

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



MARCH 2022

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!

The Club will resume our in-person meetings with our March 9th Meeting! We will be meeting at our new venue, the Los Caballeros Sports Village in Fountain Valley.

See Page 3 of your newsletter for the meeting location and directions.

Remember, the meeting starts at 7PM with our Social Hour; including snacks/appetizers, cash bar, and Club announcements. Our guest speaker presentation will be at 8PM.

The Meeting Fee is \$10. Guests are welcome! See you there!!

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President's Message

President's Message by Larry Behm

Welcome everyone. This month we will finally be able to meet in person at our new location Los Caballeros Sports Village in Fountain Valley. Not only do we have a new location, but a new format to our meetings. We will start at 7:00 pm with a 'wet flies' social hour with a no host bar and hors d'oeuvres and Club announcements. At 8:00 pm we will have our speaker. For more details, please refer to page 3 of this newsletter for a map, and location address or visit our club website at: [Welcome - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \(clubexpress.com\)](http://Welcome-FlyFishersClubofOrangeCounty.clubexpress.com)



This month, our speaker is Scott Leon, who began his fly-fishing journey in the competitive world of bill fishing. For more details about our speaker, please refer to Page 3 of this newsletter for Scott's Biography.

Now I know a lot of you have been out fishing although we haven't been receiving any Fish Tales for our newsletter. We all want to hear about your fishing. All we need is a picture (or two) and a short paragraph of where you fished, what you caught – if anything, and who you were with. No need to tell us your secret spot or your go-to fly! So, send in those fish tales to the newsletter editor at: jkroznos@verizon.net or jkroznos@gmail.com. We want to hear your tales!

Also, many of you may not know, that the United States Forest Service has approved exploratory drilling near Hot Creek for the Canadian company Kore Mining. Although the article included on Page 6 has passed, this is an important consideration for all of those who have enjoyed fishing at Hot Creek and for those of you who haven't had the opportunity yet to visit this unique and valuable fishery. More information is available at the No Hot Creek Mine website: [No Hot Creek Mine](http://NoHotCreekMine.com)

And finally, have you visited our website? And if you have, did you find what you were looking for? We are interested in making our website the go-to resource for our members. We value your feedback on what works for you and what doesn't. We have put together a committee that is exploring ways/ideas to make the website a resource for all members, so don't be surprised if you get asked for your opinion.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our in-person meeting at our new venue; Los Cab! Hope to see you there!!

Our New Meeting Venue; Ready to Host the FFCOC on March 9!



Our next meeting, March 9, we'll meet in person again! Our monthly Club General Meetings will now be hosted by the Los Caballeros Sports Village in Fountain Valley (approximately a half-mile east of Mile Square Park).

"Los Cab" is located at 17272 Newhope St. in Fountain Valley. (See map below for location). Get your car and phone navigator applications ready!

We will be meeting in the Terrace Room. Enter lobby, then upstairs to the Terrace Room. (See photo below)

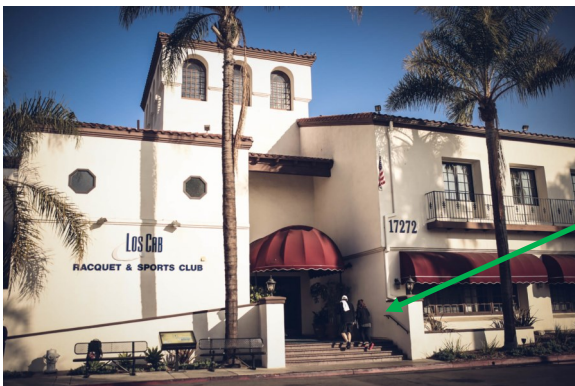
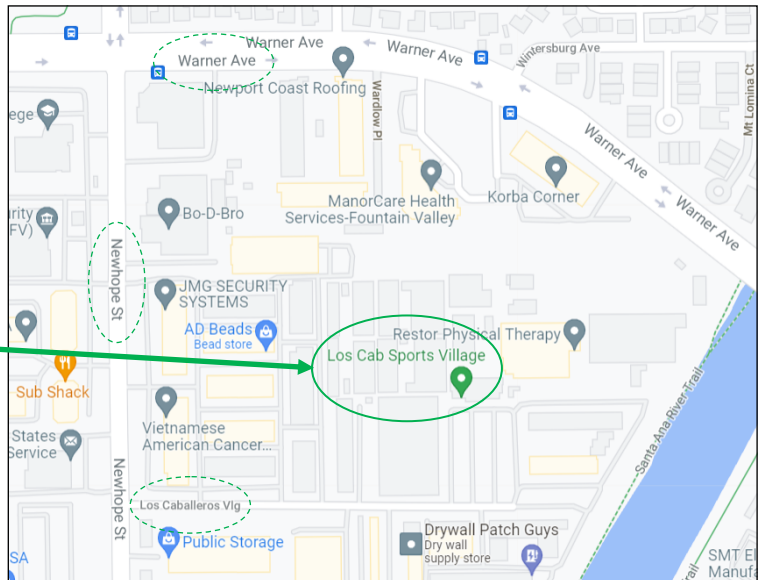
Our meeting format will change, the Happy Hour format (no served dinner); later start time (7 pm), Wet Fly socialization with snacks/appetizers, cash bar, and some Club announcements, followed by our guest speaker presentation at 8 pm.

