

Inside

- ❖ Fly of the Month: Purple & Red Steelie
- ❖ Club Trips for 2022, 2023
- ❖ Three Month Calendar

Highlights

- Page 5: Rest in Peace, Ron Robinson
- Page 7: Reels, Reels, Reels...
- Page 9: The Trout are Coming, The Trout are Coming!

Target Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

OCTOBER 2022

WWW.LONGBEACHCASTINGCLUB.ORG

Leader's Line...

Keeping Safe on the River

BOB MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

I recommend two items that will help in keep you safe on the river. These two items are a wading staff and whistle.

First, let's talk about a wading staff. We all have different comfort levels when it comes to wading in deep and fast water. Whether you go knee-deep or up to the top of your waders, a wading staff will help you stay on your feet.

This past week I was having a discussion with Paul Burgner and Ed Alvarado about the importance of having a good wading stick; we all agreed that it is one of the most important safety items you can have. In our discussion, Ed mentioned that he has a wading staff, but it is held together with internal cords. When the end of his staff gets stuck in mud or between rocks, and he goes to move, the entire staff separates. You have enough to think about just trying to stay on your feet, so you want to trust that your staff will be there when needed.

Paul's choice for a staff is Aventik's foldable WS3176. This staff can be found on Amazon for around \$40.00. Ed's choice is anything other than the one he now has. My choice is a 12-year-old staff that is no longer in production, so I keep patching it up. When I do replace it, this is what I will look for:

It needs to break down or fold up for travel and storage. I want the staff, when assembled, to stay

together; the pieces must snap or screw and hold solidly in place. It needs to hold my weight against the force of the water without collapsing or breaking.

I want a soft tip and a rubber wrap on the bottom, to make it quieter while wading and banging around on rocks. I want it to be tied to my waders or fly vest with a cord, so that I can let it go while I fish and still have it readily available when I get ready to move. When I do move, even if I can't find the staff, I can always find the cord and slide my hand down it to grasp the staff's handle.

How I use the staff: I always try to keep at least two points of contact on the ground. What this means is that if I'm going to be walking and moving my feet, one foot is on the ground and the staff is on ground (two points). If I go to move the staff, both feet are on the ground (two points) and the staff moves. I try

"Keeping Safe" ...Continues on page 8

Club Trips for 2022 & 2023

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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	NorCal Steelhead w/M. Bonvouloir; Pre-Trip October 29, 9:00 AM
January 12-15	Lower Owens #1 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett; Pre-Trip Jan 7, 9:00 AM
February 9-12	Lower Owens #2 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett; Pre-Trip February 4, 9:00 AM
March 9-12	Lower Owens #3 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett; Pre-Trip March 4, 9:00 AM
March TBD	Pyramid Lake w/P. Nakamura; Pre-Trip TBD

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'd like to be a Streamkeeper and need help organizing a Club trip, let me know. Contact Steve Timm if you have suggestions for a trip or any questions at: srtimm@hotmail.com.



OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

BOB MAYFIELD
(714) 392-2211

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

MARC BONVOULOIR
(213) 369-9525

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

STEVE TIMM
(562)-243-0826

CO-CAPTAINS

MARK FLO: (562) 420-8121
TOM OLSON: (310) 809-0409

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

MARK ANGELO
(562) 450-8865

TREASURER

ED ALVARADO
(213) 440-4655

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

BLAIR WILLIAMS
(310) 386-8813

FACILITIES & POND

STEVE JACKSON
(310)-729-2308

SENIOR DIRECTOR

COLIN KUMABE
(562) 221-9418

JUNIOR DIRECTOR

STEVE JONES
(562) 682-7920

TARGET TALK EDITOR

ROB PETERSON
(310) 963-2515

October Speaker Lance Egan: "Newfangled Nymphing"

Speaker via Zoom Only! Meeting in the Clubhouse AND Via Zoom

MARC BONVOULOIR, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Arguably one of the top 10 fly anglers in the US, Lance Egan will join us for the October 27 monthly meeting, **via Zoom only**, to talk about nymphing with or without an indicator. Lance is a three-time National Fly Fishing Champion, two-time ESPN Great Outdoors Games Fly Fishing Masters champion, three-time **Utah Single Fly champion** and a **member of Fly Fishing Team USA**. With Team USA, Lance has represented America 13 times at the World Fly Fishing Championships and is a three-time World Flyfishing Championships medalist (one Team Silver, one Team Bronze and one individual bronze).

Lance works for **Fly Fish Food**, an online and storefront fly-fishing retailer in Orem, Utah, as shop manager. In addition to his fly shop duties, he is a part-time fly fishing guide and instructor, a Signature Fly Designer for **Umpqua Feather Merchants**, and Lance, along with **Devin Olsen** and **Gilbert Rowley**, has created instructional fly fishing videos available as digital downloads from Vimeo.com or as DVDs (**Modern Nymphing**, **Modern Nymphing Elevated** and **Adaptive Fly Fishing**). Lance lives in Lehi, Utah, with his wife, Autumn, and their two children.

