

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY
OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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Check the website Events Calendar and join in the activities of **YOUR** Club!!

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President's Message

President's Message by Brian Mayer

Summer is here! Hopefully, we have banished the “May gray” and “June Gloom”. I know that many of you have gotten out and been fishing. I am sure you have great stories and reports to give. Please take a couple of minutes and write a story for our Newsletter.

As our Club has grown and more people are attending our monthly meetings, we are quickly outgrowing our meeting location. Our Venue Committee is hard at work trying to locate another appropriate location. If you know of a meeting location that you think we should check out, please contact myself or any member of the Board with your suggested site.



Mark your calendars! The Club Auction is September 6! Yes, it is the first week of September!

Time to bring your donations for our Club auction! Now that YOU have finished sorting through your fishing bags, fly tying equipment, rods, reels and other gear, you probably have items that are perfect for donation to the Club auction - great stuff that you just don't use anymore. Please write down a list of your name and the items you are donating when bringing them to the meeting. Place the list in the box or bag of items you are donating. This will greatly help the Auction Committee to properly acknowledge your generous donation. If you wish to remain anonymous, please write this on the listing. Bring your items to the July Club meeting. If you cannot make the July meeting, please send an email to auction@ffcoc.org and the Auction Committee will try to coordinate a pickup.

Do you want to do more for your Club? Would you like to help guide our Club's future? Consider volunteering for our Board of Directors. All members of the Club are welcome to attend the monthly Board meeting via Zoom. Come see what your Board does. Meeting information and Zoom connection are available from the Club website – the link is at the bottom center of the Club's homepage.

Best regards,

Brian Mayer

President, 2023

FFCOC Meeting Venue



General Meeting Location

Standard Reminder: Note the change in the Meeting Start Time!



Our General Meeting for July will be at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. The Pom & Olive Restaurant will continue to host our monthly meetings until announced otherwise.



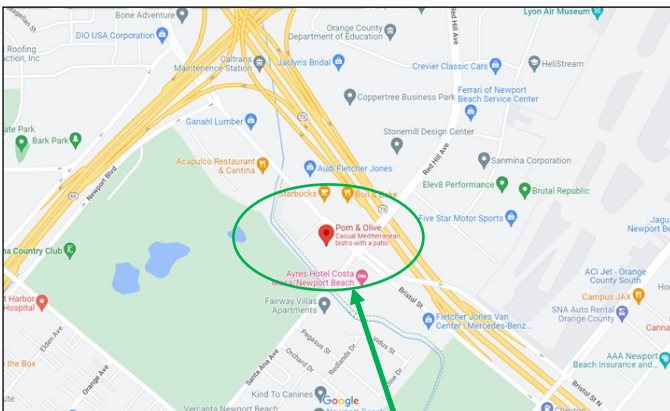
Pom & Olive is located at 1400 Bristol Street, Building C in Costa Mesa. (See map below)

Our meeting will continue to be the Happy Hour format (no served dinner). You may of course arrive early and have your dinner at Pom & Olive before the start of the Club Social hour!

A reminder that the meeting schedule was adjusted in February to allow enough time to socialize, have some Club announcements, guest speaker presentation, and conclude our evening by 9 PM.

Our adjusted start time is at 6:30 pm; Wet Fly socialization with appetizers and cash bar provided by Pom & Olive, Club business at 7:15 pm, with our guest speaker at 7:30 pm.

Meeting Fee: \$10



Pom & Olive Restaurant:
1400 Bristol Street, Building C
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Come and join us!
Guests are always welcome!!

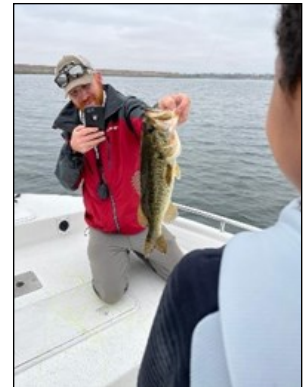
2023 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Chris King	The Wonders of Northern California	01/11/23
February	Gary Bulla	Baja Adventures	02/08/23
March	Abram Tucker (CDFW)	Inland Trout Populations in our Local Mountains	03/08/23
April	Landon Mayer	Guide Flies for Tough Trout	04/12/23
May	Marlon Rampy	Oregon's Redband Trout Routes	05/10/23
June	George Daniel	A Fly Fisher's Evolution	06/14/23
July	Alex Cady	Local Warm Water On The Fly	07/12/23
August	Club Picnic	William Mason Regional Park (Irvine) (Shelter #1)	08/12/23
September	Club Auction	Live - Santa Ana Elks Lodge	09/06/23
October	Kesley Gallagher	Trout - Chasing All the Species	10/11/23
November	Rick Ferrante	Horse Packing in the Sierra Nevada	11/08/23
December	TBA	TBA	12/13/23

Local Warm Water On The Fly

**By
Alex Cady**



While many of us are “destination” anglers falling prey to the myth that the LA area has no good local fishing, the truth is that bass, carp and panfish can be found, if we know where to look. With the recent push (sponsored by Debbie Sharpton) to fish out invasive species in Malibu Creek, this program could not have come at a better time. Combine this with the unseasonably high flows on our “go to” rivers in the Eastern Sierra, **our attention should include our local waters and warm water species.** Alex’s presentation will cover many known local fisheries and some less obvious lakes and rivers. On the upside all your trout rods and lines will work just fine on these aggressive fish. Float tubing, light craft and shore fishing will be covered in detail along with the perfect flies for those ambushing predators. In this colorful local presentation Alex will share some of his favorite spots and techniques, opening us up to a style of fishing perfect for the coming season.

ALEX’S STORY

You can pretty much say that Alex Cady was born with a fishing rod in his hand. He caught his first fish, which was a bluegill, when he was only two years old with his Grandpa Joe up in Oregon. When Alex was six years old, he learned how to fly fish in the streams and lakes near Mammoth lakes with his father. Any chance Alex got to fish he would take it; like before school at a local pond for bass or venturing offshore to chase Tuna and Sharks. At the age of 18 he moved to Mammoth Lakes and went to the Clearwater Guide School to chase his dream of being a trout fishing guide. In 2014 he moved back to Southern California to work for The Fly Stop and guide the local inshore and lakes. Now he is the Southern California and Arizona Representative for Farbanks, Grundens, Fishpond and many others. He is also a part of the California Bass Union which helps promote fly fishing for bass in California.

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This Month's Speaker (Con't)



Alex's Instagram site: <https://www.instagram.com/alexcadyflyfishing/?hl=en>

Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

May

Charles Stone (Mission Viejo)

June

Paul Whitely (Tustin)

Rick Mackay (Laguna Beach)

Charles Tatosian (Laguna Niguel)

FFCOC Annual Club Auction

This year's Club Auction will held on Wednesday, September 6, in the Grand Ballroom at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. The planning for the event is active!

FFCOC Purchase Items: The Club has an opportunity to purchase products from Far Bank Enterprises (Sage, Reddington and RIO brands) at extremely aggressive prices for our Auction. If you have a Sage, Reddington, or RIO product that you would like purchased by the Club for the Auction, then please forward your purchase request to our President, Brian Mayer. As a purchase requester, you are then obligated to make the opening bids on the items you requested on Auction night. This is a Win-Win for our Club, and for our membership; the Club makes some \$\$\$ on the Auction bidding, and the membership has an opportunity to purchase quality gear at prices not available to the public. The Club has a promo code from Far Bank allowing a one-time purchase of Sage, Redington, and/or RIO gear; all member requests will be purchased with a single one-time order. Please forward your specific product purchase request directly to our President, Brian Mayer, to be a part of the one-time order!!

