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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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Leader's Line...

Thanks to our LBCC Volunteers for a Great Year!

STEVE JONES, PRESIDENT

Hello, Club members. In the past couple of months we have had some lively board meetings, and I thought it would be appropriate to bring all the Club members up to date on some of the things that are cooking here at the Club.

Coming up on Thursday night, April 7 at 7:00 pm is our Annual General Meeting, where we will be voting in some new leadership at the Club. This meeting will be held at the Clubhouse and via Zoom. Masks inside the Clubhouse are encouraged, but not required. We hope to see you at the Club, but if you can't make it, please log in to our [Zoom meeting](#).

We also wanted to let you know that the Club recently donated \$625.00 to "Casting for Recovery", an organization that enhances the quality of life for women with breast cancer.

We would like to thank Steve Jackson and Eddie Madrid for their efforts with conservation on the east, west and north forks of the San Gabriel. I encourage you to get involved in the project by calling Steve Jackson. He is always looking for help with this important work.

We continue our efforts on the new website. The Club is hoping to roll it out before our General Meeting on April 7th. We would like to thank Bob Allen, Colin Kumabe, Ed Alvarado and Tom Olson for joining me in donating to this cause, to fund some of the overrun due to added scope of work.

Many people are looking to learn how to cast or to improve their casting. Thanks to Joe Libeu, Mark Flo, Eddie Madrid and Steve Jackson for showing up with me last Tuesday to help about 12 new casters. We will continue to host informal casting classes.

If you and your friends would like some casting help, contact me, Steve Jones. We'll come up with enough teachers to support your group. We're also looking for instructors, so please let me know if you can help.

We will be creating a new class for "Teaching the Teachers" how to teach fly casting. We are not sure when we will be rolling this out, but it should be soon. If you would like to participate, please contact me.

We're excited about 2022! Let's get out and do what we do best...teaching others about this great sport.

Club Trips for 2022

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
April 4	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)— Cancelled
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 Trip w/ A. Palomares, Pre-Trip July 16, 9:00 am
July 22	Brookie Bash Sierra Tenkara Event w/ Cecil O'Dell
July 23	Brookie Bash Saturday
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
Sept 4-9	Bighorn River w/Joe Libeu, 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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Awards & Installation Dinner Moved up to April 9 (and Other News Around the Clubhouse)

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Awards & Installation Dinner has been re-scheduled from April 16 to April 9. If you're planning to attend, please contact Steve Jones (SJones@austinjonescorp.com). Reservations must be received by: Wednesday, April 6, 2022. See the **Reservation Form on Page 4** of this month's Target Talk.

EAST FORK OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

From Marc Bonvouloir: "due to the road closure on March 21 of Highway 39 into Azusa Canyon, our trip to the East Fork San Gabriel River will be rescheduled for Monday, April 4. There was a Los Angeles Sheriff's Department helicopter crash in the canyon, so the road was closed to all traffic...We will meet at the East Fork Trailhead parking lot at 9:00 am on April 4."

NEW POLICY REGARDING CANCELLING LBCC EVENTS

The Board of Directors has approved a new policy regarding cancelling events. This includes trips, classes, social gatherings, casting events, and meetings. Once an event has been announced, only the LBCC Board will have the authority to cancel it. Thanks for your understanding, and we hope this change will give us all confidence in planning and implementing future events.

NEW MASKING GUIDELINES FOR THE LBCC CLUBHOUSE AS OF MARCH 8TH, 2022

The City of Long Beach Health Department has revised masking guidelines that pertain to our facility and states: "starting March 1, masks will no longer be required for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals

but will be strongly recommended for all individuals in most indoor settings."

The Board of Directors voted on new masking guidelines when inside the Clubhouse. Masks are not required to be worn in the Clubhouse, but all individuals wishing to wear masks shall not be discouraged from doing so. The Board recommends that everyone keeps wearing masks and practices social distancing when visiting inside the Clubhouse.

LBCC Annual Meeting!

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

The following members have been nominated to the 2022–2023 LBCC Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT:	Robert Mayfield
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2 ND VICE PRESIDENT:	Steve Timm
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	Blair Williams
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Mark Angelo
TREASURER:	Ed Alvarado
CO-CAPTAINS:	Mark Flo & Tom Olson
FACILITIES & POND:	Steve Jackson
JUNIOR DIRECTOR:	Steve Jones
SENIOR DIRECTOR:	Colin Kumabe

The new officers will be voted in on April 7 at the Annual General Meeting, and installed on April 9 at the Awards and Installation Dinner. This meeting is a brief business meeting with no guest speaker, and all LBCC members are encouraged to attend.

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

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

LBCC Awards & Installation Dinner

Date: April 9, 2022

Time: Start at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

Place: Long Beach Casting Club

Menu (also see potluck portion below):

**Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Salad**

Come and celebrate with us the accomplishments from this past year, thank those who have made the Club enjoyable and a success and help us welcome the new Board of Directors who'll be giving so much of their time during the next 12 months to keep our club energized.

