

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



January 2017

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Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

Club Meeting:

January 11, 2017
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson, Anaheim, CA
6:00 pm - Wet Flies Social Hour
7:00 pm - Dinner and Program
Dinner & Program - \$35.00 Cash
Program Only - \$12.00 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

January 16, 2017 - 7:00 pm
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St., Tustin, CA
7:00 pm
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message

Greetings Fellow FFCOC Club Members,

As we welcome in the New Year, I would also like to thank you all for accepting me as your 2017 Club President. As many of you know, I have served on the BOD since 2009 and in 2013 I was the President. Honey Burns (aka "John") and I joined the club in 2007 and since have been very fortunate to have developed so many wonderful friendships. By participating in club activities we have been able to build and nurture these relationships. Along with building those relationships we have learned so many new skills from other club members. Well you know, that is what clubs are for.

We are a club devoted to Fly Fishing, we participate in charitable activities such as "Trout in the Classroom", various stream cleanups and fly fishing presentations to schools. We have monthly social activities such as our general membership meeting and our monthly club outings. At various times of the year we have fly tying classes, rod building classes and casting classes.

With the help of numerous club volunteers, we are able to offer various Fly Fishing classes, outings and meetings. We are one of the most active Fly Fishing Clubs in Southern California. We are also one of the largest and as many of you know we just celebrated our 50th anniversary last March 2016. Not many of the other clubs can claim that milestone. I look forward to the next 25 years. After that I think I might be just a little too old to be jumping rocks and maneuvering my way through fast

rivers to catch that beautiful Brown or Golden Trout. Hmm.. maybe not. Time will tell.

So, I hope to see many of you on one of our monthly outings and for sure at our monthly meetings. I know I am looking forward to the Pyramid Lake Outing, the trip to Lee's Ferry, Hot Creek in the summer and of course the President Outing in November. These are just a few of the fun trips planned for 2017. Participating in one of our club's outings is the best way to nurture your new friendships and learn a little more about fly fishing or if you are already an advanced Fly Fisherman, to share your knowledge and experiences with our newer members.

By the way, speaking of new members. Please take the time to introduce yourself to all our new club members. A new member will have an orange sticker (I think it is orange) on their name tag. For that matter, just say Hi to someone you don't know yet. If you do, let me know and I will give you a raffle ticket for my monthly President raffle that I will be doing during my tenure as President. I will be encouraging you in various ways throughout the year to get to know your fellow club members. Each month I will have a special President's raffle if you participate in a club event. My personal thank you for making our club so great!

Tightlines,

Melinda C. Burns

“Tenkara”: It Can Improve Your Fly Fishing with Pat Jaeger

We have all seen a flurry of reports and stories in recent years about a new form of fly fishing called “tenkara.” Well, it is not really new, and once people try it, almost all of them find it not only fun and enjoyable, but very effective and very useful for all fly fishing. People have learned that this ancient style of fly fishing, originated in Japan, helps us understand, and become better at, all aspects of fly fishing. Truly, when you go on the water with one of these long, light, beautifully-balanced tenkara rods, you discover new elements about the sport we love. And yes, there is no reel, but *please* trust us on this – this is not a problem and you will find tenkara wonderful. And trust our guide on this journey, Pat Jaeger, who is a definite “favorite son” of our club as well as a dedicated and trusted keeper of our home waters in the eastern Sierra.



For the last couple years, Pat has become more and more enamored with this form of fly fishing and is turning some clients and previous non-believers into believers. Would we lie? Come to this show and learn something new and exciting. Really.

And, before our formal meeting, we recommend that you try to attend a short explanation and hands-on display of some tenkara equipment that Pat will have with him so that you can actually play with it in your hands. This will take place during the time that is usually used by presenters to tie flies. Join us, if you can. (See sidebar article about this mini-workshop.)

