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Leader's Line...

World Championship of Flycasting

TOM OLSON, PRESIDENT

The World Championship of Flycasting took place in late August in southern Sweden. The participating countries were Sweden, Norway, Estonia, Italy, Great Britain, Spain, Japan and the United States. There were nine casters on Team USA, including four Long Beach Casting Club members: Henry Mittel, Larry Allen, Whitney Gould and Tom Olson. All four of these LBCC members came home with an impressive number of medals.

Chris Korich, the president of the American Casting Association (ACA) and a casting historian, commented that the Team achieved a milestone in the ICSF (International Casting Sport Federation) World Casting Championships. These championships date back to 1957.

That is an amazing accomplishment for Team USA, the ACA, and LBCC on the world stage. It takes commitment, practice, support from one another, mental toughness and luck when it's your turn to cast. Henry had two gold medals, two silvers and one bronze. Larry Allen had three golds, two silvers, and two bronze. Whitney won three silvers and two bronze. A bronze medal went to Glen Ozawa in Accuracy. Glen is a member of the Oakland Casting Club.

This was my first World Championship. I participated in all six events and did ok in several. As some of you know, Spey casting is what I love to do. I was fortunate to get in the Spey finals and make it to the podium. I came home with a silver medal in the 15'

Men's Veteran Spey Cast for the Team and the Club. I'm proud of this personal accomplishment.

When I started participating in casting events, I was always near the bottom or very last. My first Spey-O-Rama, I was twelfth out of 12, but Colin taught me to look at my score as my "personal best". That is what I've done to stay motivated to continue participating. I'm hoping I can inspire more members to participate in our LBCC 2025 events: Eighth Annual Spey Tournament, the Southwest Tournament and the US Open.

I want to thank Henry Mittel for all the time he spent teaching me technique and equipment; Henry met with me three times a week to practice. Whitney and Larry also encouraged me along the way. I'm willing to help anyone who needs it; this is what the Club is all about.

In the coming months and year, we will be encouraging more of you to come join us to learn how to cast in these events, and sign up to challenge yourself and

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Club Trips for 2024, 2025

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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
Jan 9-12 2025	Lower Owens #1 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett Pre-Trip Jan 4, 9:00 am
Feb 6-9 2025	Lower Owens #2 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett Pre-Trip Feb 1, 9:00 am
Mar 6-9 2025	Lower Owens #3 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett Pre-Trip Mar 1, 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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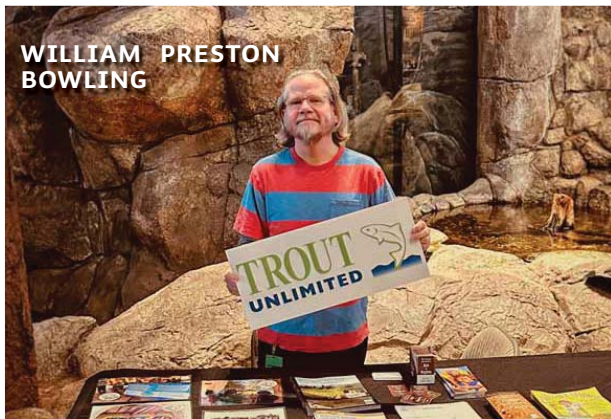
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October Speakers: Trout Unlimited

South Coast Chapter 923 Tells us About the Los Angeles River

TONY DAUS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Southern California Trout Unlimited will be giving a PowerPoint presentation with Q&A at the next meeting. Subject: "The Los Angeles River—Past, Present and Future". Join Bob, Karen and Bill as they talk about what's in store to create a possible steelhead passage and the \$4 million grant (The largest ever to a Trout Unlimited chapter) to daylight a portion of the Los Angeles River, and create access to an underserved community.



WILLIAM PRESTON BOWLING
CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Bill created the first ever catch-and-release fishing derby in the Los Angeles River in 2014, and has been hosting the L.A. River Fishing Workshop for kids 16 and under ever since. As a project manager at Friends of the LA River (FoLAR), he created the L.A. River Fish Studies in partnership with Trout Unlimited.

KAREN BARNETT
BOARD MEMBER

Karen is a key SCTU advocate for the steelhead passage, working with other environmental groups to make a portion of the river adjacent to Paramount's



Dills Park into a "steelhead oasis". Also a member of the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council, Karen works on committees that keep wildlife and access in harmony with one another.

BOB BLANKENSHIP
PAST-PRESIDENT

Bob worked as a leader in the Long Beach Fish Study at Willow Street and the Fishing Line Recycling Program in Atwater Village. He is on the team with Karen to help restore steelhead access and passage on the river in the City of Paramount.

Join us Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse or by Zoom.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84587209535?pwd=6e7xQuJ5EoOmfUvylLaafxCotrTVvJ.1>

Meeting ID: 845 8720 9535

Passcode: 880271



Fly Tying Forum October Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

Welcome to the October LBCC Fly Tying Forum! After a month off chasing some chrome, we're back to tying trout flies. We'll start the month off with an open tying night—bring in whatever you're working on, and we'll see if we can help each other tie it better.



Jeff Gross will teach a class on an old standby: the Matuka. These lovely streamers originated in New Zealand and were first tied using feathers from the now-protected bittern, or "matuku" in the native Maori language. Nowadays they are often tied with hen hackle or a variety of game-bird flank feathers.