Meeting Fee: \$10.

Los Cab Sports Village:

South of Warner Ave.

Enter Los Caballeros Vlg off of Newhope St.



Proceed to the Terrace Room:

Enter Lobby.

Proceed Upstairs to the Terrace Room.

This Month's Speaker

Our Guest Speaker- Wednesday, March 9

Scott Leon



The transition from a hard-core offshore salt water fly-fisherman chasing marlin and tuna around the world to the more refined and delicate world of presenting dry flies to rising trout in many ways is far more difficult than the reverse. Scott Leon will share some of the lessons he's learned along the way; mostly the hard way. He self-describes himself as a "jack-of-all-trades and a master of none".

Scott will discuss his recent salt water fly fishing adventure to the Bahamas (Dec 2021) and his February 2022 trip to the Olympic Peninsula (in search of steelhead). Time permitting Scott will offer additional insights into his fishing around San Diego where he is based.

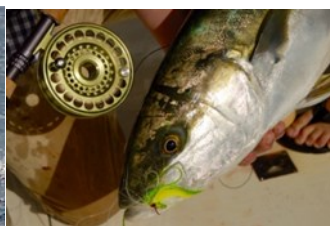
Scott grew up in the competitive world of tournament **bill fishing** where he picked up a fly rod to catch bait along the way. He has been lucky enough to fish all over the world and assists other professional captains and crews in learning how to fly-fish offshore and on near-shore waters world-wide.

Maybe without surprise, he spent some time in the Navy before spending way too much time in school, earning a slew of useless degrees. He was the editor for **Fly Fishing in Salt Waters** magazine for years, learning the inside-and-outs of an industry and sport he had only previously participated in as an ardent enthusiast.

Scott has published dozens of articles in numerous magazines around the world and has more than a few cover photos to his credit. He is advisory staff for **Temple Fork Outfitters** and on the pro staff for a number of other fly fishing-related companies.

He was a lead instructor at the oldest and largest casting and fly fishing school in the Southern US and he ran a charter boat, specializing in offshore fly fishing in San Diego for nearly a decade until the madness of all the downtime drove him to write a series of novels that only tangentially have to do with fishing.

Now Scott is learning that there are actually fish in freshwater, too. You can follow his fly fishing activities through his posted photos and comments at his Twitter site: [@briansleon](https://twitter.com/briansleon)



Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

January

Matthew Conrad (Mission Viejo)

Ronald White (Tustin)

Genevieve Sparg (Trabuco Canyon)

John Puckett (Laguna Niguel)

Chris Yamada (Manhattan Beach)

February

Luis Caballero (San Clemente)

Andrew Gordon (Mission Viejo)

David McClure (Lake Forest)

Membership Renewal Reminder:

Just a friendly reminder for those who have not renewed their Club membership for 2022, your 2021 membership expired on 12/31/21. That will trigger the relentless email reminders and perhaps a friendly phone call from a Club Officer! Perhaps, the email reminders have already begun?? There are three ways you can renew your membership:

1. At our **March Club Meeting** at Los Cab!!
2. You can download and print a Membership Application, fill it out, and return it with your payment via the US Postal Service. A Membership Application is available on the Club website. Use the following link: <https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=910542>
3. You can renew your Club Membership on-line using our Club website. Personal check or Credit Card payment is accepted. Just follow the instructions on the website. For on-line membership renewal, use the following link:
https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=60&club_id=510287

If you don't remember if you have renewed for 2022, you can wait for the barrage of emails, or you can contact our Membership Director, Cherie Dalton, at membership@ffcoc.org to verify your Membership status. Thank you!!

