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Leader's Line...

A Lifelong Love of Fly Fishing Adventure

TOM OLSON, PRESIDENT

This is my first "Leader's Line" article as president of LBCC. I thought I would share my lifelong love of the outdoors, my fly-fishing background and why I really enjoy being a member of the Long Beach Casting Club, in order to connect with everyone. I grew up in Pacific Palisades just north of Santa Monica and south of Malibu. My parents loved the beach and the mountains, so my brothers and I grew up enjoying both. We camped, hiked, fished, surfed, sailed and stayed out of trouble. My brothers and I all became Eagle Scouts in our formative teen years.

Our fishing started on a trip to Minnesota with our uncle when we were about five years old, and continues today. In middle school, a friend's grandfather introduced us to fly fishing. In the early 1970's, we went to meetings at the Wilderness Fly Fishers in Santa Monica.

Cliff Wyatt had a fly shop in Santa Monica where we bought our fly-tying materials and tied flies on Saturday mornings at a park nearby. We bought our Fenwick rods from Fedco, a precursor to Costco. In our high school years, we were fortunate to spend 4-6 weeks every summer in British Columbia with another aunt and uncle. We did a lot of backpacking in the Coast Range and fly fished streams, rivers and lakes.

In our early college years in the late 70s, we learned to fly fish in the surf—the beach was our back yard. Someone suggested we visit Ned Grey's Sierra Tackle in Montrose. Ned took us under his wing, teaching us what we needed to know about fishing the surf with

a fly. We wrapped our yellow Fenwick rods, we used leadcore heads and Amnesia shooting line, and he taught us how to tie sand crab patterns for the beach and Deceivers for bonito. Ned took us to his local park to teach us the double haul. We made our first stripping basket with a plastic trash can on our hip. Ned was an inspiration and a great conservationist.

I went to Chico State the last two years of college and fished all over Northern California for trout, shad, bass and steelhead. I fished the Sacramento, Feather, Hat Creek, Fall, Pit, McCloud, Klamath and Trinity. I caught my first adult steelhead on the Trinity River in 1979.

In the 80s and 90s I fished all over the Northwest and Montana with a friend. He had a raft and we floated most major rivers and several famous lakes for big rainbows. In the mid-90s, I was very fortunate to have fished the Dean River for several years and to

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Club Trips for 2024

STEVE TIMM, 2ND 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
Nov 9-12	Northern California Steelhead w/Marc Bonvouloir Pre-trip Nov 2, 9:00 am

Trip locations, dates and pre-trips change, so monitor Target Talk or the Club's Web Calendar for the latest information. Deposits for trips which are "double occupancy", and require deposits in advance, are non-refundable. Should you 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.



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May Speaker: Dagur Gudmundsson

TONY DAUS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Our May Speaker is Fly-Fishing Guide **Dagur Gudmundsson**. Dagur hails from Iceland, and has supplied us with the following biographical notes.

"I started fishing at an early age while growing up on the windswept rock of Iceland. My parents often joke that they didn't get to see much of me during the warmer months, as any small stream or ditch would captivate my attention for weeks on end.

"When I was six years old, I received a fly rod for Christmas and started tying flies with materials from pulled-apart shoelaces and pillows, and the addiction we all know as fly fishing officially took hold. When my mom and I moved to California in 2005, I started bringing a six-piece rod to school everyday since it fit in my backpack, and I would take the bus and explore the warm-water ponds and freshwater creeks in the area. This was my first introduction to the fisheries of the Central Coast.

"I started guiding during the summer of 2014, in the West Rangá, one of Iceland's most productive salmon rivers, and home to the most beautiful brown trout in the world. I managed to work my way into the guiding community by starting as a dishwasher when I was 17, and fishing during my off time, and it didn't take long for my intense enthusiasm to pay off as I started filling in for other guides. In no time, I had a summer schedule filled with clients.

"Spending my fall, winter and spring on the Central Coast of California has allowed me to fish over 300 days a year for most of my adult life. I have explored much of what this area has to offer, and I now guide here for bass, carp, surf perch and striped bass. This area has some awesome fishing in some of the most scenic areas anywhere, with the most consistently mild weather you can ask for.

"Whether you want to stalk carp in ankle-deep water on the freshwater flats, or cast little sand crab imitations into the surf for perch, the Central Coast offers a year round fishery that should not be taken for granted, and should be utilized. I love sharing my love for the sport and the philosophy behind fly fishing, and creating awesome memories on the water.