Pat is known to many of our members, but for those who haven't met or seen him before, and as a reminder to those who already love him, let's review what he sent us detailing his background:

My father passed away when I was six years old, leaving my mother to raise five boys and a four-year-old daughter. She didn't have much time to entertain us, so we had to create our own fun. We had plenty of kids in the neighborhood, a vacant lot and canyons to explore. We didn't get into too much trouble, but if any of you lived then in the San Diego area and were ever missing fruit from your trees, that was probably our fault. Sorry.

When I reached my teens, my brothers included me in their fishing adventures. These usually took place on our local lakes, but there were some half-day saltwater trips as well. Soon I became a familiar face on the half-day boats, scrubbing decks on the way home in trade for trips.

After graduating high school in 1978 (Crawford High, San Diego), a couple of friends and I, inspired by the Allman Brothers song, decided to move (ramble) north to Mammoth Lakes in search of the mountain life, skiing and females. From the start, I truly felt at home with all of life's simple pleasures at my fingertips, namely unbelievable skiing, good hunting, the camaraderie of crazy kids turning

into adults in a small town, but most important: TROUT.

I applied whatever fly fishing skills I had to the waters of the eastern Sierra and found the passion that I needed to make fishing my profession. With the help of my friends from the Eastside Guide Service at the Trout Fly, my dream came true. In the spring of 1995, I served an internship with them and traveled to northern California to work under Dick Galland and the guides at the Clearwater House. The summer of '96 was spent working part time up north and as a full-time guide for the Trout Fly. In the spring of 1999, I became a part owner of the Trout Fly and that November I married the love of my life, Pamela, after a courtship of five years.

After many years working winters for Mammoth Mountain Ski Area as a ski repairman, I gracefully bowed out of this career to seek a full-time career as a fishing guide. (Today my wading boots are wet more than 200 days a year.)

In the winter of 2001, I sold my shares of the Trout Fly to one of my partners for a down payment on an "I love Lucy" (1940) fixer-upper house in Bishop, which, to this day, we call home.

I feel a first guide trip with a client is just a job interview. A call back for another date means I got the job. I treat each trip individually; I like to ask my clients what their goals and objectives are for the day and do my best to customize the trip to meet these visions, not mine. My goals in life are to raise a family, live and work in a beautiful place, surround myself with really good people and smile when I'm going to work. I am a Dad to our two daughters Maggie and Isabella, a husband to my sweetheart and best friend Pamela and my career is a Fly Fishing Guide.

My objective as a guide is to understand the craft in such detail that I can simplify the essential fundamentals of the sport. And streamline the learning curve to give the average angler the freedom of fishing later on his or her own. I can also break down the technical aspects of the sport and offer the more advanced anglers a new arrow for their quiver. Every so often I enjoy getting off the beaten path and I sincerely strive for that look in a client's eye when I hit the bull's eye and he or she has had a great and memorable day on the water and even learned some wonderful and useful things that will be used in the future. I love seeing that look.

Please come early (6:00 p.m.) for Pat's hands-on display. See you there!

For more information about Pat and his guide service, please go to:
jaeger-flyfishing.com

Andy Frumento

Pat's Fly Fishing Achievements:

2001-FFF Certified Casting Instructor

Simms Ambassador

"Test Pilot" for Sage Fly Rods

TenkaraUSA Pro Guide

Head Guide for Project Healing Waters (Eastern Sierra)

2013 Master Guide for the Trout Fitter/Trout Fly, Mammoth Lakes

Head Guide for the Silver Lake Fishing Academy

2013 Guided IGFA Grand Slam

2016 Guided IGFA Grand Slam

Owner/Operator of the Eastern Sierra Guide Service

Announcements!

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.
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New, Beginning January 2017!



