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# *The Newsletter*

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**Pay Your Dues Through the Website: [www.Oaklandcastingclub.org](http://www.Oaklandcastingclub.org)**

**No checks or cash required!**

If you have not renewed your OCC Membership, we urge you to visit our website and avail yourself of the ease of paying your 2017 dues (see below), either by PayPal, credit or debit card. The new website considers all members as 'New Members' when signing up at this time, but further refinements will be made as we move forward.

If you prefer to mail a personal check to OCC for your dues, please mail it to The Oakland Casting Club, P.O. Box 20872, Oakland, CA 94620, along with your contact information (address, phone #, email address).

Dues for 2017 have not changed: **\$30** for single membership, **\$40** for family membership.

Your dues pay for many things throughout the year, including: OCC membership in casting organizations, donations to conservation non-profit groups, insurance, picnic and Christmas dinner subsidy, and continued maintenance of the ponds.

## **Chris Korich, newest California Outdoor Hall of Fame Recipient!**



OCC's own Chris Korich was inducted into the California Outdoor Hall of Fame at a ceremony conducted by Tom Stienstra, SF Chronicle outdoor writer and previous Hall of Fame inductee. The January 21<sup>st</sup> award presentation was held at the Sportsmen's Expo in Sacramento, and was attended by numerous OCC members, plus Chris' mother Mickie, brother Stan and daughter Jessie. This well-deserved honor recognized the many decades of dedication to the sport of Casting that Chris has generously given. His expertise in teaching has led innumerable casters to successes in both tournaments (as National and International Champions) and fishing endeavors. His latest students, Maxine and Glenn McCormick shocked the International Casting world by becoming International Champions in 2016 at their first International competition in Estonia.

We are extremely proud of Chris and appreciate his continuing support of OCC through his service on the Board of Directors, Facilities Committee and as Lesson Director (to name a few), and continuing presence at the casting ponds where he freely gives of his time and talents to members and visitors alike.



### **Public Casting Lesson begin Saturday, March 18**

In keeping with our long-standing commitment to the Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation, the OCC will begin the 2017 Class Schedule on March 18. Members assist in teaching proper casting techniques, showing tackle set up and generally helping new and experienced casters in their efforts to improve their techniques. Members are encouraged to help in these efforts that begin at the Ponds at 10AM. Past experience has shown that many students have become OCC members following their lesson(s), and many have become tournament participants and winners!

## Billy Jones has a Birthday!!

Billy Jones, OCC member since 1982 and past OCC Director and Vice President was honored at a surprise 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at the ponds last month.

OCC member Cliff Tong and his vivacious wife Karen surprised Billy, and attending club members and friends made this a day for all to honor Billy and to recognize our great friend and talented guy!

These photos show that Billy was indeed surprised by the party:



Surprised 'Birthday Boy'!



Cliff Tong with Billy.



Karen Tong helps Billy celebrate.

## 2017 Southwestern Casting Tournament



Front row: Michael Han (SJF); Chi Quang (OCC), Elaine Gong (OCC), Julie Hanada (SJF), Glen Nagumo (SJF).

Back row: Cindy Han (SJF), Ralph Hardin (OCC), Glen Ozawa (OCC), Austin Emmerling (OCC), Chris Korich (OCC), Henry Mittel (OCC). Not pictured: John Thiele (OCC).

The annual Southwestern Tournament, hosted each year by the Long Beach Casting Club, took place over the Presidents' Day weekend. Braving the strongest storm in at least 8 years, 10 casters from The Oakland Casting Club and the San Jose Flycasters were on hand bright and early (albeit a bit damp) at the LBCC facility early Saturday morning. Amid downed trees, huge puddles, closed streets and muddy conditions, the Tournament was efficiently run with great camaraderie, fine competition and good food. Representing The Oakland Casting Club: Glen Ozawa, Chris Korich, Henry Mittel, Elaine Gong, Ralph Hardin, John Thiele and Austin Emmerling. Neighboring club, The San Jose Flycasters, had Glen Nagumo, and first time casters Michael Han and Julie Hamada representing SJF. This club will host the next American Casting Association National Tournament in August, 2017.



View of the casting ponds (Saturday)



Eucalyptus tree next to LBCC clubhouse

Intermittent rain and ever-changing strong winds challenged the casters during the first event: Trout Fly Accuracy. OCC members took the top 5 places in the 'A' Division (all scoring 94 or better), with Chris Korich taking first place; 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 'B' Division also went to OCC members. First-time Southwestern Tournament participants from the San Jose Flycasters, Michael Han (a student of Chris Korich) and Julie Hanada (coached by Glen Nagumo), took 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places, respectively, in the 'C' Division. Although conditions were constantly changing and challenging for competitors, the tournament went along smoothly, and complete results are posted on the OCC website. As befitting the difficulties of driving to the event and dealing with the conditions, only one perfect score was posted for the entire 2 days. Chris shot a perfect 100 points in 'A' Division Wet Fly, to best LBCC's Mark Tsunawaki and Henry Mittel who both shot 98's, then 96 and 95, respectively, in the cast-off.

