPETIZERS

- 🌿 Norwegian Smoked Salmon served on toasted baguette
- 🌿 Mahogany Chicken Wing with Teriyaki glaze
- 🌿 Bruschetta with fresh tomatoes, garlic and basil

SALAD

- 🌿 Roasted Romaine Lettuce with homemade Caesar dressing

MAIN COURSE

- 🌿 Oven-Roasted Prime Rib with creamy horseradish sauce
- 🌿 Three-Cheese Scalloped Potatoes
- 🌿 Tri-Colored Julienned Carrots with light buttery mint sauce

DESSERT

- 🌿 Pineapple Sorbet with fresh pineapples, raspberry & sugar cookie

The next time you see John, Thea, Dan or any of those on the team, thank them for super job. Also for the team who deep-cleaned the Clubhouse, Mark Flo and team who did the decorating, Rick Hilles who washed dishes until the cows came home and Bruce Jeske who cleaned the kitchen.

Even if you weren't there, tell them you heard it was great (because it was). It was a fun and tasty night. The tariff? Just \$20! And if the menu wasn't enticing enough, there was a drawing for door prizes—lots of them. If you haven't yet enjoyed a Venison Stag, put it on your list for 2022. Seating is limited.



Venison Stag a Success!

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Venison Stag 2021 was a success! Over 45 people attended. It was exciting to be in the Clubhouse and enjoy fellowship and food; there is nothing like being able to enjoy talking and laughing together face to face.

I was also pleasantly surprised at the number of new members who attended and got involved in this event. We were treated to some great live music, hors d'oeuvres and a delicious prime rib dinner, all of which would have been impossible without the leaders and crew who made it happen! Thanks to all and if I missed any of you in the lineup below, please accept my apologies.



CLUBHOUSE CLEANING LED BY STEVE HIGASHI

- 🌿 Michael Frame
- 🌿 Chuck Nelson
- 🌿 Tom Dobbs
- 🌿 Ronney Sakoda
- 🌿 Kathleen Wahl
- 🌿 Vaughn Allen
- 🌿 Keith O'Donnell
- 🌿 Norm Riggs
- 🌿 Mark Flo



CLUBHOUSE DECORATION PUT UP AND TAKE DOWN LED BY MARK FLO - SUSAN DELUDE

- 🌿 Steve Higashi
- 🌿 Colin Kumabe
- 🌿 Mark Angelo
- 🌿 Craig Haines
- 🌿 Sam Sadler
- 🌿 Norm Riggs



COOKS-SERVERS LED BY JOHN LINCOLN - THEA LINCOLN - DAN LUAS

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| 🌿 Mick Woodbury | 🌿 Rick Hilles |
| 🌿 Terry Woodbury | 🌿 Eddie Madrid |
| 🌿 Ed Alvarado | 🌿 Gideon Igo |
| 🌿 Jennifer Alvarado | 🌿 Mike Taibi |
| 🌿 Bruce Jeske | 🌿 Conley Dees |
| 🌿 James Mayfield | 🌿 Randy Teeple |
| 🌿 Paul Burget | |

Happy Holidays to all! I look forward to remarkable things in 2022.



Our Zoom Fly Tying Continues...

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

Our video demo meetings have been going on for several weeks. We have added a half-hour Q&A before the video demo for participants, which has been very informative.

The breakout sessions have also been helpful after the video, with our volunteers answering questions and giving other tips. On top of that, after the breakout sessions, John Van Derhoof and Joe Libeu have been sharing other patterns and how to fish them. We have been receiving photos of great-looking flies.

Again, LBCC would like Dan Oliver for doing the videos, John and Joe for their expert advice, JoAnn Bosowski for her artwork and all the volunteers to make this a success.

Here are the photos:

Berenice Tratter (Class of 2021/2022)
Desert Hot Spring



Berenice Tratter (Class of 2021/2022)
Desert Hot Spring



Gerhard Tratter (Class of 2021/2022)
Desert Hot Springs



Jonathan Stocker (Class of 2020/2021)
Cascade Locks, OR



Jonathan Stocker (Class of 2020/2021)
Cascade Locks, OR



Rest in Peace

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

As many of you are aware, two of our members passed away in November, as well as the wife of one of our sponsors. The news didn't reach us until after the December issue of Target Talk was published, so I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge their passing here.

