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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

# Don't Trip this Fall! Get Good Wading Boots

BOB MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

**J**ust how important are wading boots to your fishing success? While I'm not the one to turn to for advice on casting, tying flies, identifying hatches or tying fancy knots, I'm very competent in the skill of wading. In my experience, to wade successfully, the essentials are a good staff and great boots with the correct soles. Let's talk about boots and soles.

Over the last 30 years I have tried a variety of different boots and sole configurations, including Simms, Patagonia, Orvis and Korkers. To start off, you need a boot that has strong ankle support. This may seem counterintuitive, as it restricts your movement on land, but that's a small price to pay for the extra stability while wading on slippery rocks. Once you get into the \$300 range, almost any boot will have good ankle support. I know \$300 is more than some pay for their rods, but unless you can stay on your feet you are not going to have much fun.

As to the soles: I don't care what clever names the manufacturers come up with to promote their rubber soles; rubber slips on slimy rocks. You can add studs which will help, depending on conditions, but are still not ideal.

If you only have one pair of boots, I would go with a studded felt sole. While not the best for trail hiking, they are next to impossible to beat in all types of water. To prevent the spreading of snails or waterborne diseases, you need to freeze or dry them thoroughly when moving between bodies of water.



For those of you who think felt is a problem no matter what you do, the next best option is aluminum. To get a grip like Death itself, the aluminum bars are the best. Unlike tungsten studs, which try to bite into hard rock, aluminum studs conform to the surface of the rock to give grip.

They work well, but they almost double the weight of the boot. The aluminum stars work well and are a bit lighter, but they

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# Club Trips for 2023, 2024

STEVE TIMM, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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 Dec. 23, 9:00 am
Feb 1-4 2024	Lower Owens #2 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett Pre-Trip Jan. 20, 9:00 am
Mar 7-10 2024	Lower Owens #3 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett Pre-Trip Feb. 24, 9:00 am
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
May 5-10	Green River w/Colin Kumabe Pre-Trip Apr 20, 9:00 am
May 12-17	Green River w/Keith O'Donnell Pre-Trip Apr 20, 9:00 am

**T**rip 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](mailto:srtimm@hotmail.com).

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# This Month's Speaker: Doug Rodricks

## *Fly Fishing in the Eastern Sierra*

TONY DAUS, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**D**oug Rodricks will be presenting on fly fishing in the Eastern Sierra. Doug will cover much of the water we have come to know and love, including the Upper Owens River, Hot Creek, Lower Owens River, East Walker River, Crowley Lake, Bridgeport Reservoir, Eagle Lake and San Joaquin River. He will also touch on a few of the lesser known Eastern Sierra streams and lakes.

Doug will be discussing the different fishing seasons in these areas, and what type of flies and techniques are used successfully during those times. He will cover proper use of the fly rod when it comes to fighting larger trout (rod angles, rod position, and how to play fish and get them in quicker). Doug will compare the similarities between lake-fishing and river-fishing techniques, and proper use of the fly rod in these different waters. He will also cover aquatic insects and smaller baitfish, and some of the best bugs that Sierra Drifters uses to imitate these sources of trout food. Finally, Doug will touch on proper handling, photographing and releasing of fish to better ensure survival of the resource.

Doug Rodricks grew up in sunny southern California, and would spend many summers vacationing in Yosemite National Park with his family before he could even crawl. The sights, sounds, and smells of the outdoors were instilled in him at a young age, as he experienced the beauty of the high country. His interest in trout fishing started at the age of nine, when he witnessed an angler reeling up a trout out of the Merced River. To this day, he still remembers the sun's bright glare reflecting off that fish's iridescent scales. It was this magical and captivating scene that would spawn his passion for fishing. The following year, he hooked his first trout in the gin-clear waters of that same river. Doug continued to fish anywhere



and any time he could throughout his growing years. The majority of his fishing was for trout in the Eastern Sierra and tuna, yellowtail, dorado and wahoo off the California Coast and Baja Peninsula.

