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# Target Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB, ESTABLISHED 1925

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## Leader's Line...

### Teamwork and LBCC

TOM OLSON, PRESIDENT

I've been the President at LBCC for six months now and I'm honored to be serving as your President and seeing first-hand how vibrant our Club is every week of the year. I am constantly impressed at the participation at our events and dedication of our volunteers. If you look at our Calendar, there is something going on every week throughout the year. I appreciate the great support and I've seen a lot of friendships grow from our love of fly fishing.

I'm writing you this month to thank everyone who helps run our Club and to reach out to everyone else to let you know we need more help in every aspect. I learned from Mick Woodbury that most members are willing to help if asked to help. Steve Higashi taught me early on that by participating in a project at the Club, such as the Pond Cleaning, is a great way to get to know more members. We are a growing Club but we need more engagement from more members to keep vibrant.

We have a core group of members who have dedicated their time and talent to the Board of Directors. Our Board members care deeply about LBCC which keeps our Club well run. We have members like Shirley, Wayne, and Cece maintaining our vital email communication and website; Marc Bonvouloir organizing our 100 year committee; John, Joe, Mark F., Mark K., and Colin teaching casting throughout the year; John and Dan using their talent in the kitchen; Matt, Dan, and Cecil tying flies; Fast Eddie and his helpers wrapping rods; Art maintaining

the Library; Bruce and Paul raising funds throughout the year, and Mick Woodbury promoting our Club. Many others like Norm Riggs and Art Daily helping wherever help is needed. I can't list everyone but I'm well aware of our volunteers and I want you to know we appreciate each and every one of you!

Going into the end of the year and our upcoming 100 year anniversary, we are busier than ever and we need your help. It might be cleaning or maintaining something at the Clubhouse, helping with the upcoming Stag Dinner, our Spey, Southwestern, and US Open Tournaments, the Bart Hall Show, Stream Keepers are needed for Club Trips, and possible positions on Board of Directors in the coming year.

We plan to have regular eBlasts to ask for help as well as Sign-Up Sheets in the Clubhouse. We might call some of you directly to ask if you can help on a project. We plan to teach volunteers what they need

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# Club Trips for 2024, 2025

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

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
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
Apr 27–May 2, 2025	Green River #1 w/Andrew Fairbanks; Pre-Trip TBD
May 4–9, 2025	Green River #2 w/Colin Kumabe Pre-Trip; TBD

**T**rip 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. If 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:

[srtimm@hotmail.com](mailto:srtimm@hotmail.com).



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# Montana Trout Unlimited:

## *Trout Don't Just Fall from the Sky!*

TONY DAUS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

**M**ontana's wild and native populations of wild trout are acclaimed worldwide. This remarkable resource, however, did not fall from the sky. It results from decades of hard work by conservation-minded anglers who protected rivers and fish from dams, pollution, habitat loss, and misguided hatchery and fishery management policies. Since the early 1960s, Trout Unlimited has been at the forefront of many successful efforts to preserve Montana's fish and angling legacy.

Bruce Farling, retired in 2017 after serving for 24 years as executive director of Montana Trout Unlimited, will discuss MTU's efforts in protecting this resource. Prior to his position with MTU he was conservation and science director for the Clark Fork Coalition, a river conservation group in western Montana. He previously worked for the U.S. Forest Service for nine years as a wilderness ranger in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness of Montana and Idaho. He has taught university field courses in natural resources, been a freelance writer and in the 1970s while attending college worked as a wildland firefighter and helped run UO's student environmental center.

Bruce has a BS from the University of Oregon and MA from the University of Montana. In 2009 Trout Unlimited formally cited him as one of the top ten most influential people in the national organization's first 50 years. In 2020 he became the youngest person to be inducted into the Montana Outdoor



Hall of Fame. He has fished or hunted in Montana for six decades and lives in Missoula where he still occasionally consults on fishery and water policy.

Montana Trout Unlimited, with the help of its national organization, has adopted five major conservation priorities for protecting the state's coldwater legacy: 1.) maintaining the nation's best wild trout populations; 2.) restoring and protecting native trout species; 3.) protecting water quality; 4.) protecting and restoring stream flows; and, 5.) ensuring the nation's best stream-access laws and policies endure – because when the public has access to a beloved resource, it fights for it and restores it.

