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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

# Casting Tournaments at the LBCC

BOB MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

I wanted this Target Talk to be about my small experience with casting tournaments at the club. About 15 years ago, before I joined the LBCC, I was out practicing on the pond with my Spey rod, trying to get ready for an upcoming steelhead trip. I always went in the afternoon as that is when work would allow me the time, and the Pond was usually empty. This particular afternoon there was a man out also practicing and I guess he thought I needed help; this is not unusual as most people who see me cast have the same opinion. One of the first pieces of advice he gave me was stay away from the LBCC as it is full of a bunch of arrogant

people who think they know everything there is to know about casting. Since this guy gave me lots of uninvited advice, I chose to stay away from him, but did wonder about the people at the Club.

Then, ten years ago, a friend gave me an article in the LA Times about the LBCC and all they had to offer. I thought I would give it a try, and joined. Six months into my membership I saw in Target Talk that they needed a First Vice President. The contact was Mick Woodbury. I asked what the job entailed, and he told me that I would be in charge of running the monthly meetings. Mick said, "it really isn't that hard of a job" (he lied). Then before the first meeting I was to lead, COVID hit...and the rest was a history we won't forget. OK, sorry I'm taking so long to get to my topic but thought some background was needed.

So now to Tournaments. My first Club tournament was last year. Tom Olson (Spey Captain) asked if I would participate. I thought back 15 years ago to the

advice Mr. Bitter had given me on the Pond, and told Tom "No", as the only Spey casting I did was Skagit. He said: "Perfect, come out and we will make a place for you in the Tournament." Little did I know I would be the only Skagit caster. It really was fun, with encouragement the only thing offered.

Now to this year's tournament. Tom asks again if I will participate. My response is "No", as I was the only one the previous year. He then proceeds to tell me he has created a Skagit division. We had five Skagit casters, and what sport. Here I'm in a tournament with the best woman and male casters in the world (they were not Skagit), who did nothing but encourage us all. Conclusion...no arrogance, but lots of friendship and acceptance.

Now on to the Southwest Tournament last month. I told Mark Flo (Casting Captain) that I would help him where needed. Well, I got there about 15 minutes late

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# Club Trips for 2024

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

| TRIP DATE     | TRIP & LEADER   |
|---------------|---|
| 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 28-June 1 | Fall River w/Marc Bonvouloir Pre-Trip May 18, 9:00 am                   |
| July 12-14    | Brookie Bash w/Armando Palomares Pre-Trip July 6, 9:00 am               |
| Aug 3         | Yards and Inches w/Mick Woodbury Pre-Trip July 27, 1:00 pm              |
| Aug 6         | Local Tenkara Event @9 am w/Art Strauss No Pre-Trip                     |
| Aug 8-11      | Twenty Lakes Basin backpack trip w/Jim Garvey Pre-Trip July 31, 7:00 pm |
| Oct 2-6       | Crowley Lake w/Steve Timm Pre-trip Sept 28, 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 decide to 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, please email me and let me know.

Also, contact Steve Timm if you have suggestions for a Club trip or if you have any questions at: [srtimm@hotmail.com](mailto:srtimm@hotmail.com).



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and somehow, I had been entered into two events. Now with the Spey you're just trying to get it out as far as you can on the proper side of the center line. With the casting tournament they have 10 or so different games and only one is for big distance; the rest are precision casting. I did my first two (C division) and little did I know Cecil O'Dell had signed both of us up for another two. I thought it was only fair that I return the favor, and signed us both up for another couple of events.



LUNCH AT THE SOUTHWESTERN TOURNAMENT

Oh, the arrogance of the people at the tournament! One of the events was casting a plug with a spinning rod. I did not have a spinning rod so one of the advanced casters gave me theirs to use. I promptly broke off the plug and leader. They told me no big deal; they were happy I was participating. Then in another event where you cast a dry fly out to circles at various distances, I again did not have the proper equipment. The top woman caster had just completed her event and asked if I wanted to use her setup. Nothing but acceptance. And a whole lot of fun.



I tell you this to encourage you to get involved at the LBCC. There are so many people in the LBCC whose sole mission is to help you enjoy and love all aspects of fly fishing. You might feel intimidated at times, as we do have some of the best casters, fly tyers and flyfishers in the world. Believe me, they take great satisfaction in helping you along your fly fishing journey. My advice is: if you see something of interest to you, jump in; you are welcome and needed. You will meet some wonderful people along the way, become a better fly fisher and have lots of fun!

## Long Beach Casting Club New Members

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Phillip Mar of Long Beach
- ❖ Matt Pawley of Palm Desert
- ❖ Andrew Fairbanks of Long Beach
- ❖ Art Gaspar of Placentia
- ❖ John Martin of Boulder

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!**

# Fly Tying Forum April Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

Welcome to the April edition of the LBCC Fly Tying Forum. It's time to stock up for spring trout fishing and get a head start on flies for that Alaska fishing trip. Matt will lead two classes this month on mayfly emergers. The first class covers the earliest stage of the emergence process when the nymph has risen to the surface film, but has not yet cracked its



wing case. Ed Engle's floating nymph does a great job imitating this phase; we will tie the Blue-Winged Olive (BWO) version. Ed's pattern uses the dubbing-ball parachute-hackle technique, a useful addition to a fly tier's toolkit. Matt's second class covers a later phase of the cycle, when the mayfly has emerged from its shuck, but the wings have not yet completely



unfurled. Wayne Luallen's CDC Emerger beautifully captures this moment in time. In class we will tie the Pale Morning Dun (PMD) version of Wayne's pattern. The two emerger classes will continue to build on techniques from our previous (March) session on small dry flies.



We have two newcomers to the instructor chair this month! Bob Campbell will teach a salmon and steelhead pattern, the Purple Performer. This quick tie uses only three materials, thread and a hook—it's a handy pattern for Alaska rivers where all things purple are often on the menu. Kendall Blackburn wraps up the month with the Chubby Montana, a variant of the high floating Chubby Chernobyl. This pattern works well by itself or as an indicator for a suspended nymph.



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, let us know; we likely have someone who can demonstrate it. We're looking forward to seeing some new faces at the Forum!

| DATE | GENRE: PATTERN                     | INSTRUCTOR        |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4/3  | Emergers: Engle's Floating Nymph   | Matt Murdough     |
| 4/10 | Emergers: Luallen's CDC Emerger    | Matt Murdough     |
| 4/17 | Salmon/Steelhead: Purple Performer | Bob Campbell      |
| 4/24 | Attractor Dries: Chubby Montana    | Kendall Blackburn |

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye...

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

**W**ell, we have received another drop of reels. Our favorite donor has just delivered to me and the Club a new batch of reels. This group is significant. All of the reels are from Hatch. Don't know Hatch? Then you need to check around, because they are a manufacturer of some of the finest saltwater and salmon/steelhead reels you can buy.

