

Official Results *of the*
U.S. Open Casting Championships
113th National Tournament
of the American Casting Association
and ICSF World Cup Event



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US Open Casting Championship
113th Annual Tournament of the American Casting Association
and ICSF World Cup Event
Long Beach, CA, 2025

List of Participants

Alena Kläusler (Austria)	Mariano Domingo (California)
Andy Szofran (Montana)	Mario Rodriguez (California)
Cecil O'Dell (California)	Mark Flo (California)
Chris Korich (Oregon)	Mark Kocsis (California)
Colin Kumabe (California)	Mark Lipe (California)
David Ross (California)	Michael Hasenhütl (Austria)
Dietmar Laukner (Austria)	Mike Peters (California)
Don Huseman (California)	Nam Le (California)
Ed Matuizek (Florida)	Nancy Lake (California)
Elaine Gong (California)	Nicholas Galvan (California)
Elias Lilly (Florida)	Ralph Hardin (California)
Elizabeth Lilly (Florida)	Shannon Rüttimann (Switzerland)
Eric Callow (Utah)	Steve Lake (California)
Glen Ozawa (California)	Steve Lankenau (California)
Henry Mittel (California)	Steve Rajeff (Washington)
John Thiele (California)	Tom Olson (California)
Kalyn Hoggard (Michigan)	Topher Browne (Maine)
Katerina Marková (Czech Republic)	Walter Hoover (Florida)
Keith O'Donnell (California)	Whitney Gould (Montana)
Leon Hasenhütl (Germany)	

Volunteers

Paul Burgner	John Lincoln	Joe Rosenthal
Susan DeLude	Dan Luas	Shirley Sakaguchi
Mark Flo	Eddie Madrid	Wayne Sakaguchi
Peter Hardash	Henry Mittel	Joe Saldana
Steve Higashi	Cecil O'Dell	Frank Santos
Bruce Jeske	Keith O'Donnell	Bob Sheppard
Mark Kocsis	Tom Olson	Mark Tsunawaki
Terry Komisak	Norm Riggs	Richard Zorich
Colin Kumabe	Kevin Robinson	

Head Judges

Alena Klausler	John Van Derhoof	Nicholas Galvan
Chris Korich	Kalyn Hoggard	Ralph Hardin
Colin Kumabe	Keith O'Donnell	Steve Lake
Dietmar Laukner	Leon Hasenhutl	Steve Rajeff
Ed Matuziek	Mariano Domingo	Tom Olson
Glen Ozuma	Mark Flo	Walter Hoover
Henry Mittel	Mark Lipe	Whitney Gould
John Thiele	Michael Hasenhutl	

Wet Fly

US Open Men		Score [CO]
1	Steve Rajeff	99
2	Chris Korich	97
3	Henry Mittel	96 [97]
4	Glen Ozawa	96 [94]

Men		Score [CO]
1	Walter Hoover	98
2	Ed Matuizek	95 [98]
3	Ralph Hardin	95 [90]
4	Eric Callow	94
4	Mark Flo	94
6	Nicholas Galvan	92
7	Colin Kumabe	90

Women		Score
1	Whitney Gould	92
2	Elaine Gong	84
3	Elizabeth Lilly	82

Senior Men		Score [CO]
1	Mariano Domingo	92
2	Mark Lipe	88 [93]
3	Steve Lankenau	88 [84]
4	Keith O'Donnell	82

Intermediates		Score
1	Elias Lilly	98

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US Open Men		Score&Time
1	Henry Mittel	98* (2:37)
2	Dietmar Laukner	94 (2:10)
3	Michael Hasenhütl	92 (2:43)
4	Steve Rajeff	88 (3:30)
5	Ed Matuizek	78 (2:02)
6	Leon Hasenhütl	78 (2:12)

* New National Record

US Open Women		Score&Time
1	Katerina Marková	96* (1:36)
2	Alena Kläusler	86 (3:06)
3	Shannon Rüttimann	82 (2:58)

* New National Record

Men		Score&Time
1	Walter Hoover	68 (3:09)
2	Colin Kumabe	64 (3:31)
3	Mark Flo	44 (3:08)

