

# ON THE FLY

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



APRIL 2024

## Inside This Issue

As a reminder, 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 April 10!

See the Outing and Event Reports included in this edition; the Mentor Outing (Lower Owens River, March 23-24), and the Trout In The Classroom release with Huntington Beach High School at Eisenhower Park (March 26-27).

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

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

Welcome to April 2024 and what I hope will be a great opening to the fishing season. We are all waiting to hear from all of you who have taken fishing trips and have wonderful reports to share.

As you know or will see in this newsletter, our great friend and longtime Club member, Jim Edwards left a substantial donation to the Club in his estate. I have received many replies to the email announcing his donation.

Here are some of the responses from Club members to the announcement of Jim's bequest to the Club:

"Wow"

"That is SOOOOO like Jim!"

"That's amazing and very generous"

"What a beautiful gesture on Jim's part!"

"Amazing generosity! Thanks, Jim"



I know that I speak for all of the Club members when I say "Thank You Jim for such a grand donation to our Club!"

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. You can also bring the items to the monthly Club meetings just send the email letting us know you are bringing them. Please be sure to make a list of the items so we will know who to credit the donation from.

The Club will need volunteers for the Auction event. If you can give us a few hours of your time on September 11 to help with transportation, setup, functions during the Auction, or break down, please send an email to the [Auction@ffcoc.org](mailto:Auction@ffcoc.org), or contact myself.

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, 2024 President

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

## FFCOC Meeting Venue for 2024

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



**When:** April 10, 2024

**Standard Meeting Times:**

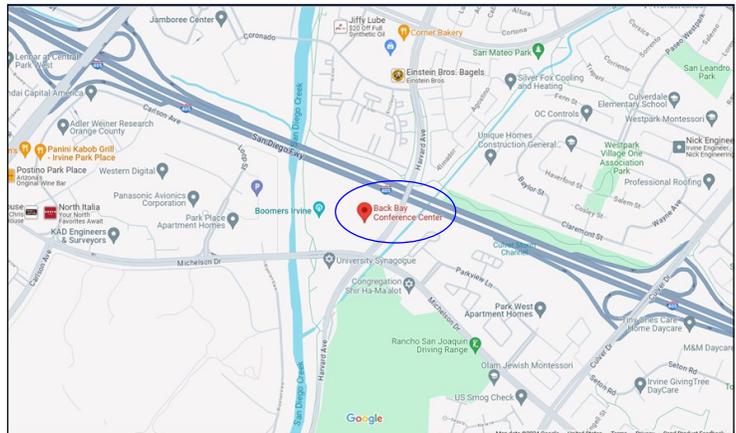
6:30 PM - Wet Fly Social Hour

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	Fly Fishing Idaho	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)	08/17/24
September	Club Auction	Back Bay Conference Center (Irvine)	09/11/24
October	Simon Gawesworth	Fly Lines	10/09/24
November	Graham Day	Xcalak, Mexico	11/13/24
December	TBA	TBA	12/11/24

## This Month's Speaker

# Fly Fishing Idaho with Steph Albano



The Henry's Fork and Silver Creek rivers of Idaho are where technical water meets exceptional scenic beauty and should be on everyone's destination list. Despite or because of their challenges, both rivers play a key role in the history of American fly fishing. The Henry's Fork watershed in eastern Idaho and western Wyoming encompasses 1.7 million acres and over 3,000 miles of rivers, streams, and canals. High mountain streams and warm natural springs form the headwaters of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River, which flows through deep canyons as it descends to the agricultural land of the upper Snake River Valley. Some of the greatest fly fisherman to ever apply their craft have looked to the Henry's Fork waters to test their skills. What has set a few apart is their ability to kindle the imagination of fishermen everywhere.

Steph will talk about both locations -from "The Ranch" to Silver Creek's preserve, managed by the Nature Conservancy. Whether you want to tackle this as a do-it-yourself trip or book guides and comfortable lodging, Steph's presentation will share access points, hatches, and details about the famous water you've heard about. In addition, there are several not so famous places you might want to consider, and she will provide details and resources for your consideration.

