

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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August 2012

## Club Meeting:

**Wednesday August 8th, 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:

**August 13th, 2012**

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church\*

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## "FLY FISHING FOR BASS TOP TO BOTTOM" With Chad Schiel

Sometimes I think both fly and conventional Bass seekers make the best fishers. Why? Because most of them know how to read water and know how to present and work their artificial baits. They also need to cast with pinpoint accuracy into pockets, brush, weeds and around structures.

Most of us can cast a top water fly to a Bass in open water, however the real challenge in Bass fishing comes when you need to fish different types of structure, different depths, what patterns to use, and how to retrieve your offering in a natural motion.

Our speaker this month is Chad Schiel. Chad is an expert on fly fishing for Bass and he is a professional fly tier and is the founder of Emerge Fly Fishing Specialties. Chad was born and raised in Colorado where he has been fly fishing since age 6. At age 18 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served five honorable years as an intelligence analyst. During his time in service he introduced many of his fellow Marines to the art and sport of fly fishing.

Chad spends a great deal of his time developing warm water tactics and new fly patterns made of uncommon materials. All of his professional flies are available from Rainy's Flies and Supplies and can be found in fly shops throughout the country and abroad. Currently Chad resides in Mission Viejo, CA with his wife Jackie and daughter Made-

# President's Message

Douglas Jones

**Club Outings.** One of the great benefits of being a member of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County are the fly fishing outings sponsored by the club each year. This year many of us have enjoyed one or more club outings to great fishing locations close to home including Laguna Niguel Lake, Surf Outings in February and April, the West Fork of San Gabriel River; in-State outings including Fish Creek and Hot Creek; and out-of-state outings including Pyramid Lake NV and San Juan River NM. Upcoming outings include San Diego Bay in August, Tajon Lake in September, and the Kern River in October. I have personally attended several of these each year and find them great opportunities to get to know fellow club members, explore new fishing venues, and to learn casting and catching techniques from more seasoned veterans of the club.

The Club's Outing Chair, Lyman Kennedy, has done great job coordinating and keeping us aware of these trips. Also the Stream Keepers that act as the coordinator for each trip have done a fantastic job. As club members we all owe a debt of gratitude to Lyman and the club members that act as Stream Keepers.

The club is in the early stages of scheduling outings for 2013. For 2013 we are hoping to repeat several of the prior outings and add to the list of outings offered. To make our Outings Program a success in 2013 we need members to help out by suggesting outings they would like to have included. Also, we need members to volunteer to act as Stream Keepers. If you are familiar with a potential location for an outing and/or are interested in being a Stream Keeper, please let Lyman know.

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## *A Letter of Thanks*

Thank you so very much for the honor (and it IS an honor) of making me an Honorary Life Member at the May meeting. I know this is not done lightly, and am proud to be joining the ranks of Dale Lunquist, Bill and Joyce Blackstone, Earl Young, Barbara Rohrer, my mentor Ray Johnson, Charlene Hanson, John Williams and the late Mark Christine. I joined the club in 1988, back in the Revere House days. I knew Earl, Charlene and Ray from their fly tying classes, but that was about it. I got to know a few people, and someone (think it was John Secor) asked if I would serve as a Member at Large. Reluctantly I said yes- and am so glad I did! When I think back on all of the friendships I've made over the years, I am astounded and feel truly blessed. Some have moved away, some I don't see at meetings anymore and some are fishing the evening hatch on the River Jordan (upstream, with the dry fly). Many friends were made on outings, too, either going along or being a streamkeeper myself. The point is, the more you put into the club, the more you'll receive in return. If you're new (or not) to the club, sign up for an outing or a fly tying class. You'll end up meeting new people and making new friends, some for a lifetime. Spend some time with the club, help out at the casting clinic or man a booth at a fly fishing show. Or be a streamkeeper. You'll be glad you did! This club belongs to ALL of us, heck, people are the heart and soul of this (or any) club. And we do have a great club. I've made a lot of friends over my twenty four years with the Fly Fisher's Club of Orange County, and I thank each and every one of you for this great honor and most of all for your friendship.

