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Leader's Line...

Casting to the Rings

BOB MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

If any of you have been around when Mark Flo gets up to talk about casting, you know that he will always talk about how important it is to practice. I have heard Mark tell of his first trip to the Green River, and his inability to have much of a cast.

But on his second trip to the Green, his guide saw a fish 70 feet out and pointed it out to Mark with the comment "Too bad you can't reach it". Well, Mister Flo let the guide know he'd been practicing, and, sure enough, cast out and caught the fish.

Part of practicing involves casting out to rings on the Club pond. The rings are laid out at 20-30 feet, 40 feet, 50 feet and, long-range, at 70 feet. The idea is to cast to the rings and try to get your fly in the middle of them. Your pickup must come off the water clean, and, during false casts, you cannot tick or touch the water with your fly or line.

As I have mentioned in past Target Talks, Diane and I love to target wild and native trout. Two years ago, we set out to catch the Colorado State Fish, the Colorado greenback cutthroat, and had failed. This year we decided to give it another try.



A NICE PAIR OF GREENBACKS

Our research led us to a high alpine lake in the Colorado State Park System. The lake is on the west side of Rocky Mountain National Park, a less-traveled and incredibly beautiful area.

Now back to the rings. When we got up to the lake we could see the fish feeding; they were just sipping bugs off the water. They would leave behind a perfect ring on the glassy lake.

We soon found that to catch the fish you needed to place the fly in the middle of the ring. There could be no ticks or splashing of line on water. That's when it all came to

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Club Trips for 2023, 2024

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Sept 2	Yards and Inches w/Mick Woodbury Pre-Trip Aug 26, 9:00 am
Sept 21-24	Twenty Lakes Basin w/Jim Garvey Pre-Trip Sept 13, 7:00 pm
Oct 4-8	Crowley Lake w/Steve Timm Pre-Trip Sept 30, 9:00 am
Nov 4-7	NorCal Steelhead Trip w/Marc Bonvouloir Pre-Trip Oct 28, 9:00 am
Jan 5-7 2024	Lower Owens #1 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett Pre- Trip TBD
Feb 2-4 2024	Lower Owens #2 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett Pre- Trip TBD
Mar 2-4 2024	Lower Owens #3 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett Pre- Trip TBD
Mar 13-15 2024	Pyramid Lake w/Paul Nakamura Pre-trip TBD
Apr 28-May 3	Green River w/Dennis Mcteer Pre-Trip Apr 20, 9:00 am

Trip locations, dates and pre-trips change, so monitor Target Talk or the Club's Web Calendar for the latest information. Deposits for trips which are "double occupancy", and require deposits in advance, are non-refundable. Should you cancel, your deposit will only be refunded if a Club member replaces you.

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



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September Speaker: Conway Bowman Takes us Fly Fishing for Mako Sharks

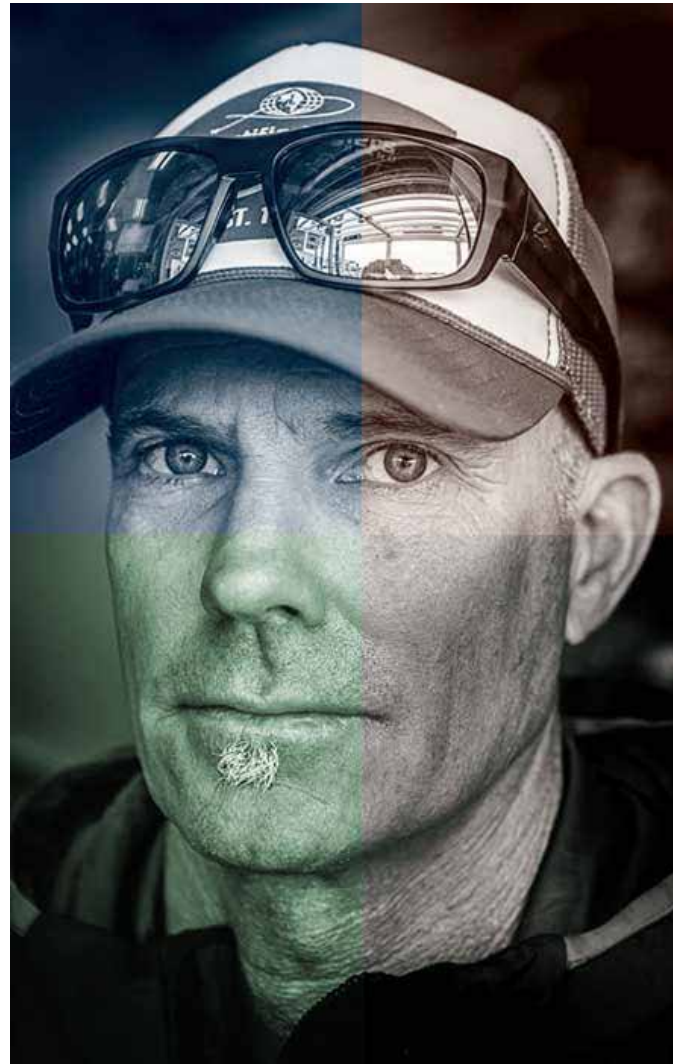
TONY DAUS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Catching sharks on the fly may seem like an expression, but for Conway Bowman, it's an accurate description of his day-to-day pursuits. Living in San Diego, California, he can go just a few miles off shore for what he's looking for—Mako sharks. Despite being a big game angler, seasoned fly caster, ambitious outdoorsman, and host of "Flyfishing the World", it all comes second to his favorite fishing companions: his wife and sons.

