

ON THE FLY

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



AUGUST 2023

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No August Meeting. We will have our Annual Club Picnic on August 12, 11 to 3PM, at William Mason Regional Park (Shelter #1) in Irvine. Food, Games, Prizes, Fun, Fellowship! Please RSVP Now!! See Page 4 for details!

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Next Club Outings: Yellowstone National Park (August 6-13). **Club Picnic (August 12)!**

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! "July Fry" has descended most of the country making it difficult to go out to fish and stressing already fragile fisheries. I am sure we are all using best practices to minimize our impact. Hopefully, August will bring a break in the excess heat for us, and we can all enjoy the Family Picnic this month – August 12. The picnic will be at a new location – William Mason Regional Park in Irvine. This is a fantastic location. Please RSVP so we will know how many people to expect.

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

We have many great items for the Auction this year. We are hard at work getting everything inventoried and on the Auction website. Information will be sent out in an email early in August with the website address. This is the same setup that we have used since 2020. Your login to the site and your bidder numbers remains the same as last year. Expect the email and access to the Auction website by the end of the first week of August.



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.

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

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  
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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

August Meeting - Club Picnic at William Mason Regional Park!!

FFCOC Picnic 2023



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!
Please RSVP Now!!

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, socialize, and tell a whopper fish story or two with your fellow members and friends. The price is right (FREE)! 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!!

Please RSVP using **Annual FFCOC Picnic** link on the Club Website homepage. You may also RSVP with the link provided below. Click on the **RSVP Yes** button to record your planned attendance, and the number of guests you plan to bring with you. A "YES" RSVP is needed to plan for the food and beverage purchases (Only Yes RSVPs are needed). Note: You must be logged into the website to RSVP.

If you have any questions (or to RSVP), please contact your Event Coordinator.

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

Event Coordinator: Terry Roznos, taronos@verizon.net



Mason Regional Park



Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

June

Paul Whitely (Tustin)
Rick Mackay (Laguna Beach)
Charles Tatosian (Laguna Niguel)

July

Joseph Simrell (Coto de Caza)
Craig Gibson (Seal Beach)
Bruce Dardis (Seal Beach)
Lee Mueller (Fountain Valley)

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 Auction Catalog is almost ready for release!

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Casting In The Park – July 29th

The latest Casting In The Park event was scheduled for Saturday July 29th



The event was held at Mason Regional Park in Irvine. We hope to have a report of activities in the next (September) newsletter. Casting in the Park Events are always open to all Club members.

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (September) edition are due to the 2023 Editor by **Tuesday, August 29**, 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!! taroznos@verizon.net

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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 - Outing Reports (Hot Creek Ranch)



Hot Creek Ranch has been in my blood since 1984, Richard Stevens was invited by Peter Austin to come up to the ranch and bring this new comer to fly fishing. Peter had booked cabin number 2 for the week and was settled in. We arrived late and the sun had fallen behind the mountains. I said to Pete, where is the stream and he replied over there, I walked to the stream and almost fell in as it had no noise coming

from it and me without a flashlight. The next morning the two of them said I needed to buy some flies. Richard had given me an old glass rod and a worn line with a reel that had seen better days, I didn't know the difference as this was my first attempt at flyfishing. Pete gave me a casting lesson and encouraged me as to where to cast. While on the lower ranch I caught in my fly in my back cast, the tree to my delight there were several flies caught in the branches. Having more flies I resumed fishing and managed to catch a few the first day, the following day a few more fish and I was as they say HOOKED. Richard and I headed up to June Lake area and the success continued with a few more fish. Richard [Steve] Stevens said he had another secret location to show me, Green Creek south of Bridgeport. Again, the magic worked and we stayed several days. These two friends changed my life for the better as I love the outdoors, camping and the hunt to outsmart fish with a fly I created.

I had asked Peter to nominate me for the Board of our Club and joined the group of like-minded in our club. I eventually became president a few times and enjoyed the comrade of all the Club members.

26 years ago I took over the Stream-keepers responsibility of Hot Creek outing to get me back as a home coming to where it all started, this love of flyfishing. This year after moving to Washington State and having many locations within thirty minutes of home I decided to hand over the reigns to Janna & Terry Roznos and Don Tayenaka who are experienced at forming groups and managing. This doesn't mean I have given up on Hot Creek, but just the responsibility of managing. This outing runs smoothly with the help of many Club members who set up the dinner tables and bring treats to the BBQ dinner each year.