Now I know I don't really need to gild the lily but with the exception of three, all of the reels are Hatch Finatic 7s and 9s and they are new in box! Completely unused. Brandy, dandy. Now there are only a couple of the smaller 7s but there are a bunch of 9s. If you want a great reel for permit, dorado or small tarpon or a two-handed reel for a 13' or longer rod, then here is your chance.

Price? Well these reels retailed for \$650 and \$800. The Club is going about half price at \$350 for the 7s and \$400 for the 9s. As a Hatch guide/pro staff I couldn't even get them at that low a price!

Additionally, there are some Nextcast lines—all Skagit-style heads and all with an integrated sinking front end. Price is \$30 each.

Interested? Email me at [jvanderhoof1@gmail.com](mailto:jvanderhoof1@gmail.com).



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## Southwestern Tournament a Success!

MARK FLO, CO-CAPTAIN

**T**he annual Southwestern Casting Tournament was a resounding success. There were 25 casters from the San Francisco, Oakland, Pasadena and Long Beach clubs. Our fabulous volunteers made the whole thing possible: scorekeepers, judges, setup crew, takedown crew and Clubhouse crew. A very big thanks to all our volunteers. Without them, there would no Tournament. You are the best!

Our tournament volunteers were Nick Galvan, Doug Crawford, Jeff Gross, Wayne Sakaguchi, Mark Tsunawaki, Bob Mayfield, Cecil Odell, Henry Mittel, Colin Kumabe, Bruce Jeske, Steve Higashi and Dan Oliver. A special shout-out to our amazing kitchen crew: Chef Dan Luas, Susan DeLude, Art Daily, Joe Soldana, Eddie Madrid and Grace.

For the all-around winners there was a tie for first place: Henry Mittel and Steve Rajeff, with Glen Nagumo coming in third. Congratulations!

*[Editor's Note: see the next four pages for the detailed tournament results. And if you see Mr. Van Derhoof, be sure to thank him for putting them together--it's a pain in the neck! Rob]*

# Southwestern Tournament Results 2024

## Trout Fly

| <u>A CASTERS</u> | <u>TF(COs)</u> |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1 Steve Rajeff   | 99 (99)        |
| 2 Henry Mittel   | 99 (98)        |
| 3 Glen Ozawa     | 97             |
| 4 John Thiele    | 96             |
| 4 Glen Nagumo    | 96             |
| 6 Mark Lipe      | 93             |
| 7 Mark Flo       | 92             |
| 8 Ralph Hardin   | 89             |
| 9 Colin Kumabe   | 88             |
| 10 Ian Walker    | 83             |
| 11 Dennis Panish | 70             |

| <u>B CASTERS</u>  | <u>TF</u> |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 Nichols Galvan  | 95        |
| 2 Eric Callow     | 92        |
| 3 Alice Gillibert | 90        |
| 4 Whitney Gould   | 87        |
| 5 Audrey Wilson   | 85        |
| 5 Elaine Gong     | 85        |

| <u>C CASTERS</u> | <u>TF</u> |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1 Brad Cleaves   | 83        |
| 2 Cecil Odell    | 82        |
| 3 Bob Mayfield   | 73        |

## Bass Bug

| <u>A CASTERS</u> | <u>BB (COs)</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Henry Mittel   | 97 (98)         |
| 2 Steve Rajeff   | 97 (96)         |
| 3 John Thiele    | 97 (90)         |
| 4 Glen Ozawa     | 96              |
| 5 Ralph Hardin   | 94              |
| 6 Glen Nagumo    | 90              |
| 7 Colin Kumabe   | 89              |
| 7 Rick Hilles    | 89              |
| 9 Ian Walker     | 88              |
| 9 Mark Flo       | 88              |
| 11 Dennis Panish | 87              |

| <u>B CASTERS</u>  | <u>BB (COs)</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Audrey Wilson   | 92              |
| 2 Nichols Galvan  | 90 (88)         |
| 3 Alice Gillibert | 90 (87)         |
| 4 Mark Lipe       | 90 (85)         |
| 5 Chris Walker    | 89              |

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| 5 Whitney Gould | 89 |
| 7 Eric Callow   | 86 |
| 8 Elaine Gong   | 84 |

| <u>C CASTERS</u> | <u>BB</u> |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1 Brad Cleaves   | 87        |
| 2 Cecil Odell    | 82        |
| 3 Bob Mayfield   | 79        |

## 1/4 oz Accuracy

| <u>A CASTERS</u> | <u>1/4A</u> |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1 Henry Mittel   | 98          |
| 2 Steve Rajeff   | 97          |
| 3 Ralph Hardin   | 88          |
| 4 Colin Kumabe   | 87          |
| 5 Ian Walker     | 86          |
| 6 Glen Nagumo    | 85          |
| 7 Dennis Panish  | 83          |

| <u>B CASTERS</u>  | <u>1/4 A</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 Nichols Galvan  | 96           |
| 2 Mark Lipe       | 90           |
| 3 Mark Flo        | 87           |
| 4 Elaine Gong     | 86           |
| 5 Alice Gillibert | 81           |
| 6 Whitney Gould   | 80           |

| <u>C CASTERS</u> | <u>1/4 A (COs)</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Cecil Odell    | 88                 |
| 2 Chris Walker   | 86                 |
| 3 Bob Mayfield   | 82 (84)            |
| 4 Brad Cleaves   | 82 (83)            |

## Open Plug

| <u>A CASTERS</u> | <u>OP</u> |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1 Henry Mittel   | 97        |
| 2 Steve Rajeff   | 93        |
| 3 Glen Nagumo    | 92        |
| 4 Ralph Hardin   | 91        |
| 4 Ian Walker     | 91        |
| 6 Mark Lipe      | 89        |
| 7 Colin Kumabe   | 88        |
| 7 Dennis Panish  | 88        |

| <u>B CASTERS</u> | <u>OP</u> |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1 Mark Flo       | 88        |
| 2 Elaine Gong    | 87        |

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| 3 Nichols Galvan  | 86 |
| 4 Alice Gillibert | 85 |
| 5 Whitney Gould   | 82 |

| <u>C CASTERS</u> | <u>OP</u> |
|------------------|-----------|
| 1 Chris Walker   | 82        |

## Angler's Fly Distance

| <u>A CASTERS</u> | <u>AF (2ND)</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Steve Rajeff   | 161 (154)       |
| 2 Henry Mittel   | 151 (150)       |
| 3 Glen Nagumo    | 131 (130)       |
| 4 Mark Flo       | 131 (123)       |
| 5 Ralph Hardin   | 121 (105)       |
| 6 Colin Kumabe   | 120 (124)       |
| 7 Dennis Panish  | 120 (116)       |

| <u>B CASTERS</u> | <u>AF (2ND)</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Audrey Wilson  | 125 (120)       |
| 2 Whitney Gould  | 115 (114)       |
| 3 Eric Callow    | 58              |

| <u>C CASTERS</u> | <u>AF (2ND)</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Brad Cleaves   | 108 (95)        |
| 2 Cecil Odell    | 104 (101)       |
| 3 Bob Mayfield   | 99 (95)         |
| 4 Don Housman    | 93 (84)         |
| 5 Elaine Gong    | 82 (78)         |