From his website:

"Conway X Bowman is a USCG-licensed captain who pioneered fly fishing for Mako sharks over 27 years ago. He has fly fished and guided around the globe from the jungles of Thailand to the remote lakes and rivers of Alaska.

"Conway is regarded as one of the top fly fishing guides and anglers in the world. His pioneering of



not only Mako sharks on the fly, but also west coast saltwater fly fishing has been featured in many books, and he is the author of The Orvis Guide to Saltwater Fly fishing: 101 tips for the Absolute Beginner.

"Conway resides in the coastal town of Encinitas, California, with his marine biologist wife, Michelle, and their boys Maximillian and Jackson."

Join us Thursday, September 28, at 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse or by Zoom.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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Recordings of LBCC Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

Here are our recorded speaker presentations for 2022 and 2023. Just click on a link, and copy and paste the password at the prompt. See [February 2022 Target Talk](#), p. 17, for 2021 presentations.

JANUARY 2022: Steph Albano, [Finatical Flyfishing](#), "Global Guide Service for Women".

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

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

[Glenn Ueda Presentation February 24, 2022](#)

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MARCH: Ernie Gulley, [Ernie Gulley Flyfishing](#), "Stillwater Tactics".

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

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OCTOBER: Lance Egan, "Newfangled Nymphing".

[Lance Egan Presentation October 27, 2022](#)

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NOVEMBER: [Charlie Craven](#), Fly Tying Demo.

[Charlie Craven Presentation Nov. 17, 2022](#)

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FEBRUARY 2023: [Steve Schalla](#), "Origins of Golden Trout".

[Steve Schalla Presentation February 23, 2023](#)

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JUNE: Dave Smith, "DIY Fly Fishing New Zealand".

[Dave Smith Presentation June 29, 2023](#)

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JULY: Howard Uller and Art Strauss, "California Heritage Trout". **This was not recorded, but you can access their [presentation here](#).**

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me: "Hey, maybe this is why they use those rings for practice".

It was a memorable day with over 20 fish to hand. Around noon a violent thunderstorm chased us off the lake and back to camp.



Diane and I had an incredible time, and we can cross the Colorado greenback off our list. I also learned that casting to plastic rings on the pond can make a big difference when casting to rings created by fish.



Long Beach Casting Club Women's Group Checks In

A couple of reports from the Women's Group: Anissa, Tina, and Kathleen

KATHY KIM, MEMBER

The Women's Group hosted an Introduction to Fly Fishing program to the Girl Scout troop from Rancho Palos Verdes on Saturday, August 12 at Long



Beach Casting Club. Four scouts and three scout leaders learned about fly fishing equipment, basic knots, aquatic insects, fly selection and basic casting during the half-day program.

The class was taught by Kathy Kim with assistance from Women's Group members Anissa Iseda, Kathleen Wahl, and Tina Montemer. Special thanks to Joe Libeu for helping with casting instruction, Mark



Flo for providing the Club rod outfits to the troopers and Wayne and Shirley Sakaguchi for helping with A/V set-up.

The Women's Group is also hosting an outing to the Mammoth Lakes area from August 25 through 28. The trip is now full.

Kathy Kim will provide on-the-stream instruction to the first-time lady anglers while more experienced anglers work on honing their skills over two full days of fishing. Special and heartfelt thanks to Steve Jones, former Long Beach Casting Club President, for hosting the Women's Group in his condo.

Tenkara Outing with Art

ART STRAUSS, MEMBER

The local Tenkara class, led by Art Strauss with help from Wayne and Shirley Sakaguchi, had the most participants of the last six years. Everyone learned a lot while some caught fish in this annual event (free to LBCC members).



LBCC Pyramid Lake Ladder Fishing Trip

W/Rob Baldwin & Steve Johnson of Salty Cutthroat Outfitters

March 13–15, 2024



Come out & Experience a Truly Unique Adventure!!!

Dates – Fishing three full days — March 13–15 (Wednesday to Friday). Arrive Tuesday, March 12 and departing Saturday, March 16.

Guide Assistance – Provided by Rob Baldwin, Steve Johnson and the Salty Cutthroat Outfitters.. Website: www.saltycutthroatoutfitters.com. Phone: 276-525-5631

Cost – **\$200/day/angler** based on 10–12 participants with 3 guides and a separate cook. This includes hot breakfast & lunch, plus drinks

Lodging Plans – Hotel in Sparks, NV — [Western Village Inn & Casino](#), 800-648-1170. We won't book enough rooms to secure a block of rooms. Please call them directly, ASAP, to get best Prices. Option, stay at [Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe, NV](#), 775-476-0400. Call them to get availability and pricing.

What you are responsible for – Your Transportation, Hotel, Meals (other than breakfast and lunch on fishing days at the lake), Guide tips & Fishing Permit from Paiute Indian Tribe: \$62 for 3-day permit.

