

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

Club Meeting:

May 11, 2016
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson, Anaheim, CA
6:00 pm - Wet Flies (Social Hour)
7:00 pm - Dinner and Program
Dinner & Program - \$30.00 Cash
Program Only - \$10.00 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

May 16, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St., Tustin, CA
7:00 pm
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message

I've been thinking about the wonderful support the club (and me personally) has received from some dedicated and talented people over the years. One in particular is on my mind right now so I thought I'd share some.

Ray Johnson recently sent some pictures of himself (see photo on the right), and Rich Fanning asked me to write a few words about Ray, so here goes...

First time I met Ray was when he was teaching Fly Tying at Santa Ana College. I had just finished Earl Young's Beginning Fly Tying class (Charlene was one of the instructors) and I had the jones bad.

I sat down, and Ray said to put a #20 hook in the vise. I think my jaw hit the desk...up until then, I'd done all my tying on #12 hooks, and used size A thread. It looked like a rope on that tiny hook. After Ray got me some 6/0 thread (the finest at the time) and much coaching by Ray, I finally got it right. Well, not right but close enough...

Ray was (and still is) a beautiful caster, I think it was his years of playing baseball and later Coaching. He also taught physical education to special needs kids (and fly tiers like me) and maybe that's where his patience came from.

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Born in 1925 in Baggs, Wyoming, which is a mere blip on the map, Ray was born into life in the outdoors. Don't know what he did in WWII, he was small and wiry enough to be a tail gunner on a B-25. Thank God he didn't...tail gunners often didn't last their first mission.

Ray is truly a gentleman and a gentle man. I've never seen him angry, the most any of us could get out of him was an "oh, balls" if he broke his thread on a fly.

So here's to you, Ray, and thanks for sending those pictures. You were one handsome dude!!



Ray Johnson

Important Notice - Phoenix Club Rate Hike

In other news...starting NEXT YEAR the price of dinner will be going up. Sorry, it's just the cost of doing business. So just what do you get for your (now) thirty bucks? Besides the meal, you get the use of the room, air conditioning, set up and clean up, electricity, indoor plumbing as well as the speaker. All in all, a pretty good deal. The Pheonix Club has worked with us to keep the costs down, and have been more than fair. Believe me, we've looked around and the Pheonix Club is still the best value in town. John Williams will be explaining it all to you, as well as answering questions about this in the near future. As for me, I'm looking forward to Hot Creek Ranch in May, as well as July! See you at the meeting!

Jim Edwards

OREGON'S TROUT ROUTE – HIGHWAY 97

with Marlon Rampy

Flyfishing in Oregon – a glorious sport in a beautiful state, right? We harbor magnificent daydreams and enjoy lovely images of our fishing rivers such as the Deschutes, the Rogue and the Umpqua. But, as we're about to discover, thinking in only those terms would be seriously shortchanging ourselves and Oregon. Seeing and learning about the truly impressive trout opportunities that exist along central Oregon's north-south Highway 97 open up a whole new world.

Highway 97 offers us such scenic, rich tail waters as the Crooked River, loaded with high fish counts. And the crystalline headwaters of the Upper Deschutes River will put you on some of the most picturesque brook trout water imaginable. An encounter with the legendary callibaetis hatches of East Lake, Hosmer Lake-- "The Pearl of the Cascades" and many other spectacular fisheries near Bend, Oregon will leave you with spectacular fly fishing dreams that can easily come true.

At the southern end of Highway 97, you can find the Wood River, see how to float the Williamson River and explore an expansive Klamath Lake system, home to Oregon's largest redband trout!

Some of the largest trout in the mainland 48 states (fish up to 20 pounds!) are quietly swimming, finning and eating in the spring-fed rivers and lakes along Oregon's lovely 97. From the Klamath Basin all the way to Bend, our May presenter (and one of our favorites), Marlon Rampy, will show us about this fantastic fly fishing playground.

Marlon is originally from southwest Washington. The summer he was 10, Marlon visited relatives in Montana and, under the guise of working, he pursued his love of fly fishing on pretty streams around Bozeman. (Marlon learned quickly that fishing is much more enjoyable than baling hay.)