Chris Korich and Henry Mittel battled all weekend for dominance, and in the end, Henry edged Chris by ONE point in the fight for the All Accuracy title (776 to 775 points out of a possible 800).

All casters and guests were treated to wonderful meals throughout the tournament, and Long Beach members, especially the "Three Marks" (Mark Lipe, Mark Tsunawaki and Mark Flo), handled the logistics of the 10 casting games with great skill and efficiency that was much appreciated by all participants. We all enjoyed another amazing weekend in Long Beach, despite Mother Nature.

We hope to host many casters at the ‘Northwestern Tournament’, October 21 and 22, 2017 at the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club. Although we can’t predict the weather conditions, we can promise another great tournament with challenging competitions when we meet in the Fall.

## **2017 Casting Games and Special Events**

### **Oakland Casting Club & Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club**

Date	Time		Location Event(s)
Saturday Mar 18	10:00 AM	OCC	<b>Public Casting Lessons</b>
Sunday Mar 19	9:30 AM	OCC	Trout Fly, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 3/8 oz., 5/8 oz., Angler’s Fly
Saturday Mar 18	10 AM-Noon		<b>OCC Public Casting Lessons</b>
Sunday Mar 19	9:30 AM	OCC	Trout Fly, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 3/8 oz., 5/8 oz., Angler’s Fly
<del>Sunday Apr 2</del>	<del>9:30 AM</del>	<del>GGACC</del>	Cancelled due to GGACC Pond Maintenance
Sunday Apr 9	9:30 AM	OCC	Trout Fly, Bass Bug, 3/8 oz., 5/8 oz., Wet Fly
Saturday Apr 15	10 AM-Noon		<b>OCC Public Casting Lessons</b>
April 21-23	All Day	GGACC	<b>Jimmy Green Spey-O-Rama Invitational</b>
Sunday May 7	9:30 AM	GGACC	Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz., 3/8 oz., Angler’s Fly
<b>Saturday</b> May 13	9:30 AM	OCC	Trout Fly, Dry Fly, 1/4 oz., 3/8 oz., 1/4 oz. Dist.
Saturday May 20	10 AM-Noon		<b>OCC Public Casting Lessons</b>
<b>Saturday</b> May 27	9:30 AM	<b>Campbell</b>	San Jose Flycasters ponds Trout Fly, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz., 5/8 oz.
Sunday Jun 4	9:30 AM	GGACC	Trout Fly, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 5/8 oz.
Saturday Jun 17	10 AM-Noon		<b>OCC Public Casting Lessons</b>
Sunday Jun 18	TBD	OCC	OCC Annual Family Picnic (reservations required)
Sunday Jun 25	9:30 AM	OCC	<u>National Warm-up</u> : Trout Fly, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz., 3/8 oz., 5/8 oz.
Sunday Jul 2	9:30 AM	GGACC	<u>National Warm-up</u> : Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz., 3/8 oz., Angler’s Fly
<b>Saturday</b> Jul 8	9:30 AM	<b>Campbell</b>	San Jose Flycasters ponds Trout Fly, Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz., 5/8 oz.

<b>July/August</b>	<b>National Tournament (see <a href="#">ACA</a> website); details will follow</b>		
Sunday Aug 6	9:30 AM	GGACC	Trout Fly, Dry Fly, 5/8 oz.
Sunday Aug 20	9:30 AM	OCC	Dry Fly, Bass Bug, 1/4 oz., 3/8 oz.
Sunday Sep 10	9:30 AM	GGACC	Trout Fly, Dry Fly, 1/4 oz., 5/8 oz., Wet Fly
Saturday Sep 16	10 AM-Noon		<b>OCC Public Casting Lessons</b>
Sunday Sep 24	9:30 AM	OCC	Trout Fly, Bass Bug, 5/8 oz., 1/4 oz. Dist, Wet Fly
Sunday Oct 1	9:30 AM	GGACC	Northwestern Warm-up: Trout, Dry, Bass, 1/4 oz. Plug Distance, Wet Fly
Sunday Oct 15	9:30 AM	OCC	Northwestern Warm-up: Trout Fly, 1/4 oz., 3/8 oz., 5/8 oz Plug, Steelhead (Angler's Fly) Distance
<b>Saturday Oct 21</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>GGACC</b>	<b>Northwestern Tournament</b>
<b>Sunday Oct 22</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>GGACC</b>	<b>Trout, Bass, 1/4 oz., Open Plug, Angler's Fly, 1/4 oz. dist. Dry, Wet, 3/8 oz., 5/8 oz., 5/8 oz. team</b>
<b>Saturday Oct 28</b>	1-3PM	OCC	<b>Swap Meet</b> – bring you own table and chairs for displaying your fishing related items to trade or sell
Sunday Nov 5	9:30 AM	GGACC*	Turkey Shoot Handicap: (Prize for each event) Dry Fly, Wet Fly, 5/8 oz.
Sunday Nov 19	9:30 AM	OCC	Trout Fly, Dry Fly, 1/4 oz., 5/8 oz., Angler's Fly
Sunday Dec 3	9:30 AM	GGACC*	Directors' Cup Handicap: Trout Fly, Bass Bug, 5/8 oz.
Sunday Dec 3	5:00 PM		<b>OCC Holiday Party:</b> Pier 29, Alameda (reservations required; more information including menu will follow)
Sunday Dec 17	9:00 AM	OCC	Annual Meeting, Elections & Holiday Lunch