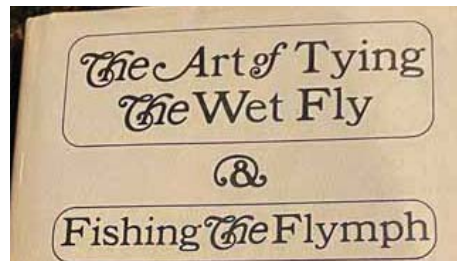
Cecil O'Dell will lead a session on the diminutive Trico. Trout can be frustratingly selective when rising to these tiny flies and Cecil will show us one of his favorite patterns.

We are looking for an instructor to lead the October 23 session. If anyone is interested in teaching a class, please let Matt or Cecil know; we'd be glad to have you demonstrate a favorite pattern.



Matt Murdough will wrap up the month with a round of wet flies from the must-read classic by Jim Leisenring and Pete Hidy: **THE ART OF TYING THE WET FLY AND FISHING THE FLYMPH**. We'll try a traditional winged Hare's Ear and a March Brown Flymph.

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
10/2	Open Tying Night	None
10/9	Streamers: Matuka	Jeff Gross
10/16	Small Dry Flies: Trico	Cecil O'Dell
10/23	To be Determined	TBD
10/30	Wet Flies: Hare's Ear, Flymph	M. Murdough

Congratulations to Team USA!

Long Beach Casting Club Members Contribute to Success at the International Casting Sport Federation World Championship Flycasting 2024 held at Åhus, Sweden

Congratulations to all of the medalists at the 2024 Fly Casting Championships. A detailed look at the Tournament can be found in this month's **Leader's Line**, as our own Tom Olson was a participant and a medalist. Here is a list of Team USA medal winners.

- ❖ **TROUT ACCURACY MEN SR.:**
Henry Mittel – Silver
Glen Ozawa (Golden Gate Club) – Bronze
- ❖ **TROUT ACCURACY MEN VETERAN:**
Larry Allen – Gold
- ❖ **SALMON DISTANCE MEN SR.:**
Henry Mittel – Gold
- ❖ **SALMON DISTANCE MEN VETERAN:**
Larry Allen – Gold
- ❖ **SALMON DISTANCE WOMEN SR.:**
Whitney Gould – Silver
- ❖ **TROUT DISTANCE MEN SR.:**
Henry Mittel – Bronze
- ❖ **TROUT DISTANCE VETERAN:**
Larry Allen – Silver
- ❖ **15' SPEY MEN VETERAN:**
Tom Olson—Silver
- ❖ **15' SPEY WOMEN SR.:**
Whitney Gould – Bronze
- ❖ **SEA TROUT DISTANCE MEN SR.:**
Henry Mittel – Gold
- ❖ **SEA TROUT DISTANCE MEN VETERAN:**
Larry Allen – Gold
- ❖ **SPEY 16' WOMEN SR.:**
Whitney Gould – Bronze
- ❖ **OVERALL TOURNAMENT:**
Henry Mittel – 4th Place Men Sr.
Larry Allen – 3rd Place Men Veteran
Whitney Gould – 2nd Place Women Sr.

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improve your casting technique. It's another great way to get involved with other members and start working on your "personal best" casts.

[Editor's Note: see Page 6 of this newsletter for a collage of Tournament pictures. There is a list of Long Beach Casting Club's medalists on this page—Rob]

Long Beach Casting Club New Members

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Rudolph Leon of Los Angeles
- ❖ Robert Boyhan of Corona del Mar
- ❖ Rick Goldsmith of Anaheim
- ❖ Martin Coyne of San Rafael
- ❖ Mike Downen of Garden Grove

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!



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LBCC Wants You!

Volunteer Opportunities at the Club

THE DOUBLE HAUL BALL (see ad on Page 8) is a salt water fly fishing event at LBCC. The organizers are Al Q and Jim Solomon, and Tom Olson is putting together a small team to help with vendor setup, parking, help during the day and clean-up at the end. The Volunteer Team will get admission and lunch. Tom will be there all day to manage and make sure they have a successful event at LBCC.

Please let Tom know if you want to volunteer and/or if you have any questions at [310-809-0409](tel:310-809-0409) or tom.olson.lbcc@gmail.com.

LBCC 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY: we are celebrating our 100-year anniversary throughout 2025 during our various casting events and with a special celebration party on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

For the Celebration Party, we're looking for people who have experience in event planning or event coordination and are willing to help and be on the committee/subcommittee. If you are interested, please contact Marc Bonvouloir at mrmlb21@gmail.com or (213) 369-9525.

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.



The Double Haul Ball



LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB | Saturday, October 5th, 8am to 5pm

An all day, educational fly fishing event put on by local anglers, fly shops and Industry professionals.



This years event is dedicated to the memory of fellow Anglerette Lori Matthews

REGISTER ON-LINE BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th TO RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH PROVIDED BY PRIMETIME SEAFOOD & RIVIERA SEAFOOD CLUB



**ADULT ADMISSION PAID AT THE DOOR: \$25 (INCLUDES LUNCH ONLY WITH ON-LINE REGISTRATION)
KIDS UNDER 16 ARE FREE!**

ALL PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENT BENEFIT THESE TWO NON-PROFITS HELPING KIDS GET BACK TO NATURE



THIS EVENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS



2024/25 Beginning Fly Tying

DAN OLIVER / CECIL O'DELL, MEMBERS

On Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 pm, the LBCC Beginning Fly Tying Class begins. We will hold the class in the Clubhouse, live, with excellent instructors.

