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# Target Talk

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## Leader's Line...

### Another Year Down the Stream...

BY YASH ISEDA

I would like to once again thank John Lincoln for a very successful Venison Stag dinner. The prime rib was excellent and the side dishes were delicious. Thanks to all the members who helped serve, decorate and clean up. John wants to especially thank Thea Lincoln and Dan Luas, who spent the day helping prepare. He also wants to give a special thanks to Lillian Hilles for her wonderful dessert cakes. There were over 60 club members in attendance. Once again, the highlight was John's hula.

Looking ahead to 2018, Art Daily has a full schedule of trips for the year. He is looking for Stream Keepers for some of these trips if you are interested in helping. Please contact Art ([dailya42@yahoo.com](mailto:dailya42@yahoo.com)). The first three trips of the season will begin January 4-6 on the Lower Owens in Bishop (due to the high water, there is a possibility of cancellation). An email blast will notify members of the status of the trip. Either way, there will still be a workshop on Saturday, December 30 at 9:00 AM.

We are excited to announce that our inaugural Spey Casting Tournament will be held on January 27-28. There will be three different classes of competition: Open, Intermediate and Novice. All competition will start at 8:30. Great job Colin ([ckumabe@hotmail.com](mailto:ckumabe@hotmail.com)) and Howard ([uller@ca.rr.com](mailto:uller@ca.rr.com)) for organizing this tournament. They are looking for volunteers to help score and judge these events. Lunch will be served for a minimal cost. For more information, contact Colin or Howard.

The club recently updated our security and fire alarm with a new digital system. We have been having trouble with the telephone lines for a while, which initiated false alarms. Hence, we needed an updated system which eliminates the telephone line. The new system was installed in early December.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members who are interested in serving on the board, starting in April. All of the positions and duties are listed in the club handbook. If you are interested or would like to nominate a member, please contact John Lincoln.

The highly successful Nooner luncheons will continue once a month with notification on the monthly calendar. For activities and dates please check the club newsletter, or look for email blasts from Shirley.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and New Year. Looking forward to another year of fishing with old and new friends.

# Club Trips for 2018

ART DAILY, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**H**ere are the Club Trips for 2018. Join us!

## 2018 TRIPS:

TRIP DATE	TRIP & LEADER
January 4-6	Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John; Pre-Trip: December 30, 9:00 AM-NOON
February 1-3	Lower Owens: Yash, Dan & John; Pre-Trip: December 30, 9:00 AM-NOON
March 1-3	Lower Owens w/Yash, Dan & John; Pre-Trip: February 24 9:00 AM-NOON
April 1	Kelsey Bass Ranch w/Mick; Pre-Trip: TBD
May 1-6	Green River, Week 1 w/ Yash; Pre-Trip: TBD
May 6-11	Green River, Week 2 w/ Paul; Pre-Trip: TBD

Trip locations and dates are subject to change so monitor Target Talk or the Web Calendar. Pre-Trip Meetings are usually at the clubhouse starting at 7:00 PM. Check here or the club's website calendar to confirm the time. Please contact me if you have any questions at: [dailya42@yahoo.com](mailto:dailya42@yahoo.com).



## New Club Members

WAYNE SAKAGUCHI, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

**T**he Club's Board of Directors approved the following new members:

- ❖ John Anderson
- ❖ John O'Donnell
- ❖ Rodolfo Rodriguez
- ❖ Randy Yates

Please greet and welcome our new members at the club's next Monthly Meeting. Here's wishing them a lifetime of healthy hatches and tight lines.

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# Carol Ann Morris Shows us How to Catch our Fish in a Picture: "Fly-Fishing Photography 101"

TERRY KOMISAK, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**T**he problem with fish is that they won't sit still. And I've never seen one smile and say "Cheese". You've been out there working your tail off and you've finally got that trophy trout everyone was talking about; now you'd like to get a nice picture, and he or she is not cooperating at all, but instead is flopping around in the net and threatening to shake the fly and swim off before you can get a picture at all. What to do?