"I'll be presenting 'Fly Fishing the Central Coast' to the Long Beach Casting Club. My focus will be on the unique fisheries of the stretch of land between Santa Barbara and Monterey Bay. From wide-open carp flats, crystal-clear mountain rivers full of white bass and spotted bass, to the surf and tide pools, the Central Coast has a lot of awesome fisheries, unique fisheries, and some big wild fish.

"The fly fishing options of the area are often overlooked, and when I started fishing here, there wasn't much information out there, except on the surf fishing and the steelhead fishing. So I spent countless hours and days putting in work hiking all the shorelines of the lakes of the area, looking for carp and bass, and fishing the salt: not just the beaches, but the tide pools, where you can go at low tide and target rockfish, cabezon, and ling cod in the shallows."

Join us Thursday, May 30, at 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse or by Zoom.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86481279189?pwd=GqDMoHAPVvGVX7ewV5SbBoSdDvMrVp.1>

Meeting ID: 864 8127 9189

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Fly Tying Forum May Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

April showers bring May fishing trips, so come to the Forum and tie some flies!



Cecil O'Dell starts us off with a collection of techniques and materials for tying extended-body mayflies—the emphasis will be learning a variety of different methods, rather than a single pattern.



Wayne Sakaguchi is up next with a great stonefly imitation, the Biot-Backed Stonefly. This pattern uses goose biots for both the tail and the wing case and can be tied in a wide range of sizes.



Dan Oliver will lead our mid-month session (welcome back Dan!); stand by for the pattern sheet from Shirley for Dan's class.

Next up, Jen Van Diest steps into the instructor seat to demonstrate Gary LaFontaine's Deep Sparkle Pupa. This killer pattern realistically represents the gas bubble that many caddis species use to rise to the surface during the hatch.



Matt Murdough wraps things up this month with a simple beadhead caddis pupa that's designed to fish deep, either by itself or as the weighted fly on a two-fly rig.



Anyone who would like to join our regular sessions at 7:00 pm every Wednesday, please email Shirley Sakaguchi (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) 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
5/1	Extended-Body Mayflies: Techniques	Cecil O'Dell
5/8	Stoneflies: Biot-Backed Stonefly	Wayne Sakaguchi
5/15	TBD: Check Pattern Sheet Emails	Dan Oliver
5/22	Caddis: LaFontaine Deep-Sparkle Pupa	Jen Van Diest
5/29	Caddis: Beadhead Caddis Pupa	Matt Murdough

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have caught some of the most amazing steelhead on the planet.

I'm sharing all this information to let everyone know that fly fishing has been a passion of mine, and I've had a lot of adventure in the great outdoors. I'm not an expert at any of it but I love everything about it. I'm hoping I can make an impact as the President of LBCC, and to share my excitement and listen to your stories about fly fishing. I believe our club, with the Clubhouse and Casting Pond, is a unique place to share those stories, learn from one another, and make the Club a positive, friendly and inviting environment for all of us to enjoy the world of fly fishing.



A New Board Checks in!

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

The new Board of Directors has been voted in, so I hope you'll join me in wishing them the best of luck this year. But first, let's acknowledge the outgoing Board members and thank them for their participation over the past year(s):

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:

- ❖ President Bob Mayfield
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary Blair Williams
- ❖ Senior Director Colin Kumabe

And now, congratulations to the new Board members:

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

- ❖ President Tom Olson
- ❖ Corresponding Secretary Craig Wiginton
- ❖ Co-Captain Keith O'Donnell
- ❖ Junior Director Bob Mayfield

Long Beach Casting Club New Members

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Paul Zachs of Fountain Valley
- ❖ Jeff Fueston of Lakewood
- ❖ Scott Harada of Irvine

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!

Fall River Trip, June 2024

MARC BONVOULOIR, MEMBER

For the fourth year, LBBC will be fishing the largest spring creek west of the Rockies—Fall River. More a river than a creek, this spectacular water is located an hour northeast of Redding in the shadow of beautiful Mount Shasta. The Fall River is a 21-mile-long tributary to the Pit River. It is a designated Heritage and Wild Trout stream. The cool clear waters of this world-class spring creek are fished from boats, casting 30-40 feet downstream with big dries or nymph rigs, tempting large rainbows along the bottom.



