

# 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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The FFCOC has secured the Back Bay Conference Center as our host venue for the remainder of our 2024 Club Meetings. Come join us at the Back Bay Conference Center on March 13!

Just Announced! Mentor Outing, Lower Owens River, March 23-24 (See Page 16 for details). Sign up today!!

Rod Building Class. Register by **March 28**. See Page 8.

Save the Date; FFCOC Annual Club Picnic. August 17 at William Mason Regional Park (Irvine). See Page 7

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

Our February monthly Club meeting at the Back Bay Conference Center was a rousing success! All the returned surveys were very positive about the location. Member feedback was so strong that we have reserved the Back Bay Conference Center for our monthly meetings for the rest of 2024! A few people were unsure of the location of the Conference Center. It is the Second Floor of the Irvine Bowling Lanes.

Have you taken your gear out of the storage bags? Did you remember to clean it all after your last fishing outing? As you are preparing for this coming season, if you have gently used equipment, supplies, clothing that you no longer use, consider setting it aside for the Club Auction. If you have items to donate, make a list and email [Auction@ffcoc.org](mailto:Auction@ffcoc.org). The Auction committee will get in touch with you to arrange delivery of the items.



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

We are rather short on outings for 2024. Are you planning trips? Would you consider hosting the trip with a few of your fellow FFCOC Club members? Being a Streamkeeper is easy and fun. You can start out simply by leading a Fishing in Town (FIT) outing to local waters. This is a great way to meet other members. There is a link on our website on the menu (Club Outings -> Fishing In Town). Just fill out the form and it will be posted Club members.

We are still looking for volunteers to join our Board of Directors. The future success of the Club requires clear succession planning for the Board members. New volunteers are always needed to learn and take over the various Board positions. All Board positions can generally use some assistance. Please look at the list of Board positions at the end of this newsletter. Our Club has immediate needs for Leadership, Membership Chairperson, Assistant Treasurer, and Treasurer positions. If you have an interest, contact the current Board member in the position or contact me.

Best regards,

Brian Mayer

President (Acting), 2024

[president@ffcoc.org](mailto:president@ffcoc.org)

## FFCOC Meeting Venue for 2024

# FFCOC 2024 Meeting Venue: Back Bay Conference Center (Irvine)



**When:** March 13, 2024

**Standard Meeting Times:**

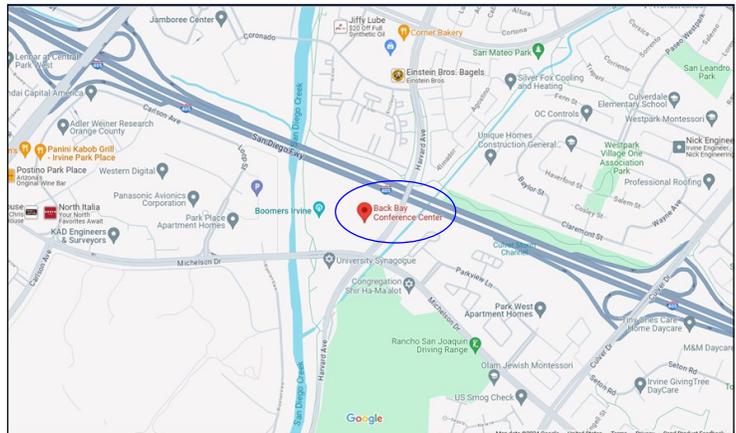
6:30 PM - Wet Fly Social Hour

7:30 PM - Speaker Presentation

9:00 PM - Meeting Concludes

**Where:** Back Bay Conference Center  
3415 Michelson Drive  
Irvine, CA 92612

**Meeting Fee:** **\$15**



The FFCOC has secured the Back Bay Conference Center as our host venue for the remainder of our Club General Meetings in 2024, this includes the Annual Club Auction on September 11.

- The Back Bay Conference Center will provide Appetizers and a Cash Bar for your Social Hour pleasures! Note that a meeting fee of **\$15/person** will be charged to help offset the cost of our venue with appetizer and beverage service.
- The Back Bay Conference Center is on the 2nd Floor; above the bowling alley. Look for the entrance shown in the photo above.
- Come and join us at the Back Bay Conference Center! Guests are always welcome!!



## 2024 Speakers

### MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Glenn Ueda	Planet Carp: Fly Fishing for The World's Most Popular Fish	01/10/24
February	Griff Marshall	Central Oregon and the Deschutes	02/07/24
March	Sandra Jacobson, Ph.D.	CalTrout Projects in the South Coast and Sierra Regions	03/13/24
April	Steph Albano	Fanaticals and Henrys Fork	04/10/24
May	Matt Hakonarson	Iceland - Trip of a Lifetime	05/08/24
June	Tim Flagler	Euro Nymphing Made Simple	06/12/24
July	Doug Rodricks	The Eastern Sierra - a Guide's Fresh Look	07/10/24
August	Club Picnic	William Mason Regional Park (Irvine)	<b>08/17/24</b>
September	Club Auction	<b>Back Bay Conference Center (Irvine)</b>	<b>09/11/24</b>
October	Simon Gawesworth	Fly Lines	10/09/24
November	Graham Day	Xcalak, Mexico	11/13/24
December	TBA	TBA	12/11/24

## CalTrout Projects in the South Coast and Sierra Regions

with Sandra Jacobson, Ph.D.