Fishing Gear – Rods/Reels: 9' - 8 or 9 wt. or 11' Switch Rod, with floating line for indicator fishing or fast sinking or shooting head line for stripping on single handed rods. Tackle: Flies, adjustable indicators, 10–15# leader/tippets. Check their website for latest info. Ladders and Chair Ladders will be provided. Rods, reels & terminal tackle will be provided if you need them. You will also need warm layered clothing, waders and wading boots.

More Info –

- Deposit of **\$300.00** due ASAP after signing up.
- Final payment of **\$300.00** due no later than January 15, 2023. Make checks payable to the 'Long Beach Casting Club', and send to LBCC at: PO Box 90035, Long Beach, CA, 90809.
- Contact Paul Nakamura for details or info and to get on the Trip List at pnaka1946@gmail.com or 310-487-3367
- We will try to have a Zoom meeting with Rob & Steve to get you acquainted with fly fishing Pyramid Lake. Tentative date will be in February after we get a club distribution developed.
- Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent to members who have signed up for the trip.

Scouts BSA Fly Fishing Merit Badge Success!

KATHY WAHL, MEMBER

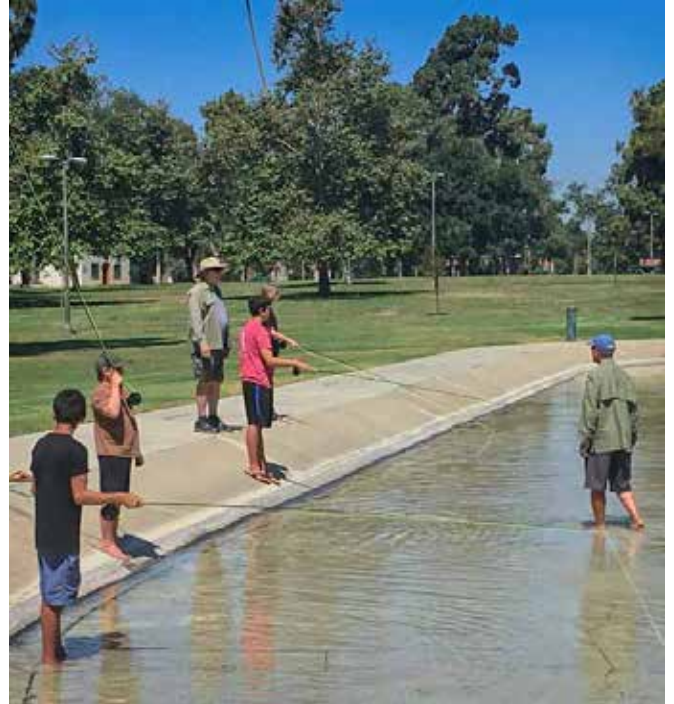
In July and August, the Long Beach Casting Club hosted the Fly-Fishing Merit Badge course. There was a total of nine scouts, and two were **GIRLS!**

Yes, girls are now allowed in Scouts BSA. In 2019 the Boy Scouts name and program officially transitioned to "Scouts BSA", allowing girls between the ages of 11 and 17.



The merit badge requires specific subjects which include Safety and First Aid, Fly Tying, Equipment, Regulations, Leave No Trace, Casting and of course Fly Fishing.

At the end of the class, one scout was overheard saying: "This is the best merit badge ever!" He enjoyed the class so much that he planned to purchase fly fishing gear.



The Fly-Fishing Merit Badge course could not have happened without the help of our great Long Beach Casting Club volunteers:

- ❖ Jack Barber
- ❖ Marc Bonvouloir
- ❖ Doug Crawford
- ❖ Art Daily
- ❖ Jeff Gross
- ❖ Kaz Hata
- ❖ Bruce Jeske
- ❖ Terry Komisak
- ❖ Colin Kumabe
- ❖ Shirley Sakaguchi
- ❖ Wayne Sakaguchi

Thank you all for your expertise and willingness to help!



"Teach the Teacher" Classes

Wednesdays: August 16 and 30, and September 6 and 13

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club is offering "Teach the Teacher" classes. 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.

Teach the Teacher participants from previous sessions are encouraged to come out to practice teaching and assist new teachers.

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

The Teach the Teacher Class is scheduled on Wednesdays: August 16 and 30, and September 6 and 13. Participants completing the Teach the Teacher Classes are encouraged to continue to practice what they have learned and apply this training to the Beginning Casting Classes. The Beginning Casting Classes will be on Tuesdays: August 29 and September 5, 12 and 19.

Anyone who is interested in participating, please make sure to notify one of the following:

Joe Libeu: fishlgf@ix.netcom.com

Mark Flo: markcflo@yahoo.com

Colin Kumabe: ckumabe@gmail.com

SIERRA PACIFIC FISHING ADVENTURES *for 2023-2024*

SPFA Hosted-Trip Calendar 2023-2024

DATE	DURATION	DESTINATION	TARGET SPECIES / HATCH	SPOTS REMAINING
1/7-13	6 nights 5 days fishing	Argentina	Dorado	Full
1/14-21	7 nights 6 days fishing	Argentina	Rainbow, Brown, Brook	Full
6/14-23	6 days fishing with Days of cultural experience	Japan	Rainbows, Char, and Cherry Salmon	2 Spots
9/3-9	7 nights 6 days fishing	Bighorn River	Rainbow, Browns	10 Spots
9/9-15	7 nights 6 days fishing	Bighorn River	Rainbows, Browns	10 Spots

2024

1/13-20	7 nights 6 days fishing	Chile, Cinco Rios	Rainbows, Browns	10 Spots
6/4-11	7 nights 6 days fishing	Christmas Island	Bonefish, GTs	10 Spots

SPFA On The River Clinic Schedule 2023-2024

Casting Instruction, Call for lesson.

