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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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Leader's Line...

On the Road Again

BOB MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

Despite the high cost of fuel and the drought in California, we're heading out to fish in record numbers. As we scatter out across the West, I'd like to share how Diane and I ease the monotony of the open road by listening to books. We leave with three or four books downloaded on our phones. Diane prefers novels, but I can sometimes get a book on history, or historical fiction. We try to match the books to the areas we're visiting. They give us a better appreciation of what shaped and who influenced the water and areas we fish. It also makes for great conversations, as we wind down around an evening fire with a glass of wine in hand.

Below are a few we've read, and that I would recommend. If you have any you would recommend, please pass them on.

Wherever you travel this summer, please make sure to be safe, and come back with some good stories to tell and some good pictures to share. Remember that we are back on for yearly awards for big fish caught, in multiple categories. Here is my list of recommended reading:

AREA: COLORADO RIVER (LEE'S FERRY)

Book: [THE EMERALD MILE](#)

Author: [Kevin Fedarko](#)

Description: great history of the Grand Canyon and the fight to keep it wild. Book ends with Glen Canyon Dam about to fail because of flood water, and three river guides defying the National Park Service closure of the river. The guides want to break all records for the fastest ride in history through the heart of the

Grand Canyon, and it turns into a wild ride indeed.

AREA: GREEN/COLORADO RIVER

Book: [Down the Great Unknown](#)

Author: [Edward Dolnick](#)

Description: a one-armed Civil War general, John Wesley Powell is the first to explore the Colorado River system. He starts his adventure on the Green River in Wyoming.

AREA: BIGHORN RIVER, EASTERN MONTANA AND DAKOTAS

Podcast: [LITTLE BIGHORN \(SIX EPISODES\)](#)

Podcast Creator: [Black Barrel Media](#)

Description: great history of the battles fought in and around the area. History of how and why the U.S. army was in the area, before and during Custer.

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Club Trips for 2022

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
July 21–24	Brookie Bash Trip w/ A. Palomares, Pre-Trip July 16, 9:00 AM
July 22	Brookie Bash Sierra Tenkara Event w/ C. O'Dell
July 23	Brookie Bash Saturday
August 3	Local Tenkara Trip w/ A. Strauss, no Pre-Trip
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
September 4–9	Bighorn River w/Joe Libeu, Pre-Trip June 11, 9:00 AM, TRIP IS FULL
September 10	On the Salt w/ K. Green, Pre-Trip Sep 1, 7:00 PM
Sept 21–24	20 Lakes Backpack w/ J. Garvey, Pre-Trip September 15, 7:00 PM
October 5–9	Crowley Lake w/S.Timm, Pre-Trip Aug 27, 9:00 AM
November 5–8	Northern California Steelhead w/ M. Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip October 29, 9:00 AM

Trip locations, dates and pre-trips may change, so monitor Target Talk or the Club's 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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July's Monthly Speaker: Joe Libeu "Fishing The Bighorn River"

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Joe began flyfishing in 1973, and because of his love of the sport became involved in guiding, teaching, instructing and consulting within the industry. He is currently a Fly Fishers International (FFI) **Master Fly Casting Instructor** and a **Casting Board Of Governors** Member Emeritus.

Joe has taught the class "Mastering the Art of Fly Fishing" at California State University, Long Beach and at El Camino College. He is the owner of Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures, and he hosts fishing adventures in South America, Belize, Montana and Idaho, as well as on Christmas Island. Joe is also a past President of the Long Beach Casting Club, where he remains active in teaching and instructing fly fishing and casting.

The **Bighorn River** is one of the premier tailwaters in the Western United States. The Bighorn originates in the Wyoming Rockies and flows north into the Yellowtail Reservoir. Below the dam is the afterbay, which is used to increase the water temperature suitable for insect populations.

From the afterbay, the river extends about 30 miles, with the upper 13 holding the majority of the rainbow and brown trout. The river is known for producing fish averaging 17 to 20 inches. The Bighorn can be a challenging and often perplexing trout fishery, with emphasis being placed on light tippet and micro-sized flies.

The presentation will discuss the wheres, whys, lodging, access and equipment that are needed to put you in position for success, while fishing this wonderful river.



MEETING TOPIC: Marc Bonvouloir's Zoom Meeting
TIME: Jul 28, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85636302422?pwd=SlBoSlhhN3lwWnJRRWtRR2ZwL2dCZz09>

MEETING ID: 856 3630 2422

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New Club Member

MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Board of Directors approved this new member at the last Board meeting:

❖ Melinda Schroeder of Redondo 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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AREA: MONTANA, DAKOTAS

Book: [BURY MY HEART AT WOUNDED KNEE](#)

Author: [Dee Brown](#)

Description: a history of the relationship between the US government and Native Americans in the American West. This book changed my view of how the US government treated Native Americans.

