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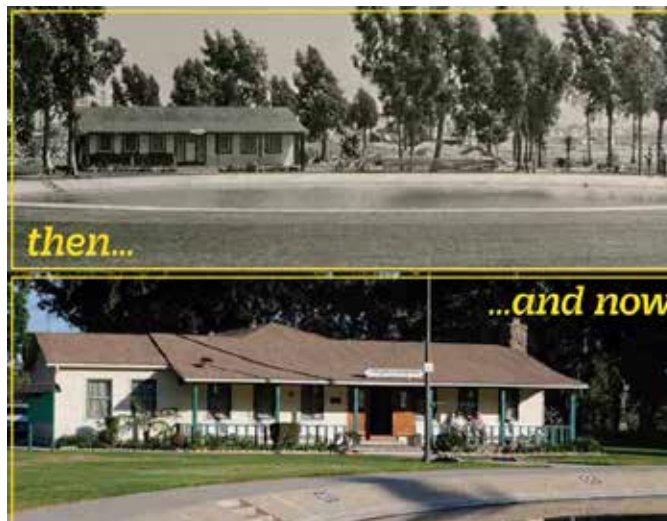
Leader's Line...

100 Years, Then and Now

TOM OLSON, PRESIDENT

Congratulations to the Long Beach Casting Club for turning 100 years old! LBCC is one of the oldest fly fishing clubs in the country and our Club is going strong after all those years. We have almost 500 members in LBCC, making us one of the largest in the country as well. A huge thank you to all the members who, over the past 100 years, had the foresight, the ingenuity and the passion to build and maintain the Club and Pond that we have today.

Just think of what life was like in 1925: it was the Roaring '20s! Equipment has evolved in many ways; mainly in rod materials and fly lines. Bamboo rods, woven silk fly lines, silkworm gut and horsehair leaders have given way to high tech materials and manufacturing. One thing that hasn't changed as much: fly tying! We still use hooks, feathers and fur (albeit of much, much better quality today) to imitate the same bugs that we imitated a hundred years ago.



outdoors. I think it's amazing to think that a casting/fishing club was started in Southern California, one of the furthest locations from the blue ribbon streams and fisheries of the country. Thank Heaven for our passionate member casters and fly fishers, traveling far and wide, helping to move the Club forward. But the love of competitive casting is what really started this organization. While now we are mostly a fly fishing club, there's a reason we are called the Long Beach **Casting** Club...

If we ask ourselves why Long Beach Casting Club was started, I must believe it was for the love of fishing, casting, camaraderie and a way to enjoy the great

The '20s was the height of the competitive casting

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Club Trips for 2025

STEVE TIMM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Jan 9-12	Lower Owens #1 w/ J. Lincoln & D. Rivett; Pre-Trip Jan 4, 9:00 am
Jan 30-Feb 2	Lower Owens #2 w/ J. Lincoln & D. Rivett; Pre-Trip Jan 25, 9:00 am
Mar 6-9	Lower Owens #3 w/ J. Lincoln & D. Rivett; Pre-Trip Mar 1, 9:00 am
Apr 27-May 2	Green River #1 w/ Andrew Fairbanks; Pre-Trip TBD
May 4-9	Green River #2 w/ Colin Kumabe; Pre-Trip TBD

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. 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.



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January Speaker: Elyse Freitas of CDFW

Hatchery Survival Improvements and Klamath River Restoration Update

Our January speaker is Elyse Freitas. Elyse will discuss the research being done to evaluate hatchery operations and efforts to improve the survival of hatchery-raised fish, while minimizing any potential negative environmental impacts. Of interest to all of our members, she will also provide an update on the restoration of Klamath River salmon and steelhead.

Elyse Freitas is a California native, born and raised in Oakland, CA. Her early “fishy” memories include trout fishing with her dad in Hat Creek.

Elyse graduated with her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 2020. She returned to California in late 2022 and started a position as an Environmental Scientist at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the three Central Valley Chinook Salmon hatcheries (Feather River, Mokelumne, and Nimbus).

Currently, Elyse works at CDFW as a Senior Environmental Scientist overseeing development of the state’s Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans.

Join us on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse or on Zoom



Topic: LBCC January Meeting

Time: Jan 30, 2025 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83019929868?pwd=f0fc7lHmsXDOgZOMdjwknTPEytTc1G.1>

Meeting ID: 830 1992 9868

Passcode: 285977

February Lower Owens Date Change!

**DAN RIVETT, PAST PRESIDENT
JOHN LINCOLN, MEMBER**

We had to change the February trip dates due to conflict with the Bishop Trout Rodeo on February 8. New dates:

February: 1/30/2025-2/2/2025 (Pre-Trip: Saturday, 1/25/2025, 9:00 am-11:00 am).