Auction Donations: Do you have lightly used fishing gear no longer in use? Have you finished Spring cleaning and found any unwanted items that are too good to throw away? The Club can use those items in it's Fall Auction. We are looking for any and all donations you may have for the Fall Auction. The Club can use any items of value. Can you donate a bottle of wine (or a case), an unused rod, extra waist pack or other useful items? Please bring your donated items to an upcoming Club meeting. We'll handle the rest. We'll take them to the locker for safe storage, categorize them, place them out for bid at the Auction, and make some \$\$\$ for the Club!! Can't be at a upcoming meeting? You have too much stuff to bring to a meeting?? Contact President Mayer; he'll arrange for a pickup of your treasures using his cadre of available volunteers!!

Volunteers: Speaking of volunteers, do you want to help in the Fall Auction? We need volunteers to transport items to/from the locker, set-up tables, staff the check-in table, collect money, and run purchases to the counter. Please Contact President Mayer to volunteer and to be added to the cadre list! As the old saying goes, many hands make light work.

Club News (Con't)

Casting In The Park – July 29th



The next Casting In The Park event is scheduled for Saturday July 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

It will also be at Mason Regional Park in Irvine (18712 University Ave at the corner of University and Culver). All Club members are encouraged to attend. In addition to general practice and instruction, Joe Libeu will work with participants on the FFI Casting Skills Development Program. You should bring rod, reel, line, leader, yarn to tie to the end of your leader (no flies or hooks), eye protection, hat, sunscreen, water, snacks, etc. Enter the Mason Park on University Ave. and after you pay the entrance fee (\$5) proceed until the road tees and turn left. Follow the road until you reach either Parking Lot E or F. We will be set up closer to Lot F. Please register on-line so we have a headcount.

Contact Doug Jones if you have questions. Hope to see you there.

Register Here: [Casting Practice at Mason Regional Park - Club Calendar](#)

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (August) edition are due to the 2023 Editor by **Friday, July 28**, to meet publication deadlines. All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Member announcements, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Streamkeepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Please send your inputs or suggestions to the 2023 Editor, Terry Roznos, at the email address provided. Thank you!! taroynos@verizon.net

3rd Annual FFCOC Picnic



When: Saturday, August 12, 2023
11 am to 3 pm

Where: William Mason Regional Park
(Shelter #1) in Irvine

Cost: Free!
(\$5 Entry Fee to the Park)

Food, Games, Prizes, Fun, Fellowship!
Save the Date!!

All members and their guests are invited. Come and enjoy a leisurely day with your fellow Club members and friends! We have no meeting in August, so this is your chance to gather and socialize with your fellow members and friends. The price is right (FREE), picnic planning is still active but you'll enjoy a BBQ lunch prepared for you by your Fellow Club Members. Yes, of course we'll have casting games of skill (and luck)! Prize opportunities just for showing up!!

Volunteers will be needed to host the event; site setup, grill magicians (cooks), sous chefs, food station preps and setup, game execution, and shelter site cleanup.

The event is already active on the Club Calendar for additional information. You may also RSVP with your planned attendance, and the number of attendees you plan to bring with you. A "YES" RSVP is needed to plan for the food and beverage purchases (Only Yes RSVPs are needed).

RSVP Here: [Annual FFCOC Picnic - Club Calendar - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County](#)

Event Coordinator: Terry Roznos, taroznos@verizon.net



Mason Regional Park



FFCOC Casting Clinic - Public Event

Save the Date. Registration is now OPEN

Our annual Casting Clinic event will be on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM**, at William Mason Regional Park (Shelter 1) in Irvine. This is our Club main public outreach event to support and raise awareness of the sport of flyfishing! The public and Club members are welcome to join the event. The Casting Clinic is our most effective event to enroll new members into the Club. The Casting Clinic concludes with a **FREE BBQ** for all participants and volunteers.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to join us this year. You must be registered to participate. Club Calendar Event Link:

[Casting in the Park - Free to Public - Club Calendar - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County](#)

Event Coordinator: Ken Lindt, ken.lindt@gmail.com

Free Public Fly Casting Clinic

Sponsor: Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 - Mason Regional Park, Irvine



Did you ever have an interest in flyfishing...but there never was an opportunity to try it? Or maybe you're just starting your fly fishing journey and need of some serious casting instruction? **This is your free ticket to learning the sport!** We have recruited the top male and female casting instructors from Orange County and Long Beach. Bring your own rod or use one of our club rods kindly gifted to us by a major rod manufacturer. The **clinic is open to anyone** interested! **You just have to register in advance.** Learn all the essentials about the equipment, casting techniques and fishing. The event concludes with a **Free BBQ lunch starting at noon...**and maybe a fish story or two. **Space is limited.** Secure your spot. **Register NOW!! (see below)**



Wm R Mason Regional Park
18712 University Dr., Irvine



When: Saturday, September 16
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Wm Mason Regional Park
At Shelter 1

Park Entrance on University Dr.
Pass thru entry gate. Turn right.
Look for parking lot w/ our banner

Cost: Free Public Casting Clinic.
There is a \$5 Parking Fee; charged
at Park Entry.

The Casting Clinic concludes with a
BBQ lunch and talks by some experts.
All participants are welcome!



For Registration & Event Info, please use QR Code or go to
www.FFCOC.org. If questions, contact: Ken Lindt 714-936-3486



FREE FLY FISHING CLASSES 2023 FFCOC On The River Classes and Clinic (aka Fly Fishing 101)



Save the Dates:

Classroom Session

- Saturday November 4th, 8am -2pm
- Location to be determined

On The River Clinic

- December 2 or January 6. These dates are tentative and may be changed or cancelled based on river conditions.
- 2022 participants please see note at end of article.

The Fly Fishing Club of Orange County's (FFCOC's) On The River Classes and Clinic program is in it's eighth year. It is a perfect way for new, and less-experienced, fly fishers to learn the art of fly fishing. The program which is open to Club Members introduces participants to the fundamentals of fly fishing including the

equipment, techniques and science of catching fish. The program is a great introduction to a sport you can enjoy for the rest of your life.

Joe Libeu, a member of the FFCOC, is a Fly Fishers International Certified Master Caster Instructor and professional guide. He developed and instructs Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens River. Several experienced club members assist Joe providing hands-on training during the On The River Clinic.



The program includes everything needed to plan and prepare for a successful fly-fishing trip. Classroom training subjects include equipment, insect life cycles and how flies imitate them, how trout behave, clues as to what fish eat, stream care and etiquette, reading the water, nymph rigging and much more.



The On The River Clinic is held on the Lower Owens River near Bishop. Many of the items discussed in the classroom setting are covered in the field. In addition, the on the river clinic includes reading the stream, entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The program includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

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Club News (Con't)

2023 FFCOC On The River Classes and Clinic (Con't)

The On The River Classes and Clinic program is focused on helping new FFCOC members learn the basics of fly fishing and will be in follow up to our annual Casting Clinic scheduled for Saturday September 17th. Participation in the On The River Classes and Clinic program is limited. New Club Members and those who sign up at the September Casting Clinic will be given preference. Other Club members are welcome to participate if space allows.

