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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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Leader's Line...

Thanks for Letting Me Serve You as President

BOB MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

I wanted to thank all the members of the Long Beach Casting Club for the privilege of serving as your President for 2022-2023. I am coming into the position of President with the Club in incredible shape, thanks to the leadership of Steve Jones, the Board of Directors and the many other volunteers who have kept us on track.

These past two years have been anything but typical, and yet we are coming out a stronger club, with a vision for the future. That future will include a new website, a "Teach the Teacher" casting class, getting our beginning casting class back on track, welcoming back Healing Waters, classes in fly tying and rod building and a plethora of great Club trips planned.

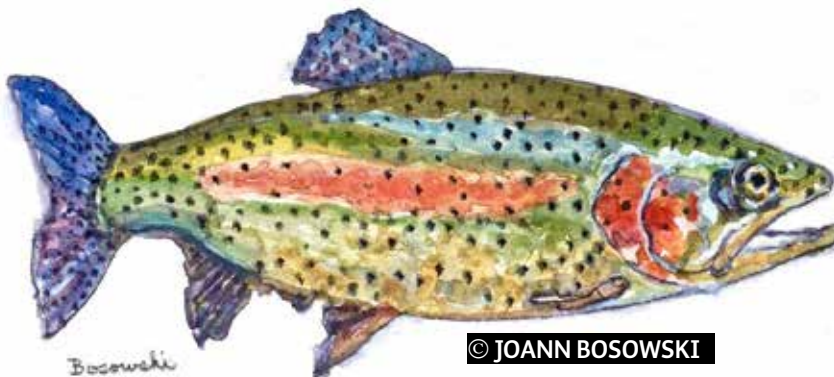
We've got some of the top speakers in the nation lined up for the monthly Club meetings in the coming year. We'll also continue working on a seamless Club meeting, accessible both live and on Zoom.

One of the Club's' objectives is to build relationships and friendship among the members. Many of you might ask how best to achieve this. From my personal experience, it is by getting involved. How, you ask?

For starters, look at Target Talk: not an issue goes by without a request for help at some event or activity,

or even a request to serve on the Board. We want to get to know and include you. It is only because of my involvement that I've really gotten to know some of the incredible people who help keep the Club moving forward.

Again, thanks for your trust, and if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the Club, please feel free to reach out to me, or to any of the other Board members. All of our names and telephone numbers are listed in each month's Target Talk for your convenience.



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Club Trips for 2022

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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 21-24	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 FULL

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 Steve Timm if you have any suggestions for a trip or any questions at: srtimm@hotmail.com.



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Big Fish on a Tenkara Rod? Karin Miller Will Show Us How.

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

May's Long Beach Casting Club speaker will provoke inquisitive minds in the audience to question: "how does she land massive fish on a tenkara rod?" Karin Miller is an author, tenkara expert and owner of Zen Tenkara.

Zen Tenkara grew organically from owner Karin Miller's passion for the sport. When she relocated to Colorado from South Florida, her need to be on the water led her to fly fishing. Tenkara was the perfect tool for fishing the small streams near her home. She was captivated with tenkara's efficiency, simplicity and fun.

In 2012 Zen Tenkara was born. Karin's curiosity and hunger for adventure fueled her desire to target bigger fish and test the limits of this method. This is the driving force that has led Zen Tenkara to be the pioneer of American tenkara.

Today, Zen Tenkara/Zen Fly Fishing Gear is a Colorado company that designs, manufactures and sells a broad range of tenkara rods, lines and accessories. Zen has revolutionized this fixed-line fly fishing method, and is known for creating a "fusion" of traditional fly fishing and tenkara to target not only small traditional tenkara species, but also large, powerful fish not typically associated with this ancient Japanese method.

Karin Miller, who remains at the helm of Zen, has established a reputation for being innovative and cutting edge, and for pushing boundaries with her high-performance tenkara rods. Zen Tenkara is the first and only 100% women-owned rod company in the world. It is also the oldest independently-owned American tenkara company continuously operated by its founder.