Join us at the Clubhouse or by Zoom at 6:00 pm Thursday, October 27 (presentation 7:00 pm)

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83574380959?pwd=a0svbG41bzV3MU5KanJVZHZodkZlZzO9>

MEETING ID: 835 7438 0959

PASSCODE: 984499



OCTOBER SPEAKER LANCE EGAN

New Club Members

MARK ANGELO,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Gregg Rodriguez of Queen Creek, AZ
- ❖ Jim Ferguson of Brea, CA
- ❖ Paul Regan of Lakewood, 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!

Crowley Club Trip

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The club trip to Lake Crowley is approaching fast. If you want space in the club condo, email Steve Timm at srtimm20@hotmail.com. You can also do your own lodging if you wish.

The fish at Crowley are big. Expect fish from 18 to 22", with typically a couple 24" or more.

The trip is Oct. 5–9; arrive on the 5th and leave on the 9th.

The Pre-Trip is August 27th. I know once we tell you what hooks and other materials to buy a few people can wipe out the supply at Marriott's, so the Pre-Trip is early enough to allow online orders.

For more detail see the complete write-up on the trip in the August issue of the club newsletter.

Here are some pictures from club members on prior trips to Crowley:



Rest in Peace, Ron Robinson

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT

A few weeks ago the Long Beach Casting Club lost a past president, Ron Robinson. While few of our current membership know of him, many of the older members will. Ron was an outstanding guy.

He moved to Arizona many years ago but managed to leave a huge impression on me. He was kind, helpful and cheerful. He loved to teach. He was an excellent tournament caster and one of the very few of our members to cast a perfect 100 score in an ACA National Tournament. I will miss him. Below is an email I sent to his daughter, Kelly Hudson:

Kelly,

My condolences on the loss of your father. My name is John Van Derhoof and I have been a member of the Long Beach Casting Club since 1980 and a past president as well. Additionally, I was a tournament caster and your dad was one of my favorites.

Ron was one of the really good guys. He was always friendly and helpful to me. Whenever I would compete it was always welcome to have him taking score or sitting in the on-deck chair waiting his turn. He made casting fun through his constant positivity, help and support—especially in the middle of a game when you were close to a great score and, more importantly, when you had just screwed up.

He was here in Long Beach at the Club a couple of years ago and we got to visit briefly. Sadly I had to leave for an appointment but his visit reminded me of how much I missed having him around 20 and more years hence.

Once again, my sincerest sympathies for your loss. Even though he hasn't been here the thought of him not too far away was always comforting.

Sincerely,

John Van Derhoof



New First Aid Cabinet at LBCC

TOM OLSON, CO-CAPTAIN

We want everyone to be aware that we have a new first aid cabinet that is well supplied in case there is a first aid situation at LBCC. The wall cabinet is in the large bathroom to the right of the counter.

The location was chosen because there is a sink to wash a wound with antibacterial soap, paper towels and a counter to open first aid packages.

We want to thank Jack Barber for updating and supplying the contents and Bob Mayfield for helping with the installation and filling the cabinet. Matt Abrams will supply a sign for the door.

I've personally had to help with an incident at LBCC where a member was nipped by a dog, and another where an aggressive squirrel bit a bystander when she was close to a tree. Both required washing the wound and bandaging.

Safety first, but when first aid supplies are needed, LBCC is well equipped. In case of emergency, always call 911.



INTRODUCED OVER
40 YEARS AGO

when our original range of Lightweight PVC Waders was developed in the UK, we've grown considerably to include a full range of premium fly fishing gear and technical apparel aimed at enhancing your fishing experience.

Inspiring Anglers To Fish
Since 1978

DID YOU KNOW...

Club members receive exclusive offers and discounts?

Shop online at
www.snowbee-usa.com

Snowbee
EST 1978



(626) 542-3810



support@snowbee-usa.com



<https://snowbee-usa.com>

Rods | Reels | Lines | Waders | Apparel | Accessories

Reels, Reels, Reels...

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Our Club has been the recipient of an amazing and generous donation by a former member. This same individual also donated several two-handed rods of high quality a couple of years ago and many of you snapped them up. This presentation to the Club involves more than 180 fly reels. Yes, you just read 180-plus reels...

