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2006 NATIONAL CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LONG BEACH, CA.

Many incredible casts, in terms of distances or accuracy, will be made by some of the world's finest casters, but no fish will be caught, for this is a tournament that will decide the 2006 North American casting champions.

The 98th American Casting Association (ACA) National Casting Tournament, will take place at Long Beach, California July 31 – August 5, 2006, and will be hosted by the Long Beach Casting Club (LBCC).

Casters will come from all over the United States and Canada to compete for trophies, medals and prizes in distance and accuracy events in the traditional ACA competition that dates back to the mid 1800s.

Several of the champs can cast a fly cast more than 200 feet using specialized equipment! That's two-thirds of a football field! One of the most incredible distance casting accomplishments was when Steve Rajeff cast a 1/4 oz. weight 325 feet with a spinning outfit at the 2002 National! A 1/4 ounce is equivalent to the weight of 1 sheet of 8.5" x 11" stationery paper.

For the accuracy events, 30-inch floating targets are placed at various distances. It often takes a perfect score, or close to it, to win some events at a National. For the plug-accuracy games, targets are placed 40 to 80 feet. In the fly-accuracy events the targets are from 20 to 50 feet. The Bass Bug targets are from 20 to 70 feet.

The accuracy games will be held at the LBCC pool. Located in scenic Recreation Park at 7th Street and Federation Drive in Long Beach, LBCC has its own clubhouse and a 130' X 255' oval casting pool. The distance events will be at nearby El Dorado Park, Area III Glider Field.

The schedule is as follows:

July 31 – Practice Day.

August 1, 2 –Distance Events.

August 3 through 5 –Accuracy Games.

August 5 (evening) –Awards Banquet

In addition to the traditional ACA disciplines, three special events will be cast:

- 1) Arenburg Plug Accuracy. Spinning gear is used in this event and various casts are necessary including side, overhead and underhand flip casts. This is an official International Sport Casting Federation (ICSF) events cast at world tournaments.
- 2) Skish Fly Accuracy. This is also an ICSF event and will be cast on August 4.
- 3) The 5-wt. Line Fly Accuracy / Distance. This is a brand-new special game that encompasses lighter fly fishing gear for both accuracy and distance. It is being cast as a “demonstration event” to ascertain whether it will be included as an official ACA game in the future.

LBCC has a rich angling and casting history that dates back to 1925. This venerable casting club certainly has ample experience in sponsoring major tournaments. It hosted the ACA Nationals in 1947, 1954, 1961, 1971, 1978, 1984 and 2000!

Many of today's tackle advancements and casting techniques can be directly attributed to tournament casting. It was the tournament casters who developed aluminum spools for casting reels, weight-forward fly line tapers, shooting lines, the double-haul fly casting method, feathering an open-face spinning reel for pinpoint accuracy, the fly line calibration system, hook size standards and many other features that are commonly used by anglers today.

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