

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

February 2013

Club Meeting:

Wednesday February 13th, 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:

February 18th, 2013

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church*

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FISHING WESTERN TAILWATERS

WITH PAT DORSEY

No doubt about it, dams and their tailwaters can make for fantastic fly fishing. And this month, we are going to explore how these tailwaters influence and affect fly fishing and what are the best tactics and strategies to fish them.

Fishing Western Tailwaters is a comprehensive presentation addressing most of the elements of such fine fishing. We will see examples of great tailwaters and learn about dams and their releases, tailwa-

Hello fellow FFCOC Members!

By Melinda

Well I survived my first meeting as President. Hopefully I didn't bore you too much. But wasn't that presentation great about the Madison! I really need to remember to bring a pad and paper so I can take notes because someday Honey Burns and I will make it to Montana to fish all the wonderful spots we've been hearing about.

So as I said in my last letter to the membership, one of my goals is to build a more active membership. We are currently working on getting everyone renewed so we can get the Membership Directory out in March. So if we don't have your photo or you want to change your photo, please let us know. We will have a camera available at all the meetings. We are also calling some previous members that have not renewed in the last couple of years. So if you know of anyone that hasn't renewed, please help us to bring them back.

We have a slew of programs and events that we could use your help in. It can range from administrative work to hands on work. Remember this can be anything from planning, designing flyers, contacting resources or making phone call to members, the choice is yours. Please consider getting involved in at least one club event or program. You will find it very rewarding not to mention we are fun group to hang out with.

Well I would like to update you on some of the upcoming events and programs our club has to offer.

- This month, Cheryl starts her 4th round of fly tying classes. Many of us don't get out much in the winter time so this is a great opportunity for you to learn to tie your own flies. If you haven't signed up yet and are still interested, please give Cheryl a call or email her at flytyer@aol.com .
- As for our monthly club outing, Jim Edwards will be the streamkeeper for Surf Fishing on February 23. This will be held at Huntington State Beach. What, you never have surf fly fished before? What you didn't know you could fly fish in the surf. Well join Jim and other club members as they toss those beautiful flies for a chance to land some gorgeous salt water fish.
- This month we will have two TIC (Trout in the Classrooms) being setup. One will be at a Junior High for 7th graders and the other will be for a class of 1st graders. If you are interested in helping with a fly fishing presentation, entomology presentation, fly tying demonstration, teaching the kids to cast a fly rod or being a part of releasing the fry, please contact me as I will need some assistance with this program. This program typically lasts 10 weeks. I will be announcing a TIC committee meeting once I obtain some volunteers.
- The West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy will be hosting two Kids Academy this year. One on Saturday April 27 and the other will be held on Saturday June 8th. Then on Saturday November 2nd they will be inviting all the participants back for an overnight campout to test out their new skills. Hopefully the river will have recovered from the very low water levels in the last couple of months. The Conservancy will be looking for volunteers to assist in Casting, Fly Tying and Entomology. This is a great way to introduce our youth to Fly Fishing and Conservation awareness and a great way to get involved with one of our outreach programs

GUESS WHO???????
WHICH BOARD MEMBER DO
YOU THINK THIS BUKAROO
RANCHERO IS???
Hint: He is a past president.

**Send your guesses to the news-
letter editor. (newsletter@ffcoc.org)**



SPEAKER'S LIST – 2013

By Andy Frumento

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-9-13	Ballroom	Chris Eaton	"The Meandering Madison"
2-13-13	Pavilion	Pat Dorsey	"Fly Fishing Western Tailwaters"
3-13-13	Pavilion	Kevin Peterson	"Hot Creek"
4-10-13	Ballroom	Gary Bulla	"Fly Fishing The Edge – Baja"
5-8-13	Ballroom	Andrew Harris	"The Trinity River"
6-12-13	TBA	Greg Vinci	"Fly Fishing Up Hwy 395"
7-10-13	Ballroom	Landon Mayer	"Timing Is Everything: Trout Hunting Colorado's 4 Seasons"
8-14-13	Pavilion	Jeff Solis	"San Diego & Mission Bay"
9-11-13	Ballroom	Auction	
10-9-13	Ballroom	Jeff Currier	"Four Seasons of the Yellowstone – Trout Bum"
11-13-13	Ballroom	Alberto Salvini & Marica Ciccioria	"Fly Fishing The World"
12-4-13	Pavilion	Christmas Program	