Her company, **Finatical Flyfishing** specializes in hosted travel for women as well as booking trips for couples, and private group or corporate trips. She will have information available on all the trips **Finatical Flyfishing** has planned. If you are thinking about a personal, group or corporate trip, you'll walk away with options.

### **Steph's story:**

Steph Albano was born and raised in Idaho and her dad introduced her to flyfishing at a young age. He spent a lot of time on Henry's Fork long before she was old enough to tag along. Before founding Finatical Flyfishing Steph was very career focused and held positions in national marketing, Director of

## This Month's Speaker

Distribution Center Operations and as a Financial Analyst. Once a year she vowed to fish someplace new. Those goals and busy schedules often left her looking at international locations where she was often the only woman seriously considering the trip. Finatical Flyfishing was founded to offer women more options for flyfishing travel.

Steph has traveled and fished in Argentina, Alaska, Belize, Chile, Mexico, Hawaii, the Bahamas, Cuba and the Seychelles. She enjoys helping other anglers to plan women's trips and custom trips for private or corporate groups.



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## Club News

### The Estate of Jim Edwards



As you all know, long time Club member, Past President, and our great friend, Jim Edwards passed away in January. Jim made a provision in his estate to donate to the Club. Jim's bequest to the Club is valued at more than \$140,000 in invested securities. These securities are being placed in the Club's investment account. The Board will determine the best use of these funds to honor the legacy of Jim Edwards. The Board of Directors and members of the Club graciously thank Jim for such a grand donation.

### Membership

#### Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

##### February

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

##### March

Philip Delgado (Mission Viejo)  
Les Krieger (Mission Viejo)  
Patrick Spragge (Laguna Niguel)  
Sunny Tatosian (Laguna Niguel)  
Rob Geyer (Trabuco Canyon)

### 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!!!



### 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, [tároznos@verizon.net](mailto:tároznos@verizon.net)

## Club News

### 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. Use the link below to view or download a copy. 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!

[Streamkeeper Guidelines](#)

### Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (May) edition are due to the 2024 Editor by **Saturday, April 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!! [tarnoznos@verizon.net](mailto:tarnoznos@verizon.net)

**Mentor Outing Trip Report**  
**Lower Owens River (Bishop, CA)**  
**March 23-24, 2024**



One of us lost all his rods and reels when a thief broke into the back of his truck. One of us lost his fly box with hundreds of flies, open-faced, floating down river. And one of us took a swim after a misstep getting out of the river. And this was just the mentors getting ready for the weekend!

I believe the mentees all had a great time fishing and learning. On Saturday, March 23, six reasonably new members of our club joined nine experienced members for this year's Mentor Outing.

Most of the mentors were able to get to the Lower Owens River at least a day early to check out the river conditions and shake the cobwebs off their rods. It was on Friday, the day before the mentees arrived, that all the calamity struck with the loss of rods, flies and dry clothes.

Saturday and Sunday things on the river were great. We all expected cold weather and were greeted with a bit warmer conditions than we expected. The wind was challenging, but it often is in that valley.

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## Club News - Mentor Outing (Con't)

On Saturday morning, we paired each mentee with a mentor and set off to ply our section of river. While it threatened to rain off and on during Saturday, no substantive rain materialized. We were treated to wonderful lunchtime entertainment when a passing cloud dropped sleet and small hail at the same time we were basking in the full warm sun! The wind created a nice opportunity to sharpen casting forms to avoid being blown off target.

Around 11am - 2 pm we saw hatches on the river. The hatches were mostly baetis, with one or two caddis emergences. These emerging bugs excited many of the smaller fish into making repeated splashy rises in many pools. I don't believe anyone was successful with any top action flies. All of the fish were taken on nymphs, mostly midges, perigons or pheasant tails.

