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Leader's Line...

Off to Sweden!

LBCC Casters are Competing in World Fly Casting Championships 2024

TOM OLSON, PRESIDENT

The US Fly Casting Team will compete in Åhus, Sweden in August 2024. There are nine members on the team, including three from the LBCC (Henry Mittel, Larry Allen and Tom Olson), two from the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club (Donna O'Sullivan and Joel Phillips) and three from the Oakland Casting Club (Alice Gillibert, Elaine Gong and Glen Ozawa). Whitney Gould from Craig, Montana will round out the team.

The WC is held every two years. Norway hosted the competition in 2022. Sweden was going to host in 2020 but all events were canceled due to the pandemic. 2018 was held in England.

I'm personally honored to be on the US Team and to represent our country and LBCC. I'm of full Swedish descent but haven't visited my homeland, so it will be a special trip in many ways. I've competed in two international events, Spey-O-Rama and the US Open at GGACC and met casters from Sweden, Norway, England and Scotland who will be at this competition. I'm also going to network and promote the 100-year US Open event we will be hosting at LBCC in August of 2025, to get international casters.

Both Sweden and Norway and several other European countries, have Fly Casting Foundations supported by their governments to help pay the cost of transportation. Both Swedish and Norwegian casters competed in San Francisco, and some of those casters have interest in coming to Southern California to our competition.

The competition has six events: three single-hand and three two-hand events. They include

Trout Accuracy (using those three-ring white hoops, like what we have in our pond), Trout Distance (everyone uses the same 5-wt line), Seatrout Distance (shooting head with mono running line),

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Club Trips for 2024

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
July 12-14	Brookie Bash w/Armando Palomares Pre-Trip June 29, 9:00 am
Aug 3	Yards and Inches w/Mick Woodbury Pre-Trip July 27, 1:00 pm
Aug 6	Local Tenkara Event 9:00 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 be sure to 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 would like to be a Streamkeeper and you need help organizing a Club trip, please be sure to email me and let me know. Also, please contact Steve Timm if you have suggestions for a Club trip or if you have any questions at:

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July Speaker: Forrest Brizendine

***Forrest will Cover Northern California
Fly Fishing Opportunities***

TONY DAUS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Our July speaker is **Forrest Brizendine** from **NorCal Fishing Guides** in Redding California. He has guided several Club members and is regarded as one of the most knowledgeable, hardworking guides in the region.



Forrest will discuss the variety of fly fishing opportunities that Northern California offers throughout the year. From chromers in the winter on the beautiful coastal rivers to steelhead, stripers and trout on the Sacramento River system, the region offers something for everyone. Forrest will discuss fishing opportunities in the area along with the seasons, flies, fly fishing techniques and fisheries.

Forrest is the owner and head guide of NorCal Fishing Guides and is a native of Northern California. His passion for fishing and the outdoors started at a young age, fishing with his father on the beautiful and abundant waters of the area. For the last 30-plus years he has fished the Northern California waters for the wide variety of gamefish that swim in the region's rivers, using a variety of fly fishing styles and techniques.



Join us Thursday, July 25, at 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse or by Zoom.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84219604492?pwd=nqU6azKEHhSEwHRevRH3mb36QaQlPZ.1>

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Fly Tying Forum July Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

July at the Tying Forum will be an eclectic mix, with everything from Catskill dries to Tenkara to Lance Egan streamers. We'll start off the month with an open tying night on July 3. Please bring whatever pattern or technique you're currently working on, and we'll swap advice on how to tackle it.

We have two new instructors this month! Tony Dycks is teaching a pair of classes. The first will cover "eyeless"-style Tenkara patterns, including the Takayama Sebasa Kebari and a Kurobe Kebari Variant.



Matt Murdough will lead another installment on classic Catskill dry flies—this time the Atherton "numbered" series. Much like the Adams, Jack Atherton's patterns were not designed to match a specific species of mayfly. Instead, he developed a series of variegated dry flies, wet flies and nymphs that ranged from light (the Atherton #1) to dark (the Atherton #7), but all quintessentially "buggy". Matt will demonstrate the original Atherton #5, and a #5 variant he's been tying and fishing since 1985.



Tony will be returning later in the month, on July 24, to teach a class on micro-patterns. He will be introducing the OB2Wanchironomie, a glass bead midge, as well as a "micro" version of the Stewart Spider. Tony has gone to the trouble of putting together complete slide shows to kick off his classes, so please join us and check them out!



Our second new instructor of the month will be Brett Van Diest. Brett is going to be showing us a killer streamer from **Lance Egan**, Shop Manager of **Fly Fish Food Fly Shop** in Orem, Utah: Egan’s Poacher. This is a weighted jig pattern, and it includes all those magic ingredients like pine squirrel, Semi Seal, and soft hackle that make for a life-like imitation.