GEORGE SIEWARD: George was a Club member since 2009 and on the Board for years as Facilities Coordinator. He was a character, and will be missed. There is a "Go Fund Me" link ("[Trying to Get Jersey Boy Back Home](#)") to raise money to get him home to the East Coast, for a family and friends celebration.

You can send condolences to:

Mrs. Debbie Seward
2601 E. Victoria Street #300
Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220

CHUCK WHEELER: Chuck was a member since 2000 and took our Beginning Fly Tying Class. He had to withdraw from active membership last year due to dementia. He too will be missed. In lieu of flowers, send donations to: [The Placentia Presbyterian Church](#) or [The Salvation Army of Orange County](#).

You can send condolences to:

Mrs. Verna Wheeler
407 Ruby Drive
Placentia, CA 92870-4825

LINDA CUMMINS: Linda was the wife of Mike "Poppy" Cummins. They started the legendary "Red Shed" Fly Shop (an LBCC sponsor) in their living room in Peck, Idaho in 2002. She was known for her kindness and the great cookies she served at Spey casting sessions.

Below is link to the announcement of her passing:
<https://www.speypages.com/threads/passing-of-linda-cummins-wife-of-mike-poppy-of-the-red-shed.409975/>

Salmon/ Steelhead Harvest Report!

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

Salmon and steelhead harvest reports can be done online via the [CDFW web page](#). Harvest reporting for 2021 is open from January 1 to April 1, 2022. You have to report even if you released all your fish or didn't catch any.

Is the Club on Your Christmas list?

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

In just a few days it will be Christmas, and the time for gifts of appreciation to the ones we love. Is the Club something you love? If you've enjoyed a Club trip, a fly tying lesson, a Nooner Luncheon, the Stag, a rod building class or any of the monthly speakers this year, perhaps a gift of appreciation is appropriate.

There are many excellent reasons to give; some altruistic, some mercenary and some personally rewarding. All three are valid.

Unselfish regard for others is altruistic. Giving so the Club stays strong is altruistic. Taking advantage of tax deductions is dollars-and-cents savvy. Giving to support and be connected to one of the finest fishing clubs in the country is fulfilling. Giving to enjoy Club activities is satisfying.

Whatever the reason, or reasons, your gift is tax deductible as a 501 (c) (3) donation. Any amount will help. For amounts of \$250 or more, you will receive a letter for tax purposes.

Send check to "The Treasurer" at **Long Beach Casting Club, P.O. Box 90035, Long Beach, CA 90809-0035**. Mark check "Endowment Fund".

Streamside Etiquette

A Matter of Space...

GUY MANNING, LBCC PAST MEMBER



Ultimately, Fly-fishing is something of a reclusive sport. The time we spend on-stream is mostly spent with ourselves. Of course going fishing with our buddies is often much of the attraction for the trips we take, but it still comes down to the lone individual involved with their own thoughts. One person against the fish; one person against the river; one person against nature. It is therefore fitting that the rules of streamside etiquette reinforce the solitary quality of our sport.

These rules exist as a principle of common courtesy and respect between human beings, and as a means of protecting the solitude each of us attempts to obtain when we are on the stream. In their most basic form the rules of etiquette can be summed up by **"The Golden Rule"**, in that we should consider if our actions, performed by another to us, would disturb or adversely affect our enjoyment of that moment on the stream. Space is the key here. Allow others the space to enjoy the sport. Crowding is akin to invading, and is considered ill-mannered.

Here are some precepts to consider when you are looking for your bit of solitude:

The first person to be fishing any particular water feature (run, riffle, flat, pool etc.) in effect owns that feature from head to tail. If you wish to fish it you must go to another area until they are done or, you may choose to sit and watch until they are done. The latter choice assumes they plan to give the spot up to begin with. The exception to this rule is wet fly fishing for Salmon and Steelhead in which case the pool is rotated (as discussed below). Never get into a stretch of water that is already being fished without asking the permission of the person fishing it. Never cast into a stretch of water that is already being fished without first asking. These rules also apply to an angler who is studying a stretch of stream or resting a stretch of stream. That person arrived first; it should be considered their water.