Join us **Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm**, at the Clubhouse or by Zoom, for "**Karen Miller: Big Fish on a Tenkara Rod**".

TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82719905474?pwd=eUIRVldPdZVxVkFtQkEzY2JZcFcwUT09>

MEETING ID: 827 1990 5474

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New Club Members

MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Johney McDaniel of Mission Viejo, CA
- ❖ Debra Rarrick of Glendale, CA
- ❖ Joshua Martinez of Bellflower, CA
- ❖ Mitchell Hall of Seal Beach, CA
- ❖ John Viggianelli of Oceanside, CA
- ❖ Paul Kangail of Danville, 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!

Meet Your New Board of Directors

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

After the Annual General Meeting, Marc Bonvouloir and Bob Mayfield asked the incoming directors to take a selfie and write a little biography, for the reading pleasure of our membership. Well, folks, the results are in. Time to meet your new Board, aaaaaannd...here [cue "Dating Game" music] they are!



PRESIDENT:
BOB MAYFIELD

"I have been fly-fishing for 30-plus years. I have a particular passion for wild and native trout. This passion stems from the places you find these unique and wonderful fish. For the most

part they are in remote and isolated areas. My wife Diane and I have completed native fish challenges in Wyoming, California, Nevada, and Utah, as well as catching wild and native fish in Arizona and Colorado, and native browns in Ireland. My favorite place to fish is California, especially the Klamath River drainage for steelhead. Besides fishing, I also like to surf, which seems to be getting harder and harder for me to do. I have been married to Diane for 48 years. I have two married children and four teenage grandsons, all of whom are members of the LBCC."



1st VICE PRESIDENT:
MARC BONVOULOIR

"I have been a member since 2013 and have enjoyed the camaraderie of the meetings, casting sessions and Club trips every year I have been a

member. I have five Sadler Slam pins that I am super proud to wear, since getting all five trout species in one weekend during the Brookie Bash is an awesome accomplishment. Favorite places to fish are Hot Creek

and float tubing Crowley lake. Little known fact: I currently umpire high school baseball games in L.A. and had the distinguished opportunity to umpire the Division I championship game and the Dodger Alumni game at Dodger Stadium in 2019."



TREASURER:
ED ALVARADO

"I joined the Club in 2019, but didn't become active until I retired in February, 2020. As a youngster, I always looked forward to my father taking me on our annual camping and fishing trip to the

Eastern Sierras. Although I didn't do much fishing in my working adult life, my love for the sport never waned. Now retired and with lots of time on my hands, learning to fly fish was a perfect fit. In my two years with the Club I've made many new acquaintances and friends who have been ever generous in sharing their fly fishing knowledge."

Volunteers to Maintain the New Webpage

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club needs volunteers to help with maintaining the new website. The new webpage is developed using the WordPress and MemberPress software. Help is needed to:

- ❖ Collect and select photos and video to be used on the webpages
- ❖ Enter information into the club calendar
- ❖ Collect and enter information for each event, class, and meeting
- ❖ Manage advertisements submitted by sponsors
- ❖ And much, much more.

No experience needed, as training will be provided for all volunteers. If interested, please contact Colin Kumabe at ctkumabe@gmail.com



CO-CAPTAIN:
MARK FLO

"I am a retired auto mechanic. I love to be in the mountains hiking and fly fishing, or on the bay in my kayak, saltwater fishing. I also volunteer at the Long Beach Fire Museum."



CO-CAPTAIN:
TOM OLSON

"I joined LBCC in 2016, to meet fellow fly fishers and to keep connected to the world of fly fishing and practice casting in the Pond. I've been a fly fisherman since middle school, and I have fished for multiple

species over those years, but I landed my first adult steelhead in the late 1970's and I have loved swinging for steelhead ever since. I signed up for an LBCC Spey Clinic in 2018 to become a better Spey caster, and it was from that class that I made many friends at LBCC and became more involved in the Club. Everyone made me feel welcome, so my advice is to sign up for a class, a trip, volunteer and attend the meetings, to connect with some great fly fishing enthusiasts. My wife Elizabeth and I have two grown children. We are avid hikers who enjoy the outdoors and live in Manhattan Beach."