Sincerely, Jim Edwards

# **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	Spencer Higa	"The Best Fly Fishing in Eastern Utah"
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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
The remaining programs will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.**

## **2012 Outings Plan**

By Lyman Kennedy

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Streamkeeper</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
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 <b>Cancelled</b>	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
June 22-24	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
June 17 <b>Cancelled</b>	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
July 13-16	Hot Creek	John Williams	909 598-7905
August 18	San Diego Bay	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
Sept. <b>Cancelled</b>	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			



# Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

I'm headed to Arkansas in April and I have talked to George Peters the guide and listened carefully to his instruction on what flies are usually available the dates we have scheduled. George mentioned scuds and they are both available in streams, rivers and lakes, what an all round fly. He told me they were an olive gray and I happen to have the materials, surprise. I am demonstrating a key component of hiring a guide, communication if you plan to fish with your own flies; I do acquire a few of each fly the guide uses to see what works in their world. I have asked they send me one of each pattern and tie them prior to my trip; they will not always accommodate my wishes unless they know me and realize I'm a repeat customer. Ask your question even the dumb ones they can always say no.

## Easy Scud

**Hook:** Daiichi 1250 #14

**Thread:** UTC 70 Dark Olive

**Wire:** UTC Small Fluorescent Orange or Small Copper

**Scud Back:** Swiss Straw Gray

**Dubbing:** Olive Gray Antron, or Orange Antron

Start the thread at the eye and catch your wire and wrap mid way down the bend leaving the wire to the rear. Tie in a small bunch of Olive dubbing with the fiber protruding to the rear to form the antennae and run the thread up just short of the eye. Swiss straw preparation, I unravel it and cut it in half length wise, a piece about four inches long, that is enough to tie several scud. Tie in the Swiss Straw just behind the head and secure with thread all the way back to the mid way point on the bend, keeping the Swiss straw on top and centered on the hook. Dub the body with the Olive Gary and add a little of the Orange to sit near the front of the fly. Lay the Swiss straw over and secure just behind the head. Carefully wrap the wire forward trapping the Swiss straw, use a bodkin to help keep the fibers of the dubbing being trapped on top of the Swiss straw, tie off just behind the head, whip finish and head cement. Now pick out from the bottom of the fly to form legs.



# Fall 2012 – Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Fly Tying Classes

By Cheryl Moore



The FFCOC is putting together fly tying classes that will enhance your fly fishing experiences. These classes will be given at no cost to our club members. We are offering beginning, intermediate and advanced fly tying. The classes will be held one night a week

and will run for six weeks. Our club is very happy to accept the offer of the REI/Tustin store to host these classes in their Community Room. The REI/Tustin store is located in the Tustin Ranch Market off the 5 freeway at Jamboree, between Best Buy and Total Wine.

For the beginning class, we have a limited number of fly tying vices. You will be able to take these vices home to practice your tying. The FFCOC will furnish all of the tying materials and hooks. All you will need to do is bring your basic fly tying tools. You will learn how to handle various feathers, hair, synthetics and hackles as well as learning how to spot good/bad materials. Proportions, size and color will also be on the agenda. The instructors will give you approximately three different fly patterns a night. Classes will run from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All of the classes will be held on a Thursday night. The dates for the fly tying classes are October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2012 as well as November 1 and 8, 2012.

These classes are a fantastic opportunity to learn a new craft and/or elevate your tying skills. By the time you have completed your classes, your fly box will be stuffed with new and exciting fly patterns. If you would like to join us at REI, I will have a sign up sheet at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 or just drop me an e-mail at [flytyer10@aol.com](mailto:flytyer10@aol.com) and let me know that you have an interest in attending. I will need to know your tying level of expertise: beginning – intermediate – or advanced. I'm looking forward to a good time and interesting conversation in October.

# Hot Creek Outing

**First of all “this was one of the best years the club has had overall that I can remember!”**

If I'm not mistaken everyone caught fish and many caught many more. It was our pleasure to host Kevin Peterson ranch manager and his sister-in-law for dinner, Joe Villa headed up the cooking staff with another fine year of steak grilling. Debby Villa created another fine carrot cake to perfection and many in the group brought more that we could all eat but we tried anyway. Loren Ford made some killer potatoes and garlic bread.

The dates for next year are July 13-15, 2013 and I start taking reservations at the January 2013 meeting. Flies that worked well this year were #16 Hot Creek Hot Butt Caddis (yellow sally), #18 M&M Caddis in Dark Gray and Tan, #16 Black Beetle, #10 Hopper, #18 EC Caddis, #18 BWO, #18 Klinkhammer. Just a few photos's to wet your whistle.