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
7/3	Open Tying Night	None
7/10	Tenkara: Sebasa Kebari & Kurobe variant	Tony Dycks
7/17	Catskill Dries: Atherton #5 & variant	Matt Murdough
7/24	OB2Wanchironomie, Stewart Spider	Tony Dycks
7/31	Jig Streamers: Egan's Poacher	Brett van Diest

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Salmon Distance (15’-1” two-hand rod with a specific gram-weight head and mono running line, using an overhead cast on a deck), Spey Distance (15’-1” rod, Single Spey, Left Hand and Right Hand, no Snake Roll), and Spey Distance (We cast on a platform about 20” above the water, the women use a 16-foot rod, the men use up to an 18-foot rod. This is a Single Spey with either the right or left hand).

The US Team has been training extensively. Henry Mittel is our US Coach and the best all-around teacher for these events; we are very fortunate to have him in the Club and on the US Team. Henry is one of the best casters in the world.

Wish us luck, and we will do our best!

Long Beach Casting Club New Members

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Javier Guzman of Bellflower
- ❖ Mark Lies of Long Beach
- ❖ Mike Orroth of Manhattan Beach
- ❖ Mike Rey of Mission Viejo
- ❖ Peter Rodriguez of Torrance
- ❖ Dave Sorenson of Redondo Beach
- ❖ Dave Meyer of Torrance
- ❖ Rick Olson of Culver City

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!

Time for Some Brookie Bashing!

WHEN: July 12-14, 2024

WHERE: Eastern Sierras

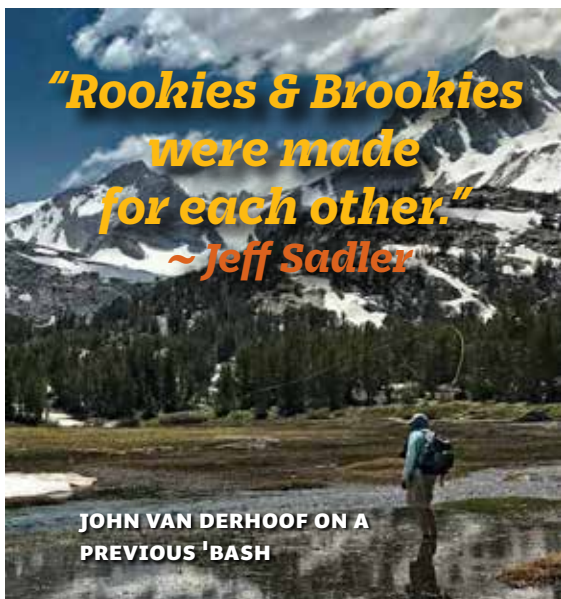
WHY: for the Sierra Slam (also known as the Sadler Slam). Try to catch five species of Trout, brook, brown, cutthroat, golden and rainbow on the same weekend.

WHAT: accomplish the Slam and be rewarded with the Club pin to acknowledge your achievement.

Pizza Party will be held at McGee Creek and 395 in the parking lot at 6:00 pm Saturday, July 13. BYOB and chair. Fish stories are optional. Please **RSVP** by July 1.

Also, there is a condo available to us this year, thanks to our past president Steve Jones. It's at a reduced rate and a great deal. Space is limited, so it's "first come first served". If you are interested in the condo or have any questions about the trip please call or text me at: #760-644-2755, or email me at: a.palomares@sbcglobal.net

Pre-trip Meeting is June 29, 9:00 am at the Clubhouse. **You must be an active 2024 LBCC Member to attend this trip!**



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Rusty Scores Big Again on the San Juan

RUSTY DRAPER, MEMBER

I just returned from the **Soaring Eagle Lodge** in New Mexico, fishing the San Juan River for six days. This lodge is right on the San Juan River. I have been going here for many years.

We caught the pictured fish using size 26 hooks, 5x tippet and a 4-weight, two-handed Burkheimer rod with an Abel 5/7 reel.

My guide, Rusty, and I drifted the river for six days and had a wonderful time. We fish this river several times a year. I will return in November for another six days of fishing.



Beginning Spey Casting is Here!

KEITH O'DONNELL, CO-CAPTAIN

The Club will have two separate beginning Spey casting classes this summer. The classes are taught by our very own John Van Derhoof, who is a **Masrter Certified Two-Hand Casting Instructor**. Each class is limited to ten different casters for that weekend, depending on the number of casters who sign up. More dates will be added if needed.

SESSION I

Saturday, June 29, 2024, 9:00–11:30 am. This will be general Spey instruction. Learn about casts, rods, lines, line systems, tips, leaders and fishing "how-to" techniques, as well as how to properly complete a Roll Cast, Double Spey and Snap C/T. These are the basic casts you need to start Spey casting.

SESSION II

Saturday, July 20, 2024, 9:00–11:30 am. This is to get folks casting the Single Spey and Snake Roll. These are more advanced techniques for Scandi and/or longer lines. These "Kiss-and-Go" single-move casts are more challenging, but are great fun and can be applied easily to single-hand use.