After high school, Marlon attended Lee University in Tennessee where he discovered new trout water in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. Graduation from college brought opportunities for exciting fishing in eastern North Carolina, where Marlon had moved to begin a job. There he learned about the fun of fly fishing saltwater for stripers and blues, super aggressive fish that represented a big change from freshwater trout. But trout were still his first love.

So, in 1991, Marlon returned to the Northwest to reacquaint himself with the beautiful trout and steelhead streams of the Cascade Mountain Range in Oregon and Washington. Through his experiences in the Southeast, he had learned to appreciate the natural beauty of central and southern Oregon. With a desire to become an outstanding fly fishing guide, Marlon started working at McKenzie Outfitters Fly Shop in Medford, Oregon teaching students to cast, tie flies and fish the local streams.

Today, Marlon has been fishing and guiding these waters for more than two decades and, from all testimonials (many from our own members), has achieved his goal of becoming an outstanding guide. He has fished for Rogue steelhead and the trophy trout throughout the Klamath Basin. For nineteen years Marlon has been working with the Lonesome Duck Lodge on the banks of the William-



son. (This river is Marlon's choice for challenging fishing and rewards of truly sizeable fish.) Situated within 45 minutes of Crater Lake National Park, the Lodge is also near a major flyway and the Klamath National Wildlife Preserve, where multitudes of birdlife are in abundant evidence.

A highly-accomplished and admired photographer, Marlon's work can be found in *Northwest Fly Fishing* magazine, *CATCH*webzine, *Flyfishing and Tying Journal* and many Amato Publications. He practices catch and release fishing techniques, recognizing that the native Klamath Basin redband trout is a limited resource and more than worthy of this practice.

Since its inception in 1995, Marlon's guide business, Wildwest Fly Fishing, has steadily gained a dedicated and popular following as a quality fly fishing experience. For more information about one our favorite presenters, go to: www.flyfishoregon.com

Marlon's presentation will be a multi-media composition with plenty of photos, sound, scenery, music and yes, even some lovely fish. He will take us on a detailed journey up Highway 97 to see and learn about some of Oregon's best trout waters. This is an evening brimming with stunning images that could help us pinpoint an exciting new fishing trip to central and southern Oregon.

Please join Marlon Rampy as he takes us on a ride up Oregon's Highway 97. See you there!



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	Jason Randall	“What Trout See”
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 Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</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 4	Trout in Classroom Release	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
March 14-16	Pyramid lake, NV	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
March 22 - April 26	Fly Tying Classes	Doug Jones	
April 3-6	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 1-7	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy Mark Spowart	714 742-5865
June 3-5	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
July 15-18	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951 236-0862
August 27	Casting Clinic	Joe Libeu	
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 1 and 8	On The River Classroom	Doug Jones	
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 5	IFFF Interclub Tournament	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November 5-6	On The River Outing Bishop, CA	Doug Jones	
December	TBD		

Fishing Reports

San Juan River 2016 Trip Report

This year's outstanding trip to the San Juan River was highlighted by excellent weather and good fishing. Twelve members of the club went on the trip this year staying at Fishead's San Juan River Lodge. Six were first time with the club – Jana and Terry Roznos, Tom Bristol, Bill West, Gerry Gruhn and Paul Nakamura – and six of the regulars – Cheryl and Jim Moore, Eric Kramer, Evan Morgan, Steve Stevens and Brian Mayer. River conditions have improved over last year. Fish have returned to areas where the silting was an issue last year. Plenty of fish were to be found both on guided float trips and wade fishing. As always, small midges and red worms worked best (size 18 to 22). A new fly worked very well – the “Naked Lady”. The guides must have spent hours tying this new fly – it is simply a red anodized hook in size 18 to 20. It worked remarkably well below a rabbit leach or bead egg !There were several reports of fish 20 inches and larger, including a couple of 22 inch fish. A good time seemed to be had by all and many stories were swapped at dinner meal gatherings.

Stream Keeper, Brian Mayer



Gathering at Fishead's Back Cast Café for the traditional first night dinner. The regulars plus some new friends joining the outing. Welcome to all !

San Juan River 2016



Cheryl and Jimmy Moore with Guide - Texas Hole



Jana Roznos showing off latest fishing fashion!



