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Leader's Line...

A Fishing Adventure in Patagonia

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

Isn't it awesome to be a member of one of the greatest fly fishing clubs in America? The more I get involved, and the more Club members I meet, the more I am in awe of the talent this club possesses. I want to say "thank you" to all of you who are keeping the traditions alive, and who are giving of your time and talent in teaching others about this great sport.

About four years ago, I was introduced to international travel and fishing in Patagonia by Joe Libeu and Kathy Kim. I've had a desire to return to South America ever since. Jeff Gross and I have just returned from a great experience in Coyhaique, Chile, and we've decided to furnish you with a brief description of the great time we had fishing there.

Before 2017 I had always turned down opportunities to fish internationally. My thought was: "why would I travel all the way to South America to catch trout when I can do it right here?"

I now know what I was missing. Wow! There is no place on earth that I would rather be than in South America/Patagonia, fishing for trout.

Getting down there and back was not easy, to say the least! The paperwork



and flight restrictions, due to the recent Covid-19 surge, were a problem. We missed a couple of flights, and the airline was a challenge. But it was all worth it!

When we finally arrived in Coyhaique we found that there were not very many tourists in the area. It was nice not to have the crowds that we normally see.

We left Los Angeles on January 5, fished our hearts out and came back the 24th.

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Club Trips for 2022

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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
Mar. 21	East Fork San Gabriel River w/T. Griffith Pre-Trip March 15, 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 8-13	Green River Trip #3 w/K. O'Donnell, 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
August 8-11	Sierra Backpacking Agnew Meadows w/J. Garvey, Pre-Trip July 30, 9:00 AM
August 13	Yards & Inches (Pozole Bowl) w/M. Woodbury, Pre-Trip August 6, 9:00 AM

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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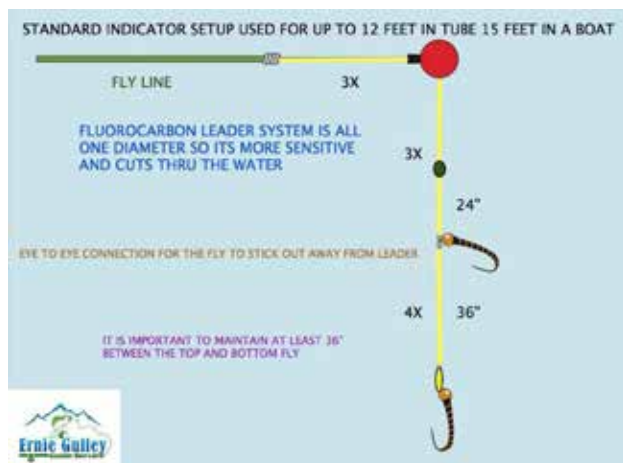
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March Speaker: Ernie Gulley Tells Us About Stillwater Fishing

BOB MAYFIELD, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Ernies Gulley was born in Southern California, and started fishing with his father as soon as he could walk. In 1997 Ernie's curiosity about fly fishing began and a true love affair was born. This love affair blossomed, and he never looked back.

Ernie was mentored by **Bob Slamal**, a legend in the fly fishing industry. In 2007, he won the **"Double Haul in the Fall"** tournament at Lake Crowley. Since his first win he has gone on to win both individual and team division titles.



Ernie is currently a **professional fly fishing guide** in Southern California and the Eastern Sierra. He is one of the premier stillwater guides in the Sierra.

After a day guiding clients, it is not unusual to see Ernie back out on the water until sunset, exploring, testing, observing, analyzing, and putting in the extra time and effort to master his craft. His philosophy is simple: you can always learn something new every time you are on the water.

Ernie is a "Pro Ambassador" for the **Hardy Fly Fishing Company** and the **Cortland Line Company**. He takes



great pride in sharing his knowledge of fly fishing, and his passion for teaching stillwater fly fishing tactics.

Ernie's presentation will include leader setups, types of fly rods and reels, fly lines, fly patterns and the chironomid life cycle. He will share how and when to put your fly patterns at the proper depth. Depth, color, and size of your flies in that order are the most important aspect of learning how to fish chironomids successfully. Come join us on **March 31 at 7:00 pm** as Ernie shares his secrets of success, from thousands of hours spent on the water.