The person fishing upstream has the right of way and should be given a wide berth by the person fishing downstream. Fishing upstream usually means dry fly and wading against the current. The person fishing

downstream, usually fishing wet, is in more of a position to be seen by the fish (downstream fishing will cover and disturb more water than upstream), and therefore has a greater chance of spooking the fish. If the downstream angler works in too close to the upstream angler, he can put the fish down or spook them so they scatter both up and downstream. One spooked fish can spook others as it darts into their holding lies. This can ruin the fishing for both participants. The ideal action in this situation is for the downstream angler to get out of the water well above the upstream angler (leaving a generous amount of un-fished water for the upstream angler) and quietly go around to a spot downstream of the upstream angler.

If two people are fishing upstream and the one further downstream is moving upstream faster than the other, then that person is to get out of the water and move well upstream of the slower angler (leaving them plenty of un-fished water). It would be considered extremely gracious if you were to let the slower angler know that you were moving around them and how far you planned to go before re-entering the water.

When near other anglers you must wade as quietly as possible and make every attempt to pass sufficient distance from the angler and their fish. When walking along a bank, make every effort to walk well away from the water that is being fished so as not to spook the fish with your presence. Choose your clothing colors for the area you will be fishing. Try to wear something that blends in with the natural surroundings. White, highly reflective, or loud colors will stand out to the fish and could put them down for you and others.

If you are fishing a small stream (less than 100 feet across) never start fishing directly across the stream from someone else, they could be working the opposite shore that you just walked up to. A good rule of thumb is to stay at least twice the length of a long cast away from someone else on a small stream.

Now some of these rules bend to the situation. If you are fishing with a close friend then your friend may not care if you are both in the same pool. Most of the time though you will probably be leap-frogging your way up or down the stream, alternating holding waters between the two of you. If you are on an extremely crowded stretch of water then the distances between anglers will diminish. The important thing in crowded situations is to allow as much room as possible between the two of you, and to not disturb the other person's fish. If the other person has a fish on, and needs to come up or downstream into your area, it is acknowledged that you should reel in and yield to the person with a fish on.

As mentioned above, the only time it is acceptable to cast into a stretch of water already being fished is on a large river when pursuing Salmon or Steelhead. In this case you are usually fishing wet and casting quartered downstream. When others are waiting to fish the same water; the practice is to make 1 cast, fish it out, and then take a step or 2 downstream. You then repeat the sequence and move a few steps down stream again. You keep this up until you reach the end of the fishable section. After you have proceeded downstream far enough (100-200 feet, or as the conditions allow) the next person in line to fish may start doing the same routine above you. In this way under the right conditions on a large river, you might have numerous people fishing the same stretch of water. If someone hooks a fish, the others are expected to reel in while the fight is on (remember these are big fish). If the fish is landed, the angler is expected to leave the river and go to the rear of the line. If the angler loses the fish, everyone returns to their former spots and continues the cast-fish-step downstream routine. The angler who lost the fish is allowed to continue fishing. Once you reach the end of the fishable area, you return to the end of the line.

If you attempt to fish the exact same spot twice you may well be challenged by the people in line, so play fair and take those steps between your casts.

You also want to consider the space between you and any other anglers when float-tubing. Here the problem is a bit different because the tuber may be constantly moving. You need to frequently check behind you, to assure that you will not cross anyone's fishing area. Realize that many anglers in tubes use sinking line, and understand that as much as 40-60 feet of their line is subsurface and that you need to stay away from it (crossing above a sinking line is the same as crossing over a floating line). Tubers should be able to make an unobstructed cast in any direction without having to fish around someone.

When tubing, do not forget to watch out for the shore angler. Getting too close to the people fishing from shore is considered an invasion of their water. It can also be dangerous if you get hit with a misguided weight, hook, or spinning lure. Again, etiquette comes down to a matter of space.

As for socializing on the stream: Any one may or may not talk to another, if they so wish. It is not considered rude to greet another angler or ask how the fishing goes. It is also not considered rude to pass by without a word. What is considered rude is to engage the other person in a long-winded bragging fest. Since fly-fishing is not a competitive sport, the other person will probably care little about how good an angler you think you are. The other angler would really rather fish. At the same time do not be afraid to share with others on the stream. Of particular importance is to help the beginners. A shared technique or particularly successful fly can go a long way towards keeping someone in the sport.

Lastly, stream etiquette demands that you treat the environment with respect. A sure way to anger many anglers is to litter the stream. Pick up all of your own litter and some of someone else's. Try to leave the stream cleaner than when you arrived. Choose the fly-

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LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB

Come and Fish the Bighorn River!



