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Leader's Line...

Why Groundwater Matters for Healthy Fish

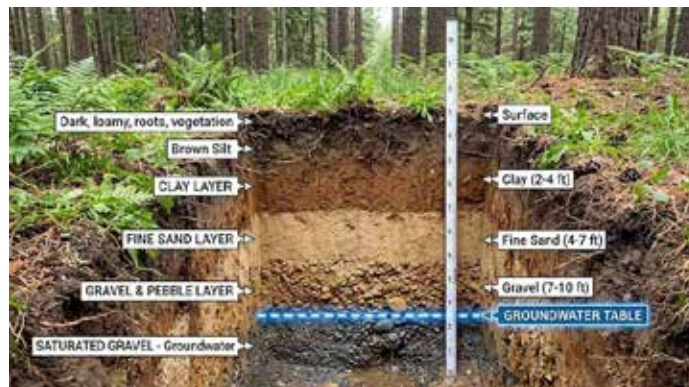
TONY DAUS, PRESIDENT

The salmonids, such as salmon, char and trout, rely on clean, cold water for their survival. When the water temperatures exceed about 70 degrees for sustained periods of time, many salmonids are dangerously stressed, and when water temperatures exceed the mid-70s, they often die. In California, CDFW asks anglers to avoid fishing during the hottest part of the day, when water temperatures reach or exceed 70 degrees (termed "hoot owl" conditions), or to fish higher in the watershed or deeper in the stream.

CDFW also maintains a **"Hoot Owl Watchlist"** during high heat and low water conditions. Many anglers don't realize that the inflow of groundwater into the stream plays an important part in keeping our streams flowing at healthy rates, and our water temperatures below these dangerous levels.

Groundwater is the free-flowing water that percolates into the rock and soil and fills the spaces between grains of clay, sand and gravel (pore space). As the percolating groundwater accumulates underground it flows from higher elevations to lower elevations. The figure above shows a typical soil profile along coastal California.

In many of the valleys and canyons in the Sierras, coastal regions and Northern California, this flowing groundwater seeps into wetlands, creeks and rivers and keeps them flowing during droughts and low-rainfall years. This adds water to these surface water bodies during dry periods, and helps them to sustain the cooler temperatures salmonids need.



The typical temperature of groundwater in the mid-latitudes of the U.S. ranges from about 50 to 60 degrees, and is typically insulated from higher air temperatures by the overlying soil. This inflow or seepage of cool groundwater is not uniform along

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Club Trips for 2026, 2027

ANDREW FAIRBANKS, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
Nov 7-10	NorCal Steelhead Trip w/ Marc Bonvouloir. Pre-Trip Oct 31, 9:00 am.
Jan 8-10, 2027	Lower Owens Trip #1 w/ Dan Rivett and John Lincoln. Pre-Trip TBD.
Jan 23-27	Trinity River Steelhead Trip w/ Tony Daus.
Feb 5-7	Lower Owens Trip #2 w/ Dan Rivett and John Lincoln. Pre-Trip TBD.
Mar 5-7	Lower Owens Trip #3 w/ Dan Rivett and John Lincoln. Pre-Trip TBD.
April 25-30	Green River #1 w/ A. Fairbanks. Pre-Trip TBD
May 2-7	Green River #2 w/ Colin Kumabe. Pre-Trip 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

**Long Beach Casting Club
is on Social Media!**
CONTACT: Christina Orris
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER
SocialMediaLBCastingClub@gmail.com
Just Click on the Icons:

Facebook, X, Instagram, and a red icon with a white flower-like symbol.

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November Speaker: Robin McCormack

*"Designing on the Fly
(Making artwork for fishing
and the outdoors) "*

TAE KIM, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Born in Los Angeles, California, artist Robin Akira McCormack began observing and drawing the world around him at an early age. His studies in graphic design led to a successful career creating advertising campaigns for major brands, including Nike, Google, Meta, Netflix and Apple.

Inspired by the natural world, Robin's personal artwork often features fish and wildlife. Reflecting his Japanese and Swiss heritage, his work embraces a minimal, graphic style that captures the essence of each subject with simplicity and character.