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (April) edition are due to the Editor by **Friday, April 1**, to meet publication deadlines. All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Members, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Streamkeepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Please send your inputs to Janna Roznos at jkroznos@verizon.net or jkroznos@gmail.com

Thank you!! ...Editor

Club News (Con't)

Conservation



For our members who may not know, the United States Forest Service has approved exploratory drilling near Hot Creek for the Canadian company Kore Mining. Below is a communique received from Kevin Petersen, Owner and Operator of Hot Creek Ranch, regarding the efforts to raise public awareness about the Kore Mining project, and what's at risk for the famous Hot Creek Geologic Site. Although the Kickoff weekend event has passed, the email does provide the links for further

information. This project is an important consideration for all of those who have enjoyed fishing at Hot Creek and for those of you who haven't had the opportunity yet to visit this unique and valuable fishery.

From: Kevin Peterson <Kevin@hotcreekranch.com>

Sent: Feb 16, 2022 9:50 AM

Subject: FW: NoHotCreekMine Grassroots Campaign - Kickoff weekend

Good morning everyone. Please read the email below from Chris Bubser concerning the Hot Creek mine. She and many other have been working diligently on efforts to oppose the exploration and possible mine near Hot creek. If you are in Mammoth this weekend, I encourage you to attend the rally and to forward this email to as many of your friends as possible. This is an incredibly important issue!! Thank you for your support!

Hello everyone!

As the KORE mining exploratory drilling looked like it was going forward, a group of concerned citizens started to develop a campaign to see if we could make an impact through public opposition. This initiative is meant to compliment the amazing work by Sierra Club ROLG, Friends of the Inyo and others. We have a group of wonderful volunteers who developed messaging, an arresting graphic and a website. We have been promoting our weekend of action on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and with flyers around town. We've had great support from the Patagonia Fish and Snow teams.

The website can be found here: [No Hot Creek Mine](#)

We thought taking advantage of the crowds who will be here for President's Weekend would be a good opportunity to gain momentum for our campaign by educating our visitors about the exploratory drilling and potential mine, and collecting their contact information for future actions.

The weekend will kick off Friday, Feb 18 between 4 pm and 6 pm, We will be having a poster-making party and we will be giving out t-shirts to wear to the rally. We're gathering at my house, 46 Hill Street in Old Mammoth. Please come by! We will be outside to be covid safe so bundle up.

On Saturday, the Patagonia fish team will be at Hot Creek and the Patagonia Snow team will be at the mountain handing out stickers and information about the rally.

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Club News (Con't)

Conservation (Con't)

We will cap off our efforts with a rally at the Village Sunday, Feb 20 from 3 - 5 pm. We will be gathering along Minaret Rd. near Kitchen 53 from 3PM - 4PM with banners and signs to raise awareness for people traveling down from the mountain and to encourage folks to come to the rally. We will move to the main plaza of The Village from 4PM-5PM. We are encouraging folks to make signs and banners in preparation for the event.

We will be joined at 4PM to hear from Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribal Member Charlotte Lange, Stacy Corless of Mono County Board of Supervisors, Lynn Boulton of The Sierra Club Range of Light Group, and Patagonia representatives.

More information about the rally can be found on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/681517029530625?ref=newsfeed> or call me with any questions.

Thanks!

Chris Bubser

760-914-3221



Club News - Fish Tales

Valentine's Day conjures up: chocolates, roses, and a romantic dinner, however, not for us. We think of fly fishing.

We spent Valentine's on a guided float trip on the Lower Owens River with Pat Jaeger of Eastern Sierra Guide Service – a trip we purchased at the last FFCOC Auction.

Floating down the Lower Owens, we fished places that we more than likely wouldn't have been able to walk into. Ultimately, the fish were eager, our flies were successful, and although cold (with 20 mile bursts of wind!), we had a great time. And as for Valentine's . . . I'll let the picture speak for itself.



