

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



August 2015

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Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

Club Meeting:

August 12, 2015
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA
6:00 pm - Wet Fly
7:00 pm - Dinner
Dinner & Program - \$30 Cash
Program Only - \$10 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

August 24, 2015
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St, Tustin
Club Members Are Welcome
7:00 pm

August Meeting: "Southern California Back-country Fly-fishing" with Mark Berlin

We all have that special place to fish that holds wild rainbow and brown trout. Usually that special place to fish is hours or days from Orange County and the Southern California area.

Usually that special place is fished often by other anglers who fish that same special place... and usually that same special place through the years has lost some of its beauty and natural surroundings. Well what if I told you that you can still find a new special place – still in its natural beauty that holds wild fish – only forty five minutes from downtown Los Angeles.



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Our guest speaker this month is Mark Berlin. Mark lives in San Diego, California and is the owner of Southern California Fly Fishing Expeditions. He has been fly fishing for 25 years religiously in the Sierras, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and especially here in Southern California. Over the years he has discovered many Southern California creeks and small streams, often very close to Los Angeles, San Diego and the other metropolis's that have gorgeous wild rainbow and brown trout – some quite large. These spots that he has found are pristine, some just spectacular with waterfalls and wildlife, and often remote and a real treasure to fly fish. There are more to find! He guides his clients with a special modified Land Rover LR3 that can get them to many spots others cannot get to. Many outdoor enthusiasts and even fly fishers are surprised to know that Mark can take his clients to catch wild trout on a dry fly in a gorgeous setting less than forty five minutes from the downtown skyline of Los Angeles.

Mark's program will cover unique fishing spots, back country casting and rigging techniques, fly fishing gear, aquatic entomology, health and safety in the back country, wildlife encounters, conservation, and an introduction to Southern California Fly Fishing Expeditions.

For more information on Mark Berlin and Southern California Fly Fishing Expeditions, go to: www.southerncaliforniaflyfishingexpeditions.com

See you there.... And remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

President's Message

by Doug Jones

It's hard to believe that it's July already and 2015 is half over. I hope all of you are having a great year and that you've been on some great fishing adventures. I'm grateful that I'd had several good fishing trips already this year and several more planned.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As part of our Club's efforts to help newer fly fishers have great fishing adventures, we have two programs scheduled later this year. First, on Saturday October 3 we will be having our annual half-day casting



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clinic that is open to the public as well as Club members. Second, we will be having an “On the River Training” program for new and less-experienced Club members in October and November. The “On the River Training” program will be in follow-up to our annual casting clinic and consist of six hours of classroom training followed by an outing on the Lower Owens to put what you learn into practice. The “On the River Training” program is scheduled as follows:

- Saturday October 24 - The first of two 3-hour classroom sessions
- Saturday November 7 - The second of two 3-hour classroom sessions
- Saturday and Sunday November 21 and 22 – “On the River Outing” on the Lower Owens River

Volunteers are needed for both the Casting Clinic and the “On the River Training” program. This year’s Casting Clinic is being managed by Denis Higginson and several of you have already signed up during Club meetings to help with the logistics and as casting instructors. If you have not signed up yet please get in touch with Denis with questions or if you can help.

The “On the River Training” program is being led by Joe Libeu and I am working with Joe on the logistics. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this program. Although this program is new to the FFCOC, it has been a great success for other clubs where Joe has been conducting similar programs for years. We are planning on making this program an ongoing part of our Club’s training so it’s important that we have sufficient volunteers to make this year’s program a great success. You can reach me at dougjones.oc@gmail.com or at the phone number in the Club Directory.

Fly fishing Graffiti found on Burns’ garage wall after their Annual Backyard Party:



2015 Auction News

The Auction is coming! The Auction is coming!
And, boy, do we have some great things for the Auction!

Gear:

Abel "0" with spare spool
Abel PT5 with spare spool
Abel Super 10 reel
Tibor Pacific reel
Echo 3 rod
Hardy reel
Orvis CFo Reels
Airflo Fly Lines
all sorts of flies (including Cheryl Moore flies), rods and much more.
TFO mini mag rod
Heddon bamboo rod
Wheatly fly boxes
Float Tubes

The items listed are selected from the current list of donations. Additional items are still being received!