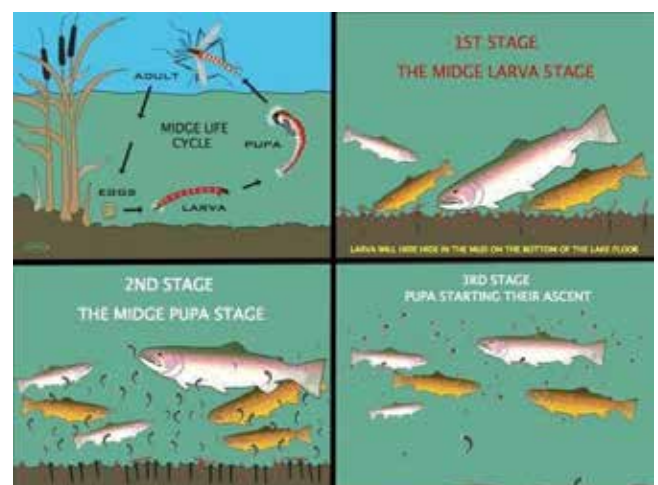
Please join us live in the Clubhouse, or for those who wish to join us via Zoom, use the link below:

To JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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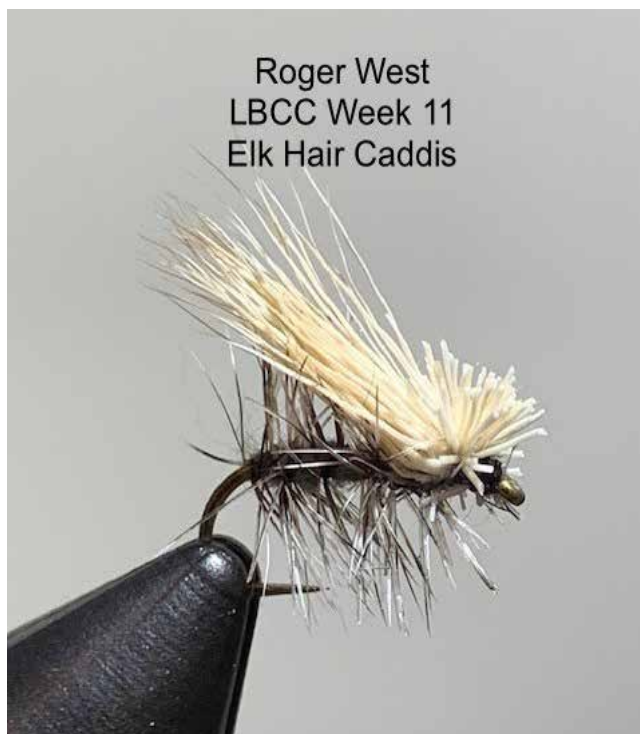


Our Zoom Fly Tying Continues...

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

The weeks pass by fast when you're having fun tying flies (I hope). We've finished Week 12 (the Adams). The group started tying dry flies in Week 11, with the Elk Hair Caddis. We have four more weeks to go, and the tiers are doing a great job, learning how to tie on different materials and learning new techniques. We've been getting good feedback on the videos and Q & A pre/post sessions.

Again, a big thank you to all the volunteers, including Dan Oliver for the videos, JoAnn Bosowski for the beautiful artwork and John Van Derhoof and Joe Libeu, for lending their expertise.



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 Wants You (Part Two)!

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

This year's Nominating Committee has nominated the following members to the 2022–2023 Long Beach Casting Club's Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT:	Robert Mayfield
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	Marc Bonvouloir
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	to be determined
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	to be determined
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Mark Angelo
TREASURER:	Ed Alvarado
CCAPTAIN:	Mark Flo & Tom Olson
FACILITIES & POND:	Steve Jackson
JUNIOR DIRECTOR:	Steve Jones
SENIOR DIRECTOR:	Colin Kumabe

There are just two openings on the Board of Directors. Each of these positions requires less time during the entire term than the Beginning Fly Tying Class requires in just a few weeks.

If you're one of many who go on trips, take classes, come to meetings, etc., and do nothing in return, maybe it's time to ask not what the Club can do for you—ask what can you do for your club.

The new officers will be voted in on April 7 at the Annual General Meeting, and installed on April 16 at the Awards and Installation Dinner. The Annual General Meeting is a brief business meeting with no guest speaker, and all members are encouraged to attend.

The Annual General Meeting is in lieu of the regular monthly meeting. Any ten members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Refer to the Long Beach Casting Club Constitution & Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5, for the procedure to nominate candidates from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. The Constitution & Bylaws are located in the LBCC Roster.

New Club Members

MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Rock Schumacher of Long Beach, CA
- ❖ Peter Vogl of Camas, WA
- ❖ John Jaurequito of Stephenville, TX
- ❖ Chris Maciag of Incline Village, NV
- ❖ Phillip Hurner of Incline Village, NV
- ❖ Vicki Chapman of Long Beach, CA
- ❖ Jill Wagner of Corona, CA
- ❖ Perry & Mari Crosbie of Anaheim, CA
- ❖ Rick Silva of Long Beach, CA
- ❖ Charles Hoon of Huson, MT
- ❖ Eric Yamada of Glendale, 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!