NOTE 1: Sessions will be added if the classes fill up, and casting days will be added for the session participants if they want additional instruction.

NOTE 2: The Club's four Spey rods can be checked out, but please bring your own switch or Spey rod if you have one. We will be happy to help you set up your rod, line, leader and birdy. If you need to check out a Club rod, please let me know when you sign up for the class.

These sessions are free; there is no cost. However, signup is required: Contact Tom Olson:

olsonbeach@gmail.com or 310-809-0409



LBCC Spey Line Class

KEITH O'DONNELL, CO-CAPTAIN

There is a lot of misinformation and confusion about two-handed fly lines. Here's a class where you will get accurate information and an excellent idea of the kinds of lines you should consider purchasing, and how best to use them.

On July 6, 2024, from 9:00 am until 11:30 am, John Van Derhoof will talk about two-handed lines, dispel a lot of misconceptions and provide a much-needed look into a rapidly growing part of the sport. John is a Master Certified Two-Handed Instructor and is answering caster's questions almost daily.

He'll discuss the categories of lines and how and why they're used. He will also talk about the leaders/tips that are attached to those lines.

If this sounds like something of interest or you are curious about aspects of two-handed casting you might not know about or understand, then here's a great opportunity.





LBCG 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.

Scouting Fly Fishing Merit Badge: Instructors Needed

KATHY WAHL, MEMBER

Summer camp time is here and on behalf of the Long Beach Sea Base, the Club will be teaching the Fly-Fishing Merit Badge. We need volunteers to teach our youth about this wonderful sport. The two sessions will be:

July 15-18 (8:45 am-12:00 pm)

July 29-August 1 (8:45 am - 12:00 pm)



The subjects include:

- ❖ Safety and First Aid
- ❖ Fly Tying
- ❖ Equipment
- ❖ Regulations
- ❖ Leave No Trace
- ❖ Casting and Fly Fishing at El Dorado Park

If you'd like to help, please contact Kathy Wahl: phone: [714-721-3022](tel:714-721-3022) email: knbwahl@socal.rr.com.



Free Beginning Casting Classes This September

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club will be offering a Beginning Casting Clinic this September. This is a condensed (no orientation but no shortening of casting) version of previous clinics. The class is taught by John Van Derhoof, who is a **Master Certified Casting Instructor**. The class will get our students started in discovering the joy of fly casting and fly fishing. It will be held on four consecutive Tuesday evenings. The clinic is free and open to all.

SESSION 1

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 7:00–9:00 PM.

You will learn the proper method of performing the Pick Up and Lay Down Cast.

SESSION 2

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 from 7:00–9:00 PM.

Review the Pick-Up and Lay Down Cast and learn the False Cast.

SESSION 3

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 from 7:00–9:00 PM.

Review the Pick-Up and Lay Down and False Cast. Then we will learn how to mend line to make us better fly fishers and fish catchers. The mends will be the Pile Cast, Reach Mend and the Reach Mend but with slipping line. We may also try the Roll Cast.

SESSION 4

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 7:00–9:00 PM. Briefly review the Pick-Up and Lay Down, False Cast, Line Mending. Then we will spend more time with the Roll Cast. You will then learn to extend line while false casting and, finally, we will work on a couple of other fishing mends.

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

Coming this Fall: Crowley Club Trip

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Club trip to Lake Crowley is approaching fast. If you would like to have space in the Club condo, please email Steve Timm at srtimm20@hotmail.com. Of course, you are also free to arrange your own lodging, if that is your wish.

The trip is October 2 through October 6. We will arrive on the 2nd, and leave on the 6th. The pre-trip meeting will be on September 28, at 9:00 am, in the Clubhouse.

Crowley fished pretty well for a group of us who went up in May. But we will have the opportunity to fish plenty of other lakes or streams in the area if Crowley doesn't produce.

Come out to Crowley with us. With any luck, you will end up with a fish in your net just like the one below.



Crowley Area Fishing Gets a New Friend

Crowley Fish Foundation Will Help Provide Memorable Fishing Experiences in the Eastern Sierra

CHRIS LEONARD; CFF BOARD MEMBER

Crowley Fish Foundation (CFF) is a volunteer based organization, dedicated to preserving the region's reputation as a world-class fishing destination. CFF represents all angler types and encourages everyone to experience excellent recreational fishing, through increased fish stocking, education, conservation and fishing events.

The mission of Crowley Fish Foundation is to work with public and private organizations to maintain an exceptional fishing experience for all types of anglers. CFF is focused on raising funds for supplemental fish stocking throughout the region's lakes and rivers, educating anglers about fishing opportunities and proper fish care and partnering with governmental agencies, groups and businesses.

The organization supports tournaments and youth fishing events. CFF works with other stakeholders to maintain the area's position as a prestigious fishing destination.

