

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



February 2016

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Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

Club Meeting:

February 10, 2016
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:

February 15, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St., Tustin
7:00 pm
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message By Jim Edwards

It's February already...time is sure fun when you're having flies. This is a good time of the year for tying flies (or learning to tie) and for doing some routine maintenance. Rods need a good cleaning and a coat of wax, and reels need a good cleaning and some fresh lubricant. And your cork drags need a few drops of oil, too. Lines need a good cleaning as well as dressing. A clean line will float better and last longer. Remember, too, to replace your leaders and monofilament over a year old should be replaced...don't want to loose that big one you're sure to hook this year!

**Wednesday, March 9th is our
Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Meeting.
THIS EVENT IS BY RESERVATION ONLY
YOU MUST RSVP BY FEBRUARY 24th!
NO "WALK -INS" OR PROGRAM ONLY (sorry).**

Brian Mayer, our esteemed and valuable Treasurer can be reached at bdmayer@hotmail.com or at (562) 619-9169 to make your reservation, and a sign up sheet will be at the February Meeting this month. DO IT NOW!! You don't want to miss this once in a lifetime event! Andy and his crew have been working hard on this event...and you don't want to disappoint Andy, now do you...Hope to see you at the February meeting, I know you will enjoy it and have a great time...Hey, don't forget to PAY YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVEN'T YET and THANK YOU if you've already done it.

Sincerely, Jim Edwards, FFCOC President

Important News

Guess Who's Turning 50?

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
THE FFCOC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL EVENING
CELEBRATING
OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

- ★ WE WILL HONOR ALL PAST PRESIDENTS AND SPECIAL GUESTS.
- ★ YOU WILL ENJOY AN ELEGANT BUFFET DINNER INCLUDING A PRIME RIB CARVING STATION.
- ★ OUR PROGRAM WILL BE A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ALL OF THE MEMBERSHIP.
- ★ DOOR PRIZES INCLUDE RODS, REEL, FLY GEAR, GIFT CERTIFICATES AND HAND TIED FLIES.
- ★ THIS WILL BE A GREAT EVENING TO CELEBRATE AND RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

**THE PHOENIX CLUB
THE GRAND BALLROOM
ANAHEIM, CA**

**\$30.00 PER PERSON
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

SINGLE RESERVATIONS AND TABLES OF 8 CAN BE RESERVED

BRIAN MAYER • bdmayer@hotmail.com

562-619-9169

OR

**AT THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING
SEE BRIAN**

It's Membership Renewal Time!

ATTENTION!! ATENTION!! ALL CLUB MEMBERS

If you have not done so already, **please renew your Membership**. There are two ways to do this:

- ♦ **Renew via the club's website**, www.ffcoc.org. If you use the website, you will need to log in using your password.
- ♦ **Renew at the next club meeting**. Please come and see me at the next club 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

FFCOC 2016 Directory Update

It's that time of the year! **Photos needed!** We've got 54 "flies" out of 150 members and we would love to have your smiling faces represented in the directory. You can send a photo to Art Prangle, artp@sbcglobal.net and we'll include it or we'll take your picture at the February meeting on the 10th. We'd also ask you to confirm or update your information on the club website or at the meeting so we make sure we've got it right. For anyone who does not want to be in the directory, please let us know.

Vern Martin
Membership Chair

Flats Fishing the World

with Captain Bruce Chard

We fly fishers quickly discover that there are at least two elements of our sport that are amazingly constant. One is that we almost always find stunning beauty in where we fish, excusing, of course, the sometimes bizarre and unusual location of carp fishing in the L.A. River. Most of the time, however, we are in true beauty and splendor of nature, be it a small mountain stream, a brawling Rockies free stone river, a picturesque alpine lake or a stunning atoll in the Pacific. It is true: most fish live in the most beautiful places on earth. The second constant is that there is always, ALWAYS something new to learn – some new strategy, some new fly and some new place to go.

Well, for the second presentation in our new year, we are going to be absolutely smothered in beauty -- unabashed images of spectacular scenery from around our earth that will undoubtedly create a lovely wish list of new destinations, all the while being bombarded with new ideas and tactics and gadgets.

For more than two decades, Capt. Bruce Chard has made his love and commitment to fly fishing abundantly clear through countless activities and accomplishments. And without a doubt, his first love (after fly fishing) is teaching people – all kinds of people – how to fish, how to cast, how to see all the grace, charm and beauty in what we do and where we “do” it.

