

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



June 2016

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Website:

<http://www.fcoc.org>

Club Meeting:

June 8, 2016
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson, Anaheim, CA
6:00 pm - Wet Flies (Social Hour)
7:00 pm - Dinner and Program
Dinner & Program - \$30.00 Cash
Program Only - \$10.00 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

June 13, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St., Tustin, CA
7:00 pm
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message

Scot Lewis and I just got back from Hot Creek Ranch, so I'm still in Ranch mode. If you've ever been there, then you know what I mean...By the time you read this, run-off should be in full swing and the fish should be spreading out from the five or six deep holes they have been hiding in all winter.

I did get a good look at "THE PIG" that lives at the Upper Bridge, he (or she, let's hope) was foul hooked by a gentleman fishing a 12 foot Tenkara rod. I tried to net the fish- all 34" of it, according to Kevin and thinking, "this net isn't going to be big enough..."

Now, I've had 20" trout in my net (unfortunately, not many of them) and was really sweating this one. But 'twas not to be, the hook pulled out, and "THE PIG" was back in the hole. Where it belongs.

I remember John (Bad Man) Williams hooking a 6" trout in the hole. "THE PIG" came up and devoured the poor little beggar. John's 6X tippet didn't stand a chance! Great seeing that fish...Yes, the fishes are still there...let's hope for a good flushing this year and for things get back to normal.

I understand that we have drought cycles and wet cycles, but personally, I'm tired of this drought...So here's to a great summer, hope you (and I) catch a whole bunch of nice fish and have a great time doing it! How did I do at the Ranch? One fish on a #20 para- caddis. And I couldn't be happier!

Utah's Great Green River with Gordon Tharrett

Not too far from southern California is the trout-filled Green River, which flows from the bottom of the Flaming Gorge Dam near St. John, Utah. The Flaming Gorge Reservoir and "The Green" straddle the near-borders of Utah, Wyoming and Colorado. As this river slices out from the dam through the beautiful Uinta Mountain Range, digging out a stunning red rock canyon on its journey to join the Colorado River, it creates a fly fishing paradise known around the world as one of the truly premier trout streams. The population of rainbow, cutthroat and brown trout is estimated at between eight and 22,000 per mile, with the dam's release of steady-temperature water nurturing all of them. This consistently flowing cold, clear water and the associated plant life and abundance of insects are just a few of the reasons for a phenomenal growth rate of one to two inches *per month*.



Our guide on this amazing Green River adventure is Gordon Tharrett. Gordon started guiding for the legendary Denny Breer of *Trout Creek Flies* Fly Shop and Green River Outfitters back in the early 90s, planning to stay a couple years. He's been there ever since . . .and that beginning of his Green River guiding career was 24 years ago. But Gordon has guided in such diverse locations as New York, Tennessee, Idaho, Alaska, Canada, New Zealand, Chile and Argentina, so he is definitely an experienced fly fishing guide and not a "one-river" guide.

Gordon was born in upstate New York, the youngest of five siblings, and grew up just a five minute walk from the St. Regis River, where he started fly fishing with his grandfather. When he was 12-years-old on a fishing trip with his grandfather and an older brother to the Ausable River in Wilmington, NY, they stopped at the Adirondack Sport Shop that was owned by Fran Betters. There Gordon met Joan and Lee Wulff, who, to this day, are idols of his. Gordon has spent his life in our sport and loves all of it, but especially the Green.

So if you want to learn all about this great river, its abundant hatches, its three sections (Red Canyon -- seven miles long, Devil's Hole -- nine miles and Browns Park -- 12 miles), its stunning beauty and diversity, what tackle you should use and what are the best tactics for fishing this mecca of fly fishing, join Gordon at our June meeting and enjoy his informative presentation. To learn more about Gordon and what he does, go to: ontheflyutah.com

See you there!
Andy Frumento

2016 Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-13-16	2nd Wed	Landon Mayer	“Trout Tips: Secrets & Tactics”
2-10-16	2nd Wed	Bruce Chard	“Fly Fishing Ocean Flats Around The World”
3-9-16	2nd Wed	FFCOC 50th	ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
4-13-16	2nd Wed	Jason Randall	“What Trout See”
5-11-16	2nd Wed	Marlon Rampy	“Trout Route – A Journey Up Central Oregon’s Hwy 97”
6-8-16	2nd Wed	Gordon Tharrett	“Fly Fishing Utah’s Famous Green River”
7-13-16	2nd Wed	Doug Ouellette	“Trophy Trout of Cal-Vada”
8-3-16	1st Wed	Peter Koga and John Williams	“Argentina’s Jurassic Lake”
9-7-16	1st Wed	FFCOC Auction	-----
10-12-16	2nd Wed	Jeff Currier	“Fly Fishing Through The Mid Life Crisis”
11-9-16	2nd Wed	Tony Reinhardt	“Western Float Fishing - Strategies & Etiquette”
12-14-16	2nd Wed	Ken Hanley	“Baby Tarpon – All You Can Handle”