Remember, the On The River Classes and Clinic program is only open to FFCOC members. If you are not a Club member you can join at our web site www.ffcoc.org or contact the Club's Membership Chair at membership@FFCOC.org.

REGISTRATION

Registration will open in mid-August. The date registration is scheduled to open will be announced in the Club Newsletter and on the website.

CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are an accomplished fly fisher and know the Lower Owens River, you would be a great candidate to work with Joe and provide instruction at the On The River Classes and Clinic program. Please contact Doug Jones if you can help. We will need eight to ten members to help with the training.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2022 CLASSROOM SESSIONS

As you know we did not have an outing for the 2022 session due to river conditions. If you completed the classroom sessions you are welcome to join us on the outings for the 2023 sessions. Also, you may consider attending the classroom session as a refresher.

Club News - Fish Tales

El Pescador Lodge, Belize

A Fish Tale by: Tom Niedzialek

During the last week of April this year I took a 4 day/5 night fishing trip to the El Pescador Lodge in Belize. Since I started fly fishing I have always had a desire to try flats fishing for bonefish, permit and tarpon. After wetting my appetite in the Florida Keys last year with Art, Brian and Doug ... well I became instantly addicted and wanted more. So this year I headed down to Belize.



The first day I fished on my own in the lagoon in front of the lodge, the remaining three days I had a guide. The fishing was great. The first day was a smorgasbord of catching bonefish, various snapper and other reef fish species. The second day I was double digits on the bonefish. The third day we targeted permit. I can honestly say that I have never pursued a more challenging fish. They are wary, they are skittish and they spook easily. I had plenty of opportunities but my casts were either too far to the left, too far to the right, or short, or too close to them so they spooked. If my cast was on target ... well my presentation was

off, the fly slapped the water and they ran off at supersonic speed. Sometime around noon my persistence paid off and I was able to catch one. It was worth all the effort and frustration. They fight hard, they rip your line into your backing, they zig they zag, they just don't quit. The bonefish do the



same but a permit does so to an exponentially higher degree. After discussing my desires with the guide I spent the last day fishing for permit in the morning and bonefish in the afternoon. I was able to go double digits on the bonefish but no luck on the permit. My casting game just wasn't quite where it needed to be.

I know it is all about the fishing but the lodge deserves commentary and critique. Frankly, it is a great place. The staff is friendly, courteous and most attentive. They go to great lengths to please you. The food was excellent. If you prepay for a meal package all Belize Beer and Belize rum drinks are complimentary. If you like tropical rum style cocktails ... be careful ... remember you have to get up and fish in the morning. I guess that's my way of saying they were delicious. The accommodations were also very comfortable. The lodge also offers complimentary casting instruction which I took advantage of after being humbled by the permit.



This was definitely an experience I enjoyed and El Pescador is a place I would highly recommend to anyone interested in flats style fishing. My one word of caution; PRACTICE YOUR CASTING !!! As I have self confessed, my casting was adequate for the bonefish and with a little persistence I was able to catch a permit. However flats fishing is a game of precision. Typically

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Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

the guide will call out a distance and a direction that you need to cast to, and you need to do it quickly on a rocking boat. Add in a little wind and you get the picture. This is due to the nature of the environment you are fishing in. The water is shallow and the fish spook easily due to the abundance of predators that are out there waiting for them from sharks and barracuda in the water to birds of prey in the air. If there was one small disappointment I experienced it was hearing the discouragement of folks like us at dinner who mainly trout fish and just couldn't make the requisite casts and therefore did not catch very many fish. Too many times at dinner I heard the same statement ... "I thought I was a good fly caster but this is different and not what I expected!". So ... PRACTICE YOUR CASTING. Then go down to El Pescador and have fun.



Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)



Where's Mike??

Doug Jones can confirm your guess!

Wanted! Your Fish Tales!!

Have you been fishing lately?? Please share your story with our membership! Our readers enjoy reading about your fishing exploits!!

You don't always get to share your full stories at our monthly meetings. The Newsletter provides a great forum to share your stories!

Your tales don't need to be novels, or even short stories. A paragraph or two would suffice. Photos are great (as the old saying goes, "they are worth a thousand words")! Don't worry about the formatting or arranging. Just send what you've got! Your newsletter staff will handle the polishing!! Your Fish Tales are always greatly appreciated!

Please send your Fish Tale submittals to your 2023 Newsletter Editor, Terry Roznos at:

taronos@verizon.net

Thank you!

2023 Club Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper
February 11	Women's On The River Outing (Classroom Session) Long Beach Casting Club (Clubhouse)	Kathy Kim
February 18-19 (Cancelled)	Lower Owens (Mentor Outing)	Doug Jones
February 25-26 (Cancelled)	Lower Owens (Women's On The River Outing)	Kathy Kim
March 12-14	Pyramid Lake (Nevada)	Paul Nakamura
March 18-19 (Cancelled)	Lower Owens (Mentor Outing)	Doug Jones
March 26-29	San Juan River (New Mexico)	Brian Mayer
April 13 (Cancelled)	Lake Henshaw Carp Throwdown	Mike Peters
TBA (May/June) (Cancelled)	Lee's Ferry (Arizona)	Melinda Burns
July 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams
August 6-13	Yellowstone National Park (Montana/Wyoming)	Larry Behm
August 12	Club Picnic - William Mason Regional Park (Irvine)	Terry Roznos
September 25-29	Loa (Utah)	John Williams
October 13-17	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos
October TBA	President's Outing/Kern River	Brian Mayer
November 4	On The River Training (Classroom Session) - Location TBD	Doug Jones
December 2-3 or January 6-7 (Tentative Dates)	On The River Training (Lower Owens)	Doug Jones

Streamkeeper Contact Info (email and phone numbers) may be found in the Club Directory on the FFCOC Website.

2024 Club Outings - Planning Dates

March 10-12	Pyramid Lake (Nevada) Primary Guide: Joe Contaldi	Paul Nakamura
April 14-17	San Juan River (New Mexico)	Brian Mayer

2023 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch



1. The Outing is FULL for 2023 by adding the entire waiting list from 2022.
2. If you wish to add your name to the 2023 waiting list, please text John Williams at 951-236-0862.
3. If an opening happens, and you are on the 2023 waiting list, you will be contacted. If not, you will be automatically added to the 2024 openings.

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2023 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch (Con't)

Hot Creek Cabin Assignments

Our Treasurer will be out enjoying fishing in Montana earlier this year so the full amount of monies \$487 are due for Hot Creek Outing by May 15, 2023. Make payments to F.F.C.O.C. Post Office Box 23005 Santa Ana, California 92711-3005, any time after that they will have to be paid by credit card and the cost goes up by \$20 to cover credit card fees. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- 1 Peter Freeman
Don Tayenaka
- 2 Jim Moore
Cheryl Moore
- 3 Dennis Richards
Art Gaza
- 4 Bri Buchko
Karen Vaillancourt
Marsha Wattel
Chris Nicosia
- 5 Len Scarpace
John Williams
- 6 Scot Lewis
Jim Edwards
Andrew Sprowl
- 7 Joe Villa
Debbie Blair/Villa
Jacob Villa
Julie Korak
- 8 Joe Hernandez
Daughter ?
- 9 Bob ? (Can't remember your last name)
Dale Fairchild

2023 Outings - Yellowstone

Yellowstone National Park - Northeast Corner

August 6-13, 2023

Deadline: Sign ups are **CLOSED**. Outing is **FULL**.