Leader's Line...Continued from page 1

We fished for 14 days with Juan Ramon Astorga. He is an independent guide based in the Coyhaique area. We have become good friends.

He is a really good guide and a pleasant person to be around. His fees are very reasonable and the food he serves is the best guide food I have ever had.



Juan has a couple of rafts that he uses on the rivers and lakes in the area. We fished about seven days on different rivers, and seven days in lakes. On the lakes, we used a large pontoon boat with a motor.

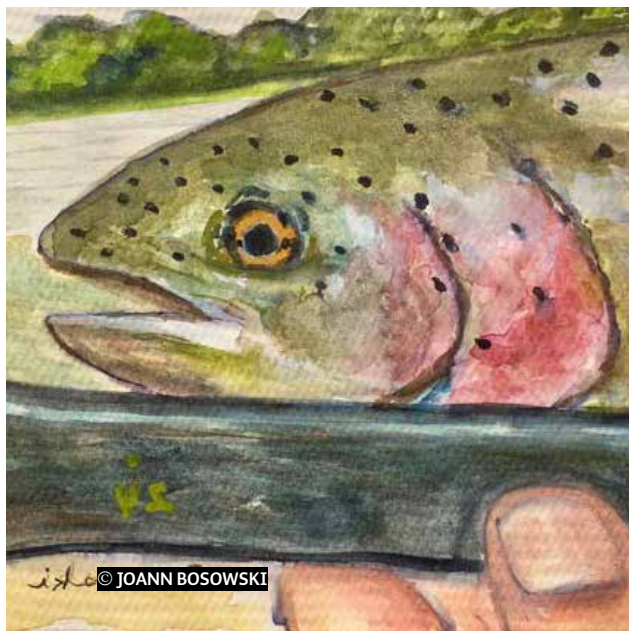
Fishing the lakes, we found many huge beetles trying to swim to shore. They were like protein bars for these trout! We were using some large Chubby Chernobyl-type beetle imitations. The brown and rainbow trout in the lakes would rise to these flies, and it made for a really fun day, fishing large dries that we could see really well.

The views are unbelievable! The water is so clear and beautiful. I think I saw one person fishing on the 14 days that we fished.

A couple of our favorite rivers were the Rio Simpson and the Nirahua. On these rivers our go-to flies were smaller hopper patterns. We had some good luck with a dry/dropper rig, with the hopper on the top and a red Copper John on the bottom. Really fun fishing.

Our larger trout were in the 22-inch range, but the average was about 18 inches. Because of Covid, many of these lakes and rivers have received little fishing pressure. This made for very good fishing.

Jeff and I will be going back to Patagonia every year, in early January. If you have any interest in this type of trip let me know. Jeff and I will be happy to give you more information on this area. It is not an expensive trip, and it is definitely one of those trips that should be on your bucket list.



Around the Casting Pond

STEVE HIGASHI, FACILITIES & POND

The Casting Pond was cleaned Saturday, January 8, 2022, in preparation for the Long Beach Casting Club's Open Spey Tournament.

Unfortunately the Spey Tournament was postponed by Spey Captain Tom Olson, due to a surge in Covid infections after the holidays. The Club had to adhere to the City of Long Beach's guidelines.

All the work and effort was not in vain, as the Casting Pond was in need of a thorough cleaning: drain, wash and refill. Thank you to the following members who participated:

- ❖ Michael Frame
- ❖ Mossy Kennedy
- ❖ Matt Murdough
- ❖ Keith O'Donnell
- ❖ Rix Gano
- ❖ Tom Groseclose
- ❖ Steve Jackson
- ❖ Tom Olson
- ❖ Steve Higashi
- ❖ Tim Lambert
- ❖ Conley Dees

CLUBHOUSE PORCH RAILS REPLACED

Because of termite and water damage over time, the Clubhouse porch rails have been in need of repair.

New porch rails were installed Monday, December 20, 2021, with Steve Jackson volunteering his expertise and time to plan the project, purchase required materials and assemble the rails at home. Jeff Gross purchased all paint supplies and painted the rails before they were installed. Eddie Madrid assisted Steve and Jeff with the installation of the new rails.

Thank you to Steve, Jeff and Eddie for their knowledge, time and effort in completing this project.

SAND BAG FILLING/STACKING

Approximately 220 sand bags were filled and stacked around the southeast end of the Casting Pond on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

The large grassy area between the dog park and the Casting Pond does not drain well when there is heavy or extended rainfall, and the runoff from the dog park has now overflowed into the Casting Pond. With the runoff from the dog park contaminating the Casting Pond, Club volunteers have had to drain, wash and refill the Pond.

Placement of the sand bags will help prevent the Casting Pond from flooding.

