

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



P.O. Box 23005 Santa Ana, Ca 92711-3005

March 2012

Club Meeting:

Wednesday March 14th , 2012

6:00 pm - Wet Fly

7:00 pm - Dinner

Dinner and Program - \$25 Cash

Program Only - \$10 Cash

\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson

Anaheim, CA

Board Meeting:

March 19th, 2012

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church*

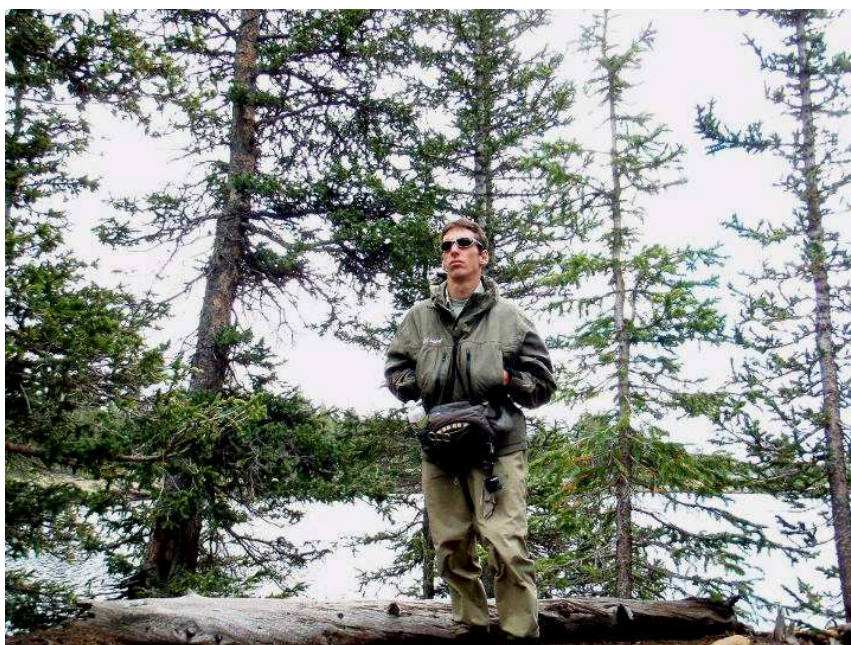
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For More Information:

See Calendar inside or
<http://www.ffcoc.org>

* See back cover for meeting
location addresses.



'Utah's Magic' with Mike James & Scott Peterson

The great state of Utah is home to five national parks, 43 state parks, seven national monuments, impossible landscapes, and unparalleled outdoors. It is best known for its flame-red canyons, sagebrush, ski slopes, and roily rafting rivers. However, Utah is the most under-rated fly fishing state in the West.

It's actually a fly-fishing bonanza waiting to be discovered. Utah's undiscovered waters are only a 9-1/2 hour drive from Orange County.

Our guest speakers this month are Mike James and Scott Peterson from Loa, Utah. Mike and Scott guide on rarely explored waters in an area that provides opportunities to land several different species of Trout on sparsely fished waters. Mike James is the owner of the Quiet Fly Fisher Guide Service n Loa, Utah. Mike was intro-

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President's Message

By Doug Jones

March looks to be another busy Month for the FFCOC with outings planned for Pyramid Lake in Nevada and the San Juan River in New Mexico. Other FFCOC activities in March include ongoing preparation for the April Casting Clinic and annual fundraising auction planned for September. In addition, we are asking club members to support the Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers at the Fred Hall Show in Long Beach March 7 through 11. Any club members interested in predicating in these or other club activities are encouraged to get involved by contacting the appropriate lead participants identified elsewhere in the newsletter or any of the club board members listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Every year numerous equipment suppliers, lodges, guides and outfitters provide generous donations to our annual fund raiser auction. In return we promise to share our experiences with the with other members of our club. I encourage all club members to do this by preparing trip reports we can publish in our newsletter.



Joe Libeu demonstrating nymphing techniques on the Lower Owens river, February 2012.

