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Target Talk

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Leader's Line...

Maximizing Trout Survival

TONY DAUS, PRESIDENT

One of our core LBCC principles is a commitment to conservation, and that includes catch-and-release fishing. Catch-and-release is built on the idea that a hooked fish will recover after being released and grow to fight another day. However, a fish swimming out of your hands isn't proof of survival, it's only proof it isn't dead yet. Fish mortality can happen hours after landing the fish. This becomes even more critical during the summer when water temperatures are highest. Ensuring high survivability rates requires planning.

Prepare Before You Go

Best practices for a successful, healthy release start before you even cast. Here are a few things to think about as you prepare for your outing.

Go barbless: I am sure most of our LBCC members are aware of the importance of pinching the barbs or tying their flies on barbless hooks. Barbless hooks significantly reduce unhooking time and reduce damaging the fish's mouth. The picture shown is a West Slope cutthroat I caught this spring. The mandible on this fish has been significantly altered, possibly by damage from a barbed hook.



Match tippet to the water: Fighting a trout to exhaustion on 6x tippet results in lactic acid accumulation in its muscles. Use the heaviest tippet you can, so the fish can be landed quickly.

Carry a rubber net: Nylon mesh nets can strip away a trout's slime coat and split fins. Smooth, knotless rubber nets protect the fish's skin (and keep flies from tangling during unhooking).

Fighting and Landing

The longer a fight lasts, the lower the trout's survival odds. An extended fight leaves the fish oxygen-

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Club Trips for 2026

ANDREW FAIRBANKS, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Sept 10-13	Fly Fishing Backpacking Trip to Twenty Lakes w/ Jim Garvey, Pretrip Aug 26, 7:00pm.
Sept 30-Oct 4	Crowley Lake trip w/ Steve Timm. Pre-trip Sept 19, 9:00am.
Nov 7-10	NorCal Steelhead Trip w/ Marc Bonvouloir. Pre-Trip Oct 31, 9:00 am.

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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is on Social Media!
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September Speaker: Joe Contaldi

Topic: Tactics for Pyramid Lake Lahontan Cutthroats

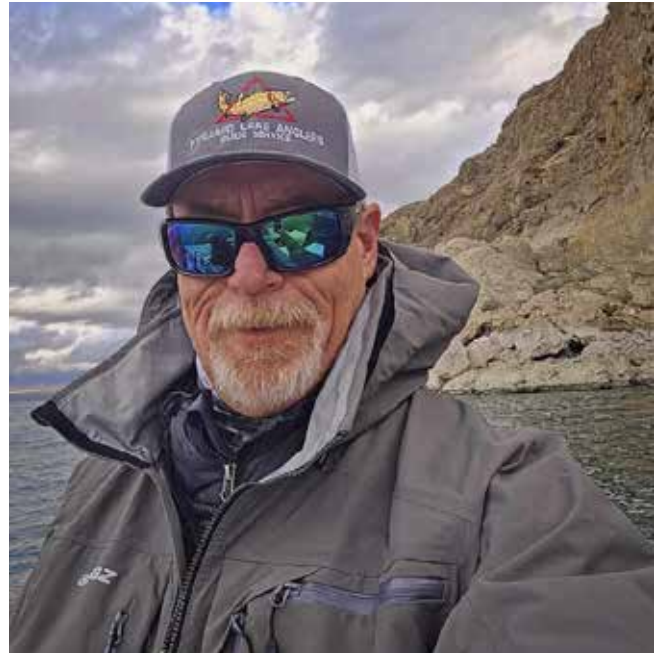
TAE KIM, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Joe Contaldi is a veteran licensed guide with decades of experience on the waters of the Eastern Sierra. Since 1996, Joe has been the lead guide and owner of both Performance Anglers Guide Service and Pyramid Lake Anglers Guide Service, based in Mammoth Lakes, California. He is also a current board member and president of the C.F.F.

Joe's love for fishing began in his childhood in New Jersey, and his passion only grew when he moved to Southern California during his high school years. He quickly became immersed in fishing all that California and Nevada had to offer. Over the years, Joe worked for a local outdoor retailer and pioneered some of the first saltwater fly fishing charters in California. He also led saltwater fishing trips, gave fly casting demonstrations and lectured at fishing clubs and outdoor expos.

A dedicated fly fishing enthusiast, Joe fishes both salt and fresh water and is known for his patience, courtesy and professionalism. He takes great care to ensure that his clients, whether beginners or advanced anglers, leave with improved skills and a greater appreciation for the sport. His enthusiasm for fly fishing is contagious, and it's clear that he truly loves what he does.

Joe's expertise extends beyond guiding—he is a sought-after celebrity speaker at the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, CA, and has been quoted in numerous articles and books. Additionally, Joe has been featured as a guest host on many radio shows. From October through June, he focuses his guiding efforts at Pyramid Lake, and from July through September, he guides on the Eastern Sierra's Crowley Lake, East Walker River, and Upper Owens River.



