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Leader's Line...

Fall (Fishing) Is In The Air: Steelhead & Big Trout

TOM OLSON, PRESIDENT

We have had a monumental year at LBCC, with our tournaments, our 100-year celebration and the US Open. It has been busy and I've enjoyed every meeting and event along the way. I've fished some single days on the beach and lakes this year, but I'm finally taking some longer trips this fall. I'm a steelheader at heart and when fall comes around, my mind and focus turns to Spey casting for steelhead. Be it steelhead or trout, this is the time of year when the fish are the heaviest, from a summer of feasting.

The Club has two great trips coming up: the Crowley Lake trip and the Trinity River steelhead trip. I'm hoping several of you are signed up to go. It's a great opportunity to try something different with members who will help you learn, and you could possibly catch your personal best. If you haven't caught a steelhead before and you hook one this year, I won't be surprised if you become a steelheader. I hooked and landed my first adult steelhead over 45 years ago, and I've chased them ever since.

My preference for steelheading is "swinging" the fly, but I've caught plenty of metalheads indicator fishing. Indicators are far more productive, but I would rather catch one fish on the swing than ten with an indicator, though I have friends who are completely opposite.



We all have preferences and I support all of them, but if I could see your face when you hook a fish on the swing, it would make my day, and yours! For you trout fishers, this is the time of year to swing a streamer for the big grab. I'm looking forward to hearing your stories and seeing your pictures at Club meetings this fall.

One more note on swinging for steelhead. The absolute ultimate is to swing (aka skate) a surface steelhead pattern and watch it wake across a steelhead lie. The anticipation raises my blood pressure, but if it's my lucky day and

I get a grab, it's the best in my book. I hope some of you give it a try someday. I just want to encourage you to get out there to enjoy the outdoors in the fall season and I wish you good luck on the water.

Club Trips for 2025, 2026

ANDREW FAIRBANKS, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Oct 1-5	Crowley Lake w/Steve Timm, Pre-Trip Sept 20, 9:00 am.
Oct 18	Surf Fishing Clinic Beach Outing with Kevin Green, No Pre-Trip.
Nov 8-11	Steelhead Trip w/ Marc Bonvouloir, Pre-Trip Nov 1, 9:00 am.
Jan 2026	Lower Owens Trip #1 w/ Dan Rivett and John Lincoln. Final dates and pre-trip TBD
Feb 2026	Lower Owens Trip #2 w/ Dan Rivett and John Lincoln. Final dates and pre-trip TBD
Mar 2026	Lower Owens Trip #3 w/ Dan Rivett and John Lincoln. Final dates and pre-trip TBD
April 26-May 1	Green River Trip #1 w/ Andrew Fairbanks. Pre-trip TBD.
May 3-8	Green River Trip #2 w/ Colin Kumabe. Pre-trip is TBD.

Trip locations, dates and pre-trips change, so monitor Target Talk or the web calendar for the latest information.

Deposits for trips which are "double occupancy", and require deposits in advance, are non-refundable. If you cancel, your deposit will only be refunded if a Club member replaces you.

If you would like to be a streamkeeper and need help organizing a Club trip, or if you have suggestions for a Club trip or any questions, please email me at: andrewfairbanks7@gmail.com



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October Speaker: Rich Chiappone

TONY DAUS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

In the years before the Clean Water Acts, Rich Chiappone grew up in the industrial wasteland of Western New York, a few blocks from the Love Canal toxic waste site. A good day of fishing on the Niagara River was one with a rock bass in it. He longed to see the clean rivers of the Great North Woods he read about in library books. In 1982 he moved to Alaska. He has been living and fishing there ever since.

Although he was an independent small contractor all his working life, he got around to finishing college in his mid-forties and has been a part time professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage since 1995, teaching creative writing most recently in the Master Of Fine Arts graduate program. His own writing has appeared in numerous magazines including mainstream publications such as *Playboy*, *Alaska Magazine* and *The Sun*. But also, in many outdoor magazines including *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod and Reel*, *Strung*, *Sporting Classics*, *The Drake* and *Gray's Sporting Journal*, where he is now a contributing editor. He has published five books, including *Liar's Code*, a collection of fishing essays.

Chiappone lives in Homer, Alaska with his wife and cat, not far from his favorite steelhead stream, the Anchor River. Rich will provide a presentation on DIY fishing in Alaska along the Kenai River, Situk River and other legendary waterways in his part of Alaska. Rich is a fantastic writer and storyteller.

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

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83227831669?pwd=LfKDZ5ULbbaY6BakQ3hR4iHnjhvpXn.1>

Meeting ID: 832 2783 1669
Passcode: 606240



Long Beach Casting Club New Members

SHAWN FIFE, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Rob Stuart of Long Beach
- ❖ Gregory Clibon of Laguna Niguel
- ❖ John Roehm of Lomita
- ❖ Edward Matuizek of Cape Coral
- ❖ Mary Mackey of Long Beach
- ❖ Joseph Clayton of Long Beach
- ❖ Erik Kinoshita of Torrance
- ❖ Scott Noll of Long Beach
- ❖ Bert Shepley of Huntington Beach
- ❖ Michael Grobaty of Fullerton

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.