The group had two nice dinners together to swap tales, photos and ask questions. As a mentor, I really enjoyed getting to know the newer members better.

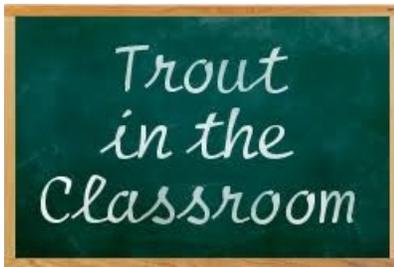
Sunday, we rearranged mentee pairings so that they could work with a different mentor. We agreed to knock off by 2:00pm since the forecast was for heavy rain to start and we all wanted to drive back to Orange County. The hatches started a bit earlier and at times were rather heavy under an overcast sky. But again, the fish were fooled by the nymphs.

So, by the end of the weekend only the lost rods and reels were of any consequence. The fly box was recovered downstream by one of the mentors and wet clothes dry fast in the semi-desert air of Bishop.

Enjoy the YouTube video of the Outing, produced by Melinda Burns, using the following link:

<https://youtu.be/F35Y1tHnZ7g>





### Trout in the Classroom (TIC)

Huntington Beach High School  
Trout Release (Eisenhower Park, Orange CA)

FFCOC Mentors: Gill Realon, Ken and Rosie Beck, Kelly Yokeo, Todd Gomez, Alan Ross, and Joe/Kayrl Simrell.

On Tuesday (March 26) and Wednesday (March 27) Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Club members introduced 121 students from Huntington Beach High School to our sport of fly fishing at Eisenhower Park in Orange.

For a number of years our Club has collaborated with Sarah Hatfield, science teacher that hosts the raising of trout under our "Trout in the Classroom" outreach program. Under this program Club members Ken and Rosie Beck have for many years delivered the trout eggs to classrooms in Orange County.

Additional activities that complemented the release of trout into the park's pond, included the opportunity for the 9th grade science students to:

- Learn about fly fishing equipment (e.g. waders, boots etc.),
- Practice knot tying,
- Practice casting our club's fly rods into the park's pond, and
- Observe a demonstration of tying the "mop fly" and allow a few students to try the fly.

Many thanks to club member volunteers Ken and Rosie Beck, Kelly Yokeo, Todd Gomez, Alan Ross, and Joe/Kayrl Simrell. Here are a few photos of the two day event. We welcome Club members to join us next year at this event.



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# Club News - TIC Release (Con't)



## Club News - Fish Tales

### Green River, Utah. March 2024

#### A Fish Tale by: Greg Kraft

I am new member Greg Kraft. Fishing the Green River in Utah. Cold but fun! 21 inch rainbow on pink egg.



### **Wanted! Your Fish Tales!! See how simple it can be!!!**

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:taroznos@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
March 23-34	Mentor Outing - Lower Owens River	Doug Jones
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 - Hot Creek Ranch

Trip Full

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# 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.



## 2024 Outings - Bridgeport

### 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 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. 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!

