

ON THE FLY

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



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Our June Meeting will be at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. Remember, the meeting start time has been changed to **6:30pm**. See Page 3 for meeting info.

News: Club Auction Preparations, Save the Dates; the annual Club Picnic and Casting Clinic, and Fish Tales (Yes, we need some!).

Next Club Outings: Hot Creek Ranch (July 14-17). Yellowstone National Park (August 6-13)

Check the website Events Calendar and join in the activities of **YOUR** Club!!

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President's Message

President's Message by Brian Mayer

June has arrived. After the “May gray” in Southern California, I hope to see more sunshine this month. I am reminded that last year at this time, we were plagued by low water levels and wildfires which limited our ability to venture out. Two years ago, we were just tentatively beginning to emerge from the Covid pandemic. My hope is that this year we can return to normal. I know that many of you have gotten out and been fishing. I am sure you have great stories and reports to give. Please take a couple of minutes and write a story for our Newsletter.



As our Club has grown and more people are attending our monthly meetings, we are quickly outgrowing our meeting location. Our Venue Committee is hard at work trying to locate another appropriate location. If you know of a meeting location that you think we should check out, please contact myself or any member of the Board with your suggested site.

Time to bring your donations for our Club Auction! Now that I have finished sorting through my fishing bags, fly tying equipment, rods, reels and other gear, I can see the items that have started to collect dust. Perfectly great stuff that I just don't use anymore. Bring your items to the next monthly Club meeting. It would be very helpful if you would write down a list of your name and the items you are donating when bringing them to the meeting. This will greatly help the Auction Committee to properly acknowledge your generous donation. If you wish to remain anonymous, please write this on the listing.

Best regards,
Brian Mayer
President, 2023

FFCOC Meeting Venue



General Meeting Location

Standard Reminder: Note the change in the Meeting Start Time!



Our General Meeting for June will be at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. The Pom & Olive Restaurant will continue to host our monthly meetings until announced otherwise.



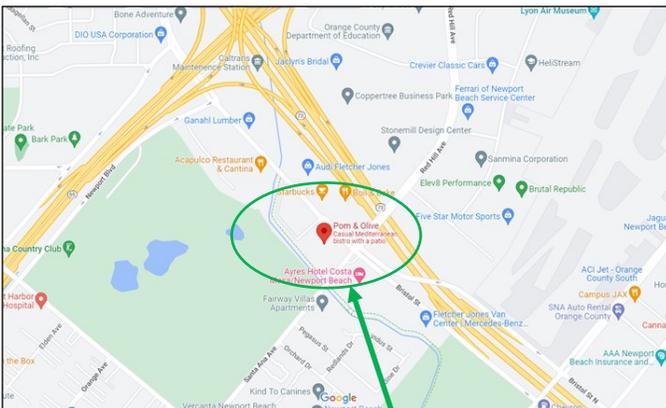
Pom & Olive is located at 1400 Bristol Street, Building C in Costa Mesa. (See map below)

Our meeting will continue to be the Happy Hour format (no served dinner). You may of course arrive early and have your dinner at Pom & Olive before the start of the Club Social hour!

A reminder that the meeting schedule was adjusted in February to allow enough time to socialize, have some Club announcements, guest speaker presentation, and conclude our evening by 9 PM.

Our adjusted start time is at 6:30 pm; Wet Fly socialization with appetizers and cash bar provided by Pom & Olive, Club business at 7:15 pm, with our guest speaker at 7:30 pm.

Meeting Fee: \$10



Pom & Olive Restaurant:
1400 Bristol Street, Building C
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Come and join us!
Guests are always welcome!!

2023 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Chris King	The Wonders of Northern California	01/11/23
February	Gary Bulla	Baja Adventures	02/08/23
March	Abram Tucker (CDFW)	Inland Trout Populations in our Local Mountains	03/08/23
April	Landon Mayer	Guide Flies for Tough Trout	04/12/23
May	Marlon Rampy	Oregon's Redband Trout Routes	05/10/23
June	George Daniel	A Fly Fisher's Evolution	06/14/23
July	Alex Cady	Bass in Southern California	07/12/23
August	Club Picnic	William Mason Regional Park (Irvine) (Shelter #1)	08/12/23
September	Club Auction	Live - Santa Ana Elks Lodge	09/06/23
October	Kesley Gallagher	Trout - Chasing All the Species	10/11/23
November	Rick Ferrante	Horse Packing in the Sierra Nevada	11/08/23
December	TBA	TBA	12/13/23

A Fly Fisher's Evolution

By

George Daniel



When George Daniel first exploded on to the fly fishing scene with his landmark book ***Dynamic Nymphing*** in 2011, it prompted the question, “How do you follow that?” Three years later the answer was the equally important seminal work on streamer fishing, ***Strip Set***. Heralded as an overnight sensation, George’s exceptional career as a competitive angler prepared him well for the success of both books. Not only did George make nymphing cool, but he also promoted streamer fishing from a method of last resort to a solid all day technique. In previous visits to Southern California, George has spoken on both topics. *Ever the innovator, he continues to pioneer advanced nymphing styles such as the popular MONO rigs.*

In his program George will share some of his favorite fly fishing tips and tricks from the 2022 season. Lessons include pursuit of large brown trout in Arkansas, musky on the fly, chasing hex and eastern green drakes, his favorite mono systems for nymphs, dry flies, and streamers.

George has been chasing anything that swims with his fly rod since age 6 and still has the same passion 37 years later. George has competed at a high level for *Fly Fishing Team USA*, earning individual back to back US National Fly Fishing Championship titles and ranked as high as 5th in the World. George has also served as captain for *Fly Fishing Team USA* and Coach for the *US Youth Fly Fishing Team*. He has competed and won other regional and national fly fishing competitions over the years. At age 30, George decided to give up competitive fly fishing and focus on what he enjoys most-teaching.