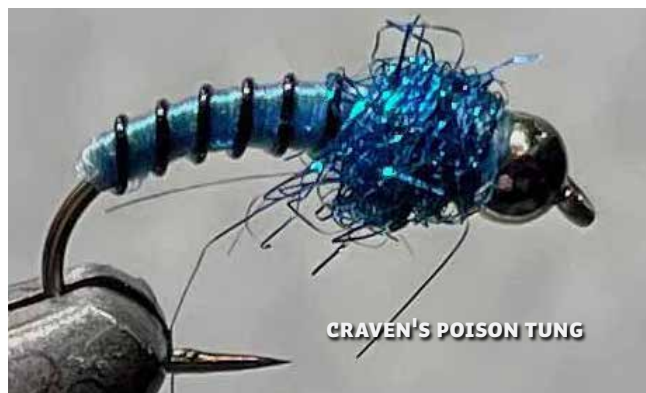
Members: if you see visitors at Club meetings, let's make them feel welcome and inform them of the activities we have to offer!

Fly Tying Forum: This Month's Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

Welcome to the October Tying Forum. As the weather cools down and the hatches slow, it's time to start tying some nymphs for winter fishing.

We'll start out the month with a rare blue pattern, a color you don't see often in trout flies. Charlie Craven's Poison Tung hits this unique part of the underwater spectrum that shows up well when trout are feeding on nymphs in deeper water. Give one a try; you may be surprised at how well it works.



Continuing our theme of fishing deep, Matt will demonstrate the GD Czech Cat Nymph, an original from George Daniel's tournament fishing days. This heavily weighted pattern is perfect for a two-fly Euro-nymphing rig.



Mid-month we'll take a break from classes to chase some colored-up October bucks.



After an open tying night, Cecil will demonstrate a High Sierra standby, the Bright Dot. This pattern is a must have for small creeks and high-altitude lakes in the Lone Pine and Bishop backcountry.

Anyone is welcome to join our regular sessions at 7:00 pm every Wednesday, regardless of tying experience. If you would like to join us, please email Shirley Sakaguchi (sakagusc@gmail.com) so that you can be added to the Forum email list. Shirley sends out pattern sheets for the flies covered in the coming month, and Matt Murdough will provide materials for anyone in the class who needs them.

Anyone interested in leading a tying session should reach out to Matt (mmroaringbrook@gmail.com) to get on the schedule.

If you have a pattern you want to learn, 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
10/01/25	Small Nymphs: Craven's Poison Tung	Matt Murdough
10/08/25	Czech Nymphs: Czech Cat Nymph	Matt Murdough
10/15/25	No Class—the Steelhead are Calling!	
10/22/25	Open Tying Night	
10/29/25	Sierra Flies: Sierra Bright Dot	Cecil O'Dell

2025/26 Beginning Fly Tying

DAN OLIVER / CECIL O'DELL, MEMBERS

On Tuesday, October 21, 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 21, October 28) 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 4, 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 21. This email will include a link to all materials needed for each fly we tie, and a link to all the videos produced by instructors Dan Oliver and John Van Derhoof for the class. We will also be providing a fly-tying manual, which is 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: danofrumsano@gmail.com or Cecil O'Dell at (562) 221-5253, or cecilodell54@gmail.com.



BEGINNING FLY TYING SCHEDULE

- October 21 and October 28, 2025
Introduction to Techniques; Materials & Tool Demo
- November 4, 2025
The Ant (Wet Fly, Terrestrial)
- November 11, 2025
Soft Hackle (Wet Fly, Emerger)
- November 18, 2025
Boss (Steelhead)
- Nov. 25—No Classes for Thanksgiving Break**
- December 2, 2025
Freshwater Scud (Nymph/Crustacean)
- December 9, 2025
Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear (Nymph)
- December 16, 2025
Pheasant Tail (Nymph)
- Dec. 23 & 30—No Classes for Winter Holiday Break**
- January 6, 2026
Clouser Minnow (Bass/Saltwater Streamer)
- January 13, 2026
Crazy Charlie (Saltwater Fly)
- January 20, 2026
Woolly Bugger (Wet Fly/Streamer Fly)
- January 27, 2026
Elk Hair Caddis (Dry Fly)
- February 3, 2026
Adams (Dry Fly)
- February 10, 2026
Parachute Adams (Dry Fly)
- February 17, 2026
Humpty (Dry Fly)
- February 24, 2026
Rusty Spinner (Dry Fly "Spent")
- March 3, 2026
Royal Wulff (Dry Fly)

LA River Youth Fishing

BOB MAYFIELD, PAST PRESIDENT

Over Labor Day weekend, LBCC partnered with Trout Unlimited for a hands-on educational event designed to teach young people and their families about the history and ecology of the Los Angeles River—a river that runs right through the heart of LA.



LBCC was well represented by four members: Kathy Wahl, Javier Guzman, a new member named Scott and myself. The event drew a fantastic crowd with over 30 children and another 20 adults in attendance.

Pictured is Bill Bowling giving a presentation on the river's history, ecology and the importance of conservation. After the presentation, each participant received a fishing pole and reel (not a rod). We assisted attendees in setting up their poles, followed by a practice casting session on the grass before they headed to the water to try their luck at catching fish.