It's open to the public; you do not have to be a member of the Club! It's designed for all fly fishers who are new to tying their own flies. Each night the instructors will show the basic skills and techniques for a new fly. It is also a very good refresher for returning students who haven't tied flies in a while. If you have ever been interested in tying your own flies or you would like to get back into tying, please join us. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and will last for 17 sessions (there will be holiday breaks).

The first two nights (October 22, October 29) will give general information about vises, tools and materials, and how to start/finish a fly, with additional tips and techniques on creating the flies we use on the water. The third night, November 5, starts the tying with the first fly. You will need your own vise, tools and materials by that evening. The Club has a few vises that can be loaned out until you can buy one, but you'll still need your own tools and materials.

Registration: Please register for the Class by emailing your first/last name and email address to: Shirley Sakaguchi: lbcc.contactus@gmail.com. Latecomers need to register too, in order to receive additional important information. If you plan to attend, please take a moment and register now.

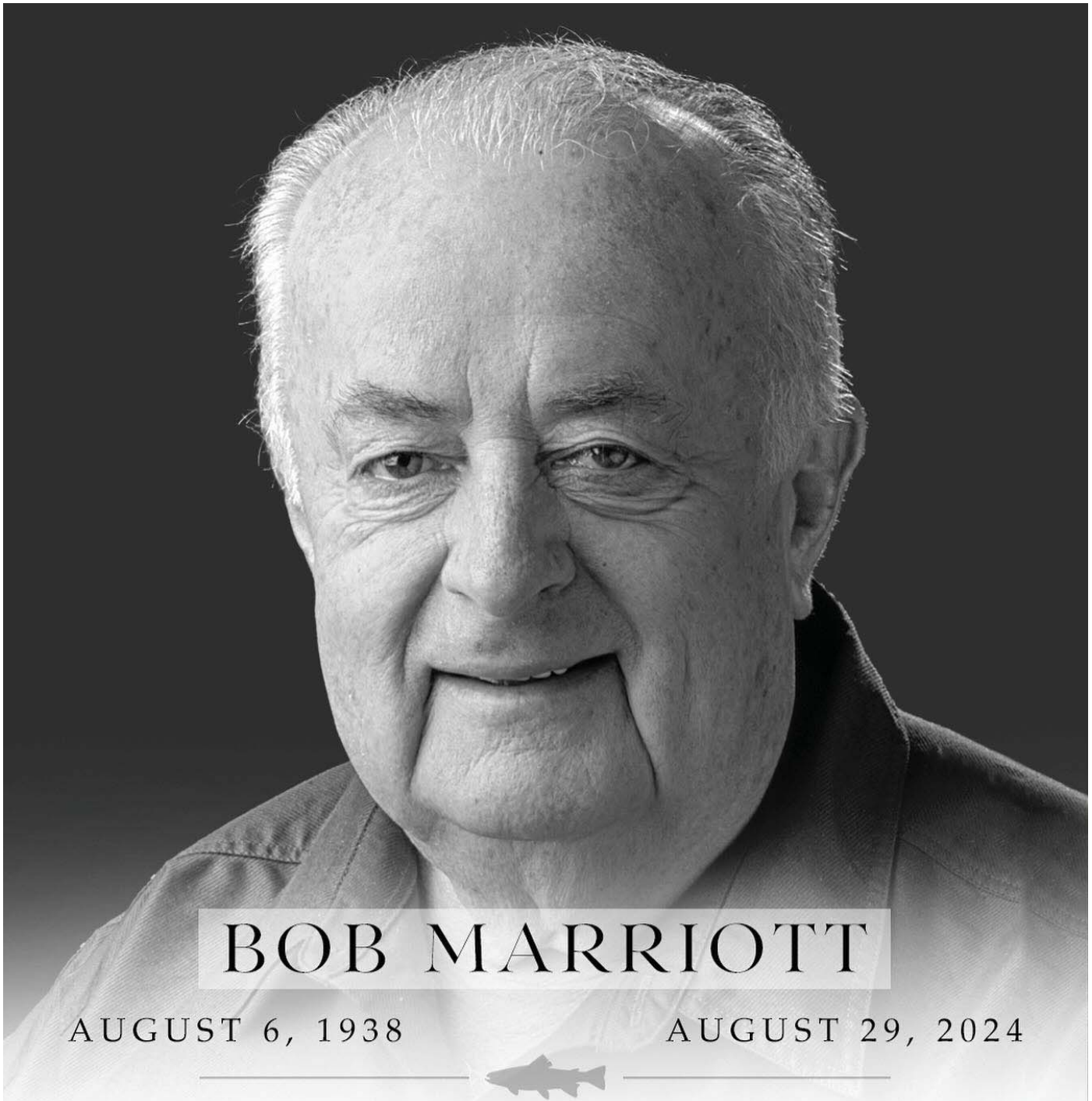
We'll send an email to all registered students by October 22. This email will include a link to all materials needed for each fly we tie, and a link to all the videos produced by instructor Dan Oliver and John Van Derhoof for the class. We will also be providing a Fly Tying Manual, specially designed for this class.