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
MARK ANGELO

"I had the blessing of growing up at the edge of the California Delta. As a kid, a couple of neighborhood buddies taught me how to bait and lure fish

in that scenic backdrop of the Sacramento River, with all its wonderland of sloughs, backwaters and ponds. My favorite fish to hunt for then—and now—is largemouth bass. I am still new to fly fishing, and I look forward to becoming more proficient at casting

and catching, using the methods of this artful craft. I live in Long Beach with my wife Catherine and my kids Anika, Joshua and Mariah. In 1994 I founded Fund Holder Reports, LLC, which has steadily grown into a nationwide company, specializing in tracking down heirs of financial accounts, and I currently serve there as CEO and Managing Director."



JUNIOR DIRECTOR:
STEVE JONES

"Born and raised in Seal Beach California. I am currently married with four kids and four grandchildren. Started a commercial general contracting business in 1992. My activity in this business is minimal at this point, but the business is still going strong. I have mainly been retired for the past four

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.



years. I spend most of my time fishing and serving in the Club, lawn bowling, serving in my church callings and spending time with my family. Started fly fishing in 1993. For the past two years I have served as the President. I have enjoyed serving and getting to know some of the great members we have at the Club. I am serving as the Junior Director now. I look forward to continued service and getting to know many more members of this great organization."



SENIOR DIRECTOR:
COLIN KUMABE

"I joined in 1996, to meet everyone in the Club, learn about fly fishing, and participate in the Club trips and activities. I will not reveal my favorite fishing

spot, but my second favorite spot to fish is Huntington Harbor, from my kayak. Favorite Club activities are all Club trips, tournament casting, and the Fly Tying Forum. Past president 2018-2020."



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
BLAIR WILLIAMS

"I joined the Club in 2021 and have appreciated the welcoming atmosphere. My first exposure to fly fishing was a class I took in 1994 called "The Art and Science of Fly Fishing", taught by Neal

Taylor, through the UCLA Extension. A job change came shortly thereafter, and all the business travel put any fly fishing plans on hold, until my retirement from American Honda Motors in 2019. I have probably fished the Owens River the most, so I would consider it my favorite place to fish (Eastern Sierras, in general)."



2nd VICE PRESIDENT:
STEVE TIMM

"I joined the Club in 2013 after I got my first fly rod and just started fly fishing. Now I have five fly rods, and my spinning

rods are gathering rust and dust somewhere in the garage. I've been fly fishing all over the West Coast, and I enjoy kayak fishing in the local bays and offshore in the ocean. My other major hobby is mountain biking, which I use to stay in shape and enjoy my retirement."

Our 2022 Board members were installed at a special meeting on April 7, 2022. Good luck guys!

NOTE FROM BOB MAYFIELD: "Members, an oversight resulted in Mark Angelo's name not being listed in our Annual Board meeting agenda as Membership Secretary. Mark was present at the meeting and we voted to accept all candidates (including Mark); we just didn't list his name. I wanted to let you know Mark will be serving as Membership Secretary for the 2022-2023 term."

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 **7VESFIO9** for the discount. The list and code change monthly, so keep watching here.

Items for this Month:

- ❖ [Waterproof Tackle Box ASIN: B08LYZ64BS](#)
- ❖ [Aventik Assorted Flies ASIN: B07KP86RL6](#)
- ❖ [Aventik Nymph Reel ASIN: B08GR1X54V](#)
- ❖ [HVCE Fly Reel ASIN: B08P4175G2](#)
- ❖ [Waterproof Fly Box ASIN: B075FRGRHK](#)

East Fork San Gabriel River Trip Report

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

"This water is beautiful!" exclaimed all six LBCC members who headed to the East Fork San Gabriel River on Monday, April 4, for a day of hiking and fishing. The hills were lush green as we entered Azusa canyon, driving by the two reservoirs that capture water from the three forks of the San Gabriel River—the West, North and East Fork.