At last September's auction Richard Fanning and I bid on and won a 2 for 1 package to participate in the *Advanced Nymphing Clinic on the Lower Owens River* donated by Joe Libeu's *Sierra Pacific Fly Fishing Adventures*. Richard and I attended the clinic on February 11 and 12th and were joined by fellow club member Marvin Crocker. The two day clinic consisted of class-room style instruction (in lawn chairs by the river), knot tying and leader building demonstrations, in-stream demonstrations, individual coaching of each participant by Joe Libeu, and a lot of camaraderie. In addition to reviewing nymphing fundamentals some of the thing we worked on were: depth control (fly spacing, leader and tippet lengths, strike indicator placement, and varying the amount of weight used); casting with nymphing rigs; line control (tip mends, mends for accelerating nymph descent, etc.); strike indicator reading; reading the water to determine when Czech Nymphing is appropriate; Czech Nymphing rigging and technique; and hook setting for the different nymphing techniques. Although the focus of the clinic was to learn and practice various nymphing techniques, we also managed to land a few fish and fish some dry flies. This was a great opportunity to improve my nymphing skills and get to enjoy the fellowship of other club members. I'm sure I would have caught a more, and larger, fish over the years if I had attended this or Sierra Pacific's beginning clinic when I first started fly fishing.

Have a great March; I look forward to seeing you at the March 14th meeting to learn the secrets to successful fishing in the Utah area.

SPEAKER'S LIST – 2012

By Andy Frumento

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-11-12	Ballroom	Kelly Galloup	"Streamer Tactics for Trophy Trout"
2-8-12	Pavilion	Brian Slusser	"Reno-Tahoe Fly Fishing"
3-14-12	Pavilion	Mike James & Scott Peterson	"Utah Magic"
4-11-12	Pavilion	Ernie Gulley	"Crowley Lake"
5-9-12	Ballroom	Larry Kurosaki	"Stripers and Large Mouth in LA County"
6-13-12	Ballroom	Chris Santella	"50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die"
7-11-12	Ballroom	Brian O'Keefe & Todd Moen	"Behind the Scenes at Catch Magazine"
8-8-12	Ballroom	Chad Schiel	"Fly Fishing For Bass Top To Bottom"
9-12-12	Ballroom	Auction	
10-10-12	Pavilion	Rob Anderson	"Pyramid Lake"
*11-7-12	Pavilion	Tony Reinhardt	"Fly Fishing Western Montana"
*12-5-12	Pavilion	Christmas Program	

***NOTE:** November and December's program is the 1st Wednesday of the month.
The remaining programs will be on the 2nd Wednesday.

2012 Outings Plan

By Lyman Kennedy

Please refer to the website <http://www.ffcoc.org> for more detailed information on the outings

Date	Location	Streamkeeper	Phone #
March 17	Double Haul Ball	Shane Chung	949 633 6973
March 17-21	San Juan River	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
March 10-12	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April 21	One Surf fly	Shane Chung	949 633 6973
May 5	Huntington Beach Surf	Jim Edwards	714 337 5899
May 26-27	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
June 22-24	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
June 17	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
July 13-16	Hot Creek	John Williams	909 598-7905
August 31- Sept 5	Bighorn River Montana	Joe Libeu	310 749-6771
Sept. 28- Oct 1	Women's only Casting Clinic	Melinda Burns	951 451-9920
Sept. 15-22	Yellowstone DIY with Joe L.	Joe Libeu	310 749-6771
Sept. 29-30	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
Oct. 19-20	President's Outing	Doug Jones	714 998-7304
November			
December			

2012 FFCOC Fly Tying Classes

By: Cheryl Moore

We are now half way through our fly tying classes. Because we have such dedicated fly tying instructors in our club, we are instructing approximately 23 students in four different classes. A fun time is being had by one and all. Every Tuesday night is looked forward to with enthusiasm. Our "Guest Tyers" have been fabulous. They have exceeded my expectations with the flies and talent they are bringing to us. Our beginning class is realizing just how much satisfaction they get by creating (and fishing) their own artificial flies. They are receiving a solid base of information and instructions that will carry them through their own fly tying careers. We currently have two intermediate fly tying classes. These students are demonstrating a passion for this craft and an ability to handle different fly tying materials whether natural or synthetic. They are also learning to recognize good quality material (and what to look out for in poor quality). Our advanced tying class is extremely fortunate to be able to be instructed by so many different instructors, each with their own style and fly preferences. The FFCOC can't thank REI/Tustin enough for allowing us to utilize their Community Room. It is large, well lit and centrally located. All of our fly tying students are anticipating learning more in the next three weeks.



Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

On a trip to Southern Utah guided by Mike James of the Quiet Flyfisher we were fishing many different situations mostly lakes but with a little stream action thrown in for good measure. We hiked to a small lake on Boulder Mountain that kicked the crap out of me, the hike was worth it. We had been fishing a few nymphs but to my surprise he said they wouldn't take a nymph, I tried anyway, (of course) He pulled out a Damsel fly imitation that looked enticing and I realize why we hired a guide. I will share it with you because I now carry it with me in my dry box. Just know there are several colors of Damsels but this is the one we used with great success both on the mountain and on lower lakes.

Electric Blue Damsel



Hook: Tiemco 2488 #10

Thread: Peacock Blue 8/0

Eyes: Mono Eyes Black Small

Abdomen: Rainy's Blue Foam Damsel Fly Bodies 3/64" Round

Thorax: Peacock Blue Antron Dubbing

Wings: Pearl Stiff Krystal long pack

The first one takes a little time, be patient. You can get two flies from each piece of foam. Secure your hook in the vise and start the thread behind the eye of the hook. Use a sharpie permanent marker in black to color the segmentations on the foam and let dry a few minutes. Tie in the eyes 1/8" behind eye of hook with a figure eight pattern and add a drop of head cement or super glue to make sure they don't pivot. Run the thread to the bend and tie in the foam body leaving enough to fold over a dubbed body and tie off behind the eye of the hook.

Tie in ten strands of crystal flash 3" long by the middle and figure eight over and around the strands, head cement or super glue the figure eight so the strands are secure (I use super glue). Dub around and tie in point of the wings and up to the eyes. Fold the foam over and just ahead of the eyes and tie down and whip finish and head cement. Lift the wings up from both sides of fly and mark with a sharpie then cut so they are just short of the tail of the fly.

I have been fortunate to meet Mike James, he has added a new dimension to my fishing pleasure. I fished this fly with great success for Tiger Trout just check out the mouth of the fish.

Tight Lines,
John

It's Castin' Time Again!

On Saturday, April 7th the annual FFCOC Casting Clinic will be held at Shelter 1 in Mile Square Park. Last year's clinic was the first with morning and afternoon sessions for a total of 68 participants and more than 25 Club members volunteered to make the event possible. The Farmer's Almanac says the weather will be warm and sunny again so it will be another great opportunity to contribute to fulfilling the Club's Mission Statement.

The Clinic will start at 8:00 AM and the plan is to run a morning session and then have a barbeque for all guests and volunteers. Depending on response to notices about the Clinic, there may be an afternoon session but volunteers can choose their hours to work. We need volunteers to set-up the site, register casters, demonstrate at knot- and fly-tying tables, help set up and take down rods/reels, cook, take pictures, instruct, and generally help out as needed. There will be a train-the-trainer class for instructors before the Clinic in March with date to be determined.

If you're interested in helping out in any capacity please email FFCOC.casting@gmail.com at Van Lloyd or call 949-307-6873. We'll need and use all the help we can get!

Membership Welcomes

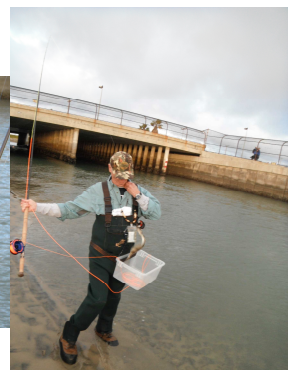
Please join me in welcoming our newest members to the club. Make sure to look out for them at our next meeting and introduce yourself to them to welcome them into our fly fishing family.

**The Brown Family: Denise, David and son Zachary
Len and Karen Scarpace**

March is the last month to Renew in order to be in the directory

Huntington Beach Surf Outing

Ten of us met up on Saturday, Feb 11 at Huntington Beach to try our luck at surf fishing. About half a dozen small halibut came to hand, caught on Clousers. It was quite windy (as always) so most of the guys ended up fishing the Talbert channel. I guess fly fishers are always drawn to moving water, plus we had the wind at our backs... I'm planning on another surf outing on May 5th. The grunion should be running at this time, and the fish follow them in. Hopefully we'll have much improved conditions. Watch the newsletter for further details



The 2012 Double Haul Ball

Schedule of Events

Saturday, March 17th from 8:30am to 4pm

Long Beach Casting Club & Pond

Morning Session (9am to Noon)