The fishing was a bit slow, but every child left with knowledge of the river that flows through their neighborhoods, a fishing pole of their own and the skills to rig and use it. A highlight of the day came when Kathy caught a nice carp and handed the rod to a young participant—who lost the fish, but gained a great story!

Afterward, everyone was treated to pizza. It was a well-run event, and we were proud to be a part of it.



Introducing "Conservation Corner" in Target Talk!

BOB MAYFIELD, PAST PRESIDENT

We are excited to announce a new feature for Target Talk called Conversation Corner. The goal is to give Long Beach Casting Club members a space to share updates on conservation-related activities, as well as to promote upcoming events and to highlight recent conservation efforts from our members.

Here are a few upcoming conservation events to keep on your radar:

SEPTEMBER 13 WEEKEND:

We have five members camping in Monache Meadows. We will be assisting the California Department of Fish and Wildlife with a fish count on the South Fork of the Kern. Purpose of count is to further protect our state freshwater fish: the California golden trout. We will have pictures for you in the next edition of Target Talk.

LOWER OWENS RIVER CLEANUP:

The Cleanup will be Saturday, November 1. Steve Jones has generously offered his condos in Mammoth for those who wish to join us. We have room for 10 people. Look for further details to follow. Also, the LBCC Board of Directors has approved \$500 to help with this effort to clean up.

TROUT UNLIMITED CONSERVATION PROJECT: SAN JUAN CREEK

Details to be announced.

We hope this space will encourage more members to get involved and stay informed about our collective conservation impact. If you have something to share, consider contributing to the Target Talk Conservation Corner!

Ignore the Forecast— Let's Fish!

***Another Successful Yards & Inches
Tournament is in the Books***

MICK WOODBURY, PAST PRESIDENT

So what if the forecast said "Rain: 80%"? And so what if those rumbles sounded a bit like thunder? In Huntington Harbour it was balmy (think Hawaii), and time for the annual Yards & Inches Tournament.

Seven anglers launched shortly after dawn, to an incoming tide and fish willing to chew. In the next four-plus hours we boated a fish every nine minutes, not counting a substantial clambake (a clambake is a snag that turns out to be an assortment of clams, mussels and all sorts of underwater growth that squirts all over you).



Kevin Green fished off the beaten path, which proved to be a winner with 17 fish totaling 218 inches. Steve Timm chose the more traditional approach and landed 16 fish, but his were younger, measuring in at 140 inches.

The total for the day was 536 inches, or 44.6 feet, or 14.85 yards. That's how the Y&I tournament got its name.

As the tide slowed, so did the fishing. It was time for lunch. Mick Woodbury had staked out a grassy waterfront spot with trees and shade, and brought along a hot kettle of pozole and toppings, a cooler of icy drinks and chips and salsa.



No one went home hungry, not even the kitty: \$100 was collected for the Endowment Fund. Y&I Number 18 was officially in the books.

P.S. The group enjoyed lunch, shared stories and helpful techniques, passed around productive flies and reminisced about past trips. Kelsey Bass Ranch was mentioned fondly more than once.

If anyone knows of a largemouth bass lake with adjacent camping, trees and shade, speak up. The fleet has a slogan: "Have Kayaks, Will Travel."

Save the Date! Annual Holiday Feast

TOM OLSON, PRESIDENT
GRACE CHERRY, FEAST COMMITTEE CHAIR

WHAT: Long Beach Casting Club Holiday Feast (formerly known as the Venison Stag Dinner), featuring the famous prime rib dinner presented by Dan Luas and John Lincoln.

WHEN: Saturday, December 6, 2025
Long Beach Casting Club Holiday Feast

WHERE: Long Beach Casting Club
Recreation Park, Long Beach, California

More Information to Come!

LBCC Backpackers Hit the Trail

Hiking, Fishing and Relaxation in the Ansel Adams Wilderness

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

On Thursday, August 21, a group of intrepid Club members, including Colin, Andrew, Shawn, Mike, San Sasi, Christian, Alex and Craig met me for dinner at the Lopez Family Restaurant in Mammoth, to carb-load and hydrate in preparation for our next three days of backpacking, camping and fishing in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. After a good dinner we drove to Minaret Summit for the trip down Red's Meadow Road, which has scheduled construction closures for an ongoing road-widening project. A little after 7:00 pm the road was opened, and we drove down a very dusty road to the Shadow Creek Trailhead in Agnew Meadows, to camp and get an early start hiking the next day.

Friday morning, after striking camp and a quick breakfast, we started on our way. The trail goes through Agnew Meadows and then descends 300 feet over two and a half miles to a bridge that crosses the San Joaquin River. The steepest section of the hike was from the bridge to the outlet of Shadow Lake, about 700 feet in a mile and a half, much of it stone steps and exposed to the sun on what was a very warm day. Upon arrival, Alex immediately went to fish the lake's outlet with good results. The trail between Shadow Lake and Ediza Lake at 9,300 feet is in the Shadow Creek Drainage and offers many opportunities to access and fish the creek. The remaining three and a half miles of trail to Ediza Lake passes through meadows and shaded glens, and has some steep sections, many with stone steps. After arriving at Ediza Lake we set up camp, and many members took off with rods to familiarize themselves with the lake and streams in the area.