There is nothing better than catching a fish on a fly you have tied yourself, whether it be a trout, bass, saltwater or any species. So join us this year, and let us show you how to begin developing a new skill. Questions? contact Dan Oliver at (213) 309-0157, or: danofromsano@gmail.com or Cecil O'Dell at (562) 221-5253, or cecilodell54@gmail.com



BEGINNING FLY TYING SCHEDULE

- October 22 and October 29, 2024
Introduction to Techniques; Materials & Tool Demo
- November 5, 2024
The Ant (Wet Fly, Terrestrial)
- November 12, 2024
Soft Hackle (Wet Fly, Emerger)
- November 19, 2024
Boss (Steelhead)
- Nov. 26 – No Classes for Thanksgiving Break**
- December 3, 2024
Freshwater Scud (Nymph/Crustacean)
- December 10, 2024
Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear (Nymph)
- December 17, 2024
Pheasant Tail (Nymph)
- Dec. 24 & 31 – No Classes for Winter Holiday Break**
- January 7, 2025
Clouser Minnow (Bass/Saltwater Streamer)
- January 14, 2025
Crazy Charlie (Saltwater Fly)
- January 21, 2025
Woolly Bugger (Wet Fly/Streamer Fly)
- January 28, 2025
Elk Hair Caddis (Dry Fly)
- February 4, 2025
Adams (Dry Fly)
- February 11, 2025
Parachute Adams (Dry Fly)
- February 18, 2025
Humpy (Dry Fly)
- February 25, 2025
Rusty Spinner (Dry Fly "Spent")
- March 4, 2025
Royal Wulff (Dry Fly)



BOB MARRIOTT

AUGUST 6, 1938

AUGUST 29, 2024

With great sorrow, we share the news of Bob Marriott's peaceful passing at his home on the morning of August 29th at the age of 86. Bob's profound four-decade influence on the fly fishing community marked him as both an icon and a pioneer, shaping the industry and leaving a lasting legacy. His absence will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Twenty Lakes Basin Backpacking Trip 2024 Was a Great Time!

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

The weather on this year's August Twenty Lakes Backpacking Trip was a far cry from last year's Cold-O-Rama. The hike in the first day from Saddlebag Lake became very warm, with everyone shedding layers as the morning progressed. By the time we reached our lunch stop at Odell Lake, looking forward to fishing for golden trout, the wind had filled in and continued to blow intermittently into the next day, making casting all the more interesting. Friday night was spent in the meadow area below the outfall of Lake Helen, which we had to ourselves, and everyone enjoyed cooking together, socializing and dealing with the wind.

On Saturday we hiked and fished our way through several meadows, small streams and lakes on the route to our campsite at Cascade Lakes, cross-country about a quarter mile southwest of Steelhead Lake, the biggest lake in the basin and below the imposing Mt. Conness and North Peak Ridge.

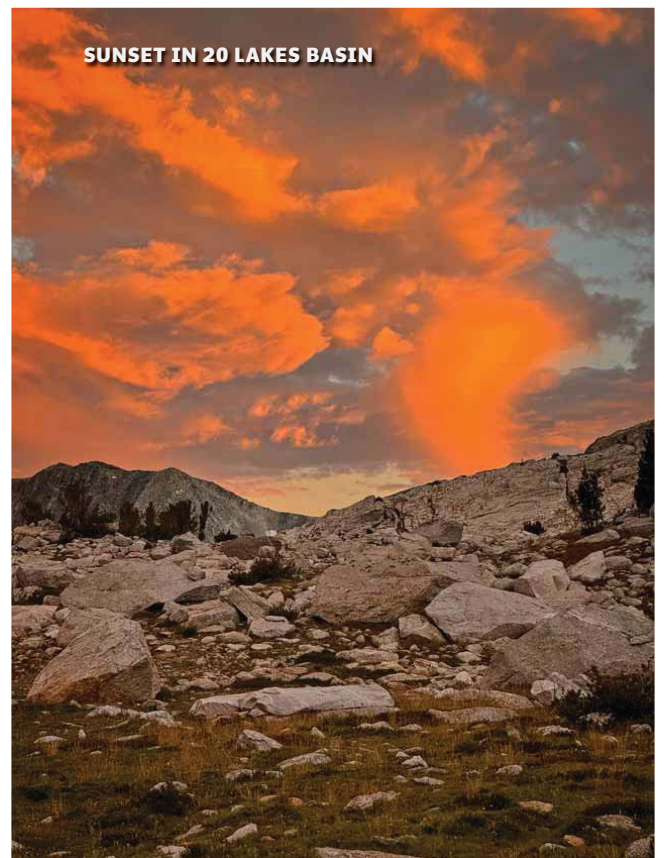
Saturday afternoon was spent fishing, and four of us took a hike to explore the Hess Mine Site at the north end of Steelhead Lake. Throughout the afternoon, the wind decreased and large clouds began developing, leading to a spectacular sunset. Rob Peterson was the only one using a bivy sack, which gave him a full view of the meteor shower that night.

Sunday, after an earlier-than-usual breakfast, half the group hiked out to their cars to get a start on the long drive home, while the rest of us went on a cross-country detour to check out the fishing at Z Lake. When we arrived, a group that was camping by the lake told us that we should have been there the last two evenings for fish rising, jumping, etc. After an hour with little luck, we left, went cross-country, picked up the trail and were back to the cars around noon.