Thank you to the following members who participated and thank you to Tom Groseclose for providing his new Chevrolet pickup truck to haul filled sand bags from the sand pile next to the tool shed to the pool.

- ❖ Van Lloyd
- ❖ Mark Flo
- ❖ Keith O'Donnell
- ❖ Dean Mochinaga
- ❖ Colin Kumabe
- ❖ Robert Mayfield
- ❖ Tom Groseclose
- ❖ John Pohorsky
- ❖ Tom Olson
- ❖ Ron Sakoda
- ❖ Steve Higashi

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.

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.

A February Trip to the Owens River

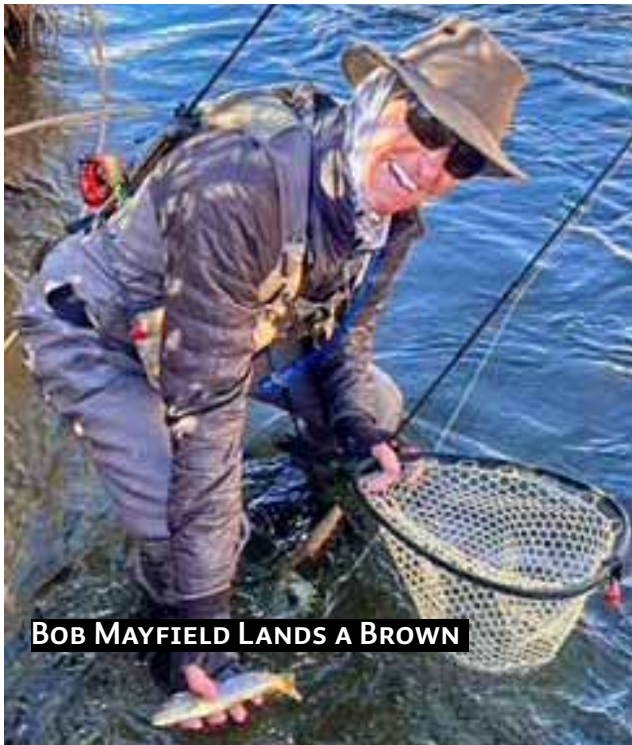
MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

After the Club's Lower Owens trip was cancelled again, a few of us went to the Owens on our own, the first weekend in February, for some much-needed socially-distanced fly fishing.

A cold front had moved through a few days earlier, and the fish were still hiding on Thursday. But, if the fishing gods were smiling on you, you could go around the corner and have a BWO hatch go off and you would be the only one there.



MARK FLO WITH WHEELER RIDGE IN THE BACKGROUND



BOB MAYFIELD LANDS A BROWN

Friday was a little warmer and people were catching more fish. On Saturday, it turned on at 9:30, and by 12:00 I had landed 10 rainbows and browns, all of them smallish but fun.

The fish got very active in a few of my favorite spots. We finished up Sunday morning, and I landed a 16-inch rainbow to make my weekend.

Membership Renewal Due March 31!

MARK ANGELO, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

It's that time of the year again for Membership Renewal. The Club looks forward to your membership renewal and appreciates your support. If circumstances have changed and you no longer wish to be a member, please let me know.

Those of you who have already renewed, thank you, and if you are not sure of your status, please feel free to email me.

Please mail your renewal form (https://longbeachcastingclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/LBCC_Membership_Application_Rev_Nov_2016_Fillable.pdf) and check to the Club address:

Long Beach Casting Club
PO Box 90035
Long Beach, CA 90809-0035

or pay by Paypal/credit card at:
<https://longbeachcastingclub.org/membership/>

Please take action by March 31, 2022. If not, you will be removed from our Roster and not be able to vote at our Annual General Meeting in April. Again, thank you for your past support. Don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions about renewal:
angelo.mark64@gmail.com.

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East Fork San Gabriel!

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

In an effort to add more and various trips to our list for 2022 (and also to get you off your butt and fishing!), we are heading to a great local fishery—the East Fork San Gabriel River. The date is Monday, March 21 with the pre-trip meeting Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm.

Just an hour up the 605 and 210, this freestone river drains much of the San Gabriel mountains in a wild rustic setting. I'm sure most of you have fished this river in the past; I'm also sure it's been some time since you did so.

To refresh your memory, you enter the canyon on Azusa Avenue (Highway 39), off the 210 freeway heading north. After passing two dams you come to the bridge that separates the North, West and East Forks of the river.

The Bobcat fire has closed the West Fork for a number of years. Hopefully this tailwater will open next year.

Turn right over the bridge and keep going until a parking area at the end of the road. This is a national forest so a Nature Pass or a National Parks pass must be visible from your car window to rangers who frequent this area.