## 1/4oz Distance

| <u>A CASTERS</u> | <u>1/4D (2ND)</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Henry Mittel   | 226 (224)         |
| 2 Steve Rajeff   | 224 (220)         |
| 3 Colin Kumabe   | 182 (180)         |
| 4 Mark Flo       | 155 (80)          |
| 5 Dennis Panish  | 146 (141)         |
| 6 Glen Nagumo    | 139 (130)         |
| 7 Ralph Hardin   | 100 (80)          |

| <u>C CASTERS</u> | <u>1/4D (2ND)</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Cecil Odell    | 136 (95)          |
| 2 Elaine Gong    | 99 (98)           |
| 3 Bob Mayfield   | 60 (40)           |

### Dry Fly

| A CASTERS |               | DF (COs)     |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1         | Steve Rajeff  | 99           |
| 2         | Henry Mittel  | 98 (98)(100) |
| 3         | Glen Ozawa    | 98 (98)(98)  |
| 4         | John Thiele   | 96           |
| 5         | Glen Nagumo   | 94           |
| 6         | Dennis Panish | 93           |
| 7         | Colin Kumabe  | 91           |
| 7         | Mark Flo      | 91           |
| 9         | Ralph Hardin  | 89           |
| 10        | Mark Lipe     | 88           |

| B CASTERS |                 | DF (COs) |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| 1         | Eric Callow     | 95       |
| 2         | Nichols Galvan  | 92 (92)  |
| 3         | Mario Rodriguez | 92 (91)  |
| 4         | Elaine Gong     | 91       |
| 5         | Alice Gillibert | 88       |

| C CASTERS |              | DF |
|-----------|--------------|----|
| 1         | Brad Cleaves | 92 |
| 2         | Dan Oliver   | 91 |
| 3         | Jeff Gross   | 82 |
| 4         | Cecil Odell  | 77 |
| 5         | Bob Mayfield | 73 |

### Wet Fly

| A CASTERS |               | WF (COs)    |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| 1         | Steve Rajeff  | 99          |
| 2         | Glen Ozawa    | 96 (96)(98) |
| 3         | John Thiele   | 96 (96)(94) |
| 4         | Henry Mittel  | 95          |
| 4         | Mark Lipe     | 95          |
| 6         | Ralph Hardin  | 94          |
| 7         | Mark Flo      | 93          |
| 7         | Dennis Panish | 93          |
| 7         | Rick Hilles   | 93          |
| 10        | Colin Kumabe  | 92          |
| 11        | Glen Nagumo   | 90          |

| B CASTERS |                 | WF (COs) |
|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| 1         | Alice Gillibert | 94       |
| 2         | Nichols Galvan  | 93       |
| 3         | Mario Rodriguez | 91 (94)  |
| 4         | Eric Callow     | 91 (88)  |
| 5         | Elaine Gong     | 89       |

| C CASTERS |              | WF |
|-----------|--------------|----|
| 1         | Brad Cleaves | 92 |
| 2         | Dan Oliver   | 88 |
| 3         | Bob Mayfield | 87 |
| 4         | Jeff Gross   | 86 |
| 5         | Cecil Odell  | 85 |

### 3/8 oz Accuracy

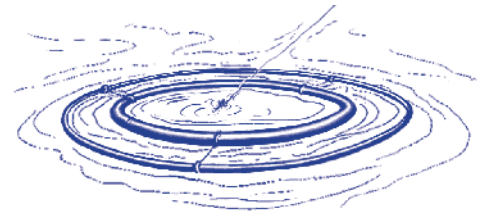
| A CASTERS |               | 3/8A |
|-----------|---------------|------|
| 1         | Henry Mittel  | 97   |
| 2         | Steve Rajeff  | 95   |
| 3         | Glen Nagumo   | 92   |
| 4         | Colin Kumabe  | 90   |
| 5         | Dennis Panish | 88   |
| 6         | Ralph Hardin  | 87   |
| 6         | Mark Lipe     | 87   |

| B CASTERS |                 | 3/8A (COs) |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| 1         | Nichols Galvan  | 87         |
| 2         | Mark Flo        | 85         |
| 3         | Elaine Gong     | 82 (1)     |
| 4         | Alice Gillibert | 82 (0)     |

### 5/8 oz Accuracy

| A CASTERS |               | 5/8A |
|-----------|---------------|------|
| 1         | Steve Rajeff  | 98   |
| 2         | Henry Mittel  | 96   |
| 3         | Mark Lipe     | 94   |
| 4         | Dennis Panish | 92   |
| 5         | Ralph Hardin  | 91   |
| 6         | Glen Nagumo   | 88   |
| 7         | Colin Kumabe  | 85   |

| B CASTERS |                 | 5/8A (COs) |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| 1         | Alice Gillibert | 83 (88)    |
| 2         | Nichols Galvan  | 83 (85)    |
| 3         | Elaine Gong     | 82 (1)     |
| 4         | Mark Flo        | 82 (0)     |



### Saturday Accuracy

|    | CASTER          | COMB | TF | BB | 1/4 A | OP |
|----|-----------------|------|----|----|-------|----|
| 1  | Henry Mittel    | 391  | 99 | 97 | 98    | 97 |
| 2  | Steve Rajeff    | 386  | 99 | 97 | 97    | 93 |
| 3  | Nichols Galvan  | 367  | 95 | 90 | 96    | 86 |
| 4  | Glen Nagumo     | 363  | 96 | 90 | 85    | 92 |
| 5  | Mark Lipe       | 362  | 93 | 90 | 90    | 89 |
| 5  | Ralph Hardin    | 362  | 89 | 94 | 88    | 91 |
| 7  | Mark Flo        | 355  | 92 | 88 | 87    | 88 |
| 8  | Colin Kumabe    | 352  | 88 | 89 | 87    | 88 |
| 9  | Ian Walker      | 348  | 83 | 88 | 86    | 91 |
| 10 | Alice Gillibert | 346  | 90 | 90 | 81    | 85 |
| 11 | Elaine Gong     | 342  | 85 | 84 | 86    | 87 |
| 12 | Whitney Gould   | 338  | 87 | 89 | 80    | 82 |
| 13 | Dennis Panish   | 328  | 70 | 87 | 83    | 88 |
| 14 | Chris Walker    | 257  | -  | 89 | 86    | 82 |
| 15 | Brad Cleaves    | 252  | 83 | 87 | 82    | -  |
| 15 | Cecil Odell     | 252  | 82 | 82 | 88    | -  |
| 17 | Bob Mayfield    | 234  | 73 | 79 | 82    | -  |
| 18 | John Thiele     | 193  | 96 | 97 | -     | -  |
| 18 | Glen Ozawa      | 193  | 97 | 96 | -     | -  |
| 20 | Eric Callow     | 178  | 92 | 86 | -     | -  |
| 21 | Audrey Wilson   | 177  | 85 | 92 | -     | -  |
| 22 | Rick Hilles     | 89   | -  | 89 | -     | -  |