Sandra Jacobson, Ph.D. is CalTrout's South Coast and Sierra Director based in San Diego. She manages the South Coast Steelhead Coalition and works with Coalition partners to recover endangered steelhead and restore their habitat in Southern California.

For her presentation, Sandra will touch on CalTrout projects that promote endangered Southern steelhead recovery, the I-5 Metrolink fish passage project in Trabuco Creek, post-fire trout rescue in Coldwater Canyon Creek, and meadows restoration and forest fuels reduction for native trout and natural resource protection in the Sierra Nevada.

Sandra also works with partners in the Sierra to protect source waters, high-elevation meadows, and native trout in this magnificent landscape. She brings to this conservation effort a background in molecular biological research and project management in environmental and industrial R&D.

With a doctorate in genetics from the University of Colorado and geared toward science-based conservation, Sandra has worked closely with non-profit organizations and governmental entities for the past fifteen years to secure grant funding and build interdisciplinary teams to implement environmental projects in Southern California.



**CalTrout Mission Statement:**

At California Trout, our goal is to restore vibrance and abundance to California's freshwater ecosystems, and to keep them that way for years to come. With the help of many local and national organizations, we've worked to improve the habitats of several fish species throughout California.

**Websites:**

<https://caltrout.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaTrout/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/california-trout/>

<https://www.instagram.com/californiatrout/>

## Club News

### Membership

#### Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

##### January

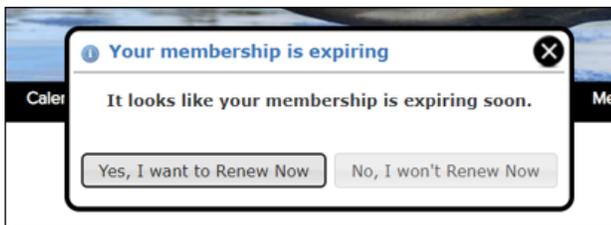
Gregory Kraft (Anaheim)  
George Maraczi (Laguna Niguel)  
Lewis Wemyss (Newport Beach)

##### February

Robert Rasmussen (Anaheim)  
Mike Ricca (Aliso Viejo)  
Matthew Williams (Huntington Beach)

### (Past) Time to Renew Your Membership for 2024!

Just a friendly reminder for those who have not renewed their Club membership for 2024, your 2023 membership expired on 12/31/23.



Membership renewal is easy. Does this pesky dialog box appear every time you log into the FFCOC website? Your membership is expired. Instead of clicking **CLOSE**, go ahead and click on the **Yes, I want to Renew Now** button, and follow the instructions to renew your FFCOC Membership for 2024!! Credit Card and Check payment options are available.

Note: The dialog box on the Club website when you are logged in is the only reminder a member would normally receive for a expiring membership. As such, the Membership Committee issued a reminder email message in February to members with open renewals. There are many ways to renew, the easiest is to attend the next Club Meeting! We look forward to seeing you!!

Members that aren't renewed by mid-March are automatically placed into "Expired" status from "Active" status in our Club Membership Directory. 😞😞

### Club Hats Are Now Available



New, available to Club Members only...Club hats! The hats are khaki colored, cotton twill, size adjustable, with an embroidered Club logo. The cost to members is only \$15 each. You can get yours at any one of our future Club meetings.

But wait, there's more... All future new Club Members will also receive a Club hat with their membership enrollment. What happened to the Club mugs? Well, we have 11 left in our inventory. The next 11 new member enrollments will receive both a Club hat and mug!! Welcome to the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County!!!



## Club News

### FFCOC Annual Club Picnic

#### Mason Regional Park

The date and venue for our Annual Club Picnic is now set; **Saturday, August 17, 2024, 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM**, at William Mason Regional Park (Shelter 1) in Irvine. This is the same venue as we used last year; many positive comments were received regarding the use of the Mason Park Picnic Shelter. The Club does not hold a monthly meeting in August, so come and join us at the picnic. The cost is **FREE!!** There is a \$5 Entry Fee to the Park. Enjoy an afternoon of Food, Games, Prizes, Fun and Fellowship with your fellow Club Members. All members and their guests are invited! Volunteers will be needed to host the event; site setup, grill technicians (cooks), food station preps and setup, game execution, cleanup and site teardown, etc. Please look for a call for volunteers communicate. Your suggestions for a great picnic event are welcome as well!!