Lower Owens, Call for dates

Please contact, Joe Libeu 310-749-6771 or Kathy Kim 714-475-4529 for more information on Trips and Classes.

Please inquire about any of the trips listed above to:

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

Free Beginning Casting Classes

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club will be offering a second beginning casting clinic this August. This is a condensed (no orientation but no shortening of casting) version of the April clinic. 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 free and open to all.

SESSION 1

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 from 7:00–9:00 PM. You will learn the proper method of performing the Pick Up and Lay Down Cast.

SESSION 2

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 from 7:00–9:00 PM. Review the Pick-Up and Lay Down Cast and learn the False Cast.

SESSION 3

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 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 and fish catchers. 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, September 19, 2023 from 7:00–9:00 PM. Briefly review the Pick-Up and Lay Down, False Cast, Line Mending. Then 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.

Questions? Please contact John Van Derhoof at lbccbeginningcasting@gmail.com. **Cost: FREE! No signup is needed—just show up!**



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

ITEMS FOR THIS MONTH:

- ❖ [Fishing Thermometer ASIN: B09T2DH685](#)
- ❖ [Fly Reel ASIN: B08P435D3X](#)
- ❖ [Hook Tackle Box ASIN: B0C5HTMY6Y](#)
- ❖ [Tenkara Line ASIN: B0BSNDS4XW](#)
- ❖ [Saltwater Fly Line ASIN: B0877YCQ4N](#)

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



Brookie Bash Recap!

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Another Brookie Bash is in the books! We had about 20 participants this year.

We were challenged this time by deep snow and high water levels from last winter's storms. We didn't try to go up to Little Lakes Valley, because just a few days before our trip, reports were that the trail was a small stream for a good part of the way, and some of the stream crossings were dangerous.

One alternate fishery many of us tried was Crowley Lake. With all of that cool water pouring in, there would be no algae problem and fishing would be good, right? Nope.

Fishing on Crowley was slow for most of us. But Kaz Hata went out with a guide one day, and managed to catch 10. Great! Kaz told me the spot, and the fly he used, so I went out the next day to kill it. Got on station, fish were showing up on the fish finder, tossed out my line, and I got...one perch for my whole session that morning.

The speculation was that Crowley Lake's level was lowered a lot in the early summer, which drained the water from the weed beds, where the midges hatch. Then they refilled the lake fast in early July, but there were no big clouds of midges on shore yet. So the fish were scattered and off feeding on other things, or just not feeding, and we couldn't figure out what the bite was.

Another place some of us fished was Silver Lake. That fished fairly well.

The day started with a dry fly hatch that lasted about an hour and a half. Real small bugs were coming off the water. Cecil hooked into some big ones right away.

The lake is in a canyon, and the sun wasn't on the water in the morning. It was cold, and I was underdressed,

anticipating the 85 degree temperatures later in the day. So I spent most of the dry fly hatch shivering, trying to tie on a size 22 fly of the proper type.

We came back to Silver Lake on the next day too; this time I had my rod pre-rigged with the right size 22 fly, and got three on dries. We trolled woolly buggers after the hatch ended and caught a bunch on those. One of the fish I caught was a good-sized one, about 18 inches. But I saw Moby Dick swim through my fish finder display about three times, and it was way bigger than 18 inches. There are some really, really, big fish in that lake.



One point to note about Silver Lake and Rush Creek: Rush creek is sneaky.

Going west away from the 395 is not going "up" into the mountains in this area like it is most other places. You launch from the boat ramp at the west end of Silver lake. Fishing is good close by. You start changing flies, looking down to tie on your fly.

Next thing you know you hear a gurgling sound of rushing water. You look up, and what you thought was the inlet to the lake is really the outlet, and you're going out. The water is all smooth and glassy, but it's moving pretty good. So then you head upstream as fast as you can to get out of the current and back into the lake. Both Nobuo and I had this happen to us.

The Tenkara group did well on Hot Creek. The flow was good and everyone landed fish. Cecil showed off

his Tenkara prowess, catching five. He also showed some skills running down the stream bank with a big one on that decided to give him a workout.

Only one person got the Sadler Slam this year, and that was Dan Oliver. Congrats to Dan.

The Mammoth Lakes Basin was closed to cars when we got there, shutting off access to a lot of fishable area. I tried calling the Mammoth Lakes Ranger District and information number a bunch of times for info, but it just rang and rang. No answer. Probably everyone was calling with the same question, "when will things open?"

They did finally open Mammoth Lakes basin on Friday. Some of the Club members found out soon enough to have a great time with dries on Friday evening.

Some folks also fished lakes in the Basin on Saturday. The fish were fussy, but the big ones were in there. They had been stocking those lakes on their regular

schedule, but not many did the hike to fish there. Marc Bonvouloir landed a beauty, about the fattest rainbow you'll ever see.