# Southwestern Tournament Results 2024

## All Distance

|    | CASTER        | COMB | AF  | 1/4D |
|----|---------------|------|-----|------|
| 1  | Steve Rajeff  | 385  | 161 | 224  |
| 2  | Henry Mittel  | 377  | 151 | 226  |
| 3  | Colin Kumabe  | 302  | 120 | 182  |
| 4  | Mark Flo      | 286  | 131 | 155  |
| 5  | Glen Nagumo   | 270  | 131 | 139  |
| 6  | Dennis Panish | 266  | 120 | 146  |
| 7  | Cecil Odell   | 240  | 104 | 136  |
| 8  | Ralph Hardin  | 221  | 121 | 100  |
| 9  | Elaine Gong   | 181  | 82  | 99   |
| 10 | Bob Mayfield  | 159  | 99  | 60   |
| 11 | Audrey Wilson | 125  | 125 | -    |
| 12 | Whitney Gould | 115  | 115 | -    |
| 13 | Brad Cleaves  | 108  | 108 | -    |
| 14 | Don Housman   | 93   | 93  | -    |
| 15 | Eric Callow   | 58   | 58  | -    |

## All Fly Accuracy

|    | CASTER          | COMB. | TF | BB | DF | WF |
|----|-----------------|-------|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | Steve Rajeff    | 394   | 99 | 97 | 99 | 99 |
| 2  | Henry Mittel    | 389   | 99 | 97 | 98 | 95 |
| 3  | Glen Ozawa      | 387   | 97 | 96 | 98 | 96 |
| 4  | John Thiele     | 385   | 96 | 97 | 96 | 96 |
| 5  | Nichols Galvan  | 370   | 95 | 90 | 92 | 93 |
| 5  | Glen Nagumo     | 370   | 96 | 90 | 94 | 90 |
| 7  | Mark Lipe       | 366   | 93 | 90 | 88 | 95 |
| 7  | Ralph Hardin    | 366   | 89 | 94 | 89 | 94 |
| 9  | Mark Flo        | 364   | 92 | 88 | 91 | 93 |
| 9  | Eric Callow     | 364   | 92 | 86 | 95 | 91 |
| 11 | Alice Gillibert | 362   | 90 | 90 | 88 | 94 |
| 12 | Colin Kumabe    | 360   | 88 | 89 | 91 | 92 |
| 13 | Brad Cleaves    | 354   | 83 | 87 | 92 | 92 |
| 14 | Elaine Gong     | 349   | 85 | 84 | 91 | 89 |
| 15 | Dennis Panish   | 343   | 70 | 87 | 93 | 93 |
| 16 | Cecil Odell     | 326   | 82 | 82 | 77 | 85 |
| 17 | Bob Mayfield    | 312   | 73 | 79 | 73 | 87 |
| 18 | Mario Rodriguez | 183   | -  | -  | 92 | 91 |
| 19 | Rick Hilles     | 182   | -  | 89 | -  | 93 |
| 20 | Dan Oliver      | 179   | -  | -  | 91 | 88 |
| 21 | Audrey Wilson   | 177   | 85 | 92 | -  | -  |
| 22 | Whitney Gould   | 176   | 87 | 89 | -  | -  |
| 23 | Ian Walker      | 171   | 83 | 88 | -  | -  |
| 24 | Jeff Gross      | 168   | -  | -  | 82 | 86 |
| 25 | Chris Walker    | 89    | -  | 89 | -  | -  |

## Sunday Accuracy

|    | CASTER          | COMB. | DF | WF | 3/8A | 5/8A |
|----|-----------------|-------|----|----|------|------|
| 1  | Steve Rajeff    | 391   | 99 | 99 | 95   | 98   |
| 2  | Henry Mittel    | 386   | 98 | 95 | 97   | 96   |
| 3  | Dennis Panish   | 366   | 93 | 93 | 88   | 92   |
| 4  | Glen Nagumo     | 364   | 94 | 90 | 92   | 88   |
| 4  | Mark Lipe       | 364   | 88 | 95 | 87   | 94   |
| 6  | Ralph Hardin    | 361   | 89 | 94 | 87   | 91   |
| 7  | Colin Kumabe    | 358   | 91 | 92 | 90   | 85   |
| 8  | Nichols Galvan  | 355   | 92 | 93 | 87   | 83   |
| 9  | Mark Flo        | 351   | 91 | 93 | 85   | 82   |
| 10 | Alice Gillibert | 347   | 88 | 94 | 82   | 83   |
| 11 | Elaine Gong     | 344   | 91 | 89 | 82   | 82   |
| 12 | Glen Ozawa      | 194   | 98 | 96 | -    | -    |
| 13 | John Thiele     | 192   | 96 | 96 | -    | -    |
| 14 | Eric Callow     | 186   | 95 | 91 | -    | -    |
| 15 | Brad Cleaves    | 184   | 92 | 92 | -    | -    |
| 16 | Mario Rodriguez | 183   | 92 | 91 | -    | -    |
| 17 | Dan Oliver      | 179   | 91 | 88 | -    | -    |
| 18 | Jeff Gross      | 168   | 82 | 86 | -    | -    |
| 19 | Cecil Odell     | 162   | 77 | 85 | -    | -    |
| 20 | Bob Mayfield    | 160   | 73 | 87 | -    | -    |
| 21 | Rick Hilles     | 93    | -  | 93 | -    | -    |

## All Plug Accuracy

|    | CASTER          | COMB. | 1/4A | OP | 3/8A | 5/8A |
|----|-----------------|-------|------|----|------|------|
| 1  | Henry Mittel    | 388   | 98   | 97 | 97   | 96   |
| 2  | Steve Rajeff    | 383   | 97   | 93 | 95   | 98   |
| 3  | Mark Lipe       | 360   | 90   | 89 | 87   | 94   |
| 4  | Glen Nagumo     | 357   | 85   | 92 | 92   | 88   |
| 4  | Ralph Hardin    | 357   | 88   | 91 | 87   | 91   |
| 6  | Nichols Galvan  | 352   | 96   | 86 | 87   | 83   |
| 7  | Dennis Panish   | 351   | 83   | 88 | 88   | 92   |
| 8  | Colin Kumabe    | 350   | 87   | 88 | 90   | 85   |
| 9  | Mark Flo        | 342   | 87   | 88 | 85   | 82   |
| 10 | Elaine Gong     | 337   | 86   | 87 | 82   | 82   |
| 11 | Alice Gillibert | 331   | 81   | 85 | 82   | 83   |
| 12 | Ian Walker      | 177   | 86   | 91 | -    | -    |
| 13 | Chris Walker    | 168   | 86   | 82 | -    | -    |
| 14 | Whitney Gould   | 162   | 80   | 82 | -    | -    |
| 15 | Cecil Odell     | 88    | 88   | -  | -    | -    |
| 16 | Bob Mayfield    | 82    | 82   | -  | -    | -    |
| 16 | Brad Cleaves    | 82    | 82   | -  | -    | -    |