Overview:

The storied streams that fill flyfishing lore - Slough and Soda Butte Creeks, Lamar and Yellowstone Rivers and their tributaries will be reaching peak fishing in August. Come experience the Northeast corner of Yellowstone National Park after being closed for a year due to flooding in 2022. Most of the fishing will be wading. We will have guides for the first few days, then fish on our own the second half of the week. Many spots are a few hundred yards from a parked car. For the adventurous, some wonderful spots will require hiking a few miles at 9,000 feet. We will adjust the itinerary to suit attendees.

Fish in the Park have a long winter and short summer. So, they readily feed on large flies and especially hoppers in August. You can expect to be pushed out of the river when a bull bison decides it is time to drink or cross. It is all part of what makes the Park so special. I have caught 25" cutthroats and 8" brook trout with equal joy in this unique and beautiful place. I have interrupted fishing many times to photograph bison, bears, goats, elk, eagles, otters, fishers, and other animals that are hard to see anywhere else. Experience Yellowstone across many facets on this trip.

Guides:

We will use Yellowstone River Guides for three days. They accommodate both float and wading. The group will decide how much of each.

Lodging:

We will stay in rental house in Gardiner, MT. You will leave early each morning to beat traffic through the entrance gate and return whenever we choose. Some nice hatches happen at sunset (about 8:45pm in August.)

Group Size:

Group is limited to the first 5 people.

Meals:

We will prepare breakfast at the house each day. Box lunches will be catered in the day before. Dinner will be a local restaurant on guide days and catered on self-guided days.

Transportation:

You are responsible of booking your own transportation to Bozeman, MT (airport code BZN).

We will use rental cars to move from Bozeman to Gardiner and around the Park during the week.

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2023 Outings - Yellowstone

Itinerary: (tentative depending on conditions and members' interests)

Sunday 8/6 - drive from Bozeman to Gardiner and check-in to rental house.

Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th - Guide with YRO, either float on Yellowstone River or wade streams in Park.

Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th - Wading on our own in the Park.

Sunday 8/13 - Drive to Bozeman airport and Fly out.

Estimated Costs per person:

Estimate Total: \$3,200

Gear:

Rods - 5wt or 6wt work well. I prefer 6wt because the mountain winds can be strong. A 3wt will occasionally be nice for a delicate dry fly presentation but not essential.

Waders - the water will be cold, and the air might be too.

Streamkeeper:

Larry Behm

Background:

I have been visiting Yellowstone National Park since the 1960s and fishing in it since the 1970s. I have fished most of the rivers, a few of the lakes, and hiked many trails. I am not a guide, but I'm happy to share what I know about getting around and finding fish in the Park.

I plan to coordinate this trip based on what the attendees want. There are many ways to approach fishing in the Park and we will match these to everyone's needs.

Some of the best fishing will be at the end of 2-3 mile hike. If you want the best experience, start walking to prepare yourself for the altitude and terrain.

I find the Greater Yellowstone Area to be a place of awe in fullest sense of the word. It is a spiritual home for me, just as it was for earlier native inhabitants. I hope to share that special feeling and sense of place with fellow anglers.



2023 Outings- Fly Fishing Southern Utah

Trip Full

Fly Fishing Southern Utah

Trip Full

September 25-29, 2023

Stream Keeper John Williams 951-236-0862



The area of Southern Utah we are going has four mountains that surround it and has numerous lakes and streams.

I have fished the area in the spring, summer, and fall; I have found the most productive time is in the fall

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2023 Outings - Fly Fishing Southern Utah (Con't)

Where We Are Going:

Loa Utah Home of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** and is located in a beautiful valley at 7064" elevation, which hosts a few small towns like Loa, Lyman, Bicknell and Torrey. This is farming and livestock country and is surrounded by mountain ranges of which we will be fishing. There are National Parks near by that offer spectacular scenery, Bryce Canyon to the South West and Capitol Reef to the East, Fish Lake National Forest to the North West along with Boulder Mountain with an elevation of 11,317 which provides many fishing locations, and spectacular views.

Guide Contact Information:

Our head guide in **Loa, Utah** is **Mike James** owner of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** their address is 200 N. Main Street Loa, Utah 84747 Contact Phone Number is 435-616-2319.

Weather & Clothing:

We will be lodging at approx. 7,000' elevation. Nights are cold and days are warm usually, I have experienced rain, snow, hail, and hot and cold days. Bring clothing you can put on in layers that wick moisture, nothing more uncomfortable than moisture under your clothing, which either keeps you hot and sweaty or cold and sweaty. Bring a lightweight rain jacket. Most days you will be wearing your waders but on hot day I wet wade with light shirt nylon pants and my wading boots on, don't forget the neoprene booties if wet wading. Be flexible, bring both cold and warm weather gear and adjust as needed. Weather at high altitude can change rapidly be prepared. The weather will not stop your guide from fishing unless it is dangerous and or access is limited. They will advise if there is a problem. Mother nature sets the parameters we must always be aware of our surroundings and climate.

Lodging:

There are many options in the region of Loa, Utah both in town and adjoining hamlets like Lyman and Bicknell. I would suggest The Mill Cabins 1500 S. HWY 24 Lyman, Utah (435) 491-0426 as a wonderful place with individual cabins that can sleep two and are very reasonably priced, **Bruce & Dana Chappell** are the owners. In Loa the Snuggle Inn is pricy but luxurious by small town standards. In Bicknell the Sunglow Motel and Restaurant is comfortable and reasonably priced. Lodging in these areas can be limited so make your lodging reservation early; I do not take responsibility for making anyone's lodging reservations due to last minute cancelations and family emergencies. I recommend you book you're lodging early, as lodging will be harder to find closer to the trip dates. Many travelers hit the road after school is in session and before winter.

Physical Demands:

Where we are lodging at 6500' to 7,000' elevation we can be fishing and hiking at as high as 11,000'. If you have problems at altitude let the guide and streamkeeper know in advance of our trip. Most fishing locations involve some hiking and wading. I would suggest arriving a couple of days early to acclimate to 7,000' not hiking hard and drinking plenty of water, it easy to dehydrate in higher elevations, the guide has water and soft drinks along in their vehicles so ask for the water.

Gear:

Rods & Lines. The entire trip can be done with a 9-foot 5-weight rod and a floating line and a sinking line, one rod is all you need.

Waders. Good pair of breathable waders is required in most situations.

Boots. Wading boots are part of the package. No restrictions on felt as yet.

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Wading Staff. Many of us find having a wading staff necessary for stability in slippery or rocky situations, or just find a long stick, don't fall, the rocks are unforgiving.

Terminal Tackle. I use a 9 foot 5x leader and have along 2,3,4,5,6x tippet. I as well bring an assortment of lead free shot to use as needed if nymphing.