Please mail the following information to our club address below:

Awards and Installation Dinner

Date: April 9, 2022

Time: Start at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

Place: Long Beach Casting Club

Dinner: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad

Pot Luck Assignments:

Last name begins with: A–M: Hors d'oeuvres, N–Z: Dessert;

Name:-----

Number of people including myself:-----

I will be bringing:-----

I am willing to help out with preparation, serving, or cleanup:-----

Send this form on or before Wednesday, April 6, 2022 to:

LBCC c/o A&I Dinner

P.O. Box 90035

Long Beach, CA 90808-0035

Also, in order to help with the headcount, please contact Steve Jones (SJones@austinjonescorp.com)

Reservations must be received by: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

High Sierra Backpack 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 arrive 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 important, 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).



Waiver and Release Agreement 2022

LBCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Did you know that LBCC has a “[Waiver and Release Agreement](#)” for Club trips and some activities? We’ve been advised by our insurance provider to have members and non-members sign a release of liability, to protect the Club.

As of February 15, 2022, the Club has a new “Waiver and Release Agreement”, which has been updated to protect us in case of exposure to airborne viruses such as COVID-19, waterborne bacterial viruses and various other environmental hazards which are listed in the Agreement.

If you've been on a trip over the past year, it's likely you signed one, but in 2022 every participant will need to sign the new Agreement. Streamkeepers and event organizers will be responsible for obtaining and keeping the signed agreements.

We will have copies at the Clubhouse, so when there is a Pre-Trip meeting they will be available. We will eventually have an electronic version to make the whole process more efficient.

One of our members, Attorney Tom Chambers, was instrumental in writing the original Agreement, and kindly updated it to protect the Club from additional liability. We want to thank Tom for lending his expertise in writing the Agreement.

Thank you for being a member of LBCC and for understanding that everyone participating in some events will need to sign the new “Waiver and Release Agreement”. We appreciate it.

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

Please read carefully before signing
This is a release of liability and waiver of certain legal rights

In consideration for my being permitted to participate in the activities of the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, I agree to the following Waiver and Release:

I acknowledge that fishing has inherent risks, hazards, and dangers for anyone, that cannot be eliminated, particularly in a wilderness environment, I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE RISKS, HAZARDS, AND DANGERS INCLUDE WITHOUT LIMITATION:

1. Water hazards in boating and wading in the rivers including drowning.
2. Hiking in rugged country.
3. Injuries from fishing equipment and other participants.
4. Encounters with wildlife, animals, and insects.
5. Temperature extremes.
6. Inclement weather conditions and unavailability of immediate medical attention in the wilderness in case of injury.
7. Exposure to Airborne viruses and viruses acquired through person-to-person exposure, including, but not limited to COVID-19 and its variants, rhinovirus, influenza, and its multiple variants.
8. Exposure to waterborne bacterial infections, pathogens and diseases caused by bacteria including but not limited to streptococcus, pseudomonas, and foodborne/water borne illnesses, such as shigella, campylobacter and salmonella.
9. Exposure to environmental, soil related bacterial and fungal infections including but not limited to tetanus, anthrax, botulism, and related pathogens.

I understand the risks, hazards, and dangers of fishing and have had the opportunity to discuss them with the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB. I understand that these activities may require good physical conditioning and a degree of skill and knowledge. I believe I have that good physical conditioning and the degree of skill and knowledge necessary for me to engage in these activities safely. I understand that I have responsibilities. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate and I elect to participate in spite of the risks to me. I AM VOLUNTARILY USING THE SERVICES OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE INHERENT RISKS, HAZARDS, AND DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY ASSUME AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH.

Lastly, I, for myself, my heirs, successors, executors, and subrogees, hereby KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE AND RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, their directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, suits, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this activity including, but not limited to, NEGLIGENCE of any kind or nature, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death to me or my property as a result of my engaging in these activities or the use of these services, animals or equipment, whether such damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death results from negligence of the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB or from some other cause. I, for myself, my heirs, my successors, executors, and subrogees, further agree not to sue the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB as a result of any injury, paralysis, or death suffered in connection with my use and participation in the activities of the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, CLEARLY UNDERSTAND, AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

Date

Signature

Print Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number

If under eighteen years of age, parent, guardian, or custodian must sign the following indemnification:

INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration for the above minor being permitted by the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB to participate in the activities of the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB which include, without limitation, the use of its services, animals, and equipment, I agree to the following waiver, release, and indemnification:

The undersigned parent, guardian, or custodian of the above minor, for himself/herself and on behalf of said minor, hereby joins in the foregoing Waiver and Release and hereby stipulates and agrees to save and hold harmless, indemnify, and forever defend the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, their directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any claims, actions, demands, expenses, liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees), and NEGLIGENCE made or brought by said minor or by anyone on behalf of said minor, as a result of said minor's participation in the activities of the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB and his or her use of the property, animals, if any, and facilities of the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB. I, for myself and on behalf of said minor, further agree not to sue the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB as a result of any injury, paralysis or death that said minor suffers in connection with his/her participation in the activities of the LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB.