Women		Score&Time
1	Whitney Gould	16 (4:13)

Senior Men		Score&Time
1	Ralph Hardin	64 (3:30)
2	Mariano Domingo	56 (3:01)
3	Mark Lipe	54 (3:45)

Intermediates		Score&Time
1	Elias Lilly	68* (2:10)

* New National Record

Trout Distance

US Open Men	Feet	2nd
1 Henry Mittel	139 [*]	130'
2 Steve Rajeff	127'	124'
3 Kalyn Hoggard	117'	116'
4 Dietmar Laukner	113'	110'
5 Andy Szofran	100'	97'
6 Michael Hasenhütl	90'	76'
7 Leon Hasenhütl	53'	46'

* New National Record

US Open Women	Feet	2nd
1 Whitney Gould	107'	106'
2 Alena Kläusler	91'	89'
3 Katerina Marková	90'	76'
4 Shannon Rüttimann	61'	54'

Men	Feet	2nd
1 Walter Hoover	119 [*]	118'
2 Mark Flo	101 ⁺	91'
3 Ed Matuizek	100 ⁺	97'
4 Tom Olson	99 ⁺	95'
5 Colin Kumabe	95 [^]	89'
6 Mike Peters	90'	86'

* New National Record

+ Above Old Record

^ Tied Old Record

Women	Feet	2nd
1 Elizabeth Lilly	91 [*]	90'

* New National Record

Intermediates	Feet	2nd
1 Elias Lilly	103 [*]	101'

* New National Record

Seatrout Distance

US Open Men	Feet	2nd
1 Henry Mittel	156'	154'
2 Steve Rajeff	153'	151'
3 Andy Szofran	125'	124'
4 Kalyn Hoggard	123'	123'

US Open Women	Feet	2nd
1 Whitney Gould	122'	117'

Men	Feet	2nd
1 Walter Hoover	145 [*]	145'
2 Ed Matuizek	135 ⁺	124'
3 Tom Olson	133 ⁺	128'
4 Colin Kumabe	113'	110'
5 Mark Flo	106'	104'
6 Mike Peters	98'	98'

* New National Record

+ Above Old Record

Women	Feet	2nd
1 Elizabeth Lilly	104 [*]	96'

* New National Record

Intermediates	Feet	2nd
1 Elias Lilly	111 [*]	110'

* New National Record

15'-Spey Distance

US Open Men	Feet
1 Henry Mittel	297'
2 Steve Rajeff	284'
3 Tom Olson	273'
4 Topher Browne	271'

US Open Women	Feet
1 Whitney Gould	309'

Men	Feet
1 David Ross	287 [*]
2 Mark Flo	223'
3 Mike Peters	211'
4 Colin Kumabe	180'

* New National Record

Senior Men	Feet
1 Steve Lankenau	206'
2 Keith O'Donnell	204'

1/4 oz. Plug Accuracy

US Open Men	Score
1 Steve Rajeff	98 [*]
2 Henry Mittel	96
3 Dietmar Laukner	95
4 Michael Hasenhütl	94
5 Leon Hasenhütl	91
6 Ed Matuizek	88
7 Chris Korich	85

* New National Record

US Open Women	Score
1 Katerina Marková	89 [*]
2 Alena Kläusler	88 ⁺
3 Shannon Rüttimann	81 [^]

* New National Record

⁺ Above Old Record

[^] Tied Old Record

Men	Score
1 Colin Kumabe	90
2 Walter Hoover	88
3 Ralph Hardin	82
4 Mark Flo	77
5 Nam Le	75

Women	Score
1 Elaine Gong	71
2 Whitney Gould	68

Senior Men	Score
1 Mariano Domingo	84
2 Mark Lipe	78

Intermediates	Score
1 Elias Lilly	88

1/4 oz. (7.5 g) Distance

	US Open Men	Feet	2nd
1	Henry Mittel	244 [*]	230'
2	Steve Rajeff	236 ⁺	230'
3	Michael Hasenhütl	228'	227'
4	Dietmar Laukner	217'	213'
5	Leon Hasenhütl	207'	195'