The streamkeeper for this trip is Tim Griffith. He and I ventured to the East Fork a couple of weeks ago and couldn't believe how gorgeous the water looked—azure blue and a good flow. While we didn't fish it, it looked like it could hold some healthy fish. We will definitely fish it before the pre-trip meeting.

If you go, please be aware that you will be hiking upstream in some rough country crossing the stream a number of times. Optimal equipment is a 2- or 3-weight rod, casting dry flies while wet wading. Let Tim know if you plan on going: **626-290-0846** or tnggriff@earthlink.net.

Beginning Casting Class Cancelled!

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Due to Covid, the Beginning Casting Class is cancelled. Here's an excerpt from the email blast:

"...we feel it is more important to respect the safety of our members and the public. Despite the fact that case rates may be dropping, it is our collective opinion that it is shortsighted to consider the problem over and a move to normalcy is premature."—John Van Derhoof

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 **FMQLV392** for the discount. The list and code change monthly, so keep watching here.

Items for this Month:

- ❖ [Skagit shooting head ASIN: B075SBRMLB](#)
- ❖ [2nd Generation reel ASIN: B07JM8DNQQ](#)
- ❖ [Fly fishing nymph line ASIN: B072KNFD39](#)
- ❖ [2-in-1 fly fishing rods ASIN: B01MZ7UGLE](#)
- ❖ [Foam fly box ASIN: B07VG7C8RJ](#)

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/tippet. 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.

High Sierra Backpacking Fly Fishing Trip August 8th Through 11th, 2022

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER, AND COLIN KUMABE,
PAST PRESIDENT

This trip is a high Sierra backpacking and fly fishing trip to [Lake Ediza](#) and Minaret Lakes, below the Sierra Crest and above the San Joaquin River in the [Ansel Adams Wilderness](#). This is one of the most inspiring scenic areas in the Sierras. Once in this area, we will spend the next two days exploring and fishing in [Iceberg Lake](#), [Cecile Lake](#) and [Minaret Lake](#).

The plan is to drive from Long Beach on Sunday, August 7 to "acclimatize" at [Agnew Meadows Trailhead](#). Monday, we hike seven miles from Agnew Meadows to Ediza Lake, with an elevation gain of 1,000 feet. From Lake Ediza we plan to do some interesting cross-country hiking for three miles, gaining about 500 feet, to Minaret Lake, elevation 9,822 feet.

On Thursday, August 11, we will hike eight miles while descending 2,222 feet on the Minaret Lake Trail to the [Devil's Postpile Trailhead](#). We will shuttle between the Devil's Postpile Trailhead and the Agnew Meadows Trailhead, then drive home.

Most importantly, the quality of fishing in the back country is not found anywhere near civilization. Tie and pack lots of Ants and Sierra Bright Dots for this trip, and get in shape.

Permit space is very limited, and participants need to be in good physical condition and be familiar with their backpacking gear. Since this trip involves cross-country trekking, participants need to be comfortable with off-trail hiking and route finding.

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



ICEBERG LAKE

Recordings of LBCC Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Last year, the Club began recording our monthly meeting presentations (see [last month's Target Talk](#) for previous presentations). Here's the information for the last four recordings. To access them, click on the below links, and copy and paste the password information at the prompt:

OCTOBER: John Van Derhoof of LBCC. Topic: "Managing the Stacked Hackle". 62 minutes.

[John Van Derhoof Presentation Oct. 28th, 2021](#)
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NOVEMBER: Jennifer LaFollette, Reelflygal007@gmail.com. Topic: "History of Hardy Reels". 76 minutes.

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

JANUARY: Steph Albano of [Finatical Flyfishing](#). Topic: "Global Guide Service for Women, Run by Women". Length: 37 minutes.

[Steph Albano Presentation Jan. 27, 2022](#)
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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.