Included in this are a few Tibor reels, Abel, Bauer, Charlton, Hardy, Islander, Lamson, Ross, Saracione and Sage. There are other brands as well. We will be selling these reels to members on a first-come, first-served basis. The price of these reels will be about 50% of a pre-determined fair market value (based on sold prices on eBay and other sources). Several of these reels have values of well north of \$1000.00. The idea in these sales is that the Long Beach Casting Club will be receiving a reasonable value, and they will still represent the "deal of the week" for members. We are trying to make money for the Club! But we are committed to offering Club members an excellent reel at an even better value. Some of these may be used in monthly meeting raffles and we will likely have some 100-square, \$10-per-square drawings. Yes, the reel(s) will be among the more valuable ones.

One note that all of you need to understand. These reels are virtually all larger sized. They are reels that were intended for 7-, 8-, 9-, 10-, 11- and even 12-weight lines in the saltwater. Therefore many are ideally sized for those looking for some reels that will easily handle a 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-weight Spey line. Also, virtually all of the reels are right-hand wind and a few, like older Abel reels and others, cannot be changed. While there are some smaller-sized reels, they are very few in number.

I am finalizing the values and trying to inspect all of the reels (it takes time with as many as we have) for flaws or anything that is broken. So far every reel I have inspected works, but many need maintenance,

like oil and cleaning. Many have old fly lines and backing on them. Most are used, but gently; some have "boat/bank rash" and many have never seen the light of day.

Shirley will send out an eBlast with a list informing members what is available and when we are ready to sell. That won't happen until she and Wayne are back from holiday. The idea is to announce a Saturday morning where we will start the sale. Also, I am usually at the Club most weekday mornings from about 9:00 until 11:00. We will also try to set up a time or times on future weekends for members to view and buy reels.

Sadly, I will probably have to be the point person for this. No, I will not want hundreds of phone calls, so please don't even try—I won't accept any or return any attempts. You can send me an email jvanderhoof1@gmail.com to arrange a time to view the reels.

We Need Volunteers!

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club needs volunteers to help with maintaining the new website. The new webpage was 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

"Keeping Safe"...Continued from page 1

to never let my feet get crossed up with each other or the staff; if that happens I have a good chance of going down. If I'm going to cross a river, I will always go at an angle downriver. Many folks say you should fish and wade upstream, but this just plain wears me out fighting current all day, so I'm a downstream fisher. I also try to wade where, if I do fall, I'm not going into a rapid or big dropoff. My main point here is not to tell you how to wade, but to try to convince you that no matter how you choose to wade, a dependable wading staff will help keep you on your feet.

Now what about the whistle? Most rivers are noisy, and communication can be difficult if not impossible. You might be able to see your partner, but all the screaming and waving just doesn't cut it; thus, a whistle with three simple commands. While you cannot pour out your soul or tell them how big a fish you just lost was, you can communicate. It is simple communication but very effective. You can let them know where you are, tell them to come to you or that you are in trouble and need them right away. Here is a list of the international whistle codes.

- ❖ One blast of the whistle is to communicate **"Here I am, and all is OK."**
- ❖ Two blasts is **"Come to me, and all is OK."**
- ❖ Three blasts is **"I'm in trouble and need help; come to me now."**

Make the blasts two seconds long. Blow hard and pause a second between blasts. If they hear you, they should respond with one blast of their whistle to let you know they heard and understood your message.

You can find emergency whistles at REI, West Marine and, of course, Amazon. Keep the whistle attached to the outside of your fly vest, for easy access. I wear mine high on my shoulder, attached to a zinger.



Pictured is my wife Diane with her whistle high on her right shoulder, and her staff attached to her vest.

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 **6HTIPUM8** for the discount. The list and code change monthly, so keep watching here.

ITEMS FOR THIS MONTH:

- ❖ [Fly Tying Vise Racks ASIN: B076XYKLHW](#)
- ❖ [Aventik Foam Fly Box ASIN: B07VF4MV3X](#)
- ❖ [Aventik Fly Tippet Line ASIN: B0B4B36RTE](#)
- ❖ [Bead Chain Eyes Pack ASIN: B07BJXGQ6J](#)
- ❖ [Eupheng Resin ASIN: B08LFWL4NM](#)

TREASURE ISLAND HOMESTEAD

Vacation Rental on the upper North Platte River

Book Direct at:
TreasureIslandHomestead.com

GPS: 41.3324, -106.7293
Saratoga, WY
(307) 228-4119
info@TreasureIslandHomestead.com



The Trout are Coming, the Trout are Coming!

BOB ALLEN, MEMBER

On Saturday, August 21 our Club hosted 15 teachers and Club members for the training session leading to the delivery and growth of trout eggs. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) provide viable trout eggs for teachers to introduce the life cycle of trout. The eggs are delivered to local schools by volunteers from the Club, and they are placed into a chilled aquarium meticulously prepared for the new inhabitants.

During the new few weeks, the eggs hatch and grow into small rainbow trout. During this time, six to eight weeks, curriculum topics are introduced describing the many physical, life, chemical and geographic factors that lead to successful trout environments. The program culminates with the children releasing their fry into pre-approved aquatic environments.