With the West Fork still closed after the fire that engulfed it two years ago, and the North Fork looking very skinny, the consensus was to fish the East Fork for a local Club trip. The East Fork is a freestone river that drains a large portion of the San Gabriel Mountains, with many peaks surpassing 8,000 feet in elevation. The water was crystal clear and cold, running about 30 cubic feet per second.

Leaving the trailhead parking lot, we headed upstream on a well-worn trail, crossing the stream numerous times, before each of us started wetting a line. There is little elevation gain on the trail. Rock hopping while dropping into the river was a bit difficult, but not overly so.

We weren't disappointed. Tiny wild rainbows, from three to six inches, hammered our flies. A dry/dropper rig was working well, with a large dry followed by a soft hackle or pheasant tail. Some pools had no fish, while others had multiple fish.

Hooking those little trout didn't seem to be the problem, but landing them sure was. The smallish size and barbless hooks combined to launch fish into the air and release them at the same time. Bob Mayfield's son James caught the monster fish of the day. This lunker measured 10 inches, and put up a really good fight.

In all it was a great day on the water. It's nice to know there's a healthy fishery within an hour's drive of the Club that will "scratch the itch" of our fly fishing addiction. Each member at the end of the day said they would like to continue these day trips in the coming years, so it should be a part of our trip list for some time.

Special thanks to Tim Griffith for being the Streamkeeper on this trip.



Special Casting Presentation by Chris Korich for Members, and U.S. Team Training Weekend!



LBCC is excited to announce a FREE evening presentation by CHRIS KORICH, U.S. Flycasting Team Coach, exclusively for YOU!

<u>WHEN:</u>	Thursday, May 12 from 7:00-9:00pm
<u>WHERE:</u>	Clubhouse and poolside
<u>WHAT TO BRING:</u>	Bottom butt section only of your favorite fly rod with lightest reel (don't worry... you won't have to cast in front of others)
<u>WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:</u>	TOP SECRET pantomime drills of the U.S. Flycasting Team!
<u>WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE:</u>	FREE access to select Korich Fly Casting teaching videos!!

Don't miss this special Thursday evening member presentation. Chris has been visiting, competing and teaching at the Club now for over 50 years!

Many will never forget his video and poolside casting presentations at our 90th Anniversary Celebration in 2015, featuring then 11 yr-old Maxine McCormick, shortly before she became the youngest world champion gold medalist in sports history.



Coach Korich and Women's National and World Champion Maxine McCormick (age 14) at the 2018 World Championships of Flycasting in the United Kingdom.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for a FUN eye-opening weekend (**May 13-15**) watching top U.S. Women's and Men's training accuracy and distance games for the upcoming **2022 World Championships of Flycasting** in Norway.

Spectator schedule for U.S. Flycasting Team training weekend:

FRIDAY 5/13: 1:00-4:00pm
SATURDAY 5/14: 9:00am-Noon and 1:00-4:00pm
SUNDAY 5/15: 9:00am-Noon (possibly 1:00-4:00pm as well)

If you will attend the evening presentation on Thursday, May 12 from 7:00-9:00pm, please RSVP by emailing Tom Olson at olsonbeach@gmail.com.

If you have any questions for Coach Korich, he can be reached directly by email at ckorich@gmail.com.



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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).

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Casting for Accuracy!

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

In my 20 years of fly fishing, I have learned a few things that I know to be absolutely true, and one of those things is that practicing fly casting is the single most important thing a beginner needs to do. You become a better flyfisher when you can place the fly exactly where you want it to go.

Casting games are a fun way to develop accuracy. We begin our Tuesday Night Casting Games under the lights on May 10, at 7:00 pm. Beginner or avid flyfisher...all are welcome!

We had the last Sunday Morning Cast on March 20, with five members from the Long Beach Casting Club and five visitors from the Pasadena Casting Club. Long Beach Casting Club was represented by Mark Tsunawaki, Colin Kumabe, Rick Hilles, Henry Mittel and Mark Flo. We were joined by Sam Hagen, Mario Rodriguez, Matt Donaldson, Michael Miller and Eric Callow from the Pasadena Casting Club.