AREA: MONTANA

Book: [A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT](#)

Author: [Norman Maclean](#)

Description: a Montana family in the early 1900's.

On our last trip to Ennis, Montana, we went to a fly shop to pick up a handful of flies and some tippet. On display in the shop was the book *A River Runs Through It*, (movie was filmed in the area). The owner asked if he could help us, Diane asked about the book on display and soon they were discussing the movie and premise of the book. I was left on my own to find what I needed. After much discussion Diane and Owner agreed that the book was more about family than fly fishing. I left the shop with my fly's and tippet. Diane left teary-eyed and with a big hug from the owner.

AREA: CA TAHOE - NEVADA - UTAH AREA

Book: [NOTHING LIKE IT IN THE WORLD](#)

Author: [Stephen Ambrose](#)

Description: the men who built the Transcontinental Railroad from 1863 to 1869. In the East, they started in Iowa, in the West, California. It was a race to see who would get to Promontory Point in Utah first.



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Fictional books that can add to a trip when set in the area you are traveling:

AREA: FOUR CORNERS

Books: this series of novels is based on two Navajo tribal police officers: [Joe Leaphorn](#) and [Jim Chee](#).

Author: [Tony Hillerman](#)

Description: generally, Leaphorn and Chee trying to solve murders that happen on the reservation. Hillerman has won numerous awards for his ability to tie in the Native American culture and the land they live on. (his best is [DANCE HALL OF THE DEAD](#)—jvd)

AREA: WYOMING

Author: [C.J. Box](#)

Books: Joe Pickett is a Wyoming game warden who is usually trying to solve some a murder or mystery. Box does a good job of explaining the land and the hunting, and Joe Pickett is a fly fisher (*so is author Box*—jvd). Joe is always out in the remote places of Wyoming, and always in over his head in trouble. The first book in the series is [OPEN SEASON](#).

We Need Volunteers!

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 from 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

Fall River Club Trip Recap

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The weather was perfect, the ranch was inviting and eight members of LBCC were on their way to fish for big rainbows on the largest spring creek in the Western United States. What could go wrong? Absolutely nothing!

Fall River Mills is an area where a huge amount of water emanates from the ground in the shadow of Mount Shasta. More a spring river than a creek, Fall River meanders for 20 miles before hitting the Pit River and dumping into Lake Shasta. Four nights at the Circle 7 Ranch, which sits on three miles of river frontage, and three days on a boat fishing this cold river was, at times, exhilarating, frustrating and downright spectacular.

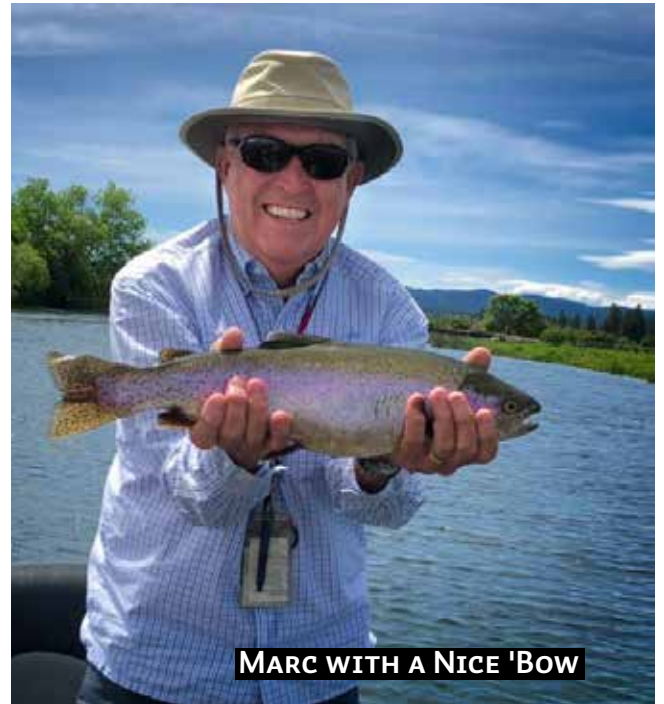


THE FALL RIVER CREW

Day One had us meeting guides from The Fly Shop and motoring up a few miles, to anchor perpendicular to the flow of the river and fish downstream under an indicator. Letting out 90 feet of fly line and searching for that small indicator was work, but when an 18-20 inch rainbow engulfed the fly, it was "game on!"

Pound for pound these fish fight like no others, as we each saw our backing multiples times per day. Everyone caught fish.

Days Two and Three were quite different, as we motored up the river in Jon Boats provided by the



MARC WITH A NICE 'BOW

ranch. The fishing got very technical and the fish keyed on very small nymphs. The weather changed as well, with sideways winds whipping to 20 mph. Drifts were difficult to maintain, and the numbers slowed.