We are now inviting Club members to assist with the egg delivery process. Around the middle of October trout eggs will be available for pickup at the CDFW office in Los Alamitos where they will be driven to local participating schools in the area. If you would like to assist in this delivery process, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

EMAIL: boballen@polyconicsllc.com

PHONE NUMBER: (714) 313-0803



Pond Cleaning Scheduled

STEVE HIGASHI, MEMBER

WHAT: First pond cleaning since April
WHEN: Saturday, September 24
TIME: 8:00 am

It's been a while since the Club's last pond cleaning. In late September the LBCC will be hosting our first Beginning Casting Class in three years, Gary Borger will conduct an advanced casting clinic and the Teach the Teachers Program will be finishing up. A clean casting pond will contribute to the success of these and future events and helps promote the Club.

Pictures Needed!

JACK BARBER, MEMBER

I'm working with Colin Kumabe to update the LBCC Facebook page. If you're going on the Bighorn River, On the Salt and/or the 20 Lakes Backpack Trip in September, could you please send me pictures (jlbarber48@gmail.com). Also, I'll need details like name, type of fish caught, the lake or river, what type of fly and a caption for the picture. Thanks!

Fly Fish the Trinity and Lower Sac Rivers with LBCC

LBCC WILL BE FISHING THE RIVERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA! JOIN US...



ADDRESS: 4140 Churn Creek Rd, Redding, CA 96002
HOURS: Closes at 6:00 PM
PHONE: (530) 222-3555
E-MAIL: info@theflyshop.com

RED LION HOTEL
 1830 Hilltop Dr,
 Redding, CA 96002
 Phone: (530) 221-8700

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

Beginning Casting Classes Coming Soon!

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club will have a Beginning Casting Clinic this September. The class is taught by John Van Derhoof, who is a **Master Certified Casting Instructor**. The class will get our students started in discovering the joy of fly casting and fly fishing. It will be held on four consecutive Tuesday evenings. The clinic is open to all.

SESSION 1

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 from 7:00–9:00 pm. After a brief outdoor orientation, you will learn to properly perform the Pick-Up and Lay Down Cast.

SESSION 2

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 from 7:00–9:00 pm. Review the Pick-Up and Lay Down and learn the False Cast.

SESSION 3

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 from 7:00–9:00 pm. Review the Pick-Up and Lay Down and False Cast. Then we will learn how to mend line to make us better fly fishers. The mends will be the Pile Cast, Reach Mend and the Reach Mend but with slipping line. We may also try the Roll Cast.

SESSION 4

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 from 7:00–9:00 pm. Briefly review the Pick-Up and Lay Down, False Cast, Line Mending. We will spend more time with the Roll Cast. You will then learn to extend line while False Casting and finally, we will work on a couple of other fishing mends.

Students should bring a rod, reel with a line and leader. The Club does have a few rods to loan for the evening. Questions? Please contact John Van Derhoof at lbccbeginningcasting@gmail.com.

No Cost: Free, no charge for these sessions. No signup is needed—just show up!



On the River Clinic

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

As part of the Long Beach Casting Club's continuing education, join us for an educational experience geared to individuals who wish to gain overall fly fishing knowledge. You will be introduced to the equipment needed, entomology, stream structure, casting applications, short and long line presentation, reading the water, fly selection, how to organize your fly box and basic knots.

We will then take the knowledge you have gained and apply it to a Lower Owens weekend outing where you will receive individual instruction from river-wise instructors.

CLASSROOM DATE: October 15, 2022 (Saturday 9:00am - 2pm. Bring lunch)

LOWER OWENS OUTING DATE: October 29-30, 2022

The On the River Clinic is led by Past President Joe Libeu, a licensed guide, Master Casting Instructor and owner of Sierra Pacific Fishing Adventures. Joe has been fishing the Lower Owens since 1975 and considers this watershed his home waters.

The Clinic is for beginning Club members only.

Please call Joe Libeu at **310-749-6671** or email him at fishlgf@ix.netcom.com for additional information.

GOLDEN SAILS

LB — HOTEL — CA



SET SAIL FOR COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

- On-site fitness center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- 24-hour business center
- Outdoor year-round heated pool
- Oversized spa
- Spacious courtyard with gazebo, ideal for weddings
- On-site vending machines
- Coin-operated laundry
- ATM machine
- Complimentary USA newspapers in the lobby
- 173 guest rooms featuring:
 - Work desk
 - 32 inch flat-screen TV
 - Microwave
 - AM/FM alarm clock radio
 - Mini refrigerator
 - Single cup Haus Maid coffee maker
 - Ironing board
 - Hairdryer
 - Aquamer Institute Swiss® bath amenities
 - Air conditioning

GOLDEN SAILS HOTEL

6285 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA 90803 | (562) 596-1631 | goldensailshotel.com

Backpacking the Murky Lakes along Shadow Creek

SAN SASI, MEMBER

On the morning of August 8, 2022, ten eager Long Beach Casting Club members met at the Agnew Meadows Trailhead in the Devil's Postpile area. All had spent the previous night acclimating to the altitude—some at campsites close to the trailhead, others at other high elevation sites elsewhere in the Mammoth Lakes area.