Outside of art, Robin enjoys fishing, martial arts, old Japanese cars and old-fashioned donuts.

Join us on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse or on Zoom.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81980079263?pwd=qRvT4wGjt3mBec6acMAmkS2NqQFQsK.1>

Meeting ID: 819 8007 9263

Passcode: 682794



Volunteers Needed!

**Annual Clubhouse Cleanup:
Saturday, 11/21/26 at 8:00 am**

PETER HARDASH, FACILITIES DIRECTOR

We will be having our Annual Clubhouse Cleanup on Saturday, November 21 at 8:00 am. The purpose is to spruce up our beloved Clubhouse in preparation for the Holiday Feast on December 5.

All cleaning supplies and task checklists will be provided onsite. The more volunteers we have, the faster it will be completed. We should be done by 11:00 am, or possibly earlier with more help.

To our new Club members: this is a great way to get to know other members, and learn their fly fishing and casting secrets.

Doughnuts and coffee will be provided at the Club as an incentive/bribe.

Please email (phardash@gmail.com) or text me (714-403-9352) if you can help, or just show up.

Thank You!

Fly Tying Forum: This Month's Schedule

MATT MURDOUGH, MEMBER

We'll have an abbreviated schedule this month due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mike Rey will lead off with the second of two classes on Tricos, this time covering the female spinner. Although these tiny mayflies are often size 24 or smaller, trout can be exasperatingly selective when feeding on them, even down to subtle color differences between the male and female.



Next up Matt will teach a class on foam hoppers featuring the Fancy Pants Hopper (note that this class was rescheduled from September).



John Van Derhoof will wrap up the month with a pair of patterns from the late Wayne "Buz" Buszek, a Southern California native and one of the most influential tiers of the 1960s. John will demonstrate the Western Coachman and the Old Grey Mare, and share some of his experiences from the days of Buz's Fly and Tackle Shop.



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
11/04/26	Small Mayflies: Female Trico	Mike Rey
11/11/26	Foam Hoppers: Fancy Pants Hopper	Matt Murdough
11/18/26	Western Coachman, Old Grey Mare	J. Van Derhoof
11/25/26	No Class—Thanksgiving	

Hey, I Brought a Few More...

...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, Nexcast Skagit, Airflo Polyleaders and Rio Versileaders as well as some MOW tips. I 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 find Tom Olson or Ed Alvarado there, credit.

Rods:

MAKE, MODEL, LENGTH & WEIGHT	PRICE	QTY
Burkie Vintage – 14'2" 8wt <i>well used</i>	\$450	1
Echo Trout Spey – 11'0" 3wt	\$210	1
Echo Trout Spey – 11'0" 3wt	\$210	1
Echo SR – 10'6" 4wt	\$140	1
Echo SR – 10'8" 5wt	\$140	1
Gaelforce Equalizer – 13'0" 7/8wt	\$420	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 Highlander - 13'0" 8/9/10wt	\$400	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
OPST Pure Skagit - 11'6" 8wt	\$280	1
Orvis Clearwater - 11'4" 4wt	\$180	1
Orvis Mission – 12'0" 6wt	\$400	1
Orvis Mission – 11'4" 4wt	\$400	1

Redington Dually – 13'0" 7wt	\$160	1
Sage Igniter 6126 – 12'6" 6wt	\$260	1
Sage X 5120 – 12'0" 5wt	\$360	1
Sage X 6126 – 12'6" 6wt	\$360	1
Sage X 7130 – 13'0" 7wt	\$380	1
Sage X 7130 – 13'0" 7wt <i>no tube</i>	\$360	1
Winston BII-X – 12'6" 6wt	\$340t	1
Winston Joan Wulff – 9'0" 8wt	\$380	1

Reels:

MAKE, MODEL	PRICE	QTY
Hatch 9 Pulse	\$300	2

Lines & Leaders:

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

Long Beach Casting Club New Members

TONY DYCKS,
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

- ❖ Chris Patterson of Venice
- ❖ Scott Turner of Newport Beach
- ❖ Randall Javonillo of Long Beach
- ❖ Dorothy Dai of Los Angeles
- ❖ Farhad Shah-Hosseini of Corona del Mar
- ❖ Kurt Otten of Temecula
- ❖ Evan Ochsner 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.