Fear not: the cavalry is on the way. Our January speaker is Carol Ann Morris, an expert on fly fishing photography. Carol, the wife of fly-fishing author Skip Morris, is an excellent photographer and a professional artist. Here's an excerpt from her biography:

*"Over the past two decades Carol Ann Morris's photographs have not only appeared in most of her husband Skip Morris's 18 fly-fishing and tying books but on the covers and interior pages of such magazines as*



*GRAY'S SPORTING JOURNAL and FLY FISHING & TYING JOURNAL. Carol also speaks at fly clubs and fly-fishing shows.*

*"She has performed her PowerPoint show "Fly-Fishing Photography 101: How to Capture What You See" all over the West—in Washington, Oregon, British Columbia—and in the East—Michigan, Ohio—at fly-fishing clubs and sportsmen's shows and fly-fishing expositions.*

*"It seems fly fishers want to record their biggest and most beautiful fish, the fascinating rivers and lakes and beaches they've fish and explored—the very heart of their beloved sport—with a camera. Carol teaches them how to make their photos crisp and vivid, balanced and expressive. She demonstrates and explains the Rule of Thirds, effective use of light, the Magic Hour, UFOs (Unidentified Foreign Objects), how to photograph fish, and many other straightforward concepts anyone can use to improve their photographs. Also, Carol will show various failed photos and explain what caused the problems."*

Come join us on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at the clubhouse, for Carol Ann Morris and "Fly Fishing Photography 101".

# The Lower "O" Season

## THE LOWER "O" BOYS

This traditional season of winter trips has morphed into a truly great experience for beginning fly fishers as the old pros spend Saturday and part of Sunday on the shoulder of rookies teaching them to read the water, rig their rods, and catch pretty trout. The schedule is:

- January 4–6; led by Dan Rivett – Pre-Trip is Saturday, December 30
- February 1–3; led by Yash Iseda – Pre-Trip is Saturday, December 30
- March 1–3; led by John Lincoln – Pre-Trip is Saturday February 24

Some comments from prior beginners:



*“The Lower O is the best stream...**EVER**”, Ernest H.*



*“The fish are **HUGE** on the Lower O”, Zane G.*

The Pre-Trip Meetings are a combination of trip info and a class telling you everything you need to know about from when you step out of your car in jeans and sweatshirt until you step into the river in waders and boots and your rod ready to rock-n-roll. The class stars at 9:00 AM and goes until you are exhausted.

- ❖ Secret spots revealed (Carole’s, Jeff’s, Bob’s and if he doesn’t show up, 3 Joe Libeu hot spots!).
- ❖ Master nymph rig techniques (Yash)

- ❖ Soft hackle & streamers (Danny)
- ❖ Dry flies (Danny)
- ❖ How to dress (John)
- ❖ These classes are worth your while even if you can’t make the trips.

Gustatory delights include Amigo’s (Thursday), Japanese (Friday), and Pizza Factory (Saturday).

**PLUS**, the home made 6, yes six foot, sandwich on Saturday for lunch (free).

Bishop is ¾ of a tank north in the beautiful Eastern Sierra and winter fishing can be spectacular. The weather can vary from peeling off layers of clothing to horizontal sleet. The Owens flow is currently at a fishable rate but stay away from the cut banks after a summer of high flows!

The best part is the camaraderie of old and new friends and the sharing of arcane secrets.



# Another Great Year for the Fly Tying Forum

DAVE BOYER, CHAIRMAN

I hope everyone had a great year tying up their favorite patterns (and catching fish). For the Wednesday Night Forum, we had some great tiers come in including our own John Van Derhoof, Joe Libeu, Art Strauss, Howard Uller, Jun Watanabe, Cecil O'Dell, Eddie Madrid and others in addition to Dave Valadez and Adam Perez of the Calico Syndicate.

We also had a great set of sessions with Charlie Craven and his patterns/techniques. Thanks to all who have contributed and are making the Wednesday night sessions such a success.



This year we want to continue with having good tiers show us different flies and techniques. We have completed a couple of Systems Boxes for Midge and Caddis. For the next couple of months, we will continue with boxes for PMD's, BWO's, Trico's and who knows what else. So if you want to be armed with some of the best patterns from some great local talent, come visit us on Wednesday Nights.

We will again try to get some great local guest tiers in, like Naomi Okamoto, John Williams and others. Yash



has a tier from Colorado that we are trying to obtain for both a meeting speaker and tier—stay tuned.

Finally, this year's group of new tiers with the Beginning Class are great. The instructors are having a hard time determining a fly that is the "best" from each session for the shadow box next to the kitchen door.