George considers himself a teacher first and a fly fisher second. He has authored three best-selling fly fishing books and has authored dozens of articles for national fly-fishing publications, including *Fly Fisherman Magazine*. He continues to travel the county conducting lessons and workshops for private groups, corporations, and conservation organizations. In 2022, George decided to come back to coach

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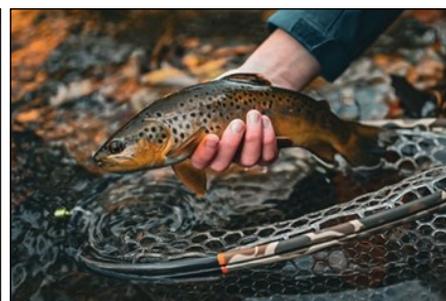
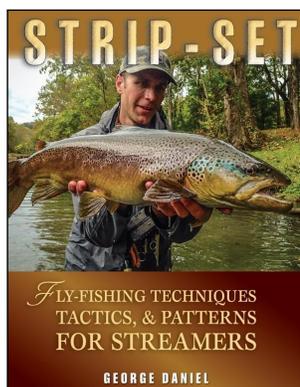
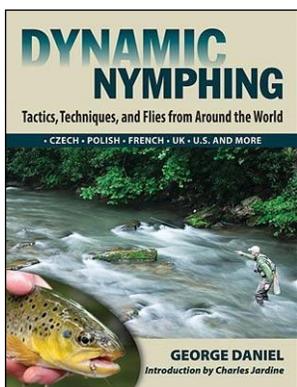
This Month's Speaker (Con't)

the *US Youth Fly Fishing Team*. He's a brand ambassador for several fly-fishing companies. He is currently the Director of the Joe Humphreys Fly Fishing Program at Pennsylvania State University. George currently lives on an old farm homestead with his wife, two children, and Boykin spaniel.

He began fly fishing at age six in Potter County, Pennsylvania. Growing up along a native brook trout fishery designated as a "kids only section" and, being the only kid in the village who fished, George was able to fly fish and practice a lot, so he developed a passion for it. Through his early teens, much of his fly fishing knowledge was self-taught. However, when George was 14, his family relocated to central Pennsylvania, where, at a local fly shop, he found himself talking to his fly fishing idol, Joe Humphreys. Joe kindly took George under his wing and began providing him with his first, formalized fly fishing instruction. When George was just 16 years old, Joe began to provide instruction on all levels. George credits Joe for the bulk of his knowledge, but also graciously acknowledges many national and international fly fishing professionals who have worked with him during the past.

George's true passion is in fly fishing education. He appears at clubs and fly fishing shows around the country, giving lectures and conducting clinics and seminars. He also logs more than 200 days a year on trout waters near and far.

George's website: <https://www.livinonthefly.com/>



Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

April

Juan Llano (Redondo Beach)
Steven Volski (La Habra Heights)

May

Charles Stone (Mission Viejo)

FFCOC Annual Club Auction

This year's Club Auction will held on Wednesday, September 6, in the Grand Ballroom at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge. The planning for the event is active!

FFCOC Purchase Items: The Club has an opportunity to purchase products from Far Bank Enterprises (Sage, Reddington and RIO brands) at extremely aggressive prices for our Auction. If you have a Sage, Reddington, or RIO product that you would like purchased by the Club for the Auction, then please forward your purchase request to our President, Brian Mayer. As a purchase requester, you are then obligated to make the opening bids on the items you requested on Auction night. This is a Win-Win for our Club, and for our membership; the Club makes some \$\$\$ on the Auction bidding, and the membership has an opportunity to purchase quality gear at prices not available to the public. The Club has a promo code from Far Bank allowing a one-time purchase of Sage, Redington, and/or RIO gear; all member requests will be purchased with a single one-time order. Please forward your specific product purchase request directly to our President, Brian Mayer, to be a part of the one-time order!!

Auction Donations: Do you have lightly used fishing gear no longer in use? Have you finished Spring cleaning and found any unwanted items that are too good to throw away? The Club can use those items in it's Fall Auction. We are looking for any and all donations you may have for the Fall Auction. The Club can use any items of value. Can you donate a bottle of wine (or a case), an unused rod, extra waist pack or other useful items? Please bring your donated items to an upcoming Club meeting. We'll handle the rest. We'll take them to the locker for safe storage, categorize them, place them out for bid at the Auction, and make some \$\$\$ for the Club!! Can't be at a upcoming meeting? You have too much stuff to bring to a meeting?? Contact President Mayer; he'll arrange for a pickup of your treasures using his cadre of available volunteers!!

Volunteers: Speaking of volunteers, do you want to help in the Fall Auction? We need volunteers to transport items to/from the locker, set-up tables, staff the check-in table, collect money, and run purchases to the counter. Please Contact President Mayer to volunteer and to be added to the cadre list! As the old saying goes, many hands make light work.

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (July) edition are due to the 2023 Editor by **Tuesday, June 27**, to meet publication deadlines. All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Member announcements, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Streamkeepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Please send your inputs or suggestions to the 2023 Editor, Terry Roznos, at the email address provided. Thank you!! tarnoznos@verizon.net

3rd Annual FFCOC Picnic



When: Saturday, August 12, 2023
11 am to 3 pm

Where: William Mason Regional Park
(Shelter #1) in Irvine

Cost: Free!
(\$5 Entry Fee to the Park)

Food, Games, Prizes, Fun, Fellowship!
Save the Date!!

All members and their guests are invited. Come and enjoy a leisurely day with your fellow Club members and friends! We have no meeting in August, so this is your chance to gather and socialize with your fellow members and friends. The price is right (FREE), picnic planning is still active but you'll enjoy a BBQ lunch prepared for you by your Fellow Club Members. Yes, of course we'll have casting games of skill (and luck)! Prize opportunities just for showing up!!

Volunteers will be needed to host the event; site setup, grill magicians (cooks), sous chefs, food station preps and setup, game execution, and shelter site cleanup.

The event is already active on the Club Calendar for additional information. You may also RSVP with your planned attendance, and the number of attendees you plan to bring with you. A "YES" RSVP is needed to plan for the food and beverage purchases (Only Yes RSVPs are needed).