Our last backpacking trip to Ediza Lake was two years ago, right after an intense monsoon event that washed sediment into Ediza Lake and Shadow Creek, discoloring the water. This year the lake and creek were very clear



and we could see large rainbow and brook trout, which was encouraging.

We set up a central cooking area, and everyone prepared a Friday night dinner as we talked about the day and everyone's fishing plans for the following day. It was a relatively warm night, and we all retired early after a strenuous day.

Saturday dawned sunny and clear. As we finished breakfast and had that last cup of coffee, a few clouds began to appear. Everyone was gearing up to fish. Andrew and Shawn were headed to Iceberg Lake, about one and a half miles from (and 500 feet higher than) Ediza, where they lost count of the brook trout they caught. Colin went to fish the lake and only returned after turning blue from wading. Mike headed out to





JIM GARVEY WITH A NICE FISH

the lake as well and picked up a nice rainbow, and then proceeded up the creek with his Tenkara rod, picking up a number of rainbows and brookies. Alex had a productive day fishing the lake and Christian took off to explore a promising stream, with great results.

San and I started fishing the creek flowing down from Mt. Ritter, above the lake. The first quarter mile or so had a series of small pools that we took turns taking nice-sized rainbows from; Craig soon joined the fun. As we continued up the creek the fishing tapered off as the grade continued to increase, until we came to a small but very impressive waterfall. While all this was happening the clouds continued to build up, the breeze increased, we heard thunder in the distance and experienced the first rain shower of the day, which lasted 10 minutes. We were then putting on our rain gear for the increasingly heavy showers, and then peeling it off as it was too warm to hike in.

We climbed around the waterfall and continued up, so we could hike cross-country to fish Nydiver Lakes. As we reached our high point on a bench below Mt.

Ritter, a tremendous thunderclap over our heads got our attention, and we began to descend and contour towards our goal. There was very little lightning in this system. The rain had stopped, and as we continued it became apparent that we were off-route and it would take too much time to reach Nydiver Lakes, so we dropped down towards Ediza and went through a small basin, where we saw several deer.

We arrived at the east side of Ediza at 3:00 pm near a rockfall that had covered the trail, rigged up and started to fish. After the first good strike I had, it began to rain and didn't stop until 5:00 pm. By that time San and I were back in camp as everyone wandered in and tried to stay dry. Just as we were discussing dinner the rain stopped, we had a dry dinner, passed around some refreshments, told fish stories and recounted our adventures.

It rained twice Saturday night, but I slept through it. Sunday morning had some clouds, but the weather cleared up by the time we began hiking out after breakfast. Colin took the lead and I took up sweep at the rear, as we made our way back to Agnew Meadows. Several members, including Alex, Christian and me, stopped several times to fish Shadow Creek. Some high cloud cover and a nice breeze down the San Joaquin Canyon made the hike out very pleasant. Shawn had cold refreshments waiting for everyone as they arrived at the trailhead parking lot.

Overall, the beautiful scenery and abundance of fish made the trip an incredible experience. My thanks to everyone who participated; each person contributed to making the trip a success as we all worked together.



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 8th–11th, 2025. Arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.
- COST:** The cost of the trip is **\$748.35** per person double occupancy plus a small fee ranging from \$15–\$25 each for boat trailer repositioning. Trip cost detail is: \$531.25 per day for the guide, boat and lunch and \$ 144.73 per night for the room, for two anglers. Please note—this amount is the same as 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 **\$531.25** due no later than September 15th, 2025 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.
- LBCC • P.O. Box 90035 • Long Beach, Ca. 90809-0035**
- Second deposit of **\$217.10** will be paid upon departure from Red Lion Hotel when you check out on Tuesday, November 11th.
- 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 11-9-25 we will meet guides at The Fly Shop 8:00am (10 minutes from the hotel) and depart to float the Lower Sacramento. On Monday 11-10-25 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 with floating lines. 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:** We have room for 14 members on this trip. Spots will fill quickly so please contact me right away. If you have questions about the trip contact me Marc Bonvouloir 213-369-9525 mrm1b21@gmail.com.

Crowley Lake Trip

Oct 1st through 5th

STEVE TIMM, MEMBER

The Crowley fishing trip is coming up pretty soon. This trip is known for the large trout that inhabit Crowley lake. The average fish size has been around 18 inches this year.

If you plan on going, please notify me at srtimm20@hotmail.com. I'd appreciate it if you let me know by the end of August, so we can get the group size estimated and we can lock down the appropriate-sized condos.

WHAT YOU NEED FOR THIS TRIP:

1) 5-wt rod(s) nine feet in length. One rod is OK; two or three is better, and may prevent having to change rigs. If midging is good, you may fish the whole time with one rod, but we won't know that in advance.

One rod should be set up with a floating line for midging. Another should have a 3-6 IPS full-sink line for trolling streamers. The last rod should be set up with a floating line, and can be used in the lake for shallow nymphing, or fishing along the edge of weed beds, or in the event that the wind is too high on Crowley, and we fish the upper Owens or Hot Creek with dries or nymphs. You can go a bit heavier or longer on the rod, but going smaller would be tough.