***NOTE: December's program is the 1st Wednesday of the month.**

2013 Outings Plan

By Lyman Kennedy

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Streamkeeper</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
February 2	Laguna Niguel Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
February 23	Surf Outing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
March 23	Double Haul Ball	Shane Chung	949 633-6973
March 22-26	San Juan River	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
April 13-15	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April 27	One Surf Fly Huntington Beach	Shane Chung	949 633-6973
May 18-19	Kelsey Bass Ranch	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370
June 29-30	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
June 22-29	Montana	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370
July 8-12	Golden Trout Pack Trip	John Williams	951 236-0862
July 12-15	Hot Creek	John Williams	951 236-0862
August TBA	San Diego Bay	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
August TBA	Women's only Mammoth Outing	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
Sept 19-22	FFF Fly Fishing Fair Mammoth	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
Sept. 16-20	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
Sept. 23-27	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 19-20	President's Outing	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November 4-8	Trinity River	Audrey Williams	714 264-6361
December			

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

If you can't tell by now I'm a nut for Southern Utah. Last month I showed you a fly that worked well in the lakes of Southern Utah. This month I have made a variation that looks more like the real insect. We'll see how it does in October. I'm out of #12 Nymph hooks I used them all on last months fly, so I'm using a Daiichi 2220 #14 hook.

Willie's Callibaetis Nymph (Southern Utah Style)

Hook: Daiichi 2220 #14

Bead: 7/64" Gold Bead

Thread: Black 8/0 or 70

Rib: Fine Gold Wire

Tail: Badger Fur Guard Hairs

UnderAbdomen: Gray Blood Marabou

Abdomen Back: Pheasant Tail Fibers

Thorax: Peacock Hurl

Flash Back: Medium Pearl Tinsel

Legs: Pheasant Tail Fiber Tips

Head Cement: Super Glue

Place the bead on the hook small hole first. Start the thread behind the eye and form a ball to keep the bead in place while tying the rest of the fly. Tie in the rib and wrap the thread to the bend securing the gold wire rib. Tie in the badger Guard hair picking a small clump and cutting it free from the skin, align the fibers some what, it's not critical. Tie in fiber pheasant tail fibers by the tip facing forward and Leave to rear. Tie in 6 Gray blood marabou fibers with the tips forward and wrap the entire shank to the bead with the fibers and tie off behind the eye to form the abdomen. Lay the pheasant tail fibers over the shank of the hook to form a darker abdomen back and tie off behind the eye. Counter wrap the gold wire up in a spiral fashion to form the rib that also holds the pheasant tail fiber in place and secures then in case of tooth damage and tie off behind the eye. Tie in the medium pearl tinsel and let it lie to the rear. Wrap three peacock fibers around the shank to form the thorax. Tie in three or four Pheasant tail fiber tips on either side of the thorax to form the legs. Pull the tinsel over the thorax to form the shell back, tie off and whip finish. Add the slightest amount of super glue to the wraps to fold everything in place and secure it for life.

*Here Fishy Fishy,
Here Fishy Fishy,
It will only hurt a
little.*

Tight Lines.



FFCOC FLY FISHING CLASSES

By: Cheryl Moore

Spring, with all its beauty and renewability, is right around the corner. We are quickly approaching our springtime fishing and our commune with Mother Nature. Fly fishing tackle is coming out and getting a good inspection. It is time to do the same thing with our fly boxes. If you lost more flies than you realized last year or if your flies are looking a little abused, the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County has the perfect solution.

Our next round of fly tying classes are set to start. The first night of fly tying is going to be Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting at the REI/Tustin store. REI has easy access and is located in the Tustin Marketplace right off the 5 Freeway at Jamboree. If you already tie flies, our goal is to elevate and expand your tying expertise. If you don't tie at all but would like to, we have the perfect teacher for you. Because you are a member of the FFCOC, there will be no charge for these classes. It's simple to sign up. You can send me an e-mail at flytyer10@aol.com and let me know of your intent to attend or you can sign up at our February monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at the Phoenix Club.