Flies. We will be fishing many lakes and a few streams and possibly a couple of rivers. I carry dries, nymphs and streamers but the guide will provide you with flies. If the guide suggests a fly or gives you a fly use it with the full understanding you will catch fish, they are quite experienced on these waters. If you are like me I bring many more flies than I will ever use. I have hoppers, caddis, mayflies, and damselflies in adult and nymph stages. I find a callibaetis mayfly nymph very useful in the lakes. Bring what you own and the fly shop offers all the working patterns you will be using if you want to purchase some.

First Aid Kit: I carry a basic first aid kit in my tote bag for simple emergencies, minor cuts and abrasions.

Transportation:

From L.A. Southern California is a 9 1/2-hour drive including gas stops and a lunch stop to Loa, Utah. Sharing a ride is more fun to get to know you friend or partner better and listen to each other experiences along the way. When in Loa the guides provide the transportation to and from the days fishing locations. Salt Lake City is approximately 3 hours away from Loa and is serviced by many airlines and rental car companies.

Float Tubing:

There will be opportunities to float tube in the area if you so desire. **The Quiet Fly Fisher** in Loa can provide you with a float tube if they are guiding you. If you wish the comfort of your own float tube please feel free to bring yours.

Food:

In Utah many of their dinning locations close on Sunday, it is best to call ahead or ask you guide where and what is open, most areas have a couple options on Sunday but it is best to inquire. Guides provide lunch during the days guiding. Many of us BBQ at the Mill Cabins for dinner, to curb the costs of eating out every meal, the grocery in the town of Loa is open Mon.- Sat. Breakfast is your choice of eating at a local restaurant or at your lodging, the guide provides lunch the days you are fishing.

Libations:

You are responsible for any liquor you wish to purchase either bought from the local Liquor store in Bicknell or for beer (3.2) in some of the gas stations, or bring from home. BYOB.

Costs and Payment:

The guide requires a Non-refundable \$200 deposit to secure your reservation and the final payment is due upon completion of your final day.

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Tipping:

It is customary to tip the guide daily; I tip \$50 per day of guiding at the end of the day. Tipping is not based on your ability or the number of fish caught, but for good service and the ability of the guide to lead you doing everything in their ability to make the experience enjoyable. Fish are a bonus. I have negotiated quite reasonable rates for the group of six and feel a percentage tip is quite unfair to the guide considering the extreme road conditions, locations and wear and tear on their vehicles. These extreme road conditions keep most of your competition for fish away.

Fishing License:

Utah state fishing license can be obtained on line prior to your trip, which is the easiest. Licenses can be purchased in Loa at the local store Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Yearly licenses last from the date you purchase them for a complete calendar year.

Emergency Services:

Bicknell near Lyman has a clinic available for minor emergencies.

A deposit of \$200 Non Refundable is sent to John Williams to hold your spot and sent then forwarded to the guide. The total cost of the trip is \$1,250 for five days of guiding. The staff of The Quiet Fly Fisher of Loa Utah will guide us.

John Williams Cell 951-236-0862 Streamkeeper

2023 Outings - Bridgeport

Registration is
Open!

FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2023

October 13 - 17

Registration is
Open!



Dates: October 13-17. Arrive on a Friday (10/13), and Depart on a Tuesday (10/17). Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday)! [At the request of last year's attendees, this Outing has moved to October!](#)

Waters: There are numerous great fishing opportunities in the area; including stream fishing the East Walker River, West Walker River, Virginia Creek, Buckeye Creek, Robinson Creek, and more. Stillwater fishing on Bridgeport Reservoir, Kirman Lake, Lundy Lake, the Upper or Lower Twin Lakes, or on the Virginia Lakes. Private waters are also available for a fee (Sceirine Ranch, Nevada).

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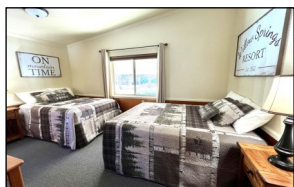
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Fishing: Independent fishing format. Members disperse to their desired fishing locations in the morning (as singles, or buddy up). Guided fishing is also available; Ken's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport has a list of recommended local guides for hire to put you on fish! Then after a day's fishing, the group will rendezvous at the evening campfire at our host Lodge to discuss the day's fishing, and plans for the next day.

Lodging: Willow Springs Motel and RV Park ([Willow Springs Resort, Bridgeport, California](#)), approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport off Hwy 395, is our home base for the outing. Standard single rooms (queen bed), Kitchenette rooms (one queen and one double bed) for those who wish to buddy up and share a room/expenses, and 30A full hook-up RV sites are available for your lodging choices.



Standard Single Rooms are \$150/night. The Standard Room includes: One queen bed, Private Bathroom, Wifi and Satellite TV, Heating and Air Conditioning, Mini refrigerator, Microwave, and Coffee maker.



Kitchenette Rooms are \$200/night. Kitchenette Rooms include: One queen bed, One double bed, Private Bathroom, Wifi and Satellite TV, Heating and Air Conditioning, Coffee maker and Toaster, Microwave, Mini refrigerator, Stove top range, and Silverware/dinnerware/cookware.



RV sites are \$55/night. RV Sites have Full Hook Ups; 30A Electrical, Water, and Sewer connections. [This is the only FFCOC Outing that offers a RV lodging option! Come on you RVers, let's meet in Bridgeport!!](#)

Responsibilities: Outing attendees are responsible for transportation, lodging and meals. Convenient dining (breakfast, lunch or dinner) is available across the street at Virginia Creek Settlement (this is a gem of a restaurant), or in town. Bring your favorite trout fishing gear!

Registration Instructions: [This is a new process for 2023.](#) Please make your lodging reservations and payment directly with Willow Springs Resort. You may make your lodging reservations using the Willow Springs website ([Willow Springs Resort](#)), or use the link provided on the Bridgeport Outing Calendar Event ([Bridgeport Outing - Lodging Reservations and Registration HERE](#)). When you have secured a confirmed lodging reservation, please click on the Register Now button on the Calendar Event to confirm your attendance.

Lodging availability status will be provided in each Club Newsletter. Book early, as rooms will likely fill as we get closer to the out as Fall anglers and hunters will be booking these rooms.

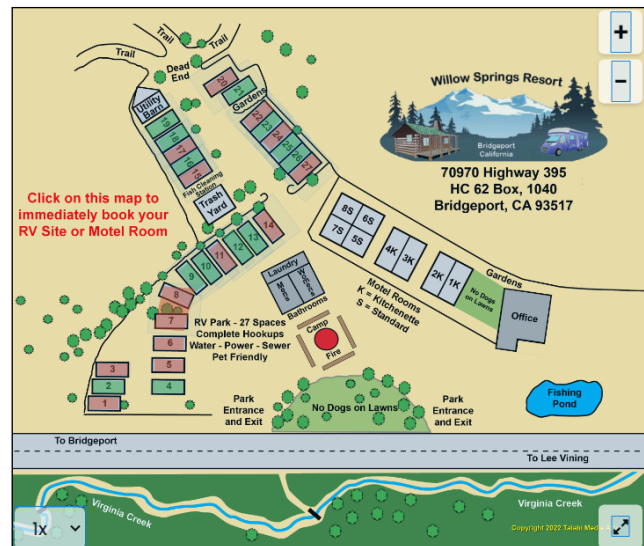
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Current Lodging Availability (Oct 13 - 17 stays):



Room Availability: Green = Avail, Red = Booked



RV Site Availability: Green = Avail, Red = Booked

Note: Streamkeeper is in RV Site 11

Sounds like an Outing for you? Go ahead and book your lodging with Willow Springs Resort. Please contact your Streamkeeper with your questions.