Fish Tale by:
Janna & Terry Roznos



2022 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Ernie Gulley	Stillwater Bugs and Tactics - What Do Trout Eat	01/12/22
February	Peter Sticher	How to Match the Hatch in 2 Minutes	02/09/22
March	Scott Leon	Off-Shore Fly Fishing Adventures	03/09/22
April	Alice Owsley	Stalking Trout in Yellowstone	04/13/22
May	Charles Jardine	Beyond The Chalk	05/11/22
June	Michael Schweit	Local Saltwater Opportunities - Channel Islands and Beyond	06/08/22
July	Heather Hodson	DIY Fishing the West - 30 Days On the Road	07/13/22
August	Club Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	TBA
September	Club Auction	Live	09/14/22
October	AI Q	A Saltwater Check List	10/12/22
November	Beckie Clarke	Colorado River Fishing	11/09/22
December	TBA		12/14/22

2022 Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
February 19-20	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
March 13-15	Pyramid Lake, NV	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
April 2-3	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
April 2-9	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
May 14	Crowley Lake/Float Tube Clinic (Ernie Gulley)	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920
June 3	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
July 15-28	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951-236-0862
July 16	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
July 22-24	Golden Trout Hunting - Mulkey Meadows	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
August 12	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
August TBA	Club Picnic		
September 2-6	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
September 26-30	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
October TBA	President's Outing/Kern River	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
November			
December			

Note: Contact Don Tayenaka with your Club Outing proposal, or for guidance on creating a Club Outing. Let's go fishing as a group!!!

OUTINGS

Fly Fishers of Orange County Pyramid Lake Ladder Fishing Trip W/Rob Anderson and Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide Service

March 13 - 15, 2022

***A CHANCE TO CATCH A TROUT OF YOUR LIFE
TIME!!!***



Dates – Fishing 3 full days - Sunday March 13th – Tuesday the 15th. Arrive Saturday March 12, depart Wednesday March 16th.

Guide Assistance – Provided by Rob Anderson and 2 guides from Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing

Guide Service (PLFFGS). Website: www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com. Phone: 775-742-1754

Cost – \$ 480.00 based on 10 participants with 3 guides, but maybe higher or lower if we do not get 10 commitments (12 Max). This includes light breakfast, hot lunch & drinks on fishing days and guide assistance

Lodging Plans – Hotel in Sparks, NV – Western Village Inn & Casino. Cost is TBD

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OUTINGS (Pyramid Con't)

We are working to secure a block of rooms and secure best price. Option, to stay at Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe, NV. Info forthcoming, but you will make your own reservations.

What you are responsible for - Your Transportation, Hotel, Meals (other than breakfast and lunch on fishing days at the lake) Guide tips, Fishing Permit (from Piute Indian Tribe).

Fishing Gear – Rods/Reels: 9' - 8 or 9 wt. or 11' Switch Rod with floating line for indicator fishing and/or fast sinking or shooting head line for stripping. Tackle – Flies, adjustable indicators, 10-15# leader/tippets. PLFFGS will provide the ladders and flies.

More Info -

- Deposit of **\$240.00** due ASAP after signing up.
- Final payment of **\$240.00** due no later than January 15, 2022. Make checks payable to the 'Paul Nakamura', and send to 12136 Marshall St., Culver City, CA 90230.
- Contact Paul Nakamura for details and to get on the Trip List. pnaka1946@gmail.com or 310-487-3367
- Zoom meeting will be planned with Rob to get you acquainted with fly fishing Pyramid Lake. Tentative date will be in November after we get a club distribution developed.
- Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent those who have signed up for the Trip.

OUTINGS

Mentor Outings – Lower Owens River, Bishop CA

- ~~February 19/20~~ (COMPLETED!)
- April 2/3

These outing are intended for club members who do not have a lot of experience fly fishing (novices). Signups will be limited to about 10 novices depending on the number of club members that volunteer as mentors for the novices. Doug Jones is the stream keeper for this outing and his cell is 714-697-2222 and his email is dougjones.oc@gmail.com. Contact him to sign up as either a novice or mentor. You must sign up separately for each outing.

Outing Preparation

- Inventory your equipment and supplies well in advance of the outing so you arrive in Bishop prepared. If you attended On the River Training program the handouts list many of the items you should consider bringing.
- A pre-outing meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 3rd at 7:00PM via Zoom to review fishing gear, flies, personal gear, travel, lodging, meals, etc.
- Mentors should be familiar with Guidance For Working With Novices. They will be provided a copy if they don't have one.
- Mentors should consider fishing Friday prior to the outing to fish on their own to get a handle on current conditions and scout places to fish.