If you have questions, please contact the streamkeepers:

Dan Rivett (**email:** DRivett@commercelp.com or **phone:** 562-833-1457)

John Lincoln (**email:** jlincoln1@yahoo.com or **phone:** 562-652-7686)

Fly Tying Forum January Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

Welcome to the January LBCC Fly Tying Forum! If you purchased your first fly tying kit in the late '70s or early '80s (like yours truly), it probably came with a wonderful little paperback booklet called **Practical Flies and Their Construction** by Lacey Gee. Mr. Fly Company, largest fly tying in his hometown Iowa. Lacey was developed many muskies, and was best known the "Gimp." This simple wet fly works well as a general mayfly imitation and can be adapted to match almost any species. In our first class this month, we'll tie the Gimp in its original grey and blue dun and a Blue Winged-Olive (BWO) variation.



Gee founded Wasp now the world's wholesaler, in 1945 of Independence, a prolific tier and patterns for bass, walleyes, but he for a trout fly called



Mid-month we'll do an Open Tying Night. Please let Matt or Cecil know if you have something you'd like to try so we can prepare in advance.



Next up, Tony Dycks will do one of his patented PowerPoint presentations and tying lessons, this time on midge patterns by South Platte River guide Pat Dorsey. Tony will demonstrate the Mercury Blood Midge and the Manhattan Midge



We will wrap things up this month by working with Bob Quigley's paraloop or "hackle stacker" technique. Quigley's clever approach results in a sparse, low-floating dry fly that's ideal for picky trout in heavily-fished waters. After you've had a chance to do some practicing with a Pale Morning Dun, we'll try our hand at a size 20 BWO paraloop emerger for your next trip to Hot Creek.

Anyone who'd like to join our regular sessions at 7:00 pm every Wednesday, 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, please let us know, we likely have someone in the Club who can demonstrate it. Looking forward to seeing some new faces at the Forum!

DATE	GENRE: PATTERN	INSTRUCTOR
1/01/25	No Class—New Year's Day	
1/08/25	Wet Flies: Lacey Gee's Gimp	Matt Murdough
1/15/25	Open Tying Night	
1/22/25	Midges: Dorsey's Midges	Tony Dycks
1/29/25	Paraloop/Hackle Stacker: PMD, BWO	Matt Murdough

Introduction to Fly Fishing

Sunday February 8, 2025, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

BOB MAYFIELD, PAST PRESIDENT

We are going to be having an "Introduction to Fly Fishing" event. The purpose of the meeting will be to help those who are just starting on their fly fishing journeys. We will talk about how the various programs and classes at the Long Beach Casting Club can put them ahead of the learning curve.

Topics we will cover:

- ❖ History of the Long Beach Casting Club
- ❖ Classes offered at the Club
- ❖ Fishing trips offered
- ❖ Equipment needed for your first fishing trip
- ❖ Casting demonstration
- ❖ A chance for participants to learn a new cast

Please tell your friends and family who might be interested in this event. It is open to all ages.

Event to be held at:

The Long Beach Casting Club (both in the Clubhouse and out on Pond)
5201 E. 7th St, Long Beach, CA 90804

Any questions, please contact Bob Mayfield (**phone:** 714-392-2211, **email:** bob@impac-marketing.net)



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Meanwhile, Back at the Pond...

KEITH O'DONNELL, CO-CAPTAIN

On Friday November 29, the following came out to the Club to turn the Pond from this:



into this:



Please give a big thanks to:

Dave Drummond, Scott Harada, Peter Hardash, Kathleen Wahl, Ed Alvarado, Jim O'Connell, Steve Ludwig, David Ross, Jeff Gross, Steve Higashi, Mark Flo and Keith O'Donnell.

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era, and casting was practiced nationwide: fly rods and bait rods, accuracy and distance. In the middle of this a young Finnish immigrant artist, David R. Linder, arrived in Long Beach from Chicago with his wife in 1923. Dave was an accomplished caster and a world champion in Fly Distance and ¼ Ounce Plug Accuracy. He soon discovered other like-minded individuals in town and in 1925 formed the Long Beach Fly and Bait Casting Club.

In 1931, with the help of the City of Long Beach, the Long Beach Casting Club was offered a location in the relatively undeveloped Recreation Park, where they built the first of three ponds. This first was 130 feet in diameter, lined with asphalt and in the same exact location as our current pond's eastern end. Shortly thereafter, the president (whose name we won't mention) absconded with the Club's treasury and moved to Oregon! Eventually a clubhouse arrived

and the facility grew—a bigger, better pond, a larger clubhouse and more members. Thinking about our early history and humble beginnings, it's amazing that an organization in Long Beach has survived 100 years.

We are looking forward to the coming year, so let's make it special. We have a full calendar with tournaments, Club trips, competitions, classes of all kinds and our 100-Year Celebration May 17th, 2025. Join us and enjoy!

[Editor's Note: thanks to Tom and John Van Derhoof, who supplied much of the historical background, for educating all of us about the history of the Long Beach Casting Club.]