Bruce started fishing when he was 10-years-old, living in Venice, Florida, by tossing shrimp in the intercostal waterways. After moving to Pennsylvania, he saw a fly fishing magazine while he was still in his teens and loved the way the casting looked; he's been a devotee ever since. After graduating high school in the keystone state, Bruce moved immediately back to Florida and, at 18, started guiding in the Keys. His mentor was Jake Jordan, who was affiliated with the fly shop where Bruce had started working. Jake took young Bruce under his wing, introducing him to the many fly fishing icons he knew.

That was 24 years ago and Bruce's rise in the fly fishing world has been meteoric. From when



he was certified as a Federation of Fly Fishers *Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor* while still in his early 20s, Bruce has been conducting multiple fly casting and fly fishing schools throughout the Florida Keys, the Bahamas, Mexico and Belize, and he's recently been expanding these schools to even wider world locations. He's also the Director of Fly Fishing School Operations for Bozeman, Montana-based Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures.

14 times has Bruce been on the cover of well-known fly fishing magazines and he's been written about countless times. He is a published writer and photographer himself and is currently under contract to write a fly fishing book for Stackpole. And Bruce gives back; he has devoted his expertise and time as a board member of the American Fly Fishing Trade Association (AFFTA) and regularly contributes time and energy to the many important conservation efforts of Bonefish and Tarpon Trust (BTT). Still in his early 40s, Bruce has already accomplished multiple achievements in both the introduction of new developments in the fly fishing industry as well as game changing flats fishing techniques, fly patterns and equipment.

And yet, of all his many accomplishments, overriding all seems to be his undisputed gift of connecting with fly fishers of all ages and skill levels. And his enthusiasm is described by everyone who knows him as absolutely infectious -- people say fly fishing isn't Bruce's job, it's his life. And he loves all of it.

As Bruce takes us literally around the world, this is a presentation you will definitely enjoy, whether you are a flats fishing aficionado (yet) or not.

Please join Captain Bruce Chard as he takes us on a tour of "Flats Fishing the World". See you there... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

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

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>STREAMKEEPER</u> | <u>PHONE</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| February 19-21 | Lower Owens, Bishop, CA | Lyman Kennedy | 714 742-5865 |
| February 20 | Surf (Local) | Jim Edwards | 714 337-5899 |
| March 14-16 | Pyramid lake, NV | Jim Wright | 714 679-6638 |
| April 3-6 | San Juan River, NM | Brian Mayer | 562 619-9169 |
| April 16-17 | Kelsey Bass Ranch Near Merced, CA | Lyman Kennedy | 714 742-5865 |
| May 1-7 | Colorado | Lyman Kennedy Mark Spowart | 714 742-5865 |
| May 21-22 | Kelsey Bass Ranch Near Merced, CA | Lyman Kennedy | 714 742-5865 |
| June | Fish Creek | | |
| July 15-18 | Hot Creek Ranch | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| August | TBD | | |
| September 12-16 | Utah One, Loa | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| September 19-23 | Utah Two, Loa | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| September 25-27 | Utah Three, Circleville | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| October 14-16 | Fly Fishing Faire - Bishop | Melinda Burns | 951 415-9920 |
| October 21-23 | President's Outing - Kernville | Jim Edwards | 714 337-5899 |
| November | TBD | | |
| December | TBD | | |

LOWER OWENS OUTING FEBRUARY 19-21, 2016



Winter has arrived and as much as I love fly tying, I need to go fishing. Bishop and the Lower Owens is only five hours away so get out your gear, pack some warm clothing and let's go fishing.

Cloudy skies and maybe a little drizzle can do wonders for getting those Blue Wing Olive nymphs to become active and start wriggling toward the surface. With the right weather the BWO hatches can be more intense and last a lot longer creating some exciting fishing. And of course there is always midges which can be fished subsurface but with a good hatch can create some good dry fly fishing as well.

This outing is for everyone, experienced and beginners, but you all need to provide your own equipment, leaders, tippet and flies. We will have some volunteers to act as mentors for those who might need a little help, but this is a fishing outing, and we will all be fishing.

I have planned the outing to go from Friday to Sunday, and we will all meet at the river on Saturday morning, pair up head to the water. If you arrive early enough on Friday you might be able to get some fishing in on that day as well. I will give you all a list of places to stay in Bishop and you will be responsible for making your own reservations. We will get together for dinner Friday and Saturday evening and possibly breakfast Saturday morning.

Weather conditions and the fishing is variable in the winter time so you have to be prepared for anything and take what you get, but from past experience, the fishing can be really good.

Contact me at lkennedyjr@earthlink.net or 714 742-5865 to sign up for trip or if you have any questions.