* New National Record

+ Above Old Record

	US Open Women	Feet	2nd
1	Shannon Rüttimann	194 [*]	183'
2	Alena Kläusler	175 ⁺	83'
3	Katerina Marková	162 ⁺	156'

* New National Record

+ Above Old Record

	Men	Feet	2nd
1	Ed Matuizek	198'	193'
2	Colin Kumabe	195'	182'
3	Mark Flo	174'	162'
4	Ralph Hardin	163'	140'

	Women	Feet	2nd
1	Elaine Gong	70'	65'
2	Whitney Gould	52'	12'

	Senior Men	Feet	2nd
1	Mariano Domingo	125'	122'

	Intermediates	Feet	2nd
1	Elias Lilly	136'	135'

Salmon Distance (ICSF)

	US Open Men	Feet	2nd
1	Henry Mittel	195'	193'
2	Steve Rajeff	178'	168'
3	Chris Korich	168'	165'
4	Topher Browne	150'	140'

	US Open Women	Feet	2nd
1	Whitney Gould	160'	156'

	Men	Feet	2nd
1	Walter Hoover	174 [*]	163'
2	Tom Olson	161'	147'
3	David Ross	149'	148'
4	Mike Peters	139'	138'
5	Colin Kumabe	135'	135'
6	Mark Flo	131'	130'

* New National Record

	Intermediates	Feet	2nd
1	Elias Lilly	144 [*]	140'

* New National Record

Trout Accuracy (ICSF)

US Open Men	Score&Time
1 Henry Mittel	74* (4:58)
2 Steve Rajeff	70+ (3:40)
3 Glen Ozawa	68^ (4:10)
4 Chris Korich	65 (4:59)
5 Dietmar Laukner	54 (4:42)
6 Nam Le	54 (5:00)
7 Kalyn Hoggard	51 (3:58)
8 Andy Szofran	48 (5:00)
9 Ed Matuizek	45 (4:34)
10 John Thiele	43 (4:55)
11 Michael Hasenhütl	41 (4:19)
12 Topher Browne	29 (5:00)
13 Leon Hasenhütl	24 (5:00)

* New National Record

+ Above Old Record

^ Tied Old Record

US Open Women	Score
1 Whitney Gould	41 (4:29)
2 Alena Kläusler	31 (4:20)
3 Katerina Marková	13 (4:19)
4 Shannon Rüttimann	3 (5:00)

Men	Score&Time
1 Walter Hoover	70* (3:23)
2 Colin Kumabe	52+ (3:42)
3 Ralph Hardin	43+ (4:30)
4 Eric Callow	41^ (5:00)
5 Mark Flo	32 (4:11)
6 Mark Koscis	28 (5:00)
7 Steve Lake	27 (4:45)
8 Tom Olson	23 (4:58)
9 Mike Peters	15 (2:19)

* New National Record

+ Above Old Record

^ Tied Old Record

Women	Score&Time
1 Elaine Gong	50* (4:40)
2 Elizabeth Lilly	46+ (3:33)

* New National Record

+ Above Old Record

Senior Men	Score&Time
1 Mariano Domingo	53* (4:23)
2 Mark Lipe	30 (4:58)

* New National Record

Intermediates	Score&Time
1 Elias Lilly	70* (3:40)

* New National Record

Angler's Fly Distance

US Open Men	Feet
1 Henry Mittel	174*
2 Steve Rajeff	151'
3 Chris Korich	145'
4 Topher Browne	124'

* New National Record

Men	Feet
1 Walter Hoover	153'
2 David Ross	146'
3 Mark Flo	139'
4 Tom Olson	126'
5 Colin Kumabe	124'
6 Ralph Hardin	118'
7 Mike Peters	113'
8 Ed Matuizek	70'

Women	Feet	2nd
1 Whitney Gould	144'	133'
2 Elizabeth Lilly	108'	105'
3 Elaine Gong	85'	83'

Senior Men	Feet	2nd
1 Mariano Domingo	112'	110'
2 Don Huseman	82'	81'