Club Calendar Event: [FFCOC Annual Picnic - Club Calendar - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County](#)  
Event Coordinator: Terry Roznos, [taronos@verizon.net](mailto:taronos@verizon.net)

### Stream Keepers Wanted



Are you interested in a fly-fishing trip – someplace you’ve gone before or maybe someplace you’ve always wanted to go?

A great way to meet people and hone your fly-fishing skills, and ultimately have fun is participating in a FFCOC fly fishing trip, and one of the ways of doing this is being a Stream Keeper.

Every trip sponsored by FFCOC, and included in the FFCOC Outings calendar, has a Stream Keeper whether it’s a multi-day trip or just a morning of fly-fishing at the surf.

Does this sound a bit too daunting? It’s not. The FFCOC has a procedure specifically for Stream Keepers in the Members Only section of the FFCOC website, look in Document Folder Steam Keeper ([Documents - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \(clubexpress.com\)](#)). Contact your Outings Director, Mike Peters, and there are many former and current Stream Keepers that will answer any, and all questions. This is a great way to get involved in your Club, meet other Club members, and mostly enjoy fly-fishing!

### Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (April) edition are due to the 2024 Editor by **Wednesday, March 27**, to meet publication deadlines. All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Member announcements, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Stream Keepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Please send your inputs or suggestions to the 2024 Editor, Terry Roznos, at the email address provided. Thank you!! [taronos@verizon.net](mailto:taronos@verizon.net)

## Club News - Class Announcement

**Register By:  
March 28**

### **Rod Building Class** **First Session is May 4** **Registration is now OPEN**

**Register By:  
March 28**

Would you like to learn how to build your own rod?

We will conduct a beginning rod building class over three Saturdays this spring. The sessions are 3 hours each day on **May 4**, **May 11** and **June 1**. You need to attend all three sessions to complete your rod.

This class will provide you with the materials and knowledge to:

1. Build your own rod,
2. Understand how to evaluate the quality of commercial rods, and
3. How to match lines and rods.

Successfully building your own rod requires some patience and practice of the skills you will learn. Anyone can do it!

This class will use kits to keep costs low and to simplify your learning curve. We negotiate a group discount and estimate the total cost to be about \$190/rod.

So, for a low investment of time and money, you will have a new rod, a new skill and broader knowledge of rod quality and function.

Please register on the website by **March 28**. Participation is capped at seven members, and we need to order kits in time for delivery.

See additional Class Details (and Register) at the Rod Building page on our FFCOC website:

[FFCOC.org=>Log in=>Education=>Rod Building](http://FFCOC.org=>Log in=>Education=>Rod Building)

You may navigate to the FFCOC Rod Building Page using the path above,  
or, simply click on the link above.

**Registration is now OPEN**

#### **Questions:**

Contact Larry Behm with your questions.



## Club News - Fish Tales

### Patagonia, Argentina, January 2024

A Fish Tale by: Tom Sakai

Club members Roy Fukushima and Tom Sakai joined hosts and fellow Club members Joe Libeu and Kathy Kim on a fishing adventure to Patagonia, Argentina. We left John Wayne Airport on a Thursday afternoon, arriving in Buenos Aires Friday morning, after a connection in Dallas. We toured the City on Friday and overnighed in Buenos Aires, flying to the town of Esquel in Southern Patagonia on Saturday morning. We were picked up by our guides and journeyed to Brook Trout Camp, near the small town of Rio Pico on Saturday afternoon.



Our fishing adventure commenced on Sunday. We had several days of lake fishing, highlighted by large rainbow and brook trout.



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## Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

### Patagonia Argentina January 2024 (Con't)



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## Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

### Patagonia Argentina January 2024 (Con't)

We moved to El Encuentro Lodge (under the same ownership) for the last couple of days, fishing the Rio Futaleufu. The fishing for large rainbows and brown trout was excellent!



Here are a couple of examples of the great food that was served at the lodges:



Sorry, didn't get any photos of the plentiful great wine.

At the end of the trip we returned to Buenos Aires where Roy and Tom stayed an extra day to go catch golden dorado, a nice end to a memorable trip.

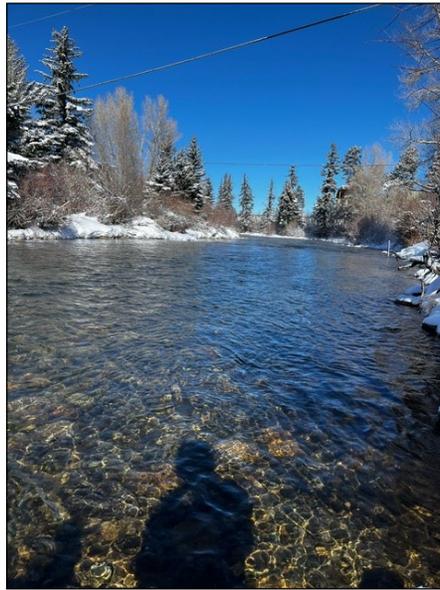


## Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

### Half Day on the Blue River

A Fish Tale by: Joe Simrell

I did a 1/2 day on the Blue River below the Dillon dam in Silverthorne, CO. It is a tail water that is known for large rainbow trout. Being the dead of winter, we had the water all to ourselves. My guide from Breckenridge Outfitters was really helpful and made the outing very enjoyable. I had 10 hits, one broke my line, and landed a 12" and 18".



## Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

### **Wanted! Your Fish Tales!!**

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

You don't always get to share your full stories at our monthly meetings. The Newsletter provides a great forum to share your stories!

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 2024 Newsletter Editor, Terry Roznos at:

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

Thank you!

## 2024 Club Outings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Stream Keeper</b>
March 10-12	Pyramid Lake (Nevada) Primary Guide: Joe Contaldi	Paul Nakamura
<a href="#">March 23-34</a>	<a href="#">Mentor Outing - Lower Owens River</a>	<a href="#">Doug Jones</a>
April 14-17	San Juan River (New Mexico)	Brian Mayer
July 12-15	Hot Creek Ranch	Don Tayenaka
September 26-30	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos
October 7-11	Fly Fishing Southern Utah (Loa, Utah)	John Williams
October 18-20	President's Outing/Kern River	Brian Mayer

**Note: Contact Mike Peters with your Club Outing proposal, or for guidance on creating a Club Outing. Let's fill up this Outing page, and let's go fishing as a group!!!**

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

## 2024 Outings - Pyramid Lake (Nevada)

Trip Full

### Pyramid Lake Ladder Fly Fishing W/Joe Contaldi & Pyramid Lake Angler's Guide Service March 10-March 12, 2024

Trip Full



### *Come Out & Experience a Truly Unique Adventure!!!*

**Dates** - Fishing 3 full days, March 10 – March 12, Sunday - Tuesday. Arrive Saturday March 9, depart Wednesday March 13.

**Guide Assistance** - Provided by Joe Contaldi and guides from Pyramid Lake Angler's Guide Service: [Pyramid Lake Anglers](#) Phone: 760-965-6527

**Cost** - \$ 250/Day/Angler with 2 guides + a separate cook. If we have 12 anglers there will be 3 guides. This includes hot breakfast and lunch, plus drinks.

**Lodging Plans** - Hotel in Sparks, NV – Western Village Inn & Casino, 800-648-1170. We won't book enough rooms to secure a block of rooms. Please call them directly ASAP, to get best prices. Option, stay at Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe, NV, 775-476-0400. Call them to get availability and pricing.

**What you are responsible for** - Your Transportation, Hotel, Meals (other than breakfast and lunch on fishing days at the lake), Guide tips, Fishing Permit from Piute Indian Tribe: \$62 for 3 day permit.

**Fishing Gear** - Rods/Reels: 9' - 8 or 9 wt. or 11' Switch Rod, with floating line for indicator fishing or fast sinking or shooting head line for stripping with a single hand rod. Tackle – Flies, adjustable indicators, 10-15# leader/tippet. Check their website for latest info. Ladders and Chair Ladders will be provided. Rods, reels & terminal tackle will be provided if you need them. You will also need warm layered clothing, waders and wading boots.

#### More Info -

- Deposit of **\$375.00** due ASAP after signing up. Final payment of **\$375.00** due no later than January 15, 2024.
- Make checks payable to the 'Paul Nakamura', and send to 12136 Marshall St. Culver City, 90230 or you can use Zelle or Venmo. Please contact Paul for account info.
- Contact Paul for details/info and to get on the Trip List. [pnaka1946@gmail.com](mailto:pnaka1946@gmail.com) or 310-487-3367
- We will try to have Zoom meeting with Joe to get you acquainted with fly fishing Pyramid Lake. Tentative date will be in February after we get a Club distribution developed.
- Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent to members who have signed up for the Trip.

## 2024 Outings - Mentor Outing (Lower Owens River; Bishop, CA)

### Mentor Outing - Lower Owens River (Bishop, CA)

Stream Keeper: Doug Jones, (714) 697-2222, [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com)

March 23-24, 2024



Mentor outings are intended for newer Club members who do not have a lot of experience fly fishing and experienced members willing to spend Saturday morning being fishing buddies and providing encouragement to participants (mentors). Signups will be limited to about 10 participants depending on the number of Club members that volunteer as mentors. Participants will be selected in the order that they sign up with newness to the Club and experience level taken into consideration. Doug Jones is the stream keeper for this outing; his cell phone number is 714-697-2222 and his email is [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com). Sign up to participate online by logging into the Club website, going to the calendar and clicking on the event (website link below). Mentors should contact Doug Jones to volunteer to help. Participants can also contact Doug if they need assistance signing up.