Overall, the water in the streams was thinner than last year, with fish that seemed smaller and more picky. While the fishing was not outstanding, being in the mountains with a great group of people is its own reward.

Many thanks to everyone who participated: San Sasi, Alisha Moore, Kaz Hata, Mike Sweeney, Shawn Fife, Craig Gibson and Rob Peterson.



Fly Fish the Trinity and Lower Sac Rivers with LBCC

LBCC WILL BE FISHING THE RIVERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA! JOIN US...



ADDRESS: 4140 Churn Creek Rd, Redding, CA 96002
HOURS: Closes at 6:00 PM
PHONE: (530) 222-3555
E-MAIL: info@theflyshop.com

RED LION HOTEL
1830 Hilltop Dr,
Redding, CA 96002
Phone: (530) 221-8700

Join the club as we venture up north to Redding, California to fish the Trinity and the lower Sac for Steelhead and trout. We will be fishing out of 'The Fly Shop' in Redding, CA. for two days of fabulous Northern California Fly Fishing

Details are as follows:

- WHEN:** November 9th–12th, 2024. Arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.
- COST:** The cost of the trip is **\$722.76** per person double occupancy plus a small fee ranging from \$15–\$25 each for boat trailer repositioning. Trip cost detail is- \$ 497.50 per day for the guide, boat and lunch and \$ 144.73 per night for the room, for two anglers. Please note—this amount is \$8 less than we paid last year! **A great deal!!!!** Next year the guide prices go up so this is the final year to enjoy tremendous savings.
- DEPOSITS:** First deposit of **\$497.50** due no later than September 15th, 2024 and should be sent directly to the Long Beach Casting Club—please note this is a change from past years. We are receiving a discount if we send one check from the club to the Fly Shop so send a check to the club. Second deposit of **\$217.10** will be paid upon departure from Red Lion Hotel when you check out on Tuesday, November 7th.
- INCLUDES:** 3 Nights lodging and one day drift fishing on the Trinity River and one day drift fishing on the lower Sac. Lunch is included on drift days.
- NOT INCLUDED** **Meals, fishing license, Steelhead Card and alcoholic beverages.**
- LODGING:** We will stay at the Red Lion Inn in Redding, a short distance from the fly shop. Includes breakfast each morning. Room arrangements will be provided by Marc Bonvouloir.
- SCHEDULE:** Sunday 11-10-24 we will meet guides at The Fly Shop 8:00am (10 minutes from the hotel) and depart to float the Lower Sacramento. On Monday 11-11-24 we will meet the guides in Weaverville for a full day float/wade on the Trinity River. Weaverville is 1 hour west of Redding. River designations may change due to late fishing conditions.
- GEAR:** For the trinity 6–8 wt. rods and for the lower Sac 5–6 wt. rods. Fishing license and a Steelhead card (\$7.50) are required. Be prepared for all types of weather at this time of year. The Fly Shop will provide rods/reels if needed and all flies.
- MORE:** Questions or to get on the interest list Contact Marc Bonvouloir at 213-369-9525 or mrmlb21@gmail.com

Reminder: Hoot Owl Recommendations

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

Please check the California Department of Fish and Wildlife list to see whether the water you plan to fish is under Hoot Owl Hours. The current list of waters under Hoot Owl Hours is found at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Hoot-Owl>.

Several of the listed waters are frequently fished by our members: Crowley Lake, Hot Creek, Lower Owens, Lower Rush Creek, and Bridgeport Reservoir.

Please be aware that these are recommendations, not regulations. The CDFW states on their website:

"CDFW is requesting that anglers voluntarily avoid fishing after 12:00 p.m. on select waters throughout California. This approach directs anglers to focus their angling during the cooler "hoot owl" periods of the day when water temperatures are lowest. These voluntary angling recommendations will be triggered by ongoing monitoring of select fisheries across California. When these select fisheries begin to achieve sustained afternoon water temperatures exceeding 67° Fahrenheit, CDFW will add the water(s) to a "Hoot Owl" watchlist below and will work with local stakeholders and CDFW staff to help with outreach to inform anglers. Although these are not legal angling closures, CDFW strongly recommends adhering to the recommendations for the specific waters listed until removed when conditions for those waters improve."

The CDFW also recommends the following "Angling Tips for Decreasing Fish Stress":

- ❖ Minimize the time you spend "fighting" the fish and any hands-on handling.
- ❖ Use rubber or coated nylon nets to protect a fish's slime layer and fins.
- ❖ Quickly remove the hook with forceps or needle-nosed pliers.
- ❖ Minimize the amount of time the fish is exposed to air, especially when the weather is warm. Keep

- ❖ your hands wet when handling the fish.
- ❖ If the fish is deeply hooked, do not pull on the line. Instead, cut the line as close as possible to where it is hooked and leave the hook.
- ❖ Allow the fish to recover in the net before you release it.
- ❖ If the fish does not stay upright when you release it, gently move it back and forth.
- ❖ Avoid fighting fish from deeper, cooler waters and bringing them into warmer waters at the surface.
- ❖ Target fisheries that have stable water levels or species that are more resilient to elevated temperatures.

