

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



December 2015

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Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

Club Meeting:

December 16, 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:

December 21, 2015 - 7:00 pm
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St., Tustin
7:00 pm
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message By Doug Jones

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This is the last of my President's Messages for 2015. It's been a pleasure and privilege to serve as President of the FFCOC in 2015. We have a great club and I sincerely enjoy spending time with the all of you whether at outings, club meetings, fly tying, or other events. My thanks go out to all of you that have contributed to a successful 2015.

Being of service to the club is a great way of giving back and paying forward to those that have worked in the past to make the club what it is today and those who will carry the baton in coming years. Our tradition of revolving service of the Board Of Directors and President has kept us successful by bringing fresh ideas, interests, skills and opinions to the stewardship of the FFCOC. As the result the FFCOC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary as club in April 2016. I encourage all of you to look for opportunities to volunteer to help the club in whatever capacity you can to give back and pay it forward.

In addition to our customary activities including monthly dinner meetings, outings, casting clinic, auction, fly tying classes and SCFFF activities, in 2015 we implemented our first On the Water Training Program. Two classroom sessions totaling 6 hours of instruction have been held and the outing is planned for November 21st and 22nd. The program is off to a great start.

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Here are a few comments from participants:

“From the newbie perspective, Saturday’s class was excellent!!”

“We thank the Club for providing us with this learning opportunity. We are looking forward to the next class, and of course the on-the-water session.”

“We also, of course, thank Joe [Libeu] for his hard and thorough work in the preparations of the materials for the course and his instruction!!”

“...and I enjoyed attending and we hopefully learned something. Appreciate all your hard work and am looking forward to attending the next session.”

“Thank you for the on the water training class. Joe is so knowledgeable.”

I would like to thank everyone, in particular Board Members, who helped me with club responsibilities during 2015. The 2016 FFCOC President and Board Members were nominated and elected during the November General Membership meeting and the club’s activities will be in their capable hands in January. Congratulations to our new President Jim Edwards and all of the new Board Members.

Sincerely
Doug Jones

This Month's Meeting

NOTE: This meeting will be held in The Phoenix Club's "Loreley Room" which is accessed from the north side of the facility.

ADVANCED STREAMER TACTICS

Dan LeCount

Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Another year is coming to a close, and I hope all of you had a great 2015 and spent some time fishing your favorite waters.

Our guest speaker this month comes to us from the North. No, it is not old St. Nick.... Our guest speaker resides in Truckee, CA, and has fished the Sierra and Northern CA for many years.

Dan LeCount is a fly fishing guide with a passion for the natural world. He actually grew up on the northern CA coast near Half Moon Bay. He started fly fishing 25 years ago at around age 11 on an annual pilgrimage to the eastern Sierra with his family and he hasn't stopped since. Dan is a Contract Fly Designer with UMPQUA Feather Merchants, a rod builder, published author, photographer, and artist.



Dan has worked in the fly fishing industry for over 17 years and is very active in many of the local watershed conservation programs for the north Tahoe region. Dan is the Secretary of the Board for the Truckee Trout Unlimited Chapter #103, the "Tahoe Trout Bums". He is a 4th generation fly fisher and comes from a long line of teachers.

Dan's program is called "Advanced Streamer Tactics", and he will show us how to target fish using one and two handed rods from a boat, as well as from shore. He will show us how to seek out fish, how to present the right pattern, how the fish acts as a predator, and proper fish management. Dan is also an excellent fly tier and will share with us some of his best streamer patterns.

As always, I am sure there will be some Holiday spirits and other gifts given out to some lucky members.... So please join us for Dan Le Count and some Holiday Cheer. And remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

See you there –
Andy Frumento

Important News

It's Membership Renewal Time!

ATTENTION!! ATENTION!! ALL CLUB MEMBERS

It's that time of year to renew your Membership. There are (2) ways to do this. One is to renew at the November meeting and the other is via our Website. If you use our Website, you will need to log in using your password. Please come and see me at the November meeting if you do not want to renew via the Website. I will have applications and release waivers at the next meeting for your convenience.

Thanks, Vern Martin

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Please join us in our
5th Annual
“2015”



DRIVE

BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED GIFT TO THE DECEMBER MEETING



**Southern California Retreat
May 20-22, 2016
UCLA Arrowhead Retreat Center
Applications now being taken....**

Why fly fishing and breast cancer?