I'm planning to run articles on LBCC history every month, at least until we have our celebration on May 17. For starters, we'll have a three-part history of the Club which was written by one of our past presidents, Carole Katz. Part I begins on Page 12 of this issue. This article first appeared in March, 2015. I hope you enjoy it!—Rob]

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SAVE THE DATE

7th Annual
LBCC SPEY CASTING TOURNAMENT

January 18th & 19th, 2025 at Long Beach Casting Club

WHAT: The 7th 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

Join us for a friendly competition!

"\$100 for 100th Year" Anniversary Fundraiser

**MARC BONVOULOIR, 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
CHAIRPERSON**

The Long Beach Casting Club needs your help next year for our 100th anniversary.

The Giving Tuesday fundraiser was a relative success. We raised just over \$9,400. Our goal is to raise \$13,000 for all the events we're planning to put on next year.

As an incentive to donate, an anonymous benefactor who is a member has graciously offered a match of up to \$2,500 for any individual "\$100 for 100 Anniversary" donations made from December to the end of January. For instance, if 25 members donate \$100 each, this generous individual will match the total donations up to \$2,500! This is an incredibly benevolent gesture!

We are planning major events next year:

- ❖ Open Houses for new members
- ❖ Casting Tournaments culminating with the U.S. Open in August, where we will be having casters from around the world competing.
- ❖ 100-Year Anniversary Party on Saturday, May 17, 2025. This will be the most exciting day, where we will commemorate 100 years of dedication to casting and fly fishing. All LBCC members along with their families will be invited to the celebration activities, which will include:

- ❖ Music
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Casting demos
- ❖ Fly Tying demos
- ❖ Gear manufacturers
- ❖ Plaque dedication
- ❖ 100-year group photo taken by a drone over the pond

Fundraising is crucial for a successful year. Please find in your heart to contribute.

Many of you have benefited from casting, fly tying and rod building instruction as well as many of the Club's other services.

If you didn't have a chance to donate for Giving Tuesday, you have an opportunity to give to the "\$100 for 100th Anniversary fundraiser". Your generous contribution will insure that we have a great 100th anniversary and continued support for our various fly fishing programs!

HOW TO DONATE:

All donations are to be made by either cash or check.

For cash donations, please place the cash in a sealed envelope with your name and "**\$100 for 100th Anniversary**" on the front. While at the Club, hand your donation to any Club officer, who will drop it in the Club lock box.

For Check donations, please make checks payable to "**Long Beach Casting Club**" and note "**\$100 for 100th Anniversary**" at the bottom of your check in a sealed envelope.

While at the Club, hand your donation to any Club officer, who will drop it in the Club lock box.

OR...

You can mail your donation to the Club's P.O. Box, attention to Ed Alvarado.

Mailing Address:

Long Beach Casting Club
Attn: Ed Alvarado
P.O. 90035
Long Beach CA 90809-0035

Thank you for your support. Any questions, email me at mrmlb21@gmail.com

It's Not too Early to Pay Your Dues!

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dear Long Beach Casting Club Members,

It's that time of year again and Membership Renewal is fast approaching. The Club greatly appreciates and looks forward to your support and continued participation. Without you, the Club could not provide the robust calendar of events for the membership and community that it has for nearly 100 years.

RENEW EARLY AND SAVE:

Our membership fees will be increasing (around five dollars) in coordination with the launch of our new website, which will be coming soon. We still need a little more time to finalize the website go-live. So, in the meantime, you can renew early based on current membership fees.

Please consider renewing today, and no later than March 31, 2025. If circumstances have changed and you no longer wish to be a Club member, please let me know.

- ❖ If you are not sure of your status, please email me at shawnefife@outlook.com.
- ❖ If you are renewing and have no changes to your contact information, please pay by check (mailed to the address below), or through our PayPal account (the link to the Membership Page is below).
- ❖ If you would like to donate to one of our several funds or if you have moved or had some other change in your contact information, please complete the Membership Application Form (found on the Membership Page), print it and mail it with your payment.

Please renew by March 31, 2025. Again, thank you for your past support.

Please mail your renewal form and check to the Club address:

Long Beach Casting Club

PO Box 90035

Long Beach, CA 90809-0035

<https://longbeachcastingclub.org/membership>



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Northern California Steelhead Club Trip Recap 2024

MARC BONVOULOIR, MEMBER

Sitting in a comfy chair across from Bryan Quick of The Fly Shop In Redding, I inquired as to what number trip this was for us chasing steelhead. He said “let me check” and looked in his computer. “Number Seven” was the reply. Lucky number Seven! LBCC has been coming north since 2017. Wow! While every year is a bit different, one theme has always held steady—big fish! And this year did not disappoint.

14 members, including eight newbies, made the eight-hour journey to Redding’s Red Lion Hotel, to enjoy two



consecutive days floating the Lower Sacramento River and the Trinity River. This has always been a short trip, targeting those members still in the work force, since only two vacation days would be needed to fish some incredible water.

The first day saw us fishing the Lower Sacramento under blue skies and chilly conditions. You would think seven guide boats would be too much on any river, but not on this water. There are so many beats to this river we rarely saw each other. The Lower Sac did not fish as well as in previous years and the guides all had different opinions as to why—from flow changes to warmer water to the plethora of striped bass moving further north, decimating the resident rainbows. Still,



rainbows and steelhead were caught, along with suckers and squawfish.