WHEN: May 28-June 1. Arrive Tuesday, depart Saturday. Four nights

WHERE: Circle 7 Ranch. Visit [The Fly Shop's](#) link to [Circle 7 Ranch](#) to see for yourself this incredible location on the river. There are five homes on the ranch. We will have the entire White House set up for a total of eight members.

WHAT: with four bedrooms and 2.5 baths, the White House has ample room for eight members to spread out and fish as much as you want. Amenities include satellite TV, wi-fi, central air and sundeck with BBQ. Rental boats are available each day. We will be guided the first day (Wednesday) on the nuances of fishing from boats on a spring creek. The Fly Shop in Redding will supply four guides. Early June has major hatches of mayflies and, if we're lucky, the largest mayfly



hatch, Hexagenia, will have us casting Size-8 dries to ravenous fish!

PACKAGE: \$822.44 per member includes 4 nights accommodations, shared guide for full day on Wednesday, shared rental boat for 2 days Thursday and Friday. This price is actually \$22 less than last year! \$422.44 is due on March 15, payable to LBCC. \$300.00 is due April 20, payable to LBCC, and the last \$100 is due to me by May 15 for rental boat for 2 days.

DINNERS: each member will have a partner to fish with, as well as to cook for the group of eight. At the pre-trip meeting, we will determine the meal each twosome will cook on each night. Groceries may be bought at Safeway in the town of Burney, about 20 miles before getting to the ranch. Lunch on Wednesday will be provided by the guide. Breakfast and lunch are on your own.

NOTES: drive time from Los Angeles is 9.5 hours. Other locations to fish include Hat Creek, Pit River, Baum Lake and McCloud River.

NOTIFICATION: if you want to go on this trip you must let me know right away. Space is limited to eight members and I will be putting together a wait list. [213-369-9525](tel:213-369-9525) or mrmlb21@gmail.com.

The Fly Shop

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Well, 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 9s and they are new in box! Completely unused. Brandy, dandy. Now all we have left are a few of the 9s—everything else is long gone. We have one used Hatch Pulse 9 as well. 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 \$800. The Club is going about half price at \$400 for the 9s. As a Hatch guide/pro staff I couldn't even get them at that low of a price! The used Hatch Pulse is \$250.

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.



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California Fly Fisher Magazine has New Life!

Famous Publication will Continue under New Team and Owner

MARC BONVOULOIR, MEMBER

I have been corresponding with Richard Anderson, publisher of California Fly Fisher for years, trying to get him to come down and present to the Club. I was saddened to hear last year that he ceased publication. I always send him a copy of Target Talk. He's my age and was tired. Below is a note I received from him.

"Hi Marc, I have a happy update: California Fly Fisher will continue publication under a new team and owner. They'll soon be mailing a letter to current subscribers that describes what's happening, so I'm not going to upstage their news here. I can say, though, that you should expect the magazine to relaunch this summer with a redesign and also a digital edition.

"Dang, I'm excited! They're going to do a great job. I think you'll like it.

" -Richard

"(Additional updates will likely be posted on <https://www.calflyfisher.com/>)."

SAVE THE DATE: "Teach the Teacher" to Teach the Double Haul

May 15 & 22, 2024 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

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

The LBCC will hold two sessions to "Teach the Teacher" to teach the Double Haul at the Pond:

- ❖ Session #1: Wednesday, May 15 starting at 7:00 pm. Teaching the fundamentals of the Double Haul, identifying loop path, haul motions and proper casting arm motions.
- ❖ Session #2: Wednesday, May 22 starting at 7:00 pm. Identifying problems and fixes for a bad Double Haul.

Everyone who participated in the Teach the Teacher sessions last year is well qualified to attend these sessions. Also, if you didn't get the chance to participate in the Teach the Teacher sessions, but you can consistently false cast a Double Haul at least 50 feet, then we consider you qualified and you are welcome to participate.

The Double Haul is an extremely valuable casting skill, which is applicable to many fishing situations. Because of this, many Club members have been asking for help with learning and improving their Double Haul. You should prepare yourself for the Teach the Teacher class by practicing your haul and analyzing your loops.

For more information, contact:

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Colin Kumabe ctkumabe@gmail.com
Joe Libeu fishlfgf@ix.netcom.com

CDFW Introduces License Application for Mobile Devices

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND
WILDLIFE

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is pleased to announce the launch of the CDFW License App for mobile devices.