The concept of Casting for Recovery is unique. On a physical level, the gentle, rhythmic motion of fly casting is similar to exercises often prescribed after surgery or radiation to promote soft tissue stretching. On an emotional level, women are given the opportunity to experience a new activity in a safe environment amongst a supportive group of peers. The retreats provide resources to help address quality of life issues after a breast cancer diagnosis, and a new outlet – fly fishing – as a reprieve from the every day stresses and challenges of their cancer.

Fast Facts:

- Casting for Recovery provides free fly fishing retreats for women with breast cancer
- 70% of the women who attend Casting for Recovery retreats have never been to a support group
- CfR currently offers 42 retreats across the country, serving nearly 600 women each year
- CfR relies on the support of more than 1,600 volunteers nationwide, including medical and psychosocial professionals, fly fishing instructors and alumnae
- National sponsors include [Sage](#), [Sisters on the Fly](#), [Ashford Hospitality Trust](#), [Genentech](#) and [Orvis](#)

History:

- Casting for Recovery was founded in 1996 in Manchester, Vermont, by a breast cancer reconstructive surgeon and a professional fly fisher. Casting for Recovery's innovative program focuses on breast cancer survivorship and improving quality of life, and has garnered endorsements from medical and psychosocial experts.
- Awarded 501(c)(3) non-profit status in 1998, Casting for Recovery has inspired international efforts in Canada, UK/Ireland and New Zealand.
- To date, Casting for Recovery has conducted more than 500 retreats, serving nearly 7,000 women nationwide.
- In 2014, we held 42 retreats in 36 states, serving 600 women..

For More Information and Registration:

Go to www.castingforrecovery.org

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

2016 Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-13-16	2nd Wed	Landon Mayer	“Trout Tips: Secrets & Tactics”
2-10-16	2nd Wed	Bruce Chard	“Fly Fishing Ocean Flats Around The World”
3-9-16	2nd Wed	FFCOC 50th	ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
4-13-16	2nd Wed	Dave Brown	“Fly Fishing Streams of Alberta and B.C.”
5-11-16	2nd Wed	Marlon Rampy	“Trout Route – A Journey Up Central Oregon’s Hwy 97”
6-8-16	2nd Wed	Gordon Tharrett	“Fly Fishing Utah’s Famous Green River”
7-13-16	2nd Wed	Doug Ouellette	“Trophy Trout of Cal-Vada”
8-3-16	1st Wed	Peter Koga and John Williams	“Argentina’s Jurassic Lake”
9-7-16	1st Wed	FFCOC Auction	-----
10-12-16	2nd Wed	Jeff Currier	“Fly Fishing Through The Mid Life Crisis”
11-9-16	2nd Wed	Tony Reinhardt	“Western Float Fishing - Strategies & Etiquette”
12-14-16	2nd Wed	Ken Hanley	“Baby Tarpon – All You Can Handle”

**NOTE: ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PAVILION EXCEPT:
MARCH – MAIN BALLROOM ; MAY – LORELEY ROOM ; JUNE – LORELEY ROOM ;
SEPTEMBER – MAIN BALLROOM.**

2016 Outings and Events

Initial Draft, Expect Changes!!!

DATE	LOCATION	STREAMKEEPER	PHONE
January	Local Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
February	Surf	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
March	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 1-7	Colorado River	Lyman Kennedy Mark Spowart	714 742-5865
May	Kelsey Bass Ranch	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
June	Fish Creek		
July 15-18	Hot Creek	John Williams	951 236-0862
August			
September 12-16	Utah One	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 19-23	Utah Two	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 25-27	Utah Three	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 14-16	Fly Fishing Faire - Bishop		
October 21-23	President's Outing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
November			

Pyramid Lake Outing March 14th,15th, and 16th 2016

In what has become an annual event, this year's Pyramid Lake outing will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14th, 15th, and 16th. In an attempt to miss the bulk of the weekend crowd which usually clears out by Sunday afternoon we again will fish during the week, those of you who went last year know this worked out well for the most part. If fishing is off the charts all bets are off as the number of people will triple during a hot bite!