**Join us on Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse or on Zoom**

### **JOIN ZOOM MEETING**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82182101616?pwd=bxHZnPEVNklboHqd84k4NbbzwsTBwo.1>

**Meeting ID:** 821 8210 1616

**Passcode:** 734347



# Fly Tying Forum November Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

Welcome to the November LBCC Fly Tying Forum! Have you ever been walking your favorite stream and spooked a trophy trout out from the bank? I sure have and more times than I'd care to admit! Very large trout will often hunt minnows and trout fry at night and early in the morning in surprising shallow water along banks and tail outs.



If you'd like to stalk a wise old trout, a low casting profile, delicate presentation, and a small, un-weighted streamer that swims just below the surface are all part of the game. Matt's class this month will feature some simple no-name feather wings that are ideal for this situation.



Tony Dycks is back with another pattern for Tenkara fans: the Klass Sakasa Kebari. This great looking pattern, developed by Jason Klass, marries glass beads with the traditional thread



body, peacock herl, and hackle of a Takayama Sakasa Kebari. He calls it the "Royal Coachman of Tenkara flies."

John Van Derhoof wraps us up for the month with a pair of Pale Morning Duns. Rene Harrop's Last Chance Cripple was developed to fool sophisticated Henry's Fork trout—it's a "messy by design" imitation of a dun struggling to escape its shuck. The Chris Williams Flymph is a fishy looking fly that combine elements of a wet fly and a nymph, hence the name "flymph" (originally coined by Pete Hidy). John likes to fish this pattern when PMDs are on the water: as a dropper below a dry fly, dead drifted like a dry fly, or on the swing.



Anyone who would like to join our regular sessions at 7:00 pm every Wednesday, please email Shirley Sakaguchi ([sakagusc@gmail.com](mailto:sakagusc@gmail.com)) to be added to the Forum email list. We will send out pattern sheets for all the flies covered in the coming month. Anyone who is interested in leading a tying session should reach out to Matt Murdough ([mmroaringbrook@gmail.com](mailto:mmroaringbrook@gmail.com)) to get onto the schedule. If you have a pattern or genre of fly you'd like to learn how to tie, please let us know, we likely have someone in the Club who can demonstrate it for us. Looking forward to seeing some new faces at the Forum!

DATE	GENRE: PATTERN	INSTRUCTOR
11/6/2024	Streamers: Small Featherwings	Matt Murdough
11/13/2024	Tenkara: Klass Sakasa Kebari	Tony Dycks
11/20/2024	PMDs: Harrop's Last Chance Cripple and CW Flymph	John Van Derhoof
11/27/2024	No class due to Thanksgiving	

# Announcing Our New Hat Designs: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The LBCC is selling special “100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1925–2025” hats. This batch of hats include a special logo commemorating the club’s 100th Anniversary. When they’re gone, then you will be sorry you missed them. We have also re-stocked our standard Club hat!

Priced at \$20 each, you can’t afford to pass these up. Hats may be purchased only at the Clubhouse of the Long Beach Casting Club. Just come to the clubhouse during any event on the calendar, such as the monthly meeting, to purchase these collectible stylish hats.



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to know. I believe Teamwork is the name of the game to spread the responsibilities. I’m hoping everyone who is asked to help will lend a hand and get the gratification of keeping LBCC a successful club that has been here for 100 years!

## Long Beach Casting Club New Members

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Murrey Correa of Manhattan Beach
- ❖ Preston Douglas of Laguna Hills
- ❖ Vince McGuinness of Newport Beach
- ❖ Cristian O’Neil of Lawndale
- ❖ Joseph Simrell of Coto de Caza
- ❖ John Sunofsky of Lakewood
- ❖ Eric Tomikawa of Torrance

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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Join Us for a  
Happy Birthday  
Celebration!

**May 17, 2025 from 9:00AM-4:00PM**  
Long Beach Casting Club 7<sup>th</sup> and Federation Drive

**Casting Demos, Fly Tying Demos,  
Food, Music, Fun and a lot more!**

## The Venison Stag: Our Annual Holiday Dinner

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

It is time to start thinking about one of the Club's most enjoyable social events: **"The Venison Stag Holiday Dinner"**. We hope that you, your spouse, partner or family members can join us on Saturday, December 7 with a social hour beginning at 6:00 pm, followed with dinner at 7:00 pm. This year's event will be at the Clubhouse and our own resident chefs, John Lincoln and Dan Luas, will prepare the holiday feast.

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

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

I need someone to coordinate Clubhouse cleaning as well as a volunteer to coordinate decorating. Please email or call me ASAP to help with this important task. We will also need help with washing all of our dishes and silverware.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, you can email me at [anthony.daus@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.daus@gmail.com) or call me at (949)244-1981.