8:30 am Coffee & Donuts / OSF Team Meet & Greet

9:30 am - noon **Basic Fly Casting Techniques (pond)**

Instructors Jim Solomon, John Vanderhoff, Ray Bianco, Jeff Priest

Fly tying (inside clubhouse)

Dave Valadez, Mike Centofani, Matt Abrams, Steve Piper

9:00 - 10:15 am **Basics Of Fly Fishing the Surf** Moderator: Gary Bulla

Surf panel: Peter Piconi, Tim Postel, Vaughn Podamore,
Rich Kanner, Jeff Priest, Al Q

10:15 - 11:30 am **Surf Exotics** Moderator: Shane Chung

Surf panel: Gary Bulla, Tim Postel, Vaughn Podamore,
Jim Solomon, Bill Calhoun, Jeff Solis

11:30- 12:15am Presentation: **Making a fish video** Robby King

Lunch Break (12:15 to 1pm)

Afternoon Session (1pm to 4pm)

1 pm - 4pm **Advanced Fly Casting Techniques**

(shooting heads & sight casting techniques (pond))

Instructors: Jim Solomon, John Vanderhoff, Ray Bianco, Jeff Priest

Fly tying (inside clubhouse)

Jim Troyer, Rich Kanner, Doug Uyematsu, Shane Chung, Gary Bulla

1 - 2:15pm **The Corbina Underground Q&A** Moderator: Al Q

Surf panel: Jon Nakano, Tim Postel, Jeff Priest, James Dywer,
Paul Cronin, Mike Bennet, Jim Solomon, Doug Uyematsu

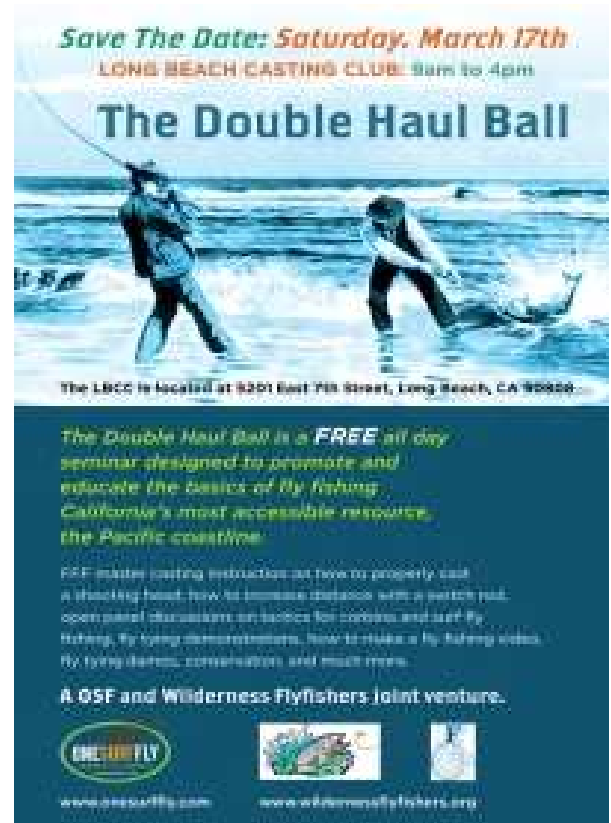
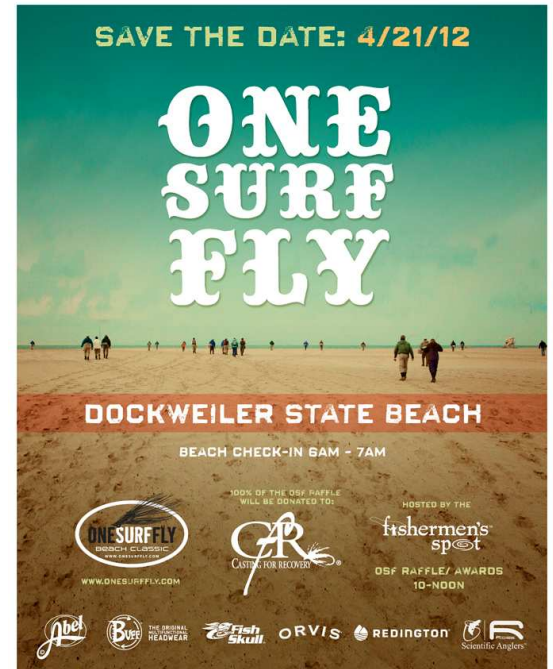
2:15- 3pm Presentation: **Knots & Leaders**