Last year we had our phenomenal young tier, Charlotte Harriman, teaching the Elk Hair Caddis and she has agreed to do it again this year. I would also like to thank Eddie Madrid, Wayne and Shirley Sakaguchi, Cecil O'Dell and others for all their help in the class, makes it much easier on me.

I look forward to another great tying year, come on down and join us.



# Autumn Steelhead on the Klamath

ROB PETERSON, TARGET TALK EDITOR

**S**teelhead. The word, at least to me, doesn't conjure up images of a beautiful, majestic fish, making an inspiring leap as it realizes it's been hooked. Frankly, it's somehow derogatory. It sounds more like a troubled Stan Lee Marvel Comics character, hiding some kind of freakish super power from the rest of the world. Ironman, Hulk, Steelhead...you decide.

Though I've been fishing for steelhead for a few years now, I don't do it often and I still consider myself a newcomer of sorts. So when I got a call from Jim Cox of the Western Rivers Conservancy, asking if I'd



like to come along on a guided Klamath trip in mid-November, he "had me at hello". The proceeds of the trip would go directly to the Conservancy, one of my favorite non-profits (see my article in the March, 2016 issue of Target Talk) -- what was not to like?

Jim lined things out: two days of guided fishing on the "Middle Klamath", the most remote part of a river that's pretty remote in all its parts. We'd be staying at the "Klamath River Club", a beautiful rustic resort on the banks of the river. All the meals would be taken care of. Now my only problem was to get the time off work.

When the day came, I was more than ready. I'd

packed the night before, bought a new pair of waders to replace my old leaky ones (speaking of "leaky", I finally went for a pair of zippered waders and, at my age, was glad I did!) and packed every article of warm clothing I had. I was off and running by 4:00 AM.



It's a 10 hour haul to the Klamath River Club, which is not far from the little town of Happy Camp, on the I-5. It rained most of the way, but somehow it felt nice. I was after steelhead, after all -- I'd better not let a little rain bother me.

After it leaves the Central Valley, the I-5 begins a climb into the Siskiyou Mountains. It follows the Upper Sacramento River, another beautiful fly fishing venue, and goes past the town of Dunsmuir, home to the famous Ted Fay Fly Shop. Castle Crags, a beautiful granite ridge, flies by on the left.



The fall colors were magnificent; yellow oaks and big leaf maples stood out in dramatic relief against the dark green pines and firs. As I approached Black Butte Summit the rain turned to snow. By the time I began to descend, there was a nice white blanket on the ground.

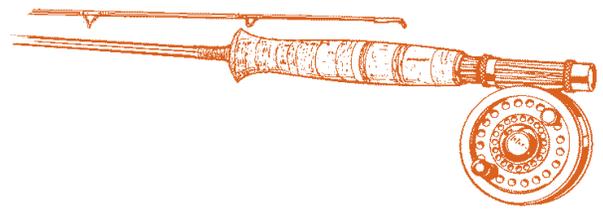
I descended the summit in the shadow of snow-covered Mount Shasta and stopped at the aptly named town of Weed (really, any remote little town in Northern California could be aptly named "Weed"). From there it was a modest drive along the Klamath, over a pretty little bridge to the resort.

There, I was greeted by the owners, Tom Counts and Anthony Mar. It's a beautiful little camp, featuring a roofed eating area with an enormous outside fireplace. There are several tent cabins, each with its own wood-burning stove, and two well appointed bathrooms with luxurious hot showers. Best of all, there's a great outdoor kitchen where all our delicious meals would be provided by a great cook known, from her exploits on the Olympic Peninsula, as "Big Fish Annie". This was not to be a trip to lose weight on.



I was also greeted by George Revel, who organized the trip. George owns Lost Coast Outfitters, a fly shop in San Francisco. He introduced me to his dog, Diesel, a young but very mellow yellow lab. It turns out that Diesel was named after the Leland Red Truck Diesel fly rods, which were designed by George. I found that very interesting, as I'd brought one! My switch rod is a Diesel Red Truck. It features the all-important "Brews-Key", a bottle opener built right into the lid of the rod case! I've always considered this to be a stroke of pure design genius, and here I was in the presence of the inventor. But I digress...

It was too late to fish, so I found a cot in one of the tent cabins. Dinner was incredible; afterward, I had a scotch, threw an arm load of wood on the fire and settled into my sleeping bag for a good night's sleep.