Tight Lines ~ John Williams



## **SAN DIEGO BAY OUTING SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012**

The weather is perfect, the water is warm and the fish are biting; it is time to fish San Diego Bay. I have picked a day in August with good tidal movement so the fish should be hungry and ready to bite. Croakers, spotted bay bass, and halibut are some of the fish you might expect to catch in San Diego Bay, near Tidelands Park (under the Coronado Bridge).

This water can be successfully fished from float tubes, pontoon boats, kayaks or skiffs. Skiffs can be rented at nearby Glorietta Bay ( 4 hours for \$54.). Equipment that you would need include rods (5-8 weight) with sinking line (250-300 grain) with intermediate running line, and of course salt water flies including small clousers, crab and shrimp patterns. Good tidal movement is essential and launching at first light is recommended for success. That means arriving early (in the dark) to get equipment set up and launched. Even a small spotted bay bass can put a real bend in your rod and pull very hard. If you are interested in participating, contact me at : [lkennedyjr@earthlink.net](mailto:lkennedyjr@earthlink.net) or 714 921-9412. **Lyman Kennedy**, Streamkeeper.



# 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 !

### Fishing Shows Volunteers:

The SWCFFF will be asking our club to donate man power to help in key organizer positions for the Mammoth Fair. 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.

## Mammoth Fly Fishing Faire Sept. 13 - 16

This takes you to the list of classes.

<http://southwestcouncilfff.org/36-faire/44-faire-class-schedule>

If they want to register

<http://www.regonline.com/flyfishingfaire>



## West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy Conservation News

Club Members, FFCOC is a supporter of the West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy and as such we encourage you to volunteer any time you may have to help out this organization. If you are interested in seeing what they do, please join them on one of their patrols listed below.

### West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy Patrol Dates:

Patrols meet at the Environmental Education Center (1/4 mile North and across the street from the OHV Staging Area on Hwy 39) at 8:30AM, departing at 9AM (unless otherwise noted). Please contact the Patrol Leader listed for each patrol for more information and to confirm your attendance. PLEASE NOTE: If we don't receive your email conformation prior to Patrol, we might not open the Ed Center to meet you!

Patrol dates as follows:

Aug 5 - Ed Ash - [Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org](mailto:Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org)

Aug 12 - Patrol @ 11AM - Mark Griffin - [mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org](mailto:mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org)

Aug 19 - Ed Ash - [Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org](mailto:Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org)

Aug 26 - Mark Griffin - [mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org](mailto:mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org)

To find out more about West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy [CLICK HERE](#)

## A message from Ernie Gulley about a new "Stillwater Slinger"

"He (Eric Kramer) went out 7/22 on a guide trip with me to Crowley Lake and caught 38 fish. Here is one of the fish landed. Fantastic day of fishing, Crowley is on fire and Mc Gee Bay Madness has now arrived. This is the time to come up and fish this fantastic stillwater. I have a 22 foot Skeeter Bay Boat and can take you (re: to the editor...or I guess anyone else) out in style."  
Sincerely Ernie

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Web: [www.erniegulleyflyfishing.com](http://www.erniegulleyflyfishing.com)



For those who are interested, Crowley lake is on fire right now. I have heard from quite a few of my fishing buddies who are doing bonzai runs to there to get into the action. Luckily I do not have a smart phone otherwise they would be sending me pictures of every fish they caught just to let me know that Crowley lake is fishing. There are lots of guides in the area servicing Crowley Lake, but Ernie just got a new boat. If you like that new boat smell contact Ernie at (909) 953-1770. Ernie has been "killing it" with his clients. Also Ernie will be doing a Stillwater seminar during the Mammoth Fly Faire.

Shane

p.s. Ernie assured me that this fish was not caught on salmon eggs!

# 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. Remember all of the new members will have a green circle sticker on their badge.

**Frank Reinhart, Michael Woods and Doug Lofstrom**

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leine where he works as an independent financial planner. When he isn't with his family or fishing, he can be found in his workshop where he builds beautiful custom fly rods as thank you presents for his clients who enjoy fly fishing.

Chad has generously donated one of his beautiful custom rods to this year's FFCOC auction. You can see and hold this rod at this month's August meeting. Chad's program will cover all aspects of fly fishing for Bass, including biology, cycles, feeding habits, equipment, tactics, different fishing depths from top water, mid depth, and deep fishing.

Chad is not only a freshwater fly fisher, he also enjoys catching all types of saltwater species. He has caught over fifty different species of fish on a fly rod and enjoys sharing his passion and experience with others.

Please join Chad Schiel as he shares with us how to fish for Bass - top to bottom. See you there... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

# 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.

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

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