Captain Bill Mathews and Captain Vaughn Podamore

2:30- 3:30pm **Sight Fishing Techniques / Casting Games on the pond**

FFF Instructor: Jim Solomon

This is a free event for anyone with the faintest inkling for the salt breeze. There will be certified FFF caster on hand to help all casters. Also there will be seminars from fishing to photography/cinematography. This event is to help introduce fly fishing the surf to the beginners and those without any idea what fly fishing the surf is about. The advance surf fishermen will also gain from the gathering of master casters to help put that extra distance into their cast, as well as learning new surf patterns by long time expert fly tyers. Fly fishing the surf can be very frustrating in the beginning, but with help from the experts it will all come together





Women's Fly Fishing Clinic

Saturday April 28th, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
To Benefit Casting for Recovery



(Above photo is from the first annual women's fly fishing clinic in 2011)

If you are one of the fairer sex, come join us at the second annual Women's Fly Fishing Clinic. This comprehensive workshop covers all of the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, equipment selection, fly tying, knots, landing and releasing fish with plenty of hands-on practice. Whether you are a neophyte or simply want to hone your fly fishing skills, this clinic will provide the perfect opportunity to learn, review and improve your fly fishing skills in a positive, fun and engaging environment.

*All net proceeds from this event will be donated to **Casting For Recovery**. Casting for Recovery's two-and-a-half day retreats are offered at no cost to women at any age and any stage of breast cancer treatment and recovery. The **CFR** programs combine counseling, medical information and the therapeutic sport of fly-fishing.*

Cost: \$75 per person (lunch included)

Date: April 28th, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m.

Location: The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool. For directions visit:

["http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/"](http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/)pasadenacastingclubHYPERLINK ["http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/"](http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/).org

To register or for additional information contact *Leigh Ann Swanson* at

310-741-7645 or lacraven22@hotmail.com

Space is limited so register early.

**For those women not owning a rod and/or reel, we will have rods available for use at the clinic*

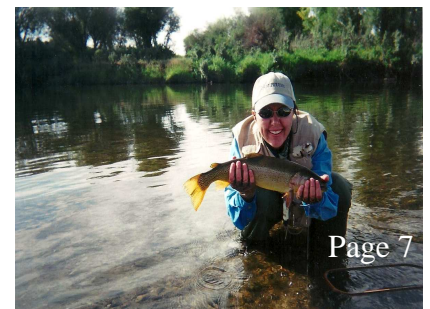
Kathy Kim is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor and a licensed guide. When she is not chasing a fish, you can usually find Kathy glued to her tying bench dressing tempting trout offerings or at a park, constantly working on improving her fly casting. She is passionate about sharing her experience and knowledge about fly fishing, tying and casting with her students, especially women.



Naomi Okamoto a professional fly tier and true artist, finds innovative methods to transfer her skills to others. She is the chief instructor for the Pasadena Casting Club's fly tying classes and demonstrates fly tying techniques throughout the Western United States. Her first love is fly fishing spring creeks, whether in the Eastern Sierra or Montana.



Leigh Ann Swanson grew up in a family of fly fishing enthusiasts. Since Leigh Ann was able to walk, she followed her parents on fly fishing trips, becoming proficient in all aspects of the sport. Leigh Ann spent a summer guiding in Wyoming, and continues to return to Western Wyoming a portion of every summer. She enjoys the challenges, rewards, beautiful locations, and friends that she has made through fly fishing.



CONSERVATION FRONT AND FFF NEWS

(This is not an endorsement, but just getting the notice out to the club members on behalf of the conservation and FFF events happening within our state affecting our fisheries.)

Mark your Calendar Fly Fishing Shows & Events !