FALL

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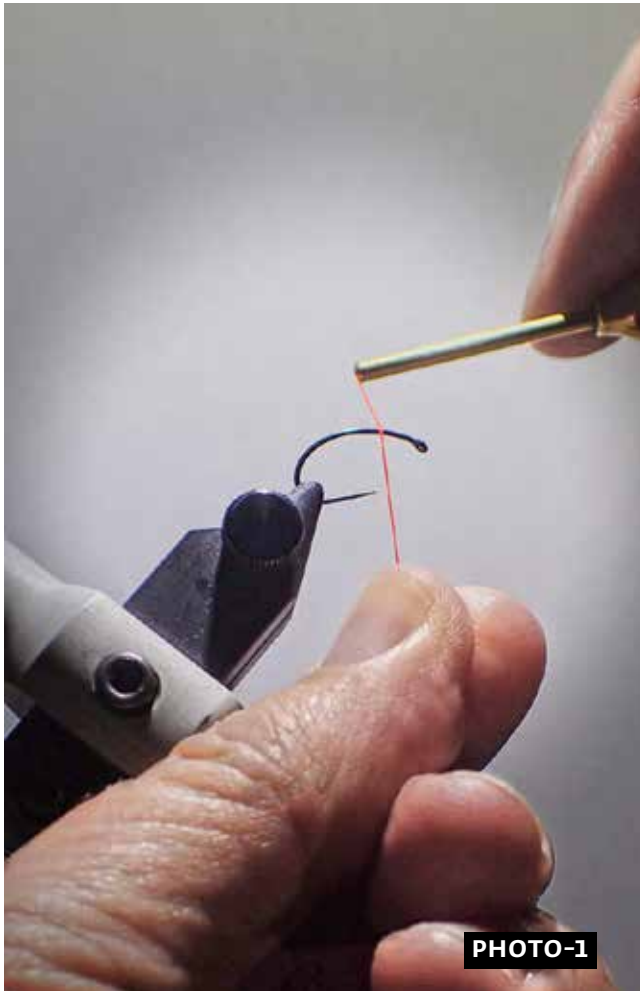
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9:00AM - 5:00PM
LONG BEACH, CA

Fly Tying Tip: Starting Thread on a Hook

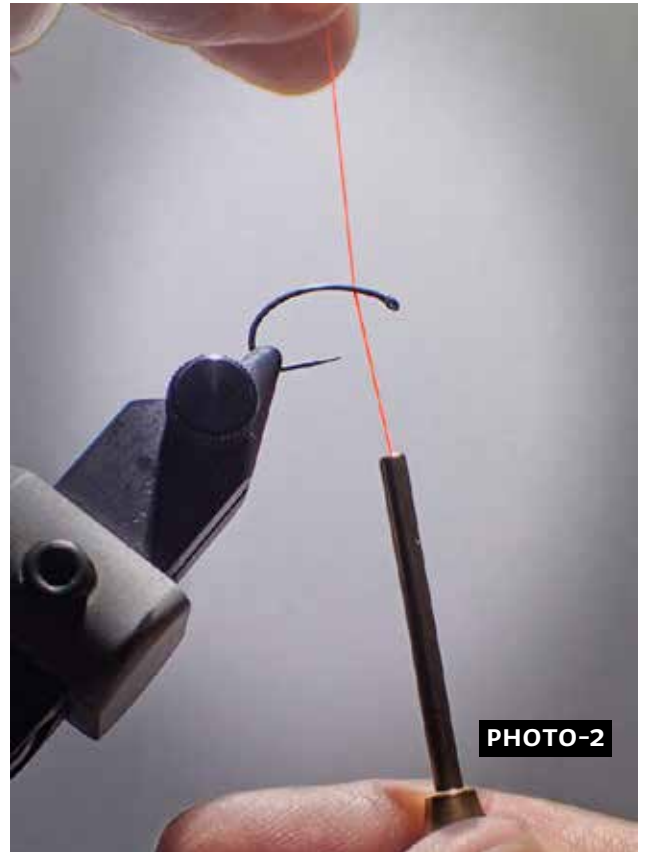
DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

The first thing we learn in fly tying is how to start our thread. So why the tip?

Along with a lot of others, I was taught to “push” my thread against the hook and wrap away from me. The bobbin holder starts high with the tag end low (**PHOTO-1**).

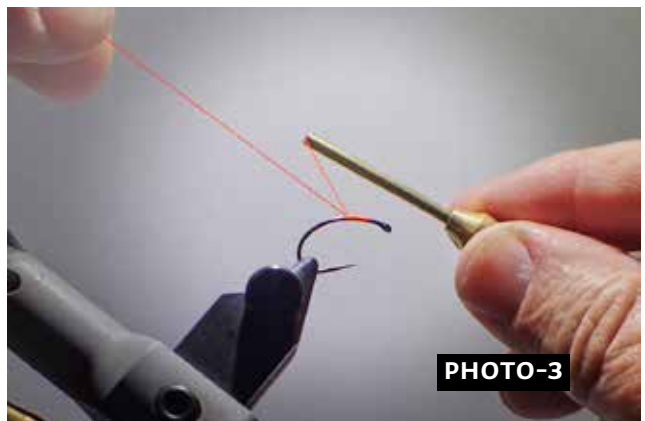


This is all fine and dandy for a straight shanked hook, but is more difficult on a curved shank like a nymph hook. The thread wants to slip toward the eye or to the back of the hook. I have found an easy way to get the thread to start at any location on the hook.



Place the thread behind the hook, tag end up. Bobbin holder is in the down position (**PHOTO-2**). Then all you do is pull the bobbin holder toward you, up and over the hook shank. Your tag end is in the best position to help place your base wraps adjacent to each other (**PHOTO-3**).