The scenic trail started off relatively flat, and crossed the middle fork of the San Joaquin River. A couple of folks indulged in a quick round of fishing below the bridge. From here, the trail climbed 700 feet along the beautiful cascading Shadow Creek to the outlet of Shadow Lake, roughly 3.5 miles from the starting point. We stopped and had lunch at a picturesque spot by the lake.

Recent heavy rainfall had colored the lake a milky brown. We continued on for another three miles to Ediza Lake, with the trail running alongside Shadow Creek. Between the two lakes, the creek broadened out, creating plenty of attractive fishing spots along the way. Ediza Lake, like Shadow Lake, was murky from the heavy rainfall on the previous days.

We camped for two nights at various locations around Ediza Lake, with the stunning backdrop of Mt. Banner and Mt. Ritter. The murky water made fishing the lake tricky, but a couple of spots were productive for stripping streamers. Several aggressive brook trout were caught. The creeks flowing into the lake were clear; we fished them with dry flies, catching eager rainbows, rainbow/golden hybrids and brook trout all day.

The group shifted base to Iceberg Lake for the last day of camping. Although only a mile up from Ediza,



Iceberg had significantly fewer backpackers. The scenery was stark, with the jagged peaks of the Minarets rising vertically from the far side of the lake. The water was milky, but more a shade of green/turquoise. The outflow of the lake made for excellent dry fly fishing.

A couple of us day-hiked up the trail from Iceberg Lake to Cecile Lake. The faint trail was obscured by talus and loose scree, and climbed 500 feet in half a mile. From beyond the far edge of Cecile Lake, one had clear views of Minaret Creek's canyon and Minaret Lake below.

On the final day, the group retraced their steps back to the Agnew Meadows trailhead on a mostly downhill route. Thus concluded another successful and enjoyable backpacking trip in the Sierras, with happy trout.





FLY TYING | FLY CASTING | SEMINARS | GEAR | TUTORIALS

Long Beach Casting Club

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 12/10/22, 9am to 4pm

for directions please visit: longbeachcastingclub.org



The Double Haul Ball is an educational all day event designed to promote and teach the basics of saltwater fly fishing.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to Youth Programs: Southwest Council FFI Youth Program & The MayFly Project.



Love2FlyFish MEDIA

love2flyfishmedia.bigcartel.com



THE MAYFLY PROJECT



**FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL**
Southwest Council

swcffi.org

A Love2FlyFish Media | Southwest Council FFI Educational Series

38 Fish Feet! Yards & Inches a Big Success

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

The 2022 Yards & Inches Tournament is history and the perpetual trophy is back from the engravers. Steve Timm was the winner with 120 inches of fish (10 feet). Colin Kumabe was second with 94 inches and Kevin Green was close behind with 90 inches. The total catch was 457 inches (38 feet), all safely released to grow bigger for next year.

It's said that 10% of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish. Not the case here. 30% of the fishermen caught 66% of the fish. I interpret that to mean LBCC anglers are more talented than most. The high scorers all had something in common. They quickly realized the Bay wasn't fishing as usual so they tried something different—the docks. Throwing into the docks and drifting flies under the boats was the hot ticket. Not everyone made the switch. There were four skunks, but those names are forever lost.

Afterward, the group made good use of the shade trees, where tales ranged from viscous strikes to most effective flies, or whether the fish are getting bigger or smaller. I think bigger—glass half full. Regardless, those spotted bass fight far above their weight class.

This was the 15th year for the Y&I. Time flies. It's a convenient local event that doesn't involve a long drive or overnight stay. The fleet gets exercised, multiple varieties of fish get caught and salt water offers something different. Skunked or winner, everyone scores posole.



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.

Our last recording was March. There was no April speaker, we failed to record the May speaker and the June speaker requested we not record him.

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](#)
Passcode: Ri65p6%N



Which Reel to Balance the Rod?

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The reel weight changes how your fly rod feels while casting. Heavy reels make great casting rods feel sluggish or like poorly built rods. The problem isn't the rod, nor is it the caster—too often the problem is a heavy reel.

While shopping for a reel, look at the reel weight to help you make your decision. Reel manufacturers list weights without fly line and backing, so check the reel weight before buying a reel. The best-balanced reels to balance my 9 foot, 6- to 8-weight fly rods have weighed around 4.5 ounces. Use 4.5 ounces as a good rule of thumb to shop.