**NOTE: ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PAVILION EXCEPT:
MARCH – MAIN BALLROOM ; MAY – LORELEY ROOM ; JUNE – LORELEY ROOM ;
SEPTEMBER – MAIN BALLROOM.**

2016 Outings and Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
February 19-21	Lower Owens, Bishop, CA	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
February 20	Surf (Local)	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
March 4	Trout in Classroom Release	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
March 14-16	Pyramid lake, NV	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
March 22 - April 26	Fly Tying Classes	Doug Jones	
April 3-6	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 1-7	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy Mark Spowart	714 742-5865
June 3-5	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
July 15-18	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951 236-0862
August 27	Casting Clinic	Joe Libeu	562 426-3264
September 12-16	Utah One, Loa	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 19-23	Utah Two, Loa	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 25-27	Utah Three, Circleville	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 1 and 8	On The River Classroom	Joe Libeu	562 426-3264
October 14-16	Fly Fishing Faire - Bishop	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
October 21-23	President's Outing - Kernville	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
November 5	IFFF Interclub Tournament	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November 5-6	On The River Outing Bishop, CA	Joe Libeu	562 426-3264
December	TBD		

Upcoming Outings

Fish Creek Outing June 3 - 5, 2016

Sign-ups are open for the annual trip to Fish Creek. This year, it will be the first weekend in June.

This is a camping outing to the Southern Sierra's Kern River Plateau area close to Kennedy Meadows. The camp ground provides cold water and out houses only. Most people will be camping in tents; however, small camping trailers are allowed. We will be fishing for small golden trout in small water creeks, so bring your small rods (3 weights and less). The fish are generally very eager, so this is an excellent trip for the novice and experienced fisher-person as well.

If interested, contact Brian Mayer (562-619-9169).



FFCOC Casting Clinic
Saturday, August 27th
Mile Square Regional Park, Costa Mesa
***** Save the Date *****

The Annual Casting Clinic invites potential new members and the public to “try it out”; have an opportunity to explore and improve fly casting with Joe Libeu and other experts, meet members of our club over a picnic lunch, and enjoy a morning at the park. Please help spread the word.

FFCOC “On the River” Training

On the River (OTR): Local classroom with an outing to Bishop, CA

This training is a great way to help “jump start” members, maybe those new to fly fishing and our club. These sessions combine morning classroom sessions and a chance to go catch some fish with an outing on the Lower Owens. The feedback on last year’s event was outstanding.

Saturday, October 1st: OTR Training-Classroom Session 1

Saturday, October 8th: OTR Training-Classroom Session 2

Saturday & Sunday, November 5th and 6th: OTR Owens River outing, Bishop, CA



More details to follow!

Fishing Southern Utah

Still Room in Trip Three



Trip Three: September 25-27, 2016

3 Day Trip

Circle Valley Anglers, 350 S Hwy 89, Circleville, UT 435-577-2168

Owner: Emmett Doane

Cost: \$540 to the guide, plus tip, lodging and food.

Stream Keeper: John Williams, call to make your reservations 951-236-0862

A **\$200 Non-Refundable Deposit** is required to hold your spot, make checks payable to Circle Valley Anglers and send to John Williams 19859 Calle Cadiz Walnut, Ca. 91789

The drive is approx. 8.5 hours from Ontario Airport. You will drive your own vehicle to the fishing locations and the return, usually within 1 hour of the fly shop, no 4 wheel drive necessary. Be at the fly shop at 8 a.m.

Tipping is considered normal, \$40-50 per day per person.

Lodging & Food: Circle Valley Anglers has a house attached to the fly shop it rents for \$99 per night and sleeps 3. Very comfortable

Butch Cassidy's Hideout Across the street 339 S Highway 89, Circleville, Utah 84723

(435) 577-2008. Make your reservations early, this is at the start of hunting season and there are very few accommodations in the area. Very comfortable and next to the café across the street from the fly shop, wonderful people and clean motel.

When you sign up for one of these trips, I'll provide more information on lodging, food and gear including fly suggestions.