[Mentor Outing Lower Owens River - Club Calendar - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County](#)

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## 2024 Outings - Mentor Outing (Lower Owens River; Bishop, CA)

### Outing Preparation

- Inventory your equipment and supplies well in advance of the outing so you arrive in Bishop prepared. If you attended On the River Training program the handouts list many of the items you should consider bringing. Make sure to get a current fishing license.
- Mentors should be familiar with Guidance For Working With Novices. They will be provided a copy if they don't have one.
- Mentors should consider fishing on their own Friday prior to the outing to get a handle on current conditions and scout places to fish.
- You should be in good physical condition to participate. Weather may be cold and wet. You should be prepared to walk at least a half mile on uneven and slippery surfaces to fishing locations.
- Wading is necessary to reach most of the good fishing locations and you may need to climb up or down slopes to enter the river. Wading staffs are highly recommended and wading belts are required.

### Outing

- Friday – Travel to Bishop
- Meet up Saturday March 23rd at 8:30AM at the Pleasant Valley Campground on Chalk Bluff Road at the walking bridge.
- Carpooling to Bishop and coordination of lodging is encouraged.
- Saturday – Mentors spend the morning fishing with participants. This is a fishing buddy relationship, the mentors are not guides or in any way responsible for participant's equipment, supplies, wellbeing, etc. Saturday afternoon everyone is on their own for an afternoon of fishing. All participants are encouraged to pair up so they have a fishing buddy for the afternoon.
- Saturday evening – Informal dinner get-together - location to be announced later.
- Sunday – Meet at the footbridge at 8:30AM, answer questions participants may have and everyone is on their own for a day of fishing. Everyone is encouraged to pair up so they have a fishing buddy for the day.

Here is a good webpage for the Eastern Sierra: [Fly Fishing the Sierra](#)

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## 2024 Outings - Mentor Outing (Lower Owens River; Bishop, CA)

Here's an abbreviated list of flies to consider for the Lower Owens:

### **Dry:**

Parachute Adams 16-22

Elk Hair Caddis 16-18

Blue Wing Olive 19-18

Beatis 16-22

Griffith's Gnat

### **Nymph:**

Green Rock Worm 14-18 with and without bead

Emerging Caddis 16-20 green body

Pheasant Tail 14-22 with and without bead

Hare's Ear 14-22 with and without bead

Bead-head midge 18-22 olive, red, black, chartreuse, purple

Copper John 18 - 14

WD-40 16-22

Zebra/Tiger Midge 18 - 14

Prince Nymph 16-20

### **Soft Hackle:**

Tan, green, brown 12-16

### **Streamer:**

Wooly Bugger 14

Online resource for flies: [Big Y Fly Co®](#)

*Note: You don't need every fly in every size and color but if you buy a wide selection you'll be set for a good while and can cover almost any water in the Sierra. If you run out of flies or need different patterns there are fly shops in Bishop.*

## 2024 Outings - San Juan River (New Mexico)

Trip Full

### San Juan River, NM Outing

Trip Full

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

April 14 to 17, 2024



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

We are planning another fantastic outing to the San Juan River in northwestern New Mexico for April 2024.

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

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

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

Fisheads Lodge also offers an All Inclusive option. This option includes room, guide and all meals (breakfast and special dinner menu) each day. Lunch is always included on guide days.

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## 2024 Outings - San Juan River (New Mexico)

Plan to arrive by Sunday, April 14. The general plan is to fish with guides Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 to 17. I strongly recommend you get a guide for at least two days to thoroughly enjoy all the fishing the San Juan Quality Water has to offer.

I will be coordinating a caravan for this trip. We will depart SoCal on Saturday, April 13 and spend the night in Flagstaff, AZ. We will arrive midday on Sunday, April 14 to the San Juan River and Fisheads Lodge.

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

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



## 2024 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch

Trip Full

Trip Full

# HOT CREEK RANCH 2024

## July 12-15, 2024



The cost of this trip this year is **\$500** per person.

The trip is full at this time, if you would like to be put on a waitlist, contact Don Tayenaka, [dontayenaka@me.com](mailto:dontayenaka@me.com), or call 949-292-8325

Monies need to be to our Treasurer, Tom Sakai  
Deposit **\$250**. Due **Jan. 15, 2024**. Balance due **June 1, 2024**

Send Check Made out to: FFCOC

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

Trip starts Hot Creek Ranch July 12, 2024

Check in time is **4:00 P.M.** Friday **NOT BEFORE!**

Trip ends July 15, 2024 you must be out of the cabin by **10:00 A.M.**

You may fish the remainder of the day.

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## 2024 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch

You must be a Club member to attend.

You will need a signed release form on file for this trip.

If you have previously attended a Club Outing, and your form is on file, you are set.

Check with our Membership Chairperson to see if it is on file. Thank you.



## FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2024

September 26 - 30



**Dates:** September 26-30. Arrive on a Thursday (9/26), and Depart on a Monday (9/30). Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)! You may of course arrive/depart earlier or later as your schedule availability permits.