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

Event Coordinator: Terry Roznos, tároznos@verizon.net



Mason Regional Park

FFCOC Casting Clinic - Public Event

Save the Date. Registration is OPEN on June 1

Our annual Casting Clinic event will be on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM**, at William Mason Regional Park (Shelter 1) in Irvine. This is our Club main public outreach event to support and raise awareness of the sport of flyfishing! The public and Club members are welcome to join the event. The Casting Clinic is our most effective event to enroll new members into the Club. The Casting Clinic concludes with a **FREE BBQ** for all participants and volunteers.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to join us this year. You must be registered to participate. Club Calendar Event Link:

[Casting in the Park - Free to Public - Club Calendar - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County](#)

Event Coordinator: Ken Lindt, ken.lindt@gmail.com

Free Public Fly Casting Clinic

Sponsor: Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 - Mason Regional Park, Irvine



Did you ever have an interest in flyfishing...but there never was an opportunity to try it? Or maybe you're just starting your fly fishing journey and need of some serious casting instruction? **This is your free ticket to learning the sport!** We have recruited the top male and female casting instructors from Orange County and Long Beach. Bring your own rod or use one of our club rods kindly gifted to us by a major rod manufacturer. The **clinic is open to anyone** interested! **You just have to register in advance.** Learn all the essentials about the equipment, casting techniques and fishing. The event concludes with a **Free BBQ lunch starting at noon**...and maybe a fish story or two. **Space is limited.** Secure your spot. **Register NOW!! (see below)**



Wm R Mason Regional Park

18712 University Dr., Irvine



When: Saturday, September 16
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Wm Mason Regional Park
At Shelter 1

Park Entrance on University Dr.
Pass thru entry gate. Turn right.
Look for parking lot w/ our banner

Cost: Free Public Casting Clinic.
There is a \$5 Parking Fee; charged
at Park Entry.

The Casting Clinic concludes with a
BBQ lunch and talks by some experts.
All participants are welcome!



For Registration & Event Info, please use QR Code or go to
www.FFCOC.org. If questions, contact: Ken Lindt 714-936-3486



Club News (Con't)

Community Outreach: The Mayfly Project

At the March Meeting, the FFCOC Board of Directors approved funding to sponsor one child's attendance in the Mayfly Project program; mentoring foster children through fly fishing.

[The Mayfly Project | Mentoring Foster Children Through Fly Fishing](#)

The following Gift Acknowledgement and Thank You was received by the Club for it's donation.



*Dear Fly Fishers Club of Orange County,
Thank you for your
donation to the Mayfly Project.
We greatly appreciate your support
of our Los Angeles, CA Project.

Tight Lines,
The Mayfly Team*

Club News - Events



Beginning Fly Tying Class Final Wrap Up



The Beginning Fly tying class for 2023 is completed. Thank you to all the participants who came to learn to tie flies; Jeff Adams, Terry Anderson, Rich Burns, Dino Lesar, Corey Miller, and Gill Realon. Everyone did excellent in tying, and I hope they continue on and tie more flies in the future.

A BIG thank you to Matt Conrad for the use of the lobby Conference Room at his Lake Forest office building for our classroom sessions. This worked out great for our class!

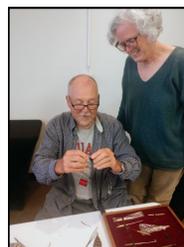
And finally, a thank you the FFCOC member(s) who donated to the class for supplies. Your monetary donation is very much appreciated. The class was offered to our students with all supplies provided by FFCOC.

The next Beginning Fly Tying Class will be scheduled for January of 2024, for all FFCOC members.

The structure of the class is pretty simple. Each class every participant receives a recipe for the fly of the week, plus a kit with all the materials and extra materials so that they can go home and tie more flies. Each week a different fly-tying technique is demonstrated. So, at the completion of the eight-week session, each participant has the skills to continue tying flies on their own.

This past session we started with a Zebra Midge and a San Juan worm. We went on to tie a variation of a Pheasant Tail and a Pumpkin Spice. We then tied some dry flies: Elk Hair Caddis, Parachute Adam, and the Griffith Gnat, and Gwendolyn Gnat. The only terrestrial we tied was the Yellow Stone Hopper, and finally we tied a basic Woolly Bugger and discussed ways of customizing it.

More information about the next session of Beginning Fly Tying to begin in January will be in the forthcoming FFCOC newsletters. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Janna Roznos) at jkroznos@gmail.com.



Club News - Fish Tales

Please submit your stories! We know a number of you have been fishing, and you don't always get to share your full stories at our monthly meetings. The Newsletter provides you a great forum to share your stories! Please share your story with our membership! Our readers enjoy reading about your fishing exploits!!

Sometimes, your Newsletter Editorial Staff will search our vast network contacts to capture photos of our membership out there fishing. One example:



Lyman and son Daniel on the Provo

Just an example of the photos and stories our readers are looking for and enjoy!!

Wanted! Your Fish Tales!!

Have you been fishing lately?? Please share your story with our membership! Our readers enjoy your fishing exploits!!

Your tales don't need to be novels, or even short stories. A paragraph or two would suffice. Photos are great (as the old saying goes, "they are worth a thousand words")! Don't worry about the formatting or arranging. Just send what you've got! Your newsletter staff will handle the polishing!! Your Fish Tales are always greatly appreciated!

Please send your Fish Tale submittals to your 2023 Newsletter Editor, Terry Roznos at:

[taróznos@verizon.net](mailto:tároznos@verizon.net)

Thank you!

2023 Club Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper
February 11	Women's On The River Outing (Classroom Session) Long Beach Casting Club (Clubhouse)	Kathy Kim
February 18-19 (Cancelled)	Lower Owens (Mentor Outing)	Doug Jones
February 25-26 (Cancelled)	Lower Owens (Women's On The River Outing)	Kathy Kim
March 12-14	Pyramid Lake (Nevada)	Paul Nakamura
March 18-19 (Cancelled)	Lower Owens (Mentor Outing)	Doug Jones
March 26-29	San Juan River (New Mexico)	Brian Mayer
April 13 (Cancelled)	Lake Henshaw Carp Throwdown	Mike Peters
TBA (May/June) (Cancelled)	Lee's Ferry (Arizona)	Melinda Burns
July 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams
August 6-13	Yellowstone National Park (Montana/Wyoming)	Larry Behm
August 12	Club Picnic - William Mason Regional Park (Irvine)	Terry Roznos
September 25-29	Loa (Utah)	John Williams
October 13-17	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos
October TBA	President's Outing/Kern River	Brian Mayer

Streamkeeper Contact Info (email and phone numbers) may be found in the Club Directory on the FFCOC Website.