Accommodations, camaraderie and dinners were fantastic. Each member twosome cooked one night for all, and the meals were incredible. Shrimp scampi, pork loin, tri-tip and yellowtail—cooked and sashimi—were on the menu for four days...wow! We all agreed we ate better at the ranch than we do at home. Drinking, eating, tying flies and laughing the whole time was the cherry on top of a great trip to one of Northern California's most beautiful fisheries.



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Crowley Lake Fishing Trip

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

We are adding a new club trip to the calendar this year. It's to Crowley Lake in the local Sierras. Expect to catch big fish here. Sizes average 17 to 24 inches. Make sure the drag on your reel is functioning well, because it's going to get a workout!

The dates of the trip are Oct 5th through the 9th. Club condo reservations will be available for the nights of the 5th through 8th, leaving on the 9th. The cost of the condo per person is about \$180 for the four nights. We also need to limit the number of cars at the condo due to limited parking, so some carpooling is required. The pre-trip will be August 27 at 9:00 am.

You can also make your own lodging reservations if you choose to do so.

We'll be fishing from boats. You can get a guide boat for the lake if you desire, or you may fish from your own boat, kayak or float tube. There are also rental boats available on Crowley with no guide. If you rent a boat, it's recommended that you go with the bigger engine, not the 15 hp, and bring your own Fish Finder if possible. The boat will come with anchors.

If you get a guide, the cost is from \$150 to \$200 per person per day. You will need to decide if you will put two or three people in a boat. I recommend just two. You also can fish for a full day or a five-hour half day. Most guided boats go for a half day. The wind typically comes up in the afternoon, making fishing harder. Some guides will let you reserve a half day, which you can extend to a full day if the wind remains mild.

We'll supply a list of recommended guides, and let you make your own reservations. We'll also help you pair up, to get two or three in a boat. But we're letting you make your own guide reservations, since there are so many choices that affect the cost.

I would expect most people to get a guide for the first day or two, and then fish on their own for the remaining days. Note that the best fishing is in the morning, so you can get a good amount of fishing in even on Sunday before your trip home.

Get your guide reservation by early August, to make sure a guide is available. Boat rentals from Crowley fill up even faster, but they won't give estimates on when.

If you fish any days from your own kayak or float tube, you should have a car with reasonable ground clearance. We will probably be fishing in the north arm of Crowley. The road out there is a double-track in places, with a hump in the middle.

There is a possibility of high winds that will prevent us from going out on Crowley. If that happens, we'll fish Hot Creek, Upper Owens or even Lower Owens. Bring your wader gear, even if you don't need it for Crowley.

If interested, email Steve Timm at srtimm20@hotmail.com to get a spot in the Condo. I have a few trips this summer with spotty cell coverage, so responses may not be immediate.



Fly Fish the Trinity and Lower Sac Rivers with LBCC

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Join the club as we venture up north to Redding California to fish the Trinity and the lower Sac for Steelhead and trout. We will be fishing out of 'The Fly Shop' in Redding, CA. for two days of fabulous Northern California Fly Fishing.

Details are as follows:

- WHEN:** November 5–8, 2022. Arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.
- COST:** Total cost of the trip is **\$710.43** per person, double occupancy plus a small fee ranging from \$15–\$25 each for boat trailer repositioning. Trip cost detail is: \$495.00 per day for the guide, boat and lunch and \$143.62 per night for the room, for two anglers.
- DEPOSITS:** First deposit of **\$495.00** due no later than September 1, 2022 and should be sent directly to The Fly Shop under LBCC NorCal Trip designation on your check. Second deposit of **\$215.43** will be paid upon departure from Red Lion Hotel when you check out on Tuesday, November 8.
- INCLUDES:** 3 Nights lodging and one day drift fishing on the Trinity River and one day drift fishing on the lower Sac. Lunch is included on drift days.
- NOT INCLUDED:** **Meals, fishing license, Steelhead Card and alcoholic beverages.**
- LODGING:** We will stay at the RED LION HOTEL in Redding, close to THE FLY SHOP. Room arrangements will be provided by Marc Bonvouloir. See above for Red Lion contact info and address.
- SCHEDULE:** Schedule: Sunday 11-6-22 we will meet guides at The Fly Shop 8am (10 minutes from the hotel) and depart to float the Lower Sacramento. On Monday 11-7-22 we will meet the guides in Weaverville for a full day float/wade on the Trinity River. Weaverville is 1 hour west of Redding. River designations may change due to late fishing conditions.
- GEAR:** For the trinity 6–8 wt. rods and for the lower Sac 5–6 wt. rods. Fishing license and a Steelhead card (\$7.50) are required. Be prepared for all types of weather at this time of year. The Fly Shop will provide rods/reels if needed and all flies.
- MORE:** Questions or to get on the interest list Contact Marc Bonvouloir at 213-369-9525 mrmlb21@gmail.com