Come along with the club for a unique fly-fishing experience

ADDRESS: Bighorn River
Fort Smith, Montana

STREAMKEEPER: Joe Libeu
Fishlgrf@ix.netcom.com
310-749-6771

DETAILS:

Dates are September 4–9, 2022. 5 nights 4 days fishing the famous Bighorn River with Joe Libeu. Joe has been fortunate to fish this river for over 20 years and finds it to be one of the best rivers in the western U.S. The trip is limited to 12 members. The first two days will be guided float trips to different portions of the river. The next two days will be on your own wading the river. Good wading skills are required for this trip. There is an option to rent drift boats but you must have experience rowing. Guides will provide all flies while floating. Lunch provided on guided floats.

LODGING:

A large house overlooking the river will be HQ for this trip. With 5 bedrooms, 3 and a half bathrooms and two kitchens, the plan is to accommodate 12 members very comfortably.

MEALS:

The Bighorn is on an Indian reservation and there is only one restaurant at the Trout Shop, thus we will be cooking our own meals. Joe will create a dinner menu that is agreeable to all and will set up teams of two members to cook a meal for everyone. Since there will be 12 members, 5 teams of two will cook dinner for all and two members will handle dessert. Dinners are included in base price, breakfast and lunch on days we are not floating will be on your own. Spirits may be purchased in Billings or Hardin. The Crow reservation is dry.

COST AND DEPOSIT SCHEDULE:

The cost of the outing is **\$1,015** per person. 50% will be due upon signup and 50% due 45 days before the trip. As everyone is aware, the trip is based on 12 individuals. If, for some reason, you cancel you will be responsible for a replacement. Joe will help coordinate. All payments will be handled through the club. Price does not include transportation.

Security Measures for LBCC Zoom Monthly Meetings

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

As many of you are aware, in the last two years using Zoom, we have had a couple of unwanted intrusions into our meetings. While we were able to remove the offenders, they did have their moment. We don't want this to happen again.

To prevent these unwanted guests, and at the same time have our meetings open for all to enjoy, we are going to implement the following protocols for our monthly meetings.

- ❖ All participants will go into a waiting room before the meeting, and will only be admitted if recognized by the meeting host. To be sure you are recognized by the host, make sure your name is part of your sign-in screen on your computer or on your Zoom account.
- ❖ The Zoom part of the meeting will be locked down, with no one admitted from the waiting room after 7:15 PM.
- ❖ If we have a Zoom Bomber who somehow gets past these security measures, the host will suspend the entire meeting, remove and report the intruder, and restart the meeting. If you wish to re-enter the meeting, you will have to log back into the meeting and go through the process of being admitted from the waiting room again.

Thanks for your understanding, as we work to make Zoom safe for us to use and enjoy at the Long Beach Casting Club. If you ever have a problem gaining admittance to our meetings, please let me know and I will make sure you have access to the next meeting. You can reach me at **714-392-2211**, or by email at bob@impac-marketing.net.

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fishing products that you buy by the impact they will have on the stream. Many items, like stick-on strike indicators should be avoided because they could end up coming off the line and become stream litter, or end up in a fish's stomach.

If you respect the other people's space and their right to the solitary experience, you will often be teaching others by example. The more we, as anglers, respect one another's space the more enjoyment we can expect from our time on the water.

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New Club Members

MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Sam & Alicia Sadler of Sunset Beach, CA
- ❖ Kim & Tim Till of Mission Viejo, CA
- ❖ Pat Patman of Hermosa Beach, CA
- ❖ Matthew Murdough of Redondo Beach, CA
- ❖ Adam Wilk of Oceanside, CA
- ❖ Bobby Smith of Stanton, CA
- ❖ Kris Gragson of Long Beach, CA

Please greet and welcome all 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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COVID Relief Grant

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

On November 23, 2021, the Club was awarded a grant of \$5,000 from the State of California, to be used for costs incurred as a result of the shutdown, and for compliance with the State's requirements for COVID-19 protocols. This grant was administered by the **California Office of the Small Business Advocate ("CalOSBA")** within the **Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development ("GO-Biz")**.

The basic qualification for the grant was to be a non-profit organization which was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant requires that the club maintain proof of expenses during the pandemic for:

- ❖ Overhead: rent and utilities.
- ❖ Re-opening after being fully or partially closed due to state-mandated COVID-19 health and safety restrictions and business closures.
- ❖ Complying with COVID-19 federal, state or local guidelines for reopening with required safety protocols, including but not limited to equipment and personal protection supplies.