John Williams, Streamkeeper

Fishing Reports

COLORADO Trip Report May 1-7, 2016

Twelve eager club members participated in the Colorado Trip May 1 thru May 7. The organization and planning of this trip was a collaboration between Lyman Kennedy, Mark Spowart and Carl Thompson and was based on their prior adventures in this area. (For those who don't know, Mark and his family now live in Monument, Colorado.)

Sunday, May 1, was a travel day with most of the participants flying to Denver and checking into their lodging. About half of the participants moved into Mark Spowart's new house (very nice, indeed) and the rest into a nearby Marriott hotel. Mark and his wife, Liz, prepared great dinners at their house for the first three nights of the trip.

Monday and Tuesday we fished the South Platte River which is about an hour and half drive west from Monument. From there the river flows north east thru Denver, joins with the North Platte, flows to the Missouri, then into the Mississippi.

There are several dams on the headwaters of this river and the sections of the river between them are often referred to by unique names. The three we fished were Deckers, Dreamstream and Cheeseman Canyon. We divided into groups and fished different sections on Monday and Tuesday. Deckers and Dreamstream are each a modest walk from their parking area while Cheeseman Canyon is a mountainous hike of several miles, depending how far "in" you go.

We had some great guides on this part of the, names you might recognize, including Landon Mayer, John Keefavor, Pat Dorsey and Bob Dye.

The fishing was wade fishing in cool mountain water. The fish were taking small flies. We used three fly rigs with two or three small nymphs and midges. A lot of fish were caught including Rainbows, Browns and an occasional Sucker. See the photos for examples.

Wednesday we headed west about 190 miles to our second destination, the town of Gunnison and the Gunnison River. Gunnison is the home of Colorado Western University and has a small town vibe. We ate breakfast and dinner at the Old Miner Cafe - quite good! We stayed in cabins at the nearby Almont Resort. These cabins come in various sizes, are comfortable and served well for our purpose. The resort sits at the confluence of the East River and the Taylor River which forms the Gunnison River.

We fished the Gunnison River on Thursday and Friday. Our guides used drift boats to move us down the river. The river was carrying runoff from headwaters higher in the mountains and was brown in color, making it hard to see takes. This was even more evident on Friday. The typical set up was a small plastic egg with a Rubberlegs below and a BWO nymph below that. Fish I caught were mostly on the Rubberlegs. Fishing was good on Thursday but tough on Friday as the flow was increased. Never-

theless, we caught plenty of fish. My fishing partner, Evan Morgan, landed a real healthy 25 inch Rainbow!

Saturday we drove about 4 hours to the airport. We were treated with hail and snow on the way and delayed flights at the airport.



Overall a great trip!

Richard Fanning
for Lyman Kennedy.



Colorado Trip 2016 Photos







Gunnison River Drifting - The seat in the back was an "E" ticket!



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Fly Tying

Flies That Keep On Giving

I have tied Sculpin patterns before but without the addition of the Fish Skull helmet, I have spooked many Sculpin while fishing and not had one with me. I plan to hit them with a small fly 1 3/4" long Sculpin which is the mini helmet head. I have seen much this size.



By John Williams

Hook:	Daiichi 1760 #8
Thread:	UTC 140 any color, it does not show.
Tail:	Pheasant Body Feathers
Body:	Blood Marabou Olive or Brown
Fins:	Pheasant Body Feathers
Collar:	Deer Hair Rust or Tan
Head:	Fish Skull Mini head
Cement:	Super Glue
Head coloring:	Felt tip marker Black



A rotary vice is very helpful to tie this fly. Place the hook in the vise and smear a slight amount of super glue on the shank. Start the thread at the eye and wrap to the bend, be careful not to over load behind the eye with too many wraps as the skull has to fit on this area in the end. Match two pheasant body feathers together facing the same way and tie them on to the shank to form one half of the tail, do the same on the other side leaving them the hook shank length to the rear, each side should face each other. Peel off of a blood marabou feather ten to fifteen barbules holding the tips and making sure they are aligned, tie them in by the tips and wrap forward to the mid way point of the shank. Match a pair of pheasant body feather together and tie in on either side of the marabou so the curve of the feather is toward the outside to form the fins. Cut a small bunch of deer hair and stack and tie on top of the hook just in front of the fins to form a collar. Rotate your vice and tie in another clump on the opposite side and whip finish. Leave your vice in this position the point of this fly is on the top. Super glue the head area again and slide the helmet on with the eye spots on top. Place a slight amount of super glue on the eye depressions and place them on with your bodkin. Apply color to the helmet with a marker to your liking. Rotate the vice and trim the bottom of the tail feather so it will ride flat on the bottom. These fish skitter on the bottom as this fly should.

Have fun friends!
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.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all. If interested, contact one of the board members or come to one of the meetings.

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