The evenings were a lot fun. We'd all brought something to share, and there was quite an eclectic collection of wines, beers and spirits. I'd found myself with a lot of leftover alcohol after my son's wedding in June, so I was grateful to be able to get rid of some of it. I contributed a bottle of Woodford Reserve bourbon, as well as a few bottles of wine from such Humboldt County, California wine-growing hotspots as Briceland (another town that could have as aptly been named "Weed").

In addition to George, there were some very interesting people on the trip. Roy Little is a successful businessman who flew Phantom jets in Vietnam. Tony Bellaver, who was a tent-mate, is a maker of quality bamboo fly rods. His shop, "Alpenglow", is located in Oakland. Annie, the chef, had a very interesting background in catering, and turned out to be quite a fly fisher. The conversation was interesting and, along with the good food, made for some enjoyable nights.

The fishing was good, especially by the standards of the "Fish of a Thousand Casts". The Klamath and Rogue Rivers are famous for their "half-pounders", steelhead who are sexually immature, but have one or two years in the ocean under their belts. They're called "half-pounders", but they can weigh a couple of pounds, and can really fight hard when hooked. The Department of Fish and Wildlife defines a half-pounder as any steelhead under 18 inches in length. They don't have the size and girth of adult steelhead, but they can really keep an angler busy, as I found out.

The guides were from Wild Waters Fly Fishing, out of Mount Shasta, and were very good. The first day was mostly walking and wading, upriver from the resort.

*Klamath...Continues on page 8*

*Klamath...Continued from Page 7*

The fishing was tough, but I was able to catch four or five half pounders, and counted the day a success.



The second day was truly memorable, a slow drift through stunning landscapes, with golden willow, cottonwood and maple set against hillsides of dark green ponderosa pine, incense cedar and Douglas fir. I got on the scoreboard almost immediately with a nice little 13-inch steelhead, and caught fish at regular intervals through the whole day.

Also, a note to my fellow Spey class participants: the casting instruction really paid off! I owe all our great teachers a big thanks and a tip of the hat. At one point, I was doing Snap C casts and needed to keep the line away from the drift boat, which was anchored in front of me, but still get the fly straight across the river. I did a left-handed double Spey, put the fly right where I wanted it to go, and was rewarded with a "Wow, nice cast" from Carl, the guide. A minute or two later I was fast to a really nice half-pounder.

It's been a month, but I'm still thinking back to this trip. Few places can match the middle Klamath in the fall for beauty. I'd like to finish by acknowledging the great outfits that made it possible. They all deserve your business if you're ever up that way.

First: Western Rivers Conservancy. This is an excellent non-profit that saves trout streams by finding funding, buying them and handing them over to an appropriate

organization for oversight. See the March 2016 Target Talk for my article on them, and visit their website at : [HTTP://WWW.WESTERNRIVERS.ORG](http://www.westernrivers.org).

Lost Coast Outfitters: This is George Revel's outfit in San Francisco. Website is:

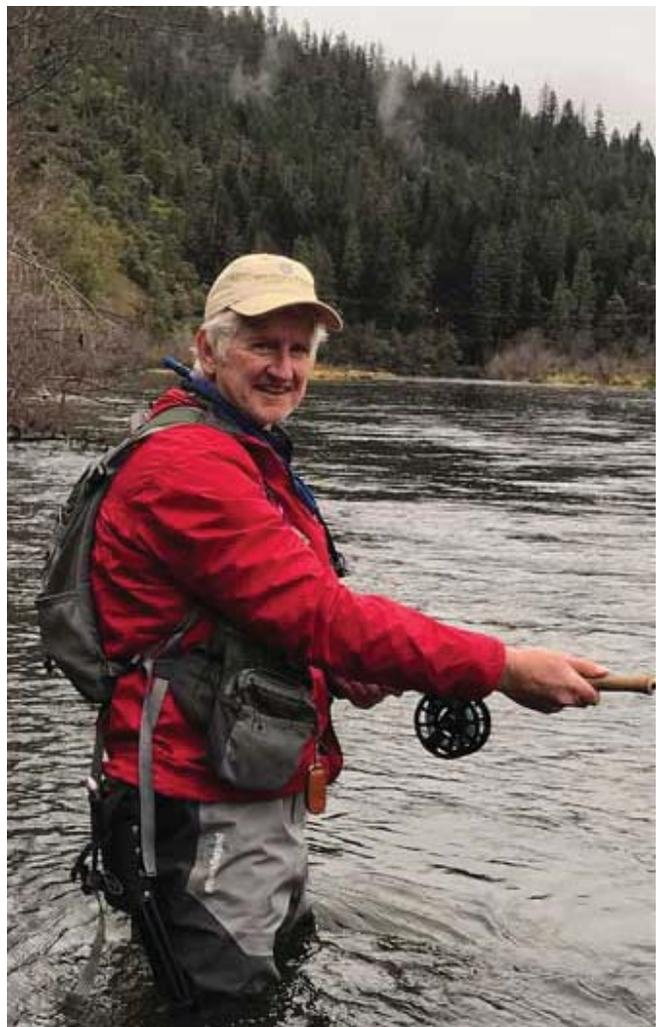
[WWW.LOSTCOASTOUTFITTERS.COM](http://www.lostcoastoutfitters.com). They have a really nice one minute video on how to break down your Spey rod so you can hike it through brush while it's still rigged up.