The Club paid for the following during the pandemic:

- ❖ Utilities: electricity, phone, water.
- ❖ Masks, hand sanitizers and dispensers for hand sanitizers.
- ❖ Equipment and subscriptions to conduct meetings and classes using Zoom.

Many thanks to Tom McGivern, Ed Alvarado, Bob Mayfield, Bob Allen and Steve Jones for assisting with the grant application.

Thanks to the 480+ members of the Club who paid dues. These expenses were covered and now reimbursed by the State. The Clubhouse is currently being used for activities; check the calendar. Plus, the Pond is always ready for practice casting. See you at the Pond!

Casting Pond Cleaning!

STEVE HIGASHI, FACILITIES & POND

With the upcoming Spey casting tournament hosted by the Club January 15 and 16, we have scheduled a Pond cleaning for Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 8:00 am.

Participants from Northern California, Oregon and Washington are expected to compete, along with local Southern California clubs and many of our own club's Spey casters.

A clean casting pond will contribute to yet another successful tournament hosted by our club.

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.



Long Beach Casting Club

Pyramid Lake Ladder Fishing Trip

w/Rob Anderson & Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide Service
March 16–18, 2022



A Chance to Catch the Trout of Your Life!!!

DATES – Fishing three full days - Wednesday, March 16 through Friday, March 18. Arrive Tuesday, March 15 and depart Saturday, March 19.

GUIDE ASSISTANCE – Provided by Rob Anderson and two guides from Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide Service (PLFFGS). Website: www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com. Phone: **775-742-1754**

COST – **\$480.00** based on 10 participants with 3 guides, but may be higher or lower if we do not get 10 commitments (12 maximum). This includes light breakfast, hot lunch, drinks on fishing days and guide assistance.

LODGING PLANS – Hotel in Sparks, NV, the Western Village Inn & Casino. Cost is TBD, working to secure a block of rooms and secure best price. An option is to stay at Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe, NV. Info forthcoming, but you will make your own reservations.

WHAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR – Your transportation, hotel, meals (other than breakfast and lunch on fishing days at the lake), guide tips, fishing permit (from Paiute Indian Tribe).

FISHING GEAR – Rods/reels: 9' 8- or 9-wt. or 11' switch rod, with floating line for indicator fishing or fast sinking or shooting head line for stripping. Tackle: flies, adjustable indicators, 10-15-lb. leader/tippets. PLFFGS will provide the ladders and flies.

MORE INFO:

- Deposit of **\$240.00** due ASAP after signing up.
- **Final payment of \$240.00** due no later than January 15, 2022. Make checks payable to the 'Long Beach Casting Club', and send to LBCC, PO Box 90035, Long Beach CA 90809.
- Contact Paul Nakamura for details and to get on the Trip List at pnaka1946@gmail.com or **310-487-3367**.
- A Zoom meeting will be planned with Rob to get you acquainted with fly fishing at Pyramid Lake. Tentative date will be in November after we get a Club distribution developed.
- A Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent to members who have signed up.

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 experts, 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 casting a spey rod in a river. 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, "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!

 Below the list, it says "Vendors: Red Shed Fly Shop (Poppy & Linda), Bruce & Walker Rods (Gene Oswald) will be on hand...". At the bottom, it says "Contact Tom Olson via email: lbccspeytournament@gmail.com" and "Join us for a friendly competition!" in a blue, italicized font.



It's Winter!

IN THE EASTERN SIERRA...

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

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



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Recordings of LBCC Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

This year, the Club began recording our monthly meeting presentations. Here is the information for the presentations we recorded this year; 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](#). The topic was "How Diversity is Key to Steelhead Resurgence". Length of presentation 36 minutes.

[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". Length of presentation 53 minutes.

[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". Presentation was 90 minutes.

[James Monteith Presentation March 25, 2021](#)
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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". Length of presentation 60 minutes.

[Doug Rodricks Presentation May 27, 2021](#)
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JUNE: Chris King, [The Fly Shop](#). The topic was "Fishing Opportunities in and around Redding CA". Length of presentation 59 minutes.

[Chris King Presentation June 24, 2021](#)
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JULY: [Dave and Emily Whitlock](#). The topic was: "[An Expert's Strategy for Fishing Wet Flies at all Depths](#)". The length of Dave and Emily's presentation was 109 minutes.