2023 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch



1. The Outing is FULL for 2023 by adding the entire waiting list from 2022.
2. If you wish to add your name to the 2023 waiting list, please text John Williams at 951-236-0862.
3. If an opening happens, and you are on the 2023 waiting list, you will be contacted. If not, you will be automatically added to the 2024 openings.

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2023 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch (Con't)

Hot Creek Cabin Assignments

Our Treasurer will be out enjoying fishing in Montana earlier this year so the full amount of monies \$487 are due for Hot Creek Outing by May 15, 2023. Make payments to F.F.C.O.C. Post Office Box 23005 Santa Ana, California 92711-3005, any time after that they will have to be paid by credit card and the cost goes up by \$20 to cover credit card fees. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- 1 Peter Freeman
Don Tayenaka
- 2 Jim Moore
Cheryl Moore
- 3 Dennis Richards
Art Gaza
- 4 Bri Buchko
Karen Vaillancourt
Marsha Wattel
Chris Nicosia
- 5 Len Scarpace
John Williams
- 6 Scot Lewis
Jim Edwards
Andrew Sprowl
- 7 Joe Villa
Debbie Blair/Villa
Jacob Villa
Julie Korak
- 8 Joe Hernandez
Daughter ?
- 9 Bob ? (Can't remember your last name)
Dale Fairchild

2023 Outings - Yellowstone

Yellowstone National Park - Northeast Corner

August 6-13, 2023

Deadline: Sign ups are **CLOSED**. Outing is **FULL**.

Overview:

The storied streams that fill flyfishing lore - Slough and Soda Butte Creeks, Lamar and Yellowstone Rivers and their tributaries will be reaching peak fishing in August. Come experience the Northeast corner of Yellowstone National Park after being closed for a year due to flooding in 2022. Most of the fishing will be wading. We will have guides for the first few days, then fish on our own the second half of the week. Many spots are a few hundred yards from a parked car. For the adventurous, some wonderful spots will require hiking a few miles at 9,000 feet. We will adjust the itinerary to suit attendees.

Fish in the Park have a long winter and short summer. So, they readily feed on large flies and especially hoppers in August. You can expect to be pushed out of the river when a bull bison decides it is time to drink or cross. It is all part of what makes the Park so special. I have caught 25" cutthroats and 8" brook trout with equal joy in this unique and beautiful place. I have interrupted fishing many times to photograph bison, bears, goats, elk, eagles, otters, fishers, and other animals that are hard to see anywhere else. Experience Yellowstone across many facets on this trip.

Guides:

We will use Yellowstone River Guides for three days. They accommodate both float and wading. The group will decide how much of each.

Lodging:

We will stay in rental house in Gardiner, MT. You will leave early each morning to beat traffic through the entrance gate and return whenever we choose. Some nice hatches happen at sunset (about 8:45pm in August.)

Group Size:

Group is limited to the first 5 people.

Meals:

We will prepare breakfast at the house each day. Box lunches will be catered in the day before. Dinner will be a local restaurant on guide days and catered on self-guided days.

Transportation:

You are responsible of booking your own transportation to Bozeman, MT (airport code BZN).

We will use rental cars to move from Bozeman to Gardiner and around the Park during the week.

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2023 Outings - Yellowstone

Itinerary: (tentative depending on conditions and members' interests)

Sunday 8/6 - drive from Bozeman to Gardiner and check-in to rental house.

Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th - Guide with YRO, either float on Yellowstone River or wade streams in Park.

Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th - Wading on our own in the Park.

Sunday 8/13 - Drive to Bozeman airport and Fly out.

Estimated Costs per person:

Estimate Total: \$3,200

Gear:

Rods - 5wt or 6wt work well. I prefer 6wt because the mountain winds can be strong. A 3wt will occasionally be nice for a delicate dry fly presentation but not essential.

Waders - the water will be cold, and the air might be too.

Streamkeeper:

Larry Behm

Background:

I have been visiting Yellowstone National Park since the 1960s and fishing in it since the 1970s. I have fished most of the rivers, a few of the lakes, and hiked many trails. I am not a guide, but I'm happy to share what I know about getting around and finding fish in the Park.

I plan to coordinate this trip based on what the attendees want. There are many ways to approach fishing in the Park and we will match these to everyone's needs.

Some of the best fishing will be at the end of 2-3 mile hike. If you want the best experience, start walking to prepare yourself for the altitude and terrain.

I find the Greater Yellowstone Area to be a place of awe in fullest sense of the word. It is a spiritual home for me, just as it was for earlier native inhabitants. I hope to share that special feeling and sense of place with fellow anglers.



2023 Outings- Fly Fishing Southern Utah

Trip Full

Fly Fishing Southern Utah

Trip Full

September 25-29, 2023

Stream Keeper John Williams 951-236-0862



The area of Southern Utah we are going has four mountains that surround it and has numerous lakes and streams.

I have fished the area in the spring, summer, and fall; I have found the most productive time is in the fall

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

Where We Are Going:

Loa Utah Home of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** and is located in a beautiful valley at 7064" elevation, which hosts a few small towns like Loa, Lyman, Bicknell and Torrey. This is farming and livestock country and is surrounded by mountain ranges of which we will be fishing. There are National Parks near by that offer spectacular scenery, Bryce Canyon to the South West and Capitol Reef to the East, Fish Lake National Forest to the North West along with Boulder Mountain with an elevation of 11,317 which provides many fishing locations, and spectacular views.

Guide Contact Information:

Our head guide in **Loa, Utah** is **Mike James** owner of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** their address is 200 N. Main Street Loa, Utah 84747 Contact Phone Number is 435-616-2319.

Weather & Clothing:

We will be lodging at approx. 7,000' elevation. Nights are cold and days are warm usually, I have experienced rain, snow, hail, and hot and cold days. Bring clothing you can put on in layers that wick moisture, nothing more uncomfortable than moisture under your clothing, which either keeps you hot and sweaty or cold and sweaty. Bring a lightweight rain jacket. Most days you will be wearing your waders but on hot day I wet wade with light shirt nylon pants and my wading boots on, don't forget the neoprene booties if wet wading. Be flexible, bring both cold and warm weather gear and adjust as needed. Weather at high altitude can change rapidly be prepared. The weather will not stop your guide from fishing unless it is dangerous and or access is limited. They will advise if there is a problem. Mother nature sets the parameters we must always be aware of our surroundings and climate.