Joe is also an ambassador for Aquaz Fishing Gear and resides in Mammoth Lakes, CA, with his wife Julia and their sons, Quinn and Logan. When he's not guiding, Joe enjoys fishing and spending quality time with his family. His passion for fly fishing, along with his deep respect for the outdoors, has shaped his life, turning what many consider a hobby into a fulfilling lifestyle.

Join us on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse or on Zoom.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85758179819?pwd=GjJqyaMRSPZcxj5SO50y3OAYEbzEH.1>

Meeting ID: 857 5817 9819

Passcode: 015406



Fly Tying Forum: This Month's Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

September is upon us with thoughts of cooler weather, hoppers and the fall steelhead run.



Matt will start the month off with the second half of his midge life-cycle class. In addition to tying Ed Engle's Suspender Midge and Matt's CDC and Shuck Midge, we'll discuss some tight-line and indicator rigs for fishing these diminutive flies.



Eddie Madrid is up next with a versatile fly for both Euro-style and indicator nymph rigs: the Frenchie. This adaptation of the Pheasant Tail by Lance Egan can represent a wide range of mayfly nymphs and is a great fly to have on your line any time of year.



Cecil will take Week Three with a PMD Sparkledun. Originated by Craig Mathews and John Juracek of Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, MT, the Sparkledun really came into its own on technical Western streams like the Henry's Fork and Armstrong Spring Creek.



In the Beginner's Corner this month, we'll work on techniques for improving your Wooly Buggers, working up to a somewhat more advanced version: the Thin Mint.



By request of a Forum regular, we'll finish off the month with one of those complicated foam hoppers

you see in the fly shops nowadays. Eric Paramore's Fancy Pants Hopper combines a foam body, foam and rubber legs, and a wing to entice those big trout.

Anyone can join our regular sessions at 7:00 pm every Wednesday, regardless of experience. If you'd like to join us, 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
9/02/26	Midge Life Cycle Part II: CDC & Shuck	Matt Murdough
9/09/26	Mayfly Nymphs: Lance Egan's Frenchie	Eddie Madrid
9/16/26	Spring Creek Dries: PMD Sparkledun	Cecil O'Dell
9/23/26	Beginner's Corner: a Better Bugger	Matt Murdough
9/30/26	Terrestrials: Fancy Pants Hopper	Matt Murdough

In the Meantime... ...another Update!

JOHN VAN DERHOOF; PAST PREZ

I have added a few more rods for sale. There are still several in storage. Finally, I have brought several different types of Spey lines to the Club, including Airflo Rage, Rio Scandi and Skagit, Nextcast Skagit, Airflo Polyleaders and Rio Versileaders, as well as some MOW tips. I have also brought an assortment of some of the 40,000 flies we have—oh dear God do we have flies—to the Club for members to purchase. The only reels available are Hatch 9 Pulse and Finatic.

Until then, however...here's what we have at the Club right now for sale. Check or cash, **or**, if you can find Tom O or Ed A, credit.



Rods:

MAKE, MODEL, LENGTH & WEIGHT	PRICE	QTY
Burkie Vintage – 14'2" 8wt <i>well used</i>	\$450	1
Echo Trout Spey – 11'0" 2wt	\$210	1
Echo Trout Spey – 11'0" 3wt	\$210	1
Meiser – 12'6" 4/5/6 <i>needs a new stripping guide</i>	\$360	1
Meiser MKS – 13'0" 7/8wt 2-tips	\$500	1
Meiser MKS – 13'0" 7/8wt	\$480	1
Meiser MKS – 13'6" 7/8wt used	\$450	1
Meiser MKS – 13'6" 7/8wt used	\$450	1
Meiser MKS – 13'6" 7/8wt used	\$450	1
Nam Ren – 11'6" 6wt 5-piece	\$436	1
Orvis Clearwater – 11'4" 4wt	\$180	1
Orvis Mission – 12'0" 6wt	\$400	1
Orvis Mission – 11'4" 4wt	\$400	1
Sage Igniter 6126 – 12'6" 6wt	\$260	1
Sage One 6116 – 11'6" 6wt	\$340	1
Sage One 4116 – 11'6" 4wt	\$320	1
Sage One 8136 – 13'6" 8wt	\$360	1
Sage X 5120 – 12'0" 5wt	\$360	1
Sage X 7130 – 13'0" 7wt	\$380	1
Sage X 7130 – 13'0" 7wt <i>no tube</i>	\$360	1
Winston Joan Wulff – 9'0" 8wt	\$380	1

Reels:

MAKE, MODEL	PRICE	QTY
Hatch 9 Pulse	\$300	4
Hatch 9 Finatic	\$320	1

Lines & Leaders:

MAKE, MODEL	PRICE	QTY
Airflo & Rio heads	\$30	-
Nextcast Skagit heads	\$40	-
Nextcast long lines	\$60	-
Versileaders MOW tips	\$10	-

2026/27 Beginning Fly Tying

CECIL O'DELL, MEMBER

On Tuesday, October 20, 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 20, October 27) 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 3, 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 20. 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. So join us this year, and let us show you how to begin developing a new skill. Questions? contact Cecil O'Dell at (562) 221-5253, or cecilodell54@gmail.com.