Trips:

Hot Creek Ranch in May (2 nights),
Circleville Anglers in Utah,
Falcon's Ledge (2 for 1),
Lonesome Duck Ranch on the Williamson River in Oregon,
Quiet Flyfisher in Loa Utah
Bailey Creek Lodge
Beginning Fly Fishing School by the Kern River Fly Shop

And so much more:

An absolutely beautiful Humidor hand crafted by Len Scarpace
Artwork, fly tying materials, clothing and all sorts of fun goodies for your pleasure!
Books, DVD's,
Squier by Fender Stratocaster guitar,
Disneyland tickets,
Stella Engelman's fudge

So, please, make it a point to attend the Auction, bring a friend and some cash (although we'll also accept checks and credit cards) and you'll be amazed - and my garage will be clear!! Also, THIS IS THE LAST MONTH TO DONATE TO THE AUCTION. I will not be at the August meeting, so I've asked Vern Martin to collect donations for me, so see Vern. Anyway, I look forward to seeing you at the Auction on September 9th, and remember, all donations are tax deductible, and it's going to a good cause- your club!

Thanks again, Jim Edwards, Auction Chair. (714) 337-5899, jimmywt1957@yahoo.com

SPECIAL SMOKED TROUT RAFFLE

THE LAKE - TAWEEL LAKE



THE LAKE - LITTLE FORT, B. C.



THE FISH - KAMLOOPS RAINBOW TROUT



THE FISH HOUSE



THE SMOKED TROUT



Gary and two friends fished Taweel Lake July 10 thru 13. This is a pristine lake at 4,000' elevation covering an approximate 3-4 square mile area. The fish were caught July 10 - 12 and smoked and packed July 13. His friends were generous enough to give him their fish and he is sharing them with you to give you a taste of fresh smoked Kamloops trout. Scud is the primary food source in this lake, so the meat is pink like salmon. He will provide 5 fish 8 ounces and larger, and 10 fish 5 ounces and larger. Raffle tickets will be \$10 each (tax deductible) and all proceeds will go to FFCOC. An internet search indicated smoked trout sells for approximately \$2 per ounce.

COME TO THE AUGUST MEETING PRPARED FOR A TASTY TREAT AND TO SUPPORT THE CLUB!

SAVE THE DATE

*The Fly Fishers Club
of
Orange County*

REQUEST THAT YOU SAVE THE DATE OF
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016
TO CELEBRATE OUR CLUB'S 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE PAST 50 YEARS WITH AN
ELEGANT BUFFET, PROGRAM, PRIZES
AND SPECIAL AWARDS.

*The Phoenix Club
The Grand Ballroom
Anaheim, California*

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
8-12-15	2nd Wed	Mark Berlin	"So Calif Back Country Fly Fishing In Depth"
9-9-15	2nd Wed	AUCTION	-----
10-7-15	1st Wed	Ernie Gulley	"Trophy Stillwater of the Eastern Sierra"
11-11-15	2nd Wed	Dave Trimble	"Fly Fishing for Sharks"
12-16-15	3rd Wed	Dan Lecount	"Advanced Tactics for Big Trout"

Outings and Events for 2015

The Outings and Events planned for 2015 are listed below. If you are interested in participating in any of these or want additional information, you should contact the Streamkeeper listed in the table below.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
September 21-25	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 16-18	FFF Fly Fishing Faire - Bishop	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
October 16-18	President's Outing Kern River	Doug Jones	714 998-7304
November 2-6	Lee's Ferry	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
December	TBD		

Outings

LEE'S FERRY OUTING

November 2-6, 2015



LAST CHANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

This Trip is reserved for 18 Fisherman and currently I have 13 RSVP's. I have reserved the rooms and the guides. *I am going to close out this trip on July 31st* and any openings left I will give back to Lee's Ferry Anglers so they can fill with others fisherman.

This cost of this trip is approximately \$845 per person. This does not include tips for the guides, meals or transportation.

Please email or call if you are interested in one of the open spots:

mel11755@pacbell.net

951.415.9920

Melinda and John Burns
Streamkeepers

Trip Reports

June Southern Utah Outing Trip Report

by John Williams

As many of you know I have a love for Southern Utah with good reason. Many more species than local waters and less fishing pressure along with an exceptional guide who knows the area and what flies bring in some nice fish. The June trip to Loa was a great success. Doug Jones, Evan, Tim, Charlie, Lenny and my self made for some fun amongst the beautiful back drop of Boulder mountain. A wonderful turn of events was cooking dinner as a group next to the mill cabins. Tim and Charlie had the BBQ and the utensils and we made a quick trip to the store for steaks the first night and Italian sausage the second. great eats and even better company. Everyone did well as the weather changed from days to quite warm days toward the end of the week. You never know what weather you are in for so be prepared. I'm Looking forward to September for our next outing to where the fish look forward to our catching, or at least it seems that way. Next year I will be stream keeper for two separate weeks in September, back to back. The date of next years trips are September 12-16 and 19-23. you may opt for one or the other or both.