It really works on any hook, and becomes second nature after a while. Much easier for starting on those curved hooks. Beginners who have not learned proper thread tension also find it easier. It's my preferred method for the initial wraps of thread!



Fly of the Month: John's Foam Cicada

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ AND NUISANCE

All of you heading off to the Green River have the opportunity to experience an annual event. Of course this event is more prominent in certain years (like every 17) but it happens, albeit to a lesser degree, every year. Temperature and other conditions may move this occurrence back a few weeks or so, but it happens. The fish love it, and so will those who are there at the right time. We're talkin' cicadas.

Now there is no guarantee that you will hit this hatch. If it warms up dramatically over the next month or two then yes, those in the Club's first group, or, more likely, the second group, could experience one of the more dramatic dry fly experiences you can have. Casting 1½- to 2-inch bugs at fish eager to take advantage of a big meal can certainly be exciting.

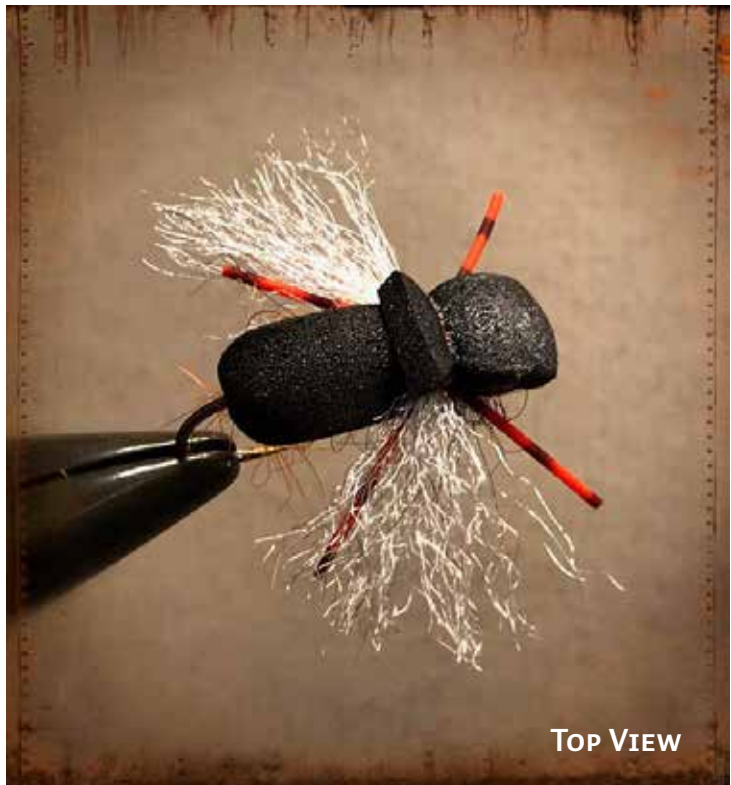
I have been going up to the Green for ten years straight now, and I have never hit the hatch. That's because I either go up too early or too late. "But John, why don't you try to time it correctly?" Because I like going when I go so I can attend a great fly tying event (the East Idaho Fly Tying Expo), and then fish to my heart's delight for a week. However, I do know of a couple of individuals who fish a cicada fly all year 'round because, to their way of thinking, the fish recognize the shape and color and tend not to ignore a yummy offering when it is presented. These folks catch fish and swear by the method.

Now, not all cicadas are on the 17-year cycle insects many of us have heard about. There are annual species as well. These live in the ground as nymphs until temperatures prompt their emergence. At that point they ascend a blade of grass, a shrub or a tree, then anchor themselves and molt into winged adults. In a few days their wings dry and their bodies harden and they mate. You can easily hear when cicadas are about. They usually mate in the trees and, while the males die, the females lay their eggs in the trees. The eggs later hatch, the nymphs falling to the ground, where they burrow and the cycle repeats.

Fishing Cicadas along the bank and under trees is a good idea, as the plop of one hitting the water is akin to ringing the dinner bell. You can also use this fly as a dropper with another point fly, like a smaller dry or a nymph. In many ways it's like fishing hoppers, so tie up a few and give them a try!