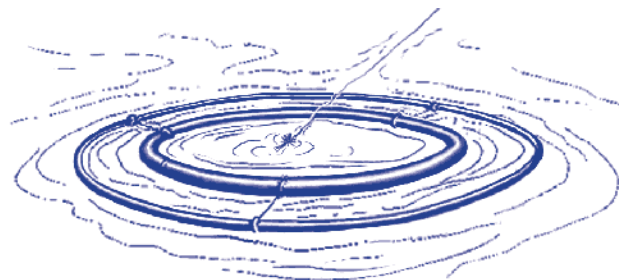


## All Accuracy

|    | CASTER          | COMB. | TF | BB | 1/4A | OP | DF | WF | 3/8A | 5/8A |
|----|-----------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|------|
| 1  | Henry Mittel    | 777   | 99 | 97 | 98   | 97 | 98 | 95 | 97   | 96   |
| 1  | Steve Rajeff    | 777   | 99 | 97 | 97   | 93 | 99 | 99 | 95   | 98   |
| 3  | Glen Nagumo     | 727   | 96 | 90 | 85   | 92 | 94 | 90 | 92   | 88   |
| 4  | Mark Lipe       | 726   | 93 | 90 | 90   | 89 | 88 | 95 | 87   | 94   |
| 5  | Ralph Hardin    | 723   | 89 | 94 | 88   | 91 | 89 | 94 | 87   | 91   |
| 6  | Nichols Galvan  | 722   | 95 | 90 | 96   | 86 | 92 | 93 | 87   | 83   |
| 7  | Colin Kumabe    | 710   | 88 | 89 | 87   | 88 | 91 | 92 | 90   | 85   |
| 8  | Mark Flo        | 706   | 92 | 88 | 87   | 88 | 91 | 93 | 85   | 82   |
| 9  | Dennis Panish   | 694   | 70 | 87 | 83   | 88 | 93 | 93 | 88   | 92   |
| 10 | Alice Gillibert | 693   | 90 | 90 | 81   | 85 | 88 | 94 | 82   | 83   |
| 11 | Elaine Gong     | 686   | 85 | 84 | 86   | 87 | 91 | 89 | 82   | 82   |
| 12 | Brad Cleaves    | 436   | 83 | 87 | 82   | -  | 92 | 92 | -    | -    |
| 13 | Cecil Odell     | 414   | 82 | 82 | 88   | -  | 77 | 85 | -    | -    |
| 14 | Bob Mayfield    | 394   | 73 | 79 | 82   | -  | 73 | 87 | -    | -    |
| 15 | Glen Ozawa      | 387   | 97 | 96 | -    | -  | 98 | 96 | -    | -    |
| 16 | John Thiele     | 385   | 96 | 97 | -    | -  | 96 | 96 | -    | -    |
| 17 | Eric Callow     | 364   | 92 | 86 | -    | -  | 95 | 91 | -    | -    |
| 18 | Ian Walker      | 348   | 83 | 88 | 86   | 91 | -  | -  | -    | -    |
| 19 | Whitney Gould   | 338   | 87 | 89 | 80   | 82 | -  | -  | -    | -    |
| 20 | Chris Walker    | 257   | -  | 89 | 86   | 82 | -  | -  | -    | -    |
| 21 | Mario Rodriguez | 183   | -  | -  | -    | -  | 92 | 91 | -    | -    |
| 22 | Rick Hilles     | 182   | -  | 89 | -    | -  | -  | 93 | -    | -    |
| 23 | Dan Oliver      | 179   | -  | -  | -    | -  | 91 | 88 | -    | -    |
| 24 | Audrey Wilson   | 177   | 85 | 92 | -    | -  | -  | -  | -    | -    |
| 25 | Jeff Gross      | 168   | -  | -  | -    | -  | 82 | 86 | -    | -    |

## All Around

|   | CASTER        | COMB. | TF | BB | 1/4A | OP | AA | 1/4D | DF | WF | 3/8A | 5/8A |
|---|---------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|------|----|----|------|------|
| 1 | Steve Rajeff  | 14    | 1  | 1  | 2    | 2  | 1  | 2    | 1  | 1  | 2    | 1    |
| 1 | Henry Mittel  | 14    | 1  | 1  | 1    | 1  | 2  | 1    | 2  | 2  | 1    | 2    |
| 3 | Glen Nagumo   | 44    | 3  | 4  | 7    | 3  | 3  | 6    | 3  | 7  | 3    | 5    |
| 4 | Ralph Hardin  | 48    | 5  | 3  | 3    | 4  | 5  | 7    | 8  | 3  | 6    | 4    |
| 5 | Mark Flo      | 49    | 4  | 6  | 4    | 5  | 3  | 4    | 5  | 4  | 7    | 7    |
| 6 | Colin Kumabe  | 50    | 6  | 5  | 4    | 5  | 6  | 3    | 5  | 6  | 4    | 6    |
| 7 | Dennis Panish | 55    | 8  | 7  | 8    | 5  | 6  | 5    | 4  | 4  | 5    | 3    |
| 8 | Elaine Gong   | 73    | 7  | 8  | 6    | 8  | 8  | 8    | 5  | 8  | 8    | 7    |



# Save the Date! Learn the Double Haul

May 21 & 28, 2024 from 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

This May the Long Beach Casting Club will be offering a class on the Double Haul. We will be doing this class over two consecutive Tuesday nights, starting on May 21 and ending on May 28, from 7:00 pm–9:00 pm. Look for a detailed description of the class in the May, 2024 edition of Target Talk.



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## RSVP By 4/15: First Aid and CPR

**LBCG Clubhouse—Saturday, 4/27/2024**

TONY DAUS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT



The LBCC is a very active club, with plenty of events at the Clubhouse and fishing trips scheduled throughout the year. In the spirit of keeping everyone safe and well-prepared, the Club is offering a 2.5 hour first-aid and CPR training class on Saturday April 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

We will learn basic first aid techniques for the kinds of emergencies we would likely encounter (heat exhaustion, hypothermia, shock, etc.), how to apply CPR and recognizing and handling potential stroke victims. This will be followed by lunch. The class will be taught by a certified first-aid and CPR instructor. A \$10 fee will be charged to cover the training and refreshments. We have room for up to 40 participants.

Please sign up by April 15, by sending an email to Tony Daus ([anthony.daus@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.daus@gmail.com)) and payment to the Club. Checks should be made out to "LBCC" with a memo: "First-Aid/CPR Training".