Backpacking Trip to the Twenty Lakes Basin

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

Join the Fun, go on the LBCC Annual 20 Lakes Basin Backpacking Trip September 21–24. This is a moderate three-day/two-night ten-mile loop through **20 Lakes Basin** in the Hoover Wilderness, adjacent to Saddlebag Lake. This trip is perfect for those new to backpacking and/or backcountry fly fishing. This scenic area, at 10,000 feet, is below the Sierra Crest, with varied topography including lakes, meadows and interconnecting streams. Route elevation gain and loss is very manageable. Be prepared for quickly changing weather: sunny and warm to wind, rain and/or snow.

On Wednesday, September 21 we meet at the **USFS campground at Saddlebag Lake** for the Group Potluck Dinner. It is about a seven-hour drive to Saddlebag Lake. Participants are requested to arrive at the campground by 6:00 PM Wednesday to start acclimatizing and organizing their equipment. We will hike in Thursday, September 22, and hike out and drive home Saturday, the 24th.

The pre-trip meeting and discussion of lightweight backpacking equipment and techniques will be 7:00 PM at the LBCC Clubhouse on Thursday, September 15. To sign up or for more information please contact either Jim Garvey at **310-985-0761** or jimgarvey@sbcglobal.net or Colin Kumabe at **562-221-9418** or ctkumabe@gmail.com.



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High Sierra Backpack Trip: August 8-11, 2022

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER,
& 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; an elevation gain of 1,000 feet. From there we'll do some 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.

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. If interested contact Jim Garvey (jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net) or Colin Kumabe (ctkumabe@gmail.com).



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

ITEMS FOR THIS MONTH:

- ❖ [Weight Forward Flyline ASIN: B073VD6B2J](#)
- ❖ [Fly Hook Box ASIN: B06W2KGM3S](#)
- ❖ [Floating Fishing Net ASIN: B083NSL2B3](#)
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Brookie Bash: 24th Year!

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

*[Editor's Note: the first Brookie Bash was in 1998, led by **Tom Tatham**, a well-loved member 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 where **Jeff Sadler** led the trip for many years before he passed away. Mark Flo then took over, 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](#)
Passcode: d9sE1*pn

FEBRUARY: Glenn Ueda, **So Cal Fishing Guide**. Topic: "Planet Carp". Length: 110 minutes.

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

MARCH: Ernie Gulley, **Ernie Gulley Flyfishing**. Topic: "Stillwater Tactics." Length: 81 minutes.

[Ernie Gulley Presentation March 31, 2022](#)
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My First Fly Fishing Trip

JACK BARBER, MEMBER

I joined LBCC in 2020 and couldn't wait for my first trip in January that year, but like everything else our lives were put on hold due to COVID. Okay, "2021 will be a better year," but again the Lower Owens trips were cancelled. Well, now it is 2022 and the January trip was cancelled again, and then I heard that members did the trip. Needless to say, I was irritated.

Some of the members met at Holé Molé and I mentioned that, no matter what was going on, I was going to the Lower Owens in February. Steve Jackson and Eddie Madrid said that they were also planning on going, if I would like to join them. So, my first trip was with Steve Jackson, Eddie Madrid and Cruz Ornelas.

Steve and Eddie did a tag team with me, showing me how to rig and what to do, and spending time with me on the water. I even got some pointers from Cruz. I felt bad for them spending time with me and not fishing, but they kept saying that it was fine, and they just wanted me to catch some fish. I may have caught only three fish on my last day, but overall it was a great learning experience.

We have now done four trips. I was teamed up with Jun Watanabe on my third trip; he taught me even more and watched over me like I was a kid, making sure I didn't kill myself.

That saying "it's not **if** you'll fall, it's **when** you'll fall" is so true. Crossing the river with Jun, I did fall, and was not able to get back up, because my legs don't have the strength. I made my way to the other side on my knees and Jun blocked the current, holding my rod so that I could use his wading staff with my staff to get up.

He also pointed out that the river was rising, and we needed to go back, because I was not paying attention

to it. Jun walks on the dirt path and in the river like he's on a paved path, so I called him the "River Ninja".

The best part about these trips was not just fly fishing, but also making new friends forever. The only thing I'm sorry about is starting this at my age, and not 20 or 30 years ago.

Fly Casting "Teach the Teacher" Program

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT
COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT
MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

The Long Beach Casting Club will begin a new program: "Teach the Teacher". The purpose is to train members to teach fly casting. Participants will be able to identify reasons for casting flaws and learn how to recommend ways to fix problem casts.