Doug took up fly fishing at the age of 18 and would practice fly casting after school every evening. He vacationed in Idaho and West Yellowstone one summer, where he experienced drift-boat fly fishing for the first time. In 2001, he met Tom Loe in the Eastern Sierra where he continued his path toward learning the most exciting way of catching trout. Through this relationship with Tom, Doug soon found himself taking over as the owner of [Sierra Drifters Guide Service](#).

**Join us Thursday, November 16, at 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse or by Zoom.**

### **JOIN ZOOM MEETING**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86393229645?pwd=Qk0gcVXMJcYEKKowF7CXpAhYHOEvBr.1>

**Meeting ID: 863 9322 9645**

**Passcode: 661218**



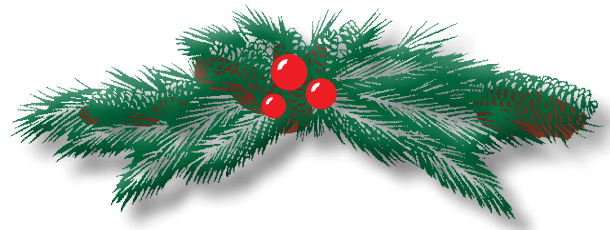


## The Venison Stag: Our Annual Holiday Dinner

TONY DAUS, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

It is time to start thinking about one of the Club's most enjoyable social events: **"The Venison Stag Holiday Dinner"**. We hope that you, your spouse, partner or family members can join us on Saturday, December 2. This year's event will be at the Clubhouse and I am pleased to announce that the Club's own resident chefs, John Lincoln and Dan Luas, will prepare the holiday feast.

To accommodate as many people as possible, you can choose to eat in the Clubhouse or outdoors on the porch in the fresh air.



This is a wonderful opportunity to sit down to a tasty prime rib/turkey dinner with friends, before the hectic holiday season starts. We'll have holiday music and a social hour with hors d'oeuvres before dinner. It is a fun time to connect with old friends and make new ones. The ticket price is \$30. Please look for upcoming e-blasts with pricing and deadline info to reserve your spot. If you plan to come, you need to purchase your tickets in advance, so we can better plan the amount of food we will need to buy and prepare.

**DATE AND TIMES:** Saturday, December 2, with a social hour beginning at 6:00 pm, followed with dinner at 7:00 pm.

We appreciate those who volunteer to help with some aspect of the event, whether it is the decorating, kitchen work or cleaning. It really takes an army to pull this off, and we could use your help. For new members, it is a way to get involved and meet new people. We will need the following volunteers:



### VENISON STAG RESERVATION



Saturday, December 2, 2023 ❖ Social Hour: 6:00 PM ❖ Dinner: 7:00 PM

Reservations are due by November 10

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the Venison Stag on Saturday, December 2

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ attendees. Total number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to help!

☐ Please call me at this telephone number

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☐ I would like to eat outside in the fresh air under a tent.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
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AND MAIL TO THE ABOVE AT:  
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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 8:00 AM:** I need someone to coordinate Clubhouse cleaning as well as a volunteer to coordinate decorating. Please email or call me ASAP to help with this important task. We will also need help with washing all of our dishes and silverware.