You can fish waters with Hoot Owl recommendations in the mornings—you just won't have as much fishing time. So, make every cast count in the morning and you won't need to fish in the afternoon. Don't forget to practice your casting at the LBCC Pond.

See you at the Pond!




Aventik offers LBCC members a 20% Discount this month on certain items. Click on the link for the deals:

<https://aventiksports.com/collections/club-special>

Free Delivery when your order reaches \$50.
Free Fast Delivery when your reaches \$150.
100% Secure payment
25 Year Warranty Superior service






Tour our website for the product you need, from a fly to our fly rod combo set and save.






Fly of the Month: Buz's Western Coachman

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

I thought it would be nice to introduce all of you to try a Western classic wet fly. Living in California, we are blessed with a truly remarkable tradition of fly tying. As an example, of the fifty recipients of the **FFI's Buszek Fly Tying Award**, ten (yup, twenty percent...) are from California, more than any other state. Tiers like Wayne Luallen, Steven Fernandez, Darwin Atkin, Bill Blackstone, Andy Puyans are all Californians with links to Buz Buszek. Any winner of the Buszek Award (I was honored in 2007) has an appreciation of the Western Coachman, because not only is it a great fly to fish but also its originator is the namesake of the award: Buz Buszek of Visalia, California. I have no doubt that it was Buz and his **Busz's Fly Shop's legacy** that set the stage for a lot of the outstanding tiers we have here.

The Coachman series of flies **has been around for a long, long time**. In fact the original Coachman dates back to the 1820s and was originated by Tom Bosworth, who just happened to be the coachman for the British Royal Family of the time. Other versions such as the Leadwing Coachman (a gray wing naturally) came later. Longtime favorite the Royal Coachman was developed in 1878 by John Haily who tied for Charles F. Orvis; **he** got the pattern from another unnamed commercial tier. Buz started tying his Western version in the 1940s specifically for the rainbow and brown trout in the Kings River and after trying several materials for the winging, settled on white mule deer belly hair.

I have offered a variation in the past, but here's the granddaddy. One variation I fished and tied as a kid used red hackle fibers for the tail. My family vacationed in the Mammoth Lakes area every year, and this was the way the fly was tied and sold on the east side.

Buz's original pattern is an outstanding and effective one, as it perfectly imitates emerging mayflies and caddis, with the white wing simulating the expanding thorax and/or wings of the new insect. With that in mind I fish the fly as a wet fly/soft hackle, swinging across and downstream, and also as a nymph dead drifting as the upper fly in a two fly rig. I have even fished it dry in the film, aided by the buoyancy of the deer hair wing. Last year I was well rewarded with a few very nice fish while swinging this on a 4-weight two-hander at the start of a BWO hatch.

So give this old-timer a try and catch some fish!

MATERIALS FOR TYING BUZ'S WESTERN COACHMAN:

- Hook:** Mustad 3906B or similar
- Thread:** Veevus 12/0 or Griffith's 14/0; black
- Tail:** Golden pheasant tippet; four or five strands
- Body:** Peacock herl
- Tag:** Same as ribbing
- Ribbing:** Gold wire; extra small to small depending on fly size.
- Wing:** Natural white hair (mule or whitetail deer).
- Hackle:** Dark (Coachman) brown rooster or hen.



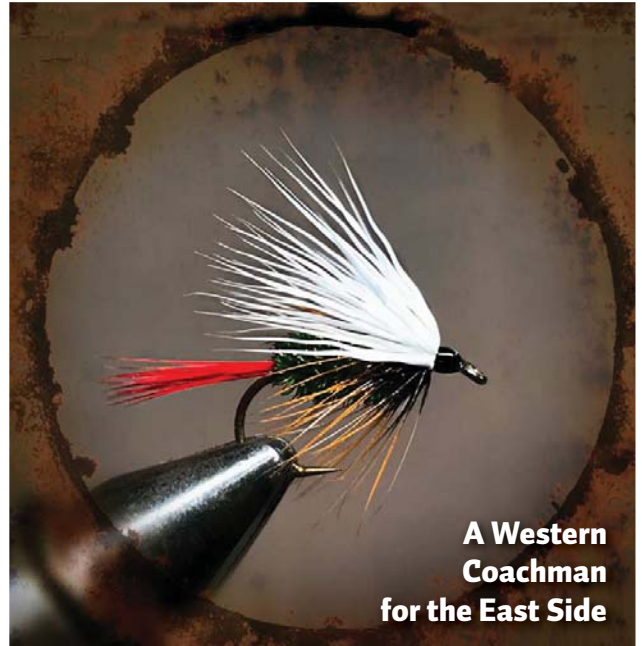
Buz's
Western
Coachman

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING BUZ'S WESTERN COACHMAN:

- 1 Place the hook in the vise and attach the thread to the hook at the head space. Wind evenly down to the bend of the hook. Select four or five barbs from a golden pheasant tippet and tie them in. The tippet itself should be from one of the smaller feathers from the base of the neck so that you see both a black tips and a black bar when tied in. The tails should be the length of the body. Tie in the gold wire ribbing on the low near side of the hook.
- 2 The body is comprised of peacock herl, but how you do it can say a lot about how you view fly tying. Sure, tying it in and winding will make a fly every bit as fishable as any other method, but tying can sometimes be about an aesthetic as easily as it can be about hooking a fish. First I size the herl barbules (the fuzzy stuff we want) as I would a hackle, insuring it ain't too fat or too thin.