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.





Please Save the Date for LA's Double Haul Ball on Saturday, November 18

- ❖ Held on Saturday, November 18 at the Historic Long Beach Casting Club.
- ❖ A fun educational saltwater fly fishing day filled with casting instruction, fly tying, raffle, sushi demo, used equipment sale, educational panels, vendor booths and more.
- ❖ Admission ticket will include all activities, special seafood lunch.
- ❖ Musical performance by [Par Avion](#).
- ❖ Sign-up link (no payment yet) <> [click here](#)
- ❖ All proceeds will support [The Mayfly Project](#) and [Cast Hope](#).
- ❖ Hope to see ya there.—[Al Q](#)

Crowley Trip with Steve Timm

October 4-8, 2023

STEVE TIMM, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The Crowley Lake Club trip is fast approaching. This is a chance to catch some lunker fish. The average size of fish in Crowley is about 18 inches. Although the fishing has been slow in the early part of the summer, it has been getting better as summer progresses.

You will need to have a float tube or kayak to fish Crowley, or rent a boat from the marina on Crowley lake. You can reserve a boat at crowleylakefishcamp.com.

If you don't rent a boat, you will also need a vehicle with a reasonable clearance to navigate the dirt roads to the Crowley lakeshore, to launch your float tube or kayak. Any SUV or pickup truck will work. Two-wheel drive is sufficient, but no low-slung sports cars.

The dates for the trip are: check-in Oct 4, and check-out Oct 8. That gives three full days of fishing, plus you can also fish the afternoon of the 4th and the morning of the 8th if desired.

Due to the difficulties in predicting how many want to stay in the Club condo, we'll handle it a bit differently this year. We will find out how many want a condo spot (subject to a maximum), and then we'll get a condo sized to fit the group.

You will need to submit a payment of \$300 for the condo, and if the cost is less than that, you will get a refund for the difference. Last year the condo cost about \$275 per person, but the exact amount depends on what condos are available at time of booking.

Once the condo is rented, you won't get a refund for a cancellation unless somebody else fills your spot.

I am going to book the condo shortly after Sept 4. That means your payment check must be received by the 4th.

From experience last year, the less-expensive places start to disappear if we try to reserve much closer than a month before our stay. Payment instructions will be sent out after you are confirmed for a spot in the condo.

Please email Steve Timm at srtimm20@hotmail.com if you are interested in going, and also say whether you would like a spot in the club condo. 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 4–7, 2023. Arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.
- COST:** Total cost of the trip is **\$722.76** per person, double occupancy plus a small fee ranging from \$15–\$25 each for boat trailer repositioning. Trip cost detail is: \$497.25 per day for the guide, boat and lunch and \$143.62 per night for the room, for two anglers. Please note: this amount is less than \$13 more than last year. **A great deal!!!**
- DEPOSITS:** First deposit of **\$497.25** due no later than September 15th, 2023 and should be sent directly to the Long Beach Casting Club—please note this is a change from past years. Second deposit of **\$225.51** will be paid upon departure from Red Lion Hotel when you check out on Tuesday, November 7.
- 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 11-5-23 we will meet guides at The Fly Shop 8am (10 minutes from the hotel) and depart to float the Lower Sacramento. On Monday 11-6-23 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

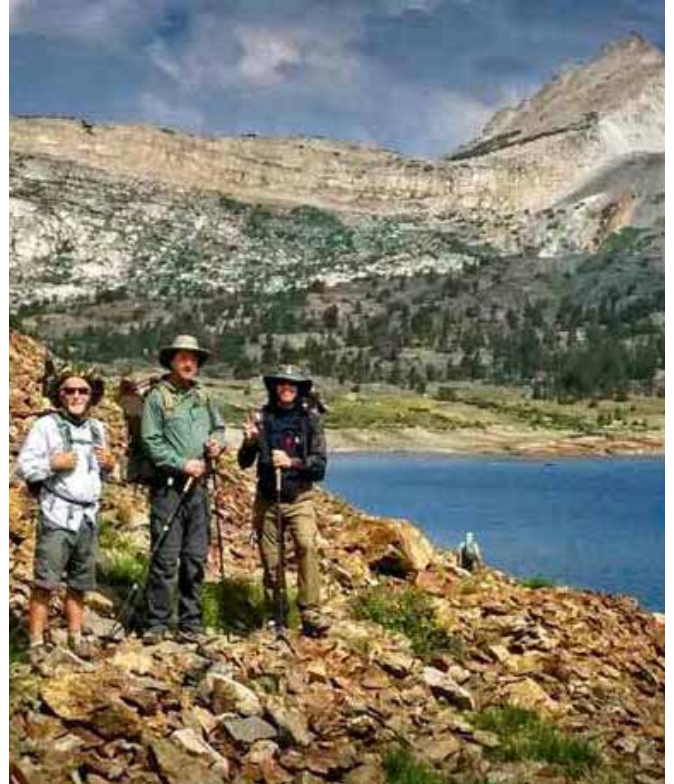
JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

This is a moderate four-day/three-night ten-mile loop through **20 Lakes Basin** in the Hoover Wilderness near to Saddlebag Lake and a little bit north of Tioga Pass. This trip is perfect for those who are new to backpacking and/or backcountry fly fishing. This scenic area at 10,000 feet is just below the majestic Sierra Crest.