There are many “clones” of good reels on the internet, but they are often too heavy. So, check the reel weight before you buy. Paying more for well-established name brand reels doesn't ensure that your reel will balance your beautiful fly rod. For example, the Abel 5/6 Super weighs 6.23 ounces, too heavy, and with a hefty price tag (Sage Spectrum C 5/6 weighs 4.8 ounces). Use 4.5 ounces and shop for your next reel to balance your 5- to 9-weight rods.

Checking the balance of your rod and reel combination is simple. First, pull about 30 feet of fly line out of the reel and through the guides. Leave the line on the floor for the next step. Then, place your finger under the top of the cork grip. If the rod tilts, reel down, then the reel is too heavy. If the balance point is more than one inch below the top of the cork, toward the reel then the reel is much too heavy. The solution is to get a lighter reel.

The consequence of heavy reels is that the caster will find added difficulty in making crisp forward and back cast stops, resulting in larger loops. Who wants or needs bigger loops?

A great place to test the reel balance is at home... before you leave for your next fishing trip. The best

place to practice your casting with your balanced rod and reel is at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond. See you at the Pond!

(Please note that rod length makes a dramatic difference in balancing with a reel. This article refers to 9'-0" rods. A shorter rod, even of the same weight, will likely require a lighter reel, and a longer rod, like an 11'-0" trout Spey, will need a much heavier reel... junior ed.)

Big Fish on the Bighorn!

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Our own Jack Barber sent pictures of Long Beach Casting Club members with some nice trout on the Bighorn River. Here are a few of them...enjoy!



Fly Tying Tip: Fabric Softener

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

Among my favorite body materials are peccary quills (**PHOTO-1**); they make a great segmented body. If you have tried to use them, they are very stiff and if not softened have a tendency to "split" as you work with them. This can happen with any stiff natural material. Generally, I have soaked mine in water for a minimum of 10 minutes, then tied them in. Even with a good soak, they will sometimes still split.



PHOTO-1

A good friend, Stan Darnell, had some of the same quills (**PHOTO-2**, about 5" long for scale) at a fly show we were tying at over the weekend, and his quills were supersoft. I found out he treats his with fabric softener for all his skins. Here is his technique:



PHOTO-2



© JOANN BOSOWSKI

"Gentle cycle, cold water, depends on how many skins are in there. It has to be unscented softener. Downy makes one that is unscented. I usually put 1/4 of the little cup thingy. Not much at all. Not trying to make jeans soft, just enough to coat the material and soften the skin a bit."

I was amazed at the result, and he does not need to soak them in water prior to tying. Try this for all natural skins, including bucktails and other "stiff" materials like moose. Being more pliable will also add to durability on the fly as it will allow the hair to move a bit without being brittle.

(Note: this will also work for hackle stems/rqchis used for quill bodies, turkey and goose biots and peacock eye quills—j.v.)

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.



Fly of the Month: A Purple & Red Steelie

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Sittin' and staring at my bench—an absolute mess. Need to tie something; ooh, there's an Alec Jackson hook, about 6" of left-over embossed silver tinsel and, over there, some red dyed bear hair. Hmmmmm, okay let's go steelhead...

I started tying steelhead flies at the tender age of 14. I had purchased a copy of J. Edson Leonard's [Flies](#) and John Atherton's [The Fly and the Fish](#) and was looking for anything to tie other than a Gray or Brown Hackle Peacock or, God forbid, another Professor, Mosquito or Rio Grande King. These and other popular flies of the day were what I had been tying by the dozen commercially for lodges and stores in Mammoth, Mammoth Lakes and Bishop. Dang, I needed a break from all that boredom!

Steelhead flies these days are now mostly associated with the Intruder style of flies that are tied on shanks, cut paper clips and tubes, with a trailing stinger hook. Yup, they are effective, but they just don't have the class of the older, more traditional style of flies I started tying as a youngster. The flies of my youth harkened to classic Atlantic salmon flies, but were reduced from feather wings to hair wings. They were effective and more durable than those with feathers, and were probably the origin of those steelhead flies I love.

Colors for these things are whatever you wish. Sure, you can stick to established patterns and have a great time. I really like to grab colors and try different combinations, including some oddball combinations. I especially like hot/cold color contrasts like the fly shown here, tossing in the purple hackle (cool) to go with a bunch of red (warm). The style of this fly is one that I have gravitated to over the last several years. I very heavily dub the area in the front fifth of the fly and then pick out it out rather dramatically, so that it becomes as much a part of the hackle as the hackle itself. In this example you can see how the red dubbing makes the purple hackle almost look hot pink.

Be sure to read the instructions carefully. There are a bunch of sneaky techniques on this one and they can really help you tie a lot of different types of flies. However, enter at your own risk! Tying the things can be very addictive.