Lodging:

There are many options in the region of Loa, Utah both in town and adjoining hamlets like Lyman and Bicknell. I would suggest The Mill Cabins 1500 S. HWY 24 Lyman, Utah (435) 491-0426 as a wonderful place with individual cabins that can sleep two and are very reasonably priced, **Bruce & Dana Chappell** are the owners. In Loa the Snuggle Inn is pricy but luxurious by small town standards. In Bicknell the SunGlow Motel and Restaurant is comfortable and reasonably priced. Lodging in these areas can be limited so make your lodging reservation early; I do not take responsibility for making anyone's lodging reservations due to last minute cancelations and family emergencies. I recommend you book you're lodging early, as lodging will be harder to find closer to the trip dates. Many travelers hit the road after school is in session and before winter.

Physical Demands:

Where we are lodging at 6500' to 7,000' elevation we can be fishing and hiking at as high as 11,000'. If you have problems at altitude let the guide and streamkeeper know in advance of our trip. Most fishing locations involve some hiking and wading. I would suggest arriving a couple of days early to acclimate to 7,000' not hiking hard and drinking plenty of water, it easy to dehydrate in higher elevations, the guide has water and soft drinks along in their vehicles so ask for the water.

Gear:

Rods & Lines. The entire trip can be done with a 9-foot 5-weight rod and a floating line and a sinking line, one rod is all you need.

Waders. Good pair of breathable waders is required in most situations.

Boots. Wading boots are part of the package. No restrictions on felt as yet.

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

Wading Staff. Many of us find having a wading staff necessary for stability in slippery or rocky situations, or just find a long stick, don't fall, the rocks are unforgiving.

Terminal Tackle. I use a 9 foot 5x leader and have along 2,3,4,5,6x tippet. I as well bring an assortment of lead free shot to use as needed if nymphing.

Flies. We will be fishing many lakes and a few streams and possibly a couple of rivers. I carry dries, nymphs and streamers but the guide will provide you with flies. If the guide suggests a fly or gives you a fly use it with the full understanding you will catch fish, they are quite experienced on these waters. If you are like me I bring many more flies than I will ever use. I have hoppers, caddis, mayflies, and damselflies in adult and nymph stages. I find a callibaetis mayfly nymph very useful in the lakes. Bring what you own and the fly shop offers all the working patterns you will be using if you want to purchase some.

First Aid Kit: I carry a basic first aid kit in my tote bag for simple emergencies, minor cuts and abrasions.

Transportation:

From L.A. Southern California is a 9 1/2-hour drive including gas stops and a lunch stop to Loa, Utah. Sharing a ride is more fun to get to know you friend or partner better and listen to each other experiences along the way. When in Loa the guides provide the transportation to and from the days fishing locations. Salt Lake City is approximately 3 hours away from Loa and is serviced by many airlines and rental car companies.

Float Tubing:

There will be opportunities to float tube in the area if you so desire. **The Quiet Fly Fisher** in Loa can provide you with a float tube if they are guiding you. If you wish the comfort of your own float tube please feel free to bring yours.

Food:

In Utah many of their dinning locations close on Sunday, it is best to call ahead or ask you guide where and what is open, most areas have a couple options on Sunday but it is best to inquire. Guides provide lunch during the days guiding. Many of us BBQ at the Mill Cabins for dinner, to curb the costs of eating out every meal, the grocery in the town of Loa is open Mon.- Sat. Breakfast is your choice of eating at a local restaurant or at your lodging, the guide provides lunch the days you are fishing.

Libations:

You are responsible for any liquor you wish to purchase either bought from the local Liquor store in Bicknell or for beer (3.2) in some of the gas stations, or bring from home. BYOB.

Costs and Payment:

The guide requires a [Non-refundable](#) \$200 deposit to secure your reservation and the final payment is due upon completion of your final day.

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

Tipping:

It is customary to tip the guide daily; I tip \$50 per day of guiding at the end of the day. Tipping is not based on your ability or the number of fish caught, but for good service and the ability of the guide to lead you doing everything in their ability to make the experience enjoyable. Fish are a bonus. I have negotiated quite reasonable rates for the group of six and feel a percentage tip is quite unfair to the guide considering the extreme road conditions, locations and wear and tear on their vehicles. These extreme road conditions keep most of your competition for fish away.

Fishing License:

Utah state fishing license can be obtained on line prior to your trip, which is the easiest. Licenses can be purchased in Loa at the local store Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Yearly licenses last from the date you purchase them for a complete calendar year.

Emergency Services:

Bicknell near Lyman has a clinic available for minor emergencies.

A deposit of \$200 Non Refundable is sent to John Williams to hold your spot and sent then forwarded to the guide. The total cost of the trip is \$1,250 for five days of guiding. The staff of The Quiet Fly Fisher of Loa Utah will guide us.

John Williams Cell 951-236-0862 Streamkeeper

2023 Outings - Bridgeport

Registration is
Now Open!

FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2023

October 13 - 17

Registration is
Now Open!



Dates: October 13-17. Arrive on a Friday (10/13), and Depart on a Tuesday (10/17). Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday)! [At the request of last year's attendees, this Outing has moved to October!](#)

Waters: There are numerous great fishing opportunities in the area; including stream fishing the East Walker River, West Walker River, Virginia Creek, Buckeye Creek, Robinson Creek, and more. Stillwater fishing on Bridgeport Reservoir, Kirman Lake, Lundy Lake, the Upper or Lower Twin Lakes, or on the Virginia Lakes. Private waters are also available for a fee (Sceirine Ranch, Nevada).

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2023 Outings - Bridgeport (Con't)

Fishing: Independent fishing format. Members disperse to their desired fishing locations in the morning (as singles, or buddy up). Guided fishing is also available; Ken's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport has a list of recommended local guides for hire to put you on fish! Then after a day's fishing, the group will rendezvous at the evening campfire at our host Lodge to discuss the day's fishing, and plans for the next day.