Our second day called for rain on the Trinity and all the guides were visibly joyous. Steelhead weather! Sure enough, it rained on and off all day and we caught fish. The river was flowing low and clear but the low light conditions were perfect for a successful day. Steelhead, brown trout and salmon! If you haven’t fished this water, make sure to do it soon or wait until next year’s trip.



Accommodations at the Red Lion were superb, and included a hearty breakfast each day before heading out to the water. Dinners were fun as well, as we dined together on the first and third nights, culminating with a great steak dinner at Cattlemens Restaurant. All in all, a very successful trip to some great Northern California waters.





SAVE THE DATE!

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**Join Us for a
Happy Birthday
Celebration!**

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

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

Announcing Our New Hat Designs: 100th Anniversary

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The LBCC is selling special “100th 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.



New Shirts for Spey Tournney 2025!

KEITH O’DONNELL, CO-CAPTAIN

Need a new shirt? Want something to celebrate our 100th Anniversary? Well, here’s your chance! Our annual Spey Tournament in January has traditionally offered a commemorative t-shirt, and this coming event is no different. This year’s shirt will also honor our Club’s 100th Anniversary.

All participants will receive a shirt of their choice. I will be taking orders if anyone wants to get this collector’s item. The cost will be \$30 for most sizes. The cutoff date for this order is **December 23rd**. Just let me know your size and whether you want a short sleeve shirt or long sleeve.

To place an order, please contact Keith O’Donnell at: kdohighball@gmail.com or at: **909-223-9713**. See you at the Club (and sporting a great new shirt?)!



History of the Long Beach Casting Club - Part I

CAROLE KATZ, PAST PRESIDENT

Long Beach Casting Club was founded in 1925 by an artist from Chicago, David Linder. He was the World Champion in both Distance Fly and ¼ ounce Accuracy Plug Events when he moved to this area in 1923. While practicing his casting in a city park, David attracted the attention of those with similar interests and eventually a group of men formed the nucleus of Long Beach Casting Club.

TOURNAMENT CASTING

Tournament casting was exceedingly popular in those early days, and much of the club's activities had to do with competitive casting. Many of our members would distinguish themselves in regional, national and/or international tournaments. Ben Robinson broke all existing records for the Plug Distance Event in 1932, and won a gold medal in the 1932 Olympic Games, the last time casting was included. Thurman Whitson won the national Distance Salmon Fly and Dry Fly Events, also in 1932. Earl Osten was the national All Around Champion in 1944, and then, at the 1947 National Tournament, won 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy, while James Corbell won Dry Fly Accuracy. C.R. Thorn, Sr., President in 1934–35, and his son Carroll R. Thorn, Jr., President in 1948–49, were both national All-Accuracy Champions.

Dick Miller, who had just one eye, was the national Distance Fly Champion for four years from 1942-45, All-Distance Champion in 1944, and All-Around Champion in 1943. At the 1961 national

tournament in Long Beach, Ed Thomas became Wet Fly Champion in a legendary cast-off against Steve Aleshi of the Golden Gate, that was ten consecutive perfect games, eventually winning by just one point—a world record that remains unequalled. Still going strong ten years later at the age of 68, he repeated as the 1971 National Dry Fly Accuracy Champion with another perfect score, but this time in a strong cross wind. Countless club members have been national champions.

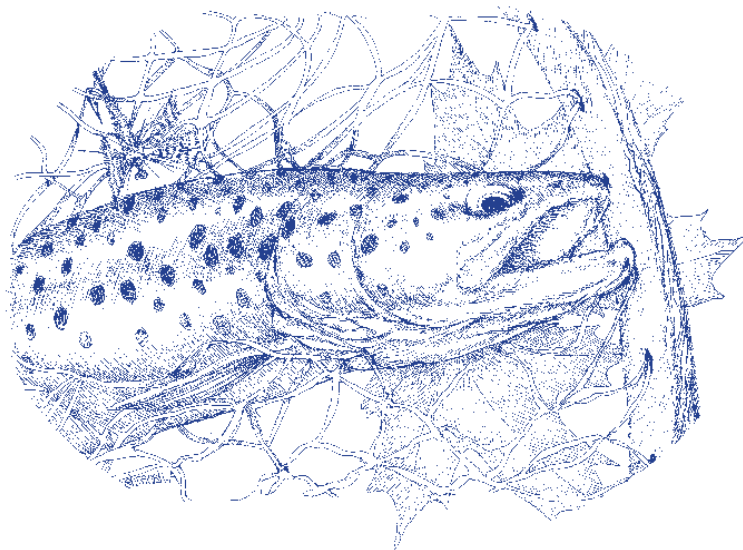
Ed Thomas, Ron Robinson, Bobby Spear and Matt Rickerd are club members who have cast perfect scores of 100 in national competition. Our members have earned berths on the American Casting Association's All American Team: Bobby Spear (8 years), Dick Miller (8), Earl Osten (6), Jim Green (5), Matt Rickerd (5), Ed Thomas (3), Cliff Wyatt (2), Carroll Thorn, Jr., Jim Corbell, Ron Robinson, Allan Rohrer, John Napoli, Ian Walker, Larry Allen, Bob Middo and, the sole female, Norma Collins.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Although tournament casting has been an important part of our history, it has never overshadowed our club's emphasis on teaching.