A few years ago Dan Iwata and I scattered some of Peter Koga's ashes at the Ranch as he loved Hot Creek. A few years later, Dan Iwata's family, Peter's wife, and I scattered Dan's ashes next to Peter's. This Ranch has meant a lot to many of us.

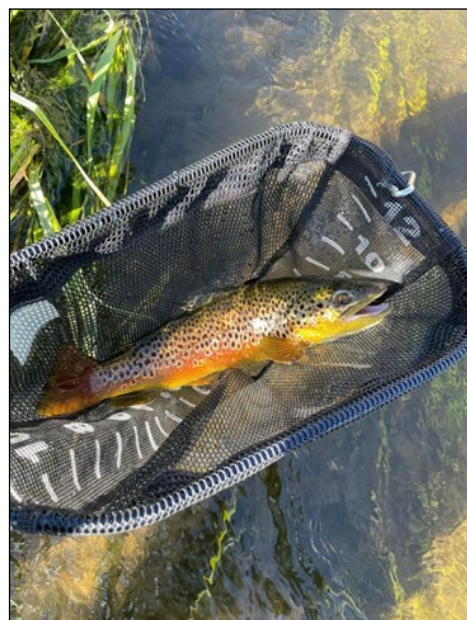
2023 the waters were high and the group were allowed to nymph fish which is not the norm. This is a dry fly barbless ranch but when the waters run fast and deep with this years snow melt it was allowed. Several fish were caught, not many pictures but as I was once told, **anglers are born honest but get over it.**

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Club News - Hot Creek Ranch (Con't)

I want to give my appreciation to everyone who has guided me on my fly fishing journey and assisted me in making this outing such a success.

Here are a few pictures of this years trip...



Club News - Fish Tales

Lake Arrowhead.

A Fish Tale by: George Gush

On Thursday, June 29th, we drove up into the San Bernardino mountains making a stop at Lake Arrowhead. Look at these pictures taken approximately where the back of the McDonald's restaurant meets the dock area. No exaggeration, there were at least 40 trout, mostly 18 inches and even bigger than 30 inches swimming in the Lake! These fish were not people shy. Kids were throwing pop corn and other goodies out to feed them. I've seen hatcheries with fewer breeding trout! I know the lake is private. I'm not even sure members of the home owners association can fish there.. but what a sight! There were signs around that said "No fishing". From the size of these fish, I'm pretty sure the fish put the signs out!



Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

A Week in the Golden Trout Territory

A Fish Tale by: Young Kwon

A group of 6 volunteers and 3 from the National Forest Services hiked to Ramshaw Meadows on 07/16/23. We worked hard for the following three days to remove the fences that had been originally placed to protect the ecologically sensitive areas from cattle and abandoned for a few decades after the cattle stopped. Some posts were deeply anchored, and many barbed wires were buried and tangled with the bush roots, making uprooting them very physically challenging. However, the fence-free view of the meadows after the hard work was immediately noticeable and pleasing.

Most volunteers were fly fishers and we enjoyed fishing South Fork Kern River in the Ramshaw Meadows for golden trout, which looked like a hybrid with rainbow trout, before and after the work. Clearly, the traditional golden trout water was invaded by brown trout. Regardless, casting in the beautiful meadows to catch wild fish was quite a privilege.

The 5th day of the trip was a free day and three of us hiked to where South Fork Kern River and Golden Trout Creek almost hit each other in less than 100 ft. There were a plenty of golden trout in the Golden Trout Creek and fishing for them was ridiculous easy. We all caught dozens of fish in about an hour and became fully satisfied.

A fellow and myself were intrigued by the idea of fishing the most genetically pure golden trout in Volcano Creek. Hiking to Volcano Creek was not an easy task but rewarded by the incredibly scenic Volcano Meadows flowing crystal clear stringers. Fishing Volcano Creek was not as productive as Golden Trout Creek. There were surprisingly less fish than expected and they were extremely skittish. I speculated that the creek was dried out during the recent years and the fish were re-habiting the creek this year. The landed fish looked like more of less Little Kern Golden Trout with dark dorsal color and relatively less obvious red stripe along the side. It was pretty interesting after all that such a small and short creek stretching only in a few miles is regarded as the heart of golden trout territory.