**Note: This is not a certification class, although we will cover much of the same materials. Educational purposes only.**

## Installation Banquet

BOB MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

As we are getting into the full swing of trips, Club meetings, casting tournaments, fly tying, rod building and a host of other fun and educational events, I would like to invite you to our Annual Awards and Board of Directors Installation Banquet. We have much to celebrate and many people to thank, and to congratulate on awards or giant fish that have been caught.

The Banquet is to be held Saturday, April 13, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will provide a meal for all who wish to attend and celebrate with us. The only requirement is for you to let me know that you plan to come. Meeting is open to all: members and significant others. You can RSVP either by text at **714-392-2211** or email at [bob@impac-marketing.net](mailto:bob@impac-marketing.net).



# Congratulations to Dan Oliver!

## ***LBCC Member Wins his Second Consecutive Bishop Trout Rodeo***

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

If you see Dan, offer him your congratulations; he's won the First Place Individual Award at the Bishop Trout Rodeo two years running. Considering it's only been in existence for three years, that's quite an accomplishment. Dan won last year with 281 total inches and the largest fish, coming in at 15.75 inches.

Dan's comments: "Unfortunately I didn't get the largest fish this year. But I caught 38 trout, mostly browns, for a total of 398 inches. I fished the wild trout section of the Lower Owens below the Pleasant Valley Campground. Tournament was on February 10, 2024 and allowed only catch and release fishing from 9:00 am-4:00 pm."

The Rodeo is put on by the Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International. If you'd like to learn more about it, go to <https://www.swcffi.org/rodeo>.

## Rod Building Coming!

### ***Rod Building Class Starts Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm***

EDDIE MADRID, ROD BUILDING CHAIR

Learn the steps needed to build your own fly rod.

This class covers the basics of component selection and techniques needed to make your own rod. While instruction focuses on fly rods, the techniques covered are applicable to regular fresh and saltwater rods too.

In addition to instruction, class participants have access to specialized building tools to help build that special heirloom rod.

No tools are needed for the Orientation class. Small fee for the Rod Building Manual.

Class is free and open to all. This class begins Tuesday, May 7, 2024 and runs for a total of six sessions of instruction over a seven-week period (ends on June 18, 2024).

Limited to 12 students. So, to sign up or if you have any question, you can contact **Eddie Madrid** (562-537-9618 or [netboy3@verizon.net](mailto:netboy3@verizon.net)).

## 15% Aventik Discount

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

Chao Hang of Aventik is offering LBCC members a **15% discount**. Go to the Club page and click on "Sponsors", "Aventik". The Aventik page will come up. Type the ASIN# in the search area (example: ASIN B079NBK9L4). The product will come up. Use code **8NUSVWB4**. Items for this month:

- ❖ [Wooden Fishing Net ASIN: B01N6KXHLS](#)
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- ❖ [Transparent Fly Box ASIN: B078VJ2G2Z](#)
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- ❖ [Fishing Priest Tool ASIN: B07F7ZCDZT](#)
- ❖ [Fishing Swivels ASIN: BOC95S55SJ](#)

# 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](#).**



## *In appreciation for the many years of support,*

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## LBCC Backpack Trip!

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

Off to Twenty Lakes Basin again! This year's backcountry fly fishing backpacking trip is scheduled for August 8- 11. This is a moderate three-day/ two-night ten-mile loop through Twenty Lakes Basin in the Hoover Wilderness, adjacent to Saddlebag Lake, a few miles north of Tioga Pass. We have up to 15 available spots.

This trip is perfect for those new to backpacking and/ or backcountry fly fishing. This scenic area at 10,000 feet below the Sierra Crest includes lakes, meadows and interconnecting streams. Route elevation gain and loss is very manageable. Be prepared for quickly changing weather: sunny and warm to wind, rain and snow.

On Thursday, August 8 we will meet at the [USFS Saddlebag Lake Campground](#) for the group pot-luck dinner and to help acclimatize to the 10,000 foot trailhead elevation. It is about a seven-hour drive to the campground; participants are encouraged to arrive by 6:00 pm at the latest. We hike in Friday morning, August 9 and hike out Sunday, August 11.

The pre-trip meeting and discussion of lightweight backpacking equipment and techniques will be Wednesday, July 31, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. To sign up or for more information contact Jim Garvey, [310-985-9761](tel:310-985-9761), [jim.garvey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jim.garvey@sbcglobal.net) or Colin Kumabe, [562-221-9418](tel:562-221-9418), [ctkumabe@gmail.com](mailto:ctkumabe@gmail.com).

## Past Presidents' Hosted Dinner

BOB MAYFIELD, PRESIDENT

I'd like to invite all the members of the LBCC to attend a dinner to be hosted by the past presidents of the Club. For a great part of the Club's history, this was an event which was held every year, and both Steve Jones and I think it's time to get it back on track.

Dinner will be served on Saturday April 27, at 5:30 pm. We plan to resurrect the world-famous clam chowder recipe that has been buried in the Club's archives for years.

This is a no-cost event for anyone who wishes to join us. It should be a lighthearted dinner with ex-presidents giving sage advice to the incoming president. It will also give all of you a chance to tell the new president things the past presidents did which you do not want to see repeated.

If you plan to attend, you will need to text or call Bob Mayfield at [714-392-2211](tel:714-392-2211) so we can make sure to set a place for you at the table. Mark Flo has found "Past Presidents" pins, so, for any of you past presidents who have yet to receive a pin, we will present a pin to you at dinner.



# Save the Date

**LBCG Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 pm**

**BLAIR WILLIAMS, CORRESPONDING SEC'Y**

The Board will ask members to vote on the 2024-2025 Board of Directors, based on the following nominees selected by this year's Nominating Committee [Nominating Committee members are listed on Page 13—Ed.] in accordance with the Constitution & Bylaws. The nominees are:

|                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT:</b>                     | Tom Olson                  |
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:</b> | Tony Daus                  |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:</b> | Steve Timm                 |
| <b>CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:</b>       | Craig Wiginton             |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:</b>          | Shawn Fife                 |
| <b>TREASURER:</b>                     | Ed Alvarado                |
| <b>CO-CAPTAINS:</b>                   | Mark Flo & Keith O'Donnell |
| <b>FACILITIES &amp; POND:</b>         | Steve Jackson              |
| <b>JUNIOR DIRECTOR:</b>               | Bob Mayfield               |
| <b>SENIOR DIRECTOR:</b>               | Steve Jones                |

This meeting will held at the LBCG Clubhouse as well as via teleconference:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83604443721?pwd=dVrtOpkaSvxfYkzhqflvfVTaGVFGTc.1>

**Meeting ID:** [836 0444 3721](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83604443721?pwd=dVrtOpkaSvxfYkzhqflvfVTaGVFGTc.1)

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## **Per Article VIII, Section 5 of the Club By-Laws:**

"After the members have been advised of the ticket nominated as above, any ten (10) members in good standing may nominate other candidates for the same office or offices from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Such nominations shall be made in writing and be signed by said and delivered to the Corresponding Secretary before the election. The name(s) of any candidate or candidates so nominated from the floor shall be written on the ballot, and shall be voted on at the Annual Meeting."