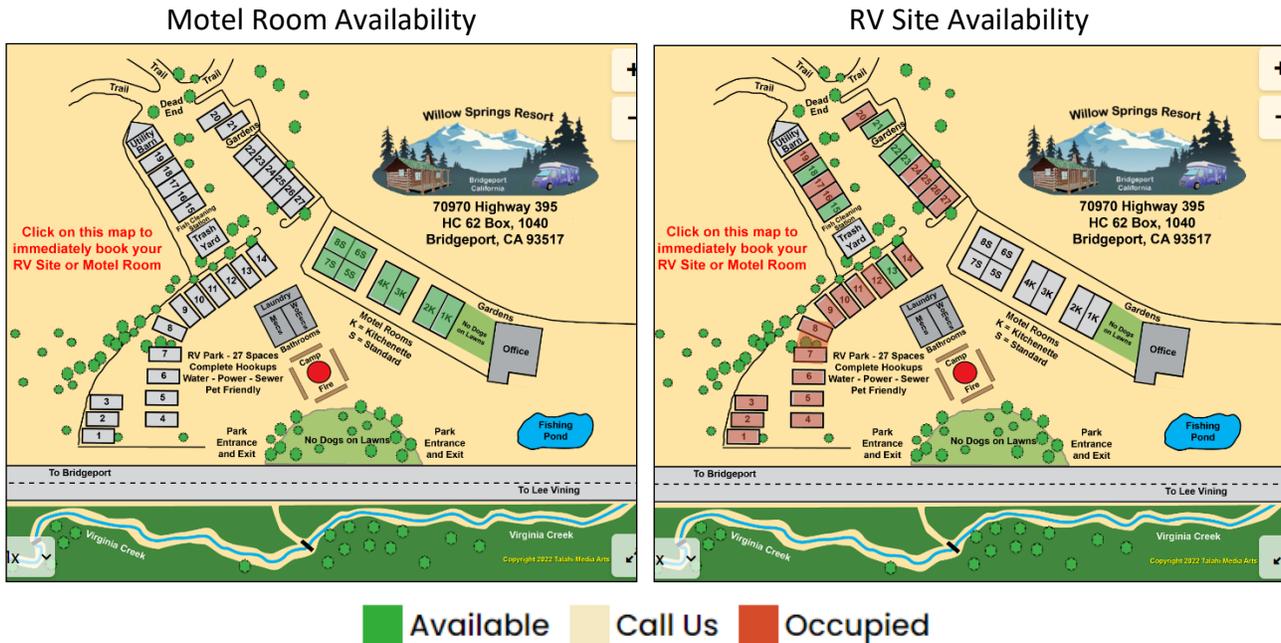
**Registration Instructions:** Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. Please make your lodging reservations and payment directly with Willow Springs Resort. You may make your lodging reservations using the Willow Springs website ([Willow Springs Resort](#)), or use the link 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 - Bridgeport (Con't)

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

### Current Lodging Availability (Sep 26 - 30 stays):



Sounds like an Outing for you? Go ahead and book your lodging with Willow Springs Resort. Please contact your Stream Keeper with your questions. Note: Your Stream Keepers will be in RV Site #11.

**Please Note: RV Sites are almost full!** Motel rooms are currently wide open. Make your reservations directly with Willow Springs Resort to secure your lodging if you plan to attend. After you have secured a confirmed lodging reservation, then please click on the Register Now button on the Club Calendar Event, link below, to confirm your attendance. Or, simply send an email to your Stream Keeper and he can handle the on-line outing registration for you. This is the only mechanism to collect the planned attendees for this Outing!!

Confirm your planned Outing attendance here: [Bridgeport Outing 2024 - Club Calendar - FFCOC](#)

Thank you!!!

#### Stream Keeper Contact Info:

Terry Roznos  
 (562) 322-4790 (cell)  
[taroznos@verizon.net](mailto:taroznos@verizon.net)

## 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. The top panel features the council's logo and the title 'SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF FFI UPCOMING EVENTS'. Below this, the 'TROUT RODEO TOURNAMENT BISHOP' event is advertised for February 10, with a QR code and the website SWCFFI.ORG. A blue box with the word 'Complete' is overlaid on the event text. The second panel promotes a '2024 FLYBUY' event on April 6, organized by the Long Beach Casting Club, with a QR code and the website SWCFFI.ORG. The third panel advertises an event by IPTG, which has been postponed to 2025, with a QR code and the website SWCFFI.ORG. The bottom panel features a cartoon monkey logo and a QR code for subscribing to event announcements and newsletters, with the website SWCFFI.ORG.

**FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council**

## SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF FFI UPCOMING EVENTS

**TROUT RODEO TOURNAMENT BISHOP**  
FEBRUARY 10

**Complete**

SWCFFI.ORG

**2024 FLYBUY**

**FLYBUY ALL THINGS FLY FISHING GEAR/EDUCATION/FUN! LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB**  
**APRIL 6**

SWCFFI.ORG

**Postponed to 2025**

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**SCAN TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS**

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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 your March 2024 Edition for a 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!