To showcase some of the flies that our instructors taught us, please see the photo below. This is just a small sample of the flies that our instructors have shown us how to tie. We do take special requests so if you have a favorite fly and want to reproduce it, please ask your instructor to teach you how to tie it. In the meantime, happy fishing.



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING AUCTION ITEM

Southern Utah at it's finest

The Quiet Fly Fisher Mike James 435-616-2319



Mike James has offered the club a two for the price of one day of guiding to be used in the 2013 season. This is a \$150 value to be auctioned off at the February club meeting. Mike has been a speaker at our club and has a wealth of knowledge. A trip to remember, there are 80 lakes on Boulder mountain and numerous streams and rivers in the area.

FFCOC STEELHEAD OUTING NOVEMBER 4 – 8, 2013

STEELHEAD ON THE TRINITY RIVER, LEWISTON, CA

In November 2013 ten fortunate Club members will travel to Lewiston, CA in search of Steelhead (sometimes called 'the fish of a thousand casts'). We will be the only guests at the Trinity River Adventure Inn, which is on the river about one hour northwest of Redding.

We will float the river with guides from The Fly Shop for three days and find our own spots on the river (or explore other activities in the Trinity Alps) other days. Fishing is available from the bank at the Inn.

The Inn and your guide will provide all meals while in Lewiston (bring your own adult beverages). The total cost will be about \$900 for four nights lodging, meals and three days of guided fishing on the river. If you would like the "all inclusive" package, there is an additional charge (usually \$50 per day, but we may be able to have this reduced).

Two spaces are now available. Also - payment is now due for our reservations to the Inn. If you have a reservation for this outing, please send \$500 per person, payable to "Audrey Williams". Mail your check to her at 3 Columbine, Irvine, CA 92604.

For more information on the area, see www.theflyshop.com and www.trinityriveradventureinn.com

Contact Streamkeeper **Audrey Williams** for information and reservations: awilliams@wrem.com, phone 714.264-6361.



Redding, California

800-669-3474

PYRAMID LAKE OUTING APRIL 13TH, 14TH & 15, 2013

In what has become an annual event, this year's Pyramid Lake outing will be Sunday-Monday, April 14th & 15th Saturday the 13th optional (see below). After consulting with Rob Anderson from the Reno Fly Shop (now closed) we decided to make it a Sunday-Monday outing in an attempt to miss the bulk of the weekend crowd which usually clears out by Sunday afternoon.

If you have never done this trip before you are missing out on a chance to catch what may be the biggest trout of your life. The lake's native Lahontan Cutthroats average 3-5 pounds, with many fish pushing 10 pounds or more. If you are new to fly fishing the techniques are simple and easy to learn. We normally fish from ladders placed in the water at the proper distance from shore. There usually is nothing around you, but water. There is nothing to interfere with a back cast and nothing on the bottom to snag. You do not need to be a long distance caster as fish are sometimes hooked right at your feet.

Equipment that is appropriate for both kinds of fishing is usually two rods. A 5-6 weight rod with floating line for indicator fishing and a 7-8-9 weight rod for streamer fishing (a Rio DC 24ft. 250 gr. line is perfect). I will provide a more extensive list of what to bring that includes equipment, lines, flies, leaders, tippet and clothing in an upcoming e-mail.

Daytime temperature will likely be around 50 degrees F. This is a very variable temperature as we have experienced 30-75 degree temperatures in past years.

You make your own travel arrangements to Reno, fly or drive. It is best to arrive by Saturday (Friday if fishing on Saturday) to check in with our guide/host **Rob Anderson** (775-742-1754) **AND** myself **Jim Wright** (714-679-6638). I will be staying at the Silver Legacy Resort in downtown Reno. Others have stayed the **Atlantis Casino** (800-723-6500). Rob will be providing breakfast and lunch on Sunday and Monday, as well as step ladders to fish from. Cost of the trip is \$160 per person for both days of fishing. If you would like to join Rob and myself for a half day of guided fishing on Saturday the cost is a \$50 donation paid directly to the Club through me. I will e-mail a list of all attendees so you can communicate as to car-pools, car rentals and lodging.