Tight lines all, John



Hot Creek Ranch Trip Report

By John Williams

It's only been twelve or thirteen years since I have been streamkeeper of this outing. There are always some of the regulars and some new blood each year. This year we had a wonderful group of friends who understand it's not just the fishing but we get together and enjoy what is available, Friendship and an understanding it's not all about the numbers of fish caught. We stay in beautiful cabins that are well equipped and maintained by Kevin Peterson and his wife Lisa as managers of the Hot Creek Ranch.

Yes, there is a water shortage in California. Did that slow us down, NO. The fish are there and are always difficult to catch even in high water years. Many fish were caught by almost everyone and a few by a couple. What I get out of this outing is the beauty of my surroundings, wonderful friends who have a shared interest in the experience. That might include:

Late night on the porch with a scotch and a cigar looking out over the expanse of the ranch

The deer who saunter through the property with their young.

A BBQ dinner shared with like minded friends.

Learning that fish can get graduate degrees in entomology or so it seems.

I want to thank Cheryl Moore who shared many of her photos for this publication and brought fruit to the BBQ. Thanks Joe and Debbie Villa for always doing a great job with some desert and Joe's cooking skills. Thanks Ken Lindt for his serenade at dinner. I can't forget Loren Ford who has graduated from helper to get it done bread man, potato cooker and all round pick up my loose ends. Thanks to Marsha Watel for the slaw even when she couldn't make the trip. Len Scarpase, Ron Bushman thanks for the wine at dinner. Thank you Dennis Richards for your generous donation to the porch refreshments; they were greatly enjoyed by many. Thank you to Jim Edwards who provided solar lights to guide the way at night for unsteady travelers and bringing fun to share.

We had to move dinner from Saturday night to Sunday night which worked out well for everyone because of rain. Kevin Peterson said he really looks forward to having our group at the ranch because we understand that it's not just the fish but as a group of friends enjoying a shared experience. He also said he thinks we are a drinking club with a fishing addiction; come to think of it, I had not tasted scotch until my first Hot Creek stay. We enjoy Kevin's attention to the ranch and how it looks today with all the improvements.

Thank to all who attended and if I left anyone out I'm sorry.

The best to my fellow club mates,
John

See the great photos on the following pages!

Hot Creek Ranch Trip Photos



More



More



FLIES THAT KEEP ON GIVING Butt Ugly's Lady



By John Williams

If you have followed the progression of my hoppers you know they began with a trip to Arcularius Ranch many years ago with a club trip. The office was out of hoppers and so were the fly shops in Mammoth. Peter Koga was crafting some beautiful hoppers that I'm sure caught fish but I wanted several in a hurry and developed Butt Ugly. Since then there have been many variations and now it has evolved because of modern glues to a slender seductive lass that fish fall for. The simple and straight forward gal is called **Butt Ugly's Lady**. Don't be fooled, she lures them in and then it's to late.

Hook: Daiichi 2220 size 14-10
Thread: UTC 70 Olive
Cement: Super glue
Entire body: Tan fly foam
Under wing: Z-lon light tan yarn
Over wing: Ozark Turkey Hopper
Yellow
Legs: Olive medium round
rubber legs



Start by cutting a piece of 2mm fly foam 3/16" wide the length of the sheet, you'll want to tie several, Round one end. Start your thread at the eye and cover the shank entirely to the bend with thread to give the foam somewhere to grip. Smear a slight amount of super glue on the entire shank and quickly center your foam on the shank with the rounded end even with the bend of the hook. Moving fast take several open wraps of thread from the butt to within two eye spaces of the eye and back down butt and again back to the two head spaces behind the eye, let this sit a few seconds to solidify. Tie in a strand of z-lon on the center of the back at the two head spaces point letting it protrude to the rear where you will cut it off slightly beyond the butt of the foam. Prep your turkey feathers by first coating it with Dave's flexament or as I often do spray it with clear lacquer and let dry a few hours. Cut a piece from the feather 5/16" wide and round the end. Place a slight amount of superglue on the tie in point of the wing and tie in the over wing which has the rounded end protruding the same length as the butt of foam. Cut two sections of leg material and tie a knot in each and then add a slight smear of super glue to the tie in point. Tie in the legs on either side of the wing tie in point letting the crooked leg extend 1/4" beyond the butt and the front 1/2" in front of the eye. Place a slight amount of super glue at the tie in point of the wings and fold the foam back on it's self to form a head. Trim off the excess length of foam and admire this gorgeous lady, your about to catch fish my friend.

Tight Lines,
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 meetings.

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