Date

Signature of Parent, Guardian, or
Custodian of Minor

Print Name of Minor

Date

Witness

**SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FFI'S
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APRIL 9, 2022
TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

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Long Beach Casting Club's Fly Tying Video Demonstrations Have Come to an End

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBER

LBCC has finished another successful year of demonstrating the “magic” of tying your own flies. We’ve had a lot of positive feedback from participants, both newbies and repeats.

This year we started class at 6:30 to answer some questions or learn extra techniques. The students then watched the outstanding videos that Dan Oliver had made.

After the video they were assigned to a breakout room for Q & A with our volunteers for 15 minutes. Then the participants rejoined the main room.

John Van Derhoof and Joe Libeu dazzled everyone with their knowledge of other patterns, how to fish them, and history. These sessions were extra special knowledge which everyone picked up on that we didn’t get to do in our in Clubhouse sessions.

The Long Beach Casting Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all the team members who have made this a success:

- ❖ Fly Tying Program Coordinator: Cecil O’Dell
- ❖ Zoom Coordinators: Mark Flo and Colin Kumabe
- ❖ Introduction Video: Scott Davidson
- ❖ Tier, Cameraman, Videographer: Dan Oliver
- ❖ Artwork: JoAnn Bosowski
- ❖ Communications Coordinator: Shirley Sakaguchi
- ❖ Fly Judge: Wayne Sakaguchi
- ❖ Pre/After Hour Hosts: John Van Derhoof and Joe Libeu
- ❖ Breakout Room Volunteers: All the Club volunteers who participated and helped in the Q & A in the Breakout Room Sessions.



Rusty Draper Goes Big, Catches a Lunker at Soaring Eagle Lodge on the San Juan River

RUSTY DRAPER, MEMBER

I arrived at the Soaring Eagle Lodge to fish the San Juan River the first week of February. I checked into the lodge and was assigned Cabin Three.

I stored my luggage in the cabin and relaxed, looking forward to fishing the week. I was the only guest at the lodge until later in the week, when a group from Wild On the Fly was coming in.

The chef knocked on my door and informed me I was having dinner brought to my cabin, as I was the only guest. This went on both for breakfast and dinner until the group came in. The service and food were just outstanding.

I woke up to three or four inches of snow on the ground. Rusty, my guide, and I had the river all to ourselves the first day. It was wonderful being on the water by ourselves all day. On that day we caught many large trout.

We launched the boat with a temperature of two degrees. It was overcast, with light snow flurries, most of the day.

The fish this week had a very soft take. The rest of the time we were joined by other boats and some fishermen on the shores, with the same temperature, but it was sunny all day.

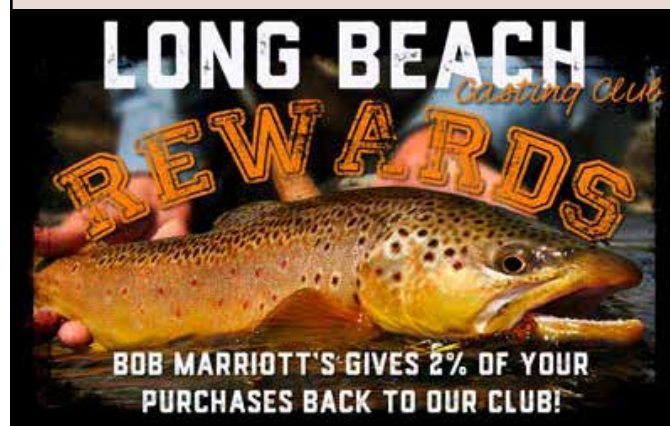
My biggest rainbow was 28 inches. This is my biggest rainbow to date from this river.

It was time to head home so I said my goodbyes at breakfast, packed my car and left for home. It was a wonderful trip and I will return.



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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Long Beach Casting Club's Brookie Bash: 24th Year!

MARC BONVOULOIR, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

[Editor's Note: the first Brookie Bash was in 1998, led by Tom Tatham, a well-loved member of the Club who has since passed away. The first few Bashes occurred at Chocolate Lakes Loop above South Lake, out of Bishop. The Bash was later moved to Little Lakes Valley, its current location. Jeff Sadler took on the streamkeeper role, and led the trip for many years before he passed away. Mark Flo then took over for a few years, before passing the baton to Armando Palomares. I have fond memories of past Brookie Bashes, as do a lot of Club members—Rob]

One of LBCC's premier trips, the Brookie Bash combines skill, tenacity, shoe leather, geographical knowledge of the Eastern Sierra and fun, all rolled into one fantastic weekend in July.