Lodging: Willow Springs Motel and RV Park ([Willow Springs Resort, Bridgeport, California](#)), approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport off Hwy 395, is our home base for the outing. Standard single rooms (queen bed), Kitchenette rooms (one queen and one double bed) for those who wish to buddy up and share a room/expenses, and 30A full hook-up RV sites are available for your lodging choices.



Standard Single Rooms are \$150/night. The Standard Room includes: One queen bed, Private Bathroom, Wifi and Satellite TV, Heating and Air Conditioning, Mini refrigerator, Microwave, and Coffee maker.



Kitchenette Rooms are \$200/night. Kitchenette Rooms include: One queen bed, One double bed, Private Bathroom, Wifi and Satellite TV, Heating and Air Conditioning, Coffee maker and Toaster, Microwave, Mini refrigerator, Stove top range, and Silverware/dinnerware/cookware.



RV sites are \$55/night. RV Sites have Full Hook Ups; 30A Electrical, Water, and Sewer connections. [This is the only FFCOC Outing that offers a RV lodging option! Come on you RVers, let's meet in Bridgeport!!](#)

Responsibilities: Outing attendees are responsible for transportation, lodging and meals. Convenient dining (breakfast, lunch or dinner) is available across the street at Virginia Creek Settlement (this is a gem of a restaurant), or in town. Bring your favorite trout fishing gear!

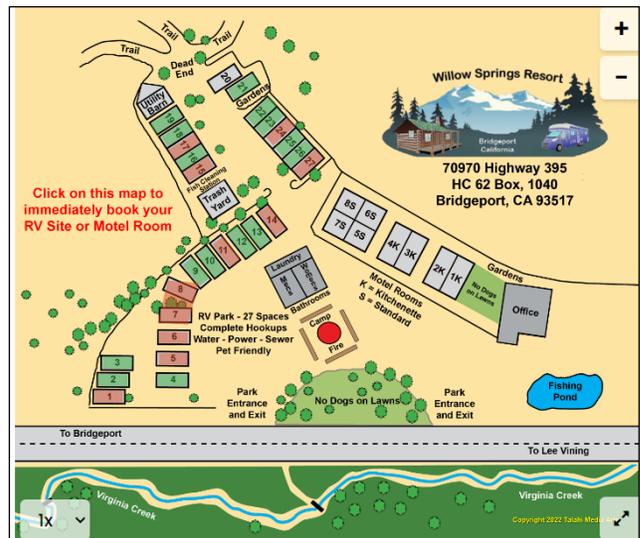
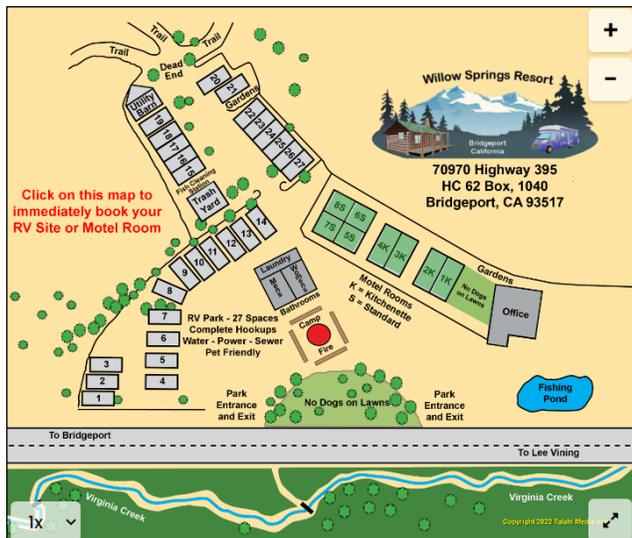
Registration Instructions: [This is a new process for 2023.](#) Please make your lodging reservations and payment directly to Willow Springs Resort. You may make your lodging reservations using the Willow Springs website ([Willow Springs Resort](#)), or use the link provided on the Bridgeport Outing Calendar Event ([Bridgeport Outing - Lodging Reservations and Registration HERE](#)). When you have secured a confirmed lodging reservation, please click on the Register Now button on the Calendar Event to confirm your attendance.

Lodging availability status will be provided in each Club Newsletter. Book early, as rooms will likely fill as we get closer to the out as Fall anglers and hunters will be booking these rooms.

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Current Lodging Availability (Oct 13 - 17 stays):



RV Site Availability: Green = Avail, Red = Booked

Note: Streamkeeper is in RV Site 11

Sounds like an Outing for you? Go ahead and book your lodging with Willow Springs Resort. Please contact your Streamkeeper with your questions.

Thank you!!!

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Riptide Rendezvous 2023 Has Begun!

May 27 marked the start of Riptide Rendezvous 2023!

A joint fundraising event between SWCFFI and Coastal Conservation Association California (CCAC), it's a **for-fun surf fishing tournament** open to both fly fishers and regular tackle anglers (competing in different divisions).

It runs from May 27 thru June 23, with the awards ceremony scheduled for June 24 at the **Long Beach Casting Club**.

There will a **raffle** at the awards ceremony, with grand prizes of rod/reel combos from **Redington/Rio Products**, and **Okuma Fishing USA**, along with a lot of other great stuff.

You get a free raffle ticket for entering, and you will get an additional free raffle ticket for each of the following that you complete:

1. **Register before May 27** ← *Too late now!*
2. **Bring your kid to Riptide** - Have an angler under age 16 enter (it's free for kids under 16)
3. **Bring your (other) buddy to Riptide** - Get another angler to register in the opposite division to you

For more info on the above promotions, go to: <https://swcffi.org/riptide/riptide news/>

Just curious? Visit the event website for more info: <https://swcffi.org/riptide/>

Ready to sign up? Visit: <https://swcffi.org/riptide/register-or-buy/>



Southwest Council FFI– News & Events

Owens River Cleanup Postponed

RESCHEDULED: OWENS RIVER CLEAN UP

NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Due to the potential for dangerously high river water flows from snowmelt runoff, the 9th Annual Owens River Clean Up is being postponed to Saturday, November 4, 2023. Your safety is the utmost priority. It is not appropriate to hold the event in April.

Chris Leonard, event organizer, will still gladly take any swag for the raffle for the event between now and then.