CFF is in the beginning stages of operation, and is currently composed of a diverse board represented by recreational anglers and fishing guides alike. Board members reside throughout the Eastern Sierra and Southern California,

The organization has the realistic goal of obtaining 501c3 (tax-exempt non-profit) status within the next 12 to 18 months. While it is currently not a tax-exempt organization, the Foundation is soliciting donations to ground itself as an established 501c3 organization and begin supplemental fish stocking in Crowley Lake and its tributaries.



The volunteer members of the board are asking you to help the organization to help improve fishing in the Crowley Lake region. It is our universally-shared objective to bring back and maintain Crowley Lake and its tributaries as an elite, world-class fishery by supplementing the fish stocking efforts of DFW with additional fish.

The organization and its board members operate with clear transparency. We will gladly take donations to begin supplementing fish stocking. Our link is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/crowley-fish-foundation?qid=eb36b0eb79fe015460141e880c81f519>.

Current board members:

- ❖ Chris Leonard
- ❖ Joe Contaldi
- ❖ Matt Rodrigues
- ❖ Ernie Gulley
- ❖ Hodges Glass
- ❖ Andre Nersesian
- ❖ Danny Corral



Fall River 2024 Recap: What a Spawn!

MARC BONVOULOIR, MEMBER

They say the mind is the second thing to go. I won't postulate what the first is—I'll let you decide. Thinking this was our fifth club trip up north to the Fall River, I researched the number of recaps I wrote and could only find three. OK, so this is our fourth trip up there. Because the place is so darn beautiful I wanted to feel as though we've been going there way more than we actually have. And this year did not disappoint.



Eight members from LBCC—five newbies—made the trek to northern California and the Circle 7 Ranch for three days of glorious fishing. The weather was perfect. Cool mornings with highs in the 70's to low 80's and enough wind to keep the mosquitos down, so we could eat dinners outside under a spacious gazebo.

Day one had our four guides meet us at the ranch. After motoring upriver a couple of miles we noticed a lot more fish in the river. Last year's abundant precipitation allowed for a huge rainbow spawn. The river was loaded with 9-12 inch fish, which we hadn't seen in the past. And were they aggressive! And hard fighting for their diminutive size! The future of this



river is secure. These fish will grow six inches in the next year and be super fighters in 2025.

On Days Two and Three we used the john boats provided by the ranch to go where we wanted and fish as the guides taught us the previous day. News flash—it's way harder to fish without a guide! Super-clear water and technical fishing for picky eaters is a recipe for frustration but we caught some. This is not 40-fish days like on the Green River, but the sense of accomplishment when you hook a couple is glorious.

Accommodations, camaraderie and dinners were fantastic. Each member twosome cooked one night for all and the meals were incredible. Spaghetti with elk meatballs, burgers, world famous chili and pork chops were on the menu for four days—wow! We all agreed we ate better at the ranch than we do at home. Drinking, eating, tying flies and laughing the whole time was the cherry on top of a great trip to one of Northern California's most beautiful fisheries.



Streamside Etiquette

A Matter of Space...

GUY MANNING, LBCC PAST MEMBER



Ultimately, Fly-fishing is something of a reclusive sport. The time we spend on-stream is mostly spent with ourselves. Of course going fishing with our buddies is often much of the attraction for the trips we take, but it still comes down to the lone individual involved with their own thoughts. One person against the fish; one person against the river; one person against nature. It is therefore fitting that the rules of streamside etiquette reinforce the solitary quality of our sport.

These rules exist as a principle of common courtesy and respect between human beings, and as a means of protecting the solitude each of us attempts to obtain when we are on the stream. In their most basic form the rules of etiquette can be summed up by **"The Golden Rule"**, in that we should consider if our actions, performed by another to us, would disturb or adversely affect our enjoyment of that moment on the stream. Space is the key here. Allow others the space to enjoy the sport. Crowding is akin to invading, and is considered ill-mannered.

Here are some precepts to consider when you are looking for your bit of solitude:

The first person to be fishing any particular water feature (run, riffle, flat, pool etc.) in effect owns that feature from head to tail. If you wish to fish it you must go to another area until they are done or, you may choose to sit and watch until they are done. The latter choice assumes they plan to give the spot up to begin with. The exception to this rule is wet fly fishing for Salmon and Steelhead in which case the pool is rotated (as discussed below). Never get into a stretch of water that is already being fished without asking the permission of the person fishing it. Never cast into a stretch of water that is already being fished without first asking. These rules also apply to an angler who is studying a stretch of stream or resting a stretch of stream. That person arrived first; it should be considered their water.

The person fishing upstream has the right of way and should be given a wide berth by the person fishing downstream. Fishing upstream usually means dry fly and wading against the current. The person fishing

downstream, usually fishing wet, is in more of a position to be seen by the fish (downstream fishing will cover and disturb more water than upstream), and therefore has a greater chance of spooking the fish. If the downstream angler works in too close to the upstream angler, he can put the fish down or spook them so they scatter both up and downstream. One spooked fish can spook others as it darts into their holding lies. This can ruin the fishing for both participants. The ideal action in this situation is for the downstream angler to get out of the water well above the upstream angler (leaving a generous amount of un-fished water for the upstream angler) and quietly go around to a spot downstream of the upstream angler.