In addition to catching more fish and helping others, another side benefit of the Teach the Teachers program is for participants to coach themselves toward better casting.

The Teach the Teacher Classes are scheduled for a pre-meeting on August 31, and the training will start on September 14, 21 and 28. The Beginning Casting Class will be on Tuesdays: September 27, October 4, 11 and 18. The instructors in training will practice what they have learned and apply this training to the public casting program.

Anyone who is interested in participating, please make sure to notify Joe Libeu, fishlgf@ix.netcom.com; Mark Flo, markcflo@yahoo.com; or Colin Kumabe, ckumabe@gmail.com.

Watch the upcoming Target Talk announcements and practice your casting.

Hope to see you at the Pond.

Fly Fishing in Denmark? Who Knew...

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, has many claims to fame: **Tivoli Gardens (think Disneyland with beer)**, magnificent canals, Carlsberg and Tuborg beer and the fairy tales of Denmark's native son, Hans Christian Andersen, to name a few.

One item that doesn't make the list, however, is fly fishing. So how, just three weeks ago, did I find myself on a train, heading to the west coast of Denmark, on a fly fishing trip? As they say, "it's a long story".

Last year, Julie and I spent the month of July there, visiting our son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, and fly fishing wasn't on the agenda. I saw no problem with that; there's a lot to do in the **"fifth-happiest city on earth"**.

But a month is a long time. I finally broke down and googled "fly shops in Copenhagen". Exactly two entries came up. One re-directed me to a drug store, the other landed on **"Salmon Fly by Kim Rasmussen"**. Copenhagen: 645,000 people. One fly shop.

I called the shop, and Kim Rasmussen answered. Like most Danes, he speaks very good English (English is taught in Danish schools, beginning in the third or fourth grade). Of course, fly fishing is a universal language, so we got on very well.

I really wanted to catch an Atlantic salmon. I'd fished for them twice in Scotland, but come up empty. The runs of these fish are very small by comparison to the runs of Pacific Salmon in the United States and Canada. If the steelhead is the "Fish of a Thousand Casts", the Atlantic salmon is the fish of a gazillion casts, and I was only up to a few hundred so far.

Kim let me know that high summer was not the best season for Atlantic salmon; I'd have much better luck around May. We exchanged pleasantries, and I

crossed fly fishing off my list of Denmark activities.

"Fast forward", as the expression goes, to this year. We looked over our calendar, planning another visit to Denmark, and settled on a couple of weeks in (you guessed it) May. My son, Matt, volunteered to call Kim and set up a day of fly fishing for me. All I had to do was show up.

A few days after we arrived in Copenhagen, Matt and I took a bus to the fly shop. We got off at a corner, and it took us a few minutes, through blind luck, to stumble onto a shop entrance with a sign: "The Salmon Fly".

Inside, it was a typical fly shop: racks of fur and feathers on the walls, a display case with nymphs, dries, soft hackles and some elegantly-tied salmon flies. There is a feel to the inside of a good fly shop that only fly fishers understand. This place had that feel.

But there was no one there. We looked around and found a bell on a counter. A ring or two and Kim Rasmussen came up a stairway to greet us.

Kim was kind and patient, and walked us through the trip. It involved a three-and-a-half hour train ride west to the little city of Holstebro, in **Jutland**. My guide would pick me up at the station and take me to my lodging for the night. We'd fish the following day and I'd catch a train back to Copenhagen, getting home about 10:00 PM.

Kim also showed us some of his flies. He specializes in the kind of complex salmon flies that you might see framed on people's walls.



**BLACK ARGUS, DRESSED
BY KIM RASMUSSEN**

I asked Kim if "The Salmon Fly" was the only fly shop in Copenhagen. His answer came as quite a shock to me: "we're the only fly shop in Denmark." Denmark: 5.8 million people. One fly shop.

Matt and I thanked Kim for all his help, I paid for the

trip and we left. We found our way back to the bus stop and were soon on our way back home.

When the day of the trip came, I made Matt walk me to the train station and wait with me for my train. By some miracle we went to the right track, found the right train and got me boarded.

The trip across Denmark was interesting and mostly uneventful. It's a country of beautiful low hills and farmland. The highest point in Denmark is 561 feet above sea level, and there is no place in the country that's more than an hour's drive from the sea. As a consequence, the rivers are small. The longest river checks in at 98 miles, and the [Storå](#), where I would be fishing, is only 65 miles long.

At the station in Holstebro, I was met by my guide, Neils Have. He'd checked with my hotel: the earliest available dinner seat was at 8:30. He offered to take me out for a steak dinner in Holstebro, his home town.