**TYPICAL LARGE BROWN
FROM CROWLEY LAKE**

2) Some kind of flotation device, such as a float tube, kayak, or boat. Rental float tubes are available at Troutfitters in Mammoth Lakes, and boat rentals are available at the Crowley fish camp marina.

3) A set of waders, in case we stream-fish because the wind is too high for the lake. And of course you'll need waders if you're using a float tube.

4) A vehicle with reasonable ground clearance. Any SUV will do. Two-wheel drive is ok. We'll be driving on the double tracks around Lake Crowley, and they have a hump in the middle which might scrape on a low clearance vehicle. If you're launching or renting a boat at the marina, you don't need high clearance.

When you send me an email, I will send you a document describing the gear and techniques for fishing Crowley. You need to get this document a few weeks in advance of the trip, so you have time to order things like strike indicators, leaders and possibly fly lines online, since we don't have a local Marriotts anymore. You can also buy these things at Troutfitters in Mammoth Lakes, but it's best to order online, because I'd hate to have Troutfitters be out of something you need.

The flies used are also described in the document, and you may need to order materials online for tying. You can also buy flies at Troutfitters, the tackle shop at Crowley Fish Camp, and there's a Shell gas station across 395 from Crowley fish camp that also sells flies.

If you want to be paired up with someone on a rental boat, let me know. We already have one request for that.

You can also hire a guide boat. If you wish to do so, I can send you a list of recommended guides. If you want to be paired up with someone for a guide boat, let me know.

The cost for the condo for four nights should be between \$132 and \$210 per person, provided we get the expected number of people for the condos we have anticipated. I'll have a more specific cost on the condo when we have a better idea of the headcount.

A Journey Worth Taking

JOE LIBEU, PAST PRESIDENT

I would like to congratulate Doug Jones on becoming the Club's most recent Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor. I have had the privilege of working with Doug throughout his journey to become certified. During that time Doug has been active in our continuing education programs and casting instruction. I am pleased to see Doug get his certification so we can continue to help others at a more advanced level. I have asked Doug to sit down and review with me what his journey was like so I could share it with others. So, here is what he had to say in a recent interview.

QUESTION:

What motivated you to become a FFI CCI?

ANSWER:

This is a two-part answer. First, because I had several fishing trips planned, some of which included overseas travel, I decided to start working on my casting so I would get the most out of my fishing expeditions. I found that after taking casting lessons and working on my casting I fished with more confidence, had better results and had more fun. Second, having seen improvement in my casting, others asked me to help with casting instructing for Club members. I found that I enjoyed helping others and it was very rewarding to see others learn and improve their casting.

QUESTION:

What motivated you to keep going?

ANSWER:

When I practiced and received coaching from others I could see definite improvements in my casting techniques, casting accuracy and fishing success. Also, I found that helping new Club members with casting was a great way to get them involved with the Club and hopefully lead them to participate in more Club functions. As I continued to work with beginning casters, I decided to participate in the Teach the Teacher's Program presented by FFI and the Long Beach Casting Club. As part of that program, I learned

teaching techniques in addition to casting techniques. As I improved my casting, others encouraged me to participate in programs like the FFI Casting Skills Development Program and ultimately, they suggested I work on becoming a FFI Certified Casting Instructor.

QUESTION:

What are the requirements of becoming a CI?

ANSWER:

A willingness to learn, working advice provided by others into my casting routines, patience and practice. Oh, yeah...and there are fifteen performance tasks and six teaching tasks that you need to learn and master.

QUESTION:

Did you have a mentor or help during your journey?

ANSWER:

Joe Libeu was my mentor throughout this process and has always encouraged me. I owe Joe a lot of gratitude for his ongoing encouragement and support. Joe is a Master Level Casting Instructor (MCI), and he knew exactly what I needed to accomplish in order to become certified myself.

QUESTION:

How did you prepare for the exam?

ANSWER:

The first step in the process was Joe Libeu volunteering to be a mentor to help me through the certification process. Joe and I worked together several times early in my journey. Covid came along and slowed down my progress. After Covid became less of an issue I participated in the FFI CI Study Group in Pasadena led by Jody Martin, a CI, with the help of Bill Heard, an MCI. While participating in the Study Group, I had the opportunity to work with and learn from others that were pursuing CI certification. I also participated in the FFI Exam Prep Course which included a seven-week online course and a two day in person workshop where I worked with several CIs and MCIs. As the exam date approached, I increased my frequency of practice to almost daily and asked Joe Libeu and Bill Heard to work directly with me on the tasks necessary to pass

the exam. Also, there are several resources available at the FFI website specifically for those who are working on the CI program.

QUESTION:

What were the biggest challenges you faced?

ANSWER:

I had some health problems and hospital stays that slowed me down in 2024, making it difficult for me to perform the first time I took the exam. Staying healthy is important. During the learning process I initially found it difficult to give up my old habits and practice new habits that people were trying to teach me. The more I cooperated and followed the leads of people helping me, the more I progressed. The biggest problem I had with casting was using too much power and trying too hard. Even during the CI exam my default was to overpower my cast, which made the examination process more difficult than it would have otherwise been.