We have offered free casting instruction to the public since 1936 when casting clinics were begun by then President Hal Sackett. The casting classes were always very popular; in the 1960s and '70s it wasn't unusual to have 170–250 students in the casting classes! The casting instruction starts at the beginner level,

and progresses, for those who want to pursue this avenue, to preparation for the IFFF Casting Instructor Certification, Master Casting Instructor



Certification and, more recently, the Two-Handed Casting Certification.

President Mel Wilson and LeRoy Winters started the fly tying classes in 1940. Like the casting classes, the fly tying classes have always been free to the public and well attended. We also offer rod building classes, and some of our members have been quite well known for their rod building skills, particularly Claude Kreider and his 5-strip bamboo fly rods.

FISHING LITERATURE

Many of our members have contributed to the literature of our sport. Claude Kreider, President in 1937, famed outdoor writer and bamboo rod builder, wrote *THE BAMBOO ROD AND HOW TO BUILD IT* (1951) and *STEELHEAD* (1948). Earl Osten authored *TOURNAMENT FLY AND BAIT CASTING*. John McKim published *FLY TYING: ADVENTURES IN FUR, FEATHERS AND FUN* (1982). His illustrated column "FLY IDEAS" was a regular feature from 1978 to 2006 in *WESTERN OUTDOORS MAGAZINE*, and his articles have appeared in numerous other magazines. Jim Eriser was the originator and editor of the IFFF Bulletin "TIE FLYER" feature for its first two years, followed by John McKim, who served as editor four more years. Full of great information, Larry Stoner's book *LAKE FLIES FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA* was sold all over Southern California. Jack Turner published *FAMOUS FLATFISH HELIN TACKLE CO.* in 1996. Sam Mihara wrote *FLY FISHING ALASKA* in 1996, and Harold Beadle authored *FISHING THE EASTERN SIERRAS IN SNOWY WATERS* in 1997.

Fly tier extraordinaire John Van Derhoof was featured

in Judith Dunham's *THE ATLANTIC SALMON FLY* in 1991, and was a tying contributor to Stephen J. Meyers' *STREAMSIDE REFLECTIONS* in 1990. His flies have been mentioned in books by Gary LaFontaine, Lefty Kreh, John Randolph and others, as well as in articles in *FLY FISHERMAN*, *FLYFISHER* and *AMERICAN FLY TYER* magazines.

LONG BEACH WOMEN'S CASTING CLUB

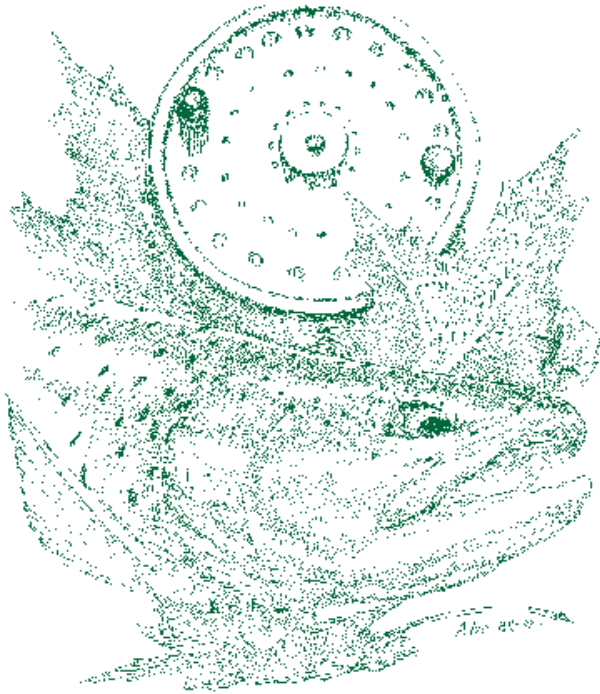
Long Beach Women's Casting Club was formed on August 9, 1940. This was only the second women's casting club in the entire west, Golden Gate's being the other. For more than 40 years, the men's and women's clubs operated side-by-side, sharing the facilities and co-hosting tournaments.



As in the men's club, the Long Beach Women's Casting Club was very strong in tournament casting. At the Little Grand National Registered Casting Tournament in Santa Monica in 1947, Geraldine Thorn won the 5/8 oz Accuracy Bait with a 97, topping both

male and female contestants by 4 points. A few months later, Dorothy Hunt cast a perfect score of 100—only one living man had ever done this to date.