Outing

- Friday – Travel to Bishop
- Meet up Saturday February 19th and Saturday April 2nd at 8:30AM, Pleasant Valley Campground on Chalk Bluff Road at the walking bridge.
- The email distribution is open so you can coordinate carpooling to Bishop.
- Saturday – Mentors spend the day fishing with novices and providing guidance as needed. This is a fishing buddy relationship, the mentors are not guides or in any way responsible for novices' equipment, supplies, wellbeing, etc.
- Saturday evening – Informal dinner get-together depending on COVID status.
- Sunday – Meet at the footbridge at 8:30AM, answer questions novices may have and everyone is on their own for a day of fishing. Novices may wish to pair up so they have a fishing buddy for the day.

OUTINGS

San Juan River, NM Outing

Stream Keeper: Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169, bdmayer@hotmail.com

April 2 to April 7, 2022

Please contact Brian Mayer, bdmayer@hotmail.com, (562) 619-9169 for questions, answers, information and to make arrangements.

Spring is just around the corner and we are planning another fantastic outing to the San Juan River in New Mexico. The clear river waters of the San Juan are the jewel of northwest New Mexico just a short 14 hour's drive from Southern California. The river is fed from the deep waters of Navajo Lake which provide nearly constant temperature and abundant food supplies. This means many large brown and rainbow trout with substantial fight.

I have made a block reservation at the Fisheads San Juan River Lodge for rooms and Guides [<http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/>]. Please contact me if you wish to attend this outing so I can assign rooms and fishing buddies. If you prefer to make your own arrangements, please feel free to do so.

Please Note: the Abe's Motel, Restaurant and Gas Station have permanently closed. It is up for sale and NOT operating at this time.

COVID Pandemic restrictions have severely limited food options. Many restaurants have very restrictive access and dining options. The Fisheads Backcast Café is open for dinner, but you need to make advance reservations which can be done on a daily basis. Most other dining options are 45 minutes away in Farmington, NM.

Plan to arrive by Sunday, April 3. The general plan is to fish with guides Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4 to 6. I strongly recommend you get a guide for at least two days to thoroughly enjoy all the fishing the San Juan Quality Water has to offer.

I will be coordinating a caravan for this trip. We will depart SoCal on Saturday, April 2 and spend the night in Flagstaff, AZ. We will arrive midday on Sunday, April 2 to the San Juan River and Fisheads Lodge.

For more information, please contact stream keeper Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169 or bdmayer@hotmail.com

If you plan to attend the trip, please call or send Brian Mayer an email so we have contacts for everyone.

OUTINGS (New Mexico, Con't)

San Juan River Beauties



OUTINGS (Crowley Lake/Float Tube Clinic)



Photo courtesy of Don Tayenaka

Float Tube Fly Fishing on Lake Crowley with Ernie Gulley

When: May 14th, 2022

Cost: \$200 per person

Location: Lake Crowley

Minimum 4 Anglers and maximum of 8

FLOAT TUBE CLINICS – ERNIE GULLEY

This is an on the water clinic. Fishing out of a float tube in stillwater can be very intimidating, let me show you all of the ins and outs of being successful fishing from a float tube. I will teach you proper setup for your float tube before you even go into the water. How to properly set up and anchor your float tube or water craft to be successful in keeping your fly at the proper depths at all times. How to properly position your water craft depending on what food times you are trying to present. How to read the water conditions, structure, habitat weather! How to use different fly lines, floating, hover, clear intermediate and sinking lines and how to find the fish at each level of the water column.

To reserve your spot for this clinic, contact Melinda Burns (streamkeeper) at mel11755@pacbell.net or text 951-415-9920. Remember this is limited to 8 anglers and Honey Burns and I are already 2 so there are only 6 openings left. Hope you can join us.

OUTINGS (Hot Creek Ranch)

Hot Creek Ranch

By John Williams



Known as Fly Fishing University, not the fishermen and fisherwomen but where fish with graduate degrees that reside and embarrass those who try their best to surprise wary fish with their offerings. Knowing you have fooled these advanced degreed fish is a feather in your cap and should be celebrated. Hot Creek is next to the Mammoth Airport and is a place to relax and enjoy the location with cabins complete with comfortable accommodations and complete kitchens, the front porch is known to bring friends together as the sun falls behind the Sierra's. Our club has been booking the cabins at the ranch from the seventies and booking the entire ranch since the mid eighties. We have earned the respect of the ranch for a well managed group of friends and respectful of the ranch rules. There are nine cabins that fill every year on the four-day stay we book in July as a perpetual reservation. We are one of the few groups that have this opportunity because of our steadfast commitment when fishing was slow we showed our commitment to support this most special location, other groups have lost this privilege. Summer day can be hot and the nights cold, we have spectacular lightning shows and rain that has kept us on the porches in awe. John Williams has been the streamkeeper many years and does his best to accommodate newcomers to the ranch. This past year we had so many people on the waiting list this next year we will probably fill most of the spots with those left on the waiting list, I will be in contact with them to confirm their commitment to our 2022 visit to the ranch as they didn't make it last year.