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



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*...our club's monthly special 20% discount will be set on the Aventik website:*

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# Crowley Delivers

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

**W**e kicked off our annual trip to Lake Crowley during the first week of October, and this year, the lake came through with some great catches. It was a refreshing change from last year, when fishing was challenging to say the least.

We had a brand-new club member, Cristian, who fished Hot Creek on the afternoon of the first day, after the drive up. It rewarded him with an 18" rainbow. What a great way to start a trip.



**CROWLEY  
ON A CALM DAY**

For fishing Crowley, you did have to be in the right place and use the right fly, and if you managed that, the catch was pretty decent. The north arm of Crowley produced some real lunkers in the 25" range, and Hilton Bay produced some nice mid-sized fish. Overall, this year's fish population was noticeably larger compared to past years, and there are plenty of smaller fish growing fast, which bodes well for the future. Provided nothing outrageous happens with the water level, fishing next year could be fantastic.

Before the trip, we had our traditional pre-meeting to discuss launch points, fishing spots, flies, and strategies, and also talked about the challenge of casting deep midging rigs. A couple of us went up a few days early, and we found out that most of what we went over at the pre-meeting was wrong. We couldn't launch from the south shore of Green Banks Bay,

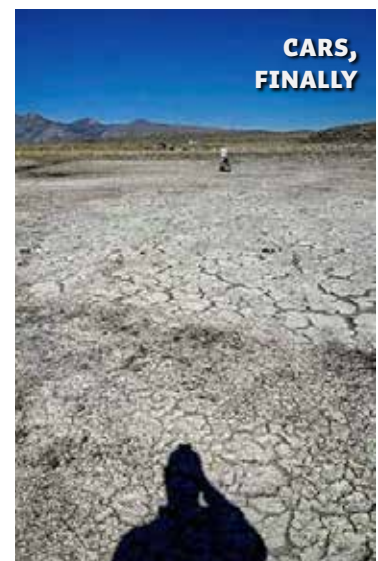


**THE  
LONG SLOG BACK**

because the road was torn up with ruts in deep sand. We didn't have to fish deep midging rigs, because the fish were in 8 feet of water. The fishing on the west side of the north arm of Crowley wasn't producing, so people had to either launch on the east side, or paddle across from the west side in their float tube or kayak, or just forgo the north arm and fish Hilton Bay. So, we altered the plan accordingly.

Launching from the east side proved to be a challenge. The water levels were being aggressively lowered, which left a mud flat about 50 feet from the shore. Plus, the parking area was about 150 yards from the water, and we also had to cross a creek to avoid the worst of the mud. The climb back to the cars with kayaks on wheels was no easy task due to the combination of mud, incline, and creek. After a few trips, we decided paddling across was easier than slogging overland.

Doing all the fishing in shallower water on Crowley was something I haven't done before. Fortunately, it made casting a midging rig easier, although I did hear someone in our group yell out "Hey these midge rigs don't cast!". But the shallow depth made finding fish tougher. Normally



**CARS,  
FINALLY**



we cruise around on our kayaks using our fish finders to spot the fish, then anchor and fish there. But in 8 feet of water, the fish must spook, because we saw no fish on the finder, even when the bite in an area was great.

The other thing that made fishing tougher was the fish were moving each day. On one day, I went to a spot that produced well the day before, but I caught nothing. I called Cecil on the phone to ask how it was going further up the shore, and he replied, "Hey let me call you back in a sec!". I replied, "You answered my question" and went up the shore near Cecil. Cecil landed 3 fish around 25 inches, and I got another approaching that size.



**CROWLEY  
PREDATOR**

The day after catching the 25" fish, I went back to the same sport, and found out how watchful the other fishermen are. I had the area all to myself when I first anchored. Next thing I knew I had 3 other boats around me. I didn't know if they recognized me, or if they were just going to the same spot by chance. But talking to one of them, he said "you and your buddy did pretty good here yesterday, huh?".