BEGINNING FLY TYING SCHEDULE

- October 20 and October 27, 2026
Introduction to Techniques, Materials & Tool Demo
- November 3, 2026
The Ant (Wet Fly, Terrestrial)
- November 10, 2026
Soft Hackle (Wet Fly, Emerger)
- November 17, 2026
6:00 pm John Van Derhoof: Counterspining, Folding Hackle
Boss (Steelhead)
- Nov. 24—No Classes for Thanksgiving Break**
- December 1, 2026
Freshwater Scud (Nymph/Crustacean)
- December 8, 2026
Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear (Nymph)
- December 15, 2026
6:00 pm John V: Dubbing, Herl Direction
Pheasant Tail (Nymph)
- Dec. 22 & 29—No Classes for Winter Holiday Break**
- January 5, 2027
Clouser Minnow (Bass/Saltwater Streamer)
- January 12, 2027
Crazy Charlie (Saltwater Fly)
- January 19, 2027
Woolly Bugger (Wet Fly/Streamer Fly)
- January 26, 2027
Elk Hair Caddis (Dry Fly)
- February 2, 2027
6:00 pm John V: Selecting Hackle
Adams (Dry Fly)
- February 9, 2027
Parachute Adams (Dry Fly)
- February 16, 2027
Humpy (Dry Fly)
- February 23, 2027
Rusty Spinner (Dry Fly "Spent")
- March 2, 2027
6:00 pm: John V: Winding Floss and Tinsel, Splittin' Tails
Royal Wulff (Dry Fly)

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deprived and vulnerable to predators or cardiac distress (exacerbated by that lactic acid build up). Use your net when landing the fish.

Apply side pressure: When possible, keep your rod low and angled to the side, rather than holding it high overhead. Side pressure turns the trout's head and forces it to fight your gear, rather than using the river's current against you.

Avoid beaching the fish: Don't drag a trout onto rocks, sand or mud, as it can damage the trout's internal organs, cause abrasion and strip away its protective slime coat.

Fish Handling 101

Trout are relatively fragile creatures that rely on a protective mucus layer (slime coat) to ward off bacterial and fungal infections.

Wet your hands: Don't handle a trout with dry hands. Dry skin pulls off the fish's slime layer, leaving it open to infections days later.

Keep the fish submerged: Keep the net submerged in calm, shallow water while you back out the hook. If you need a picture, take it while the fish is in the net.

Avoid the squeeze: A firm squeeze can easily harm a trout's internal organs. Support the fish gently under the pectoral fins with one hand and cradle the tail wrist with the other. Never lift the trout under the gill plates!

Trout Revival

Sometimes a bit of trout "CPR" is needed; you will know it when you see it. Often the fish appears in a trance and floats upside down, even if the gills are slightly moving.

Gently does it: Throwing an exhausted trout directly back into fast current is like forcing a marathon

runner to sprint after crossing the finish line. Find slower water, and point the fish upstream to allow oxygenated water to flow over the gills.

Let it flow: Don't move the fish back and forth; it can force water backwards across the gills. Hold it steady and let the current do the work.

Ready to go: When the fish is nearing revival, you will feel it start to tense its tail and flare its gills strongly. Let the trout swim out of your hands on its own time; never push or toss it.

Be mindful of the water temperature: It varies over the course of the day, often by 10 degrees or more (with late afternoon the warmest). If the temperature stays above about 70 degrees for a prolonged period, trout mortality increases and it is time to either go fish for bass or take a siesta.

Long Beach Casting Club New Members

TONY DYCKS,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Kristen Huang of Arcadia
- ❖ Justine Makoff of Huntington Beach
- ❖ Harold Mayhack of Torrance
- ❖ Carl Crouse of Bellflower
- ❖ Teresa Corral of Huntington Beach
- ❖ William Pryor of Long Beach

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!

Crowley Lake Trip

September 30 through October 4

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) A 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.

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.

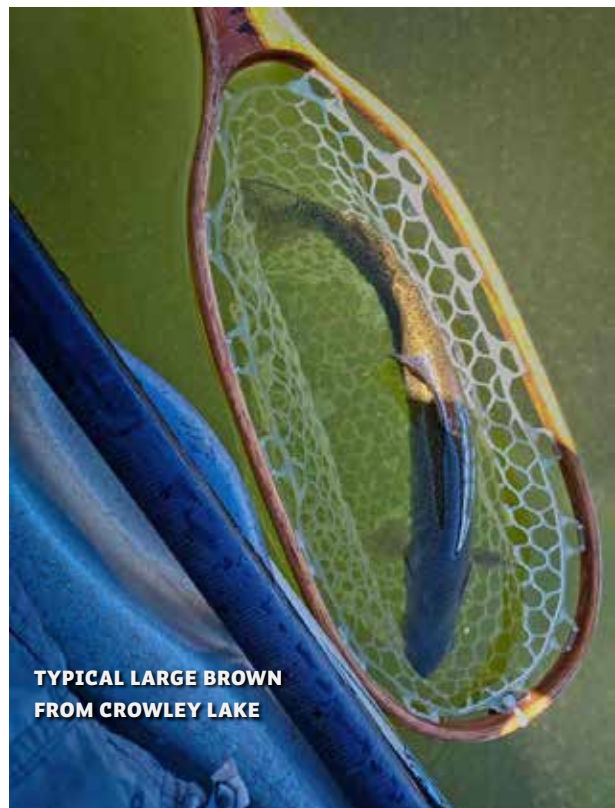
3) A set of waders, in case we stream-fish because the wind is too high for the lake. And of course you'll need waders if you're using a float tube.