Understanding how herl works allows me to tie in a barb from the right side of the stick (that's the peacock's right side, not the side we see looking at it) and wind it half way up the shank, with the barbules cupped forward towards the eye. Then I take a barb from the left side of the stick, tie it in a bit farther up the barb and wind with the barbules cupped to the rear. Does it matter? Heck no, but since I can, and I want to make the fly "mine", I do crazy stuff like this. Regardless of your method, tie in the herl and wind it forward, creating a nice uniform body.

- 3 With the gold wire in hand, reverse wind (you will be winding towards yourself and not away) two or three close turns around the hook shank, immediately behind the tail material. This is known as the "tag", and is meant to help make the tail more durable. Be sure not to tie it so close that the tail material sticks up at an extreme angle. Continue winding the wire ribbing up the hook shank, using five evenly spaced turns; not four, not six, but five turns. Five turns will provide the correct look while others will look sparse or overdone. Tie off the wire.



**A Western
Coachman
for the East Side**

- 4 The traditional hackle is "Coachman"—brown hen or rooster. I generally prefer a poor quality rooster hackle but recently got a very nice Collins Coachman brown hen cape, and I have been tying these flies with it. I first fold the hackle, which pushes all the barbs mostly to one side. Then I tie it in by tip and wind three to five turns, depending on the density of the barbs of the feather I selected or the size of the fly, tying it off at the head space. If you haven't learned to fold a feather yet, pull the barbs out perpendicular to the rachis, tie it in about a half-inch down from the tip and ONLY on the rachis (don't trap any barbs) and wind, stroking/pulling the barbs rearward with each turn. Once the feather is wound I pull half of the barbs on top of the shank towards me and the rest away to the far side, and squeeze like crazy to get them to mostly stay there. Don't fret over the few recalcitrant barbs...
- 5 Almost home. Select a small clump of white deer hair and knock out or even comb out all of the basal fur. Place the hair in a hair stacker and lightly tap, aligning the tips. If you stand the hair out perpendicular to the skin before cutting it you may avoid having to stack it. Determine the wing length and since this is an emerger, not a streamer, keep the wing short—like the bend of



the hook. Now you could tie in the deer hair using the loose loop technique, and most people will tie the wing in, leaving the butts long, and then trim them close to the thread wraps. Wrong, wrong, wrong! It's a pain to cut all the butts away, and wiggling the butt ends around while you try to cut them away will actually loosen the wing, and the wing will land in one part of the river and the rest of the fly in another. Sooooo, do it this way:

Once the length is determined hold firmly and cut the butts, leaving 1/16" **or a bit less** remaining beyond your finger tips. With your thread mostly untwisted and bending slightly towards your fingers (it won't work if you don't) and you controlling the loop (not the twisty thread wrapping up the nose of your bobbin holder), lightly place the thread on top of the remaining butt ends and continue around the hook, only applying evenly increasing tension as you pull the thread up. Keep the tension on and add additional turns, covering all of the butt ends. If you do it properly you will be amazed at what a small "bump" the butt ends create. This is the best way to tie in just about any hair wing from a wet fly to a streamer to an Atlantic salmon/steelhead fly.

Form a small, neat head, whip finish and add a drop of head cement, insuring that the eye of the hook is not clogged, and you're ready to swing your way towards more trout!

NOTES:

This fly is noted for the wing more than just about anything. It's what makes the fly work, so the choice of hair is crucial. Buz originally used belly hair from a mule deer. It was not too long, was very compressible and would flare well and my understanding is that he felt it was more durable than whitetail. Also, mule deer are native to California, and thus more readily available than whitetail. The use of bucktail as a substitute should not be considered. It is too dense and does not flare.

Buz invented this fly back in about 1940 and started "Buz's Fly Shop" in 1947 in a spare room in his house. Later, not only did he have his store in Visalia, he was also part owner of a feather business 300 miles away in Rough & Ready, California. His mail-order business was outstanding and I was a constant customer as a youngster who started tying flies in '63. Sadly Buz passed in 1965.



WORKING WITH PEACOCK HERL

FRONT VIEW OF A PEACOCK HERL STICK*

PEACOCK EYE

RIGHT HERL BARB

LEFT HERL BARB

BARB

RACHIS OR SHAFT

BARBULES; THE STUFF WE WANT TO USE & ATTACHED TO THE BARB

***NOTE:**
The correct name for this feather is the Peacock Upper Tail Covert. As with so many things in life, we choose to use the terms and terminology that we are familiar with. However, understanding the correct terms allows us to communicate more fluently and with less confusion. I have used many of the correct terms here but, have also allowed some of the common vernacular to remain—with clarification. Many thanks to Wayne Luallen!

HOW TO WIND HERL

To properly wind herl, a right handed tier would start with the back side of the right herl barb leading forward (a left herl barb for left handed tiers). This will allow each successive turn to avoid disturbing the barbules on the previous turn of herl. The tips of the herl (barbules of the barb) will “cup” toward the eye of the hook.

1ST 2ND 3RD 4TH
TURN TURN TURN TURN

HOW NOT TO WIND HERL

Winding the herl with the right barb trailing behind (the reverse of the above) will result in diminishing or even outright flattening of the barbules of the previous turn by the edge of the barb on each successive turn.