We talked fly fishing, as we ate our steaks and I sipped an excellent Danish beer. I soon realized I was **not dealing with an ordinary fishing guide**. Niels ties (or "dresses", as they apparently call it in Europe) magnificent salmon flies, just as Kim does. He spends, on average, an hour and a half per fly, not including time to prepare the materials. I only know of one person in our club who ties similar flies: our own Mr. Van Derhoof. [See the June 2017 issue of Target Talk](#) for "The Captain Nicholson", a commemorative fly designed and tied (dressed?) by John.

Since he has a "day job" in the paint business, Niels dresses these flies as a passion, not a career. But he has customers all over Europe for his flies, for use on rivers like the Ponoj, in Russia. Of course, at an hour



A BOX OF NEILS HAVE FLIES



DANISH COUNTRYSIDE

and a half per fly, they are expensive.

After dinner, which he wouldn't let me pay for, Niels drove me around the area for an hour, showing me the "wild side" of Denmark. Herds of roe deer roamed through the meadows and the heather, and raptors circled overhead. Rural Denmark has a hunting and fishing tradition; Niels' father, in his mid-70s, still hunts for deer and game birds, and fishes for salmon.

We drove to the hotel, which was very nice. The lady at the counter gave me my key, and told me my room was on the first floor. I walked around the building without finding my room, then realized that, in Europe, one walks up the stairs from the "ground floor" to find the "first floor". I went up the stairs and found it.

The room was good. I slept well. I was to meet Niels in front of the hotel at 6:00 AM. He wanted an early start, and was bringing coffee and pastries, again, on his tab. How many times has a guide done that for **you**?

The weather varied from patchy warm sunlight to torrential sideways rain. The Storå, like most rivers in Denmark, is small and slow. I was using a Hardy "Alnwick" Spey rod with a Hardy reel (much better gear than my own), but the challenge, rather than getting a long cast, was to avoid the cattails on the opposite bank. I didn't always rise to the challenge, but I got through the day without losing a fly.

I must confess I was feeling my age. Niels, in his forties, had to slow his pace so I could keep up, and the silt on the edge of the water was murder to walk in. The banks are high, so there's no wading on the Storå. Also, the fences in the pastures we walked through

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were electrified, and required a high step to get over them without a shock. I was "zapped" a couple of times in places I won't mention; fortunately it didn't leave a mark on the waders.

I fished hard, and, for the most part, well, but the closest we came to a salmon was seeing one roll. Even that was an inspiring sight. Late in the afternoon the wind began to roar, and we called it a day. I admit it: I was completely done in, and barely made it to the car.

Niels drove me to the train station, and like my son Matt, waited with me for the train. Tipping is almost unheard of in Denmark, but the experience was so extraordinary that I tried to give him one. He wouldn't take it. I really enjoyed his company and consider him perhaps the best guide I've fished with. His combination of patience, useful tips and fascinating information on the fishery made for a great day.

I told him that Julie had advised me to set an alarm so I didn't fall asleep on the train and end up somewhere in Sweden. Neils laughed, but I was sufficiently exhausted that I almost slept through the alarm. Back in Copenhagen, it was a quick subway trip and a short walk on a cobblestone street to the hotel.

The next day Niels emailed, expressing his hope that I wasn't in Sweden. He attached pictures, and thanked me for the "great company" over the last two days.

This was an incredible experience; I've never been so well taken care of. Kim and Niels were extremely professional and pleasant to deal with. The conversation was as fun as the fishing; I learned a lot about salmon fishing in Denmark. I feel that I've made two great new fly fishing friends, and I highly recommend this trip.



What are the odds?

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

Three weeks after I got home from the Green River, my excellent guide Cori-Alice texted me and asked if I had lost a GoPro. I was shocked and said yes...last year! She said it was found at Red Creek by another guide, in the area where you have to get out of the boat and walk downstream around the rapids. He put the chip from the found GoPro in his, to look at the photos, and there was Cori-Alice. He showed her the photos on the chip and she recognized me. Below are the photos of the GoPro and me. Wow! I was sure it was lost forever.



Being the greatest guide ever, she put it in the mail and I Venmo'd her the cost of mailing and a little extra for her time. If the camera had not been found when it was, it would have been washed away the following week, in the increased 9000 CFS flow coming out of the dam. I am still gobsmacked that this happened.



Fly Tying Tip: Dubbing Wax

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

I am not a big fan of dubbing wax, but there are times when you need a little something “sticky”, to help with doing a fine noodle of dubbing. Typically, you have some oils on your fingers as you try to do a thin noodle, and with mostly natural hairs and materials, that works fine. But what if you are using 100% synthetics, like ice dubbing, and you want a **thin** noodle? Almost impossible without something to help it grab the thread.

When using thin threads like Gordon Griffith’s 14/0 or other small diameters, the typical sticky or touch-dubbing waxes deposit clumps of wax, or so much wax that it mats down the synthetics, and it seems you have wax-coated dubbing with a thin noodle.