Tight Lines All,
John

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OUTINGS (Hot Creek Ranch - Con't)

Currently we have filled all the cabins. If you wish to be placed on the waiting list please call me 951-236-0862. We occasionally have cancelations so it puts you in place for next year. The cost for 2022 is \$487.00 per person, we presume the cost will remain the same next year.

Sincerely,
John Williams



OUTINGS

Golden Trout Hunting - Mulkey Meadows

Horseshoe Meadows Trailhead

July 22-24, 2022



Join me for a beautiful hike in the Golden Trout wilderness to hunt for fish.

Fishing the Cottonwood area is not about catching the biggest fish; 10" will be a big one! It is about stealth and beauty. These fish are wary of predators, and you will have to use all of your skills to catch one. When you do, they are unique and a sight to behold!

This trip is a backpacking trip. We will be tent sleeping for two nights at an elevation of about 10,000'. You will have to carrying your gear for 4 miles with only 70% of the oxygen you are used to! You will struggle with the elevation and pack weight if you don't prepare.

Your gear list is pretty easy. Because you have to carry everything, we keep it light and and simple. A light rod with standard dry flies and couple of nymphs is all you need. I love to use a 3 wt fiber-glass rod in the high mountains. I can feel every wiggle of the fish on the line while I hide behind bushes or rocks and catch them more by feel than sight. These fish have a short season to eat, so they will usually hit at any reasonable fly, as long as they don't see you. It is truly hunting and stalking fish in these waters.



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OUTINGS (Mulkey Meadows - Con't)

We have 8 slots open still for this trip. Contact Larry Behm, 949-235-4466 or lbehm@iCloud.com to sign up.

Itinerary:

Friday 7/22, we will park cars and meet at the Horseshoe Meadows trailhead and spend the night camping to acclimate to the altitude.

Saturday, 7/23, we will hike in about 4 miles to Mulkey Meadows. With the altitude and terrain, it should take about 3 hours of hiking to reach a suitable basecamp site. We will set camp and then hike to different streams for fishing opportunities.

Sunday, 7/24, we fish in the AM and hike back to cars in PM, then drive home.

You will have to camp overnight in bear country, and you will need to prepare your own food.

Costs: \$10 to help cover the permit fees

There are NO guides on this trip. We learn from each other. You are responsible for all of your own gear and protective clothing. There is no cell coverage in the area. I will carry a satellite communicator for emergencies.

We will try to ride share to reduce our carbon footprint while enjoying on the best areas of the Sierra.

Join me on a short trip to a wonderful place!



Mulkey Creek. Photo courtesy of Nativetroutaddict

OUTINGS

FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2022

September 2-6



Dates: September 2-6. Arrive on a Friday (9/2), and Depart on a Tuesday (9/6). Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday)! This is Labor Day Weekend, and we have lodging secured!!

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).

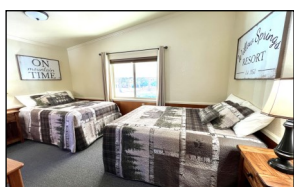
OUTINGS (Bridgeport - Con't)

Fishing: Independent fishing. 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 – Come Play and Stay in 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, and 30A full hook-up RV sites are available for your lodging choices.



Standard Single Rooms are \$130/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 \$180/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 \$50/night. RV Sites have Full Hook Ups; 30A Electrical, Water, and Sewer connections.

A Block Room reservation has been made by your Streamkeeper; 2 Standard Rooms and 2 Kitchenettes are currently now available. Please contact your Streamkeeper for room availability and assignment. RV site reservations are made by using the Online Booking System at the Willow Springs Resort link provided above.

Remember, this is a Labor Day Weekend event, and as such, all rooms and RV sites are expected to fill up. Reserve early to secure your spot!

Responsibilities: Outing attendees are responsible for transportation, lodging and meals. Lodging fees are paid to the Club. First night deposit shall be paid at time of reservation, with the remaining balance due 60 days prior to the outing (21 day cancellation notice for full refund). RV sites require payment in full at time of reservation (21 day cancellation notice also applies). 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!