[Whitlock Presentation, July 29, 2021](#)
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AUGUST: the August presentation, Paul Newman on fishing the North Platte River in Wyoming, was not recorded.

SEPTEMBER: Todd Pond. The topic was "Fishing the East Walker". The length of Todd's presentation was 62 minutes.

[Todd Pond Presentation September 30th, 2021](#)
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OCTOBER: John Van Derhoof of LBCC. The topic was "Managing the Stacked Hackle". Length of presentation 62 minutes.

[John Van Derhoof Presentation October 28th, 2021](#)
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NOVEMBER: Jennifer LaFollette, [Reelflygal007@gmail.com](#). The topic was: "History of Hardy Reels": Length of presentation 76 minutes.

[Jennifer La Follette Presentation, November 18th, 2021](#)
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DECEMBER: no monthly meeting (replaced by Venison Stag).

Thanks to Bob Mayfield, our First Vice President, for recording these presentations. Check them out!

Fly of the Month: Griffith's Gnat Emerger

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR EMERITUS & PAST PREZ

Tis the season...to be midging! With the Club's first trip of 2022 to the Lower "O" I felt it would be a good idea to add another fly to the arsenal. If the weather is cold, raining, snowing and a bit breezy, then not too many insects (or humans...) will want to venture outside to play. Those that do are hardy and, unfortunately, small. So let's talk about an effective and easy fly to tie that the fish will eat: the Griffith's Gnat Emerger.

Midges and a few hardy mayflies like blue-winged olives (there are multiple genera and species of these, so be careful as to your identification) are about the only insects for fish to prey on during the winter months. Midge hatches like blue-winged olives can trigger exceptional feeding opportunities for trout. With large emergences, they can become an easy meal, but can also cause very picky eating habits in the fish. The fish more often than not want to see something that very closely mimics the Real McCoy in terms of size, color/value/hue and drift. They also want to find an easy meal—one that won't fly away while they try to eat it.

The Griffith's Gnat is very familiar to many anglers, and is actually an imitation of a midge mating cluster or "midge ball"—several midges clumped together, trying to procreate and make more midges, all while literally rolling across the surface like a ball. Sizes for the "Gnat" can range from a small of #20 up to #12. The bigger the midge or greater the number of midges trying to mate, the bigger the midge ball. These midge balls do not usually occur at the same time as a midge hatch, so the Griffith's Gnat may not be the best choice of fly.

The Griffith's Gnat Emerger is intended to be used during the hatch, and to imitate a midge that is still attached to its nymphal shuck and is having trouble or is unable to fly away. This is a fairly simple fly to tie, especially in small sizes, and I usually have Size #20–#24 with me when fishing in the winter and early spring (yup, keep that in mind Green River anglers!). I usually tie them in three color combinations: 1) olive thread with dark olive and silver rib, pale olive shuck and dark peacock Ice Dubbing thorax (shown); 2) tan thread with dark copper rib, orange/gold shuck and hare's ear Ice Dubbing thorax and 3) black with silver rib, dark dun shuck and black Ice Dubbing thorax. The hackle remains grizzly for all.

Tie some up for your next trip to the Lower "O" and for the Green. You will like the way they perform!

Materials for tying the Griffith's Gnat Emerger:

- Hook:** Tiemco #101 ring eye in sizes 18 to 24
- Thread:** Olive Veevus 12/0
- Tail:** Pale Olive Darlon or Zelon, sparse
- Body:** Thread with dark olive and silver extra small Ultra Wire ribbing
- Thorax:** Dark Peacock Ice dubbing
- Head:** Grizzly over the thorax



Instructions for tying the Griffith's Gnat Emerger:

1. Before we get into the pattern, let's talk about hook choices. I use a ring eye hook for all of my flies that are size 18 and smaller. Why? It's simple and, yeah, maybe a bit old school but what the heck—I'm old...the ring eye (straight eye) gives the hook more gap and in my opinion leads to better hooking ability in small sizes. Not really an issue in larger sizes. Why not use an up turned eye? First, I can't stand the way they look and second, I actually think their hooking ability is diminished, because when the hook is pulled tight the point of the hook rolls away from the fish—the exact opposite of a circle hook. Now, on to tying...
2. Place the hook in the vise and attach your thread at the headspace. Wind smoothly to the bend of the hook and select a sparse clump of Darlon or Zelon for the shuck. Tie in the shuck so that it points slightly downward. Remove a length of both the dark olive and silver wire rib and tie them in low, on the far side of the hook.
3. Now wind the thread smoothly up the shank of the hook, toward the beginning of the thorax. Taking care not to cross the two strands of ribbing, wind them forward to the thorax and tie both ends off. The ribbing wants to be equally spaced, as shown in the illustration. Select a nice grizzly hackle, and tie it in slightly into the area that will be occupied by the thorax, and with the dull side of the hackle facing forward.
4. Almost done. Apply the thorax dubbing to your thread very thinly and then wind the dubbing forward. Make the first turn of the thorax dubbing behind the hackle and the next in front of the hackle. Wind the dubbing forward to the headspace.
5. Wind the hackle with evenly spaced turns to the headspace and tie off. Depending on the size, this should require only 3 to 5, maybe 6 turns of hackle. Form a neat head and whip finish the thread. If you want the fly to sit lower in the film, which may be more natural but with less floatability, trim the

hackle by cutting with the scissor points going into the hackle from the front of the fly leaving the hackle slightly "V'd" and not straight across the bottom.

6. Attach the fly to your tippet and proceed to catch fish!

It's Not too Early to Pay Your Dues!

MARK ANGELO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

To all current and former members: it's time to start thinking about annual dues renewal for the 2022 season. Long Beach Casting Club (LBCC) greatly appreciates your continued support and participation, especially during these unprecedented times we've been enduring the past two years. We hope all remain safe and healthy, as we forge through the remains of the current challenges we face and begin to once again attend LBCC events.

A reminder that your annual memberships expire March 31, 2022. It's never too early to renew. And, it's never been easier to renew. Simply log onto the LBCC website, <http://www.longbeachcastingclub.org>, and click the "Membership" tab. Scroll down and click "[LBCC New/Renewal Membership Form](#)" and follow the prompts. Be sure to provide us your current email and mailing addresses. For those of you wanting to pay by mail, print a copy of the renewal form and mail with payment to:

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Long Beach CA 90809-0035

Don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions about renewal: angelo.mark64@gmail.com. Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year to you and yours!

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SPFA Hosted-Trip Calendar 2022

DATE	DURATION	DESTINATION	LODGE	TARGET SPECIES / HATCH	COST	SPOTS REMAINING
4/8-14	6 nights/5 days of fishing	Missoula, MT: Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Blackfoot Rivers	Dry Fly Apt	Trout/Skwaha Hatch	\$2,324 (breakfast & dinner not included)	6
5/18-23	5 nights/4 days of fishing	Craig, MT: Missouri River	Hidden Canyon Lodge	Trout	\$2,960	3
6/14-23	7 nights/6 days of Fishing	Japan	Hokkaido and Tohoku	Trout, White Spotted Chars	\$5,100 /angler \$5,000/nonangler	0
7/6-13	7 nights/6 days of fishing	Belize	El Pescador	Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon	\$4,150	1
8/14-20	6 nights/5 days of fishing	Bighorn River	Kingfisher Lodge	Trout/PMD, Caddis, Yellow Sally, Tricos	\$2,980	1
8/21-27	6 nights/5 days of fishing	Bighorn River	Kingfisher Lodge	Trout/PMD, Caddis, Yellow Sally, Tricos	\$2,980	0

SPFA On The River Clinic Schedule 2022

DATES	DESCRIPTION	TUITION	MAX
2/26-27	Two-day Beginning/intermediate on the stream clinic to gain practical experience on knots, insects, reading the water as well as dry-fly, nymphing and other techniques	\$350	6 students
3/5-6	Two-day Beginning/intermediate on the stream clinic to gain practical experience on knots, insects, reading the water as well as dry-fly, nymphing and other techniques	\$350	6 students

Please inquire about any of the trips listed above to:

Kathy Kim – 714.475.4529 | kimkathy@sbcglobal.net ❖ Joe Liebu – 310.749.6771 | fishlfg@ix.netcom.com

Fly Tying Tip: Thread Tension

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

Recently I have seen some posts on social media, complaining about breaking ceramic bobbin holder tubes while using GSP threads. The breakage is due to improper tension on the thread as you tie in your materials. This goes both for GSP threads and normal threads.

With non-GSP threads, you want the tension to be just at the breaking point of the thread. Experience will guide you on what that is, as you develop a 'feel'. But how do you put the maximum amount of tension on the thread without breaking your tools?