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 doc, and you may need to order materials online for tying. You can also buy flies at Troutfitters, and at the tackle shop at Crowley Fish Camp. The Shell gas station across from the marina has sold flies in the past, but their inventory is very limited this year. If you buy flies at Troutfitters, be sure to get a sales person and ask what are good flies right now. That can get you the best flies available.



TYPICAL LARGE BROWN
FROM CROWLEY LAKE

Conservation Corner: 12th Annual Lower Owens River Cleanup!

CHRIS LEONARD

The California Waterfowl Association Owens River 12th Annual Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026. This is the twelfth consecutive year of this fantastic event. Put it on your calendar, and plan to be in Bishop, California for the fall colors, and to give back to one of the Eastern Sierra's blue-ribbon fisheries and its surrounding areas. You can help clean up Saturday morning, and have the rest of the weekend in the Eastern Sierra to fish, take fall color photos, or just relax!

All volunteers meet at the Pleasant Valley Campground at 8:00 am on Saturday, October 3. Coffee and baked goods will be offered to all volunteers. Representatives from important conservation and fishing groups will be present. This is also a great social event. Volunteers are handed trash bags, then divide and conquer to help clean up throughout the valley. Participants reconvene at noon for a lunch of Subway sandwiches, chips, cookies and cold drinks. There is a free raffle for participants.

Event organizer Chris Leonard will take any swag that anyone would like to donate for the raffle. Food and beverages are sponsored by contributing organizations and casting clubs. This event doesn't happen without the selfless support of sponsors. There are many contributors, and no gift, large or small, goes unnoticed. If you'd like to help sponsor the event and/or donate swag for the raffle, please reach out to event organizer **Chris Leonard** at **818.288.3271**. Questions can also be directed to Chris Leonard.

No RSVP to participate is required. Just spread the word, show up and bring family and friends. Remember, safety first the day of the event! A big thank you goes out to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for granting permission to have the organized event.



Trout Unlimited Fishing Workshop

KATHY WAHL, MEMBER

On August 8, Albert Hong, Johnny Juarez and I volunteered at the LA River Free Fishing Workshop sponsored by Trout Unlimited. It was held at the Lewis MacAdams Riverfront Park, and 60 people showed up. After learning about LA River history and restoration efforts, participants were given poles with spinning reels and tackle and we assisted with rigging and casting. At this time, we were surprised to find out that most participants had no fishing experience.

After lunch, the group walked down to the river for fishing. Following Albert's coaching on where to cast, a girl caught a bass. Another girl caught a crawdad. At the end of the event, we agreed that it was a rewarding experience to share our angling skills with the community.

We also plan to return with our bicycles to explore and fish the area now.



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 7th–10th, 2026. Arrive on Saturday and depart on Tuesday.
- COST:** The cost of the trip is **\$744.91** per person double occupancy plus a small fee ranging from \$15–\$25 each for boat trailer repositioning. Trip cost detail is: \$544.65 per day for the guide, boat and lunch and \$ 133.50 per night for the room, for two anglers. Please note—this amount is \$4 less than last year due to the hotel major renovation. **How Nice!!!**
 Next year the guide prices go up so this is the final year to enjoy tremendous savings.
- DEPOSITS:** First deposit of **\$544.65** due no later than September 15th, 2026 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 **\$200.26** will be paid upon departure from Red Lion Hotel when you check out on Tuesday, November 10th.
- 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 11-8-26 we will meet guides at The Fly Shop 8:00am (10 minutes from the hotel) and depart to float the Lower Sacramento. On Monday 11-9-26 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 mrmlb21@gmail.com.



LBCC Backpack Trip!

JIM GARVEY, MEMBER

Off to Twenty Lakes Basin again! This year's backcountry fly fishing backpacking trip is scheduled for September 10-13. This is a moderate three-day/two-night ten-mile loop through Twenty Lakes Basin in the Hoover Wilderness, adjacent to Saddlebag Lake, a few miles north of Tioga Pass. We have up to 15 available spots.

This trip is perfect for those new to backpacking and/or backcountry fly fishing. This scenic area at 10,000 feet below the Sierra Crest includes lakes, meadows and streams. Route elevation gain and loss is very manageable. Be prepared for quickly changing weather: sunny and warm to wind, rain and snow.