Last year over a dozen members succeeded in achieving the "Sadler Slam", catching all five species of trout in one weekend. This year the event is scheduled for July 21-24. Saturday, July 23rd is Brookie Bash Day at Mosquito Flat. The Sierra Tenkara event will be on Friday, July 22, hosted by Cecil O'Dell.

The pre-trip meeting will be Saturday, July 16 at 9:00 am in the Clubhouse. Look for the email blast from the Club with meeting details. For the third year, Streamkeeper Armando Palomares is heading up the trip. Contact him at 760-644-2755 or a.palomares@sbcglobal.net for info.

This year, Club President Steve Jones has graciously offered his two condos as accommodations for the Bash. There is a combinations of beds, lofts and couches which will sleep 14 guests.

Here's the great news: Steve needs only to cover cleaning costs on the condos so the price per person for Thursday night to Sunday morning is \$25. First

come first served, but you need to coordinate with Armando Palomares right away.

I for one am camping, starting on Thursday, July 21. There will be a pizza party on Saturday evening, in McGee Creek parking lot at Route 395, at 7:00 pm. Bring \$5, a camping chair and drinks of your choice as we rehash(lie) about the fish we caught!

Earn the Long Beach Casting Club special pin "The Sadler Slam", by catching all five species of trout on that weekend: brookie, brown, rainbow, cutthroat and golden.

Remember the immortal words of Jeffrey Sadler:

"Rookies and Brookies are made for each other!"

Recordings of LBCC Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Last year, the Club began recording our monthly meeting presentations (see [February 2022 Target Talk](#) for previous presentations). Below is the information for this year's recordings. To access a recording, click on one of the below links, and copy and paste the password at the prompt:

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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FEBRUARY: Glenn Ueda, [So Cal Fishing Guide](#). Topic: "Planet Carp", Length: 110 minutes.

[Glenn Ueda Presentation February 24, 2022](#)
Passcode: 2C!.hWQ1

Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California - Saturday, April 23, 2022



Meet at 8AM at the Pleasant Valley Campground @ the metal footbridge

- Bring gloves.
- Bring family and friends!
- The more people, the cleaner the river!

TIMELINE:

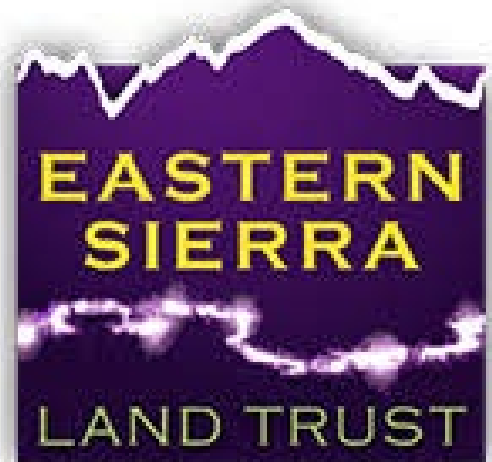
- 8:00am: Coffee and baked goods provided for all volunteers.
- 12-noon: Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM at the Pleasant Valley Campground near the dumpster.

GOODIES & RAFFLES!

- There is a free raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away!
- If you'd like to donate swag for the raffle, please contact organizer Chris Leonard @ 818.288.3271.

DESCRIPTION:

- This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue-ribbon moving water fishery. The Annual Owens River Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022. This is the 8th consecutive year of this much welcomed event.
- What makes this day work so well is the congregation of good-hearted volunteers who travel from near and far to partake in a morning of beautification of the Owens River near Bishop, California.
- It is a great event, and everyone is welcome!



Fishing Rhythm: When to Change Flies?

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

How often should flies be changed while fishing a nymph rig? The oversimplified answer is “when you ain’t catchin’.” The complete answer involves many other factors, including whether you believe the fish at your spot are eating, spooked or even around. Here are some ideas to consider while fishing.

For the purposes of this comparison, consider fishing the Lower Owens River with two common simple “Game Plans” for fishing. Given 30 minutes to fish a spot, which of the game plans is better?

USE “GO-TO” FLIES AND KEEP MOVING: this works best when you have confidence in the flies. It increases fishing time, since you’re not spending time switching flies. But you need to know the water very well, and you’d better be using the right flies.

SWITCH FLIES FREQUENTLY: say, every 10 drifts without a strike. This tactic works best when you don’t know which fly to use, as you can more quickly find the right fly. But you could be fishing at one spot too long. And on days of very cold water, even the “best” flies need to be presented directly in front of the fish’s mouth, so more drifts are required to catch fish.