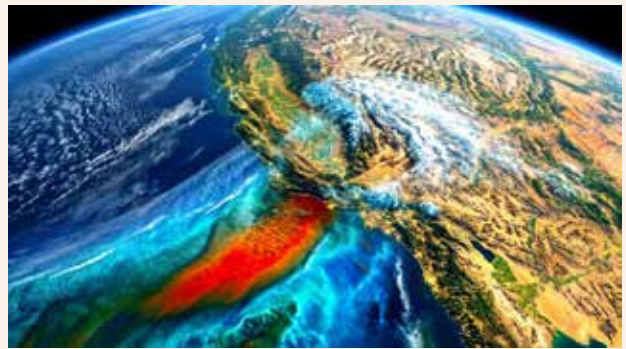
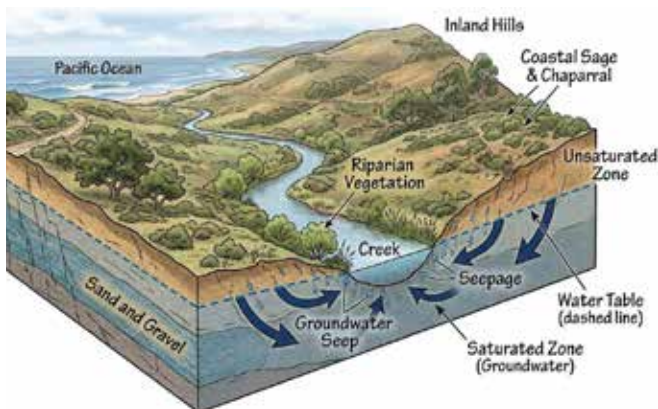
Members: if you see visitors at Club meetings, let's make them feel welcome and inform them of the activities we have to offer!

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the length of the river, but varies significantly from reach to reach, and provides a cold-water refuge which our salmonids badly need during the hot, dry summer months.

Groundwater pumping near wetlands, creeks and rivers can impact the volume of groundwater in these important habitats, by capturing the groundwater before it can enter the surface water, affecting both streamflows and temperature. Recent legislation in California recognizes the importance of this groundwater seepage and regulates the amount of groundwater that can be withdrawn, so that these sensitive groundwater-dependent ecosystems (GDEs) are not harmed. Unfortunately, analysis of the amount of groundwater seepage that flows into these GDEs can be challenging to calculate, and the resolution of these questions is often a contentious process, ending up in hearings and court proceedings that can take many years to resolve.

Before heading out during hot or dry conditions, be sure to check the [CDFW Emergency Regulations](#) and [Drought Actions page](#) and their [Hoot Owl Watchlist](#) to see if there are any special conditions to consider on your river, and be aware of any voluntary actions or mandatory closures. And the next time you listen to that 1980s Talking Heads song "[Once in a Lifetime](#)" and the lyrics about "water flowing underground...under the rocks and stones", remember the nexus between our salmonids and their precious groundwater resources.



Super El Nino and River Flows

TONY DAUS, PRESIDENT

It's tough to predict this year's Super El Nino, but looking at the last two (the 1982-1983 and 1997-1998 "water years"), there are two likely outcomes. Remember that water years run from October 1 through September 30, in order to better reflect precipitation than calendar years.

1982-1983 WATER YEAR: relentless atmospheric flow patterns hit all of California in a mostly even pattern, with heavy cold pulses, extending the duration of snowpack and spring/summer runoff.

1997-1998 WATER YEAR: the Super El Nino focused the subtropical atmospheric rivers predominantly on Central and Southern California. This resulted in more high-elevation wet snow, as well as runoff from early rain on the snow, which caused early-season floods.

Given the warm water off the coast, I'm betting on a Super El Nino more like 1997-1998 than 1982-1983, though this year's is unique, with a much warmer ocean. All of this affects how California reservoirs will be managed this year. Please prepare for the winter by making sure that your gutters are clear, and that water drains freely from your property.

Join Us for the LBCC Annual Holiday Feast!