Brian Mayer with a nice Brown!



A colorful Rainbow for Tom Bristol



Launching the Rodeo at Texas Hole



Terry Roznos and Eric Kramer at the take out

Upcoming Outings

Fish Creek Outing June 3 - 5, 2016

Sign-ups are open for the annual trip to Fish Creek. This year, it will be the first weekend in June.

This is a camping outing to the Southern Sierra's Kern River Plateau area close to Kennedy Meadows. The camp ground provides cold water and out houses only. Most people will be camping in tents; however, small camping trailers are allowed. We will be fishing for small golden trout in small water creeks, so bring your small rods (3 weights and less). The fish are generally very eager, so this is an excellent trip for the novice and experienced fisher-person as well.

If interested, contact Brian Mayer (562-619-9169).



FFCOC Casting Clinic
Saturday, August 27th
Mile Square Regional Park, Costa Mesa
***** Save the Date *****

The Annual Casting Clinic invites potential new members and the public to “try it out”; have an opportunity to explore and improve fly casting with Joe Libeu and other experts, meet members of our club over a picnic lunch, and enjoy a morning at the park. Please help spread the word.

FFCOC “On the River” Training

On the River (OTR): Local classroom with an outing to Bishop, CA

This training is a great way to help “jump start” members, maybe those new to fly fishing and our club. These sessions combine morning classroom sessions and a chance to go catch some fish with an outing on the Lower Owens. The feedback on last year’s event was outstanding.

Saturday, October 1st: OTR Training-Classroom Session 1

Saturday, October 8th: OTR Training-Classroom Session 2

Saturday & Sunday, November 5th and 6th: OTR Owens River outing, Bishop, CA



More details to follow!

Fishing Southern Utah

Still Room in Trip Three



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

Other Activities of Interest (Non-FFCOC)



**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

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Ascend Kayak H12 With Paddle

\$20 donation

Supporting Free Retreats for Breast Cancer Survivors

Only 200 tickets will be sold!

The innovative Ascend® H12 Sit-In Kayak style Hybrid Kayak was designed to deliver a unique blend of performance, storage, and rigging characteristics for a true "all-species" angling kayak. It makes the perfect craft for overnight expeditions, yet sports a nimble and balanced build to handle those short day trips easily.



**Ascend Kayak H12 with Paddle
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Drop by our booth at Fred Hall in Long Beach or
Donate online at:

<https://donate.castingforrecovery.org/events/kayak-raffle-for-southern-california/e73391>
or email cfrsocal@sbcglobal.net to get your Ticket!

Thank you for your support

Drawing held when all 200 tickets are sold!
www.castingforrecovery.org

Fly Tying

Flies That Keep On Giving

I fished this fly in another life time, a friend Bruce Scott, now passed, showed me this fly early on in my tying adventures and it works. Honestly I have not fished it in many years but after our speaker Jason Randall tied one the other day it sparked my interest again.



By John Williams

Picket Pin

Hook:	Daiichi 2220 #12 or similar
Thread:	UTC 70 Blak
Tail:	Red Squirrel Tail
Rib:	Gold UTC small wire
Abdomen:	Peacock Hurl
Hackle:	Brown neck hackle
Wing:	Gray Squirrel Tail
Head:	Peacock hurl



Start the thread at the eye and wrap the thread to the bend. Tie in the Red Squirrel tail leaving it a shank length from the bend and securing it up to the $\frac{3}{4}$ point forward and snipping off the butts. Tie in the wire at the $\frac{3}{4}$ point and wrap back to the bend again leaving the wire to the rear. Get four peacock hurl and align and snip off the brittle ends and tie in by the cut portion and wrap forward to the $\frac{3}{4}$ point and tie off. Tie in a brown hackle at the $\frac{3}{4}$ point and wrap back to the bend. Counter wrap the wire forward trapping the hackle and tie off at the $\frac{3}{4}$ point, and helicopter the wire to break. Tie in the Gray Squirrel tail fibers so they extend $\frac{1}{2}$ ways down the tail and secure just ahead of the $\frac{3}{4}$ point and trim off the butts. Wrap additional peacock fibers to form the head and whip finish and head cement.

Enjoy,
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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