**DECEMBER 1 AT 9:00 AM:** we will need help with last-minute decorating and table setting.

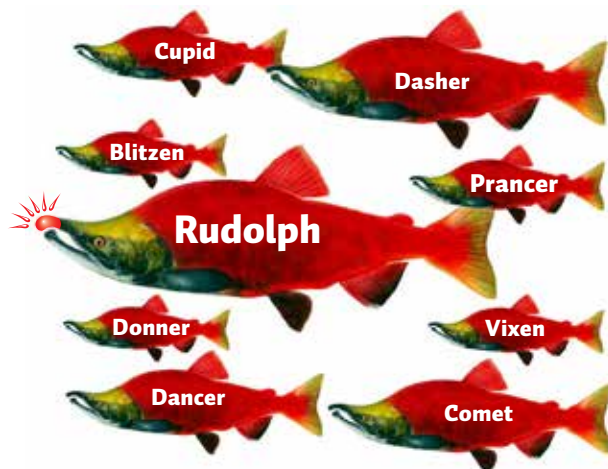
**DECEMBER 2:** We will also need eight servers at the event. And lastly, we will need six people willing to stay after the dinner, for washing dishes and cleanup.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, you can email me at [anthony.daus@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.daus@gmail.com) or call me at (949)244-1981. If you are a vegetarian, please let us know on your registration form.

To purchase tickets in advance please use the registration form included. Please make checks payable to 'The Long Beach Casting Club' and note 'Venison Stag' at the bottom of your check.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will need a headcount by early November so **the deadline to purchase tickets is November 10.**

**We look forward to having you at this wonderful event!**



## RIP, Ray Burns

MARC BONVOULOIR, BILL BAILS, MEMBERS

Ray Burns, longtime Club member, has died at Age 98. He passed away Thursday, October 5.

Ray was always at our monthly meetings with his friend, Bill Bails. His favorite river was the Green; he loved catching big rainbows at Antelope Flats.

Ray moved to California with his father when he was young. His mother passed away shortly after his birth. He loved the outdoors and became an avid skier. His education at UCLA was interrupted by World War II. He joined the navy and served in Europe and also served in the Korean war. When he returned to California he and some partners got into the land development business. He settled in Palos Verdes with his wife, son and two daughters. His interest in fishing led him to the Long Beach Casting Club where he fished with fellow Club members until he was 93 years old.

He lived a long and happy life and passed on his love of fly fishing to both his son Bob and daughter Elizabeth, who will both cherish every fly he tied and his rods and reels for a lifetime.

Ray's memorial service will be held at La Venta Inn, 796 Del Monte, Palos Verdes Estates at 10:00 am on Friday, November 10.

# 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](http://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](mailto: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.



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seem to fall off with time. The same goes with almost any traction device you add to the soles: they fall off.

While I'm still working on finding the perfect boot, for now I have settled in with Korkers. I love the BOA system: being able to switch out the soles to accommodate different wading/hiking situations is a big plus, and they are easy to get on and off. The



only issue I have with Korkers and the BOA system is I can't seem to get them as tight as I would like. For my Korkers I have rubber soles with Aluminum Bars, studded felt and studded Vibram.

In conclusion my advice is get the best boot you can afford. The boot should have strong ankle support and felt soles with built-in studs.

I have always heard that "pride comes before the fall"; I hope that putting myself out as an expert wader will not bring about my fall.

Safe wading! stay on your feet and not in the water.



## On the River Clinic

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

As part of the LBCC'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:** November 11, 2023  
(Saturday 9:00am - 2pm. Bring lunch)

**LOWER OWENS OUTING DATE:** December 9-10, 2023 (we'll be adding a pre-meeting, date to be announced)

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.

Contact Joe Libeu at **310-749-6671** or email him at [fishlgf@ix.netcom.com](mailto:fishlgf@ix.netcom.com) for additional information.



# CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL

## 9th Annual Owens River Clean Up

Help clean up Bishop's blue-ribbon moving water fishery!

Everyone is welcome! The more who come the cleaner we can get the river.

Sign up today!

<https://volunteer.valleyoutdoors.org>

### Lunch

Lunch will be provided by volunteers at 12pm. Pick it up at the dumpster at Pleasant Valley Campground.

### Raffle

There will be a raffle with lots of swag!

If you wish to donate swag to the raffle, please contact Chris Leonard (818) 288-3271).

**Saturday November 4th, 2023**

8:00am (for coffee + baked goods)  
at Pleasant Valley Campground at  
the metal footbridge.

Bring your gloves, family, and friends.

Big thanks to all of the good-hearted  
volunteers who travel near & far to  
partake in a morning of beautification!