This was a just-for-fun tournament, and the first casting get-together for the clubs in two years. Overall First Place was won by Henry Mittel with a 98 in Bass Bug, 98 in Open Plug and 165 feet in Steelhead Distance. Matt Donaldson took overall Second Place with 98 in Trout Fly and 98 in Dry Fly. See you on the pond.

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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 last year's) presentations. Below is the info for this year. Just 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](#)
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MARCH: Ernie Gulley, [Ernie Gulley Flyfishing](#). Topic: "Stillwater Tactics." Length: 81 minutes.

[Ernie Gulley Presentation March 31, 2022](#)
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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
Fishlfgf@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:

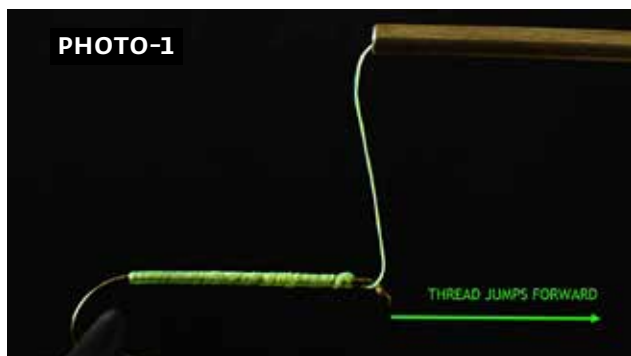
The cost of the outing is **\$1,015** per person. 50% will be due upon signup and 50% due 45 days before the trip. As everyone is aware, the trip is based on 12 individuals. If, for some reason, you cancel you will be responsible for a replacement. Joe will help coordinate. All payments will be handled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

Fly Tying Tip: Thread Control Revisited

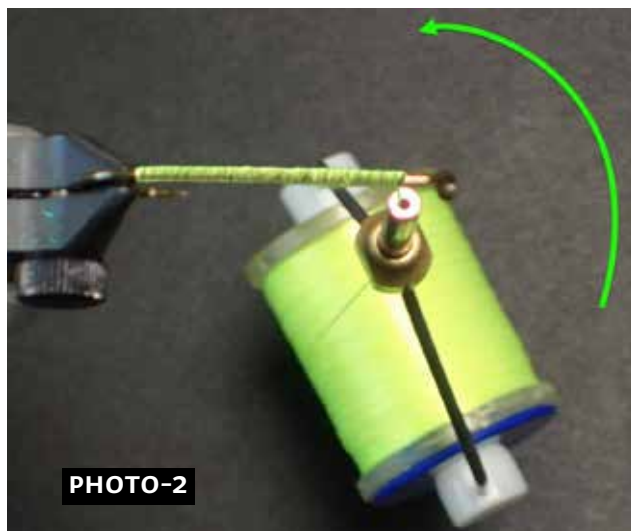
DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

I have written on this topic before, but during the Sowbug Roundup here in Mountain Home, Arkansas, I was struck by how many tiers still do not have a good grasp of thread control, and what it can do for you. Thread control is the basis of all fly tying, no matter the skill level.

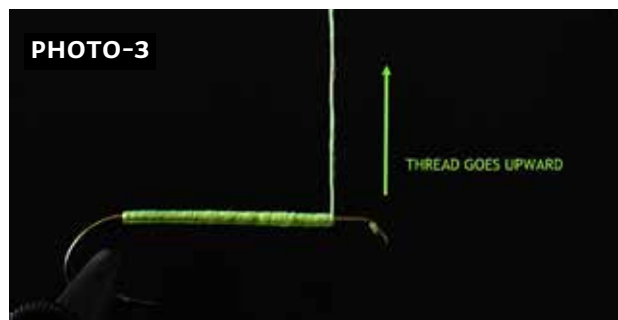
To recap: when we start tying, after your jam hitch at the eye, you wrap thread down the hook shank, then back to the front of your hook. If you leave your thread twisted, the loop/thread wants to jump forward (**PHOTO-1**), making the “pinch wrap” the only way you can grab the materials without “pushing” it over the hook shank.