On Thursday, September 10 we will meet at the **USFS Saddlebag Lake Campground** for the group potluck dinner and to help acclimatize to the 10,000 foot trailhead elevation. It is about a seven-hour drive to the campground; participants are encouraged to arrive by 6:00 pm at the latest. We hike in Friday morning, September 11 and hike out and drive home Sunday, September 13 (with, perhaps, a stop at the Whoa Nellie Deli).

The pre-trip meeting and discussion of lightweight backpacking equipment and techniques will be Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. To sign up or for information contact Jim Garvey, **310-985-0761**, jim_garvey@sbcglobal.net.

On the Pond September: Save the Date!

***Mid-Summer Spey
Tournament Saturday,
September 5, 2026***

KEITH O'DONNELL, CO-CAPTAIN

On Saturday, September 5, 2026, the Long Beach Casting Club will host its annual "Mid-Summer Spey Tournament". In this friendly tournament, you will be competing against your scores from past tournaments, or setting the bar if it's the first time.

Whether you're looking to improve your casting skills, meet new friends or enjoy a day at the Club, the Mid-Summer Spey Tournament promises to be a fun day.

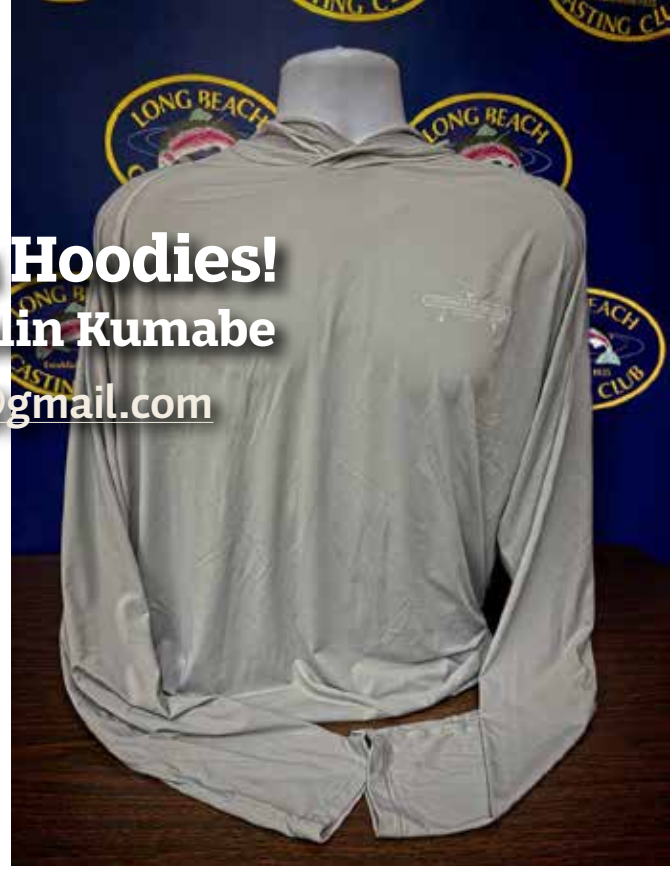
Casting begins at 9:00 am. We'll see you at the Pond!



Colin Kumabe coaches some Sunday morning "Walk-Ins"



LBCC Sun Hoodies!
CONTACT: Colin Kumabe
ctkumabe@gmail.com



2026-27 SPFA Hosted Trip Calendar

Inquiries: kksdfa@gmail.com or 714.475.4529

Destination	Missoula, Montana	Bighorn River, Montana	Argentina: Golden Dorado
Dates	April 6-11 Wait list only	July 26-August 1 Wait list only	November 30-December 5 5 spots
Duration & Cost	5 nights/4 days of fishing: \$2,400	6 nights/5 days of fishing: \$3,500	5 nights/4 days of fishing: \$3,500
Inclusions	5-night accommodation: 2 anglers per 2-bedroom unit with a kitchen, living room, and bathroom, 4 days of guided fishing, boat lunch, flies	6-night accommodation, 5 days of guided fishing, all meals & nonalcoholic beverages, airport transfers, flies	5-night accommodation, 4 days of guided fishing, all meals & beverages, fishing license, Wi-Fi
Exclusions	Flights, airport transfers, meals & beverages, fishing license, guide gratuities	Flights, fishing license, guide & staff gratuities, alcoholic beverages	International flight to Buenos Aires, transfers to the lodge extra, additional lodging & meals before or after, guide & staff gratuities, flies
Highlights	Floating Bitterroot, Clark Fork, and Blackfoot, targeting Skwala hatch	Targeting summer hatches which may include PMDs, Black and Tan Caddis, Yellow Sallies, Hoppers, etc.	Conveniently located at the confluence of Rio Parana & Rio Corriente, anglers have access to both boat and wade fishing opportunities
Destination	Argentina: Northern Patagonia (rev)	Argentina: Sea-Runs on Rio Gallegos	Christmas Island
Dates	December 7-14 6 spots	March 6 – 13, 2027 4 spots	June 15 – 22, 2027 6 spots
Duration & Cost	7 nights/6 days of fishing: \$7,600	7 nights/6 days of fishing: \$7,600 (2026 rate) if 50% deposit is received by 4/20/26	7 nights/6 days of fishing: TBD (\$4380 is the 2026 rate)
Inclusions	7-night accommodation, 6 days of guided fishing, all meals & beverages, ground transportations, private water fees, fishing license, flies, Wi-Fi	7-night accommodation single occupancy, 6 days of guided fishing, all meals & beverages, airport transfer from Rio Gallegos airport, fishing license, laundry, Wi-Fi	7-night accommodation single occupancy, 6 days of guided fishing-1 guide per angler, all meals, airport transfers, Wi-Fi, laundry
Exclusions	International & domestic flights, guide & staff gratuities, additional lodging, meals & transportation before or after	International & domestic flights, guide & staff gratuities, additional lodging, meals & transportation before or after, flies	Honolulu and international flights, guide & staff gratuities, beverages, fishing license, flies
Highlights	Two lodge program to experience diverse watershed: 4 nights in an expansive Patagonian estancia with access to prime private waters, and 3 nights in a quaint traditional estancia with access to Northern Patagonia's most iconic rivers	Private access to 95km of Rio Gallegos for Sea-Run Browns within the boundaries of one of the biggest Estancias in Patagonia and 20 km of spring creeks for resident Browns eager to take big terrestrials and mouse patterns. Sea-Runs are best fished with 2-handed rods	Wade fishing the endless flats for bonefish, Giant Trevallies, and Trigger Fish, and more. Having a guide to yourself who carries your GT rod ready to go at any moment makes a huge difference in having a legitimate shot at the King of the Flats.