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# Fly Tying Forum is Back!

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

The Forum is back from our September fishing break and busy learning new techniques and patterns. In addition to our usual Wednesday sessions, we have a special opportunity for all Club members: Steven Fernandez, one of California's most creative tiers and a Buszek Award winner, will teach a Saturday session November 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Steven's going to teach some Eric Otzinger patterns for his Saturday session: the Hot Creek Caddis and the Hackle Wing Dun. Please join us to tie along or just watch; lunch will be provided.



OTZINGER-WING DUNS

Matt Murdough will lead off the regular Wednesday sessions this month with John Barr's Slumpbuster and a similar Pine Squirrel Matuka pattern, based on it. These flies can be tied much smaller than conventional rabbit-strip leeches or woolly buggers, even down to Size 18. They can be the winning ticket for large trout that have "seen it all", including this pot-bellied rainbow who ignored six other patterns before nailing a "micro-" Pine Squirrel fly.



PINE SQUIRREL MATUKA



A POT-BELLIED RAINBOW

Next up, John Barnett will lead us in tying the Shady Lady. This fore-and-aft-style streamer is tied on a keel hook and is designed to swim with the hook point up. Although rarely seen in fly shops today, keel hooks used to be popular for streamers, wet flies, and even dry flies in the 1970s. John will supply the hooks for everyone to use.



SHADY LADY

Mid-month, Allan Grosdidier will demonstrate his killer crayfish pattern for smallmouth bass. Allan has been developing this fly for quite some time and we'll have a chance to try the latest generation!



ALLAN'S CRAYFISH

Jeff Gross will wrap up November with the EC Caddis. This innovative pattern was developed by Ralph Cutter in 1981 to represent an emerging or crippled caddis. It features a two-tone body, trailing shuck and parachute hackle, using elk hair as the wing post.



EC CADDIS

Anyone who would like to join our regular sessions at 7:00 pm every Wednesday, please email Shirley Sakaguchi ([sakagusc@gmail.com](mailto:sakagusc@gmail.com)) to get added to the Forum email list. We will send out pattern sheets to the Fly Tying Forum distribution for all the flies covered in the coming month.

Anyone who is interested in leading a tying session should reach out to Matt Murdough ([mmroaringbrook@gmail.com](mailto:mmroaringbrook@gmail.com)) to get onto the schedule. If you have a pattern or genre of fly you'd like to learn how to tie, please let us know, we likely have someone in the Club who can demonstrate it for us. Looking forward to seeing some new faces at the Forum!

DATE	GENRE: PATTERN	INSTRUCTOR
11/1/23	Leeches: Slumpbuster, Squirrel Matuka	M. Murdough
11/4/23	Special Saturday Guest Tier	S. Fernandez
11/8/23	Keel Flies: the Shady Lady	John Barnett
11/15/23	Smallmouth Bass Flies: Alan's Crayfish	A. Grosdidier
11/22/23	No Forum...Thanksgiving Eve	
11/29/23	Caddis Emergers/Cripples: EC Caddis	Jeff Gross

## SIERRA PACIFIC FISHING ADVENTURES

### ❖ For Sale ❖

Used **Nautilus Reel 4/5/6** wt lines with Spectra backing and Reel cover  
**\$225.00**



Used **Sage 4560** Reel, 4/5/6 wt lines with Spectra backing and Reel Cover  
 Used **Sage 4560** Spool 4/5/6 wt lines with Spectra backing and Reel Cover  
 Above sold as Package **\$250.00**

Used **Tibor Signature Series 9-10** Fly Reel with Spectra backing,  
 Rio Flats Pro WF9 line and Reel Cover.  
 Used **Tibor Signature Series 9-10** Spool with Spectra backing,  
 Rio Bone Fish Quick Shooter WF9 and Reel Cover.  
 Sold as a package **\$810.00**



Contact Joe Libeu  
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 310 749-6771 or at: [jlsdfa@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jlsdfa@ix.netcom.com)



# SAVE THE DATE

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LBCC SPEY CASTING TOURNAMENT

January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Long Beach Casting Club

**WHAT:**

**WHO:**

**WHY:**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LBCC Spey Casting Tournament

Open to All — Beginners to Expert — Skagit to Long Belly

Improve your casting (and fishing!) — Learn from among the best!