The new application allows residents and nonresidents to display California sport fishing licenses and validations on their mobile phones and other mobile devices in lieu of a physical license.

Users may also download and view various CDFW online resources, including hunting and fishing regulations booklets and the Fish Planting Schedule, and access the Online License Sales and Services website.

Users can download the application on their mobile devices through the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) or by accessing the direct download links from [CDFW's License App web page](#).

VIDEO TUTORIALS

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***Thank you for Fishing in
California!***

Save the Date! Learn the Double Haul

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

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT

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. While this class is open to all members there are things that need to be understood.

Initial Student Considerations—here are some things you need to resolve with your equipment and, more importantly, an honest and truthful understanding and assessment of your current casting abilities. Nope, don't gloss over that last part. Here's why:

1 We are asking that all students be able to comfortably false cast 40'–45' with accuracy and control. The painted grid in the bottom of the pond is 10' x 10' and starts at 20' (the third stripe is 40'). Or, think about how well you can cast at the five staggered targets in the casting pond (20' to 50'). If you can't false cast (no, not the Pick-Up and Lay Down; you must false cast multiple times to each target including extending line) to at least the fourth one, then work on your casting first and take the Double Haul Class at a later date after your casting has improved. Very sorry, but you need to be able to cast comfortably so you can concentrate on learning something new. Besides, learning the Double Haul with that level of casting will not improve your distance at all, and more likely will decrease it.

2 Make sure your fly line is clean and very, very, very lightly dressed with a line dressing (wipe it on, let it sit for an hour or so and try to wipe it off!). Do not use dish detergent like Dawn to clean the line as it is too harsh and could strip away some of the line's coatings. Use a terry cloth hand towel and body wash or shampoo—even unscented baby wipes work. As for line dressings there are several available (SA,

Glide, Loon, etc.) that can be used—even ArmorAll will work.

3 If you use a 5-weight rod and happen to have a 6- or 7-weight rod, bring the line (should be clean and dressed) for the heavier rod and install it onto your 5-weight. Believe me, it can really help.

My apologies for being blunt in this regard, but the reality is that, if you cannot cast to the level requested, then you will not be able to effectively learn the Double Haul. The Double Haul is **NOT** a beginning ability and more likely beyond the intermediate level. Even if you manage to get the body movements correct, your casting will be insufficient to give you the benefit of any potential extra distance you could achieve. In fact, it usually gets worse!

This is why all of us casters are constantly encouraging each of you to come down to the Club and practice. This is particularly helpful if you do it when other, better casters are around (mornings during the week as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings) who can point out problems and fixes.

If you are at the level of casting suggested, we encourage you to show up and learn the Double Haul. If you have any questions you can contact me, John Van Derhoof at: lccbbeginningcasting@gmail.com. Look forward to seeing you there!





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 information contact Jim Garvey, [310-985-0761](tel:310-985-0761), jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net or Colin Kumabe, [562-221-9418](tel:562-221-9418), ctkumabe@gmail.com.

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. **Or: just click on the item description below.**

Use code **QG6ZKW8F**. Items for this month:

- ❖ [ASIN: B01N4N8OIZS UV Clear Glue](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B0C339H82Q Bond/Weld Glue](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B08K2JQDXX Mosquito Net](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B01MZ7UGLE IM12 Nano Rods](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B0CSYQKSD F Fishing Rod Holders](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B0CSYQFG9S Fishing Rod/Pole Rack](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B0C5LLPRW6 Tackle Organizer Box](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B075FRF4QM Waterproof Fly Box](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B07H33X4DR Fly Fishing Tippet](#)
- ❖ [ASIN: B0BSNDHD53 Fluorocarbon Tippet](#)

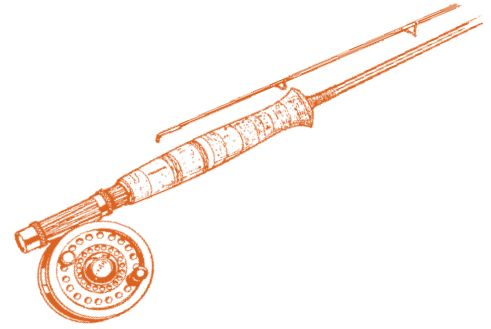


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Rod Building is Here!

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). The class is limited to 12 students. To reserve a spot, or if you have any questions, contact **Eddie Madrid** (562-537-9618 or netboy3@verizon.net).