As we've previously discussed, an alternative to the “pinch wrap” is to untwist your thread (**PHOTO-2**),



lefties go clockwise), until it's flat and the loop goes straight up (**PHOTO-3**).



With further untwisting, the loop jumps rearward (**PHOTO-4**), allowing you to catch material easily.



But what other benefits do you gain by manipulating your thread? If you keep it flat, you have less buildup, which is especially good if you are dealing with small flies. Another benefit: say you're wrapping floss for a body. It will come out much smoother if you have a “flat” base. Similarly, if you are palmering a dry fly hackle, the smoother the base, the easier it is to make the feather barbs stand up.

If you have twisted thread, the base is uneven and the hackle will tilt forward, backward, or vertical, depending on where it hits the twisted thread. See a beautiful fly by Steven Fernandez, (**PHOTO-5**). It has smooth floss and great hackle! That is how thread control can help you, if you manipulate your thread.



Fly of the Month: Rigging with Tiny Flies

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Back in 2015, I presented this article with the idea of adding a new and effective way to fish a fly and a dropper. Years ago I learned this method of enticing large trout to take very small flies (those you can't see 15' away!) on the Williamson River in southern Oregon. Now I have taken that same system, updated a bit, so that it can easily and quickly be adapted to other uses. I am especially hopeful that this will find some use by many of the members about to head off to the Green River! I used it this year and it paid dividends...

Those of you who have fished during a time of year when dries are often available (on the Green, Big Horn, Owens, Hot Creek, heck anywhere), have seen fish rising freely. Yet, when you present a variety of dry flies to them, they reject your offerings. Obviously they don't like what you are offering, but it may also be the fact that, while they are looking up, they ain't looking that far up, and are eating just beneath the surface. Emerging small duns, caddis and midges are what's on the menu, and you need a new way to fool the trout. It helps to know and see the difference between a surface and smutting rise, but here's what has worked for me...

Why not give the fish two choices instead of one. Nope, I don't mean two dry flies or two nymphs—I'm talking about one of each, by using a nymph on the point and dry on a dropper but using tiny stuff and a few slight twists. On the Green River last spring I used this rig one afternoon and got a lot of fish, and the distribution was about 50:50 between the dry and nymph. The flies that I used were a size #18–20 BWO Hackle Stacker and my favorite nymph, the Halo, with a copper colored tungsten bead in size #20. Yup, pretty small stuff but, then again, so were the flies that were hatching. You can find both patterns in past issues of Target Talk (HALO in [February, 2022](#) & DOUG'S STACKED BWO in [November, 2019](#)).