**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). **Note:** Due to the 2023 rainfall and snowpack, the area reservoirs filled, flows on the creeks, streams and rivers were back in good shape last year, and the fishing was great! The Blue Ribbon East Walker River and its Miracle Mile fished "lights out"!!

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## 2024 Outings - Bridgeport (Con't)

**Fishing:** Independent fishing format. Members disperse to their desired fishing locations in the morning (as singles, or better yet, 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, share a beverage or two, and discuss our plans and strategies for the next day.



**Lodging:** Willow Springs Resort ([Willow Springs Resort in Bridgeport, CA](#)), 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, Wi-Fi 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, Wi-Fi 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 RVer's, 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. Based on attendee interest, an evening group BBQ can be arranged for Saturday evening. Traditionally, the group meets our final evening (Sunday) at the Virginia Creek Settlement for dinner. Most importantly, bring your favorite trout fishing gear!

**Registration Instructions:** Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. Please make your lodging reservations and payment directly with 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 on the FFCOC website. Once you have secured a confirmed lodging reservation, then please click on the Register Now button on the Calendar Event to confirm your attendance.

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## 2024 Outings - Fly Fishing Southern Utah

### Fly Fishing Southern Utah (Loa, UT)

Stream Keeper: John Williams, (951) 236-0862, [thereeltroutbum@gmail.com](mailto:thereeltroutbum@gmail.com)

October 7-11, 2024

The Outing is FULL for 2024. John offers the following information to book your own outing to fish the waters of Southern Utah.

Productive waters are available to all who wish to fish it's waters. Every year we have an outing to Loa, Utah. It is available to you by yourself, or bring a few friends.

**Mike James of the Quiet Flyfisher** is available to you. His phone number is 435-616-2319.



There are other waters in Southern Utah, **Steve Dawson of Circle Valley Anglers** is also a good choice for other waters. He guides both Streams, Rivers and Lakes further south of Loa. He also has access to private waters. His phone number is 435-840-5617.

**Southwest Council FFI – News & Events**

**Mark Your Calendars for 2024!**

Block out your calendars for some great events coming from the FFI Southwest Council...

The graphic is a vertical stack of four promotional panels for the Southwest Council of FFI. Each panel features a logo on the left, event details in the center, and a QR code on the right. The top panel is for the Trout Rodeo Tournament, which is marked as 'Complete'. The second panel is for a Flybuy event on April 6. The third panel is for the Surf Tournament from May 25 to June 22. The bottom panel is for a subscription to event announcements and newsletters.

**FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council**

**SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF FFI  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TROUT RODEO  
TOURNAMENT  
BISHOP  
FEBRUARY 10**

**Complete**

**THE BISHOP  
TROUT RODEO**

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**FLYBUY  
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APRIL 6**

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**RIPTIDE  
endezvous**

**SURF  
TOURNAMENT  
MAY 25  
TO JUNE 22**

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**SCAN TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR  
EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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## Southwest Council FFI – News & Events



**Trout Rodeo, Feb. 10** – Once again, we will host this catch and release event, open to fly and conventional gear, in the Owens Valley. Depending on weather, you could be fishing from the Upper O all the way to Lone Pine! Same rules as before, so bring your friends, Club members and anyone else who likes a fun competition.

[The Trout Rodeo was conducted on February 10. See Next Page for Event Summary!](#)



**FlyBuy XIII, April 6** – Long Beach Casting Club – tying, casting, vendors and garage sale, all wrapped into one. And a great lunch to boot!



**Riptide Rendezvous, May 11 (pre-gathering and info), May 25 - June 22 (contest)** - The month-long contest worked so well we are doing it again. Catch and release and open to both fly and conventional gear and this time, we are hosting a gathering two weeks before for people to meet each other, share info (or lie) and have a lot of fun. At a beach near you!

Details and more information, plus webpage links, will follow for each event in the coming months. The event details will be included in the pages that follow as they are received from the Southwest Council. So mark your calendar and let's have some fun in 2024!!



## Southwest Council FFI – News & Events



### Trout Rodeo | February 10, 2024

From Event Organizer, Michael Schweit, Southwest Council FFI. This was the first year that some teams were mixed (fly/gear) and while I loved the idea, turns out scoring the teams is problematic. So after consultation with the 1st and 2nd place teams, their standings have been switched as noted below. Thanks to all for your understanding and looking forward to an error free Trout Rodeo in 2025!