Important: Rooms and RV Sites are beginning to fill. Make your reservations directly with Willow Springs Resort to secure your lodging if you plan to attend. After you have secured a confirmed lodging reservation, please click on the Register Now button on the Club Calendar Event, link below, to confirm your attendance. Or, simply send an email to your Streamkeeper. This is the only mechanism to collect the planned attendees for this Outing!!

Confirm your planned Outing attendance here: [Bridgeport Outing Registration](#)

Thank you!!!

Streamkeeper Contact Info:

Terry Roznos

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Riptide Rendezvous 2023 Summary and Final Results

SUMMARY OVERVIEW:

2023 marked a major departure from our previous events. In the interests of getting more participation, we used technology to expand the timeframe and geographical area of the contest.

"Anytime, anywhere from Santa Barbara to the Mexican border" was our mantra. This forced us to eliminate the "One Surf Fly" concept from prior years, but gave contestants more freedom to choose the best and/or most convenient times and places to fish.

It also made administration of the regular tackle side of things much easier, since we found in 2019 that the "One Surf Fly" style of lure exchange did not work well for regular tackle fishermen.

In the end, we attracted 29 participants, which is 3 more than in 2019. While we were hoping for a larger crowd this year, we're confident that 2024 will be an even larger event. The 3-year, pandemic-induced hiatus between 2019 and 2023 was a major disruption, and actually having two Riptide Rendezvous' in two consecutive years can only help!

From the fishing perspective, we could not have asked for anything more. Surf perch fishing was spectacular for contestants in the northern areas (Oxnard, Ventura, northern Los Angeles), but still decent for people all the way down to San Diego. In the end, 500 Surf Perch were logged, almost all Barred Surf Perch. Sizes ranged upward to 14" on fly, and 15" on regular tackle.

Some very nice fly-caught Corbina, Croaker and Halibut were also caught, and even 2 Striped Bass made it to the measuring tapes.

John Hansen's 24" Corbina



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FINAL RESULTS:



Category	Fly Tackle Division		
Highest Daily Score			
Place	1st	2nd	3rd
Angler	Lino Jubilado	John Parmenter	Scott Yamamoto
Date	06/21/2023	06/22/2023	06/18/2023
Points	320 points	311 points	227 points
Number of fish	28 fish	38 fish	26 fish

Category	Regular Tackle Division		
Highest Daily Score			
Place	1st	2nd	3rd
Angler	Glen Angelo Saldivar	Sheldon Belhumeur	David Escobosa
Date	06/10/2023	05/28/2023	06/09/2023
Points	108 points	44 points	13 points
Number of fish	10 fish	3 fish	1 fish

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FINAL RESULTS (Con't):

Category	Fly Tackle Division	Regular Tackle Division
Largest Fish		
Largest Perch	Lino Jubilado, 14"	Glen Angelo Saldivar, 15"
Largest Corbina	John Hansen, 24"	David Escobosa, 10"
Largest Spotfin or Yellowfin Croaker	Derek Smith, Yellowfin Croaker, 17"	Glen Angelo Saldivar, Yellowfin Croaker, 12"
Largest Halibut	Derek Smith, 29"	Sheldon Belhumeur, 21"
Largest Shark or Ray	Lino Jubilado, 31" Guitarfish	Glen Angelo Saldivar, 8" (nose to base of tail) bat ray
Largest Striped Bass	Lino Jubilado, 17"	

WHAT THE WINNERS USED:

Lino Jubilado

Region Fished: Northern Los Angeles

Rod: TFO LK Legacy, Mangrove Coast, 9', 7wt

Reel: TFO NTR

Line: Integrated Shooting head, type 6

Leader: -

Fly: Red Beach Buster

Tactics: Focused on working troughs and small channels, or visible bait schools

John Parmenter

Region Fished: Ventura County

Rod: Orvis Helios 2, 10', 8 wt.

Reel: Orvis Hydros

Line: Rio Sink Tip 300gr/19.4gm

Leader: About 6' overall, 25 lb. Test Fluorocarbon Butt section, the remainder of 6 lb. Test Fluorocarbon for the tippet

Fly: Mrs. Bates <https://flypatterns.org/mrs-bates/>

Tactics: Cast this fly well out into the surf and fish it like any perch/surf fly, stripping it along the bottom and keeping the line between the rod tip and the fly tight. I set on any grabs by the perch or hesitations in the retrieve.

Scott Yamamoto

Region Fished: Ventura, Oxnard

Rod: 10 foot Scott STS 6 wt, 9 ft Allen Compass 5 wt,

Reel: Redington Behemoth, Lamson liquid Reel

Line: Rio Outbound short int/6, SA 5/7 Sonar Stillwater

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Leader: 7-9 foot tapered fluorocarbon Leader 20lb butt down to 10lb. I also add a barrel swivel, because I feel like it helps minimize leader twist.

Fly: Size 8 sand crab pattern with an orange tag. I caught over 100 perch on this fly during the contest. It also caught 2 decent corbina that didn't top Laura's and subsequently John's. Usually ran this as a dropper fly

Tactics: Short slow strips, just fast enough to keep the line tight . Fan casting structure and moving until I find fish. I fished a two fly rig 90% of the time.

John Hansen

Region Fished: Carpinteria

Rod: Thomas & Thomas Zone, 9.5ft 6wt

Reel: Redington Grande

Line: Rio Fathom WF7S6

Leader: 8lb Fluorocarbon

Fly: Sz 8 Surfin Merkin- inspired fly

Tactics: Narrow sightfishing windows, calculated casts and sloooow strips.

Derek Smith

Region Fished: Santa Monica Area

Rod: Thomas and Thomas Zone 9" 8wt

Reel: Nautilus CCF-X2

Fly Line: Scientific Angler Sonar Custom Sink

Leader: 6' #12

Fly: Clouser (Olive/White) size 1

Tactics: Working areas with baitfish present. Long casts with variable strips. Some took on an intentional longer pause between strips, others with steady faster strips



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Owens River Cleanup Postponed

RESCHEDULED: OWENS RIVER CLEAN UP

NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Due to the potential for dangerously high river water flows from snowmelt runoff, the 9th Annual Owens River Clean Up is being postponed to Saturday, November 4, 2023. Your safety is the utmost priority. It is not appropriate to hold the event in April.

Chris Leonard, event organizer, will still gladly take any swag for the raffle for the event between now and then.

See you the first Saturday of November at the Pleasant Valley Campground! Water flows and air temps the start of November should be perfect for a weekend of cleaning up the river, and recreating in Bishop!

9th Annual Owens River Clean Up

Bishop, California



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Editor Recommended Read: Consider a subscription to the Southwest Council monthly newsletter. It is very well done! You will read about news and events of the SWCFFI, as well as the Club activities for the 21 Clubs in the Region (including the FFCOC). Your newsletter will arrive each month in your Inbox. Subscribe by clicking the link in the box below.

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Conservation

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Southwest Montana Trout Populations Continue Alarming Decline

[Southwest Montana Trout Populations Continue Alarming Decline - Fly Fisherman](#)



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Southwest Montana Fisheries in Peril

As many of you may have heard, wild trout populations in Montana are in peril.