If two people are fishing upstream and the one further downstream is moving upstream faster than the other, then that person is to get out of the water and move well upstream of the slower angler (leaving them plenty of un-fished water). It would be considered extremely gracious if you were to let the slower angler know that you were moving around them and how far you planned to go before re-entering the water.

When near other anglers you must wade as quietly as possible and make every attempt to pass sufficient distance from the angler and their fish. When walking along a bank, make every effort to walk well away from the water that is being fished so as not to spook the fish with your presence. Choose your clothing colors for the area you will be fishing. Try to wear something that blends in with the natural surroundings. White, highly reflective, or loud colors will stand out to the fish and could put them down for you and others.

If you are fishing a small stream (less than 100 feet across) never start fishing directly across the stream from someone else, they could be working the opposite shore that you just walked up to. A good rule of thumb is to stay at least twice the length of a long cast away from someone else on a small stream.

Now some of these rules bend to the situation. If you are fishing with a close friend then your friend may not care if you are both in the same pool. Most of the time though you will probably be leap-frogging your way up or down the stream, alternating holding waters between the two of you. If you are on an extremely crowded stretch of water then the distances between anglers will diminish. The important thing in crowded situations is to allow as much room as possible between the two of you, and to not disturb the other person's fish. If the other person has a fish on, and needs to come up or downstream into your area, it is acknowledged that you should reel in and yield to the person with a fish on.

As mentioned above, the only time it is acceptable to cast into a stretch of water already being fished is on a large river when pursuing Salmon or Steelhead. In this case you are usually fishing wet and casting quartered downstream. When others are waiting to fish the same water; the practice is to make 1 cast, fish it out, and then take a step or 2 downstream. You then repeat the sequence and move a few steps down stream again. You keep this up until you reach the end of the fishable section. After you have proceeded downstream far enough (100-200 feet, or as the conditions allow) the next person in line to fish may start doing the same routine above you. In this way under the right conditions on a large river, you might have numerous people fishing the same stretch of water. If someone hooks a fish, the others are expected to reel in while the fight is on (remember these are big fish). If the fish is landed, the angler is expected to leave the river and go to the rear of the line. If the angler loses the fish, everyone returns to their former spots and continues the cast-fish-step downstream routine. The angler who lost the fish is allowed to continue fishing. Once you reach the end of the fishable area, you return to the end of the line.

If you attempt to fish the exact same spot twice you may well be challenged by the people in line, so play fair and take those steps between your casts.

You also want to consider the space between you and any other anglers when float-tubing. Here the problem is a bit different because the tuber may be constantly moving. You need to frequently check behind you, to assure that you will not cross anyone's fishing area. Realize that many anglers in tubes use sinking line, and understand that as much as 40-60 feet of their line is subsurface and that you need to stay away from it (crossing above a sinking line is the same as crossing over a floating line). Tubers should be able to make an unobstructed cast in any direction without having to fish around someone.

When tubing, do not forget to watch out for the shore angler. Getting too close to the people fishing from shore is considered an invasion of their water. It can also be dangerous if you get hit with a misguided weight, hook, or spinning lure. Again, etiquette comes down to a matter of space.

As for socializing on the stream: Any one may or may not talk to another, if they so wish. It is not considered rude to greet another angler or ask how the fishing goes. It is also not considered rude to pass by without a word. What is considered rude is to engage the other person in a long-winded bragging fest. Since fly-fishing is not a competitive sport, the other person will probably care little about how good an angler you think you are. The other angler would really rather fish. At the same time do not be afraid to share with others on the stream. Of particular importance is to help the beginners. A shared technique or particularly successful fly can go a long way towards keeping someone in the sport.

Lastly, stream etiquette demands that you treat the environment with respect. A sure way to anger many anglers is to litter the stream. Pick up all of your own litter and some of someone else's. Try to leave the stream cleaner than when you arrived. Choose the fly-

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Recordings of LBCC Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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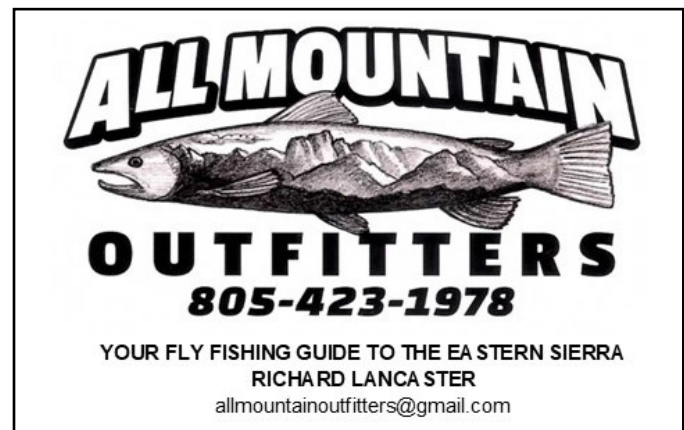
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Green Drake Mayfly on the Deschutes River, Oregon

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The Deschutes River in central Oregon is famous for the Salmon Fly and Golden Stone hatches starting in late May. The green drake mayfly is also worth considering when fishing the Deschutes River.