**Saturday, December 5, 2026
6:00 pm–8:00 pm**

Our annual holiday gathering is a cherished tradition spanning decades of Club history. Whether you know it by its classic roots or its updated name, the heart of this evening remains exactly the same: a night of true fellowship, storytelling and celebrating friendships both old and new.

This year brings an exciting milestone as our esteemed longtime chefs, John Lincoln and Dan Luas, officially pass the kitchen baton to Alisha Mora and Carl Marts, who will be serving up a spectacular prime rib dinner!

HOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

To support our new kitchen crew as they take the reins, **seating for this year is strictly limited to the first 50 guests**. To ensure an accurate headcount, your reservation is only official once received by our main RSVP contact: Grace Cherry. **RSVP will end on November 21 at 8:00 am.**

Kindly RSVP to Grace Cherry via email at gracecarolinecherry@gmail.com with:

- Total number of people attending
- Meal choice for guest (prime rib or vegetarian)
- Volunteer shifts you can help with (see below!)

PAYMENT:

This year's price is \$40/person. Please make check payable to **"Long Beach Casting Club"** with **"Holiday Feast"** written in the Memo field.

Mail check to:

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

LEND A HAND: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Club thrives on member support! Please let Grace know if you can volunteer for any of the following:

- Club Cleanup Crew: Saturday, November 21 at 8:00 AM (Led by Peter Hardash)
- Club Decorating Crew: Monday, November 23 at 2:00 PM and Friday Dec 4 at 10:00 (Led by Colin Kumabe)
- Kitchen Crew: Saturday, December 5, time TBD (Led by Alisha Mora & Carl Marts)
- Post-party dishwashers and post-party table clearing: Saturday, Dec 5 at 8 pm (Led by Grace Cherry) Thank you for being such a vital part of our community.

***We can't wait to celebrate with you!
Warmly,***

Your LBCC Holiday Feast Committee:

- Alisha Mora
- Grace Cherry
- Collin Kumabe
- Peter Hardash
- Carl Marts



Anglers for Our Community Drive

Starting in November

HOLIDAY FEAST COMMITTEE

The holiday season is also a time for giving back. Starting this November, we will be collecting gently-used clothing and shoes for our annual community drive. Please consider bringing your donations to the Club!



Thanks!



8th Annual LBCC Spey Casting Tourney

SAVE THE DATE

**Practice: January 29th;
Qualifying: January 30th;
and Finals: January 31st all at the Long Beach Casting Club!**

Who: Everyone!!! Open to All...so come watch and participate

**What: Spey Distance competition for Beginners to Expert
(classifications to be announced soon)**

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, everyone is welcome!

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

On-the-River Clinic

...Three Spots Left

COLIN KUMABE, PAST PRESIDENT

Ready to unlock the secrets of fly fishing? Our popular On-the-River Clinic (OTRC) is back, and it's the perfect way for new members to build confidence on the water. Led by Past President, licensed guide, and Master Casting Instructor Joe Libeu—along with the awesome Mark Flo and Colin Kumabe—this clinic breaks down everything you need to know.

We will demystify gear, bugs (entomology), knots, reading the water and casting presentations. Then, we'll take that classroom knowledge straight to the beautiful Lower Owens River near Bishop, CA for some real-world fishing and one-on-one coaching!

Here are the details:

- ❖ Classroom Sessions: 11/7, 11/14 (9:00 am–1:00 pm)
- ❖ Lower Owens River Outing: 12/12, 12/13 (Weekend)

Heads up, Women!

Sign-ups to join LBCC Women On the Fly Group

ANISSA ISEDA, LBCC WOMEN ON THE FLY COORDINATOR

To those interested: we are looking to gauge interest in starting a monthly gathering/outing for our female members! These events will be a fun way to connect, learn together and spend time outdoors with fellow Club members.

If you are interested in joining or learning more, reach out to lbccwomenonthefly@gmail.com.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Space is limited, to keep the instruction top-notch. We have room for 20 members in the classroom and just 12 for the river trip, so don't wait!

Got questions? Reach out to Colin Kumabe at ctkumabe@gmail.com.