Event Day Date: Location:

Pasadena Fly Show Sat – Sun Mar 3 -4, 2012 Pasadena Convention Center (www.flyfishingshow.com)

One Surf Fly Double Haul Ball - Sat. Mar 17th 2012 Long Beach Casting Club (www.onesurffly.com)

Fred Hall Show LB Wed – Sun Mar 7 -11, 2012 Long Beach Convention Center (<http://fredhall.com>)

Fred Hall Show DM Wed – Sun Mar 22-25, 2012 Del Mar Fair Grounds (<http://fredhall.com>)

One Surf Fly Beach Classic Dockweiler - Sat April 21st 2012 Dockweiler State Beach (www.onesurffly.com)

Fly Fishing Fair Thurs – Sun Sept. 13-16, 2012 Mammoth Lakes

Fishing Shows Volunteers:

The SWCFFF will be asking our club to donate man power to help man the booths at the 5 events being held this year. If you would like to help and volunteer your time, please contact myself Melinda Burns or Rich Fanning. More info on these events Will be posted in the newsletter as the events get closer. We will also have sign up sheets



(Continued from page 1 Mike James and Scott Peterson)

duced to fly fishing by his father at a very young age. He was taught to respect and love nature through the sport of fly fishing. Mike has taken that love of fly fishing, and today shares it with his clients on some of the waters that he fished with his father.

Scott Peterson has been an avid fly fisherman for over 15 years, and began guiding in 2006. He is a licensed clinical social worker, and has created a private counseling practice that combines both his education as a social worker and the sport of fly fishing to help others improve their personal, professional, and family relationships. He is the owner of Therapy On The Fly based in the cities of Ogden, and Bountiful, Utah.

Our own three time past President John Williams has fished with both Mike James and Scott Peterson. John has caught Rainbows, Browns, Splake (Rainbow & Cutt Hybrid), Tiger Trout, Brook Trout, and Cutthroat all in a multitude of locations in the solitude of southern Utah. As John said, "There are some things you just do not share.... your wife or girlfriend, a Montecristo, No. 2, and your favorite fishing spot". I got John to share one of those things, but you need to be present at our next meeting to find out which one.

Please join Mike James and Scott Peterson as they share with us what many are so quiet about... the magic of south central Utah. See you there.... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

One Surf Fly Dockweiler Beach Classic April 21

The one surf fly event is a free fishing tournament for everyone. It is to build friendships amongst those who love the salt spray and a fly rod. This is a free event with a charity raffle held later at Fishermen's Spot. Each angler will have to bring a surf fly to be put in the bag of flies for the fly draw later. A stiff 6wt to an 8wt. With either 250g to 300g integrated line and 8# tippet. Your fly will be determined at the draw. We will meet at the Dockweiler parking lot at 5:45am for the registration. For more information call **Shane Chung** at [949-633-6973](tel:949-633-6973) or email me at sschung@hotmail.com

RUSH CREEK CLEAN UP JUNE 22 - 24

The weekend of June 22-24 will find us at Rush Creek for the annual Silver Lake Rush Creek clean-up. Joe Lemire of Streamborn is behind this vital venture and we get to clean, eat BBQ and fish. This is always a really nice event.

Group campsites can be reserved by contacting **Michael Schweit** @ president@southwestcouncilfff.org. For more information, please contact **Joe Lemire** at JFLX8@dslextreme.com

Mammoth Fly Fishing Faire Sept. 13 - 16

Here is just a sampler of some of the workshops and events being offered.

Fly Fishing Workshops

- Where the Big Fish Live
- Techniques for Success
- 10 Mammoth Area Hot Spots
- Fly Casting 101
- Fly Tying - Basics and Beyond
- What Fish Eat

Other Workshop & Events

- Digital Photography
- Rod Building
- The History of the Sierras
- Eastern Sierra Geology
- Artist and Where to Find Them

Program Sampler

- There's a Big Ocean out there - Saltwater Fly Fishing
- Travel with your Fly Rod
- Why 10% of Anglers catch 90% of the Fish
- Building a Lifetime of Memories



Commission Rejects Striped Bass Eradication Proposal

by
Dan Bacher

In a move celebrated by anglers and conservationists, the California Fish and Game Commission in Sacramento on Thursday, February 2 took final action to reject the Department of Fish and Game's controversial proposed changes to striped bass regulations.

In a unanimous 4-0 decision, Commissioners voted not to pursue a proposal that would have liberalized sport fishing regulations related to anadromous striped bass, including increasing bag limits and decreasing size limits. Hundreds of anglers from an array of fishing groups attended the meeting and dozens spoke in opposition to what they described as the striped bass "eradication" proposal.

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

The **PURPOSE** of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is to:

- 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.

Meeting Locations:	Cross Roads Church of Irvine/ Tustin:
Phoenix Club:	2472 Walnut Avenue
1340 S. Sanderson	Tustin, CA
Anaheim, CA	

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