The green drake on the Deschutes River is a size 6 dry fly. That's right...size 6, not 16. Each of the flies is equivalent in food value to more than a dozen size 18 mayflies.

Here's a photo of the green drake I brought home from the Deschutes River, after fishing on May 31 this year. Tie a bunch of these and get over to the Deschutes River. But first, practice your casting at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond. You will need to make many casts on the Deschutes in the wind.

See you at the Pond! If you practice your casting, then see me at the Club meeting this month for a raffle ticket.



COLIN'S GREEN DRAKE

Fly of the Month: Fuzzball Caddis

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

As we approach the summer months more and more species of insects will require imitations. One of my favorite insects is the caddis. Nervous, skitchy, with the unnerving ability to find noses, ears, the inside of your mouth and especially inside your shirt (don't squash!), these are some of the most important bugs we get to fish over. For this reason I will offer a very fuzzy: Fuzzball Caddis.

What I love about fly tying is that we as tiers can opt to tie perfect imitations of our "bait" or go a bit crazy and tie something "representative". Think of it like the Realism Movement in art versus Impressionists and Fauvists. This fly is more Monet, Matisse and Van Gogh than Courbet and Manet. And there's a reason for that.

Caddis are nervous little beasts—seemingly in constant motion. Many ascend swiftly through the water column to emerge and almost instantly fly away. When they come back to the water to lay eggs and/or die, they are not still on the water's surface. Their wings flutter and whirl, and when tying a fly that imitates this movement by tying in a way that there are few defined lines and edges, just like an Impressionist painting, we better imitate reality. Can you say "fuzzy"? By tying the fly in this fashion we create the illusion of that constant motion. Fish react to shape—like spurning your imitation of a mayfly with fully upright wings while eating your friends emerger with a down wing. They react to motion as well, as in "fight or flight", or more accurately in this case: "eat or retreat". But don't confuse that kind of motion with drag. That's almost always a problem!

There are several imitations floating around out there similar to this month's fly—this is my interpretation. It stems from the material I have at hand and the way I like to tie. Out here in the west we have several different caddis genera to imitate, but the primaries are probably *Hydropsyche* (tan or brown), *Rhyacophylla* (bright green), *Brachycentrus* (dark olive) and *Glossosoma* (small and black). We also have our dark gray sedge emergences on Hot Creek and the Owens.

Tie up some of these Fuzzball Caddis and enjoy using them when an epic caddis hatch erupts around you!

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE FUZZBALL CADDIS

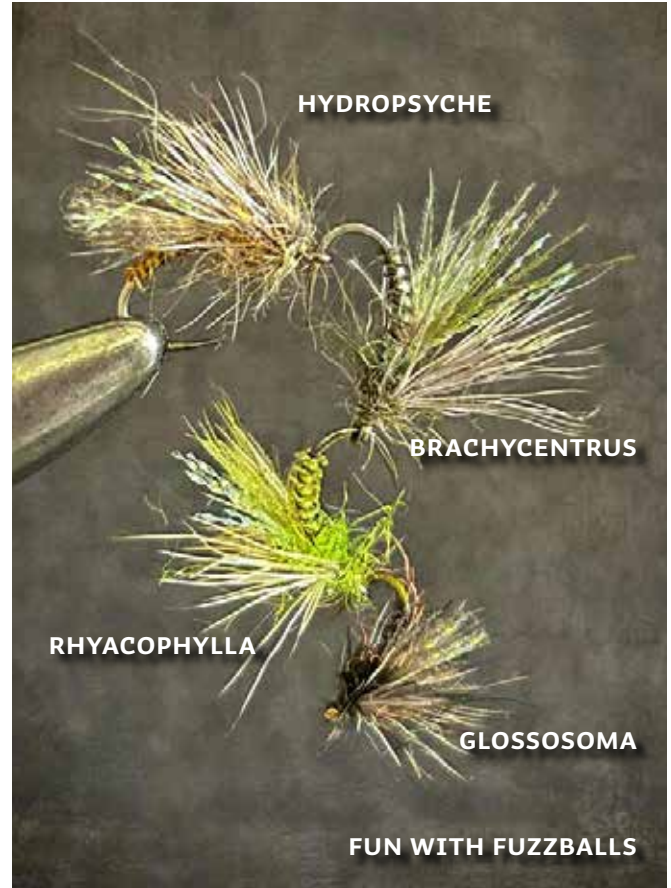
- Hook:** Firehole #317 (curved) or any standard dry fly hook; #12–22
- Body:** Turkey biot; color to match
- Underwing:** Natural CDC with half dozen pearl Micro Flash over it
- Thorax:** BRF (Blue Ribbon Flies) Zelon Dubbing
- Overwing:** Comparadun quality Deer Hair
- Head:** Body dubbing mixed with dark squirrel dubbing; 50:50