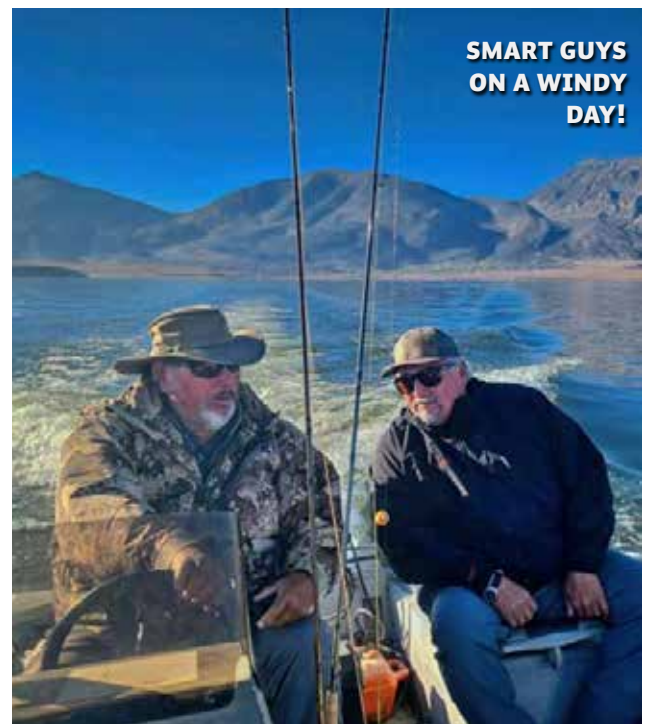
We had marvelously good weather for this trip. Sunny and highs in the 70s every day. We only had one day of high wind in the afternoon that shut down fishing. It gusted to 40 that day, and it was blowing offshore on the west side of the lake. The wind was so strong it picked up chunks of dried cow pucky and sent it skipping down the beach bouncing about 4 feet high. Also, the float tubes trying to get back to their



**COLORFUL  
FISH**

launch point were having a hard time. Luckily, though, nobody from our group got caught out in that since everyone was on shore by the time the wind kicked up.

Overall, it was a great trip!



**SMART GUYS  
ON A WINDY  
DAY!**

# A Catch/Release Tournament open to all! FLY OR SPIN FOR THE WIN



**February 08, 2025**

**Go to the iAngler website for more information after  
October 31  
Loads of Prizes for the winners and raffles too!  
818.6019702**

# 2024/25 Beginning Fly Tying

DAN OLIVER / CECIL O'DELL, MEMBER

On Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>) 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<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:lbcc.contactus@gmail.com). Latecomers need to register too, in order to receive additional important information so register now.

We'll send an email to all registered students by October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

If you have any questions, contact Dan Oliver at (213) 309-0157, or: [danofromsano@gmail.com](mailto:danofromsano@gmail.com) or Cecil O'Dell at (562) 221-5253, or [cecilodell54@gmail.com](mailto: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)

# 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 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.
- COST:** The cost of the trip is **\$722.76** per person. This includes group fly phone sim, a free ranging from \$15–\$25 each for boat trailer repositioning, a boat cost, a trailer cost of \$49.00 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. **Great deal!** Next year the guide prices go up so this is the final year to enjoy the wonderful guides.
- DEPOSITS:** First deposit of **\$497.00** due on late September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and should be sent directly to the Long Beach Casting Club. Please note this is a change from past years. We are requesting a deposit, however, one check from the club to the Fly Shop so send a check to the club. Second deposit of **\$227.10** will be paid upon departure from Red Lion Hotel when you check out on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- INCLUDES:** 3 Nights of 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



# Meanwhile, Down at the Pond...

**KEITH O'DONNELL: POND CO-CAPTAIN**

**O**n Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> the pond received a scrubbing compliments of the following members: Steve Lankenau; Jim O'Connell; Steve Higashi; Dave Ross; Andy Stillittano; Scott Harada; George Martinez; Mark Lipe; Bob Mayfield; Peter Hardash; and Keith O'Donnell. It looks really nice now!

Also, in preparation for the Club's annual Spey Tournament in January, the buoy line will be set up on Saturday mornings for everyone to practice their competitive casting. This is an excellent way to improve your casting and, of course, your fishing.

So, come on down and cast 'til your arms fall off!



**LONG BEACH**  
**100**  
1925 2025  
*Years!*  
**CASTING CLUB**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**LBCC SPEY CASTING TOURNAMENT**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Long Beach Casting Club**

**WHAT:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual LBCC Spey Casting Tournament  
**WHO:** Open to All – Beginners to Expert – Skagit to Long Belly  
**WHY:** Improve your casting (and fishing!) – Learn from among the best!