MATERIALS FOR TYING A RED & PURPLE STEELIE

Hook: Daiichi Alec Jackson salmon/steelhead; #5
Thread: Veevus 12/0; red
Body: Silver embossed tinsel
Tag/Rib: Fine French gold; round
Thorax: Seal, Trilobal, UV Ice Dubbing mixed; all red
Hackle: Whiting American Hackle; purple
Wing: Dyed bear hair; red
Cheek: Jungle cock (too large on this one!)
Head: Thread with Bone Dry over



RED & PURPLE
STEELIE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING A PURPLE & RED STEELIE

Notes: Before we start, here are some quick notes about proportions. First, a fly like this, which is based upon the **VERY** traditional techniques of Atlantic salmon flies, should follow in the same vein. I have always looked at the body on these flies as being of four equal widths that were separated by **five** evenly spaced turns of ribbing. Never four. Never six. I know fish can't count, but I can; from a design perspective I like odd numbers, and three is too few and seven too many for a fly of this size. In the Japanese art of Bonsai and Saikei, other than the number two you can only use an even number of trunks or trees in a planting after you have twenty-one. Understand this now: fly tying can be as much art as it is craft and catching fish. You can do one or the other, but I prefer to do both simultaneously.

Also, I look carefully at the hook shape and note the curvature. If the shank is straight I tend to take the body back to the point of the barb. However, on a curved shank like the one used here I usually end the body over the point of the hook. The reason is that the hook's curvature pulls the body away from the wing and effectively the fly—just doesn't look right to me.

1. Now, let's start off by mounting the hook in your vise and attaching the tying thread to the shank. In the case of a salmon-style hook with a looped eye, I attach the thread behind the loop and then smoothly wind onto the loop towards the head space, then reverse back to where I started (I am constantly counterspinning my thread, keeping it flat throughout the entire fly). This closes off the eye and makes a smooth base for later. With the thread at a point between four-fifths and five-fifths of the shank, tie in a 4" length of gold oval or round tinsel. Tie in the tag and ribbing on the back side and in line with the shank. Next, tie in a 6" length of embossed tinsel on the near side of the shank, angling up at 45 degrees to the rear. This should be a real metal tinsel and not Mylar.
2. This next bit will seem weird, but I really like skinny-bodied flies. While keeping the gold tinsel ribbing on the far side of the hook and **NOT** allowing it

to rotate around the shank, wind the silver embossed tinsel back to a spot right above the point of the hook. Take your time.

These turns of embossed tinsel will not, under any circumstances, overlap or shingle. The turns will only touch—what is known as a butt joint. Once you are over the point of the hook and the gold tinsel is still on the far side of the hook, reverse the direction of the embossed tinsel and wind back to the starting point with touching, butt-joint wraps. Be sure to leave the gold tinsel back at the point of the hook as you will wind it later. If you want to make this fly more durable lay down a very thin layer of Zap-A-Gap CA over the shank and again over the first layer of embossed tinsel. Do not cut the metal tinsel with scissors. This can leave a sharp edge that will cut your thread and undo the tinsel. Instead, worry the tinsel off by wiggling it back and forth until it breaks—less sharp edges.

3. Grab a healthy amount of each of the dubbing materials and mix them thoroughly in your fingers. These materials were selected to create a spiky, flashy dubbing with long fibers that can be picked out into a long, shaggy beard. Apply a small amount of dubbing to your thread near the shank and be sure to twist it on in a clockwise direction. As you apply the dubbing, you want to start with a thin noodle, but allow it to become quite a bit larger in diameter as you progress down the thread. You will need a lot and, sadly, it may take a couple of tries to get the amount right. With your thread dubbed, make one or two turns of the thinner dubbing around the hook shank, which will anchor the dubbing. Now stop. Wind your bobbin holder up so that the nose/tube is inside the thicker lower end of the dubbing noodle. Holding both the bobbin holder and the dubbing, twist both in a clockwise direction, tightening the noodle. Now continue to wind over the last fifth of the shank evenly.



Purple & Red Steelie ...continued on page 20

Purple & Red Steelie ...continued from page 19

4. Grab your dubbing needle and start picking away and pulling most of the dubbing you applied down into a wide beard under the shank of the hook. Do this now, because it becomes really hazardous if you do it after the next step. One note: try to pick as much dubbing as you can from the top half of the dubbing, to reduce bulk on top of the hook shank which can inhibit or affect winding the hackle and mounting the wing. Overall, you want to feel like you have picked out 75% or more of the dubbing into the beard, and it should be almost as long as the intended hackle length.