A FUZZBALL
HYDROPSYCHE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE FUZZBALL CADDIS

1. Okay, let's start by inserting the hook into the vise and attaching your thread behind the head space. Advance the thread down the shank. Where you stop depends on the hook. On a straight hook, stop at the bend, and with a curved hook, stop about halfway to where the curve bends sharply towards the hook point. Select a turkey biot (see **NOTES**) of the color that matches your hatch and tie it in. Wind the biot forward to the thorax and tie it off. If you want durability lay a very thin coat of Zap-A-Gap on the shank before winding. Don't use or cover with UV resin! It's not a glue and won't cure underneath, and on top it will ruin the fuzzy aspect of the fly.
2. On larger flies (#18 and up) I will tie in a CDC plume, laid flat over the body and extending the slightest amount beyond. On smaller flies I tend to skip this step, but you certainly can if you want to. Now tie in about four to six strands of pearl Micro Flash over the top of the CDC, and the same length. Both of these materials should emerge from your thread right where the body meets the thorax, and your thread should be at this point before the next step.
3. Apply dubbing to your thread, making a short, very loose and fuzzy dubbing noodle. Now wind this dubbing forward over the rear half of the thorax. Leave the front half alone and only covered with the initial thread base. The dubbing wants to look spiky, wild and fuzzy!
4. Select a small amount of Comparadun-quality deer hair—about half what you would use on an Elk Hair Caddis. Stack the hair and measure its length so that it only just extends beyond the underwing of CDC and Micro Flash. Now trim all but 1/16" of the butt ends. Tie down the deer hair right where the thorax dubbing ends, winding through the butt ends to anchor it. Do not let it roll around the shank—keep it on top of the hook.



5. Last bit...select your dubbing material color, mix if you are using two colors and set it down on your bench, within easy reach. Counterspin your thread and get it as flat as you can. Drag the thread over your index finger pad or thumbnail, flattening it further and, with your bodkin, separate the thread into two parts. Please, do not stab yourself and draw blood—yikes!

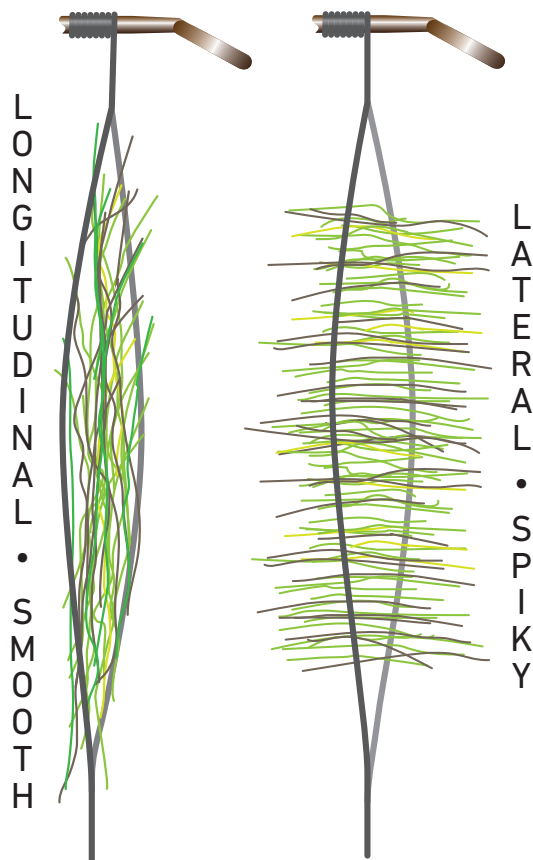
With the thread separated, grab the dubbing and insert it between the two strands of thread (see **NOTES** below about Carding). Spin your bobbin holder clockwise, to tighten the twist, and lock the dubbing between the thread halves. It should look like a hair hackle. Now wind it towards the eye while stroking the material rearward. Add a tiny head and whip finish. Use a dubbing roughing tool to comb the head towards the rear and **DO NOT TRIM** stray hairs. Then find a hatch and cast!

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Fuzzball Caddis...Continued from page 17**NOTES:**

I buy **TURKEY BIOTS** from a friend in Oklahoma (Magpie Materials) and he sells them as a pair—left and right. I use mostly right-side biots and I tie them in and wind them with the cupped side up. This allows the herl on the trailing edge to stand proud and not get covered by the following wrap. When I don't want the herl edge, I use the left-side biots with the cupped side down. Lefties can do the reverse.

CARDING dubbing is an essential part of fly tying. It is the act of pulling sections of the dubbing away from the bunch and setting back on top until all of the dubbing is aligned in roughly one direction. This can be done longitudinally/lengthwise for slim-dubbed bodies, or it can be done laterally/crosswise, which for a fly like the above is perfect for inserting into split-thread or dubbing loops for shaggy- and fuzzy-appearing bodies.