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

*Join us for a friendly competition!*

# Fly of the Month: CW PMD Flymph

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

I am always trying to come up with ideas for new patterns to share with you and I recently stumbled onto this PMD (Pale Morning Dun) Flymph pattern from a friend of mine. Now this isn't a particularly difficult pattern to tie but according to the originator *"...When Pale Morning Duns are in abundance, this pattern has been a bona fide superstar for me either trailed from a dry fly, or fished by itself dead drift or on the swing. It is also one of the first patterns I go to when nothing is happening at all as a searching pattern! Hope it's as successful for you as it has been for me!"*

Chris Williams is a good friend from Boise, Idaho who I see annually when I head to Idaho Falls to tie at the East Idaho Fly Tying Expo. He is also one of the best tiers you've never heard of, a Whiting Ambassador and an avid practitioner of tying what works based on his fishing experience—and Chris knows how to fish! He loves of flymphs and that comes from his acquaintance with Vernon "Pete" Hidy, the godfather of the flymph who introduced the style in James Leisenring's masterpiece *THE ART OF TYING THE WET FLY AND FISHING THE FLYMPH*. I have fished a BWO version of this on the Green as part of a dry dropper (this is the point fly) and have even fished like a dry just below the surface...wow!

A flymph is kind of what its name implies: a (dry) fly and a nymph. In other words it's an emerging mayfly dun. All species of mayflies emerge in their own fashion. Some pull free from their nymphal shuck below the surface, some at the surface while still others like gray drakes haul themselves out onto rocks and emerge like a stonefly or dragonfly. The idea of a flymph is the imitation of a mayfly at mid-depth to just below the surface. To fish the flymph you can, as Chris described, swing it, use it as a point fly on a two fly rig with a dry or fish it like a dry in or just below the surface.

You can also change the mayfly species out and use it for a number of popular species like the aforementioned BWO, Mahogany Duns, Green Drakes and more. I would also suggest that for any specific species you choose to imitate tie a few in sizes one larger and one smaller than the norm. For a PMD the usual size is a #16 so a #14 or #18 could be handy depending on how you use it. I would use the larger size for swinging and smaller later in the season. So give this simple flymph/soft hackle style emerger a shot. I trust Chris' opinion on how well it works!

## MATERIALS FOR TYING THE CW PMD FLYMPH

Hook: Daiichi 1110 14–18  
 Thread: UTC 70 Wood Duck (or substitute)  
 Rib: Extra Small Gold Wire  
 Tail: Lemon Wood Duck Barbs (or substitute)  
 Body: UTC Wood Duck  
 Thorax: Yellow Ice Dub  
 Hackle: Whiting Farms Honey Dun Hen (or other cream or light ginger colored hackle)



THE CW  
PMD FLYMPH

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE CW PMD FLYMPH

- 1 Insert your hook in the vise (flatten the barb first though!) and attach the thread behind the head space. Keeping the thread flat by untwisting it (counter clockwise for righties), wind it smoothly down to the bend of the hook. One thing to note about the Pale Morning Dun is that the fly is pretty delicate and sleek in appearance, so we want to keep thread use and bulk to a minimum. Select 3 fibers of your tail material and tie them in so they are the length of the body and slightly tilted upward. The tilt can be done by gently sliding your thumbnail along the bend of the hook and lightly crimping the tail fibers upward.
- 2 Next up ribbing. Chris uses UTC 70d thread which can be kept very flat and the surface is smooth and dense. I tend to like a similar colored silk thread which is a bit thicker in diameter, softer and not as dense. I mention this because it can determine where you tie in your ribbing. Using Chris' thread or similar, tie in your wire ribbing low and on the far side of the hook. This is the correct place for any ribbing tied and wound in the normal fashion: counter clockwise (or over the top and away from you). The smooth, dense quality of the finished thread body makes this way of ribbing better. Since I use silk, a softer and less dense material, winding in the normal fashion means that the wire may sink down between the wraps of silk. For that reason I tie the wire in low and on the near side so I can wind the ribbing in the reverse/clockwise direction. Now don't wind that ribbing yet as we need to do a body first!
- 3 On this fly your thread is your body material. So now smoothly wind your thread forward to the thorax using touching wraps. Wind slowly and keep that body smooth—no lumps and no bumps! Now you can wind your ribbing forward. I try to use 5 turns and yes, you have heard me say stuff like this before but it's one of those things you learn. Odd numbers look better. Three turns are too few and seven is too many. I know; I'm picky.