Reserve your spot in the class now? Sign up right here: <https://forms.gle/WdC284RS2g6CgMUG9>

CPR Class Coming in January

GRACE CHERRY, MEMBER

Be a life-saver—both inside and outside the Club! Join us this January, 2027 (exact date TBD) at the Club for an invaluable, hands-on CPR, AED and airway obstruction class.

The first few minutes of an emergency make all the difference, and this training will empower you to step up when it matters most.

- ❖ Expert instructor: Robert Navarette, UCLA PR instructor, former army veteran and combat medic.
- ❖ What you'll learn: adult CPR, AED operation, airway obstruction management.
- ❖ Perks included: hands-on practice. Lunch served.
- ❖ Cost and registration: the class is highly subsidized! The Club is generously covering partial tuition, leaving a co-pay of just \$20 per participant.

Keep an eye out for sign-up details coming soon. **Don't miss this vital opportunity to gain skills that truly save lives!**



Christmas Island at The Villages June 15-22, 2027



Flats fishing at its best, Christmas Island offers endless flats for you to target big Bonefish, Giant (GT) and 4 other Trevally species, and Trigger Fish, among others

\$4,880 includes:

- ❖ 7 nights accommodation/single occupancy
- ❖ 6 days of guided fishing/one guide per angler
- ❖ All meals, all ground/boat transportation, new: fishing license (\$250 value)
- ❖ Not included: flights, gratuities, alcoholic beverages, equipment, flies
- ❖ Only 4 spots left. Please reserve your space by calling Kathy at: **714.475.4529** or email **kkspfa@gmail.com**

Conservation Corner: Lower Owens River Clean Up Recap

CHRIS LEONARD

The California Waterfowl Association's 12th Annual Owens River Clean Up held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, was another very successful event. The weather gods blessed the roughly 50 to 60 volunteers who showed up on a beautiful blue-sky morning to participate in this well-established annual activity. The participants ranged from Eastern Sierra residents to Southern Californians who all believe that public-access lands should be clean and pristine. This matters to people, and it showed.

Volunteers met at 8:00 am at the metal footbridge in the Pleasant Valley Campground. They were greeted with coffee and baked goods from Great Basin Bakery (arranged by Trout Unlimited). While enjoying bagels and cream cheese, people mingled with the groups that were present. Tables were set up with representatives from California Waterfowl Association, CalTrout, Crowley Fish Foundation, Tenkara Tanuki and Sierra Brite Dot. Jessie Sheldon of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife was present, representing the local Bishop branch of the state agency. It was great to see support and representation from the local Fish & Wildlife office.

There was an impressive showing of representatives from various fishing clubs throughout the state, including Sespe Fly Fishers, Pasadena Casting Club, Long Beach Casting Club, Hi-Desert Fly Fishers, Deep Creek Fly Fishers, Aquabonita Flyfishers and Santa Barbara Flyfishers. These are just a few of the many casting clubs that regularly frequent the area, and take pride in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's blue-ribbon fishery and its surrounding area. The people who regularly fish it also hold it dear as cherished water. The importance of having fishing access to this river year-round cannot be overstated. The Lower Owens River is a great place, and it's important to a lot of people.

The usual, predictable trash was taken from the area and put into a dumpster provided through the generosity of Preferred Septic and Disposal. Inyo County waives the dump fees for this event. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power grants permission to California Waterfowl Association to host it. Trash included the regular items picked up: empty beer cans, spent potato chip bags and several yards of fishing line. The most interesting item found was a shopping cart that managed to take up residence far from any grocery store. The battle-scarred cart found its forever home in the Bishop landfill.

The volunteers reconvened at the dumpster with their loot at 11:00 am. They were fed Subway sandwiches, and there were great prizes awarded in a raffle. Participants won anything from a guided fishing trip with Sierra Brite Dot to gift certificates or swag items from local businesses. The selfless volunteers don't do this to win a prize, but a raffle is always a fun time.

Chris thanks everyone who made this possible: CalTrout, Trout Unlimited, Fly Fishers Club of Orange County, Friends of the Inyo, Sierra Pacific FlyFishers, San Diego Fly Fishers, Sespe Fly Fishers, Long Beach Casting Club, California Waterfowl Association, Sierra Mountain Trout Guide Service, Preferred Septic and Disposal, Inyo County, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Virginia Lakes Resort, Sierra Brite Dot, Elevated of Bishop, Ducks Unlimited, Paymon Rokni and Silver Lakes Resort.