Important: Unless noted otherwise, all prices quoted above are based on two anglers sharing a room and a guide

Summer 2026 Fly Fishing Merit Badge: All Scouts Caught Fish!

KATHY WAHL, MEMBER

It was the last day of the merit badge course, and we were fishing at El Dorado Park. With less than an hour remaining, one scout had not caught. I was concerned. Then three of his fellow Claremont troop members gather around him and said some encouraging words. As they gathered around him...a fish took the fly! All of us were elated, and his fellow scouts patted him on the back and gave high fives.

Seeing this, I realized encouraging one another is a critical element in successful fly fishing and creating a lifelong pursuit.



Thank you to the following volunteers for their encouragement and dedication in sharing their fly-fishing knowledge. Special thanks to Jen who guided at least six of the scouts to catch fish!

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| ❖ Albert Hong | ❖ Jim O'Connell |
| ❖ Art Daily | ❖ John Juarez |
| ❖ Bob Sheppard | ❖ Mike Downen |
| ❖ Bruce Jeske | ❖ Steve Higashi |
| ❖ Eddie Madrid | ❖ Terry Komisak |
| ❖ Javier Guzman | ❖ Tony Dycks |
| ❖ Jen Van Diest | |



After all scouts caught their fish, we were glad to see that they continued to enjoy fishing without our help.



As always, I hope they go on with their fly-fishing journey and visit the Club someday.



Fly of the Month: October Caddis Soft Hackle

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, PAST PREZ & NE'ER DO WELL

Several years ago I got a text message from a friend and Club member asking what I used when October Caddis are about and need a nymph imitation. I replied that, often, I would tie on a small Orange “Stimi” (Stimulator) and an orange confused pupae/softie/emergent imitation. Sort of a Partridge and Orange on steroids! I often add a trailing shuck of Antron. So here is the “confused” part. It can also be fished in the film as a caddis emerger that has had trouble emerging from its pupal exoskeleton.

So while this month's fly is a soft hackle/wet fly and intended to be fished as the point fly on a dry/dropper, it can also be the dropper on the surface together with a second one as the point fly below the surface or, it can be used on the swing. The latter is my personal choice because it usually means I get to use a two-handed rod to fish it though, on smaller waters, a single hand rod works just fine thank you very much!

The fuzzy nature of this fly is part of its secret attraction qualities. Anyone who has paid attention to the life cycle of a caddis (and especially those who have read Gary LaFontaine's outstanding work “**CADDISFLIES**”) knows that many species of caddis trap air about their body to help propel them to the surface. The fuzzier one can tie the fly means that more air bubbles can get trapped inside those hairs and fibers and better imitate the natural. LaFontaine's Caddis Emerger, with its Antron body bubble, is outstanding and effective example. The *ONLY* thing I don't like about that fly is that I am a messy sorter of flies. Flies are normally just tossed into a box with other flies often with barbed hooks and I have spent a ridiculous amount of time untangling those hooks from the body “bubble” on Gary's Caddis Emergers! Oopsie, don't be me...

This pattern reminds me of a sort of mash-up between two very popular and long-lived Blue Ribbon Flies flies: the Baker's Hole Soft Hackle and the Shakey Beeley. Both these patterns are used extensively for fall running brown trout on the Madison River in the Yellowstone National Park. So keep that in mind should you be in the West Yellowstone area in October or November. This is a style of tying that can be applied to a lot of different caddis species at various times of the year. Think June when scads of tan caddis size #16 and #14 are about—fish something like this in tan and similarly sized before the hatch gets going in earnest!