CalTrout presents...





The International Fly Fishing Film Fest is back!

Pasadena – International Fly Fishing Film Festival 2024

Landmark Pasadena Playhouse | May 9th, 2024, 6:30-9:30 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm, show at 7:00 pm

[BUY TICKETS](#)

Eastern Sierra DFW Meeting

CHRIS LEONARD

Last Saturday, about forty to fifty community members gathered at the Tri-County Fairgrounds to attend a meeting hosted by the Eastern Sierra (District 6) California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). Local DFW fish biologist Nick Buckmaster spearheaded the presentation to educate the group, which consisted of local guides, marina operators and concerned citizens. Nick was accompanied by other DFW biologists, Hot Creek Hatchery staff and District 6 game wardens.

The message relayed was generally accepted as a very positive one as to how DFW is addressing concerns of a depleted trout population in the Eastern Sierra, particularly in the case of Crowley Lake. Nick has been made aware of the data provided to DFW by local guides and anglers alike, showing a consistent drop in numbers of trout caught in Crowley Lake. DFW has also been collecting data that correlates with numbers others have shared with them.

Most guides and recreational anglers will agree that the 2023 fishing season was the worst one seen on Crowley, ever. But Nick and his staff are taking a proactive approach to addressing the issue.

Buckmaster positively reported that stocking efforts in Crowley are bouncing back to pre-2020 fish stocking levels. Since 2020, the local hatcheries have taken a beating, mostly in the form of disease outbreaks that have led to the eradication of hundreds of thousands of fish. Nick has reported that the hatcheries are operating with healthy fish at this time, and a lot of the fish have already been stocked in waters around the region.

Crowley isn't the only benefactor of the uptick in stocking. Lakes like Convict Lake and Twin Lakes and a handful of others have also seen more fish added to the water.

Nick emphasized that the DFW's data clearly illustrates that of every species of trout, rainbow trout have had the most constant decline in numbers, and therefore stocking efforts are largely being concentrated on rainbow trout. But just putting fish in the lake isn't enough; tracking the progress of stocking is equally important. DFW is looking at new, creative ways to collect data on the health of the fishery.

Eastern Sierra (District 6) fisheries branch will begin to more aggressively collect data from anglers. Data no doubt will drive stocking. There was no discussion of regulation changes at the meeting; the conversation centered around increasing stocking.

Remember the angler survey cards in the rusty brown metal boxes? The local DFW department will implement "e-creels" for Crowley Lake this fishing season, where every angler fishing on Crowley will be asked to log into a website (details coming later from DFW) and report every day of angling. Their staff stated that they have the goal of rolling this same system of data collection out throughout the Eastern Sierra to other fisheries, hopefully as soon as 2025.

Nick elaborated that prizes for such logs as biggest fish or most fish caught will be awarded. DFW has \$10,000 for awards. The question was asked how DFW will also incentivize anglers who don't catch fish to report out also, as this is equally important. He replied that the Department is looking into rewards for categories like "hard luck" or "getting skunked." The Department understands it needs a well-balanced reporting system that logs not only fishing being caught, but also fish not being caught.

Other questions asked included whether the local hatchery will look at stocking in ways that allow fish to escape predator birds, that circle the hatchery trucks when fish are being put into the water. Staff is looking at logistically stocking trout away from feeding birds.

Another question asked was whether the Department can look to the Town of Mammoth Lakes or Visit Mammoth for assistance with funding the stocking

of fish, considering the millions of dollars spent in Mammoth Lakes that Crowley Lake generates every fishing season. It was pointed out that the Town of Mammoth Lakes collects a noticeable amount of Transient Occupancy Tax from guests who fish Crowley, but stay in Mammoth. The question, though it is a good one, received the response that the town most likely won't financially help DFW directly with their stocking efforts.

The general feeling from those in attendance at the meeting is that Nick Buckmaster is leading local stocking and data collecting efforts in the right direction. It looks like there is solid leadership at the CDFW Fisheries Branch regarding Division 6, and fish numbers should rebound. Even more, with back-to-back winters which produced healthy snowfall.

[Editor's Note: Chris Leonard has been guiding for trout in the Mammoth/Bishop area for years. He's also been a big force behind the Annual Owens River Cleanup, which has been going on in that area for years as well. I've participated in the Cleanup, and I can testify that it's amazing what comes out of the river. Chris is pictured below with the "haul" from the 2019 Cleanup; there are enough tires in that trash bin for a NASCAR race—Rob]



Future Superstar Fly Tiers!