If you have never done this trip before you are missing out on a chance to catch what may be the biggest trout of you life. The lake's native Lahontan Cutthroats *average* 3-5 pounds, with many fish pushing 10 pounds or more. **In the past a fish 10 pounds or bigger was considered a trophy. Now thanks to the introduction of the longer living Pilot Peak strain that is much longer living fish over 20 pounds are being caught!** If you are new to fly fishing the techniques are simple and easy to learn. We normally fish from ladders placed in the water at the proper distance from shore. There usually is nothing around you, but water. There is nothing to interfere with a back cast and nothing on the bottom to snag. You do not need to be a long distance caster as fish are sometimes hooked right at you feet.

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

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

You make your own travel arrangements to Reno, fly or drive. It is best to arrive by Sunday as we start fishing EARLY on Monday. Please let me know that you have arrived safely, Jim Wright (714-679-6638). I will be staying at the Silver Legacy Resort in downtown Reno. Others have stayed the Atlantis Casino (800-723-6500). Rob will be providing breakfast and lunch on Monday and Tuesday breakfast on Wednesday, as well as step ladders to fish from. Cost of the trip is \$225 per person for 3 days of fishing. I will e-mail a list of all attendees so you can communicate as to carpools, car rentals and lodging.

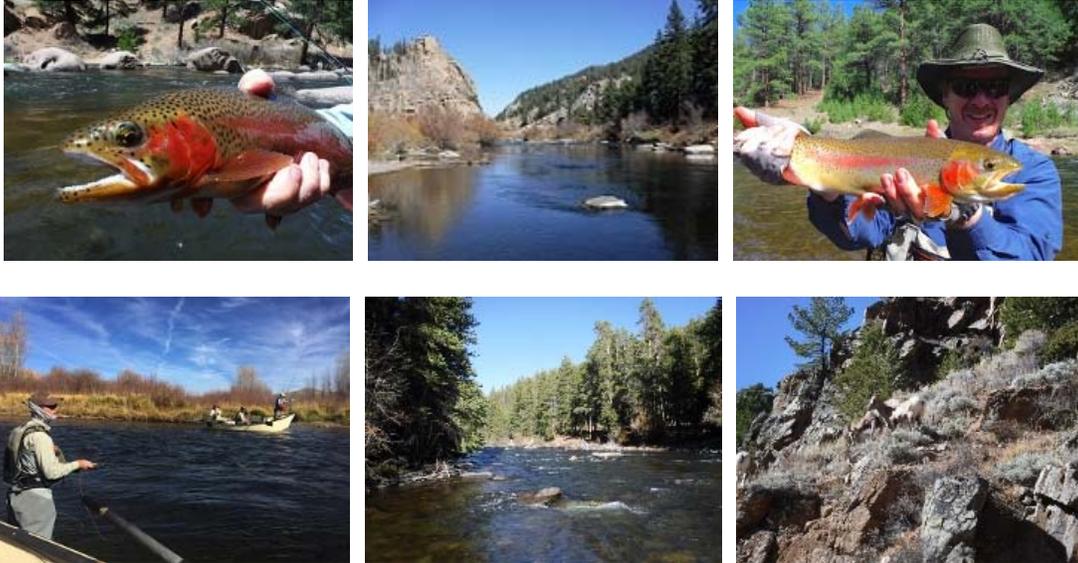
E-mail me (jrwright1@earthlink.net) with any questions or to sign up. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the Meetings in December, January, and February.

THIS OUTING IS LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLE!!!

COLORADO OUTING

Planned for May 1-7, 2016

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper



In the past we have had both Pat Dorsey and Landon Meyer speak at our club regarding fishing the famous blue ribbon tailwater streams in Colorado. Having just returned from a trip, I am excited to announce a club trip to that area next year.

We are fortunate to have a club member, Mark Spowart, living in Monument Colorado and he was host for myself and two others on a week long trip to Colorado recently. Our outing next year will start in the Colorado Springs area, requiring a plane trip to Denver, about 3 hours and then an hour drive south to Colorado Springs and Monument. Participants will stay at the Fairfield Inn in Colorado Springs, 2.8 miles from Monument.

We will stay in Colorado Springs for three days, with opportunity to fish such famous trout streams as Cheesman Canyon, the Dream Stream, Elevenmile Canyon, Deckers as well as the Arkansas River. We will be using guides from Blue Quill Anglers who are all experts at fishing these streams.