Due to the Annual General Meeting, there will be No Monthly Meeting at the end of the month in April.



## **Intermediate Fly Casting and Mending Clinic Coming up**

**Tuesday, April 16 and 23, 2024  
Time: 7:00 pm**

**JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT**

The Club will offer our Intermediate Fly Casting and Mending Clinic starting on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM. The class will run for two consecutive Tuesday nights—April 16 and 23.

This class is designed to help members improve their casting through self-awareness and self-help, and also to teach more advanced mends and casts that prove invaluable while fishing. Improving your casting is key to adding additional abilities to accurately present a fly to a fish, or cast with increased distance. It is also necessary if one wants to learn how to double haul—a class in the near future. Also, learning different mends and curve casts can dramatically increase your ability to catch fish.

Attendees must be Long Beach Casting Club members—this class will not be offered to the general public.

If you have any questions, email me at [lccbbeginningcasting@gmail.com](mailto:lccbbeginningcasting@gmail.com). Thanks!

# Streamer Fishing the Lower Owens River

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

**T**ry streamer fishing the Lower Owens River; you will be hooked once you feel the tug of the fish striking your fly. Most of us go to the Lower Owens River and just fish with nymphs, wet or dry flies without ever tossing a streamer.

## **VITAL COMPONENTS TO STREAMER FISHING.**

**Rod:** The best rod to use is the same rod you take to fish nymphs or dry flies (i.e. 5- or 6-weight is a minimum).

**Reel:** Take a reel with sinking line and leader in your fishing vest. For the Lower Owens River, drag is not very important to fight the fish. However, at some other rivers, reels with moderate quality drag systems are enough for even large trout (22 inches and more).

**Fly Line:** Sinking fly line with a head that sinks fast and is at least 25 feet long. The first 30 feet of these fly lines weigh at least 225 grains. I will give more detail on how to select streamer lines in a future Target Talk article.

**Tippet:** At least 10-lb. test (or 1x tippet) for the Lower Owens River, or 15-lb. test at streams with larger fish.

**Streamer Flies:** Start with Size-6 Woolly Buggers, all black or all white, or any streamer you are comfortable casting 30 to 40 feet. This is a very deep rabbit hole to head into; there are many flies to tie and fish, with too few fishing days.

**Cast:** Sinking fly lines don't cast as easily as your floating lines. You will feel your rod load much more while casting the sinking fly lines. Watch out for the tailing loops and the fly line hitting your head. Be ready to cast the fly at least 40 feet.

**Retrieve:** The most important moment in the retrieve is one second after the fly hits the water. The fish

sense the fly landing and look at the fly. A stationary fly looks like a leaf or stick landing in the water and will thus be ignored. The fly moving immediately after landing will keep the attention of fish and hopefully trigger a striking response. Streamer fishing involves making the fly come to life. Vary speed and length of strips; also try pausing. Sometimes stripping at a consistent rhythm works, other times varied rhythm works. Experiment until you find the rhythm that works.

**When:** Streamer fishing can be good any time of the day, even without an insect hatch. They perceive the fly as something that looks good enough to bite; let's call this a "thing". The know this large "thing" is equivalent in calories to dozens of dries, midges or nymphs. Look at this thing as waving a steak in front of a teenager.

You won't feel the tug until you have tried streamer fishing. Before you go, practice your casting at the Pond. Remember sinking fly line casts differently; see you at the Pond.

I will give a raffle ticket to anyone who reads this article and practices casting a sinking line before our next Monthly Meeting. See me at the next Monthly Meeting.

See you at the Pond!



THE DOLLY LLAMA STREAMER  
AS TAUGHT AT THE 3/27 FLY  
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## Fly Tying Tip: Bucktail Trimming

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

**W**hen getting ready to tie in bucktail (or other hair) for Clouser Minnows and similar, I like to trim bucktail hair to length prior to tying it down. At the same time I trim the hair, I put an angle on the cut, so when tied down, the ends have a smooth ramp for the thread.



I have found that if you start the cut so that the hairs are shorter to longer (**Photo-1**), the last hair wants to push away from the blades.



Even with serrated scissors, you get some longer ones that you have to further trim (**Photo-2**).



If you start with the hair being on the long side to start (**Photo-3**) and then trim...



The cut comes out better, so that you can do a tie-in (**Photo-4**) without additional cuts.



# Fly of the Month: PMD Last Chance Cripple

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Okay, easy is over and messy is still happening. Last month you all had a chance to tie a messy, easy-to-tie and effective pattern. This month you're going to get another sorta messy pattern but it is a tad more challenging to tie. The best thing about this pattern is that it is a bona fide picky trout catcher. Born on one of the toughest trout waters on the planet, let's learn [René Harrop's](#) Last Chance Cripple.

René has been tying since he was nine (1954) and is one of the best and more innovative tiers out there. He and his wife Bonnie founded [House of Harrop](#) and René was also a co-founder of [Truthhunter Lodge](#) (1968) and fly fishing store on the banks of the Henry's Fork River in Last Chance, Idaho—hence the fly's name. Last Chance is just north of the famed [Harriman Ranch State Park](#). Here trout were born just to torment you as they eat everything on the surface except your fly! He is also a founding member of the [Henry's Fork Foundation](#) (1984).

As the fly's name states it is a cripple pattern and a derivation of some of [Bob Quigley's](#) cripple patterns from the 1980s. Bob was a Northern California fly tying genius and developed his patterns for fishing the equally tough Fall River and Hat Creek. If you have ever watched a mayfly cripple on the water's surface it is anything but the slim, delicately-proportioned insect we think of. In many cases it is trapped and struggling to pull itself free from its nymphal shuck. It looks like a mess and hence the brilliance of these types of patterns—messy by design. While I have tied this as a Pale Morning Dun (PMD), any mayfly species that has difficulty hatching, or spends an extended period of time on the surface waiting for its wings to dry enough to fly away, is fair game for this pattern. I am currently tying Blue-Winged Olives (BWO) for the Green River where I will likely be fishing as you read this! Yeah, I'm gloating...

Tie some of these up for tackling those tough hatches and tough fish. Fish 'em as a single dry or as the dropper with an emerging nymph or soft hackle on the point. One last note: the fly alone is not the solution to picky fish. In most cases it's the cast, presentation and drift. A drag-free float is imperative and the Last Chance Cripple is the icing on the cake.