E-mail me (jwright1@earthlink.net) with any questions or to sign up. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the Meetings in December, January, and February.

LAGUNA NIGUEL OUTING STILLWATER FISHING February 2, 2013

LAGUNA NIGUEL OUTING is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th.. The lake is being stocked regularly to date and there have been some very large trout caught there this season. The cost to fish the lake is \$20; the cost to launch a float tube with fishing permit is \$35. Boat rentals are \$10 an hour or \$25 for five hours. Fishing Laguna Niguel Lake is a good opportunity to hone your streamer or midging skills for Crowley or other still waters. If you are a novice and want to try still water fishing, there are experienced club fishermen who will help you out. There will be a sign up sheet with information at the December meeting. If you have questions you can call **Lyman Kennedy** at 714 742-5865 or email at: lkennedyjr@earthlink.net.

Surf fishing Huntington State Beach February 23, 3:00 in the Afternoon

Meet up at the Talbert channel at the south end of Huntington Beach. Enter at Magnolia St. and head south until you run out of parking lot. Flies should be Crazy Charlies, Selby's Sly Fly, Clousers in olive/white (there are great selections of surf flies at both Bob Marriott's Fly Shop and His and Her's Fly Shop or on line at www.garybulla.com)...and if it's raining, forget it! Call **Jim Edwards** at 714 337 5899, email is jimmywt1957@yahoo.com.

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.)

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 .

West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy Patrol Dates Contact :

John or Melinda Burns (1stvpresident@ffcoc.org) :

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!

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

THE FFCOC CASTING CLINIC IS COMING UP AND SO ARE INSTRUCTOR SESSIONS

The annual FFCOC Casting Clinic will be held this Spring in April/May in Mile Square Park. If you're new to fly fishing it's a great opportunity to see and learn the basics of fly casting. If you've been fly fishing for a while and would like to freshen up your mechanics there will be help for that too. If you'd really like to up your game, be an instructor. Instructor classes will start March 19 at 7:00 on Tuesday nights for 5 weeks and are a great way to not only improve your casting ability but also to recognize and understand how to correct casting faults – yours and others. Let me know if you'd like to instruct. Last year more than 25 Club members volunteered to make the Clinic possible for 49 participants in a morning session followed by an epicurean cookout.

The Clinic will start with participant registration at 8:00 AM and end with lunch for all guests and volunteers. 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.

If you're interested in participating, or helping in any capacity please email me at FFCOC.casting@gmail.com, or my phone is **949-307-6873**. We'll need and use all the help we can get!

Thanks – Van Lloyd

2013 Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Annual Auction

We are looking for any interested members that would like to be on the 2013 Auction committee. Our auction supplies finds for our programs, conservation projects, the casting clinic, and club projects

If you are interested please contact **John Williams** at **951-236-0862**

SAVE THE DATE



Long Beach Casting Club

Saturday March 23, 2013



SAVE THE DATE



Huntington Beach, California

Saturday April 27, 2013



FLY FISHING FILM FESTIVAL (F3T) ORANGE COUNTY EDITION HOSTED BY THE CALICO SYNDICATE

When: Saturday February 9, 2013 Event Starts at 3:30pm sharp

Where: AMC Tustin 14 @ The District

The District | 2437 Park Avenue Tustin, CA 92782

What Else: The Event will feature a silent auction, raffle, select industry manufacture representatives on-site, hosted beverage bar by Kona Brewing Co., hosted hors d'oeuvres, live music and much more you don't want to miss this!