*Vendor: Bruce & Walker Rods (Gene Oswald) will be on hand...*

Contact Tom Olson via email: [lbccspeytournament@gmail.com](mailto:lbccspeytournament@gmail.com)

Join us for a friendly competition!





# Recordings of LBCC Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

**H**ere 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](#).**



## 15% Discount from Aventik

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

**C**hao 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 **Z45GQE8Y** for the discount. The list and code change monthly, so keep watching here.

### ITEMS FOR THIS MONTH:

- ❖ [Aventik Tackle Box ASIN: B0B2NR79F4](#)
- ❖ [Silicone Beads Pad ASIN: B07GVBW9B5](#)
- ❖ [Aventik Tackle Box ASIN: B08LYJRVT4](#)
- ❖ [Nail Knot Tool ASIN: B089R4TRSH](#)
- ❖ [Aventik Spinning Rod ASIN: B0722KGPXX](#)

## TREASURE ISLAND HOMESTEAD

*Vacation Rental on the upper North Platte River*

Book Direct at:  
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Saratoga, WY  
(307) 228-4119  
[info@TreasureIslandHomestead.com](mailto:info@TreasureIslandHomestead.com)







***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—tickets are \$25.00, purchased at the event): [click here](#)
- ❖ All proceeds will support [The Mayfly Project](#) and [Cast Hope](#).
- ❖ Hope to see ya there.—[Al Q](#)

# Twenty Lakes Basin Trip a Hit!

*A Great Experience in the Range of Light*

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

Seven intrepid Club members, Co-Leader Colin Kumabe, Sandeep Sasi, Mitch Hall, Mike Sweeney, Kevin Robinson, Craig Gibson and yours truly braved a day and night of freezing temperatures, some light rain/snow and incessant wind with stinging ice pellets to stalk and catch some small brook and golden trout in 20 Lakes Basin within the Hoover Wilderness. After setting up camp at the outflow of Lake Helen



in 20 of knots wind the first day out and then spending the next 15 hours pinned in our tents, the next day dawned clear, each following day became increasingly warmer and things began to look up. We spent the second day fishing our way past meadows,



meandering streams and several lakes. Our route included traversing two snowfields and then a little cross-country hiking to reach Cascade Lakes at the base of the Sierra Crest, where we camped for the next two nights. After setting up camp, we fished the small waterfall, lakes and interconnecting streams a stone's throw from camp, followed by everyone cooking their dinners together and watching the sun set behind the crest.

The third day, a layover, was spent hiking over the ridge between the North Peak drainage, where our camp was located, and the Conness Peak drainage, with several lakes below the glacier that hold golden trout. The fishing was challenging but enjoyable, if not very productive. Upon our return to camp we fished or relaxed, followed by everyone cooking their dinners and sharing each other's company.

The fourth and final day started with a leisurely breakfast, a little fishing, breaking camp and hiking back to the cars. Everyone was on their way home down Tioga pass by noon. The group's ability to adapt to adverse weather conditions and a willingness to help each other, work together as a team and make new friends in the process, contributed to making the trip memorable and well worth the time spent in the Range of Light.





# 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



# A "Glamp" on the Klamath

## *Or, the One that Got Away*

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

**T**he Klamath River has a special appeal for me. My mom's side of the family hails from the little nearby city of Eureka. We've spent a couple of weeks in that area every summer since I was a rugrat (and dinosaurs roamed the earth), and it has always felt like a second home.

My old great-uncle Sid had a summer place at Klamath Glen, which is right on the river near Highway 101, the main road in that area. The cabin was washed away in the 1955 flood, before I was born, but my family has many fond memories of time spent there.