Both of these tactics are used by successful fly fishers. The difference: they know when to switch flies. Some things to consider when we don’t find success:

- ❖ Which insects were on the rocks along the water’s edge? Start your day by looking at the aquatic insects on the rocks. Match your flies with these aquatic insects.
- ❖ Did the hatch occur before I arrived? Usually doesn’t happen, but after a hatch fish will continue to eat, given a well-presented fly.
- ❖ Are the fish really looking for only one insect species? Usually not just one; they will eat a variety of well presented flies.

- ❖ Was my streamside approach so disruptive that the fish are all hiding? Walk softly, slowly, and carry a box of good flies.
- ❖ Are my flies at the depth where the fish are feeding? Are they too deep? Not on the bottom? Design your nymph rig to allow for a variety of depths. Adjust your strike indicator continually to find the depth where the fish are feeding.

The solution to not catching is very complicated and too often elusive. Use some of these ideas that might improve your chances for success.

If every day and all day we caught lots and lots of fish, then this would not be fishing. Our beloved sport would be called “catching”.

Practice your casting whenever you can at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond. In addition to improving your cast, practice will improve your line management skills. Handling line and untangling your line takes practice too. And of course, once on the stream, your time is limited.

New Club Members

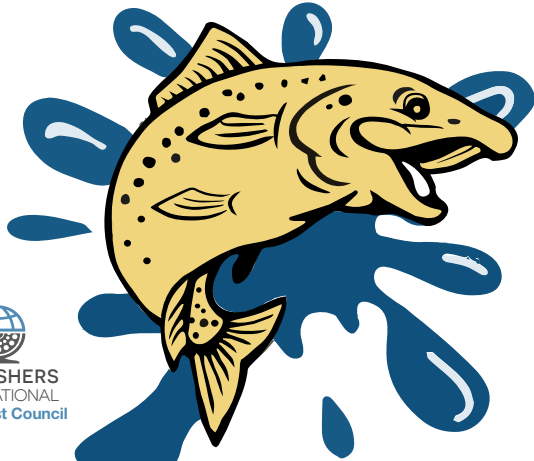
MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Rick & Vincent Silva of Long Beach, CA
- ❖ Rick & Christopher Flores of Long Beach, CA
- ❖ Aidan & Janet Nuttall of Carlsbad, CA
- ❖ Fred Westberg 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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MAY 21
9AM-5PM**

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Angling Etiquette... ...How Do You Rate?

AL KYTE (REPRINTED FROM A 2006 ARTICLE, BY PERMISSION)

Now that the '06 Trout Season has begun, and hordes of eager fly fishers are descending on California's waters, it's an appropriate time to reflect on how we can best interact with the other anglers we'll assuredly meet. Good behavior is in the obvious interest of all of us, if only for the reason that fisticuffs astream tends to put down the trout.

So, to refresh your sense of courtesy, presented here are 10 questions highlighting common angling situations that have the potential for developing into hot words or worse.

1. While fishing a mountain river you arrive at a favorite pool to find another angler already there. You believe there is enough room for two anglers to fish. Do you ask the other angler's permission before casting in the pool?
2. When overtaking and passing an upstream-fishing angler on a small stream, do you note his or her rate of movement, stay back from the bank, and walk far enough around to leave an estimated half-hour of undisturbed water before fishing again?
3. When fishing your way down along a creek, you encounter an angler fishing up toward you from downstream. Do you stop fishing and move around that angler, thus honoring the tradition of yielding the right-of-way to an upstream fishing angler?
4. When you are fishing a spot where anglers must wade or float through to reach other water, do you yield the right-of-way to such access?
5. When you approach an angler on a lake or spring creek, do you stop far enough away to leave a little unfished water between your casts and his or her longest casts and drifts?

6. While float-tubing you notice a fish rising behind a near-by angler's float tube within his or her casting range. You also notice that the angler seems preoccupied in casting to other rising fish. Do you alert that angler to the fish behind the tube and cast to it only if invited to do so?

7. As you drift down the river, your boat approaches a wading angler. Do you guide the boat's course away from the water being fished, keep as low and quiet as possible, and avoid dropping anchor where it might disturb that person's fishing?

8. When walking along a spring creek, do you walk well back from the banks to avoid spooking fish and even farther back around any visible angler?

9. When you encounter another angler, are you likely to acknowledge that person's presence with a friendly gesture, smile or greeting?

10. When approaching a river pool, you see another angler on shore who isn't fishing. Do you consider that he or she might be resting the water and ask permission to fish there?

If you can answer yes to questions such as these, you've already learned that there is more to being a competent angler than merely catching fish.