Hiking back to the trailhead on the 6th day was not as bad as the entry. It was a memorable trip with some boasting accomplishments made by a group of people and fishing for the jewel fish in their native waters, while avoiding the heatwave sweeping the lower elevations.

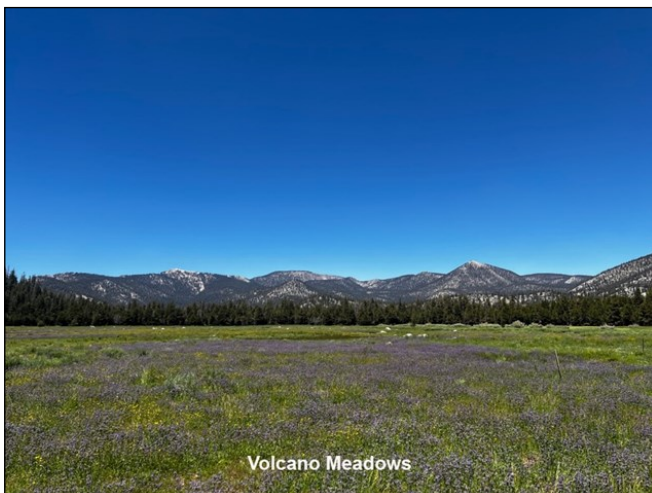
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Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

A Week in the Golden Trout Territory - The Photos!

A Fish Tale by: Young Kwon



Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

Lost Creek and South Fork of Santa Ana River in the San Gabriel Mountains

A Fish Tale by: Brian Mayer

Monday of the last week of July, I had the opportunity to fish in the upper reaches of the Santa Ana River. The area I fished is where the river runs under Highway 38 at the South Fork Family Campground. It was a beautiful clear day, but it did get rather warm by noon. The late winter snowstorm has been providing a tremendous amount of water to the upper reaches. On the highest peaks of the San Gabriels, there is still some snow in the shaded spots. The ground is still very saturated.

Lost Creek through the South Fork Family Campground had plenty of water and significant flow. The South Fork, as it crosses under Highway 38 and then over Seven Oaks Road, is ripping. In fact, I was not able to fish the mainstream of the Santa Ana River after the South Fork joined using my light 3 weight rod. In total, I only fished for 2 hours and covered a half mile upstream and downstream from the Highway 38 bridge.

I was very surprised by the number of fish that I encountered. For the past 4 years, conditions were so dry that I had limited my fishing in the area. When I did fish, I would only see 3 or 4 fish in 5 hours of fishing. I was very happy to get 12 takes for 5 hook ups and 4 fish landed in the short 2 hours. There were a number of long distance casts that I just plain missed the strike and some takes when I was not expecting it at all.

I was fishing foam beetles, floating foam ants and green Elk hair caddis. I started using size 18 flies, but quickly moved up to size 14 and 12. The fish were very eager to take the larger flies. Frequently, I would miss the first take and a second fish would grab my fly !

Here are a few pictures of the fish I landed. All are Brown Trout in the usual 4 to 7 inches size. I was fishing alone, so please pardon the poor photography.

See the next page for the photos....

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Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

Lost Creek and South Fork of Santa Ana River in the San Gabriel Mountains

The Photos by: Brian Mayer



First Fish of the day. Very Silver with bright orange spots.



The largest of the day. Very green back and lots of prominent black spots.



This fish aggressively took a size 12 Elk Hair Caddis.



And mangled the fly as well.

Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

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

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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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.