Hooks, in this instance, are more a personal choice and less a practical one. Any standard dry fly hook could be used for this style of fly. I prefer to use a curved hook. Why? I like the way it looks but also, and I have no way of proving this, I feel that they tend to rest on the water more back-end heavy/lower. More like an emerger would. Think about how a Klinkhåmer looks in the water—hook and body down and that is exactly what Hans was going for when he designed and tied it. My personal choices of hooks for this fly are: Firehole #317, Daiichi #1180, TMC #2488 or #2487, but a straight-shanked dry hook like a TMC 100 is fine.

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PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

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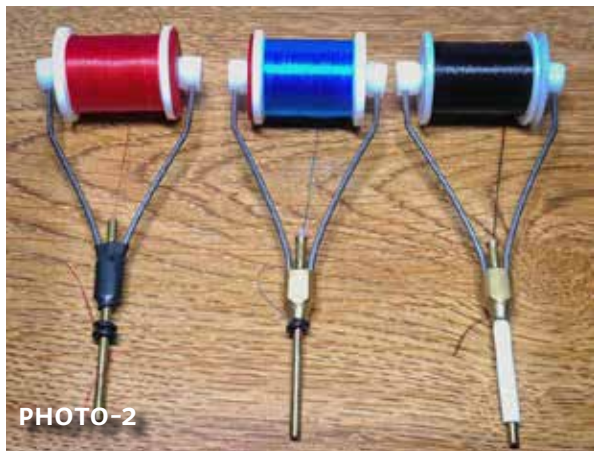
Fly Tying Tip: Thread Keepers II

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

A few months ago, I gave a tip on keeping your thread neat, especially as you travel, using some plastic tubing (right side of **Photo-2**). I found an alternate way that is easier and cheaper by using O-rings. I came across a box of O-rings at Harbor Freight. Something like 225 rings for less than \$5.00 (**Photo-1**).



There are about 50 of the smallest three sizes (A005-A007) that fit on my bobbin holder tubes (middle and left side of **Photo-2**). If you want to be "continental", they also come in metric sizes. You only really need one ring (middle holder), but if you are one who misplaces stuff easily, put on an extra one before you thread the holder (left side **Photo-2**). That way you have a spare or can give it away to another tier if you want to, or replace the "oops" when you lose the first one.



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fishing products that you buy by the impact they will have on the stream. Many items, like stick-on strike indicators should be avoided because they could end up coming off the line and become stream litter, or end up in a fish's stomach.

If you respect the other people's space and their right to the solitary experience, you will often be teaching others by example. The more we, as anglers, respect one another's space the more enjoyment we can expect from our time on the water.

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A Good Listen!

Latest Cal Trout Podcast Puts Spotlight on Endangered Southern California Steelhead

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

In 1977, Southern California steelhead received federal Endangered status. The State of California has lagged far behind. But in April of this year, the State finally **declared the Southern California steelhead an endangered species.**

The latest episode of Cal Trout's "Fish, Water, People" podcast highlights the effort to gain Endangered status for this amazing species. One of the main players in this fight has been **Sandra Jacobson**. Sandy is Cal Trout's Regional Director for South Coast and Sierra Headwaters, and has been a **speaker at the Club**. Listen to her thoughts on the latest Cal Trout Podcast: **A Historic Win for Southern Steelhead**

Calendar of Events

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	Spey Line Class
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
15-18	Week	8:45 AM	Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge Session
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	Spey 102: Single Spey and Snake Roll 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: Forest Brizendine, Northern Ca Steelhead
26-27	Weekend		CI Certification at LBCC
27	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		1:00 PM	Pre-Trip: Yards & Inches with Mick Woodbury
29-1	Week	8:45 AM	Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge Session
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Pre-Trip: 20 Lakes Basin with Jim Garvey

August

1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
3	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
			Yards & Inches with Mick Woodbury
5	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	9:00 AM	Local Tenkara w/ Art Strauss
		7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
8	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
8-11	Weekend		Twenty Lakes Basin w/ Jim Garvey
10	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
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27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Glenn Ueda
31	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast

September

2	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			Teach the Teachers: Beginning Fly Casting
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
7	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
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		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Crowley Lake w/ Steve Timm



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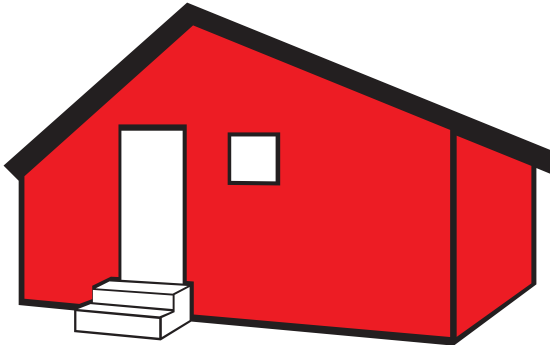
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