*[Editor's note: **Al Kyte** is a legend, and not just in the fly fishing world. He was one of the members of the original Casting Certification Board of Governors along with Mel Krieger, Joan Wulff, Gary Borger, Long Beach Casting Club's own Alan and Barbara Rohrer, Steve Rajeff, Bruce Richards, Simon Gawesworth, Al Buhr and others. He's a Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley, where as an undergraduate he was an all-conference first baseman and played on Cal's basketball team the first year **Pete Newell** coached there. He's also an accomplished and famous native plant gardener, as well as a strong advocate for the homeless. He's written many books, the most well-known of which is probably **Fly Fishing: Simple to Sophisticated**. Al has given me permission to use any of his articles, so I'm sure you'll see more in the future—Rob]*

Thoughts on Modern Fly Line Designs

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Just wondering, but how many of you actually consider the fly line you choose to fish with? Do you just go out and buy what you've used in the past (assuming it is still being made)? As a very active casting instructor I spend a lot of time casting a wide variety of lines, designed for certain specific tasks, and I think it's possible you should spend some time considering your next line choice to make it more compatible with your fishing needs.

Most of us know that there are three basic types of lines. The first, and simplest, is a level fly line. This line has a consistent diameter throughout its length. Unless you are building fly lines by cutting and splicing, or fishing high density sink tips, this line, well, at least the floating variety, is not worth considering. Simply put, it's terrible. Since there is no taper at the end of the line to diminish energy, it turns over like a brick thrown directly onto the water's surface, and every reasonable fish within a mile will have made a solid effort to make that distance five miles before the ripples fade.

Next on the list of lines is the tried and true double taper. This line is a favorite with many thrifty anglers, because it can be used for years on end. When it starts cracking and sinking it can be flipped around and used for another similarly lengthy period, before completely falling apart. Truth is the line isn't really all that good to start with. Time was when the double taper was the darling of the fly fishing world. The line was believed to be the best for casting to fish at distance with accuracy and delicacy. Today tournament accuracy casters still use it almost exclusively. The line was also claimed to roll cast better than any other line out there, and for many years that was true. Not anymore. What has happened to end the reign of the double taper is the development and advancement of the third major type of fly line: weight forward lines.

So what is wrong with double taper lines, and why are there fewer and fewer offered each year? It's simple: weight forward lines do everything that double taper lines do, only better for most fishing applications. Let's first consider accuracy and delicacy at distance. So what distance do you want? Many folks are able to cast with control over a distance of 40 feet, and better casters might be okay casting 50-55 feet.

This was the realm of the double taper line until manufacturers started making weight forward lines with head lengths in the 45 to 50 foot range. Consider this: a 50 foot cast is accomplished with a 9'-0" rod; 9'-0" leader and 32 feet of fly line beyond the tip of the rod. Do the math! An older weight forward line with only a 30' head, usually including a short steep dropoff to the running line, will actually make 50 feet under control difficult, because you are now forming your forward loop on a smaller diameter of the fly line. This means less control on direction and a much less smooth transition of power from the rod to the line. You can't afford this if you want accuracy and delicacy. Weight forward lines with a longer head length can do this standing on their heads (pun intended).

Let's also consider the double taper's importance as a great roll caster because, frankly, it ain't. Please, think about this logically. When you make a forward cast, aerialized or rolling across the water's surface, once the rod imparts its stored energy to the line, it immediately starts to lose energy and speed as it unfurls. A double taper fly line is the same diameter across its length, with the exception of a short 4-6 foot decreasing taper at either end. A 40 foot roll cast means you are trying to unfurl roughly 15-18 feet of fly line the same diameter. That doesn't sound like much, but believe me, that last 8 or 10 feet of line struggles to turn over,

due to its consistent diameter. What would make more sense is a fly line which has a front taper that decreases in diameter over a much longer distance, allowing the line to turn over less mass as it loses energy. This, by the way, is the typical design of **all** Spey lines, which are based on every cast finishing with the roll cast. Many manufacturers make these now, and for those who like control, delicacy and roll casting/single hand Spey, these lines are a dream come true.

Now consider the average Jane or Joe, out there chucking a drop shot with two flies and an indicator. That long, lighter-weight front taper could be more hindrance than help. Instead, a weight forward fly line which resembles a 45-foot double taper might be more serviceable. Why? Simple: the extra diameter and mass in the front end of the fly line helps to move and turn over heavier and/or more wind-resistant objects like indicators, tungsten beads and weights. If either of those two decide to huck a streamer with a tungsten cone, lead wire underneath and a water-soaked bunny strip on a #2 long-shanked hook, even that heavier weight forward line might not be enough to kick the fly over. A shorter, more aggressive taper would be better suited. Also, the line dropping in diameter to a running line means more reel capacity and easier shooting distance when needed. This style of line is probably best suited for the majority of fly fishers.

One note before closing: one fly line will not suffice for every application. Good fly casters can go with fewer fly line styles because they can control their casts. Average cast-

ers may find that the line they bought to toss big streamers lacks delicacy when casting tiny dries, as their fly line hits the water with a sickening slap. Consider the types of fishing that you do most, and buy an appropriate line for those conditions, as well as for your own skill level. Most people can get by with one floating line and one sinking tip/head line. Nope, not going to go down that rabbit hole at this time—maybe later...