OUTINGS (Bridgeport - Con't)

Sounds like an Outing for you? Please contact your Streamkeeper with your questions, or with your reservation request. Thank you!!!

Streamkeeper Contact Info:

Terry Roznos

(562) 322-4790 (cell)

taroznos@verizon.net



OUTINGS

Fly Fishing Southern Utah

September 26-30, 2022

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

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

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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.

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.

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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 your friend or partner better and listen to each other's experiences along the way. When in Loa the guides provide the transportation to and from the day's 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 dining locations close on Sunday, it is best to call ahead or ask your 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:

A deposit of \$200 [Non Refundable](#) is sent to John Williams 19429 Kamden Court, Sedro Woolley Washington 98284 to hold your spot then forwarded to the guide. The total cost of the trip is \$1,125 for five days of guiding. The staff of the Quiet Fly Fisher of Loa Utah will guide us.

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.

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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.

John Williams Cell 951-236-0862 Streamkeeper

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What is Fly Buy?

Part fishing tackle garage sale, part fly-fishing carnival and all fun.

ADMISSION:

- ADULTS: \$20.00. Includes lunch/drink
- UNDER 16 and VETS: Free
- NEW TO FLY FISHING: 15.00. Includes lunch and a FREE fly casting lesson to get you started
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ACTIVITIES:

- Fly Tying Demonstrations all day
- Raffles
- Silent Auctions
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[Fly Buy \(swcffi.org\)](http://swcffi.org)



Flies That Keep On Giving!

By John Williams

My first encounter with an adult stonefly, it landed on my neck and I was surprised. I massaged his head and toss him into the stream. A large trout devoured my gift and the games were on. I had three sample flies I thought were good representations of the natural and they all did what they were intended for. Here is the one I like the best. I have to give a shout out to Bill Blackstone for the idea of looking in craft stores for materials. This fly has a few different steps and I will show photos. This same technique can be used for Hoppers and any extended body.

Willie's Golden Stone



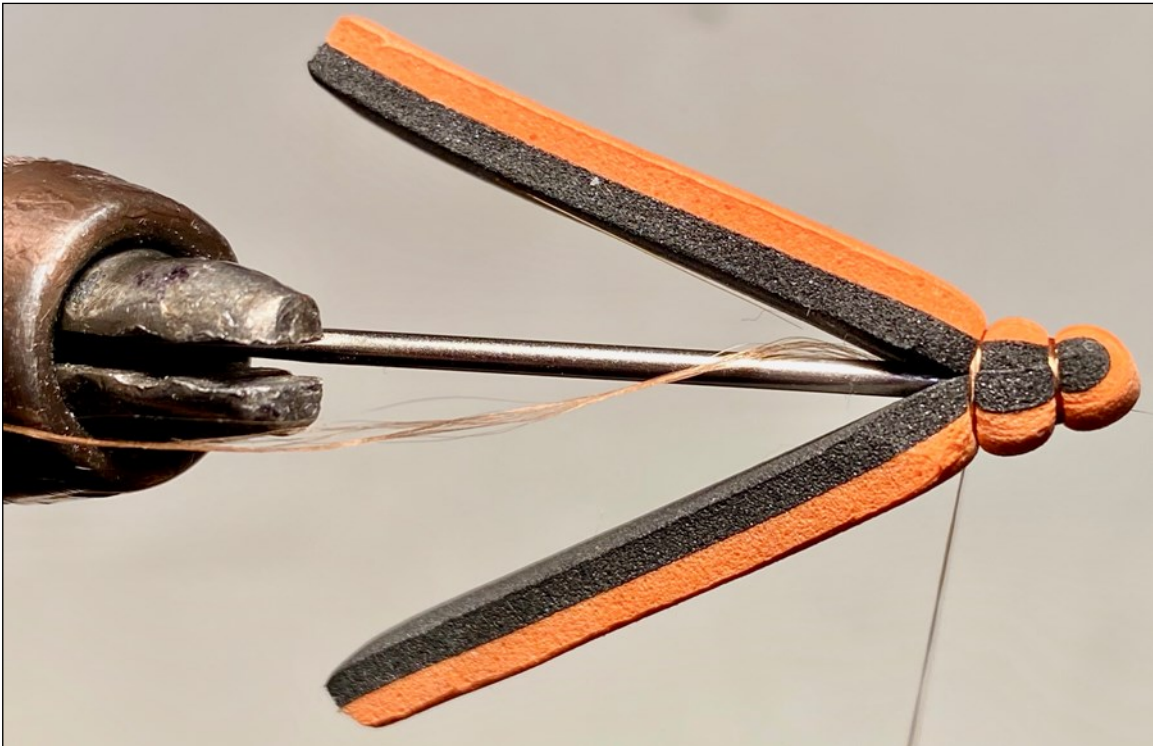
Hook:	Gamakatsu B10S Size 6
Threads:	UTC 140 Black or Brown
Abdomen:	Sticky Craft Foam, this came from Michaels Craft Store
Wings:	Iridescent Holiday Ribbon
Legs:	Pre Tied Pheasant Tail Fibers
Dubbing:	Ice Dub Peacock
Hackle:	Ginger or Brown Neck Feather
Head:	Closed Cell Black Foam
Cement:	"Loctite" Super Glue Gel Formula