PHOTO-1

Easy. First, "palm" your bobbin holder, so you can squeeze the bobbin tightly enough to keep the thread from spooling off (PHOTO-1). Second, keep the tube parallel with the tension on the thread (PHOTO-2).



PHOTO-2

Tightening your thread wraps with the thread at 90 degrees to the tube (PHOTO-3) can either cause the thread to break prematurely, at a lower tension (non-GSP threads), or cause the bobbin holder tube to break/bend.

As you develop your skills, it becomes second nature to "palm" and pull parallel to get the best usage of your thread.

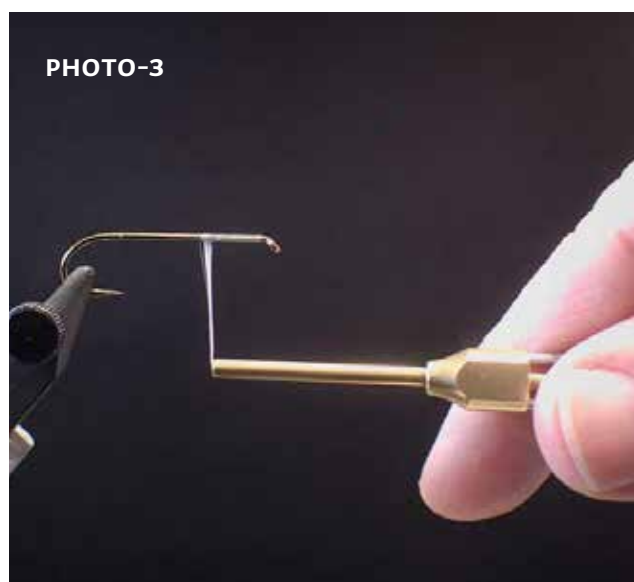


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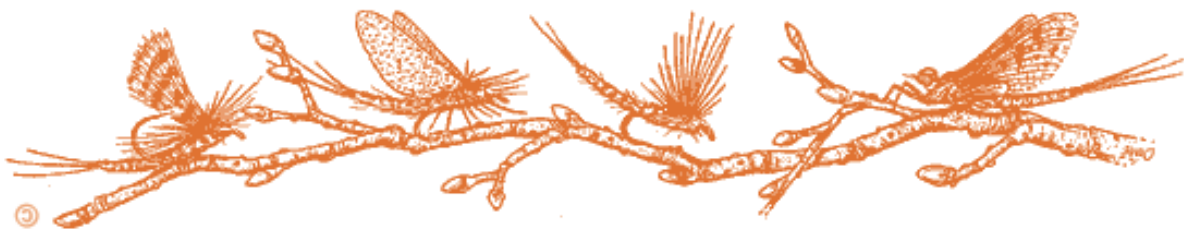
Calendar of Events

January

3	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
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
15-16	Weekend		Long Beach Casting Club Open Spey Tournament
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
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
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Steph Albano
29	Saturday	9:00 AM	Lower Owens #2 Pre-Trip w/ Dan Rivett, John Lincoln

February

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4-6	Weekend		Lower Owens #2 with John Lincoln & Dan Rivett
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
16	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19-20	Weekend		Southwestern Casting Tournament
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Glenn Ueda
26	Saturday	9:00 AM	Lower Owens #3 Pre-Trip w/ Dan Rivett, John Lincoln
27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast



March

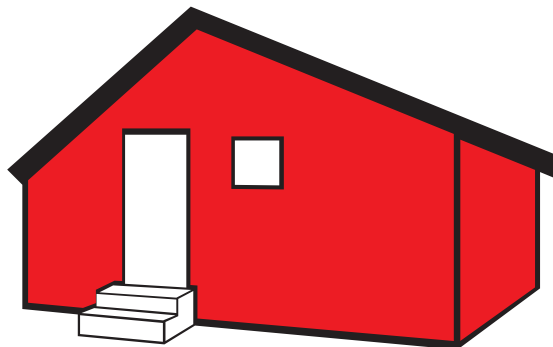
1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pyramid Lake Pre-Trip w/ Paul Nakamura
4-6	Weekend		Lower Owens #2 with John Lincoln & Dan Rivett
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
7	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
15-18	Week		Pyramid Lake Trip with Paul Nakamura
16	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
			Directors' Handicap
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Ernie Gulley
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Zoom Presentation
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum



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