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper

FLATS FISHING & CASTING CLINIC
PASADENA CASTING CLUB POND & CLUBHOUSE
FEBRUARY 13, 2016

If you've been considering a flats fishing trip or just need a casting tune-up before your next adventure, sign up for a three-hour session with master caster and Florida Keys Captain Bruce Chard. The class will cover the basics of casting, rigging and equipment for bonefish, permit and tarpon. (Bruce will be our February presenter with his excellent program, "Flats Fishing Around the World.") He is one of the top Florida guides, a fly line designer and a member of the ECHO pro staff.

There are two sessions and, in order to insure personal and individual attention from Bruce, each session is limited to only 10 students.

Sign up for either session by emailing or calling Marshall Bissett
(marshallbissett@gmail.com), 818 259-1551. Please indicate your name and Club affiliation on sign up.

Numbers are initially limited to three students per Club, to be assigned first-come, first-served.

PLACE: The Pasadena Casting Club Pond & Clubhouse (pasadenacastingclub.org for directions)

DATE: Saturday February 13, 2016

TIME: **Session 1** 9 a.m. - 12 noon or **Session 2** 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

EQUIPMENT: 6, 7 or 8 weight rod with floating weight forward line, sunglasses, hat, short boots or hip waders to wade in pond (about 12" deep)

REFRESHMENTS: Coffee, snacks, water and sodas will be provided

COST: \$35 per person, payable in cash or by check; get further details when you contact Marshall



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!!!

San Juan River - April 3 - 6, 2016

Spring is just around the corner and we are planning another fantastic outing to the San Juan River in New Mexico. 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.

Many of the club members have stayed at the Fisheads San Juan River Lodge [(505) 634-0463, <http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/>], and the Abe's Motel just across the street [(505) 632-2194, <http://sanjuanriver.com/>]. Both have very reasonable rates and can arrange guides as well. There are other accommodations as well. If making reservations at Fisheads, please let them know you are part of the FFCOC group. Contact Brian Mayer for full details.

This year, we are planning for fishing on the weekdays when all the kids have returned to school and we won't have to compete with the local weekend fishers. Plan to arrive on Sunday, April 3. If you arrive early enough, you may have the opportunity to wade fish the lower quality water. The general plan is to fish Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. These are the days that you should consider arranging guides. 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. Both Fisheads and Abe's offer package deals for two and three days guiding with lodging. Prices are the same as last year for guides and lodging. For those non-fishing travelers, there are several historic and interesting areas nearby to explore. The city of Aztec offers some shopping for Native American products and Durango, Colorado is a short drive away as well.

We have generally gathered as a group for dinner each night. Although there are limited choices in Navajo Dam, we usually go to the city of Aztec (short 20 minute drive) for dinners at the local Chinese restaurant and Mexican food restaurant.

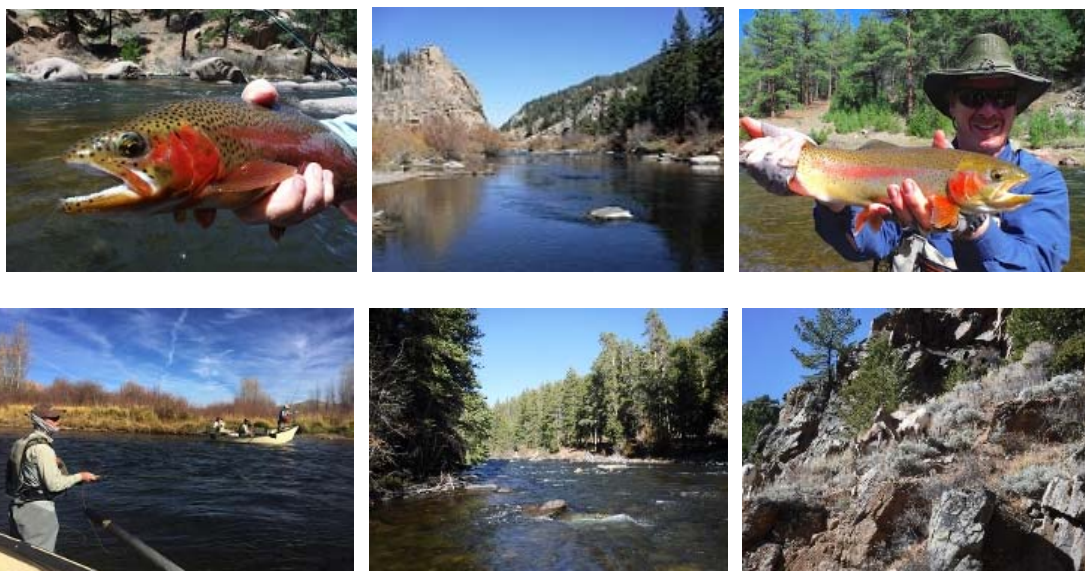
For more information, please contact stream keeper Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169 or bdmayer@hotmail.com. If you plan to attend the trip, please call or send Brian Mayer an email so we have contacts for everyone.