Intermediates	Feet	2nd
1 Elias Lilly	123'	121'

Trout Fly Accuracy

US Open Men	Score [CO]
1 Henry Mittel	99# [98]
2 Steve Rajeff	99# [97]
3 Chris Korich	96 [99]
4 Glen Ozawa	96 [96]
5 Nam Le	96 [92]
6 Ed Matuizek	93
7 John Thiele	92
8 Andy Szofran	84

Ties National Record

Men	Score
1 Walter Hoover	97
2 Colin Kumabe	94
3 Nicholas Galvan	93
4 Ralph Hardin	92
5 Mario Rodriguez	91
6 Tom Olson	89
7 Eric Callow	88
7 Steve Lake	88
7 Mark Flo	88
10 Topher Browne	87
10 Cecil O'Dell	87
12 Mike Peters	84
13 Mark Kocsis	80

Women	Score [CO]	[CO]
1 Whitney Gould	85 [89]	[88]
2 Elizabeth Lilly	85 [89]	[84]
3 Nancy Lake	85 [84]	
4 Elaine Gong	80	

Senior Men	Score
1 Mark Lipe	94
2 Mariano Domingo	92

Intermediates	Score
1 Elias Lilly	99#

Ties National Record

Bass Bug Accuracy

US Open Men	Score [CO] [CO]
1 Ed Matuizek	98
2 Henry Mittel	95 [96] [98]
3 Glen Ozawa	95 [96] [95]
4 Chris Korich	95 [95]
5 John Thiele	94
6 Steve Rajeff	93
7 Andy Szofran	90

Men	Score [CO]
1 Colin Kumabe	93
2 Mark Flo	91
3 Nicholas Galvan	90 [96]
4 Eric Callow	90 [85]
5 Nam Le	90 [81]
6 Ralph Hardin	88
7 Mario Rodriguez	83
7 Walter Hoover	83
9 Steve Lake	82
10 Mark Kocsis	79
11 Tom Olson	77

Women	Score
1 Whitney Gould	87
2 Elizabeth Lilly	81
3 Elaine Gong	80

Senior Men	Score
1 Mark Lipe	87
2 Mariano Domingo	85

Intermediates	Score
1 Elias Lilly	88

5/8 oz. Plug Accuracy

US Open Men	Score [CO]
1 Steve Rajeff	98* [1]
2 Henry Mittel	98* [0]
3 Chris Korich	91
4 Ed Matuizek	85

* New National Record

Men	Score
1 Ralph Hardin	92
2 Walter Hoover	89
3 Mark Flo	81
4 Nam Le	80
5 Colin Kumabe	79

Women	Score
1 Elaine Gong	86
2 Whitney Gould	71

Senior Men	Score
1 Mark Lipe	87
2 Mariano Domingo	67

Intermediates	Score
1 Elias Lilly	87



ICSF World Cup Combination

Women	Comb	Arenb	TrD	1/4 A	1/4 D	TrAcc
1 Alena Kläusler	439.87	86	54.86	88	80.01	31
2 Katerina Marková	422.67	96	50.60	89	74.07	13
3 Shannon Rüttimann	389.75	82	35.05	81	88.70	3
4 Whitney Gould	213.69	16	64.92	68	23.77	41

US Open Men	Comb	Arenb	TrD	1/4 A	1/4 D	TrAcc
1 Henry Mittel	461.55	98	81.99	96	111.56	74
2 Steve Rajeff	440.40	88	76.50	98	107.90	70
3 Dietmar Laukner	410.18	94	67.97	95	99.21	54
4 Michael Hasenhütl	381.84	92	50.60	94	104.24	41
5 Ed Matuizek	361.57	78	60.05	88	90.53	45
6 Leon Hasenhütl	317.82	78	30.18	91	94.64	24

Fly Distance Combination

US Open Men	Comb	TrD	SeaD	15Sp	Salm	AF
1 Henry Mittel	5	1	1	1	1	1
2 Steve Rajeff	10	2	2	2	2	2
3 Tom Olson	15	3	3	3	3	3