MATERIALS FOR TYING JOHN'S FOAM CICADA

HOOK:	TMC 2312, 2303 or 200R; sizes 8–4
THREAD:	Veevus Fluorescent Orange; 10/0
BODY:	UV Hot Orange Ice Dubbing
RIBBING:	UV Black Ice Dubbing
WING CASE:	2mm black closed-cell foam
HEAD:	UV Black Ice Dubbing
LEGS:	Orange & black rubber legs
WING:	Sparkle Emerger Yarn; cream



TOP VIEW

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING JOHN'S FOAM CICADA

1. Insert your hook in the vise and hang on. A quick note about hook choice... If you are going to be fishing over larger fish (the Green River qualifies) I suggest the Tiemco 2312 (down eye) or 2302. These hooks are 2XL and finer wire, but when compared to a similar length 200R (3XL), the shorter hook length and diameter is better proportioned and more robust. Attach the thread behind the eye of the hook and wind back to just over the point of the hook. Cut about a 1/4" to 3/8" wide by 3" long strip of foam and get ready to tie it in. Lay the foam over the entire shank, except the thorax area. Bind the foam down over the hook point and wind forward all the way to the thorax. If you wish to bolster the strength of the fly, brush a small amount of Zap-A-Gap to the underside of the hook and thread wraps, letting it dry.
2. With your thread at the start of the thorax, apply a very healthy amount of the orange dubbing to your thread. Cicadas are, shall we say, chunky. Once the noodle is prepared, wind it evenly back to where the foam is extending beyond the bend of the hook. The body of a cicada is a dirty orange with black segmentation so, guess what the next bit is? Yup, apply a thin amount of black dubbing to your thread and wind it forward, as a rib, to the start of the thorax.
3. With the thread at the beginning of the thorax, foam hanging out the back end and an orange body with a black rib it is now time to tie in the head/thorax. Apply a healthy amount of black dubbing (yup, the head is chunky too) to your thread and dub the entire thorax and head area, leaving a small head space.
4. Now it's time to start getting this thing to look like a cicada. Grab hold of the foam and pull it all the way forward, and tie it off in the head space you just left. With a black sharpie, paint your thread just enough to reach back to where the body and head/thorax meet. Now bind down the foam at that point. The fly should look like it has a wing case over the body and foam over the head, with the remainder of the foam protruding out the front.
5. Cut off two 2" lengths of rubber legs (I like the round centipede legs for larger flies like this). Tie in one of the lengths on the far side of the hook. I prefer to do the far side first, and I just pull the leg material up underneath the thread to where I want it and add an additional wrap of thread. Now, tie in the legs on the near side using the same technique. The legs should be tied in where the body and head/thorax meet.
6. Time to wing it! Cut a 4" length of the wing material. It should be about the diameter of a pencil. Right in the middle of the foam tie it down "spinner wing" style and right over the same wraps for the legs (no need to wind in front or behind them—they'd just get in the way). Tie them in using "X" wraps and about four to six turns of thread. If you want to add glue to make it more durable, don't—it's going to get covered and won't need it. It can also wick down the fibers, stiffening them.
7. Almost home...pull the foam projecting off the front of the hook straight backwards. Again, at the point where the body and head/thorax meet, bind the foam down between the legs and in front of the wing. Whip finish and apply a light coat of Zap-A-Gap to the wraps on top, to lock them. Trim the foam away with about 1/8" extending rearwards beyond the wraps. Trim the wings at a slight angle, so that they are about 1½ times the width of the wing case. Trim the legs so they are a bit shorter than the wings, and you're now ready to get out there and assault some fish. Good luck!!!



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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/Skwala 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:

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Calendar of Events

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 #3 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 Casting Orientation— Cancelled
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting— Cancelled
			San Gabriel East Fork Pre-Trip w/ T. Griffith
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
21	Monday		San Gabriel East Fork Trip w/ T. Griffith
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting— Cancelled
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting— Cancelled
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
31	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Ernie Gulley

April

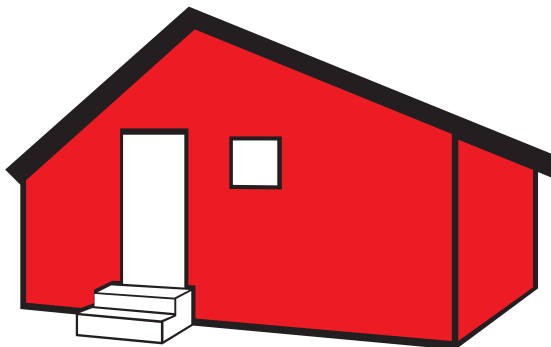
4	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting— Cancelled
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
15-17	Weekend		Kelsey Bass Ranch with Mick Woodbury
16	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Green River Trip
		7:00 PM	Awards & Installation Dinner
20	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24-29	Week		Green River #1 with John Lincoln
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

May

1-6	Week		Green River #2 with Colin Kumabe
2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
8-13	Week		Green River #3 with Keith O'Donnell
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
18	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
21	Saturday	9:00 AM	SCFFI Fly Buy 2022
			Pre-Trip: Fall River Trip w/M. Bonvouloir
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Karin Miller
31-Jun 4	Week		Fall River Trip w/ M. Bonvouloir



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