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.



**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

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

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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

Lago Strobel

“Jurassic Lake”

By John Williams

As the subtitle suggests it has big fish and lots of them. This trip to southern Argentina was not scheduled as a club trip but the momentum caught on and a few who were not members joined our club, Welcome.



I don't plan to tell you all about this trip in great detail in this article because Peter Koga and I will give a through step by step showing at the August 3, 2016 club meeting with slides and video to get the excitements flowing. The flight to Argentina was long, quite long. We flew to Buenos Aires where we had one night to collect ourselves and enjoy a wonderful dinner at a great restaurant. Let me mention now that the wines of Argentina are wonderful and they are one of the main exports of the country around the world, we sampled several and we agreed they were spectacular.

Off the next morning to Comodoro Rivadavia, a stop off of travel after a flight delay got us in to the hotel around midnight. Then, up the next morning around 7 am to catch a charter flight farther south to Lago Strobel (Jurassic Lake).

We were met by the guides at the landing strip and then headed on a dirt road drive to the lodge. This is remote Argentina, the lodge was comfortable, well kept and much more than I thought possible in such a remote location of the world. We were met by Gonzolo the “Chief” and Nancy the helper/dishwasher/housekeeper neither spoke much English but we managed to communicate well in spite of our language differences.

We waded up and were off on a short walk to the **Bay of Pigs** where we all caught many fish of a life time! The weather was near perfect with a slight breeze. Back to the lodge to dinner of spectacular design by Gonzolo and those wonderful Argentine wines. We went to bed around one a.m. then to rise at 6:15 a.m. to do it again all around the estancia, up



river, in **The Pool** (a rivers wide back water with lots of fish) and the **Mouth of the river into the lake**. We also fish upriver as a trial and focused on the three fore mentioned.

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Seven days of a fishing frenzy and back the same way we came with a stop in Buenos Aires to catch our breath, dine, enjoy the scenery, and shopping. Twelve tired and extremely happy travelers returned to home where we are still recovering form a trip of a lifetime.

This trip was booked through Fly Water Travel who I would highly recommend. Attend the August 3, 2016 club meeting where we tell all in detail from getting ready, gear and much much more. Enjoy a few photo's to wet your appetite.

Tight Lines all,
John



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

My go to fly has changed many times from several years fishing Southern Utah's mountain Lakes to Argentina's Jurassic Lake the Buzzer has real fish appeal. This is a still or slow water fly. There are many variations of the buzzer some with gills and others with side wing buds. Colors are all over the place but I have a single combination I have much trust in.



By John Williams

Simple and Effective Buzzer

Hook: Owner SSW cutting point all purpose bait hook Size 2-8
I also use Daiichi 1160 in size #10

Thread: size 6-8 hook UTC 70, size 2-4 hook UTC 140 Black

Super Glue: I use Loctite Gel Control

Abdomen: Mirage Large Opal Tinsel

Flash Back: Mirage Large Opal Tinsel

Wing Buds: Yellow Goose Biots

Coloration: Permanent Red Marker

Fly Coating: UV Clear fly finish thin



Smear a slight amount of super glue from behind the eye to deep into the bend of the hook. Start the thread behind the eye and wrap into the bend but before you get quite there tie in a 8" long piece of opal tinsel and bring the thread wraps into the bend and back up four head spaces back from the eye, let the bobbin hang. Wrap the tinsel forward to the four head space spot and tie off and bend it to the rear on top of the hook and make a couple holding wraps. Tie in two goose biots to either side with the tips facing down to the rear and the convex side out. Make several wraps of thread to cover the biots and the space from the eye to the tie in point of the biots. Fold the tinsel forward and tie off with a few wraps of thread. And cut the remainder free. Fold the biots forward from each side and let them criss-cross just behind the eye on the top of the hook. Make several wraps of thread and cut or tear the tips free. Color the back edge of the biots with the marker and let dry a few seconds. Apply a slight amount of UV cure to the entire fly from deep in the bend to the thread wraps behind the eye. Add just a bit more to the thorax to build is a bit larger and cure with UV light.

You will thank me for this one.
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.

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