**This Saturday (April 6)! See next Page for Additional Info.**



**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.

**Riptide Rendezvous has been postponed until 2025!!**



This Saturday (April 6)!



The flyer is a promotional graphic for a fly fishing event. It features a central white text area flanked by two black vertical panels. The left panel contains a cartoon fish logo, the text 'SATURDAY APRIL 6' in red, and a QR code. The right panel contains the text 'NEW & USED FLY GEAR GARAGE SALE PRICES!!' in red and the website 'swcffi.org/flybuy'. The central area contains the event details: 'Long Beach Casting Club 9:00am to 3:00pm', 'HUGE FLY-GEAR SALE', 'Raffles and silent auctions', 'Casting lessons & group seminar', 'Flytying demonstrations by world-class tiers.', '\$20 includes lunch and soft drinks', 'Free: Kids under 16', and 'All net proceeds support SWC programs'. A small cartoon fish logo is also present on the right side of the central text area.

**FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council**

**2024 FLYBUY**

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9:00am to 3:00pm

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swcffi.org/flybuy

[Southwest Council FFI - Fly Buy \(southwestcouncilffi.org\)](https://southwestcouncilffi.org)



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## Southwest Council FFI – Fly Buy (Con't)

### 2024 FLYBUY COPY (as of 3.25.24)

This will be our 13<sup>th</sup> annual FlyBuy. For those of you that have NOT attended, do not miss out this time!!

#### LOCATION & HOURS:

Long Beach Casting Club, 5201 E. 7<sup>th</sup>, Long Beach, CA

9:00am to 3:00pm

Garage sale starts at 10 a.m.

#### ADMISSION:

ADULTS: 20.00 and includes lunch and soft drink

KID, 16 and under: FREE

#### IT'S A FLYFISHING SUPER-FUN-DAY!

Who doesn't love a garage sale or in this case a YARD SALE and a huge one at that – right? And what if you could watch world renowned fly tiers and fly casting instructors at the same time with LUNCH INCLUDED!!

#### FLY-FISHING GEAR GARAGE SALE AND A FEW “ANYTHING GOES” ITEMS!

One of the biggest attractions is our Garage Sale! It is the LARGEST of its kind on the entire West Coast. We get donations all year long of waders, boots, rods, reels and everything else related to fly fishing. For fun, we even add some items that are not related to fly fishing. And for our “repeat customers” - well, you know the money you saved in the past and once again, EVERYTHING MUST GO!! Garage Sale starts at 10am.

#### FLY-TYING DEMONSTRATIONS ALL DAY

In the clubhouse we'll have fly-tying demonstrations from the best tiers in SoCal. Two Buszek recipients and most likely more than a DOZEN crazy talented tiers! Just watching them tie - you'll learn skills, tricks and you can ask questions while watching that will help in your own fly-tying skills.

Here is fly tying crew for FlyBuy 2024 (maybe more to be added!):

- Lee Baermann
- Steven Fernandez
- Harry Grosdidier
- Dennis McCarty
- Matt Murdough
- Mas Okui
- Michael Peratis
- John Rose
- Gary Scott
- Bill Woods
- Jarrett Coons
- Kevin Green (provisionally)
- Eddie Madrid
- Cheryl Moore
- Naomi Okamoto
- Dan Oliver
- Carl Ronk
- Fred Rowe
- John Van Derhoof



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## Southwest Council FFI – Fly Buy (Con't)

### SPECIAL FLY TYING FOR KIDS!!

On-site “Kid’s University” our fly-tying team will teach kids to tie their first fly!