1ST 2ND 3RD 4TH
TURN TURN TURN TURN

ANOTHER WAY TO WIND HERL

If you want the tips of the barbules to “cup” towards the tail, then select a single left herl barb, remove 1/3 to 2/3 of the butt end and very carefully wind it forward. Peacock herl barbs are more prone to break nearer their tips. Winding barbs in this fashion can result in a full layer of herl, but more narrow due to shorter barbules nearer the tip.

1ST 2ND 3RD 4TH
TURN TURN TURN TURN

HERL BARB SIZE FROM BUTT END TO TIP

Front, Face or Bright Side of the Herl.

Back or Dull Side of the Herl.

BUTT END

1/3 FROM BUTT

MID BARB

2/3 FROM BUTT

The width and thickness of the herl's barb (incorrectly called the quill) changes from its butt to the tip. When tying herl bodied flies, I prefer to remove at least 1/4 but more likely 1/3 or more of the butt end to avoid using an overly thick and wide barb section. This results in denser bodies and thoraxes. As you proceed toward the tip, care must be taken as the barb may become exceptionally delicate in the last one quarter of the barb.

Fly Tying Tip: Leg Tie-In

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

Normally we tie in materials one at a time. Things like rubber legs on hoppers. Using thicker thread so as not to ‘cut’ the foam can build up bulk pretty quickly with multiple thread wraps. Placing one leg in, taking a couple of wraps, placing the second on and a couple of wraps double up the thread wraps on the first set, building up bulk you may not want or looking out of place.



PHOTO-1

To reduce the added bulk of thread, put both sets of legs on one side and take two wraps of thread (Photo-1).

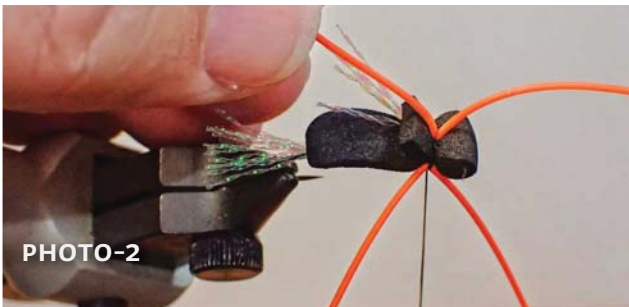


PHOTO-2

Then take one set of legs and ‘move’ over the top of the fly to the other side (Photo-2). Take a couple of additional wraps if you want/need and whip finish or place your additional materials.

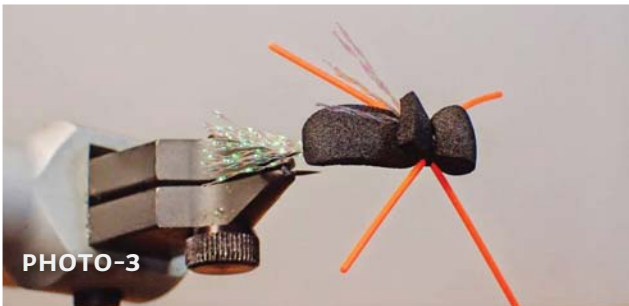


PHOTO-3

Trim legs and you have a nice non-bulky tie in (Photo-3).

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CFFO 2024 | SATURDAY 7AM-2PM:

Then on Saturday morning, the jewel in the crown, the official “California Fly Fishing Open” tournament begins. This year’s entry net proceeds will benefit Casting for Recovery SoCal and Kern Valley Search and Rescue.

POST TOURNEY FESTIVITIES | SATURDAY 4PM-9PM:

Saturday, late afternoon/early evening, at the Rivernook Campground, where the festivities are located, we will have many vendors and opportunities to try fly fishing gear, ask questions from reps and visit booths which include Casting for Recovery and the Kern Valley Search and rescue team members.

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ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

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Calendar of Events

October



1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Casting
2-6	Week		Crowley Lake w/ Steve Timm
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
5	Saturday	8:00 AM	Double-Haul Ball
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
7	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
12	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
13	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
16	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
18-20	Weekend		Northwestern Casting Tournament
19	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
26	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
26-27	Weekend		On the River Clinic Lower Owens Outing w/ Joe Libeu
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
31	Thursday	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Southern California Trout Unlimited

November

2	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Northern California Steelhead w/Marc Bonvouloir
3	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
4	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
9-12	Weekend		Northern California Steelhead w/Marc Bonvouloir
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
16	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
17	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
20	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
21	Thursday	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Bruce Farling, Saving West Slope Cutthroats
23	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast

December

1	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
2	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
5	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
7	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		5:00 PM	Venison Stag
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
14	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
15	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
18	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
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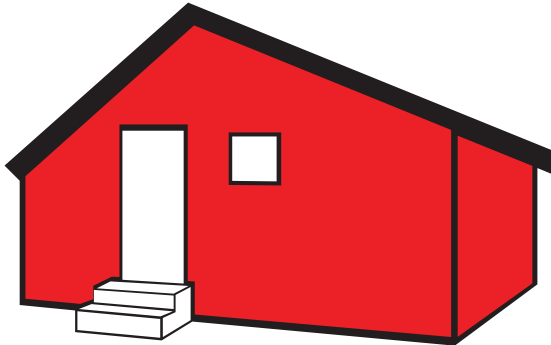
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