See you the first Saturday of November at the Pleasant Valley Campground! Water flows and air temps the start of November should be perfect for a weekend of cleaning up the river, and recreating in Bishop!

9th Annual Owens River Clean Up

Bishop, California



Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

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Conservation - River Management

California is still at risk of flooding. Maybe rivers just need some space

Source: NPR, May 28, 2023, 6:00 AM ET



With much of California's massive snowpack yet to melt, downstream communities remain on high alert for flooding. Hundreds of homes were destroyed or damaged during the record-breaking winter, which tested the state's aging flood infrastructure.

Communities are looking for ways to protect themselves from future floods, and some are using a novel solution: just giving rivers some space to flow.

Building homes on the waterfront comes with a long-term arms race: levees must be built and maintained over time to hold back floodwaters. With climate change making storms more intense, many levees will need to be raised or improved.

Now, a growing number of projects are trying to work with nature, instead of trying to contain it. Levees are being removed and moved back, creating natural floodplains that are designed to fill with water when rivers run high. The idea is to take pressure off downstream levees by giving water somewhere to go farther upstream.

Floodplain restorations also create much-needed wildlife habitat. But buying out and relocating landowners, whether farmers or homeowners, can be challenging. Getting necessary permits can take years, because most flood regulations are written to keep levees in place forever.

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"We have to find ways to do this more efficiently," says Julie Rentner, president of River Partners, a river restoration non-profit. "It's not ok for it to take 25 years to undo the paperwork that we put in place a generation ago."



The melt of California's massive snowpack has led to chronic flooding in the Central Valley this spring, like this riverfront park near the town of Grayson.

Farmworker communities at risk

When heavy floods hit the farmworker communities of Pajaro and Planada this winter, John Mataka watched it closely.

He knew it could easily have been his town, Grayson, California. It's also a lower-income, farmworker community located next to a river in the Central Valley. After decades of underinvestment in their infrastructure, residents felt vulnerable.

"It's not just farmworkers and people that don't speak English living in these communities," says Mataka, a Grayson resident. "We're people. We're human. We've got needs."

As California's snowpack has melted, swelling the San Joaquin River, roads into town have been shut down due to flooding. Mataka's neighbors watched nervously as the river overtopped its banks, edging closer to houses and staying high for weeks.

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But even as the water rose, Mataka felt less worried than he had in the past because of a \$46 million dollar project completed nearby.

"I believe that it saved our community from some drastic flooding this year," he says.



Grayson residents Lilia Lomeli-Gil and John Mataka stand next to a restored floodplain at the edge of town, providing a new open space for the community.

Giving the river room

Just a few miles upstream from Grayson, hundreds of acres of land are covered in water, submerging the trunks of willow and cottonwood trees.

"We love to see the floodwater on our property," says Jon Carlon, co-founder of River Partners, as he looks across the water from an aluminum boat.

This land is designed to flood. About a decade ago, it was mostly fields of tomatoes, melons and wheat. But being at the confluences of two rivers, the property was prone to being damaged when the river ran high. River Partners struck a deal to buy the land, using state and federal grants.

"We had a very successful ranching and farming operation here, but there was always that element of risk," says Bill Lyons, the former landowner.

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Over the years, River Partners removed earthen berms that were holding back the river. Around 1,600 acres were restored to wildlife habitat, planted with native California trees and grasses, creating the Dos Rios Ranch Preserve. The ground is dry most of the year, but when heavy winters arrive, the river is free to spread across the floodplain.

"We're looking back in time," Carlon says. "We're looking at what this river looked like 100 years ago."



John Carlon of River Partners says restoring floodplains can help take pressure off downstream levees by storing floodwaters, as well as providing much-needed wildlife habitat.

This watery habitat is rare in California. Before the era of dam-building, the state's rivers would seasonally flood every year as the snow melted in the Sierra Nevada, creating a vital refuge for birds and fish. Development has destroyed 95% of the riparian habitat in the Central Valley. The San Joaquin River is so heavily tapped by cities and agriculture that in many years, it runs completely dry.

The Dos Rios Ranch Preserve is now being proposed as California's next state park. Today, the surrounding area has few parks and recreation areas available for residents.

"Having a refuge, an outlet, somewhere where you can go back to basics - that's what we should strive for," says Lilia Lomeli-Gil, a Grayson resident. "I think what's happening here is a major contribution to that balance."

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Floodplains as flood protection

As the river spreads out and slows down in the floodplain, water experts say it can help absorb a major pulse of floodwater, potentially reducing the risk for communities downstream.

"All this water flows past populated areas," Carlon says. "So you're taking that pressure off those downstream communities by moving the levees back up here."

Floodplains can also be more adaptable to climate change, since they can handle varying levels of water. Levees are designed to handle only a certain amount of flow. Carlon says traditional concrete infrastructure is often in conflict with the way rivers naturally behave.

"Rivers move and that's a really hard concept for us with property rights and roads and infrastructure," Carlon says.

Wide floodplains also allow water to seep into the ground, filling up underground aquifers. Many aquifers in the Central Valley are at the lowest levels ever recorded, after being heavily pumped for agriculture for decades.

Regulations are for levees to stay put, not move

Projects to move levees back - "levee setbacks," as they're known – are being done around the country, including on the Missouri River and elsewhere in California. But they can often take more than a decade, given the complexities of buying land and securing the permits.

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Moving levees and creating floodplains can take more than a decade, since securing the land and permitting can be challenging.

In urban areas, residents often don't want to be displaced or bought out. Rural areas often have larger parcels where it's easier to piece together the necessary land. But taking agricultural fields out of production also can face pushback.

"We have low-hanging fruit where we haven't yet urbanized the floodplain," says Rentner of River Partners. "Those are the spots we really need to prioritize moving on right away."

Historically, it's been hard for levee setback projects to get federal support from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the agency responsible for levees and flood protection. The agency evaluates projects using a cost-benefit analysis – so if the rural land being protected isn't worth as much, it doesn't justify the cost of constructing the project.

The Biden Administration has been pushing agencies to consider "engineering with nature." The Army Corps and others are now looking at how to include social and environmental benefits in their analysis, in addition to simply the cost of moving levees.

"They've been hard to justify from an economic standpoint in the past," says Beth Sayler, deputy district engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District. "I think we are seeing

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some positive changes when it comes to our ability from the federal level and the national level to do these types of projects where we have setback levees."