Tickets will be sold exclusively on-line here: <https://www.ticketriver.com/event/5335> **There will be NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR so please purchase them in advance because this event will sell out.**

A portion of the proceeds will benefit The John Wayne Cancer Foundation (JWCF.org) & The Algalita Marine Research Institute (Algalita.org)

For additional Info: www.Facebook.com/F3TOC or www.Facebook.com/TheCalicoSyndicate

Questions: F3TOC@tightloopmedia.com

LA SHOW DATES: 3/7/13 PASADENA

The Fly Fishing Film Tour is brought to Pasadena by **California Trout** and **Fishermen's Spot**. All proceeds from this event will benefit California Trout in their efforts to protect and restore wild trout, steelhead, salmon and their waters throughout California.

Tickets(\$20) are available through F3T online or locally in advance at **Fishermens Spot** in Van Nuys, **818-785-7306**.

For more information, please contact **Lisa Clarke**, **415-392-8887 x102** or lclarke@caltrout.org

(Continued from page 1 "Fishing Western Tailwaters")

ter benefits, hatches and fly selection, tips, tricks, and techniques for mastering our fish-filled western tailwaters. We will focus on and understand how to master such great fisheries as Colorado's South Platte (Cheesman Canyon, Deckers, Elevenmile Canyon, Spinney Mountain Ranch), Blue, Frying Pan, Arkansas, Williams Fork, Yampa, and Taylor rivers.

Pat Dorsey will be our guest and our guide. Pat is a native of Colorado who has been guiding for more than 22 years. He spends 200 days a year on the water, enjoying a unique quality of life both personally and professionally. "I am blessed to be able to make a living as a fly fishing guide and I will never lose sight of how fortunate I am to really love my job."

Pat writes the central Rocky Mountain stream report that monitors stream flows and conditions on the Blue, Colorado, South Platte (Cheesman, Deckers, Spinney Mountain Ranch, and Elevenmile Canyon), North Fork of the South Platte, and Williams Fork rivers. He is also the Southwest Field Editor for "Fly Fisherman" Magazine. In 2005, Pat authored his first book, A Fly Fishing Guide to the South Platte River, a complete how-to fly fishing manual for the entire South Platte River drainage. It encompasses a thorough look at each section of the river detailing the hatches and recommended fly patterns for each of the four seasons of the year. But Pat didn't stop there, in 2009 he authored Fly Fishing Tailwaters, a comprehensive book on how to fish tailwater fisheries. In 2010 a companion book to Fly Fishing Tailwaters hit the shelves, Tying and Fishing Tailwater Flies, which is jam-packed with how to tie Pat's favorite "guide flies." This book includes 500 step-by-step tutorials, as well as, helpful tips and illustrations on how to rig and fish them.

Pat is an accomplished fly tier and has originated a number of very effective patterns such as the Mercury series, UV scud, Limeade, Cherry-Limeade, Paper Tiger, Top Secret Midge, Medallion Midge and the famed Black Beauty. Although Pat no longer has the time to tie flies commercially, he once produced more than 28,000 flies in a year. Pat is a fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants and his signature flies are available at the Blue Quill Angler.

Another one of Pat's interests is photography. He produces many digital slide presentations used in his speaking engagements at fishing clubs throughout the United States. He is a Celebrity Speaker for the International Sportsmen's Exposition in Denver and is very active in Trout Unlimited and the conservation of cold-water fisheries.

In addition, Pat is Guide Director and a partner in the Blue Quill Angler fly shop in Evergreen, Colorado. He oversees and trains more than two dozen guides and helps to set the standard for integrity and professionalism in the shop's guide operation. Pat is proud to be a Simms Guide Ambassador and is a member of the Sage Fly Rods Advisory Team.

In his personal life, Pat is the proud father of three wonderful boys, Forrest, Zach, and Hunter and also has two stepchildren, Nicole and Michael Richardson. They, like their dad, enjoy fly fishing with Pat's wife, Kim, being an avid angler, often appearing with Pat at trade shows and other speaking engagements. Kim and Pat also host a yearly trip to Alaska Sportsman's Lodge each September. You can look up more about Pat and his activities at: www.bluequillangler.com

Please join Pat Dorsey as he educates us on how to better fish western tailwaters.... And remember to pursue your fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

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 that our new members have a green circle sticker on their name badge.

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:

Phoenix Club:
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA

Cross Roads Church of Irvine/
Tustin:
2472 Walnut Avenue
Tustin, CA

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