## MATERIALS FOR THE PMD LAST CHANCE CRIPPLE:

Hook: TMC 100BL or fave dry fly; size to match  
 Thread: Veevus 12/0; primrose (Light Cahill)  
 Tail: Three strands of wood duck  
 Shuck: Darlon or Zelon; gold  
 Body: Magpie Materials turkey biot; PMD  
 Thorax: BRF Zelon dubbing; PMD  
 Wings: CDC puff; light dun  
 Hackle: Whiting dry fly; dun cree or light dun



PMD LAST CHANCE CRIPPLE

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE PMD LAST CHANCE CRIPPLE:**

1. Start by inserting the hook into the vise and attaching your thread behind the head space with a jam hitch. Wind the thread down to the start of the hook bend, and try to keep it flat by counterspinning your bobbin holder. Select three or four strands of wood duck flank and tie them in. Their length should be the length of the shank.
2. Now select about 12 to 24 strands of Darlon or Zelon shuck material. The quantity depends on the fly's size. Now tie in the material over the wood duck tail and cut the shuck so that it is half the length of the tail. I like to keep the shuck fairly light and translucent in appearance.
3. Select a biot and tie it in with the cupped side up and the translucent edge pointing forward. This will insure that the "herl" on the trailing edge of the biot stands up. Now wind the biot forward, evenly spacing the "herl", showing off its segmentation, to the thorax and tie it off. If you need to go a bit into the thorax area, that will be fine as it will be covered by the thorax dubbing.

**NOTE:** I've always tied this a bit differently from most other tiers. Most tiers dub the thorax, leaving a larger than normal (2x or 2½x) head space. Then they tie in the wing and hackle in that expanded head space. Here's what we are going to do...

4. Select a nice fluffy CDC puff and tie it in right behind the head space. The length of the wing should be the length of the hook, and the wing should point out over the eye. Don't cut the butt ends! Now cover the butt ends with touching thread wraps to the start of the thorax. Cut the butt ends about half the way over the body.
5. Select a properly-sized hackle and tie it in with the dull side forward, right at the rear edge of the thorax. Apply the thorax dubbing to your thread—it should be loose and straggly. Don't trim or remove any longer guard hairs. Now make




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one turn of the dubbing behind the hackle and then wind it forward and make one turn in front of the wing, to slightly stand it up, and then finish behind the wing.

6. Wind the hackle forward two to four turns, depending on the size of the fly. Tie off the hackle using three thread turns right behind the wing. Lift the wing up and place one or two turns in front of the dubbing, and then finish with a three or four turn whip finish. You and your Last Chance Cripple are now ready to take on the toughest of trout!

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## Calendar of Events

### April

|        |           |          |  |
|--------|-----------|----------|--|
| 1      | Monday    | 6:30 PM  | Board of Directors Meeting               |
| 2      | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                  |
| 3      | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                          |
| 4      | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Annual General Meeting                   |
| 6      | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                           |
|        |           | 9:00 AM  | SWCFFI Fly Buy                           |
| 7      | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                         |
|        |           | 10:00 AM | Women's Casting                          |
| 9      | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                  |
| 10     | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                          |
|        |           |          | Teach the Teachers: Intermediate Casting |
| 11     | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting   |
| 13     | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                           |
|        |           | 5:00 PM  | Awards & Installation Dinner             |
| 14     | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                         |
| 16     | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                  |
|        |           |          | Intermediate Casting and Mending         |
| 17     | Wednesday | 12:00 PM | Nooner Lunch                             |
|        |           | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                          |
|        |           |          | Teach the Teachers: Intermediate Casting |
| 18     | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting   |
| 20     | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                           |
|        |           | 9:00 AM  | Pre-Trip: Green River Trips              |
| 21     | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                         |
| 23     | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                  |
|        |           |          | Intermediate Casting and Mending         |
| 24     | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                          |
| 27     | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                           |
|        |           |          | First Aid & CPR Training                 |
|        |           | 5:30 PM  | LBCC Past Presidents' Dinner             |
| 28     | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                         |
| 28-5/3 | Week      |          | Green River #1 w/ Dennis McTeer          |
| 30     | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                  |

### May

|      |           |          |  |
|------|-----------|----------|--|
| 1    | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 2    | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting |
| 4    | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                         |
| 5    | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                       |
|      |           | 10:00 AM | Women's Casting                        |
| 5-10 | Week      |          | Green River #2 w/ Colin Kumabe         |
| 6    | Monday    | 6:30 PM  | Board of Directors Meeting             |
| 7    | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                |
|      |           |          | Beginning Rod Building Session 1       |
| 8    | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 9    | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting |
| 11   | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                         |

## Calendar of Events Cont'd

|        |           |          |  |
|--------|-----------|----------|--|
| 11     | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Riptide Rendezvous Pre-Meeting         |
| 12     | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                       |
| 14     | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                |
| 15     | Wednesday | 12:00 PM | Nooner Lunch                           |
|        |           | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 16     | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting |
| 16-19  | Weekend   |          | Team USA practicing on Pond            |
| 18     | Saturday  | 9:00 AM  | Pre-Trip: Fall River w/Marc Bonvouloir |
| 21     | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                |
|        |           |          | Beginning Rod Building Session 2       |
| 22     | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 23     | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting |
| 25     | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                         |
| 26     | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                       |
| 28     | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Beginning Rod Building Session 3       |
|        |           |          | Tuesday Night Club Cast                |
| 28-6/1 | Week      |          | Fall River w/ Marc Bonvouloir          |
| 29     | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 30     | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Monthly Meeting: Dagur Gudmundsson     |

## June

|    |           |          |  |
|----|-----------|----------|--|
| 1  | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                         |
| 2  | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                       |
|    |           | 10:00 AM | Women's Casting                        |
| 3  | Monday    | 6:30 PM  | Board of Directors Meeting             |
| 4  | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Beginning Rod Building Session 4       |
|    |           |          | Tuesday Night Club Cast                |
| 5  | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 6  | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting |
| 8  | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                         |
| 9  | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                       |
| 11 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                |
|    |           |          | Beginning Rod Building Session 5       |
| 12 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 13 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting |
| 15 | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                         |
| 16 | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                       |
| 18 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                |
|    |           |          | Beginning Rod Building Session 6       |
| 19 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 20 | Thursday  | 7:00 PM  | Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting |
| 22 | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                         |
|    |           |          | Riptide Awards                         |
| 23 | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                       |
| 25 | Tuesday   | 7:00 PM  | Tuesday Night Club Cast                |
| 26 | Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Fly Tying Forum                        |
| 27 | Thursday  | 6:00 PM  | Monthly Meeting: TBD                   |
| 29 | Saturday  | 8:00 AM  | Club Spey Cast                         |
| 30 | Sunday    | 9:00 AM  | Sunday Club Cast                       |



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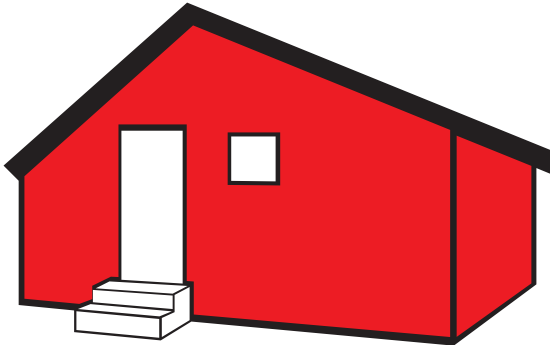
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