This year saw a record number of anglers competing in the Trout Rodeo with almost 50 in attendance. And a significant jump in gear anglers and teams in both categories including more of the SWCFFI Clubs (Sespe Fly Fishers, The Pasadena Casting Club, Hi Desert Fly Fishers, Santa Clarita Casting Club). All participants were greeted with beautiful scenery and blue skies but it was COLD with a 32 degree morning start and some of the famous Owens Valley Wind to knock down the chill factor. Big thanks to our sponsors for the raffle Swag - Snowbee USA, Fishermen's Spot, Mac's Sporting Goods and Reagan's Sporting Goods. Also generously donated were gift certificates from some of the area's best guides - Sierra Bright Dot Fly Fishing Guide Service (Fred Rowe and Richard Lancaster), Eastern Sierra Guide Service (Pat Jaeger), Eastern Sierra Sportfishing (Andre Nersesian) and David Downs. The event was held at the always welcoming Tri-County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Bishop Chamber of Commerce.

And NOW, the O-Fish-AI results of the 3rd Annual Trout Rodeo!

280 fish logged in and released with our new measuring tubes and NO ONE FELL IN (that they admitted)



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## Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

### Fly Division, Individual Category

- 1st - Dan Oliver
- 2nd - Pilar Carrillo
- 3rd - Thomas Paulson

### Team Category

- 1st - Trout Trousers
- 2nd - Team Tenkara
- 3rd - Dead Drift

### Gear Division, Individual Category

- 1st - Daniel Davis
- 2nd - Oleg Shaidurov
- 3rd - Vince Sainz

### Team Category

- 1st - Sainz Cats
- 2nd - Chico and the Man
- 3rd - Team Collins

### Guide/Professional Division

Chris Leonard

Largest Fish - Gary Collins (gear) 17", Pilar Carrillo (fly) 16.75", Smallest Fish - Vince Sainz (gear) 6", Thomas Paulson (fly) 4.5"

Most Unusual and a First for the Tournament Daniel Davis (gear) - Large Mouth Bass



**MEASURE AND RELEASE** is the mantra of the Bishop Trout Rodeo as each fish landed gets a moment on the tape and then is quickly returned to fight another day.



**TEAM TROUSER TROUTERS** took top tier tournament prize with First Place honors in Fly Fishing Team division. Tournament Director, Michael Schweit, center, hands out coveted glass mugs and raffle tickets to the winners.



For a further Trout Rodeo recap, please see the March 1 Edition of the Western Outdoor News (Pages 3-4); by WON Staff Writer, Bob Semerau (Bob is also a member of the Sespe Fly Fishers Club)



## Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

### FFI Women Connect Quarterly Newsletter



New in 2023, *The Connection* is the official quarterly newsletter of FFI Women Connect. FFI Women Connect encourages female leadership in FFI Clubs and the fly fishing industry by creating a platform where women can develop fly fishing skills, network with other women fly fishers, and come together for fly fishing experiences.

The fifth issue of *The Connection* features fly fishing book reviews, events, previews of coming women's programs, trips and more!

Click to Read Winter Edition of *The Connection*:

[FFIWC Newsletter The Connection Winter 2024.pdf](#)

### Fly Fishers International Southwest Council Monthly Newsletter...

**Editor Recommended Read:** Consider a subscription to the Southwest Council monthly newsletter. It is very well done! You will read about news and events of the SWCFFI, as well as the Club activities for all 23 Fly Fishing Clubs in the Region (including the FFCOC). Your newsletter will arrive each month in your Inbox. Subscribe by clicking the link in the box below.

**Subscribe to the SWCFFI Newsletter > Click Below**

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## Conservation, Fishing News, and Tips

### CALIFORNIA TROUT **New Bridge on Santa Margarita River Will Enhance Important Steelhead Migration Corridor.**



FISH · WATER · PEOPLE

By: *CalTrout News*

Today it is rare to see a Southern steelhead in the wild, but there was a time when these fish were abundant, swimming in and out of Southern California's watersheds in the tens of thousands.

Read Article:

[New Bridge on Santa Margarita River Will Enhance Important Steelhead Migration Corridor](#)



### **Salmon Strategy**

By: *Sam Davidson, Trout Unlimited*

Strategic and sustained collaboration is imperative to the recovery of native salmon and Steelhead in California.

Read Article: [New Plan Aims To Recover Native Salmon And Steelhead In California, Reflects TU Restoration And Policy Priorities](#)



### **The Wild Trout Debate**

By: *Spencer Durrant*

Chris Hunt sparked some serious discussion with his latest story in *Hatch Magazine*. Hunt wrote a wide-ranging story that, at its heart, can be summed up in this paragraph towards the end: "It is time to stop palpitating over which trout belong where and start ensuring functional rivers have the resiliency needed to withstand a climate that's not going to get any friendlier to coldwater fish."

Read Story with link to the Chris Hunt *Hatch Magazine* story; Have we taken our love for native trout too far?

Read Article: [The Wild Trout Debate | MidCurrent](#)



### **There's a new (old) fishing spot in Oregon as a river flows again for the first time in a century**

By: *Sarah Joseph, Contributor*

There's a new (old) fishing spot in Oregon as a river flows again for the first time in a century. The Klamath river opens again, fishing returns.