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE OCTOBER CADDIS SOFT HACKLE:

Hook: I prefer a Tiemco 2302; #8–6 (the hook used in the photo is a Tiemco 200R #10)
 Thread: Magpie Materials 72d; orange
 Body: Seal's fur dubbing with a split thread; hot orange
 Ribbing: Pearsall's Marabou silk thread; golden yellow
 Thorax: Opossum & Seal's fur dubbing 50:50 with split thread; brown & fiery brown
 Hackle: Partridge; brown
 Antenna: Bronze mallard
 Head: Thread



OCTOBER CADDIS
SOFT HACKLE

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE OCTOBER CADDIS SOFT HACKLE:

1. Well, like usual, we'll start by putting the hook in the vise jaws. For this fly I like to use a TMC 2302. It's a 2X long curved shank hook with a down eye and despite it being called standard wire I think it's a bit stouter than the longer 200R. Attach your thread to the hook just behind the head space and wind back to a point over the barb. Tie in your ribbing low and on the near side—this is the ideal location for reverse winding the ribbing.
2. Now to the body... Counter-spin your thread to get it as flat as possible. Get your body dubbing ready by carding it in your fingers by pulling the fibers away from the clump and laying them down so that the longest fibers are horizontal. Split your flattened thread and insert the dubbing between the two strands of thread. You can adjust the dubbing and even it out now. Once evened out spin the thread in a clockwise direction into a tight rope. Wind the dubbing forward about two-thirds (2/3) the length of the shank.
3. Do the same thing as above dubbing the thorax and try to make it longer and more robust. Again, you will use a split thread method. Wind the dubbing forward to a point just short of the head space. Once you've finished the body and thorax dubbing, brush it out so it is nice and fuzzy (see my photo!).
4. Now wind your ribbing forward in the reverse direction making about 5 turns (remember, fish can count!!!). Your fourth turn should land where the body dubbing and thorax dubbing meet. The fifth turn will be inside the thorax. Tie off the ribbing and get ready to hackle.
5. Select a brown partridge feather whose barbs are about 1 ½ to 2 times the width of the gape. Stroke the barbs so they stand out perpendicular to the rachis and tie the feather in by the tip. Carefully wind the hackle two or three turns all while stroking the barbs rearward. Tie off the hackle and add a half hitch to make sure it won't unwind.

6. Remove two barbs from a bronze mallard feather (these are the wing covert feathers of a drake mallard duck) and tie them in so that they extend about two lengths of the shank and with the curve arcing down. Separate them into the two antennae, wind a small, smooth head and whip finish.

It's fishin' time.



NOTES:

- ❖ When I speak of Seal fur in the materials list I am referring to baby seal fur. Yes, I know it's an abhorrent practice clubbing adorable white baby seals to death. In many countries, including ours, it is no longer sold but you used to be able to buy it from Orvis back in the '60s and '70s in a range of about two dozen colors. Since I was tying steelhead flies and also John Atherton's trout fly patterns, I bought a full set. It was quite available then and ubiquitous in its use in fly tying—both trout and salmon/steelhead. Is stiff, spiky and translucent. As of about two years ago Veniard's in England was still selling their remaining stock but, once it was gone, it would no longer be available. Since I have seal fur, I will use it until I run out. About the only natural thing that comes close is polar bear hair—another problematic material. Angora goat has the length and the texture but not the translucence but it is a good option. There are several synthetic substitutes that work remarkably well. One of my favorites is Hareline Dubbin's STS Trilobal. An excellent choice!
- ❖ Another throwback material I used here was the Pearsall's Marabou silk thread. Pearsall's went out of business several years ago but their mark on fly tying is legendary. The silk thread to use was Pearsall's and there was Gossamer, Naples, Marabou and Stout from thinnest to thickest. Nowadays you can get Ephemera silk thread from France and Kimono from Japan. Both are excellent but I tend to use Ephemera more because it is, believe it or not, thicker. Here I would use two or three strands of Ephemera twisted together to match the diameter of Pearsall's Marabou silk floss.

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

September



1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
5	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Mid-Summer Spey Tournament
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		11:00 AM	Sunday Women's Casting Clinic
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10-13	Week		Fly Fishing Backpacking Trip to Twenty Lakes w/ Jim Garvey
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
12	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
13	Sunday	9:00 AM	LBCC Skill Challenge Orientation
			Monthly Casting Lessons
14	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
19	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Crowley Lake w/ Steve Timm
20	Sunday	9:00 AM	LBCC Skills Challenge
21	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Joe Contaldi
26	Saturday	12:00 PM	Club Spey Casts
27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
28	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
30-10/4	Week		Crowley Lake w/ /Steve Timm