A New Generation Makes its Presence Known at the Mountain Home, Arkansas Sowbug Roundup

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

I am head of the tiers for the Sowbug Roundup (similar to the East Idaho Tying event), held where I live in Mountain Home, Arkansas at the end of March each year. It is a three-day event and the highlight of my time on the last day was with two new young tiers: Willard and Freya.

Freya is 8, from Paragould, AR. According to her dad, she has been preparing all year to be able to tie at the event. I placed her just to the left of Tim Flagler.

Her Dad indicated she was really nervous, especially when the first few sat in front of her to watch her tie. She had Dad or Mom next to her for moral support.

Then Joe Jackson's daughter, Adalyn "Bear" Jackson, came over and Freya instantly calmed down while tying. They were best friends for the rest of the show. She even shoed her folks away and was talking with confidence to anyone who wanted to watch her tie!!

She was tying #16 wire midge/nymphs, smaller than a lot of the adults' flies! Way to go! I made sure she was able to meet and get a hug from Emily Whitlock.

She and her family left, super excited to return next year. I even encouraged her dad to get her to enter the tying contest for next year (Youth Division). Who knows, in the future we may have a new female Tim Flagler teaching us old folks how to tie. Stay tuned!

The other little guy who was an absolute hoot was Willard, just turned seven and our youngest tier! Willard and his Oma, from Yellville, AR came in on Friday. He was proudly carrying a sheet of tiers foam, holding a dozen flies he tied and was showing off.

I'd been told about Willard and was able to corner him and his Oma. I asked if he could come in on Saturday and tie. They came with added family support: in addition to his grandparents, his parents and even his great granddad showed up.

I made him a tent card and name badge, and sat him between Tim Flagler and me. He instantly was talking with anyone who walked by—not shy in the least.

I gave him some of my flies, and he tied one of his and handed it to me. I asked what it was called. He said it was a “Willard Bluegill Killer”. It had a chartreuse kip tail and dubbed body of chartreuse Ice Dub.

He then asked me to tie a fly with the materials he was using. I used a smaller scud hook with a bead, a bushier kip tail and a dubbing loop for a fuller body. When I handed it to him, he asked me what it was. I said "A bluegill fly". He indicated it looked like his!

I said yes, as he'd only allowed me to use the same materials he was using. He responded with “Can’t you be creative?” Ohhhh, the gauntlet was thrown.

I asked if I could use other materials. He said yes, but whatever I used he got to use! I added a little Coq de Leon tail, used some of his dark reddish-brown ice dubbing for a body, and finally added a brown Brahma hen hackle I had, as a collar. Kind of a Red Fox Squirrel Nymph (wet fly) look. He used the dubbing and tied in a full Brahma feather for a tail for a long-tailed Woolly Worm. Creative at 7 years old!

He then challenged me to create a fly with the least amount of materials, I said that is just a hook! He said **NO**, so back to work!!

I created a small midge with a fluorescent pink thread body and a small thorax of his chartreuse ice dub. As I took it out of the vise to hand it over, he called out “done”!

Then I realized: this was also a timed challenge, no less! As I sat my fly down in front of him, his fly still in his hand, he looked at my fly for a few seconds, and



announced “do-over” and put his fly back in the vise! I fell over laughing—what a character! Seems he has taken personality lessons from Steven Fernandez!

I took him to meet Emily Whitlock and she asked him what his favorite fish is. He said "Bluegill". She asked if he drank coffee. Of course not! he said, but he did drink cocoa. She gave him a mug with a bluegill on it for which Dave had done the artwork. Thank you, Emily!

Saturdays are sometimes slow, but not this year! Both kids were absolute joys to have at the show and I hope to see Freya, Willard, Adalyn and the rest of the “adult” tiers next year.





"Incredibly Strong" Steelhead Returns in Central Valley Rivers!

CDFW Reports Excellent Returns on the Mokelumne, Feather and American Rivers

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife recently announced that “California’s Central Valley rivers have seen incredibly strong steelhead returns this year.” This report only includes the Mokelumne River, Feather River and American River. Hopefully, other California rivers will report similar high numbers of returning steelhead.