After our exciting days on the water, Mark and his lovely wife, Liz, will be hosting our evening meals at their beautiful home in Monument.

Places for sight seeing for those interested include: Garden of the Gods, Air Force Academy, Pro Rodeo Museum, U.S. Olympic center, and Manitou Springs (cannabis capital of Colorado, if that is your cup of tea).

Then we will make a three hour drive southeast to Gunnison where we will stay at the Altmont Resort and fish the Gunnison River and possibly Taylor River. The Altmont Resort has cabins reasonably priced that can house 4-6 people with kitchen and living room. Fishing the Gunnison River is best done on a float trip with guides through some beautiful country, casting to browns, rainbows and cutbows. These fish are brightly colored, fat, and healthy and love to make long runs. Nearby Taylor river is a tailwater stream that is easily waded and is renown for its large 10-20 pound rainbows (and difficult to catch) up near outlet from the dam. The lower river in the public areas is very wadable and has good insect hatches and has riffles, long runs and pocket water.

At the conclusion of our trip, we have a four hour drive to Denver to return rental cars and check in at airport for our plane trip home.

More information with cost estimates and details to follow. If you are interested please contact Lyman Kennedy at lkennedyjr@earthlink.net or 714 742-5865.

Fishing Southern Utah



Three Separate Trips September 12-16, 19-23 & 25-27, 2016

Trip One: September 12-16, 2016

5 Day Trip - same trip as number two, different dates

Quiet Fly Fisher Loa, Utah

Owner: Mike James 200 North Main St. Loa Utah 435-616-2319

Cost: \$900 to the guide plus tip, lodging and food.

Stream Keeper: John Williams, call to make your reservations 951-236-0862

A **\$200 Non-Refundable Deposit** is required to hold your spot, make checks payable to Mike James and send to John Williams 19859 Calle Cadiz Walnut, Ca. 91789

Tipping is considered normal, \$40-50 per day per person.

Your guide will provide transportation to and from the fly shop.

Lodging: I will be staying at the Mill Cabins in Lyman, Utah; they have comfortable cozy cabins and good rates. There are many other places to available to stay, check out the listings below or go online for area listings. Thursday night we will have dinner at the Mill cabin lodge with Mike James, his wife and guide Troy as our guests. The cost of the dinner is \$30 per person which will cover our guests as well.

Trip Two: September 19-23, 2016

5 Day Trip

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Trip Three: September 25-27, 2016

3 Day Trip

Circle Valley Anglers, 350 S Hwy 89, Circleville, UT 435-577-2168

Owner: Emmett Doane

Cost: \$540 to the guide, plus tip, lodging and food.

Stream Keeper: John Williams, call to make your reservations 951-236-0862

A **\$200 Non-Refundable Deposit** is required to hold your spot, make checks payable to Circle Valley Anglers and send to John Williams 19859 Calle Cadiz Walnut, Ca. 91789

The drive is approx. 8.5 hours from Ontario Airport. You will drive your own vehicle to the fishing locations and the return, usually within 1 hour of the fly shop, no 4 wheel drive necessary. Be at the fly shop at 8 a.m.

Tipping is considered normal, \$40-50 per day per person.

Lodging & Food: Circle Valley Anglers has a house attached to the fly shop it rents for \$99 per night and sleeps 3. Very comfortable

Butch Cassidy's Hideout Across the street 339 S Highway 89, Circleville, Utah 84723

(435) 577-2008. Make your reservations early, this is at the start of hunting season and there are very few accommodations in the area. Very comfortable and next to the café across the street from the fly shop, wonderful people and clean motel.

When you sign up for one of these trips, I'll provide more information on lodging, food and gear including fly suggestions.

John Williams, Streamkeeper

Trip Reports

Another Big Horn River Visit By Gary Giuliano



The Big Horn River in Fort Smith, Montana offers some of the finest trout fishing in the state, or for that matter, anywhere in the country. I've fished this river a number of times over the years and can say my recent trip, at the end of August, will be my most memorable because of the outstanding accommodations and guiding provided by The Leaning Tree Lodge and Montana Fly Fishers, run by Mark and Rachel Stroda.

Thanks to Mark and Rachel for honoring a 2 for 1 certificate that we won at our club auction in 2011. Their hospitality was great and the food amazing! The guiding with Matt and Chad was spot on and we caught our share of beautiful browns and rainbows.