Hope this helps you make some initial decisions before you go out and buy your next fly line. Beware! There are tons and tons and tons of different models from each manufacturer. It's a veritable minefield of options that can confuse the heck out of you. Again, look at how you intend to fish and narrow down the possibilities. Also look carefully at the fly line profiles—they can tell you a lot about how the line is intended to be used.

Best of luck and good fishing out there!

Typical Fly Line Tapers



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LODGING:

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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.

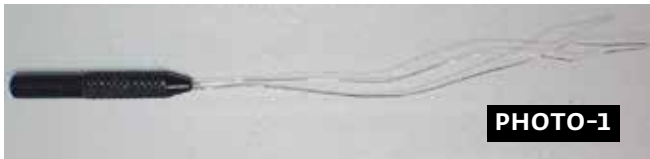
COST AND DEPOSIT SCHEDULE:

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.

Fly Tying Tip: Starting Thread on a Hook

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

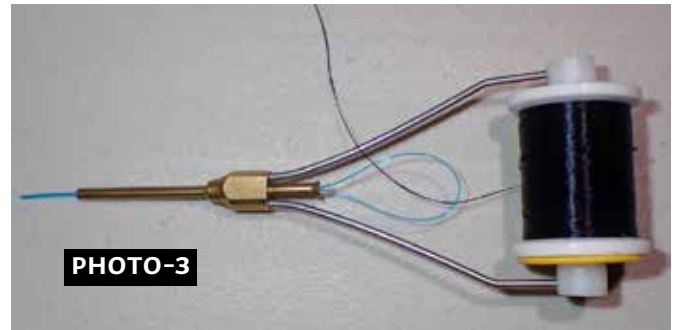
I recently ran into a tier who has tied for years and has always used the wire-type threader for his bobbin holders (**PHOTO-1**). His other option was sucking the thread through the tube. In this day and age, not a great idea.



As an alternative to those two methods, I have used floss loops—for example, loops from GUM (**PHOTO-2**), available at most stores that have dental products.



You get 25 for about \$5.00 and if you lose one, no big deal; 24 more to go! It is very easy to place the thread



in the loop and to feed it through the bottom of the tube (**PHOTO-3**). I also have some bobbin holders that are very small in diameter, and the wire-type threader will not fit through the tube. The gentleman above has done commercial tying for many years, and had never seen them—he was impressed! It's such a little thing, but, to me, it's much easier to use than the old wire-style threader. As they are cheap, I hand them out all the time.

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- ❖ [HVCE Fly Reel ASIN: B07JW6ZX1W](#)
- ❖ [Tenkara Rod ASIN: B07DD7SST8](#)

Fly of the Month: Craven's Jujubaetis

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

I can it hear it calling; drawing me closer. Soon I will be heading off to fish at one of my favorite places. For me getting ready for a trip is almost as much fun as the trip itself. And, as I am a gross overpacker, I need at least three or four weeks to get things ready. Including flies.

Now, I tie all the time. I mean daily. I also tie most of my “standards” through the year and a lot of those flies are the same patterns and sizes. Oh sure, I do mix it up quite a bit, but since I am a creature of habit I always stock up on those flies that have served me well in the past. However, sometimes I forget about certain flies, really great flies, that have caught a lot of fish for me. This year, before it was too late, I remembered one of those patterns and have been tying them up like crazy. Charlie Craven's Jujubaetis.

Simply put, I love this fly. Charlie Craven came up with this pattern 20 odd years ago, and it is a commercial success for obvious reasons—it is durable and it works. I tie the fly in a couple of color options, but I do not use the same materials that Craven uses for the body. His originals use Superhair, a nylon winging material primarily used for saltwater patterns. I don't have any. I use Ultra Wire instead. They come in similar colors, and both are small in diameter. This last bit is what I think helps make the Jujubaetis a really good imitation—it's very slender, like many of the mayflies I am usually trying to replicate.

Okay, I said I used a few different color combinations, but I didn't divulge them. My favorite is mostly olive, and also one that is more of a dark copper color. These colors are accomplished by using three strands of wire. For the olive version, I use two strands of olive and one strand of chartreuse. For the dark copper fly, I use two strands of copper brown and one strand of bright copper (also 2-copper brown and 1-black). Obviously, there are a ton of options, and I have even heard that blue and purple makes a great attractor fly.

Fishing the Jujubaetis is easy. For me, it's a top fly in the morning with a midge below. As the hatch period nears I will put it on the bottom, with an RS2 or a soft hackle on top. I'll keep going with that until I see noses. So tie up a few and give 'em a try!