Still, sorting out federal, state and local permits can take years, since most regulations were written to ensure the levees were preserved for the long-term.

"When we engineered these levees back in the 1950s and 60s, nobody was thinking about how you undo the levee," Rentner says.

With the damage from the winter storms, California is facing a new urgency to invest in its flood infrastructure. In the Central Valley alone, a new state flood protection plan puts the cost between \$25 and \$30 billion dollars over the next 30 years. California officials say floodplain restoration should be a piece of the puzzle.

"We should think bigger, because it's working," Rentner says. "Maybe it's not so ambitious to imagine that we could scale this tremendously, to the point that it actually makes a really big difference in the way California manages its water."

The Spirit of Dame Berners - Flyfishing 101

By Larry Behm



This month we are talking to Mike Peters about getting started in flyfishing. What he calls Flyfishing 101. Mike joined the club a few years ago. He is a local who has fished all over the country and internationally. Mike guides inshore off the coast of Southern California, in the Eastern Sierra Nevada, and in Alaska. Mike is a financial advisor at a major Wall Street Firm and Mike resides in Long Beach.

If I'm just starting out in Flyfishing, does it help to know another style of fishing?

Mike: Absolutely there are different styles and or techniques of Flyfishing. Don't put yourself in a box. Learning what fish eat during certain periods of time or areas (wet flies, dry flies, or a combination) will help you catch more fish. Be willing to adjust as needed. Always be willing to learn. Don't be that person who won't adapt. This inability to adapt or change often results in not catching fish. Frequently, you can increase your probability of catching fish by making slight adjustments and or changes. When going to different areas, stop in at the local fly shop and ask questions about what is happening in the area. Also, ask which flies and techniques are working more effectively. Ask if there are any guides available for hire in the area. Most importantly don't forget to buy something. It's unspoken, if you go into a fly shop and get great information, you need to return the favor. Talk to locals and you'll be surprised at what you can learn. Fishing with a single-handed rod, fishing with a two-handed rod, Euro Nymphing and Tenkara fishing, these are all different styles and techniques.

Tenkara may be an easier way to learn fly fishing because casting is not as critical to success. Single-handed rods are probably the next level in challenge, then move on to two-handed and Euro nymphing. Aspiring to cast properly and well will give you the most flexibility and ability to fish different situations.

Is there a best order for learning all the different parts of Flyfishing?

I don't know if there is a best order for learning all the different parts of flyfishing. I would say, loving fly fishing absolutely comes into play at some point whether it's instantly or over time. Flyfishing is a lot like playing golf. Golf is less frustrating and more enjoyable when you feel good, comfortable, and confident with your swing. It is the same with your cast in flyfishing.

I have a limited budget. How important is gear?

We have all bought things that catch fly fishermen instead of fish (lol). I think that having reliable gear is important. Making sure that you like the sport and learning how to cast properly is much more important than buying the most expensive rod/reel. Some people think the equipment will make

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them better and get frustrated with casting. Then they never using it again. Buying some entry level equipment, learning to use the equipment, feeling pumped about your casting and next fly-fishing adventures are prerequisites, in my opinion. Once the romance has begun and your skills improve, then reward yourself with upgraded equipment seems more practical to me.

I suggest spending some money on clothing to stay comfortable on the water. We often have to deal with cold, wet weather to fish. If you are warm and dry it is much easier to catch fish and much more enjoyable. Focus on clothing that really performs in the weather, not the latest fashion name.

Do I have to spend lots of money?

You don't have to spend a lot of money in the beginning. Lol. There are some brands which are awesome and very inexpensive. They will allow you to enter the flyfishing world without breaking the bank, are reliable and catch fish. As you get more seasoned, I would say that upgrading becomes more important.

What is the best way to learn Flyfishing?

Join a local Flyfishing club, go to the meetings, go on some of the outings with some of the club members. They are usually very welcoming, and some will take you under their wing and show you some of the things that you need to know. Go out on guided trips and experience the scenery and adventure. You will know that you are hooked when you feel that tug of your first fish. Most importantly now with technology and the internet you can type up most topics or things on Google and get numerous results to sort through. You can also watch tons of YouTube videos on pretty much anything or topic that you want on flyfishing from tying flies, to casting, to information on gear, to areas that you are going to fish and everything in between. The best way to learn is to keep fishing and don't be afraid to ask people questions. It's amazing how little things on different rivers make a huge difference. The greatest and best thing about flyfishing is you never stop learning. I learn something new every time I go out on the water or go to different areas to fish.

How much should I practice before going on the water?

Flyfishing is just like anything else. Success in business, sports or life depends on planning. Fly fishing is no different. Practice and preparation before going on the water or your trip is very important. I spend a significant amount of time doing research and preparation before trips. As my old college football coach used to say "The battle is won off of the field" with preparation and practice.



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Flies That Keep On Giving!

Squirmy Egg

By John Williams

I had the guide roll his eyes when I pulled out this from my fly box. This guide felt his flies were they only ones that could catch fish on the Big Horn River in Montana. First cast and we were off to the races. Then the guide wanted to see this one, It was my pleasure to give him a couple.



Materials:

Hook: Nymph # 10
Bead: 3/16 Brass
Thread: Fire Orange 6/0
Tail: Tentacle cut from a kids Crush Ball, or Squirmy Worm material - Lime Green
Egg: Egg Yarn Pink
Cement: Super Glue Gel Formula

Instructions:

1. Start your thread behind the bead and with many wraps secure the bead, then run the threads rearward to the mid point.
2. Cut a piece of tail material and let it extend 1 1/2 the length of the hook and secure it with several wraps of thread at the mid point of the hook
3. Cut three 3/4" pieces of egg yarn
4. Flatten your thread by rotating your bobbin counter clock wise. Split your thread, wax your thread, place the flattened yarn between the thread half. Spin your bobbin clockwise to trap the egg yarn.
5. Wrap the trapped yarn around the section between the mid point and the bead.
6. Smear your thread with a slight amount of super glue and whip finish.

I have stripped this fly and have had great success, but have also nymphed it along the bottom of a stream which worked well.

All the best, John

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Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

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

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

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

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