The 64 members of Long Beach Women's Casting Club co-hosted the 1947 National Tournament with Long Beach Casting Club. Our Dorothy Hunt was second in All Around Accuracy, Accuracy Baits and Accuracy Flies. At the 1954 National Tournament here in Long Beach, Mildred Wolfe was crowned All Accuracy Champion after winning five of the seven events she entered. She set new world records in 5/8 oz Accuracy and Combined Bait Events, and new national records in 3/8 oz. Accuracy and 1/4 oz. Accuracy, the latter with a score of 99.

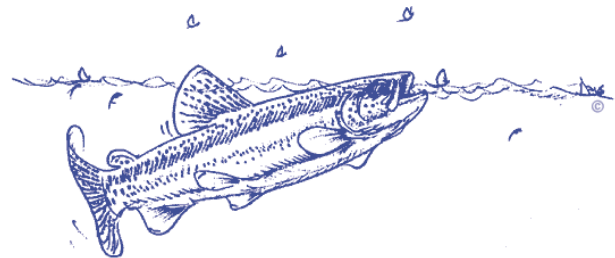


In 1958, Norma Collins won the Women's Skish Spinning Event, and in 1959 won the 5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy with a score of 98 at the national tournament. During the 1960 Western Casting Tournament in San Francisco, Norma Collins won Skish Fly Accuracy with a score of 95, besting all the men, including ACA Hall of Fame Honoree Jon Tarantino. For the second consecutive year, Norma was the top woman caster of the tournament. At the 1961 Western Casting Tournament, Jenny Bishop was Fly Accuracy Champion, and Norma Collins was Bait Accuracy Champion.

Carol Green earned the title All Around Champion at the Western States Indoor Casting Championships in 1967, and then two years later at the same tournament won three plug events in just the first day. At 1971 nationals, Barbara Rohrer was Trout Fly Accuracy Champion and Ellie Turner was the Dry Fly Accuracy Champion. Eighty-four year-old Jenny Bishop took second place in Dry Fly Accuracy. During the 1978 national tournament, Barbara Rohrer won the Accuracy Flies, Accuracy Plugs and All Accuracy Combined Events for Women, in addition to Bass Bug, 3/8 oz Bait Accuracy and 5/8 oz Plug.

Every organization has its controversies and LBCC is no different. For the Club it was the transition from all male membership to male and female members. In 1980, club members were "persuaded" through logic, emotional appeal and the realization they had no choice, that the admittance of women to LBCC would be beneficial and the first female member was admitted to Long Beach Casting Club. At the time many members felt that this would mark the end of the club.

In 1983, the Club's Board of Directors actively began encouraging new women members and since then the Club has never looked back. In time many of those who objected to female membership openly stated that it was "one of the best things to happen to the club." Four women have served as club president since the merger: Margaret Walker, Shauna Barton, Connie Bullock and Carole Katz.



Long Beach Casting Club New Member

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Board of Directors approved this new member at the last Board meeting:

❖ Royden Toma of La Palma

Please greet and welcome all of our new members at the Club's monthly meetings. 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!

Invasive Species Alert: Golden Mussel

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

CDFW reports that the golden mussel, a harmful invasive species, has arrived in California waters. The golden mussel's impacts are:

- ❖ Consuming large quantities of microscopic plants and animals, which upsets the balance of food supplies for fish and other aquatic animals.
- ❖ Clogging water pipes and fish screens.

Golden mussels recently arrived in California. The eggs stick to international cargo ships and in that way are transported to new locations. Recommendations to slow the spread include washing equipment with hot water (greater than 122 °F) or drying in the sun more than five days.

Operators of Lake Berryessa require all boats on trailers to pass an inspection and a 30-day quarantine for the golden mussels. Be ready for similar restrictions to be imposed at our favorite waters in the Eastern Sierras.

Regardless of any of this, keep practicing your casting at our Casting Pond. See you at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond.



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To GSP or to Not GSP; *That is the Question...*

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

Of the threads available today for fly tiers to choose from, GSP (Gel-Spun Polyethylene) is probably the least understood, so it's a thread lots of tiers shy away from. But if you need strength from a thread, there is no better. The thread flattens nicely, is very strong versus the relative diameter, and, being slicker than other threads, works well with spinning or stacking hair bugs, or where you need more strength on, say, saltwater flies or large streamers without thread build up. As a comparison, Wapsi UTC 140D thread has a relative diameter of 0.041" and breakage strength of about 900 grams. Wapsi GSP 50D has a relative diameter of 0.020" and a breakage strength of 1815 grams; so half the diameter, twice the strength of the UTC 140. Comparison of threads can be viewed at globalflyfisher.com. Virtually all the thread suppliers have a GSP version.

Some tiers indicate that the thread is too slick—maybe, but use a drop of superglue on your hook shank to help set your initial wraps. But I cut my spun hair! OK, flatten the thread and use less pressure to get the same flair. Advantages include: it does not absorb water, it floats, and it is UV resistant. It makes a great saltwater thread as it has less stretch than polyester or nylon threads. Less stretch and being slick means your stacked hair has less tendency to roll on you as you tie, or over time after completion.