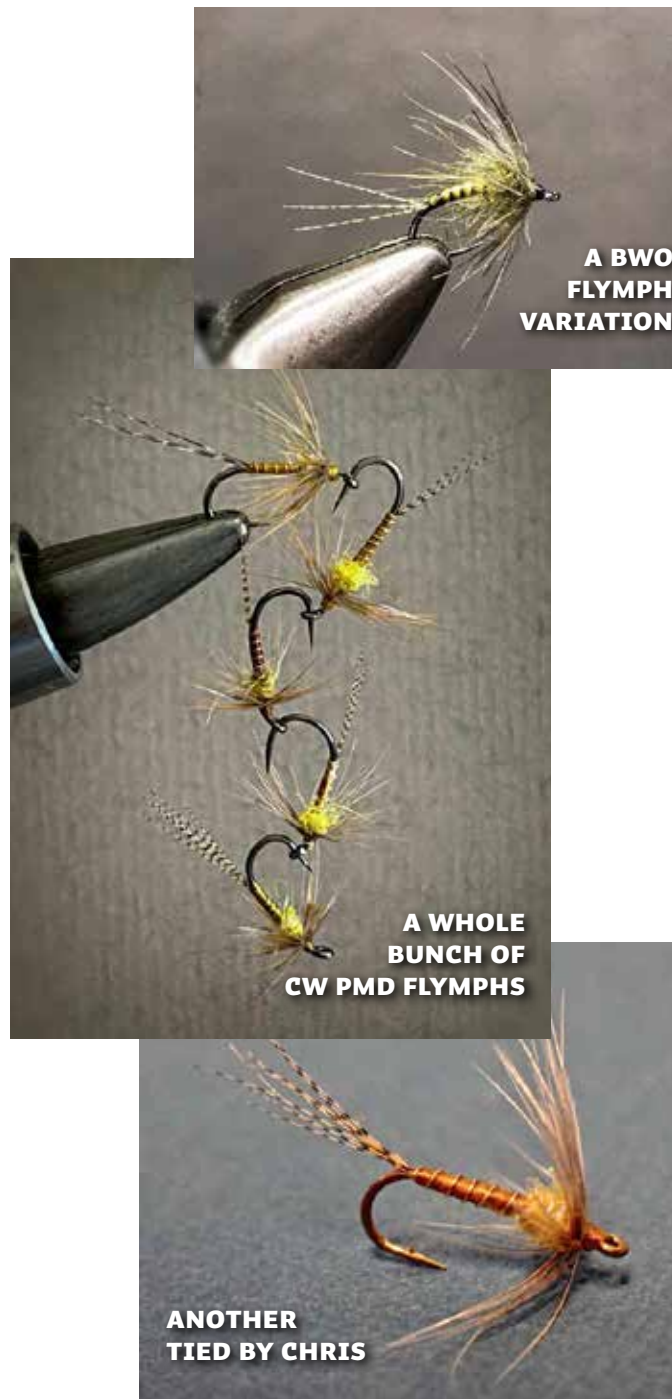
- 4 On to the thorax dubbing... Select your dubbing material. Chris uses Ice Dubbing but my Ice Dubbing is almost all flash so I mix it with something else (Blue Ribbon Flies Yellow Sally Zelon Dubbing). Regardless select a spiky yellow dubbing and apply it to your thread. The dubbing noodle should be fairly short and a little less than 1/8" in diameter. Now you are going to make 3 turns of the dubbing: one at the start of the thorax; the second right next to it towards the head space; and the third on top of wraps one and two—like a little pyramid. If there is any dubbing left over try to wind over the top of the third wrap and finish a little behind head space.
- 5 Time to select a hackle. Find a hen feather that has barbs about 1½ times the length of the hook gap. If you can fold a feather now is a great time to do so. If you can't you really need to learn! This technique is a seminal task in fly tying—it is similar to learning how to double haul in casting. However, if you can't, hold the feather by the tip and gently stroke the feather with your thumb and forefinger from the tip to quill end until all of the barbs are sticking out at 90° to the rachis. Now tie the feather in being careful to only bind down over the rachis and not any of the barbs. Wind the hackle forward about 3 turns pulling the barbs rearward on each turn of hackle. Tie off the feather, form a very small and neat head and whip finish. Now it looks like you are ready to go fishin'!