Topography includes lakes, meadows, interconnecting streams and an interface of different geologic processes. Elevation gain and loss is relatively minimal. The participants should be prepared for quickly changing weather: sunny and warm to wind, rain and snow.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20 drive to the **USFS Saddlebag Lake Campground**. It's about a seven-hour drive to Saddlebag Lake, and all the participants are requested to arrive by 6:00 pm for the group potluck dinner, and to ensure that they will be somewhat acclimatized to the elevation and have their kit organized for the next day. We will hike in on Thursday, September 21 and hike out and drive home on Sunday, September 24, for a total of three nights out.

The pre-meeting and discussion of lightweight backpacking equipment and techniques will be 7:00 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Clubhouse. To sign up or for more information contact Jim Garvey, **310-985-9761**, jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net or Colin Kumabe, **562-221-9418**, ctkumabe@gmail.com.



Long Beach Casting Club New Members

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Tony Dycks of Bellflower
- ❖ Craig Meyers of Palos Verdes Estates
- ❖ Christi Bagby of Huntington Beach

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.

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Fly of the Month: TN Golden Stone Salmon Nymph

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

So this month I am going to introduce a style of fly that many of you have never heard of, let alone considered. This style of fly was originally designed for fishing for Atlantic salmon in low water conditions, by fly-fishing and fly-tying pioneers like Ted Niemeyer and Charles DeFeo. While the fly I am offering is not a specific pattern of either of those individuals, it has all of the hallmarks of their designs. How about a (TN) Ted Niemeyer Golden Stone Salmon Nymph.

Now all of you hyper-practical fly tiers are going to hate this fly, because you'll think: "Nope, won't catch a trout and I ain't going Atlantic salmon fishing anytime soon". Okay, I get it, but you're wrong on the first count and it's your choice (and likely pocketbook) not to go fishing for *Salmo salar*, "the leaper"—one of the most storied fish of them all. The idea here is to offer you something to try and to break the monotony of tying yet another Hare's Ear, Woolly Bugger, Adams or Elk Hair Caddis. **Borrriingg.....**

Niemeyer was a meticulous tier and has been noted and featured in many books and articles over the decades, such as [ART FLICK'S MASTER FLY-TYING GUIDE](#), Judith Dunham's [THE ATLANTIC SALMON FLY](#) and many others. Sadly he passed away in 2016. I met him many, many years ago while tying at a FFF Conclave and enjoyed watching him tie; especially his realistic nymphs. At that same event he showed a few of us some of these nymphs for salmon (and yes he did use them on steelhead!), and I was "hooked". As a tier of feather-wing salmon flies, these offered a really fun and different way to crank out something new and yes, I have fished them—successfully—for trout, steelhead (okay, I said trout twice) and Pacific salmon.

Give 'em a try. Of course, not everyone has jungle cock (no, it's not illegal if raised from an egg here in the U.S.—it's the import from outside the country that is banned) but improvise. One plate in Joe Bate's [THE ART OF THE ATLANTIC SALMON FLY](#) (1987) shows a variety of Ted's flies with wings ranging from peacock sword to mallard wing slips, goose dyed red and pintail/teal. So spread your wings a bit and stop being so practically boring.

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE TN GOLDEN STONE:

- Hook:** Tiemco 7989 or other light-wire looped-eye salmon hook; size #8
- Thread:** Veevus 12/0; red
- Tail:** Wood duck flank barbs; about 6–8
- Body:** Turkey biot; dyed golden stone
- Thorax:** Australian possum (golden stone) ribbed with peacock herl
- Hackle:** Rooster hackle; light ginger tied in beard style
- Wing:** Jungle cock "eye" feather (aka nail); tied flat.



TED NIEMEYER STYLE
GOLDEN STONE
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE TN GOLDEN STONE:

1. Place the hook in your vise and attach the thread. If I'm using a looped-eye hook, I run the thread between both sides of the loop before starting the jam hitch and then start winding rearward, closing off the eye. Since this fly is thin and sparse, we are going to be careful in flattening and winding our thread. Wind down the shank evenly and smoothly and without overlap to the point of the hook. Now, remove five turns of thread. Select about a half dozen wood duck barbs and tie them in, winding back towards the point of the hook, putting back the five turns you removed. The tails should be as long as the shank.
2. The biots I buy come with a left and a right, so I use a right-side biot, tied in with the concave side up. This allows the biot herl (the fuzzy bit) to show itself. Tie in your turkey biot and wind about two thirds the length of the shank—two-thirds body and one-third thorax—and tie it off. To avoid disaster I usually add a two-or-three-turn whip finish. Don't want to see that biot unravelling.
3. Select a peacock barb from the lower end of the stick (it will have shorter barbules—the fuzzy bits) and tie it in. Apply a fairly thin amount of dubbing to your thread. Start winding your dubbing by first going behind where the herl is tied in (this helps to protect the herl), and then forward and then one or two turns onto the end of the looped eye. Remember, keep it thin—if your thorax is too bulky the wing will never sit flat. Now wind the herl forward three to five turns as a rib through the thorax. **DO NOT USE MORE THAN THREE THREAD TURNS TO TIE OFF THE HERL!!!** And keep those wraps smooth and edge-to-edge. This is where you start to count turns of thread and keep your flies slim.
4. Select about 18 to 24 barbs of rooster hackle and place them under the hook and slightly near the far side (the torque of the thread will pull them toward you). Attach them to the hook with two soft turns and check their length. They should not extend beyond the end of the body. Adjust the length as