QUESTION:

Can you describe how this experience has changed your perspective of casting and the teaching of fly casting?

ANSWER:

Casting has become more enjoyable. I now cast with greater confidence and have more fishing success. I have always enjoyed fishing, and I enjoy it even more with my improved casting capabilities. When it comes to teaching, I have learned that not everybody learns the way I learn. There are a lot of different ways to teach people and instructors need to be able to identify and cater to the learning style of various students. Also, if I make the teaching experience fun, the students learn and retain more and I enjoy teaching more.

QUESTION:

What key insights did you gain from the journey?

ANSWER:

As I learned more about casting and improved my casting, I found that I gained confidence and did not second-guess myself as much as I had before. Also, the more confidence I had in my casting, the more I was able to help others and make them more confident in their

casting. Not everybody has to cast exactly the same; as long as they have the fundamentals right, they should be able to cast effectively. I also learned that every cast does not have to be perfect to catch fish. Seeing progress and having fun is more important than perfection.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS:

Again, I would like to congratulate Doug Jones on his successful completion of the CI program. I am sure he will be a greater asset to the fly-casting community. He has shown an interest in sharing his experience with others and assisting various clubs and individuals with their casting.

Key steps in Doug's journey included completion of the FFI Casting Skills Development Program, which built confidence in his casting ability; participating in the Teach the Teachers Program provided by FFI and the Long Beach Casting Club, which taught basic teaching skills needed for casting instruction; and then passing the CI exam, which demonstrates mastering casting and teaching skills.

Having skilled casting instructors is key to the long-term success of fly-fishing clubs. Being able to help new members learn to cast, and existing members to improve their casting and enjoy the sport, are keys to success. These efforts promote the art of fly fishing to a broader community through our public outreach programs.



New Hat Designs: 100th Anniversary

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COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

The Long Beach Casting Club is selling special “100th Anniversary 1925–2025” hats. This batch of hats includes a special logo, commemorating the Club’s 100th Anniversary.

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Favorite Fly Fishing Tools

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

Everyone has a favorite fly fishing tool. Whether tying flies, tying knots, casting, dressing or building rods, each tool is essential to a good day on the water to catch fish.

Clearly the most cited favorite is the nippers to cut tippet streamside. The second is the hemostat with cutters. The third is the wading stick. After these, there didn't seem to be much of a pattern for favorites.

Favorites after these are not any less important as viewed by the individual angler. This article and several subsequent articles will feature shared favorites that **EVERYONE** needs to consider as valuable enough to be part a good day fly fishing.

Thanks to all who helped with responses via email, phone or in person with your favorite tool. All of the favorite tools are very affordable and well worth looking at. The following are two tools that the Club's late former president used and passed on to others in the Club. Wayne Sakaguchi sent these photos with a short explanation of them.



Wayne: how many of you still have some of the old film containers in your camera bags? They make good mini trash containers that I carry on my vest to put my tippet cuttings in. Make two small holes on the bottom and insert a small zip tie to make a loop to attach it to your zinger. In the lid I drilled eight small holes in a circle and one in the center. I then used an X-Acto blade to make a "lid" to push the cuttings in. I was given this idea from the late Yash Isheda.

Wayne: how many of you put your used flies back in your fly box wet? Since we use barbless hooks, those foam patches or wool patches don't work well, especially when walking through brush. Here's a small container that Eddie Madrid made from an old container I have on my vest. He drilled two large holes on the side and inserted a small screen. This lets the airflow dry out the flies and keeps me from losing them. He then used some line to make a loop to attach it my zinger.



Practice your casting at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond. Good casting is a tool that doesn't add weight to your on-the-river gear. See you at the Pond!

Streamkeeper Workshop 101

WHEN: Sunday, December 7, 10:00 am

WHERE: Long Beach Casting Club, Recreation Park, Long Beach CA

DESTINATIONS: Anywhere there's fish such as Henry's Fork, San Juan, Hot Creek Ranch, San Diego Bass Lakes. Oceans, bays, mountains, lakes, streams, rivers, jungles!

CURRICULUM: Learn how to become a streamkeeper to book guides, accommodations, restaurants, travel. Topics include pricing, number of anglers, trip writeup (3 W's), spreadsheet, itinerary, payment installments, pre-trip prep, waivers, communication!

SPEAKERS: Joe Libeu, Andrew Fairbanks and Marc Bonvouloir

Fly of the Month: Purple & Silver Spey

JOHN VAN DERHOOF; PAST PREZ, HISTORIAN, NE'ER-DO-WELL

By now everyone who reads this article each month knows I love to tie steelhead flies. When trying to come up with ideas for this month's fly I had three suggestions (those folks will remain nameless for their own safety) and all three said it's steelhead season, so a steelhead fly. So here is something to try should you be thinking about a trip to chase steel: the Silver & Purple Spey.

This fly brings up a couple of different questions and considerations before one begins to tie it. The first is how to tie in the wing. I recently wrote about tying steelhead flies using a **winging technique pioneered by the late Ed Haas**. This involves tying the wing in first and pointing forward, then folding it back after completing the rest of the fly. Tying in the wing last (the conventional method) will also work fine, but it's not as durable as the Haas method.