In Montana's Big Hole, Ruby, Jefferson, and lower Beaverhead rivers, reports from Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) confirm that wild trout populations have crashed to historic lows, with little to no young-of-year recruitment, meaning it's only going to get worse before it can get better.

A group called Save Wild Trout is working to engage everyone who values wild trout and healthy rivers to develop science-based solutions that address cold-water fishery declines and protect these resources for future generations.

Fly Fishers International is partnering with Save Wild Trout to support their plan of addressing this dire situation. Watch the video below & go to [SAVE WILD TROUT](#) to learn more.

[Act to Protect the Trout of the Big Hole, Beaverhead, and Ruby Rivers - YouTube](#)

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Watershed Review 2023

What have we been up to over the past year? What haven't we been up to! As we wrap up year two of our strategic plan, we are thrilled to share with you the 2023 Watershed Review which takes you on a journey across California to visit new, updated, and completed restoration projects — all made possible and empowered by your support.

[2023 Watershed Review | California Trout \(caltrout.org\)](#)



No Hot Creek Mine

Updates from the Court Hearing

In 2021 the Sierra Club, the Center for Biological Diversity, Friends of the Inyo, and Western Watersheds Project took KORE Mining and the US Forest Service to court. These organizations sued, claiming that the actions of the

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USFS and KORE were unlawful and that there will be environmental impacts that require further analysis.

Unfortunately on March 9th the judge reached a decision, denied the summary judgement motion, and agreed with the USFS and KORE. Under this decision, KORE Mining is allowed to go forward with their gold exploration project under a Categorical Exclusion. Categorical exclusions are generally used for projects that normally do not have significant impacts on the environment.

The legal argument for these organizations is that there are significant environmental impacts that will result from KORE's exploratory drilling; they claim that the Forest Service should have required environmental assessment and been reviewed by the public.

On March 28th, these organization appealed the court decision, challenging the lower court ruling. A decision will be made this fall and KORE Mining has agreed to wait until September 1st to drill at Hot Creek. We are unsure if KORE will uphold their agreement to wait until September 1st.

[No Hot Creek Mine](#)

Fishing News



Los Angeles
Department of
Water & Power

What was that LADWP Website again?? You may check out the LADWP website below for the latest updates, current conditions, area closures and status before heading up to your favorite “local” fishing hole. Stay safe!

[Home - LADWP Eastern Sierra](#)

As of June 30, 2023 Closures and Restrictions Due to Flooding and Road Damage:

Pleasant Valley

CLOSED Pleasant Valley Campground

ROAD CLOSURES

- Pleasant Valley Rd. will not affect access to the Pleasant Valley Pit Campground
- Pleasant Valley Patrol Rd (CLOSED to vehicles)

Sad/Happy Boulder Area

Foot traffic is allowed on LADWP land to access the boulders

ROAD CLOSURES

- Chalk Bluff Rd

NO PARKING ALLOWED

- Chalk Bluff Rd
- Casa Diablo Rd
- Fish Slough Rd
- Jean Blanc Rd

Bishop

ROAD CLOSURES

CLOSED sections of Owens River Rd.

- between Warm Springs Rd and Collins Rd.
- between Line Street and Warm Springs Rd The closure will isolate the area Known as “The Ropes and High Banks”

BIG PINE

ROAD CLOSURES

- Big Pine Canal Rd. at crossing of Big Pine Creek bypass

KLONDIKE LAKE

OPEN to motorized boating

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TINEMAHA DAM

No public access due to active construction

State Route 136

CLOSED east of Lone Pine

How about a Fish Report courtesy of The Trout Fly in Mammoth Lakes...



CURRENT CONDITIONS (June 29, 2023)

Summer has finally arrived and the holiday weekend looks great as temperature reach the 80's for the first time this year in Mammoth Lakes. Lots of activities will be happening in the region, Parades, Fireworks, Live Music, Skiing and Snowboarding and more.

There will be a shuttle bus running up to the Mammoth Lakes Basin this weekend before the road is open for car. It should be really nice up there without the traffic and congestion.

Flow rates will remain high as the temperatures climb. Use caution around moving water. We are have good days on Hot Creek and the Upper Owens River during these times.

Mosquitos are out in force! With all the high water it's been a bumper season for mosquitos. Be prepared for action, we have head nets, bugstopper clothing, sprays and more for these biting days.

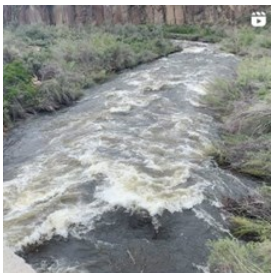
Crowley Lake looks like it's picking up. Lots of nice fish being found this week.

How about some video; also courtesy of The Trout Fly/Mammoth Lakes...



Rock Creek on 6/19 between East Fork Campground and Lower Pines Campground. Flow was approximately 450 cfs and was not looking very fishable!

[Rock Creek | Instagram](#)



Current conditions (June 14) at the East Walker. Currently sitting at ~1200 cfs. Not many fishing reports from up here this season, and this video shows why. We all have our fingers crossed that all this water will mean good conditions come later summer and into fall!

[East Walker | Instagram](#)

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In Memoriam: In the Eye of Sierra Storms

BY PAT MCDONELL - SPECIAL TO WESTERN OUTDOOR NEWS

**WESTERN
OUTDOOR
NEWS**

Remembering outdoor journalist and Mono County Sheriff, Martin Strelneck, who wrote the news and was also part of it spanning a unique civic career that often-made national headlines.



MARTIN STRENECK, born July 27, 1936, died June 8, 2023. He is seen pictured here with former Western Outdoor News editor Pat McDonell at Bishop Chamber of Commerce annual writers dinner the night before the trout opener about five years ago.



TEACHING THE TRICKS of fishing and passing on his love of the outdoors to youngsters at a Sierra lake.

LEE VINING, CA — Outdoor journalist and longtime Mono County sheriff/coroner Martin Strelneck was often in the news, writing about fishing and hunting in the Eastern Sierra for many publications like Western Outdoor News, or being in the national news himself when disaster — or bad boy actor Sean Penn - came to Mono County.

In the gap between his years at Sheriff, following an election loss in 1982, Strelneck supported his family by writing, of all things, the police and crime stories for the local daily paper, and to make extra money, fishing reports and thousands of features for several publications such as WON, the Mono County Herald and Inyo Register. In addition to features and news stories, Strelneck wrote a weekly column in WON titled High Country focusing on the Eastern Sierra. His beat, you might say.

In nearly 30 years writing on the volatile politics of water, fisheries management and fishing in general in the Sierra the sportsman's publication never had to run a correction, his editor at WON said. He got it right or didn't write it.

From top cop in Mono County to police beat reporter and outdoor writer. It's an unusual career jump unless you realize that interest in opportunities for fish and game management drew him to his deputy sheriff job in Mono County to begin with.

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"I lost the election and my job and had to support my family," he said of his switch to journalism covering the crime beat, "but my very patient editor at the Herald was always having to remind me to stop calling people 'subjects,' like I did in police reports. Old habits."

Strelneck ran again for Sheriff in 1986 and easily won with 84 percent of the vote, and served his post that came with being county coroner and head of the county search and rescue team until his retirement in 1994, all while still writing for various newspapers. He covered every Sierra trout opener traditionally held the last Saturday in April for WON, and produced weekly fishing reports and features, never missing a deadline in three decades of covering the news and promoting the region's many outdoor attractions.