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Sandwiched two pieces of craft foam, one has a sticky back. The color combination is your choice. I cut a strip $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and folded the piece in half and cut a bit from the folded end as shown below to make the anterior of the abdomen smaller.



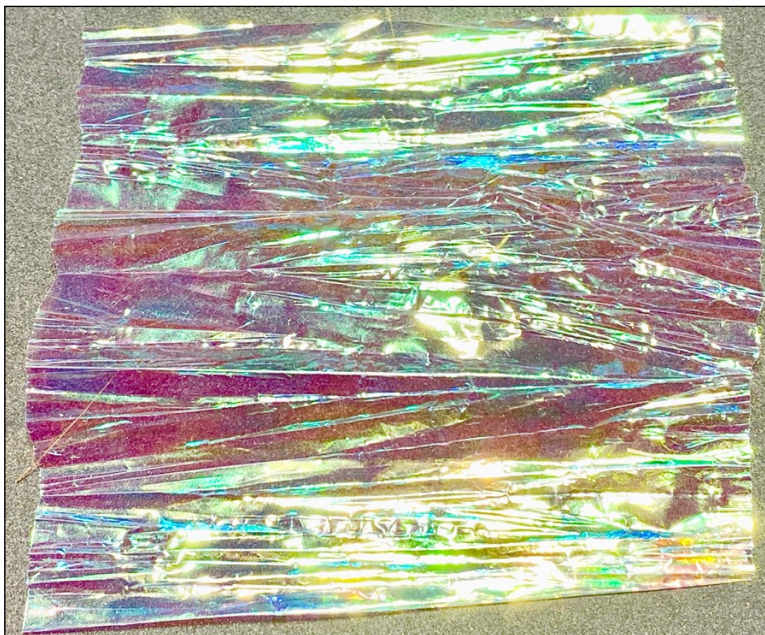
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Start your thread on the needle first leaving the tag end long so you can hold onto it and you wrap. Push the folded foam onto the point of the needle and make two or three raps of thread forming the first segment. Wrap your thread around the needle between the foam and make two wraps. Now trapping the foam again with your fingers make the second segment with a couple wraps of thread and continue making each segment slightly bigger as you go back toward the butts. When you get to the size you like whip finish. I add tiny smears of super glue to each segment wraps that are in the center of the abdomen. Slide the abdomen off the needle and pull the center thread to tighten your work.



All segments completed with center thread pulled firm and super glued at all segments.



Holiday Iridescent Ribbon Segment

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Pre Tied Pheasant Tail Fibers

Place your hook in the vice. Make a slight smear of super glue on the shank of the hook and wrap your thread from the head to the bend and back to the mid point, this gives you a much more durable fly. Cut the butt of the Abdomen close to the last segment and tie into a droplet of super glue at the mid point of the hook. With thread taper the foam toward the eye at the mid point. Cut a strip of ribbon material $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide and long enough to extend just beyond the abdomen twice as you will tie in the middle at the mid point of the hook and be left with two wings. Just ahead of the mid point tie in legs on either side splaying outward to the sides. I used three but one will work. Dub the area just ahead of the legs leaving two eye spaces for the head. Find a large hackle feather and strip the webby base and trim the butt off. Strip $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the barbles from the base and tie in just ahead of the previous legs and wrap the feather forward forming the front legs and tie off at the two headspaces behind the eye. Tie in a small piece of closed cell black foam with the butt extending forward, then fold back to form a head, whip finish and cement the whip finish. Trim off the hackle fibers on the bottom as these critters ride on the surface film. I realize this is a long one but once you learn it you have many possibilities ahead. Invent with colors and materials.

Tight Lines All,
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 Club meetings.

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