necessary and, while holding the hackle by the tip ends, gently remove one turn of thread, but retain pressure on the thread. Now add two tight turns of thread and, if necessary, use your fingernail to fan the hackle so it is evenly distributed beneath the thorax. What I like to do at this point is to remove one turn of thread, then add a small amount of Zap-A-Gap to my thread and make two or three turns of thread and let it sit for a minute to dry. This means I am using minimal amounts of thread, and yet this fly will not come apart. Trim away the hackle butts very close to the thread.

5. Almost home and dry...select a jungle cock eye feather (commonly called the "nail") and keep it on the small side. Do not use one of the big ones near the bottom of the cape—they're way too large and out of proportion. Prepare the feather by gently removing most of the basal barbs from the rachis. Do this by doing a little from one side, a little more until one side of the rachis is bare, and then go to the other side and do the same. On the smaller feathers the rachis is quite fine, and if you pull a lot off at one time most of the rachis will go with it. **YOU WILL NEED THE RACHIS!** I also prep the feather by placing it on my thumbnail with the good side up. Now, starting under the white section (white near the bottom, then black and then yellow—look at the fly photo) gently press down with your index finger and again a little further up a few more times, until you get to the yellow portion of the nail. This will lightly curve/crimp the feather downward, allowing it to sit closer to the body.

Place the feather flat on top of the hook and directly over where the hackle was tied in. The feather should extend almost to the end of the body. Wrap two soft turns over the feather and, pulling on the

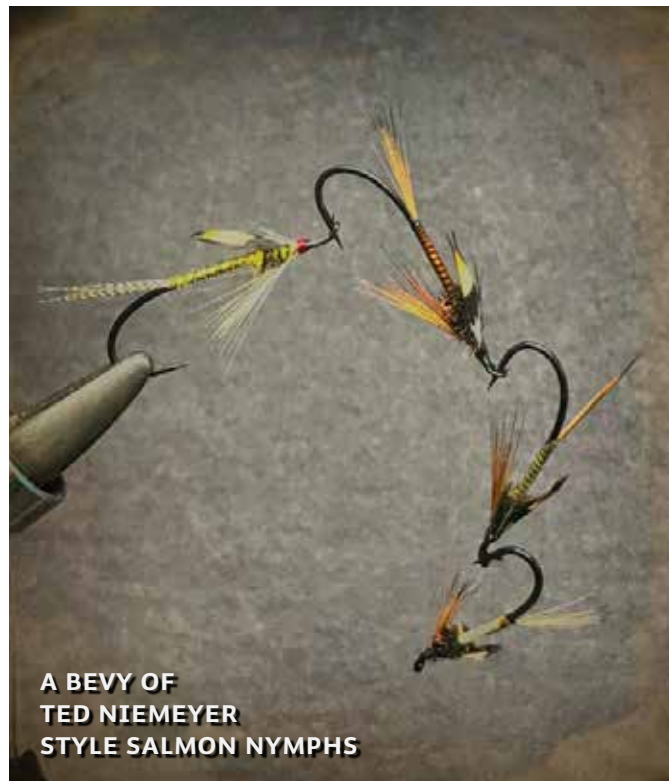
rachis, shorten it so that it is about half the length of the body. That's why you needed to keep the rachis intact. Once you get the right length, remove one turn of thread, tighten the thread tension and make two tight turns of thread. Back off one turn and apply a little Zap-A-Gap to your thread, wind three turns and let it set for a minute. Remove the remaining rachis very close to the thread. Use a few turns to smooth out the head (no more than three or four) and make a three-turn whip finish. Hey, you're done!!!

NOTES:

- ❖ Materials for this style of fly are varied, to say the least. As you can see in the picture of four flies, the body materials include the turkey biot I listed in the materials list: one with brown-dyed peacock eye barb, one with olive-dyed peacock eye barb (both are from Polish quills) and flattened javelina/peccary flank. Moose mane would work and you could mix dark and light. Tail material can be rooster hackle, Coq d'Leon, flank feathers, etc. The throat hackle is the same. The list is endless and only limited by your imagination...
- ❖ These flies are tied sparse. No, let's actually say very sparse! Here's why. They need to sink quickly, yet quietly. These flies were used primarily in low-water fall conditions. The fish were nervous and spooky, with little depth to hide in. A drop shot with a pound of lead, two flies and an indicator would clear out the entire run in the first splashy cast. Gentle, delicate dry fly-like presentations are a must, but the thing has to sink. Also, their lower profile in front of the fish is less impactful than a giant feather wing, and representative of what the salmon fed on as parr before heading out to sea.
- ❖ Some thoughts with regards to low-water salmon and steelhead flies and fishing. As mentioned, the fish are spooky around sinking lines, so the flies were fished with floating lines. You will often hear the term "Greased Line" in reference to this and it

refers to the days when fly lines were made of silk or horsehair and did not float unless "greased" with a line dressing. Nope, there was no silicone back then, so heaven knows what went into many of these formulas, but FlyAgra is a product and result of those days. One part red tin Mucillin to four parts lighter fluid.