Read Article: [There's a new \(old\) fishing spot in Oregon as a river flows again for the first time in a century](#)

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## Sign Petition to Save Southern Steelhead from Extinction

**Now is the time to raise your voice to protect an iconic native species from extinction!**

The evidence is undeniable: Southern California steelhead teeter on the brink of extinction. Southern steelhead serve as crucial indicators of watershed health and river ecosystem integrity. These fish play a role within the ecosystem that you, your family, neighbors, and friends are also a part of. If one piece of the ecosystem changes or disappears this ripples throughout the rest of the ecosystem affecting every other species - plant, animal, and human.

Historically, Southern steelhead thrived, with tens of thousands of them swimming through Southern California rivers and streams. Today, it's rare to see them in double digits. Their dwindling numbers stem from habitat loss, fragmentation, and the encroachment of urbanization. *We must act urgently to prevent the irreversible loss of this species.*

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## Conservation, Fishing News, and Tips

**We need your help! The Fish and Game Commission needs to hear that allowing this species to disappear is not acceptable. Sign our letter below to tell the Commission that you fully support listing Southern steelhead as endangered under California's ESA.**

**Sign Petition by April 4:**

[Save Southern Steelhead | California Trout \(caltrout.org\)](https://caltrout.org)

In 2021, conservation nonprofit CalTrout submitted a petition to the California Fish and Game Commission to fully protect Southern steelhead as endangered under California's Endangered Species Act. *Listing these fish as endangered would promote actions to protect them including removing obsolete dams, improving habitat, securing instream flow, and restoring watersheds.* All of these actions would also benefit human communities. For example, improving aging infrastructure would reduce the risk of flooding and increase public safety and holistic watershed restoration would enforce and build strong relationships throughout the community.

**In January 2024**, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife submitted a peer-reviewed species status report to the Fish and Game Commission. Their extensive review came to the same conclusion as CalTrout's initial petition – the Commission found the petitioned action to list Southern steelhead as an endangered species under California's ESA **to be warranted**. With the CDFW species status review period complete, the Fish and Game Commission has tentatively scheduled this item for their April 2024 meeting. In this meeting, the Commission will formally decide whether the species should be listed as endangered, or whether further action is not warranted.

Thank you for signing our petition - your action can help us save an iconic native fish species from blinking out forever!

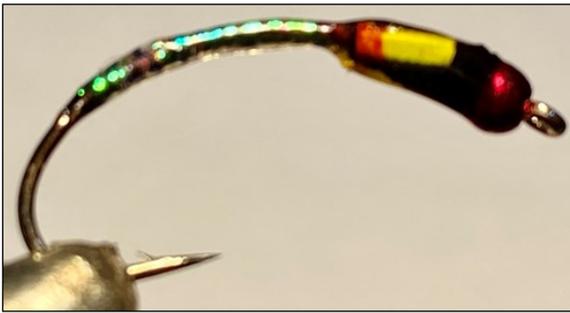
## Flies That Keep On Giving!

### Electric Blue Buzzer

By John Williams

Watching Davie McPhil on U-Tube has been educational, if you are a serious tier you can't find a better teacher. Davie was tying a buzzer and I decided to try it as I always do in Utah. WOW, he showed me a trout food that works so well I carry many with me. Yes, this seems big but the fish are the judges.

#### Materials:



Hook: Daiichi #1160, Size 10  
Bead: 3/32 Blood Red Plummeting Tungsten  
Thread: UTC 70 Black  
Abdomen: Opal Tinsel Large  
Wing Buds: Stripped Yellow Goose Biots  
Glue: Super Glue Gel Formula  
Permanent Red Marker  
Fly Covering: UV Thin Formula

#### Instructions:

1. Slide bead on hook and place in vice.
2. Start thread at bead and wrap rearward to pictured point.
3. Tie in Tinsel, wrap the thread forward to behind the bead, smear a slight amount of super glue on shank from tie in of tinsel to behind the bead and wrap forward the tinsel overlapping slightly.
4. Remove two biots and cut the curly base. Run the thread back third of the way back from the beard.
5. Tie in one biot on either side of the hook slightly below the center of the shank with the concave side against the shank and run the thread forward to behind the bead.
6. Fold each biot forward and secure with a few wraps of thread. Place a ever so small smear of super glue at the tie in point behind the bead and secure with a few whip finishes.
7. Place a small mark as pictured with the marker on either side of the biots.
8. Reposition the hook to have the eye pointing down and smeared UV cure on the entire fly from the rear to the eye. a rotary vice works well at this point. Add a little more cure to the biots behind the bead. Rotate the vice as you cure the UV or it will run to fill the eye or to the back of the hook.
9. Admire your work and head to the lake as this is a super fly for trout.

All The Best, John

## FFCOC Leadership

**Mission:**

Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

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

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

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

**MEMBERSHIP** is open to all. If interested, contact one of the Board members or come to one of the Club meetings.

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