US Open Women	Comb	TrD	SeaD	15Sp	Salm	AF
1 Whitney Gould	5	1	1	1	1	1

Men	Comb	TrD	SeaD	15Sp	Salm	AF
1 Mark Flo	8	1	2	1	3	1
2 Colin Kumabe	10	2	1	3	2	2
3 Mike Peters	12	3	3	2	1	3

All-Distance Combination

US Open Men	Comb	TrD	SeaD	15Sp	1/4D	Salm	AF
1 Henry Mittel	6	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 Steve Rajeff	12	2	2	2	2	2	2

US Open Women	Comb	TrD	SeaD	15Sp	1/4D	Salm	AF
1 Whitney Gould	6	1	1	1	1	1	1

Men	Comb	TrD	SeaD	15Sp	1/4D	Salm	AF
1 Mark Flo	9	1	2	1	2	2	1
1 Colin Kumabe	9	2	1	2	1	1	2

Fly Accuracy Combination

US Open Men		Comb	Wet	TrAcc	TF	BB
1	Henry Mittel	364	96	74	99	95
2	Steve Rajeff	361	99	70	99	93
3	Glen Ozawa	355	96	68	96	95
4	Chris Korich	353	97	65	96	95
5	Ed Matuizek	331	95	45	93	98

US Open Women		Comb	Wet	TrAcc	TF	BB
1	Whitney Gould	305	92	41	85	87

Men		Comb	Wet	TrAcc	TF	BB
1	Walter Hoover	348	98	70	97	83
2	Colin Kumabe	329	90	52	94	93
3	Ralph Hardin	318	95	43	92	88
4	Eric Callow	313	94	41	88	90
5	Mark Flo	305	94	32	88	91

Women		Comb	Wet	TrAcc	TF	BB
1	Elaine Gong	294	84	50	80	80
1	Elizabeth Lilly	294	82	46	85	81

Senior Men		Comb	Wet	TrAcc	TF	BB
1	Mariano Domingo	322	92	53	92	85
2	Mark Lipe	299	88	30	94	87

Intermediates		Comb	Wet	TrAcc	TF	BB
1	Elias Lilly	355	98	70	99	88

Plug Accuracy Combination

US Open Men		Comb	Arenb	1/4	5/8
1	Henry Mittel	292	98	96	98
2	Steve Rajeff	284	88	98	98
3	Ed Matuizek	251	78	88	85

Men		Comb	Arenb	1/4	5/8
1	Walter Hoover	245	68	88	89
2	Colin Kumabe	233	64	90	79
3	Mark Flo	202	44	77	81

Women		Comb	Arenb	1/4	5/8
1	Whitney Gould	155	16	68	71

Senior Men		Comb	Arenb	1/4	5/8
1	Mark Lipe	219	54	78	87
2	Mariano Domingo	207	56	84	67

Intermediates		Comb	Arenb	1/4	5/8
1	Elias Lilly	243	68	88	87

Special Awards

Jon Tarantino Award (best fly caster)

Henry Mittel

Myron Gregory Award (best plug caster)

Henry Mittel

Tom Gong Memorial Award (best Senior Man Angler's Fly)

Mariano Domingo

Best New Accuracy Caster

Elias Lilly

Best New Distance Caster

Elias Lilly

Most Improved Caster

Walter Hoover

All-American Team

**Chris Korich, Ed Matuizek, Elias Lilly, Glen Ozawa, Henry Mittel, Steve Rajeff,
Walter Hoover, Whitney Gould**

5/8 oz. Plug Team Event

First Place - Gold

Oakland CC	338
Chris Korich	93
Mariano Domingo	80
Elaine Gong	83
Ralph Hardin	82

Second Place - Silver

Team Florida	329
Walter Hoover	91
Ed Matuizek	90
Elias Lilly	89
Elizabeth Lilly	59

Third Place - Bronze

Long Beach	323
Mark Flo	81
Colin Kumabe	72
Henry Mittel	92
Mark Lipe	78
Nickolas Galvan	72

4th Place

Team Rajeff	318
Nam Le	86
Andy Szofran	68
Whitney Gould	67
Glen Ozawa	69
Steve Rajeff	95