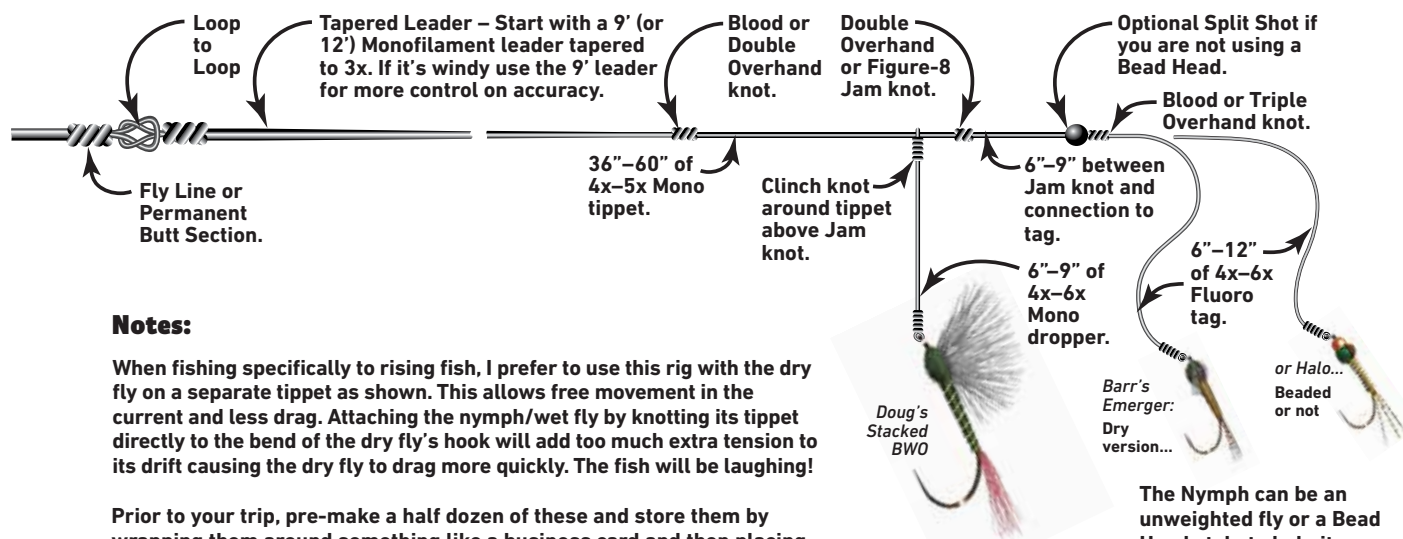
I start this rig with a 9 or 12 foot monofilament leader, tapering to 3x (usually the 12', but, if it's windy, the 9' leader is more accurate). In the past, I have used a perfection or surgeon's loop to attach the smaller tippet to the 3x, and, of course, I have used tippet rings. The loop-to-loop connection tends to grab too much water and drag, as do the tippet rings—in my opinion. Using a blood knot to attach 4'–6' of 4x or 5x tippet is still fast, a smoother transition and creates less drag. Next, I attach a short 6"–12" section of 5x or 6x fluorocarbon. You can now attach your dropper dry with 5x–6x tippet. About 6"–9" above the connection of your mono-to-fluoro, tie a double overhand jam knot. Be sure to wet it well before tightening. Using a clinch knot, tie on a 6"–9" length of 5x–6x mono. To this you can tie on your dry fly. Next, tie on your nymph to the fluoro.

Finally, if you want your nymph to sink a bit deeper, an option would be to add a small #8 or #10 split shot above the mono-to-fluoro connection. Be careful not to add too much weight and I seldom if ever use this if my nymph has a tungsten bead. Your dry will not drift properly and will absolutely sink prematurely (if not immediately!).

Fish the rig just like a dry fly but keep your eyes glued to the dry—that's your indicator!



Typical Dry/Dropper Rig



Notes:

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

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

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

The Dry Fly should be a good floater like a Hackle Stacker, Parachute or an Elk Hair Caddis *and* a reasonable imitation of the natural. Don't forget that the dry is your indicator for the nymph—it goes down and you set the hook!!!

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



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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

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Calendar of Events

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
7	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
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	9:00 AM	SCFFI Fly Buy 2022
		9:00 AM	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
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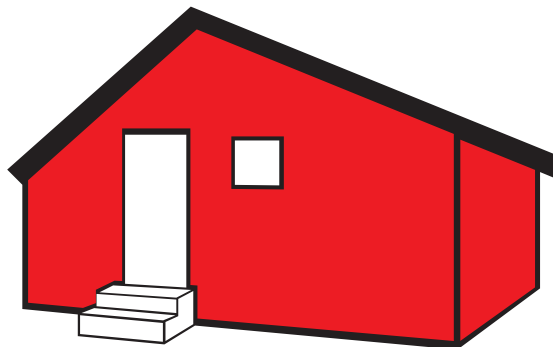
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30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Jeff Currier

July

2	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
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6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
16	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Brookie Bash w/ A. Palomares
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
21-24	Weekend		Brookie Bash w/ A. Palomares
23	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD
30	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Sierra Backpacking Agnew Meadows w/ J. Garvey



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