Next year will be the baker's dozen for this annual event. It will likely happen in October or November, 2027. The date will find you when it is penciled down. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this possible, from financial supporters to those who show up every year and give their time to this worthy cause.

[Editor's Note: hats off to our own Mark Flo and Michael Ross, for ably representing LBCC at the Cleanup—Rob]



Crowley Trip 2026

STEVE TIMM, MEMBER

Prior to this year's trip we had reports of boats catching 50 fish in an outing, and other fishing reports were very good. But as our fishing date neared, Crowley became Crowley, and you had to work for your fish. A small storm moved through the area on Monday. It snowed at higher elevations and turned the ski runs white, and it rained at the lake; that was probably responsible for the fish becoming less active.

We had a group up prior to the main trip to figure out where the best fishing was, and they got hit by the storm. They had to scramble to get off of the water in time.



The forecast for the remainder of the trip was highs in the 60s and 70s. But the day didn't start that way. It was close to 40 up at the condo in the morning when we left, but there was a temperature inversion at the lake, and the lakeshore temperature was high 20s on some days. There's the adage of "dress warm", but that didn't apply here. It warmed up so fast after the sun came over the mountain that if you put on a proper jacket for temps at the start of fishing you were boiling less than hour later. So the adage of "dress cold" was better advice.

This year the fish were very location-specific. Two people could be fishing side by side, and one person would catch five from their spot, and another person just 40 feet away would catch just one. If you weren't catching fish, you just had to move. Picking a new location as little as 40 feet away could make a tremendous difference.

The fish were also healthy, fat, feisty and big. The typical length of 18 to 20 inches made for a good battle when you hooked up. Then if you hooked one of the occasional 24-inchers, you had a colossal battle on your hands. The rainbows would also jump a lot. So when you hooked one, it was like having a galloping torpedo on your line.

The places that were reporting good fishing were Layton Springs, the Hilton bays, McGee Bay near McGee creek inlet and Green Banks. We chose to start off fishing the first day at Layton Springs, since that seemed to be doing the best. That went reasonably well, but the area was a bit crowded, and the best hits were occurring in the corner of the bay that was full of boats early.

For the second day of fishing, we chose to launch at Hilton. That turned out to be a better choice than Layton for several reasons. We didn't have the long walk to the water like at Layton, and we didn't have to deal with a muddy shoreline either. But best of all, it wasn't crowded, with the bite concentrated in a small area. You still had to hunt for a good spot though, as they were scattered through the bays. People were catching the most fish in Big Hilton. But then at about 3:30 a bite turned on right next to the launch point in Little Hilton, with fish rolling near the surface. Unfortunately, I had quit at 3:00 that day.

On the last day of fishing, we chose to go to Hilton again. That area produced about the same numbers as the prior day, except that the best bite moved to the north edge of the bay, instead of the area closest to the 395. We only got to fish a long half day on this attempt, as the wind came up from the south around noon, and the wind and waves were enough to make everyone quit.

We had several people new to Crowley on this trip. They all learned a lot. First, they had to figure out how to hook the fish. Then they had to learn how to play the fish. Letting line out when the fish runs is something that takes a bit of practice before you get it right. Lastly, it also helped to have a bit of luck. Finding the spots where the fish concentrated was the biggest hurdle. On some days you moved around a lot and still couldn't find a good location. The good spots were changing each day.

One person new to Crowley, Pete, managed to land his personal best, with a fish that was well over 20" long:



Here's Cecil O'Dell, showing off a really nice fish he just caught.



LBCC Fly Market a Success!

PAUL BURGNER, MEMBER

Thank you to all who came out and donated to the Club by buying flies, rods, fly tying materials, books, etc. The amount of stuff we had for sale was overwhelming—especially the flies. If you didn't get a chance to buy the flies, don't worry; we have a lot left.

To all the volunteers: thank you so much for your effort and time to transport, set up, sell and clean up. Also, thank you to Leigh Ann Swanson (SWCFFI president) for getting the word out for us. This club and the fly fishing community are amazing in how everyone is willing to show up and volunteer.