Materials for Tying the Jujubaetis:

Hook: Firehole 317, 16–22
Thread: Veevus 12/0, dark olive
Tail: Mottled brown hen neck or saddle barbs
Body: Ultra Wire, olive/chartreuse or copper brown/black
Wing case: Over: small lime green holographic, Under: medium Mirage opal
Legs: White Zelon, colored with markers (optional)
Thorax: Ice Dub or SLF Bug Dub, peacock or olive brown
Head: Thread



OLIVE
JUJUBAETIS

Tying Instructions for the Jujubaetis:

- 1 Set your hook in the vise, attach your thread behind the head space and wind back to a point about a third of the way around the hook's bend. The hook I am using has a continuous bend, and one could also use a TMC 2487 or 2488. Keep your thread flat and resist the urge to add more than the bare minimum turns of thread, keeping this fly **very** slender. Prepare the tail fibers by first pulling them out perpendicular to the rachis, aligning the tips and then removing about three to six barbs. Tie them in so that they are short—about half the length of the body.
- 2 Pick your body colors and pull off 8" of the primary color and 4" of the secondary. Cut the primary length of wire in half. Tie in all three lengths of wire, low and on the far side of the hook. Advance your thread evenly and smoothly (think skinny!) to the thorax. On this fly we want our proportions to be 60:40 body to thorax. Now wind all three strands forward and tie them off at the thorax. Beware: sometimes they want to separate as you begin winding, so use your bodkin to keep them together. At this point I apply a very thin coat of Bone Dry (by Solarez) UV curing resin. And I mean thin.
- 3 With the thread at the start of the thorax, cut off a 3" length of the Holographic tinsel and tie it in pointing rearward. Do the same with the Opal Mirage tinsel. These will be your wing case. Tie them in curl side down to keep them out of the way. I add the holographic tinsel to simulate the wing case splitting open for the emerging dun adult. Select 12–16 strands of Zelon and cut off a 3" length. On some flies I leave these uncolored, but on others I will hit them with brown and black Sharpie marking pens. If you're going to color them, do so now, let them dry for a minute and wipe off any excess with a paper towel. Once dry, tie in these fibers pointing to the rear, just like the two wing case materials.
- 4 Select a tiny amount of dubbing (and then throw away half of that!). Yes, you really want to use a



COPPER
BROWN
JUJUBAETIS

small amount to keep the thorax thin. Apply the dubbing in a very thin noodle and wind down to, but not intruding on, the head space.

- 5 Now we can start to get rid of that stuff hanging around back there. Grab the Zelon leg material, pull it forward over the thorax and tie it off with two, maybe three turns of thread. Divide the butt ends of the Zelon in half and pull one half back along the far side of the hook, and tie them down with a turn or two. With the remainder, do the same thing on the front. Add one or two more turns to anchor them in.
- 6 First, pull the opal Mirage tinsel forward over the thorax, and tie it off at the head space. Then do the same thing with the holographic tinsel. Try to get the holographic tinsel to be centered down the middle of the opal Mirage tinsel. The fish might not care, but I do! Form a neat head and one that is a bit on the large side, and whip finish. Almost done...
- 7 Grab both the near and far ends of the Zelon legs and pull them straight back. Cut these with your scissors so that they extend just beyond the thorax, as shown in the artwork. Now, break out your UV resin and flashlight again. I use a lot of Bone Dry, which is very thin, and while it does work, it takes a lot of coats to build up and bulk across the top of the wing case materials. I have a thicker version of UV resin (Solarez Thin/Hard), and I apply a small drop to the end of my bodkin. I carefully apply it to the top of the wing case, smoothing it from front to back, and even down onto the body a short way. Zap it with the light, and you are done and ready to go fishing!!!

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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
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Calendar of Events

April

2	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
4	Monday	9:00 AM	San Gabriel East Fork Trip w/ T. Griffith
		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
9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		5:00 PM	Awards & Installation Dinner
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
15-17	Weekend		Kelsey Bass Ranch with Mick Woodbury— Cancelled
16	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Green River Trip
20	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
23	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
24-29	Week		Green River #1 with John Lincoln
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast

May

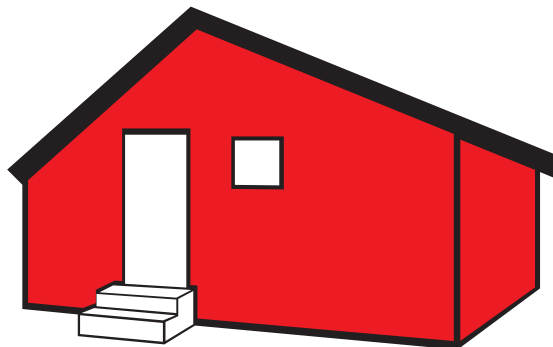
1-6	Week		Green River #2 with Colin Kumabe
2	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
8-13	Week		Green River #3 with Keith O'Donnell
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13-16	Weekend		World Casting Practice
18	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
21	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		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
28	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
31-Jun 4	Week		Fall River Trip w/ M. Bonvouloir

June

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
6	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
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