At my mom's funeral, her brother recalled fishing in a boat with her on the Klamath, when they were kids. He tried to net a big salmon she was reeling in, but it got away, and she cried. I have to tell you, on my last trip to the Klamath, I found out exactly how she felt. But we'll get to that.

In August I got a message from Jake Campbell at Western Rivers Conservancy, an excellent Portland non-profit. They had scheduled a September fly fishing trip on the Klamath. Did I want to join them?

After a rough five seconds of soul-searching, I was in. Fishing on the Klamath is not something to lightly pass up, and Western Rivers Conservancy is one of my favorite non-profits. I've written previously in Target Talk about their efforts to keep the Klamath healthy (see our [March, 2016](#), [January, 2018](#) and [November, 2018](#) issues).

These efforts have been centered around Blue Creek, a beautiful stretch of water and a vital "cold water refuge" for the fish. I've experienced firsthand the benefits of that cold water creek (see my [March, 2016](#)

Target Talk article). I believe preserving that water, and, now, keeping it off-limits to anglers, is crucial to the survival of anadromous fish on the Klamath, especially now that the dams are being removed.

The drive down was uneventful, and nice except for the predictable smoke from yet another fire. This fire hit "close to home" for me, as it was in the Smith River watershed in Northern California. I will come right out and say it: the Smith is the most beautiful river I've ever seen (check out my [November, 2018](#) article, for a description of it). I'm not looking forward to checking out the damage from that fire.

I was due at the boat ramp in Klamath Glen at 8:00 am, so I stayed the night in the coastal Oregon town of Gold Beach. Jake Campbell, the trip organizer, was staying there as well, so we got together for a very good seafood dinner at Spinners Restaurant (a Rob recommendation if you're ever in Gold Beach), washed down by some local beer.

The next morning the group assembled at the boat ramp, and took off upriver in jet boats to the camp, a little way upstream. The trip had been advertised as "glamping at its finest". "Glamping", for those not familiar, is a portmanteau of the words "glamorous" and "camping". If you don't know what a portmanteau is, you can probably figure it out from the context.

A quick inspection of the camping area confirmed the "glamping" claim. We were in tent cabins with the most comfortable cots I have ever slept on. Our meals were cooked by "Chef Francis", an expert practitioner of the culinary arts, and they were magnificent. But the *pièce de résistance* was the incinerating "loo".

Yes, that's right. The Incinolet Electric Incinerating Toilet, Toiletom's answer to Dante's Seventh Circle of Hell, actually burns the human waste deposited in it. I confess I was afraid to use it for a day or two ("Portland Man Burns Down Yurok Sacred Tribal Grounds"), and I went with an old-fashioned shovel. But then my curiosity got the best of me. Watching the Incinolet do its thing is not for the faint-hearted,

but I watched it, and I must say: Dante would have been proud.

And now to the fishing: our guides, Captain Brian Kohlman and Captain Randy Hamann (they're "captains" because they need a Coast Guard Captain's License to operate their jet boats, not because they'll have you flogged if you lose a fish—thank goodness), were top-notch, and put us on fish immediately.

Jake and I fished the first half-day with Brian and the rest of the time with Randy. They put us on plenty of fish. Unlike prior times (see my [January, 2018](#) Target Talk article), the proportion of adult steelhead and "half-pounders" was close to equal. A half-pounder, as most of you know, is a steelhead who returns to fresh water after only a few months in the ocean. They are smaller than the adults, but also feistier.

But we were after adults, and we caught at least a few every day. Not bad for the "Fish of a Thousand Casts". Brian and Randy would typically anchor along slow-moving "glides", a little upstream from riffles. Jake and I would fish the glides, catch a half-pounder or two, and figure the next stop would be better.