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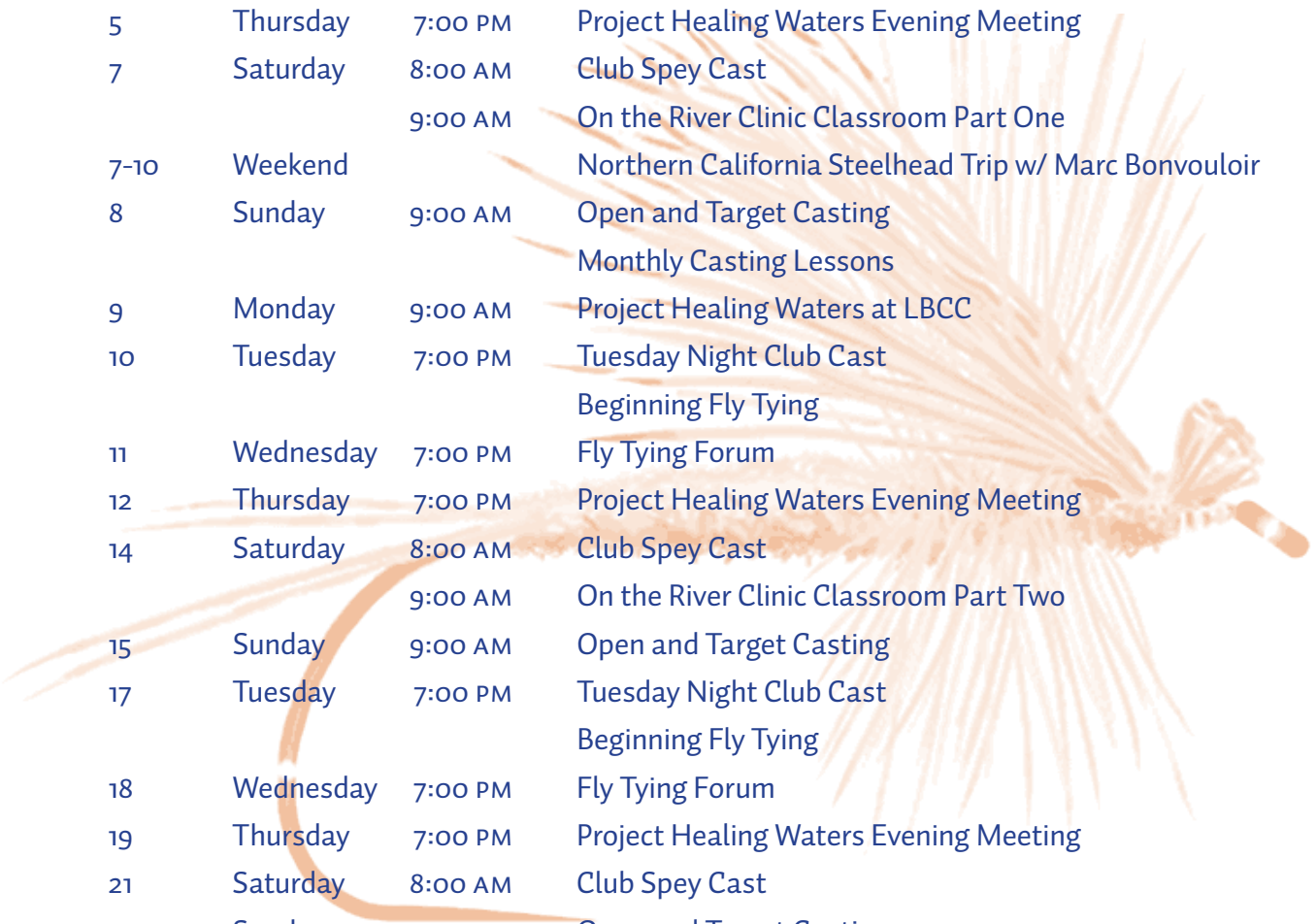
October



1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
3	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
3-4	Weekend		12 th Annual Owens River Cleanup
4	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		11:00 AM	Sunday Women's Casting Clinic
5	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
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28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD
31	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: NorCal Steelhead Trip w/ Marc Bonvouloir

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November



1	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		11:00 AM	Sunday Women's Casting Clinic
2	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
		6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
3	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			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
		9:00 AM	On the River Clinic Classroom Part One
7-10	Weekend		Northern California Steelhead Trip w/ Marc Bonvouloir
8	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
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9	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
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For *August 2026*, our club's monthly special 20% discount will be set on the Aventik website.

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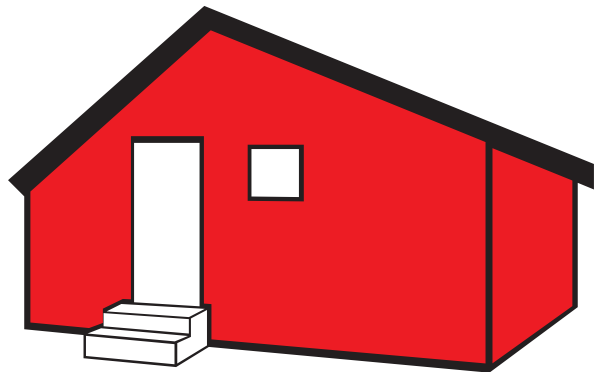
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