If you are tying smaller Muddler Minnows, Goddard Caddis or similar, the small diameters will keep the thread bulk down. On larger streamers or saltwater flies, you can increase the size of the thread for added strength with fewer wraps. One suggestion I do have is to use an Exacto or razor blade to cut the tag ends/final cut, as scissors have a difficult time in cutting all the fibers of GSP.

Give GSP a try; you might like it.

Rusty Makes out Big Once Again on the San Juan!

RUSTY DRAPER

I just returned from one of my usual trips to the San Juan River in New Mexico, staying at the Soaring Eagle Lodge. Everything was five-star as always.

They raised the water a few hundred feet, which made fishing more challenging. I still managed to catch a beautiful 23" rainbow and three 19" rainbows, and many standard-sized trout.

Over my lifetime I have fished most of the West's big name trout streams. Of all the streams I have fished I have yet to match the quality and consistency of the large 19-28" trout from the San Juan.

I started fishing there when Larry built the lodge 19 years ago, and have been fishing the lodge several times a year since.

Jeff, current owner, continues to make upgrades yearly. I always am looking forward to my next trip there.



Fly of the Month: PMD Captive Dun

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

I am always looking for some pattern, new or old, that will help me catch a few more fish on a trip. If you read any of these fly tying articles of mine, you will notice I have a distinct attraction for patterns that imitate emerging mayflies, caddis, midges and more. The reason is simple: fish key on this stage of the insect's development because they're more vulnerable and easier to eat—conservation of energy, baby. So let's look at an older pattern that is easy to tie and works great, but you may never have given it a try: a Captive Dun.

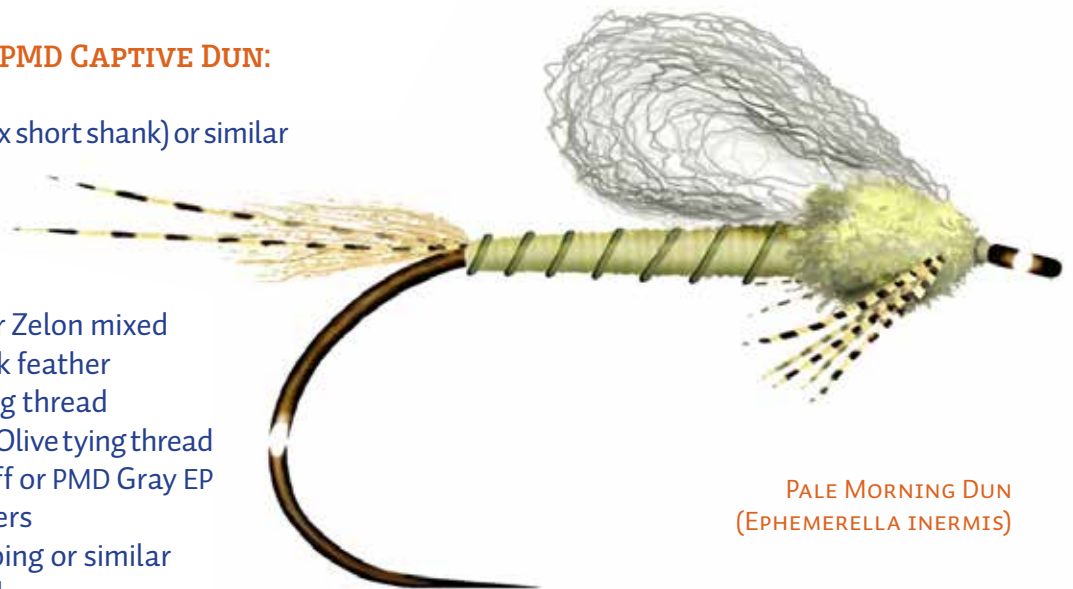
Simply stated, a Captive Dun is a mayfly nymph that is in or just below the surface film and is starting to molt into its dun stage. Its wings are still inside an expanding thorax and it is just starting to pull its new body out of the old exoskeleton, but it's still a nymph and not a flying adult mayfly. I first learned about this stage of mayfly development in the late '80s from René Harrop at an FFF Conclave. He and his wife Bonnie later did this mayfly stage justice by including it in their chapter in Judith Dunham's fine book, THE ART OF THE TROUT FLY. Their chapter is an outstanding look through their well-known fly patterns at a pale morning dun as it transitions from nymph to spinner through six different stages of development, including the captive dun.

While all mayflies probably go through this stage, many species may not be readily available to a trout. Some species emerge so quickly that they pass from captive dun to a flying insect that they never become available. Fortunately, some of the more prevalent and popular species do hang around long enough to bring themselves to the attention of feeding trout in the captive dun stage like: pale morning duns (*Ephemera inermis*, size #14–20); blue-winged olives (*Baetis tricaudatus*—also known as a Western iron blue quill and the one we imitate on the Green River, size #16–22); and tiny Western olives (*Pseudocloen edmundsi*, size #20–24).