Wild Waters Fly Fishers: outstanding group of guides out of Mount Shasta, CA. Website is:

[WWW.WILDWATERSFLYFISHING.COM](http://www.wildwatersflyfishing.com).

Klamath River Club: a great resort. Website:

[WWW.KLAMATHRIVERCLUB.COM](http://www.klamathriverclub.com).



# Captain's Corner: Casting Instruction and Upcoming Tournaments

COLIN KUMABE, CAPTAIN

**T**here has been lots of activity at the Pond, sooooo many casters!!!! We need a larger pond. Very likely the result of:

- ❖ Spey Casting Instruction – Saturdays mornings and weekday afternoons
- ❖ LBCC purchase of four Echo “Swing Switch” Spey Rods (for club members to use)
- ❖ Spey Tournament – January 27 & 28
- ❖ Fly Casting Accuracy Improvement – December 17 & January 21
- ❖ Southwestern Tournament – February 17 & 18

Thanks to Howard Uller, Mike Ivy, Andy Stillitano, David Ross, Jim Ansite, John Van Derhoof and Bob Middo for providing expert instruction to new Spey casters. Many beginning Spey casters have progressed tremendously toward mastering the movements needed in Spey casting.

A tip of the hat to Mike Ivy, Jim Ansite and Howard Uller for helping with creating the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Long Beach Casting Club International Spey Casting Tournament. Currently, there are over 30 registered casters in the tournament, with more than 20 from the Long Beach Casting Club. The product representatives from Bruce & Walker and Poppy's Red Shed will be at



the LBCC clubhouse to show Spey rods. Spey casting demonstration with these rods will start at 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 27.

Upcoming Accuracy Improvement classes will be conducted by our club's own casting experts on December 17 and January 21. Participants will see accurate casts demonstrated by club experts, and learn steps toward improved casting.

On February 17 and 18, the LBCC will host the Southwestern Tournament, where casters demonstrate skills that simulate fishing situations. All members are encouraged to participate, either casting or working the event. Compete to see your personal improvement. Watching the casters, including world and national champions, will enable you to see great techniques.

All volunteer instructors and helpers are greatly appreciated. The successful casting classes are the result of their contributions. Thank you, and see you at the Pond.

## Wanna Try the New LBCC Spey Rods?

**T**he LBCC just purchased four Echo “Swing Switch” (Model: Swing 7130), 13'-0”, 7 weight Spey rods for anyone to use. Ask someone at the LBCC Clubhouse for help to retrieve the Spey rods from the storage cabinet.

Thanks to Paul Burgner for contacting Tim Rajeff of Rajeff Sports for the expert advice to select these “caster friendly” rods. These Spey rods are perfect for the first time Spey caster. I tried these rods for the first time under the instruction of Howard Uller and completed nice roll casts, Snap-C and snake rolls in just a few minutes! Having a Spey rod that is easy for a beginner to learn with plus Howard's patient and understanding instruction made learning easy. Happy casting, see you at the Pond!



# Spey Casting

Long Beach Casting Club

Jan 27-28th 2018

## TOURNAMENT



**What:** The inaugural LBCC Spey Casting Tournament  
**Who:** Open to All - beginners to expert - Skagit to Long Belly  
**Why?** Improve your casting (and fishing!) - Learn from among the best.