**Note: All [OCC](#) and [GGACC](#) Casting Games will be conducted under ACA rules and will be [ACA](#) "registered" events (UON).**

## Dedication of the Leona Park Casting Ponds: June 15, 1958

### Two Casting Pools Open Here Today

Dedication of the new Leona Casting Pools today will give Oakland the second largest installation of its kind in the world.

Located in Leona Park, Mountain Blvd., at Carson St., the pools measure 85 by 90 feet and 90 by 110 feet, somewhat in the form of the oval and side of a shoe. They are dedicated "to all sportsmen" by the sponsoring Metropolitan Casting Association and the Oakland Park Department.

Taking part in the dedication program at 1:30 p.m. will be Oakland Park Commissioner W. Elwyn Dunstan, president of the casting association, who will officially present the pools to the city, and Mayor Clifford E. Ribell, who will accept them for the city.

Isabelle Betten, secretary-treasurer of the association, will sketch the history of the project in a talk titled "From Plans to Pools." John Satal, president of the Oakland Casting Club, will speak on "Sportsmen in the Community." Oakland Tribune columnist "Mike" Brewer will dignify "Casting Cares Away."

The invocation will be given by Father H. B. Exoner of St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church, Oakland, and the benediction by the Reverend Donald E. Wiggett, pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Oakland. Raising of the flag will be by members of the Oakland Park Department Rangers, under lead singer James M. Gomer. Boy Scout Howard Hasphen will be the bugler.

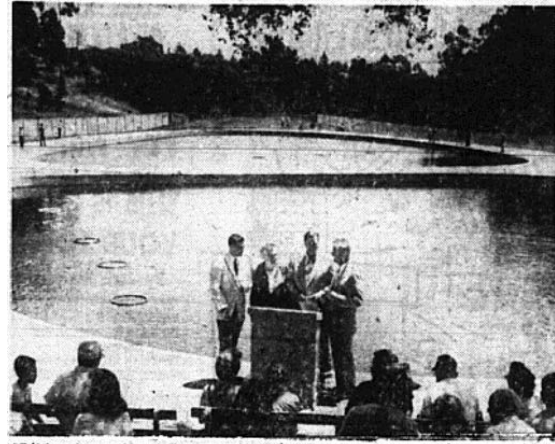
Two musical selections, "Old Aunt Dinah" and "Indian Maid," will be sung by the Pissavontine barbershop quartet, which is a member of the International Championship barbershop chorus in Berkeley. Singers in the Pissavontine are Bob Davidson, tenor; Don De-merse, lead; Jim Harper, bass-tenor; and Bob Anger, bass.

Beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until the dedication program will be a series of casting exhibitions featuring Jim Tarantino, world's all-around casting champion; Myron Grogery, world's distance casting champion; and Phil Krawville and Carl Werner, previous local casters. All four men are members of the Oakland Casting Club.

Thomas Rabbin, former national Recasting women's champion; Mrs. Jo Werner, and Mrs. Betten, former women's ball casting champion, will also participate in the exhibitions. All are members of the California Women's Casting Club, which began in Oakland.

After today the pools will temporarily be available to the public only through arrangements with Dunstan or Mrs. Betten of the Metropolitan Casting Association, at Telephone 2-8299 or LA Adodge 4-8771. Regular weekend use of the pools, with instruction periods provided by members of the casting association, is

anticipated. Following construction of restroom facilities and custodian's quarters later in the year, a permanent schedule of operation will be established by the Park Department and the casting association.



OPENING CEREMONIES—Participating in the dedication of the casting pools at Leona Park are (from left) Jim Tarantino, world's casting champ; Isabelle Betten and W. Elwyn Dunstan of the Metropolitan Casting Assn.; Mayor Clifford Ribell.

### The Oakland Casting Club

March 10, 1941:

Date of Incorporation

June 15, 1958:

Date of Pond Dedication

Reprinted here is the Oakland Tribune article announcing the 1958 dedication of the new casting ponds at Leona Park (renamed McCrea Park at a later date). Aside from the growth of trees and shrubs surrounding the ponds, little has changed in the past 59 years at the ponds.

Our dedicated Facilities Committee has been instrumental in keeping this wonderful venue in top condition. Our talented tournament casters and loyal OCC members continue to keep this club at the top of its game as the most active Casting Club in the American Casting Association. Home to National and International Champions, we continually strive to maintain and improve our standings with the casting and fishing world, while enjoying the camaraderie and friendships that define the OCC.

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