As an alternate, try using a harder wax, similar to that used in Salmon Fly Tying. Waxes like “Cobblers Wax” or “6.2.1 Summer Wax” (**PHOTO-1**) and similar are great, as they require body heat to soften just a bit. If you watch Davie McPhail videos, he uses similar wax. Once the wax is softened with body heat, you can lightly coat your thread. A small amount of wax sticks to the thread, just sufficiently sticky that synthetic dubbing holds for a good thin noodle.

PHOTO-2 and **PHOTO-3** show a thin noodle on the 14/0 thread with Ice Dubbing for a size 22 nymph hook! Give it a try for thin noodles of synthetic dubbing materials.



PHOTO-2



PHOTO-3

[Note: If you are looking for a place to purchase fly tying wax, I might suggest Gunpowder Tackle. Located in Colorado, they have a great array of different waxes. Like Dave, I don't often use wax, but for certain techniques and materials it really helps, especially if you are tying traditional North Country soft hackles and flymphs... John V.]

Fly of the Month: X-Caddis

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Okay, it's summertime—well, mostly. That means that it's time to think mayflies and caddis, but right now I'm mostly thinkin' caddis. I have fond memories of fishing the Madison River in June and July until 10:00 in the evening, and needing a flashlight to get back to my VW Westfalia van, parked upriver from the West Fork Bridge. Caddis everywhere, and I do mean everywhere. In the air, on the water, in my mouth, ears, nose and up inside my shirt. Yes, they tickle and it's a mess if you slap. Okay, I digress...

Back then it was usually the king, the Elk Hair Caddis, but there was a new fly out and it usually outfished the reigning monarch in virtually all circumstances: the X-Caddis. I understand that it was spawned from the popularity of the Sparkle Dun taking over for the Comparadun. Same exact idea: remove the tail of the Comparadun, and add a shuck. Since caddis don't have tails, but do have a nymphal shuck, add the shuck. Now it's an emerger, or a cripple, or both. And fish love them! They tend not to fly right away, making them a bit easier to eat, and fish appreciate easy pickings.

Sizes and colors, as one might expect, vary with the species. Our tiny grey Hot Creek sedges and Glossosoma are dark and small (#18–#22). Hydropsyche caddis are tan, and found in sizes from #12–#18. Rhyacophylla and Brachycentrus are both olive, but the former is light and the latter is very dark, with sizes similar to Hydropsyche. Then there are the giants, like orange-colored October caddis in size #8–#12.

The interesting thing about these is that the shuck colors do not match the color of the body. For the small darker caddis, I find that an amber-colored shuck works well. I use a salmon pink or light brown for the Hydropsyche, and gold for the lighter olive, or brown for the darker olive and the October caddis. That, and a bit of micro-flash below the wing completes the fly.

So tie some up and take them to your favorite caddis water!

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE X-CADDIS

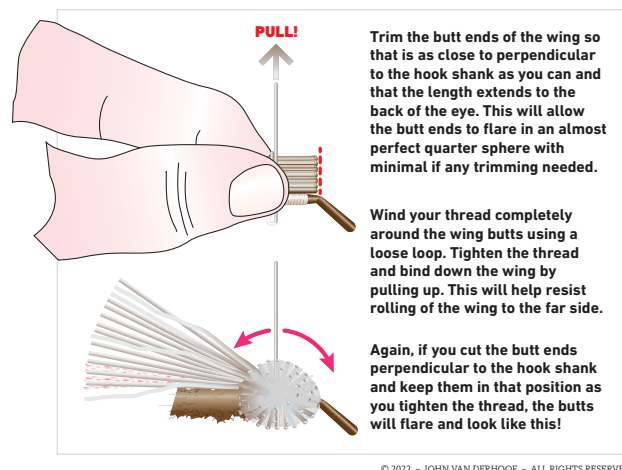
Hook: Your favorite dry fly; #8–#22
Thread: UTC 50-denier GSP; white
Shuck: Darlon/Zelon; to match the species
Body: Zelon & hare dubbing; color as needed
Under-wing: Microflash; pearl
Over-wing: X-Caddis quality deer hair; color as needed
Head: X-Caddis deer wing butts