Join us for fun and friendly competition

### THREE COMPETITIVE CLASSES!

- Class A – Open
- Class B - Intermediate
- Class C - Novice

### SCHEDULE:

**Practice** – Friday, January 26, 2018 – sign-up sheet on site.  
**Qualifying** – Saturday, January 27, 2018, starting at 8:30 a.m. Top 10 advance to finals.  
**Finals** – Sunday, January 28, 2018, starting at 8:30 a.m.



Lunch for competitors on Saturday. Guests, \$5.

### REGISTRATION:

On-line at <https://www.longbeachcastingclub.org/tournaments>  
FEE: \$25 registration fee. Includes [Lunch/Dinner]

### RULES:

<https://www.longbeachcastingclub.org/tournaments/>.

### Need More Information?

Lodging, transportation? Please contact:  
Colin Kumabe ([ctkumabe@gmail.com](mailto:ctkumabe@gmail.com)), or  
Howard Uller ([uller@ca.rr.com](mailto:uller@ca.rr.com)).

**Map/Direction:** To LBCC Clubhouse.



**February 3, 2018**

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# Fly of the Month: John's Western Coachman

JOHN VAN DERHOOF, EDITOR

**W**as thinking the other day (a first...) and realized that I have been tying flies now for fifty-five flippin' years. It has been a constant that I have maintained continually through my life. After learning the basics, I quickly progressed through the tutelage of the guys at Ball & Frank Sporting Goods here in Long Beach. I would tie flies, bring 'em in and Cyril, Johnny or Jim would review them and offer suggestions.

After only a year or two I was tying flies commercially for lodges and sporting goods stores from Long Beach to Mammoth. I quickly learned to hate commercial tying and the repetition. After thousands of Grey Hackle Peacocks, Brown Hackle Peacocks, Captains, Mosquitoes, Professors, Adams and Rio Grande Kings I damned near quit tying forever. To this day I can't tie three identical flies in a row. Sure, I could but I won't—just to rebel! However, there is one fly from that part of my life that I will still crank out and that is the Western Coachman.

The Coachman series of flies has been for a long, long time. In fact the original Coachman dates back to the 1820s and was originated by Tom Bosworth who just happened to be the coachman for the British Royal Family of the time. Other versions such as the Leadwing Coachman (a gray duck quill wing instead of white) came later. Longtime favorite, the Royal Coachman, was developed in 1878 by John Haily who tied for Charles F. Orvis, though he got the pattern from another unnamed commercial tier. Buz Buszek, of Buz's Fly Shop in Visalia, started tying his Western Coachman in the 1940s specifically for rainbow and brown trout in the Kings River and after trying several materials for the winging, settled on white Mule deer.

Buz's original pattern is an outstanding and effective pattern as it perfectly imitates submerged emerging mayflies and caddis with the white wing simulating the expanding thorax of the new insect. Since I am never content to leave things alone, I started modifying the pattern for fishing freestone rivers like the Kings, Madison and even the Green. In updating the pattern I have slimmed down the body and am using a mix of UV dubbings, kept the tippet tail, albeit a lot thinner, but added a few strands of Zelon. I have kept the white Deer Hair wing.

I fish the fly both as a wet fly swinging across and downstream with a small amount of weight and also as a nymph dead drifting as the upper fly in a two fly rig. So give this old-timer a try and catch some fish!

## Materials for tying John's Western Coachman:

- Hook: Mustad 3906B or similar.
- Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0.
- Tails: Golden Pheasant tippet, 2 or 3 strands mixed with a half dozen strands of olive Zelon or Antron.
- Ribbing: Fine gold wire.
- Body: Thinly dubbed Dark Olive and Peacock Ice Dubbing; mixed 50% each.
- Thorax: Peacock herl.
- Wing: Natural white hair Mule or Whitetail Deer.
- Hackle: Dark brown partridge rump.