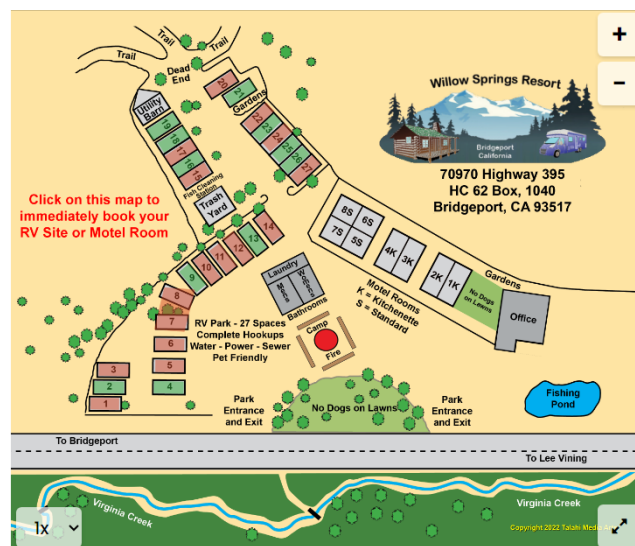
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2023 Outings - Bridgeport (Con't)

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.

Please Note: 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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Note from Pat Jaeger's (Eastern Sierra Guide Service) July Newsletter

East Walker River: Water-flows have dropped from 1000cfs to 600's. Good cold clean water coming out of the dam. Yesss, one of my favorite places on earth, I will be spending lots of water-time here this season.

Southwest Council FFI– News & Events

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



Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

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

News/Articles



A Monumental Win for Fishing and Hunting

A new report details how National Monuments support access, opportunity and the economy of hunting and fishing.

[A Monumental Win For Fishing And Hunting - Trout Unlimited](#)



No Hot Creek Mine Day of Awareness

Join us in Protest against
KORE Mining and help
save Hot Creek!

**DAY OF
AWARENESS**

NO HOT CREEK MINE

2 to 5 pm
August 5th
Corner of Main Street
and Minaret Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA

Visit www.nohotcreekmine.com for
more information.

KORE Mining has agreed to hold off on drilling until September 1st, 2023. As this date approaches, KORE Mining needs to know that our community stands strong against them.

The Day of Awareness is a protest event that will occur during one of Mammoth's busiest summer weekends, Bluesapalooza. We will gather at the corner of Main Street and Minaret Road, at the road closure, to spread as much awareness as possible.

[No Hot Creek Mine](#)

The Spirit of Dame Berners - Practicing with a Purpose

By Larry Behm



This month we are talking to Kathy Kim. Kathy has been a member of our Club for over 10 years. She is the organizer of the Women's Fly-Fishing Group and has been a professional casting instructor since 2009. I asked her to talk about traveling and fly fish in interesting places.

Why travel to fly fish?

Kathy: When you think of places to fly fish, you realize, more times than not, that these are beautiful, pristine, and unspoiled places of the world. Unless your idea of a perfect vacation is spending a week with millions of people in a metropolis, I think you can easily combine fly fishing and your other passions, such as hiking, bird watching or cultural exploration, into your next vacation planning. For me, I categorize my travel planning into two major categories: 1. fly fishing destinations where my only objective is fly fishing; 2. travel destinations where I am fulfilling other objectives but fly fishing opportunities may still be possible. What I find even in the first type of fly fishing exclusive trips is that I am often introduced to a rich indigenous culture, incredible wildlife, and spectacular landscapes, that I come away feeling enriched and better connected to our natural world, in addition to having incredible fly fishing experience. All I need to do is to open my eyes and mind to the experiences instead of having a rigid agenda.

What kinds of places do you travel to?

Kathy: Here's a brief overview of freshwater or saltwater destinations that are domestic or international. For domestic freshwater destinations, Montana is high on my list: rivers in Western Montana around Missoula, rivers inside and around Yellowstone Nat'l Park and the Bighorn River in Fort Smith. Utah and Colorado offer great fly fishing opportunities as well. For international freshwater destinations, my top pick is the Patagonia region, both Chile and Argentina. There are incredible fly fishing programs for trophy Brown, Rainbow, Brook trout as well as Sea-run Browns; but more than that, you feel as if you have been transported back 50 years to an unspoiled wild place. I would also add a new international destination of Japan to this list, I have just returned from there. Great fishing no doubt, but the overall cultural introduction to Japan was so amazing and intriguing, not to mention the great food, sake, and the Onsen (hot springs) everywhere.

For saltwater destinations close to us, I would pick Belize and Mexico for bonefish, permit, and tarpon. My favorite saltwater destination is Christmas Island for bigger bonefish, GT, trigger fish and other trevally species. There are opportunities for redfish in Texas and Louisiana, and Florida is also a popular destination for many saltwater species.