- ❖ The flies were often tied smaller, using the hook's weight to sink them quickly. Sometimes flies were tied on only two-thirds or half the shank. Finally, the little bit of extra space from the front of the thread head to the eye is to facilitate either a Turtle Knot (tied to the hook shank after passing tippet through the hook eye) or a Riffing Hitch (a half hitch tied behind the eye that gives the fish a broadside view of the fly). Both knots are hallmarks of salmon fishing and Greased Line techniques. If you're interested in more information about this style of fishing, I heartily recommend [GREASED LINE FISHING FOR SALMON \(& STEELHEAD\)](#) by Jock Scott (A.H.E. Wood) with a forward by Bill McMillan (a renowned steelheader who brings Wood's methods to steelheading).



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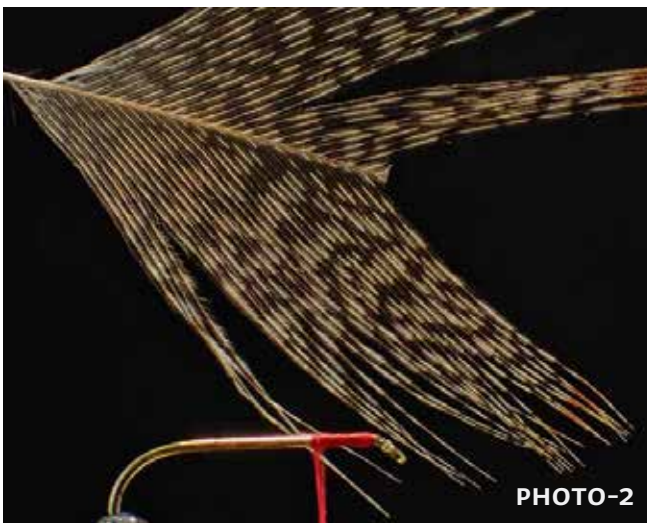
Fly Tying Tip: Soft Hackle

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

Have you ever had a soft hackle feather whose barbs were too long? (**PHOTO-1**). Usually, you're looking for barbs about a shank length. So what can be done to use that feather and keep the barbs shorter?



Here is an easy way. You can use the full feather, or you can reduce the number of barbs and either cut out the center area (**PHOTO-2**) or just use the tips as normal.



Now take and tie in the hackle barbs forward and pull on the stems to shorten the barbs as required (**PHOTO-3**). Make sure they are evenly spaced around the shank of your hook.



Cut off the butt ends (**PHOTO-4**). Now before you push the barbs into position, you want to add the other materials for tail, abdomen, thorax, etc.



Finally, take your fingers and fold the hackle back, or if that does not work well, use a half-hitch tool to push them back and tie them down. Now you have shorter hackle (**PHOTO-5**). I shortened them a bit more than I would normally, to show that you can take a real long barb and make it much shorter for soft hackle flies. This really works well with Brama hen and other feathers that are always too long for small hooks.



Calendar of Events

September

2	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast Yards & Inches (Pozole Bowl) w/ Mick Woodbury
3	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast Women's Casting
4	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting— Cancelled
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class II Tuesday Night Club Cast
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	"Teach-the-Teacher" Session
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
10	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class II Tuesday Night Club Cast
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	"Teach-the-Teacher" Session Pre-Trip: Twenty Lakes Basin w/ Jim Garvey
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
16	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
17	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class II Tuesday Night Club Cast
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
21-24	Weekend		Twenty Lakes Basin w/ Jim Garvey
23	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
24	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Conway Bowman, Fishing for Mako Sharks
30	Saturday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast Pre-Trip: Crowley Lake w/ Steve Timm

October

1	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast Women's Casting
2	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
4-8	Week		Crowley Lake w/ Steve Timm
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
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14	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
15	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
17	Tuesday	8:00 AM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
18	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch

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18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
21	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
22	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Tom Jenni, Blackfoot, Bitterroot, Clark's Fork
28	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Special Guest Tier: John Van Derhoof: Classic Steelhead Flies
			Pre-Trip: Northern California Steelhead w/ Marc Bonvouloir
29	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
31	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying

November

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4	Saturday	8:00 AM	Owens River Cleanup Club Spey Cast
4-7	Week		Northern California Steelhead Trip w/Marc Bonvouloir
5	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
		10:00 AM	Women's Casting
6	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	On the River Clinic—Classroom
12	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Doug Rodricks, Sierra Drifters
18	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast Double Haul Ball
19	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
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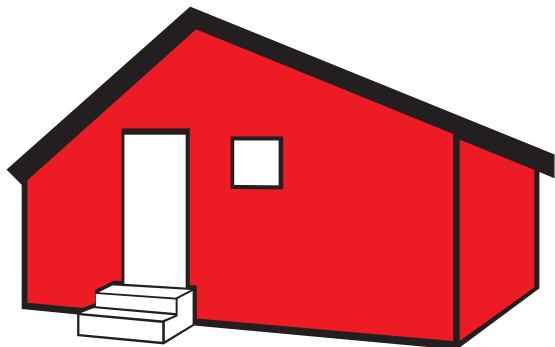
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