Please consider the Leaning Tree Lodge on your next trip to the Big Horn River. You will not be disappointed. Their contact information is 406-666-9110 or Montana Fly Fishers on the internet.

Thanks again to Mark and Rachel for a great time.

Tight lines!

Trout In The Classroom



	<u>Egg Delivery Dates</u>		<u>772 Application Deadline</u>
	January 2016		December 15, 2016
	March 2016		February 15, 2016

Volunteers Needed for TIC Program

For those new club members who are not familiar with TIC or Trout in the Classroom. This is one of the outreach programs that FFCOC participates in to give back to our communities. TIC is a science class in environmental study. It is not a hatchery program. Students from grades K – 12 learn the importance of our natural resources through the lifecycle of the trout. Classrooms are provided with specialized refrigeration trout incubators. The California Department of Wildlife provides rainbow trout eggs. They are an important teaching aid for the instructor. They help the students understand the various stages of trout development and the importance of our water quality, forests, and the trout's ecosystem. In addition, the student will have an opportunity to release their fry at a local lake or stream approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Volunteer Positions

- Egg Pickup and Deliveries
- Class Presentations
 - Fly Tying
 - Casting
 - Conservation
 - Aquarium Maintenance Assistance
 - Aquarium setup
- Fry Releases

This programs occurs anywhere from two to three times a year. If you would like to inquire more about this program, please contact me.

Melinda Burns
TIC Coordinator
951-415-9920
Mel11755@pacbell.net

Fly Tying

FLIES THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Inspiration, a fish of my dreams and a knowledge of past large fish landed drive me to create flies even though I have more than I will ever use for this bucket list trip coming up to Lago Storbel (Jurassic Lake) in Southern Argentina. Thank you Cindy Hubbard for introducing me to these wonderful hooks, the fish hate her. I only tie a sampling of six and should they become the fly of choice I add it to my list of favorites. I have had great success with the holographic blue and copper buzzers on several different trout and that led me to this. In that theme I have created a fly that is appealing to me and I hope is to the big trout of Argentina. Let me introduce you to **Jurassic Dream!**



By John Williams

Hook:	Owner Cutting Point SSW All Purpose Bait Hook #6
Bead:	Rainbow Hued Tungsten 7/64"
Thread:	UTC 140 Black
Anchor Glue:	Super Glue
Body Wrap:	UTC Mirage Tinsel Opal
Wings:	Yellow Goose Biots
Body Finish:	UV Clear Fly Finish Thin



1. Place the bead on the hook inserting the point in the small hole first. The barb will slow you down but push with your thumb nail to force the bead over the barb or smash it first. Then push the bead to the eye.
2. Place the hook in the vice leaving as much of the hook exposed as possible.
3. Place a slight smear of super glue just behind the bead.
4. Start your thread in the super glue and wrap back six or seven wraps to secure the thread and the durability of your fly.
5. Tie in the tinsel and wrap with thread deep into the bend of the hook then return the thread by wrapping it back up to the tie in point.
6. You should have the tinsel at the bottom of the hook deep into the bend, wrap it up to the tie in point and tie off with a few wraps.
7. Now fold the tinsel to the rear and wrap back ten wraps of thread and leave the tinsel to the rear.
8. Tie in a goose biot on either side of the body facing to the rear and at an approximate 15 degree angle on either side.
9. Wrap the thread forward to just behind the eye and fold the Tinsel forward and tie off behind the bead with a couple of wraps of thread.
10. Fold the goose biots forward crossing behind the bead and make a couple of wraps of thread to secure.
11. Fold the biots back to the rear and secure with several warps of thread and whip finish.
12. Smear all sides of the hook with the UV finish, include the body and thread whip finish. DO NOT UV the wings.
13. Cure the resin and enjoy your work.

It really is an easy fly to tie after a couple. I like the iridescent body against the yellow wings and rainbow bead. Truly an Attractor.

Take Care,
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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Support Our Local Fly Shops



Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store
2700 W. Orangethorpe Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92833

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Sun: Closed

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E-mail: info@bobmarriotts.com



His & Hers Fly Fishing Shop
1566 Old Newport Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Hours: Mon-Fri: 10am - 6:30pm
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Sun: Closed

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