Then we would approach the tailout of the glide into the riffle, and all Hell would break loose. One fish hit me and ran so hard that I skinned my knuckles on the reel crank as it went around and around at about 1,000 rpm. He kept going, and then got tired and let me reel him in a little. I got him close, and then he realized what was going on and took off again. This went on several more times, and then I finally had him.

I was reeling him in, as smoothly as I could. I hadn't noticed until I put my rig together that the reel, which I'd gotten at some angler's "I've had it with steelheading" sale, was set up for left-hand retrieve. I'm a right-hand retrieve guy (or at least that's my excuse) but there was no time to do anything about it.

The reel didn't seem to matter, until, all at once, it mattered. The fish was there, and then he was gone. In that moment, I knew how my mom felt when she cried over that salmon as a kid. I knew how my uncle

felt about losing it, and I understand why it was important enough to him to weave it into her eulogy 80 years later.

Looking back, I enjoy thinking about the fight, and I consider it a nice "long-distance release". But that fish was a freight train, and I never even got a look at him. I have no idea how big he was, or how "chromie".

On the other hand, the trip was fantastic, and we never went very long without a fish. At night we would settle in for a wonderful dinner, drink wine and relax together. I'd brought a bottle of single-malt whisky from my trip to Scotland, and on the last night we sat around and drank it. By the time we went to bed, we had solutions for every problem facing the world today. It's a shame I can't remember any of them.

I'd like to thank my friends at [Western Rivers Conservancy](#) and [Confluence Outfitters](#) for a great trip. Now bring on the dam removal!

## Long Beach Casting Club New Members

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Mike Calvert of Hamilton, Montana
- ❖ Mike Farmer of Broomfield, Colorado
- ❖ Perry Crosbie of Anaheim
- ❖ Susanne Bartholomew of La Habra
- ❖ Douglas Ikemi of El Segundo

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!**

# LBCC Hats for Sale!

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The LBCC is selling special “100th Anniversary 1925-2025” hats. There are only 100 of these hats. When they are gone, then you will be sorry you missed them.



Priced at \$20 each, you can't afford to pass these up.



Hats may be purchased only at the Clubhouse of the Long Beach Casting Club. Just come to the Clubhouse during any event on the calendar, such as the monthly meeting, to purchase these collectible stylish hats.



## Keep 'em Wet, and Release Your Fish Unharmful

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club urges all members to practice catch-and-release. However, catch-and-release IS NOT simply releasing a fish that is likely to die.

Too often fish are held out of the water to allow the angler to:

- ❖ Take photos
- ❖ Remove flies

Taking photos for social media is the worst reason to take a fish out of water. After all, the photo of fish in social media only benefits the angler, never the fish. You should always take photos of the fish for social media while the fish is in the water, never while it is out of the water.

Consider releasing the fish with your fly. A good guide is to hold your breath while removing the fly. If you need to breathe before the hook is removed, then place the fish back in the water to recover momentarily. If you are still unable to remove the hook before breathing, then seriously consider leaving the fly in the fish.

Remove hooks more efficiently with a tool. The Ketchum Release tool allows the angler to remove the hook while the fish is still in the water. This tool is faster than a hemostat. A hemostat requires a precise grip on the fly. The Ketchum Release tool is easy to slide along the tippet, then around the fly to remove the hook.

Catch and release more fish, with care. Practice casting at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond. See you at the Pond!





## HOW TO FISH THIS RIG...

I first learned about this type of rig years ago fishing with my then-wife Kelley and guide, Dale Siens, on the Williamson River, Oregon. We would launch his drift boat in Chiloquin at the ramp right below the famous “Blue Hole”, and where the Sprague River joins the Williamson, and fish our way downstream. About half the way down we would arrive at “The Spot”.

The Spot was a 150-foot long by 30-foot wide stretch of soft water that varied in depth from 20+ feet to about 8 feet at the far end. It was bracketed on the left by the main current of the river and on the right by a narrow section of faster water against the west bank. Causing this split in the current was a very wide rock and drop off. We would anchor on the downstream side of the rock, change to this rig and watch for trout rising or smutting.