Next is the use of certain materials that some may find questionable/illegal. Nothing in the fly you see is illegal. However, they could be. By that I mean you cannot purchase polar bear unless it is from a proven legal source such as a legally hunted animal. You can buy it in Canada but just don't try to bring it across the border, as a fine and jail awaits. You can buy it from Native Americans at Native stores and co-ops (it's usually sold as a bookmark, or something similar). Besides, there is a great substitute: skunk. It's the only hair that approaches polar bear in sheen and translucency.

Finally, there's the jungle cock. It is legal to import this from anywhere. Period. The species is protected under the CITES Treaty (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) like the polar bear. That said, they can be raised from an egg, processed and sold legally here in the United States. You can find capes for sale on eBay and occasionally in some fly shops. Yup, they're expensive, but since you only use one pair of eyes (often called "nails") at a time, they will last a long time. I have a couple of capes that are close to 50 years old. You can also use imitations, with the eyes printed on a thin mylar sheet.

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE PURPLE & SILVER SPEY

- Hook:** Alec Jackson salmon/steelhead; Size #6-1/0
- Thread:** Veevus 12/0; red
- Tag:** Fine oval tinsel; gold
- Body:** Rear 2/3 – embossed tinsel; silver
Front 1/3 – STS Trilobal dubbing; black
- Ribbing:** Fine oval tinsel; gold
- Hackle:** Body – ringneck pheasant rump; dyed black
Throat – rooster; 3-4 turns of purple
- Wing:** Bear or skunk; white
- Cheek:** Jungle cock; half the length of the wing
- Head:** Thread



INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE PURPLE & SILVER SPEY

- 1 Place your hook in the vise (de-barb first if the hook has one!) and here is your first decision: a Haas wing or conventional. If you're going to try a Haas wing, go to the [July 2025 edition of Target Talk](#) and you'll find great instructions on the process. Since we're going to tie this with a conventional wing, attach your thread first, sliding it between the looped eye at the head space, and wind down (closing the looped eye) to the thorax area, about 1/3 the way down the shank from the eye.
- 2 Pull off a 4" or 5" length of your ribbing material, and tie it in low and on the far side of the hook. Next, grab a 6" to 7" length of flat embossed metal tinsel. In one end, cut a shallow crescent in one side of the tinsel with a beater pair of scissors—not your good ones! Tie the tinsel at the point where the notch is low and on the far side of the hook. The notch will help keep you from pulling out the tinsel, and it will help start the tinsel off at the correct angle as you start winding.
- 3 Start winding the embossed tinsel down toward the bend of the hook and over the gold ribbing. Nope, there is no thread base—you don't need it. As you wind the tinsel do not overlap it. The tinsel needs to be wound so that the edges abut each other, edge against edge; never overlapped. You want the tinsel flat and smooth. On a curvy hook like an Alec Jackson, the body should only go to the point of the hook or it will look too long. Then you reverse direction and wind back to the start. Before making the return I often apply a thin coat of Zap-A-Gap to the first layer, and wind over it while it dries. When you are finished wrapping the tinsel, remove the extra by worrying it off, rather than cutting it with scissors. The sharp edge left by the scissors could cut your thread later on—ugh! The gold ribbing should still be low and on the far side of the hook.
- 4 The tinsel should occupy 2/3 of the shank. Now comes the front 1/3, and it's made up of two elements: the dubbing and a Spey-style hackle.

Spey-style hackles are very long, flowing and sparse. Select a black dyed rump feather from a ringneck pheasant and with the shiny/best side facing you, strip off the barbs on the left side, leaving a few remaining near the tip to help tie it in with. Tie in the feather with the stripped side up and on the underside of the hook.

- 5 Now counterspin your thread and get it nice and flat. Pull out a moderate amount of the black dubbing material and set it nearby. Split the thread and insert the dubbing between the two strands. Spin your bobbin holder clockwise to lock the dubbing and wind it forward, leaving about two head-space lengths. You'll need those for the throat hackle and wing.
- 6 Next up: create the tag and then the ribbing. Take hold of the gold oval tinsel and make 3 touch wraps just behind the flat tinsel body, finishing by just touching it. Without stopping, continue to make 5 (and 5 only) evenly-spaced turns up the body, ending at the end of the dubbing. The 3rd turn should be at the center of the body, and the 4th turn should land where the flat tinsel ends and the dubbing begins. Remove any excess ribbing.
- 7 Hackle time. Wind the Spey hackle forward behind and touching the final turns of ribbing, and then add 1 or 2 more turns. Again, it should be sparse, and extend back beyond the bend. Select a dyed purple hackle from a low-grade rooster. The barbs should be long enough to extend to the bend of the hook. If you can fold a feather, do so; if not, stroke the barbs so that they are perpendicular to the rachis and tie it in by the tip. Wind 3 or 4 turns; make sure the barbs flow back over the body.
- 8 Select your wing material and remove any of the loose basal hairs; then stack the tips. The length of the wing should be halfway between the tag and the hook bend. With hair measured and between your fingertips, remove all but 1/16" of the butt ends. Counterspin your thread so that it curves back towards your fingers and make the first turn gently over the top, pulling hard from

underneath towards you. Place a second turn in the same fashion. Spin your thread clockwise just a bit, and make 2 more turns. At this point I apply Zap-A-Gap to my thread and make another 4 or 5 firm solid turns of thread. Let the glue set for a few minutes.