5. Now it's time to wind the ribbing. But first, I always do a three-turn tag right at the end of the body and on the bare hook shank. From there I continue to make five equally spaced wraps over the embossed tinsel and dubbing. The third turn is dead center in the body (including the dubbed area). The fourth turn is right at the transition of the embossed tinsel and the dubbing. Use your dubbing needle to move the beard aside as you wind through the beard. If necessary, **VERY CAREFULLY** pick out your dubbing again but do not pull on the ribbing like I did, twice, while tying this thing! Oops...a trick to avoid this disaster is not to cut the tag of the ribbing until you are done tugging on the dubbing. This makes it almost impossible to pull the loose end out.

6. Select a purple hackle with barbs about $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the hook gap. With a curved hook like this one I prefer it being a bit shorter and more like $1\frac{1}{4}$ —just looks better to me. If you know how, fold the feather and tie it in by the tip. If you don't know how to fold a feather, hold by the tip and stroke the barbs out perpendicular to the rachis. Tie it in by the tip and wind three to five turns, depending on the density of the hackle. If you tie in the feather this way and gently stroking the barbs back, they will flow back towards the bend of the hook more easily, and you won't have to force them with multiple thread wraps over the tops of the wrapped rachis.

7. Select a clump of dyed hair and remove about half to three quarters of the underfur. I do not stack these wings. I pull the fibers out perpendicular to the hide and cut. This roughly aligns the tips. I will either

remove or pull out and reset any outlying hairs. If you look at the photo, the wing extends just past the body, but does not reach the bend of the hook. Get the correct length and hold the hair in your off hand. Now trim away all but about $1/8'' \pm$ of the hair—less on a smaller hook. Using either a pinch loop or an untwisted soft loop, make four or five turns over the butt ends. I then pass my thread either inside or underneath the butt ends once or twice, if I can. This spreads the butts the slightest amount, which creates a jam that keeps the wing from pulling free. Keep holding the wing steady and add about a half-dozen securing wraps. I also add the slightest of drops of superglue on that spot. And I do mean the slightest amount you can!

Another Note: You should never tie in this type of wing with the butt ends of the hair still intact. When you go to remove them with scissors after tying them in, the lifting of the butt ends in an attempt to get the scissors close will dramatically loosen your thread wraps and **POW...** there goes your wing on the first cast!

8. Almost home...If you have jungle cock go ahead and prep one from each side of the cape (they usually have some curvature) and tie them alongside the wing. The ones I tied in are too large. I had one floating around and decided to use it up...Now form a nice neat bullet-shaped head and whip finish. Use a thin application of superglue and once it's dry you can add a finish coat. I like Bone Dry from Solarez.

The next step is looking at maps and figuring out which river to use it on!



FISHING
AMMO

REAGAN'S
Sporting Goods

HUNTING
ARCHERY

 963 N. Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514

 PH (760)872-3000
FAX (760) 872-8000

BISHOP, CALIFORNIA

SIERRA PACIFIC FISHING ADVENTURES *for 2022*

SPFA Hosted-Trip Calendar 2022

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

SPFA On The River Clinic Schedule 2022

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

Please inquire about any of the trips listed above to:

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

Calendar of Events

October

1	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
3	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Clinic
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5-9	Week		Crowley Lake w/ Steve Timm
8	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
9	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Clinic
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
14-16	Weekend		Northwestern Casting Tournament, Golden Gate Casting Club
15	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	On the River Clinic: Classroom
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting Clinic
19	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
22	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
23	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Joe Libeu; Fishing the Bighorn
29	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: NorCal Steelhead Trip w/ Marc Bonvouloir
29-30	Weekend		On the River Clinic Lower Owens Outing w/ Joe Libeu

November

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4-6	Weekend		FFI Fly Fishing Expo (Virtual)
5	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
5-8	Week		Northern California Steelhead w/ Marc Bonvouloir
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
7	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Thursday	6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting: Charlie Craven
19	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
20	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

Calendar of Events Continued...

December

3	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		6:00 PM	Venison Stag
4	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
5	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Saturday		FFI Southwest Council Double Haul Ball
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying Class
14	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
18	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
31	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast



It's Full-on Autumn IN THE EASTERN SIERRA!!!

Crowley Lake is California's premier trout stillwater fishery. The autumn bite is strong, and the views on the lake can't be beat.

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





JUNKYARD SPEY



WWW.OLDMOEGUIDESERVICE.COM • 435-885-3342



**YOUR FLY FISHING DESTINATION
& RESORT OUTFITTER**

**FLY FISHING EXCURSIONS • CLASSES
PRIVATE INSTRUCTIONS
(310) 749-6771**

3901 Brayton Ave., • Long Beach, CA 90807 • www.spfadventures.com



hotel CURRENT

NIA ENG
DIRECTOR OF SALES

5325 e. pacific coast highway • long beach, ca 90804
 direct 562.597.1341 x 117 • facsimile 562.597.8741
 nia@hotelcurrent.com • www.hotelcurrent.com