TAN
X-CADDIS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE X-CADDIS

- 1 Insert your hook in the vise and attach your thread at the head space. Wind smoothly a few turns and, for bit of a change-up, select about a dozen strands of “straightish” Darlon or Zelon for the shuck. Bind it down by winding all the way back to the end of the shank. Keep your thread untwisted, and make these turns tightly spaced. Doing it this way will save extra turns of thread, by winding down to the bend and then back up and down, attaching the shuck—one layer of thread instead of three. It will add less bulk and actually make for a stronger fly. Trim the length of the shuck so that it is about one-half to two-thirds the length of the body. I also like to feather and taper that cut end, so that it doesn’t look like a paintbrush.
- 2 Apply dubbing of the appropriate color to your thread and wind the body with a slight taper at the front. The dubbing should be a bit shaggy in appearance. I like to use Blue Ribbon’s Zelon Dubbing as it has a bit of sparkle in it, as well as some hare’s mask that roughens the dubbing’s look. It also tends make the body and the fly lookalive and moving.
- 3 Now select about 8–10 strands of microflash (just small diameter Krystal Flash) and tie it in as an underwing. Trim it so that it is about the length of the body.
- 4a Now remove a slightly larger than normal amount of X-Caddis hair than you would for an Elk Hair Caddis. Remove all of the underfur and short fibers, and place it in a hair stacker. Stack it until the tips are nicely aligned. Measure the wing so that it goes just beyond the underwing and the body. Now here is where things are going to be different. Hold the wing in the tie-down location (see the diagram), and cut the butt ends so that they are perpendicular to the hook shank, and just reach to the back end of the hook’s eye. You’re gonna love this next part...



- 4b Using a loose loop, make one complete turn around the butt ends and, without moving your hand and holding tightly, slowly and smoothly pull straight up until the thread is tight. The butt ends will flare into an almost perfect quarter sphere, requiring little if any trimming. This is the primary reason why I recommend using the 50-denier GSP thread. It’s strong and will slide easily between your fingers, but beware: it can also cut the butt ends if you are too quick and heavy-handed. Add one or two more turns at the tie-down point, and then wind forward to the head space by carefully weaving the thread under the hair and around the hook shank.
- 5 Whip finish at the head space and take it to your favorite fishing spot for a tryout. I wish you success!

Notes:

- ❖ *Thread choice was based on its strength and slippery qualities in helping to get the butts to flare. If you need to color the thread, simply use a Sharpie in those areas where it is exposed and before you wind it.*
- ❖ *Nature’s Spirit does an excellent job of pre-selecting deer hair into many specific categories. If you’re tying Sparkle Duns, then choose their Comparadun Hair, as it flares more. Choose their X-Caddis hair for less flare.*



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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.

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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	Bonafish, 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

July

2	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Cast
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
11	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night 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
18-22	Week	9:00 AM	Scouts Fishing Merit Badge
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Cast
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
21-24	Weekend		Brookie Bash w/ A. Palomares
23	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Cast
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Joe Libeu; Fishing the Big Horn
30	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Sierra Backpacking Agnew Meadows w/ Jim Garvey

August

1-5	Week	9:00 AM	Scouts Fishing Merit Badge
1	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Cast
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Local Tenkara Event w/ Art Strauss
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
6	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Yards & Inches (Pozole Bowl) w/ Mick Woodbury
8-11	Week		Sierra Backpacking Agnew Meadows w/ Jim Garvey
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Cast
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
			Yards & Inches (Pozole Bowl) w/ Mick Woodbury
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Cast
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
			Long Beach Casting Club Spey Tournament
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Cast
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Al Quattrocchi; Travel Tips Near & Far
27	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Crowley Lake with Steve Timm
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Cast
31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Pre-Meeting: Beginning Fly Casting "Teach the Teacher"
			Rod Building Class (Tentative)

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

September

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: On the Salt w/ Kevin Green
3	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
4-9	Week		Bighorn River Trip w/ Joe Libeu
5	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Saturday		On the Salt w/ Kevin Green
		8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Beginning Fly Casting "Teach the Teacher" Sessions
			Rod Building Class (Tentative)
15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Pre-Trip: 20 Lakes Backpack w/ J. Garvey
17	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
20		7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Clinic
21-24	Week		20 Lakes Backpack w/ J. Garvey
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Beginning Fly Casting "Teach the Teacher" Session
			Rod Building Class (Tentative)
24	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
25			Captain's Handicap
27		7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Clinic
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Beginning Fly Casting "Teach the Teacher" Session
			Rod Building Class (Tentative)
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Gary Borger



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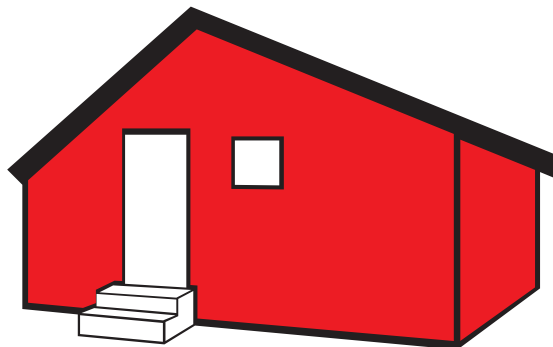
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