It was great seeing everyone hanging out with lively conversations. We even had new and returning members sign-up. Thank you again!

Fly of the Month: Day Saver Baetis

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

Maybe you're looking for a simple nymph pattern that is durable and effective. One that is fairly easy and quick to tie. Something that can just as easily be fished as a nymph as it could be fished in the film as an emerger. I'm sure many of have heard of it but, just in case, take a look at [Brian Hilbert's](#) Day Saver Baetis.

As the name implies, it could help save your day during the blue-winged olive (BWO) hatches that many of you will start seeing in the Sierras or, later on, at other winter and springtime fisheries. The BWO is the number one mayfly species starting in late fall, through winter and into springtime. There are several different species of the insect but two of the most prominent are *Baetis parvus* and *Baetis tricaudatus*. The latter is what you all know on the Owens and Green River. I know you will hate me for mentioning this but the word Baetis, according to some scientific types and Latin speakers, is actually supposed to be pronounced "bee-tiss"—nope, no way in hell I'm gonna say it that way either. Regardless, both species are quite similar in the nymphal form and the Day Saver Baetis does a great job imitating them.

I have used this pattern on the Green after being introduced to it while tying at the East Idaho Fly Tying Expo, the day before I drove over to the Green. I saw it being tied by another tier and guide, memorized it and, when my turn tie came up to tie, I banged out a couple or three or four before it got hectic. I tied them in size #18 and #20, and the next afternoon did well with them (as the top fly in a two-fly rig). It was the #20 that did the best and, as I have seen time and time again, it is often the smaller flies that provide the best results.

One thing to note, since BWO nymph colors can be very similar to Pale Morning Dun nymphs, maybe this would be another opportunity to break out the Day Saver Baetis. I can say it has certainly worked for me!

MATERIALS FOR TYING THE DAY SAVER BAETIS:

Hook: TMC 3671 for nymph; #16 to #20
TMC 100 for emerger; #16 to #20

Threads: MM 72d for body; olive dun
MM 72d for thorax; tan dun

Tail: Veevus Body Quill; pearl

Body: Thread; olive dun

Ribbing: Thread; olive dun and coated with a thin UV resin

Wingcase: Fluoro Fibre; black

Thorax: Thread; tan dun

Legs: Fluoro Fibre; black

Head: Thread, colored black with a Sharpie



DAY SAVER BAETIS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TYING THE DAY SAVER BAETIS:

1. Place your hook in the vise and attach your thread. If you have a tendency to get a bit close to the eye or have trouble knowing when to stop the body where it meets the thorax, simply attach your thread where you think that point is. Once attached, untwist your thread and wind smoothly down to the hook bend. It is important

to keep your thread flat on this fly. Now select two or three fibers of your tail material and tie them in. The tails should be the length of the body.

2. Again, with flattened thread, wind smoothly up to the thorax, and then down just short of the tail. Wind back up again, but stop short of where you last stopped. Guess what: you're building a taper in your body and it **needs** to be smooth! Wind back up to the thorax, and then all the way down to the tail. When you're done, the body should still be fairly thin, but with a definite taper up to the thorax.
3. Now we're going to do the ribbing. Using the same thread (and you should be down next to the tail), you will need to spin the thread clockwise. This will "cord" your thread into a twisted rope, and it will also add to its diameter. As you spin your thread, watch the nose of your bobbin holder—when it's climbed a quarter of an inch due to twisting, stop. Now wind the ribbing forward with evenly-spaced turns...five is nice. Once at the thorax, wind a few more turns, whip finish and remove that thread.
4. Now for some durability. Use a very thin UV resin, and apply a coating over the entire body and ribbing. I like to use Solarez Bone Dry, as it is super thin, dries fast and hard and has no sticky residue. When you apply it, coat the entire body but then use a fingernail or a stick under the body to wick away the excess. That will also help the ribbing become more prominent. Hit it with your UV light.
5. Attach your tan dun thread to the hook in the thorax area and leave it right where the body and thorax meet. Now select about a dozen (or slightly more) fibers of your wingcase material. Tie them in pointing rearward. Start building up your thorax diameter with your thread, but be careful to leave adequate space to tie down the wingcase and do the legs and head. Make the thorax one-and-a-half times thicker than the thickest part of the body (not including the ribbing).
6. With the thorax done, pull the wingcase material over the thorax, keeping it centered on top, and