He was himself an avid backcountry fisherman and waterfowler, often jump shooting ducks and geese with friends on the Owens River and with his son David, in Maine.

He was also renowned for his gardening skills, his year round summer and winter greenhouse crops going to a few select local restaurants like The Restaurant at Convict Lake, and there was the prodigious arrowhead collection he assembled on his many fishing and hunting forays over several decades.

The Spirit of Dame Berners - Flyfishing 101

By Larry Behm



This month we are discussing lines and leaders with Young Kwon. The leader and line are where all the action of fly fishing happens. Having the right setup will let you manage placing the fly best.

Young is a long-time member of the Club. He is a Certified Casting Instructor and brings an engineer/researcher's approach to fishing.

There are a lot of line types. Let's start with floating lines. What is the difference between WF and DT lines?

Young: WF lines have a heavy belly between front and rear taper (~45 ft together in front), followed by a narrow/light running line for the rest. WF are easy to cast in a medium distance. DT lines have a front taper, followed by leveled line and a rear taper at the other end. DT line is usually regarded suitable for gentle cast on water. To me, a real advantage of DT lines is making relatively easy roll cast in 40-50 ft. The heavy belly usually in front makes WF lines hard to cast off water. Roll cast has a broad range of applications, including (not limited to) casting with an obstacle behind, lifting/casting heavy line/rig off water, casting with side/tail wind, freeing a hook forward, and more. Another advantage of DT line is switching the damaged front with the rear due to their symmetric profiles.

How do you read the label on a line box or spool?

Young: Fly lines are usually labeled as taper-weight-float/sink. For example, a floating line for 5 wt rod with weight-forward taper is marked as WF5F. Brand new fly lines comes with a sticker on its spool and affixing it on a reel spool is handy. Otherwise, making the same abbreviated marks on a reel spool should work fine although you will not have full information about the line such as maker, color, etc. A simpler way is just to number reel spools and remember the line in them or carry a small note on your phone.

Is a level line ever used?

Young: The original fly lines made of horsehair were leveled. A level line still can be used when smooth energy dissipation is not crucial such as casting a very heavy fly. For the same reason, most sinking (and sinking tip) lines are practically leveled (i.e., very short front taper), except the running line.

Switching to other types of lines, why would I want a sinking line?

Young: You want to fish that are in the subsurface or deep in the water "with some actions". Fishing

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with a streamer fly is a good example of using a sinking line.

How do you match a sinking line to a rod size?

Young: Like floating lines, sinking lines are specifically labeled for rod weights and sinking rates. If not, match the rod weight with the first 30 ft of the line, referring to an AFTTA chart.

How is a sink tip different from a sinking line?

Young: Sinking tip lines have weight tip in the first 10-15 ft, while the entire parts of sinking lines are weighted. When you retrieve a heavy fly on a sinking tip line, it will swim upward. In contrast, sinking line could retrieve a fly horizontally. Their use is also heavily dependent of depth, water flow, etc.

Switching to leaders, what are the different types of leaders commonly used?

Young: Leaders are generally tapered for a gentle and smooth turnover of a (dry) fly. Leaders are made of 3 sections, butt, taper, and tip at length ratios of 50, 30, and 20 for example. The ratio varies depending on target fish and fishing situation. Usually the butt section is about a half of the fly line's diameter and you will need a longer tippet section for still, clear water for fishing skittish fish, for example. A leveled leader, which is basically a heavy tippet, is also commonly used to cast a heavy fly (e.g., streamer fishing and surf fishing). Another important consideration is leader length. Leaders allow fly line not to be seen by fish but more importantly they significantly affect casting efficacy. When you cast to a fish in about 15 ft away (e.g., small mountain stream), you will have only about 6 ft of fly line with a 9 ft leader. In this situation, your rod will be substantially underpowered. In such case, a shorter leader (e.g., 7.5 ft) would give you a surprisingly better casting. Shorter leaders casting a bit easier, especially with a strong wind.

Is a tied leader better than a manufactured tapered leader?

Young: Usually manufactured tapered leaders work better than tied ones, especially for beginners. They make fly turn over very smooth and gentle. That said, it is very good to know how to tie leaders when you run out of leaders or do not have a specific leader required for a particular fishing situation. Most fly fishers already know how to tie tapered leader (e.g., extending a 4X leader with a 5X tippet material).

How do you extend a leader if you need a longer one for a particularly picky fish?

Young: You need to pick a leader that is 1X heavier than appropriate for the fly that you would cast. Then extend the leader with a 1X lighter tippet in 1 ft. If you need even longer stealth leader, use a 2X heavier leader extended by 1 and 2X lighter tippets in a ft each. I must emphasize that a good cast is way more crucial not to scare fish off than using a well-constructed leader with mediocre casting.

Moving on down to tippet, is there a rule to match tippet size to the fly?

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Young: There are general rules of recommended tippet sizes for fly sizes. For example, 5X tippet is typically recommended for 14-18 size flies. It's a good starting point but you are not obligated to stick with it. In case you are fishing a good size trout (e.g., 5 lb) that seems to take only very tiny bugs (matching to size 20 flies or smaller), 5 or 6X tippet could be a better choice than 7 or 8X tippet as recommended by the general rule.

What is the difference between nylon and fluorocarbon tippet?

Young: Fluorocarbons are denser and optically transparent more than nylons, making them a good material for leaders and tippets for fishing skittish fish with lower drags by water during nymphing. However, fluorocarbons are stiffer and more brittle than nylons and are hard to knot especially with nylons. Their optical transparency could also be easily compromised when scratched. Most importantly, fluorocarbons are excessively stable to break down in nature. In my opinion, they should not be used as lead split shots are not allowed to be used in some places.

Flies That Keep On Giving!

Red Hot Chili Pepper

By John Williams

This is an experiment, I was recently shown a fly by a neighbor that looks tasty from a fishes point of view. I had to change it a bit for my upcoming trip to Utah, knowing the big brown I caught two year ago is still waiting for me. My materials are similar to those of the fly I saw but not exact, I'll let you know in October 2023.



Materials:

Hook:	Daiichi 1710 #10 or Similar
Bead:	Red to be able to slide around bend of the hook
Thread:	Veevus 240 Fluorescent Orange
Rib:	Small Red Copper Wire
Tail:	Died Red Squirrel Tail
Body:	SLF Standard Fiery Brown Dubbing
Wing:	Died Red Squirrel Tail
Cement:	Super Glue Gel Formula

Instructions:

1. Slide bead on hook.
2. Place a dot of super glue behind the bead and start your thread at that point and as you wrap rearward catch the red wire behind the eye and wrap the thread to the end of the shank at the bend.
3. Cut a small bunch of squirrel hair from the tail and secure it with a few wraps of thread at the start of the bend about slightly shorter than the shank length.
4. Dub the body all the way up to the bead.
5. Wrap the red wire forward over the dubbing to form a rib.
6. Cut another small bunch of hair from the Squirrel tail to form a wing and secure it behind the bead leaving the wing slightly long than the body.
7. Smear super glue on a small portion of the thread and whip finish behind the bead. Cut the thread free.
8. Go Fishing

All the best, John

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