JOHN'S  
WESTERN COACHMAN

### Instructions for tying John's Western Coachman:

- 1 Place the hook in the vise and attach the thread to the hook at the headspace. Wind evenly down to the bend of the hook. Tie in the gold wire ribbing. Select 2 or 3 strands of Golden Pheasant tippet and tie them in. Frankly, I left the tippet in to help keep with tradition but danged if it didn't seem to work better with them in there as well! Now select 6 to 8 strands of Olive Zelon or Antron and tie them in on top of the tippet. The Zelon/Antron acts like a trailing shuck which adds to the "emerger" look.
- 2 Mix equal parts of the two body materials together and dub them very thinly onto your thread. Wind the dubbing forward about  $\frac{4}{5}$  of the way up the hook shank. Now tie in the Peacock herl with the dull side facing forward and wind it forward the rest of the way to the headspace and tie it off.
- 3 With the Gold wire in hand, reverse wind (you will be winding towards yourself and not away) 2 or 3 close turns around the hook shank immediately behind the tail material. Be sure not tie it so close that the tail material sticks up at an odd angle. Continue winding the ribbing up the hook shank using 5 evenly spaced turns; not 4, not 6 but 5 turns. Five turns will provide the correct look while others will look sparse or overdone!
- 4 Select a small clump of white Deer hair and knock out or even comb out all of the basal fur. Place the hair in a hair stacker and lightly tap aligning the tips. If you stand the hair out perpendicular to the skin before cutting it you may actually avoid having to stack it. Tie in the Deer hair using the loose loop technique and with the tips reaching the end of the body or ever so slightly beyond. This is an emerger, not a streamer so keep the wing short.
- 5 Select a Partridge rump feather for your hackle. The traditional hackle is "Coachman" brown hen or rooster but, I much prefer the mottled tones of brown rump feather of a Partridge. Stroke the feather so that all of the hackle fibers are perpendicular to the stem and tie in the feather by the tip. Wind the hackle forward using 3 to 5 turns depending on the size of the fly and tie it off at the



JOHN'S WESTERN  
COACHMAN VARIANT

headspace. Form a small, neat head, whip finish and add a drop of head cement insuring that the eye of the hook is not clogged and you're ready to swing your way towards more trout!

### NOTES:

- ❖ Options for this fly are many and still effective but don't hesitate to try the original pattern as tied by Buz. Or tie the original with a partridge hackle in front like a typical soft hackle. Change out the Golden Pheasant tippet for red hackle fibers and you have a champ for the backcountry!
- ❖ One tip for tying in the wing. I measure the wing and then cut all of the excess material away. I use a loose loop and flat thread to capture the very small amount of butts left. This is a trick I learned years ago for tying hair-winged flies. One of the pitfalls of not cutting the butts is when you try to cut away them you are wiggling and loosening the thread wraps holding them in place and out comes the wing on the first fish!



BUZ'S  
TRADITIONAL  
WESTERN COACHMAN

*I think we all knew that this was going to happen... eventually.*

*Hope he got to your place before this happened!*



# Christmas Island

June 19–26, 2018 ❖ The Villages of Christmas Island

## **You already know the quality of fishing at Christmas Island!**

It is known for huge numbers of Bonefish, big G.Ts (Giant Trevally) and the opportunity to fish for many other saltwater species. The Villages brings something extra to your Christmas Island experience: a guide for yourself each day, included in our package of **\$2,790** pp.

**The package includes:** 6 days of guided fishing (1 guide per angler); 7 nights accommodation in comfortable, air-conditioned bungalows (double occupancy); all meals; and all ground transportation on the island.

**Not included are:** flights to and from Christmas Island; alcoholic beverages; gratuities; fishing license; fishing equipment; departure tax; laundry service.



# Calendar of Events

## January

2	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
4-6	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #1
6	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spey Casting Practice
7	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
8	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
10	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
13	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spey Casting Practice
16	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
17	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Saturday	10:00 AM	Spey Casting Practice
21	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
23	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: CAROL ANN MORRIS
26-28	Weekend		Spey Casting Practice Day & Tournament
30	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

## February

1-3			Lower Owens Trip #2
3	Saturday	9:00 AM	SWC-FFI FLYBUY 2018: Fly Tying & Casting Event at LBCC
4	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
14	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
17-18	Weekend		Southwestern Tournament
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
21	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD
24	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pre-Trip: Lower Owens #3
25	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum

## March

1-3	Weekend		Lower Owens Trip #2
5	Monday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Fly Tying
7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
11	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
13	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class: Orientation
14	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Conservation Team at San Gabriel
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class: 1 <sup>st</sup> Night
21	Wednesday	12:00 PM	Nooner Lunch
		7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
25	Sunday	9:00 AM	Club Cast
27	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Beginning Casting Class: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Night
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Fly Tying Forum
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Monthly Meeting: TBD



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