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Fly Fishing Educational Series (Con't)

These trips look a bit expensive, what is included in that price?

Kathy: Most destination fly fishing packages seem pricey at first glance, but when you look closely, many of these packages are pretty reasonable given what they include. The fly fishing programs that Joe Libeu and I host are mostly inclusive packages that cover well-appointed lodging, professional guides, all meals and drinks (including alcoholic beverages in international programs), ground transportation, and in some cases, lodgings in major hub cities we fly into before we transfer to the fishing destinations. What is usually not included are air travels, gratuities, and fishing licenses.

Why should I use an organized trip instead of doing it myself?

Kathy: When it comes to fly fishing travels, I consider several variables before I decide on an organized trip vs. DIY (do it yourself) trip. These variables include language, safety, access to waters, difficulty in getting to the area, etc. In some cases, organized trip may be the only choice. If based on the variables I laid out, the destination looks doable as a DIY, then I would encourage myself and others to go out and explore on your own. There are advantages of an organized or hosted trip, and you should consider this option, especially if this is your first time to this destination. These advantages are: 1. you don't have to plan the trip, therefore, time saving; 2. your overall experience will likely be dependable and smooth; 3. you may enjoy meeting other fellow anglers; 4. in cases of international trips, you will avoid issues related to random security/check-in processes of the destinations; 5. you will most likely be in a better situation in cases of emergencies. We also have found that, in international trips, the best guides in the region usually belong to the fly fishing lodges, so it is a safer bet to go with an organized trip.

Are these large groups? How many usually traveling together?

Kathy: The groups we typically travel with range from 6-12, so a manageable size. In addition, most of our trips are hosted, so we are with the group the entire duration of the trip overseeing all aspects of the trip on the ground.

If I sign up for a trip, what should I do to prepare and make the most of the trip?

Kathy: We work with our travel group preparing for the trip from beginning to the end, focusing on the species/region specific equipment/gear and fly selections. The most important pre-trip preparation we would like to emphasize is practice casting. Improving your casting not only enhances your fishing experiences, but it also helps to prevent casting related injuries.

Flies That Keep On Giving!

M&M CADDIS

By John Williams

In 1989 Bob Moyer shared a fly that was developed by Morris and Moyer both Club members that were fishing Hot Creek Ranch. He shared this and several flies with me. The M&M Caddis has proven it's self at Hot Creek and across the US. I have changed this fly many times and all of the variations have enticed fish to give it a try. If you go to the Club archives you will find other versions. It is my pleasure to share this with you.



Materials:

Hook:	TMC 103 BL #17
Butt Thread:	Neon Green Fluorescent 1/0 Thread
Thread:	10/0 Black
Body:	Peacock Herl
Rib:	Tag end of 10/0 Black Thread
Under Wing:	Cream CDC
Over Wing:	Mottled Gadwall feather of Wood Duck Flank Feather
Hackle:	Grizzly Hackle
Cement:	Super Glue Gel Formula



Instructions:

1. Make several wraps of green thread to form a butt at the bend and whip finish.
2. Start the black thread just short of the green and catch the end of the green. leave a tag end of the black thread hanging for further use.
3. Secure one herl from a peacock eye, cut off the brittle tip and secure at the forward end of the green thread. Wrap it forward to the 3/4 point and secure with a few wraps of thread. Forward wrap the tag end of the black thread over the peacock to add stability and secure with several wraps of thread.
4. Select two CDC feathers and align the tips. Lay them on the top of the fly to form the under wing and make three soft wraps of thread, now pull the feather forward to condense the fibers on top of the fly and secure with several firm wraps of thread.
5. Select one Gadwall or Wood Duck feather between your fingers gather barbules and secure on top of the hook at the 3/4 point to form your over wing.
6. As you can see I over hackled this fly, my size 18 hackle is missing but this has never been a

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Flies That Keep On Giving!

problem for the fish.

7. VERY Carefully add a tiny drop or smear of super glue to the final thread warps. You can use head cement if you prefer.

To all my friends and fishing partners, This is a must have fly!

All the best, John

FFCOC Leadership

Mission:

Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

Disseminate to the public the Results of the Club's Efforts

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

To **ACHIEVE** this the Club conducts various meetings, events and outings as documented in this newsletter.

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