- 9 Last task. If you have jungle cock, select 2 feathers that are similar in size. Measure them for length, which should be about half the length of the wing. Strip off most of the basal barbs and tie them along the side of the wing. Carefully trim off the excess, so as to not disturb their position. Form a neat head and whip finish. My first coat of head finish is a small drop of Zap-A-Gap on the very top of the head, at the base of the wing. This is the weakest part of the fly, and it's why Haas wings are so much more durable.

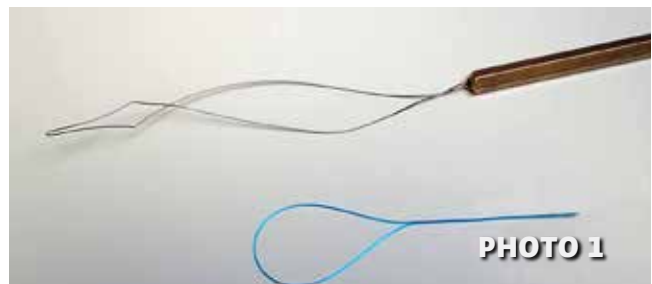
Finish the head with a couple of thin coats of Bone Dry UV resin and you're ready for the river!



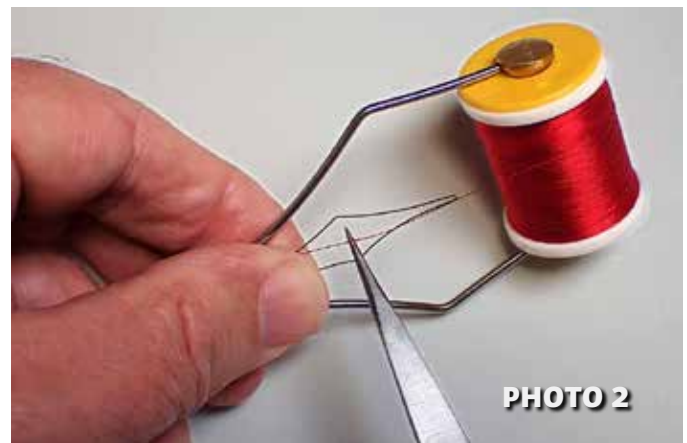
Fly Tying Tip: Threader

DAVE BOYER, MEMBER

When we began our tying journey, most of us started with the standard wire threader that we insert into the end of the barrel of our bobbin holders (top of **Photo-1**), and quickly found out they are a pain in the neck, especially if the diamond section gets bent or squashed. On an earlier tip I suggested the use of the dental floss threader by GUM or similar (bottom **Photo-1**). Just insert the straight section into the barrel of the bobbin holder, then insert the thread into the loop and pull. To me, that's much easier.




I've found a slick way to use the wire version, if you lose your floss threader, or you are showing someone how to use the wire version: hold the thread behind the diamond opening and use a set of tweezers to pull the thread through, before pulling the threader out of the barrel (**Photo-2**). If you have issues with getting the thread through the loop in the floss version, you can do the same trick. Works great for very small diameter threads like 30-denier GSP.



Calendar of Events


october



1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
1-5	Week		Crowley Lake Trip w/ Steve Timm
2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
4	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
5	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		11:00 AM	Sunday Women's Casting Clinic
6	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
7	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
9	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
11	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
12	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		1:00 PM	Monthly Casting Lessons
14	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
15	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum— Cancelled
16	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
18	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
			Surf Fishing Clinic Beach Outing
19	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
21	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			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
26	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			Beginning Fly Tying
29	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Rich Chaippone, Alaska DIY

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

November



1	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Steelhead Trip w/ Mard Bonvouloir
2	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		11:00 AM	Sunday Women's Casting Clinic
3	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
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20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Chris Leonard, Owens in Winter
22	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
23	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
30	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

December



1	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
6	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		6:00 PM	Holiday Feast
7	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		10:00 AM	Streamkeeper 101 Workshop
		11:00 AM	Sunday Women's Casting Clinic
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
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31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum



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

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

It covers 10 products from fly fishing reel, fly tying vise and some accessories. Detailed info seeing following:

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3. IM10 Spey Rod
4. 2in1 Fly Rod
5. Wing Series Fly Reel
6. HVCE Graphite Fly Reel
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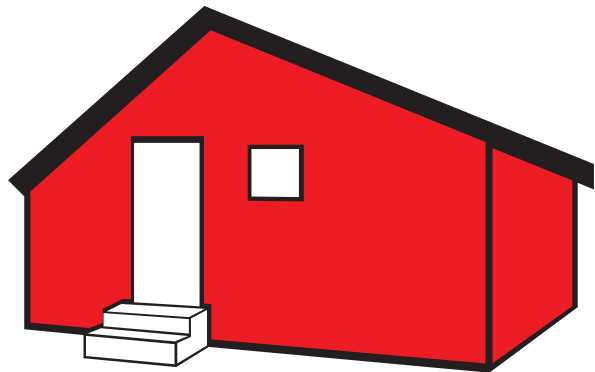
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