Fishing started with a 45- to 50-foot cast to either the right or left seam and stacking line mends onto the water as necessary to maintain a drag free drift. The fish were usually feeding about 60 feet down the run but in a couple of instances Kelley and I would hook a fish with our entire fly line out. When we first started using this rig, we were only using a nymph—no dropper—a #8 or #10 split shot and an indicator. Now all of you know me as one to pump one fly in particular, the Halo, and The Spot is why! That fly outproduced everything else we tried, hands down. And even when we added a Parachute Adams as a dropper it still reigned supreme.

Now we were fishing downstream and the same can be done completely or mostly straight upstream but just make sure you are casting at a slight angle, so that, should fish not bite, you won't be picking up the rig to re-cast from right on top of it, and Happy Fishin'!



## Fly Tying Tip: Magnets 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

An earlier tip suggested some uses of magnets; here are a couple more ideas. At a Branson, MO tying event I was given a ‘tool’ by another local tier, Dennis Stead (**PHOTO#1**). Dennis thinks outside the box and comes up with some great tools and pre-weighted jig hooks. The tool is a 1/8” diameter earth magnet set in a piece of wood like a pencil. It is great to pick up small objects, especially hooks. As an alternate, use a piece of a magnet patch from a hook bag, cut and glued to the end of a popsicle stick (**PHOTO#1**). I put my piece of magnet on the back side of one I also use with some velcro, to pick out body dubbing.



If you use small hooks and tungsten beads (and some brass beads), the magnets can be used to hold the bead, with the hook in a plunger-style hackle plier. It is easier to thread the bead on than with bead tweezers (**PHOTO#2**; size 22 hook and 1.5mm bead). You can do the same with the pencil-type magnet. Anyone have other uses for magnets?



## Calendar of Events

### November



1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
4	Saturday	8:00 AM	Owens River Cleanup
			Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Special Guest Fly Tier: Steven Fernandez
4-7	Week		Northern California Steelhead Trip w/Marc Bonvouloir
5	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
		10:00 AM	Women's Casting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			Beginning Fly Tying
8	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
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
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
26	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
28	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying w/ Supplemental 6:00 pm Session
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting

### December

2	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		6:00 PM	Venison Stag
3	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
		10:00 AM	Women's Casting
4	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
			Tuesday Night Club Cast
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
9-10	Weekend		On the River Clinic—Lower Owens Outing
9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
10	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
12	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying w/ Supplemental 6:00 pm Session



## Calendar of Events Continued...

12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
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 Fly Tying Tuesday Night Club Cast
20	Wednesday	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Nooner Lunch Fly Tying Forum
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
23	Saturday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast Pre-Trip: Lower Owens Trip #1
24	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
31	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast

## January

2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4-7	Week		Lower Owens Trip #1 w/ J. Lincoln & D. Rivett
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
6	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
7	Sunday	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast Women's Casting
8	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
13	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast SWC Annual Club Management Day
14	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Nooner Lunch Fly Tying Forum
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
20	Saturday	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Club Spey Cast Pre-Trip: Lower Owens Trip #2
21	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Thursday	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Travis Johnson, Champion Spey Caster
27-28	Saturday	8:00 AM	LBCC Open Spey Tournament
28	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum



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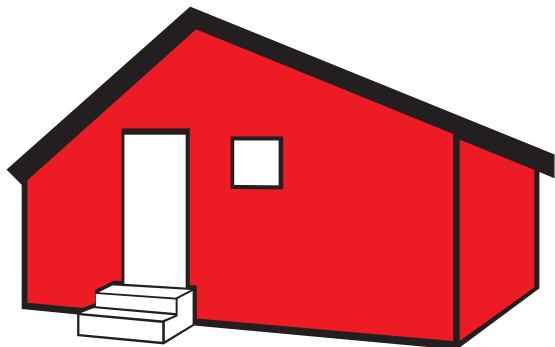
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