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**"Fly of the Month"...** Cont'd from page 15**NOTES ON MATERIALS:**

- ❖ The hook Chris uses is a ring eye dry fly hook. While most would think a standard wet fly hook might be a better choice I try to tie them on both styles. Here's why, the dry fly hook is a standard length and better proportioned for dry or damp fishing. The wet fly hook is 1x short and 1x or 2x heavier wire (like a TMC 3769) and is great for swinging in deeper water. Now you could use a standard nymph hook, like a TMC 3761 which has a heavier wire with the shank is similar in length to the dry fly hook. However for dry or "damp" purposes the dry fly hook works better in my experience because it is lighter in weight.
- ❖ I like to use silk for flies like this. I think that the material has a bit more translucency in the water and I like the tradition of using the material on softies and flymphs. Just be careful, if you decide to use it, use it in a minimal fashion. That means fewer turns of thread as it can bulk up quickly.
- ❖ Wood duck is perfect for the tail on this pattern but dyed wood duck will suffice. The color and barring actually very closely matches the natural.
- ❖ The thread color for the body is also important since the natural insect as a nymph has an amber to dark amber coloration. But remember, you need to think of the thread color when it is wet not dry.
- ❖ Hackle color drives most of us nuts. Here I used Honey Dun but, there are light Honey Duns and medium and dark. So you know, Honey Dun is a feather that has a light to medium dun (gray) center list/stripe and the tips of the barbs are some shade of honey. Is it crucial? Of course not but it looks very cool on this fly. There will always be a debate of sorts about what color hackle best represents the legs of a PMD. The variety in the color of this bug is extensive. I am of the opinion that some form of ginger or honey is best but others say light dun. I do like variegation in my hackle so I will try to select a cape that has some barring, speckling or center list

to give the finished fly the appearance of movement and life. One final point; using a Honey dun feather not only serves as an imitation of the insects legs but also the emerging wing—which just happens to be light dun. The famed angler and original owner of Henry's Fork Anglers Mike Lawson has long used a similar pattern but he would wind two turns of ginger hackle and two turns of dun—legs and wing.





# Fly Tying Tip: Dubbing Base

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

I think we have all had issues with our hair wings (like an Elk Hair Caddis) rotating on the shank of our hook, as we tie them in or when we fish them. Something similar happens on dumbbell eyes. We can use adhesive on the eyes to prevent twist, but using adhesive on hair wings may not be desirable or effective. They still seem to twist, even though we apply head cement to the final thread wraps.



Tim Flagler has a neat technique that works well on hair wings. Instead of just a thread base for the wing, use a little superfine or other dry fly dubbing, and place a small base on the hook shank where you tie in your wing. (Photo#1).



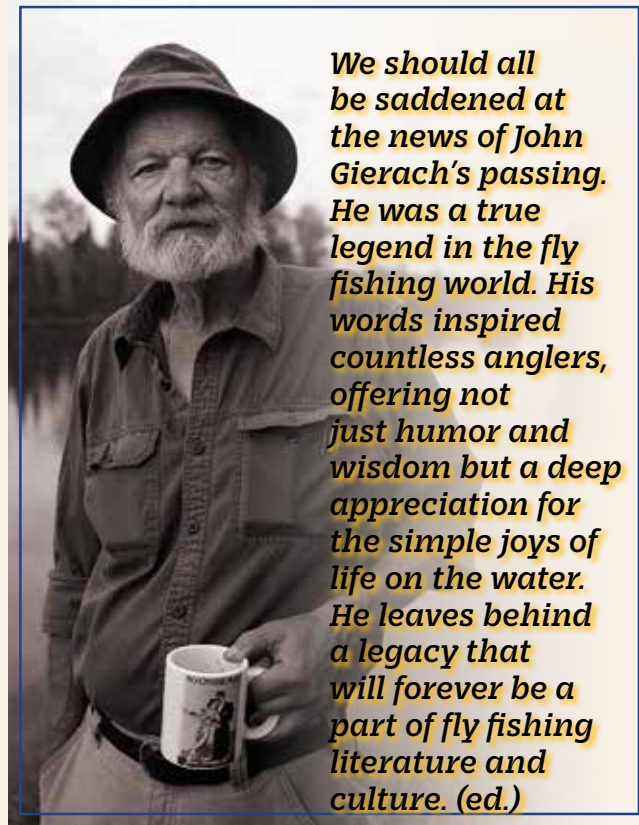
Once you tie in your wing (Photo#2), you will find that it is much more resistant to twisting on the



shank. I have gotten used to using GSP thread for my hair wings. The thread is very slick, so the dubbing provides a much better base than thread alone. Tim also shows this tip for dumbbell eyes and parachute posts, but I have had less luck with those, versus using the technique on a hair wing.