### MONEY BACK GUARANTEED CASTING LESSONS!

We offer individual instruction for \$1.00/minute with a 20 minute minimum and IF YOU DO NOT IMPROVE YOUR CASTING, we will give you your money back. No questions asked. As **FlyBuy** history stands, we have NEVER had a dissatisfied customer!

### CASTING LESSON INSTRUCTORS & SCHEDULE:

Youth (by appt) - Carl Crawford  
9-11am TBA/OPEN  
10-Noon Marshall Bissett  
11am-2pm Tom Smith  
11am-2pm Sam Hagen  
Noon-3pm Bill Heard

### GROUP SESSIONS with Jody Martin:

Noon-12:30pm CI Certification DISCUSSION and COURSE DEMO  
2:30 > Casting for newcomers (group session)

### CASTING DEMONSTRATIONS ALL DAY!

Check out our casting demonstration schedule (subject to change)

9:30 am – FRANK BURR: Tenkara  
10:00 am – BOB MIDDO: The Double Haul  
1:00 pm – JOHN VAN DERHOOF “The Cool Casts”  
1:45 pm – Tips for Teaching Beginning Fly Casters (Tentative)  
2:00 pm – FRANK BURR: Tenkara

### VENDORS & SPONSORS

Once again we will have vendors & sponsors showing off their latest gear AND offering show specials.

### RAFFLES, RAFFLES, RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTION

We'll have plenty of raffles throughout the day and/or you can bid on one of our Silent Auction items.



## Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

### 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.

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## Conservation, Fishing News, and Tips



### Endangered Coho Salmon: California's comeback kid with 'surprisingly strong' spawning season, says NPS

By: Hillary Andrews (Fox Weather)

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.

Watch: Coho Salmon fighting in Northern California at the following link.

[Endangered coho salmon making a comeback in California after severe drought | Fox Weather](#)



### Resilience – The Rise of Apache Trout

A Film By: *Trout Unlimited*

We are here to understand how this gold-splashed trout has bounced from nearly disappearing entirely to being a candidate to be removed from the Endangered Species list, the first-ever sport fish taken off the fabled (or infamous, depending upon one's viewpoint) list. The Apache Trout of Arizona.

Watch *Resilience* at the following link: [Resilience | Trout Unlimited Priority Waters](#)



### Santiago Creek – Saving One of Orange County's Longest Natural Waterways

By: *Less Hall, Voice of OC*

The largest tributary flowing into the Santa Ana River south of the Prado Dam is Santiago Creek and few residents of Orange County even know it exists. One of the longest waterways entirely within Orange County it starts in the Santa Ana Mountains and ends at the Santa Ana River, and it flows through the cities of Orange, Villa Park and Santa Ana.

Read Article: [Santiago Creek - Saving One of Orange County's Longest Natural Waterways](#)



### Restoring Native Trout: We Haven't Taken it Far Enough

By: *Ted Williams, Hatch Magazine*

This Week Ted Williams advocates for more native fish restoration. "There's a cavernous deficit of passion for native trout among the angling community which generally assesses the value of trout by size and how they bend rods."

Ted writes: I'm a regular contributor to *Hatch Magazine*, one of my favorite outlets. And Chris Hunt - author of the recent *Hatch* piece "Have we taken our love for native trout too far?" - is one of my favorite outdoor writers.

Read Ted's rebuttal to the Chris Hunt article that appeared in the last (March) newsletter edition:

[Restoring Native Trout: We Haven't Taken it Far Enough | MidCurrent](#)

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## Conservation, Fishing News, and Tips



### The Best Techniques for Early Season Trout

By: *Kubie Brown*

THIS WEEK Kubie Brown offers how-tos for catching trout in the cold turbid waters of early spring. "If you're willing to use the right techniques in the right places, you can celebrate the early season by putting some bends in your rod and the first trout of the season in your net."