Fish this pattern like a dry either by itself or as the point fly on a dry/dropper rig, with the dropper fly being an emerging dun, floating nymph or dry fly pattern. I will oftentimes leave the fly undressed to allow it to lightly sink just below the surface. Another technique is to use this pattern as a dropper and a beaded nymph as the point fly with an indicator. Remember, this pattern is half nymph, half adult so use colors to match each of the forms you choose to imitate.

MATERIALS FOR TYING A PMD CAPTIVE DUN:

Hook: Daiichi #1480 (2x short shank) or similar
 Thread: Veevus 12/0
 Light Cahill
 or Sheer 14/0
 Primrose
 Shuck: Gold and Amber Zelon mixed
 Tails: Wood duck flank feather
 Body: Light Cahill tying thread
 Ribbing: Optional—Dark Olive tying thread
 Wing case: Natural CDC puff or PMD Gray EP
 TriggerPoint fibers
 Thorax: PMD Zelon dubbing or similar
 Legs: Wood duck flank



PALE MORNING DUN
(EPHEMERELLA INERMIS)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING A PMD CAPTIVE DUN:

- 1 De-barb your hook if necessary and insert it into your vise. Attach the thread behind the headspace and wind smoothly down the shank to the bend. Select a small amount of both gold and amber Zelon fibers, mix them together and tie them in as a shuck. The length should be about one-half the length of the hook shank. I like to “feather” the cut ends into a rounded point. Tie in one or two wood duck flank feathers on either side of the shuck.
- 2 If you are going to add a rib to the body, tie it in now. Now, smoothly wind your thread forward to the start of the thorax or one-half to two-thirds the way up the hook shank. Keep your thread untwisted as you wind by spinning your bobbin in a counter-clockwise direction for right handers—yup, southpaws will spin it clockwise. Now wind the ribbing forward, leaving equal spacing between each turn, and tie the rib off.



BLUE-WINGED OLIVE
(BAETIS TRICAUDATIS)

- 3 For the wing case, select a CDC puff or two (or a nice clump of EP TriggerPoint fibers) and tie them in by the tips with the butt ends facing to the rear of the hook. Apply dubbing to your thread and wind the dubbing forming the thorax but leave at least two or even three headspaces clear at the eye. Loosely pull the wing case material forward and tie the butt ends down with two or three light turns. Grab your bodkin and insert the point between where the wing case was tied in and tied



TINY WESTERN OLIVE
(PSEUDOCLOEN EDMUNDSI)

down and then pull back about halfway towards the bend, giving the looped wing case a “fatter in the back than the front” look. Now add a few more tight turns of thread, to secure the wing case and remove the butts.

- 4 Tie in three to five wood duck fibers as legs on either side of the thorax. Apply just a bit more thorax dubbing to your thread and fill any remaining space to the headspace. This last bit of dubbing will hide the wing case butt ends and force the legs backwards. Form a neat head and whip finish.

Now, tie a few more in your favorite colors and go fishing!



Calendar of Events

January, 2025

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
5	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
6	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
9-12	Weekend		Club Trip: Lower Owens #1 with Lincoln & Rivett
11	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
11-12	Weekend		On the River Clinic
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Be8.5ginning Fly Tying
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
			100-Year Anniversary Planning Meeting
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
17-19	Weekend		LBCC Open Spey Tournament
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
22	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
23	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
25	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #2 with Lincoln & Rivett
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Thursday	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Elyse Freitas of California DFW
1/30-2/2	Weekend		Bart Hall Show
			Lower Owens #2 w/ Lincoln & Rivett

February

1	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
2	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
3	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
8	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

8	Saturday	8:00 AM	LBCC Open House
11	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
14-16	Saturday	8:00 AM	Southwestern Tournament
18	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Thursday	6:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
22	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Thursday	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Chris Leonard

March

1	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #3 w/ Lincoln & Rivett
2	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
3	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
4	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
5	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
6-9	Weekend		Lower Owens #3 w/ Lincoln & Rivett
8	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
15	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
16	Sunday	9:00 AM	Sunday Club Cast
19	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Thursday	6:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
22	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
27	Thursday	6:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Speaker TBD
29	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast



For *January 2025*, our club's monthly special 20% discount will be set on the *Aventik website*.

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3. Fly Fishing Combo Kit
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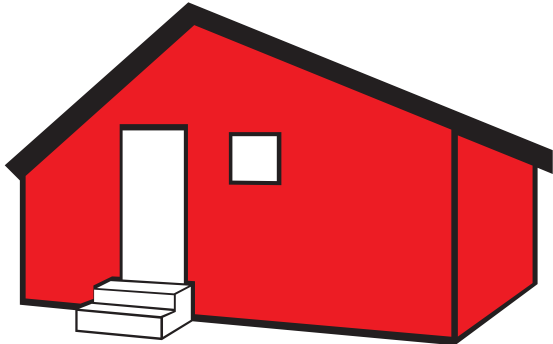
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