Please check out the CDFW video with interviews of the CDFW biologists describing the increased fish counts:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kneINwu3zhg>

Looks like the future of steelhead fishing is looking better than good...**INCREDIBLE!**

Practice casting to catch more steelhead...and fish. Please see me at the next monthly meeting after you practice casting at the LBCC Pond and I will give you a raffle ticket.

See you at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond!



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Fly of the Month: Green River Recap, 2024!

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

He's baaaaccckkkk...okay, it's that time of year as I just returned from my annual trip to the Green River. And, as usual, I will substitute my Fly of the Month for a recap of my trip. This one was a bit different and for those going up in two or three weeks who think that my info will help them, well, it very likely won't—sorry.

This was my 13th year in a row going up to Dutch John and fishing the Green River. For 11 of those 13 I fished with Doug Roberts, owner of Old Moe Guide Service. A few years back, Doug sadly blew out his knee and I fished with Dano Bolton, another excellent guide. This year, Doug and his wife Shelley are wintering on the Texas Gulf Coast (I think last year's excessive winter was too much for them, like many others) and he suggested that I float with Cori-Alice Holladay. Thank you Doug, thank you, thank you!

As usual I started my journey by heading to Idaho Falls to tie flies at the East Idaho Fly Tying Expo. Some great tiers and a lot of friends to be seen. Our own Dan Oliver was up there to watch and I put in a word with the tying organizer about maybe sending Dan an invitation to tie next year. We'll see... Come Sunday morning and the usual snowfall, I jumped into the car and was off to Dutch John, Flaming Gorge Resort and a bit of fishing—weather permitting. The drive went smoothly despite occasional snow and cold weather. Got to Flaming Gorge Resort, checked in and, after visiting with a lot of my friends there, hit the river where it was cold, snowy and quite windy. Still I managed to farm one fish and landed a nice 17" rainbow. After only about 45 minutes it got too windy so I decided to call it a day. I was looking forward to the next day.

Many of the Club members know and have fished

with Cori-Alice. They have had nice things to say about her. She's a native North Carolinian, former teacher in Salt Lake City and Clemson grad and, for that reason, she has a nice Clacka with a bunch orange bits and stripes. She's also a damn good guide, fun to be with and very, very fishy.

For our first of three days floating we did the usual "A" Section. Since it was Monday and cold and snowing (of course it was, it's me we're talking about here), there

were no boats launching at 8:30AM and we only saw one craft, a raft, the entire day. We started the day fishing G2, which is a back eddy within sight of the "A" launch ramp and promptly landed about seven or eight fish. I was fishing a rig that Cori-Alice called a "suspended rig" for the first time and I must say it was very, very effective. I won't try to describe it here but I know many will be asking me later. We also fished a bounce/drop shot/Provo rig, streamers and dries to great

effect. But the best part of the day was the laughter.

I did some stupid stuff (normal for me) like hooking and landing a fish while holding my rod over my shoulder dragging the fly in the current, all while trying see where a fish was rising. I also demonstrated how I can't set a hook with my left hand when my "trained" trout hit my dry fly immediately after telling Cori-Alice I couldn't. I believe this and much more launched me into legendary silliness status and



our tummies and mouths hurt from laughing all day. It was great. We even finished fishing in the middle of a snow globe-like snow flurry at Dripping Springs! The results of the day were 30+ trout, mostly browns but with a bunch of some very nice 'bows mixed in, mostly on nymphs with a few tries on dries.

Day Two was a repeat of location but the results were a bit different as the weather improved slightly. We started at G2 but the previous day's pummeling meant many of the trout had fled or refused to play. On we went! Well, as the weather improved so did the fishing. While the numbers were the about the same, there were more aerial insects out there. We bounced (pun intended) between the suspended rig and the bounce rig getting bunches of fish from below, and then the noses started to appear. We tried one of my BWO patterns and watched it slide, no drag, between a half dozen fish within inches of it on multiple occasions, with total rejection. Aargh, the pain! Then came the 3C (Cori's Ciller (hard 'C') Cluster) and things changed. We had takes again and again, for another 30+ fish day. More stupid stuff on my part highlighted by me declaring "where did that boat come from", while a huge trout was sucking in my dry. While trying to execute a very belated hook set, I almost fell out of the boat backwards. I can still hear Cori shouting "**JOHN, JOHN, YOU**"! Ooopsie...my stomach still hurts from laughing.