Read Article: [The Best Techniques for Early Season Trout | MidCurrent](#)



### The Golden Ratio of Nymphing

By: *Spencer Durrant*

In this recent story (with an accompanying video) Dom Swentosky lays out what he sees as the "golden ratio" for tight line nymphing. This ratio is the perfect distance at which to fish a tight line rig, and Dom goes on to say that "By staying within the Golden Ratio, we can trust that a perfect dead drift is possible, but casting outside of the ratio brings in a confusing array of unsatisfied questions."

It's an interesting story and video, and you can find them both in full here:

[VIDEO: The Golden Ratio of Nymphing - Troutbitten](#)



### Ask the instructors: A fly fishing Q&A

By: *Hatch Magazine*

You have questions, we have answers...

Read Article: [Ask the instructors: A fly fishing Q&A | Hatch Magazine - Fly Fishing, etc.](#)

# The Spirit of Dame Berners

## How Skiing Improved My Fishing

By Larry Behm



Several years ago, I wanted to improve my skiing. Each year its was harder to “just muscle” my way down the hill and I wanted to keep skiing.

I found a program called “ski college” where a former US Olympic skier would teach me how to ski with less effort and more control. The first thing John, the instructor, did was give us little notebooks. He said we would not improve much without keeping a logbook. He proceeded to open the secrets of moguls and double black diamond runs by demonstrations, videotaping our drills and frequent stops to jot down thoughts in our logbooks.

After a week of amazing education and practice, I was skiing at a level I had only imagined in the past. I had achieved my goal of learning how to extend my skiing years well past retirement age.

How does this relate to fishing?

I began a fishing logbook the spring after my ski college experience. I was amazed by the value of logging in my skiing education and wondered if a similar benefit would apply to my fishing.

Yes! Once I started logging my fishing experience I seemed to accelerate my fishing skills. After a few years, I settled down to a format that I find useful. Each trip is now recorded at a level of detail that is both short enough to get done at the end of each day and long enough to be useful for review later on.

I record the standard variables that we all know: weather, water conditions, bugs present, tackle and setup, etc. I also spend time reflecting on what didn’t go well and what did. This is where I learn the most. The time spent reflecting enough to write a short description seems to clarify and cement my understanding of what the fish taught me that day.

I think this process of logging my experience is helping to deepen my understanding of fish and their environment under water. Try it and let me know your experience.

## Flies That Keep On Giving!

### Damsel Fly Nymph

By John Williams

One of the flies that seems to be overlooked usually is the Damsel Fly Nymph. I carry a few with me where ever I go. Here is one that has served me well many times.



#### Materials:

Hook: Daiichi 2220 size 12  
Thread: Olive 70 UTC  
Eyes: Melted Mono Filament  
Wire Rib: Extra Small Gold  
Tail & Body: Golden Olive Marabou  
Glue: Super Glue Gel Formula  
Legs: Mallard Flank feather or Wood Duck  
Dubbing: Dark Olive Ice Dubbing

#### Instructions:

1. Melt a piece of 50# monofilament at both ends and allow to cool while holding it in tweezers.
2. Place the hook in the vice and tie in the eyes 1 1/2 eye spaces behind the eye.
3. Tie in the gold rib wire behind the eyes and secure all the way back to the bend and leave hanging to the rear.
4. Select a marabou feather with several feather tips and moisten your fingers and smooth back to a tip. Tie in leaving a tail a full shanks length beyond the bend.
5. Run your thread forward to behind the eyes for now.
6. Smear a very slight amount of super glue on the shank and wrap the marabou feather forward holding the butt of the feather. and tie off behind the eyes.
7. Counter wrap the wire forward to behind the eyes and tie off and remove excess.
8. Select a mallard flank feather or wood duck feather with long fibers and tie in behind the eyes. Split the fibers into two groups to form the legs using your thread to separated secure. Fold the butt section rearward and dub the thorax
9. Pull the butt section of the marabou feather forward over the center area of the eyes and secure with a couple of thread wraps. pull the butt of the mallard back over the center of the eyes and secure with a few thread wraps and cut the butt off square with the back of the thorax.

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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