bind it down with one or two turns of thread. Select about half of the fibers on the far side, pull them back towards the tail and anchor them with one turn of thread. Do the same with the front side fibers. Continue winding to form a neat, small head, and whip finish. Cut the legs so they are slightly longer than the thorax. If you want a dark head, hit your head with a black Sharpie before you pull the wingcase forward. For additional durability add a bit of UV resin to the top of the wingcase.



NOTES:

- ❖ You will note that the colors on this fly are quite dark. Many of us assume that the **olive** part of the insect's common name will apply to the nymph, but it really doesn't. Also, the tan dun thorax used here will get darker when wet. We must always be cognizant of the wet color of our materials as we tie.
- ❖ If you don't have the exact colors or materials for this pattern, don't worry...use what you've got. This fly was meant to be tough and durable; hence the materials used. No Fluoro Fibre? No prob—use black calftail or something similar like moose body hair. For the tail I use pearl micro flash, Antron or Zelon. There are a ton of different ways to tie a durable fly without using exactly what was listed.
- ❖ Lately I've been adding one step. I tie in a small or medium width of pearl mylar before I tie in the wingcase. With a coating of UV resin over the pearl mylar and the wingcase, it adds flash and the look of a splitting wingcase.

Calendar of Events

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
			Monthly Casting Lessons
9	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
10	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			Beginning Fly Tying
11	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
12	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
14	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
		9:00 AM	On the River Clinic Classroom Part Two
15	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
17	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			Beginning Fly Tying
18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
19	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Robin McCormick, Thunderbird Designs
21	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
			Annual Clubhouse Cleanup
22	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
23	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
24	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
25	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
29	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
30	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

December

1	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
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
		5:00 PM	LBCC Holiday Feast
6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		11:00 AM	Sunday Women's Casting Clinic
7	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
9	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
11-13	Week		On the River Clinic Trip
12	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
13	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting Monthly Casting Lessons
14	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
15	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast Beginning Fly Tying
16	Wednesday	3:00 PM	American Casting Association Annual Meeting
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
19	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
20	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
22	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
26	Saturday	12:00 PM	Club Spey Cast
27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

Calendar of Events Cont'd.

January



2	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
3	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
		11:00 AM	Sunday Women's Casting Clinic
4	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
		6:30 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			Beginning Fly Tying
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
8-10	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #1 w/J. Lincoln & D. Rivett
9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
10	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
			Monthly Casting Lessons
11	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
12	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			Beginning Fly Tying
13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
16	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
17	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			Beginning Fly Tying
20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Project Healing Waters Evening Meeting
23	Saturday	8:00 AM	Club Spey Cast
23-27	Weekend		Trinity River with Tony Daus
24	Sunday	9:00 AM	Open and Target Casting
25	Monday	9:00 AM	Project Healing Waters at LBCC
26	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Tuesday Night Club Cast
			Beginning Fly Tying
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: Topher Brown, Atlantic Salmon
29-31	Weekend		Ninth Annual Open Spey Tournament

For *November 2026*, our club's monthly special 20% discount will be set on the Aventik website:

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9. Fly Fishing Landing Trout Fishing Wooden Net
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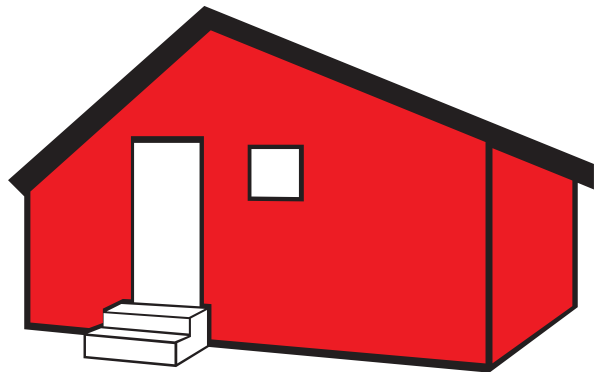
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