If you look at our beginning manual for the Elk Hair Caddis, we even show the dubbing for the body not extending under the wing. Until I found this tip, I had a difficult time keeping wings from twisting. Give it a try, you might find it works for you on any hair wing pattern.

## John Gierach 1946-2024



*We should all be saddened at the news of John Gierach's passing. He was a true legend in the fly fishing world. His words inspired countless anglers, offering not just humor and wisdom but a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life on the water. He leaves behind a legacy that will forever be a part of fly fishing literature and culture. (ed.)*

## Another of Murphy's Laws

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ

Recently I have been asked by several folks about the rig I use for nymph fishing. It is relatively easy to set up and you can find it in the Club's Lower Owens River Workshop Handbook. However, the funny thing about many of these requests is the complaint of the rig tangling. Even funnier—or maybe not—is the tangling is while putting it together and/or getting from the car to the river before the first cast has been made. I feel your pain and it happens to all of us so, here are a few suggestions that can help get you from the car to the river and fishing with minimal aggravation.



Whenever I get to a spot where I will be fishing, the first thing I usually do is check out the river. See what's happening. See if I can actually find fish in the current, holding, feeding, whatever. I also look streamside for any evidence of insects that are hatching or molting, either right then or from the previous day. Once I have gathered what I feel is enough information to make an educated decision on the type of fishing I will be doing, it's back to the car to grab the appropriate rod. Since I usually have both a nymph rod and dry fly rod mostly ready to go, and rarely take two rods to the river at the same time, I now have enough info to work with for one of them.

As I said, the rods are "mostly ready to go". The rods are all strung. If they were fished the day before, I have replaced the tippet on my dry fly rod but usually kept the fly that worked the previous day. On my nymph rod I have replaced all of the tags on my rigs sans flies. Since a bottom weighted, two or three fly nymph rig is the real culprit in Murphy's Law of Tangling ("**If there is something, anything, tied on, it will tangle**"), let's take a look at how to avoid Murphy.

First, walk down to the river with rod in hand. All of your tags should be tied on and you should have a length of mono or fluoro attached for a bottom weighted rig. No flies and absolutely no weight should be attached at this point. From the tip-top pull out enough line from the reel to work with and place your rod in a location free from plants which love to suck in any unsuspecting fly line, fly or weight. Try not to let the line get in the water, where the current can pull on it and you have to keep pulling it back.

We'll assume you are using a two fly rig, so begin finalizing your setup by tying on the top fly. Once the top fly is tied on place it securely in the fly holder on your vest. Next, tie on the second fly in the rig and anchor **it** securely in your fly holder.

Now the tough part... Attach the weight(s) to your leader. Always attach them last. They swing with the slightest movement and will wrap around anything. Once the weight is attached, don't **EVER** let go of it until you are ready to make your first cast. Gently apply some tension on the line from the rod and remove (no jerking) the top fly. While still maintaining light pressure on the line, remove the bottom fly.

Remember, you are still holding onto the weight, right? Good! You have light tension on the line from the rod, so now is the time to let go of the weight. It should barely release from your grip. If you have too much tension on it the rod will unload sharply and Murphy wins again. Lower the line to the water and, with the line pinched under a finger or fingers of your casting hand, pull some line off the reel. Cast and start fishing.

Tangling of a multi-fly rig is almost always caused by inattention and jerky motions. Quick, sharp movements have little place in fly fishing and fly casting and should never, ever be a part of nymph fishing. If this is difficult for you to accomplish, start by having one or two fewer cups of coffee in the morning!

# Recordings of LBCC Monthly Speakers

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

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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
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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
9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
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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
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
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
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10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
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		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
21	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
28	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast

### January, 2025

1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Happy New Year!!!
2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
4	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #1 with Lincoln & Rivett
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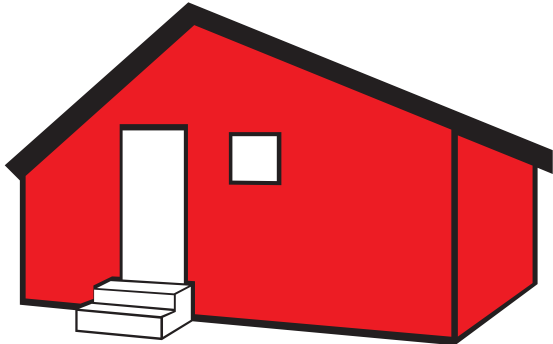
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