Our final day started on the "B" Section. We launched at Ramp 1, fished the drop below the weir and then moved downstream. We got a bunch of fish along the way, mostly on a bounce rig. Then we got to Red Creek. She kicked me out of the boat and while I walked downstream, she easily navigated a tough rapid in technical, low water conditions (below 900 cfs). We continued with the bounce rig and then we saw noses. And backs. And tails. We caught a couple

of fish on dries and then we got to "the spot"! Dozens of fish rising in a strip about 150 feet long against the west bank. We caught fish after fish after fish there. Probably close to two dozen. **IT WAS FANTASTIC!** We still had a couple of miles to go and we kept our eyes open for multiple noses (not singles) but I didn't make another cast that day. Wow. On the first day Cori-Alice bent me. On the second day she broke me. On the third day she dang near killed this old fart! It was epic awesomeness...

The rest of my trip was truly anticlimactic. Got fish on Thursday and Friday as river traffic increased towards Easter. Not too many on dries but a lot on nymphs and the suspended rig I learned from Cori-Alice. A tip: take a **VERY** close look at what your guide is tying onto your line. You will learn a lot. And don't be afraid to ask questions!

A note on flies... Well, it was different and it is every year. The one thing you can count on is change. Floating with Cori-Alice it was essentially these four flies. The point fly on the suspended rig was either a Glo Bug (yes there were still spawning rainbows about and we matched the hatch) or a #22 midge with a red hot spot. That same fly was also used as a top fly with a Glo Bug below, and the other top fly used was a pale-bodied #22 BWO nymph. Finally there was the 3C midge-cluster dry. The only thing different I did while on my own was to use a Charlie Craven Jujubaetis (#22) with a dyed fluorescent-yellow peacock eye-barb body, and last year's hero dry, the FMAO Midge. Both of these have been in Target Talk.

Bottom line is a fantastic trip. Next is that, despite the fact that I will continue to float with Doug Roberts, if he isn't available I will float with Cori-Alice—in a heartbeat. She is great and, much more importantly, very, very fun! If you need a guide, consider her.



A Green River Sampler 2024



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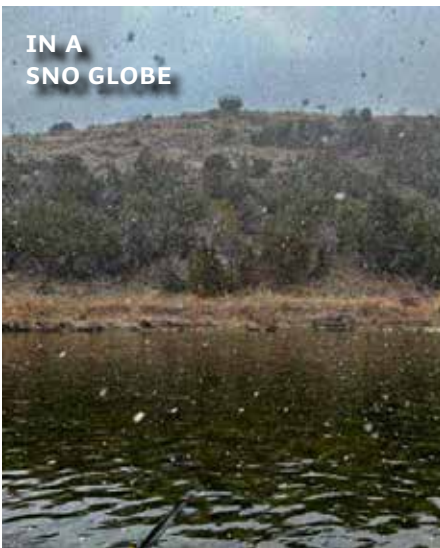
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May

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	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 Riptide Rendezvous Pre-Meeting
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum "Teach the Teacher" Double Haul
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
19	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Rod Building Session 2 Double-Haul Casting Class
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum "Teach the Teacher" Double Haul
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
25	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Rod Building Session 3 Double-Haul Casting Class
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	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

Calendar of Events Cont'd

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
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
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Thursday	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Forest Brizendine, Northern Ca Steelhead
29	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast

July

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
6	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Brookie Bash with Armando Palomares
7	Sunday	10:00 AM	Women's Casting
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
12-14	Weekend		Brookie Bash with Armando Palomares
13	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
20	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Thursday	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Luong Tam, Tenkara Fishing
27	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		1:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Yards & Inches with Mick Woodbury
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31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum Pre-Trip: 20 Lakes Basin with Jim Garvey



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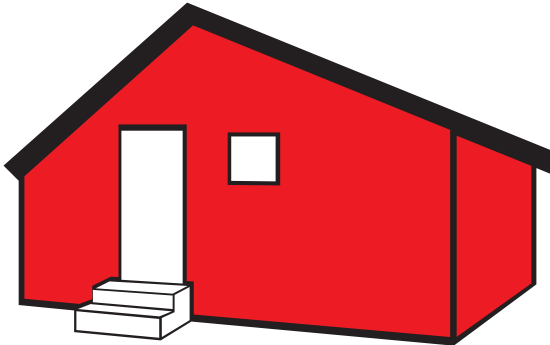
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