DINNER PRICE

\$35.00

PROGRAM ONLY

\$12.00

\$1.00 Surcharge for payment by credit card - Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover Only

2017 Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-11-17	2nd Wed	Pat Jaeger	"Tenkara and How It Helps Your Fly Fishing"
2-8-17	2nd Wed	Beau McFadyean	"The Missouri and Big Horn Rivers"
3-8-17	2nd Wed	Joe Contaldi	"Fishing High Sierra Waters"
4-12-17	2nd Wed	Spencer Higa	"Fly Fishing Utah's Provo River"
5-10-17	2nd Wed	Andrew Harris	"Five Rivers in Five Days"
6-7-17	1st Wed	Gary Borger	"Fly The Angler's Predator"
7-12-17	2nd Wed	Al Quattrocchi	"Fly Fishing the Surf"
8-9-17	2nd Wed	Peter Koga and Zino Nakasugi	"Fly Fishing Hawaii"
9-13-17	2nd Wed	FFCOC Auction	-----
10-11-17	2nd Wed	George Daniel	"Streamers"
11-8-17	2nd Wed	Ernie Gulley	"What Trout Eat"
12-13-17	2nd Wed		HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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

2017 Outings and Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
January 7	Fishing Newport Peninsula	Art Prangly	714 270-7090
February TBD	Surf Fishing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
February 18	Intermediate Casting	Art Prangley	art@sbcglobal.net
March 13-15	Pyramid lake, NV	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April 3-5	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 22-26	Lee's Ferry, AZ	Melinda and John Burns	951 415-9920
June 2-4	Fish Creek, Sierras	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 10-14	Back Country Horse-back Trip, June Lake Loop	John Williams	951 236-0862
July 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch, Mammoth	John Williams	951 236-0862
August	TBD		
September 21-23	Circleville, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 26-29	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 2-6	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 27-29	President's Outing - Kernville	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	TBD		
December	TBD		
Contact the streamkeeper for more information.			

Stream Keepers with Good Trip Ideas wanted!

Stream Keepers are not appointed or grow on trees. All it takes is a desire to plan a trip and lead a group to the destination. You need to pass on the information to the group such as Lodging, Guide, Transportation, Dining, and what you will be fishing for.

The club and our members depend on our Stream Keepers to provide great fishing experiences. If you have questions please feel free to talk to the club's Outings Chair, John Williams (951 236-0862). We have a syllabus to help you.

The Stream Keeper process goes like this:

- ✓ Conceive Trip Idea
- ✓ Review the idea with the Outing Chairperson (John Williams)
- ✓ Create a Plan: Location, Dates, Number of Participants, Lodging, Meals, Guides, Cost, Transportation, Advertising, Etc.
- ✓ Review the plan with the Outings Chairperson (John Williams)
- ✓ Solicit participation and fees (e.g. Club Meetings and Newsletter)
- ✓ Make reservations, Pay Fees/Deposits
- ✓ Have a great trip!
- ✓ Pay Bills
- ✓ Send "Thank Yous" to providers
- ✓ Write a Trip Report to be published in the Newsletter

Casting in the Park



The FFCOC is sponsoring, with the generous support of Joe Libeu, Saturday morning sessions to improve our member's casting skills.

The first session will be held on February 18th at Irvine Regional Park, from 8:30-12:00. This first session will focus on intermediate casting: narrowing loops, changing distance during the cast, accuracy, and such. Follow on sessions would target more advanced techniques and skills.

To offset the cost of the OC Park permits, we will be charging \$5.00 a person for the session.

Space is limited! For those interested, please register with Art Prangley, artp@sbcglobal.net to reserve a spot. We're capping the session to the first 20 that sign up.

San Juan River, NM Outing

April 2 to 6, 2017

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 North-west 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 2. 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.



Lee's Ferry Outing May 22-26, 2017



The Colorado River is described as “The World’s Largest Spring Creek” that boasts 15.5 miles of clear running tailwater fishery flowing from Lake Powell.

Come join Honey Burns and I along with 10 other lucky club members as we fish one of the waters of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. This trip will consist of 4 nights lodging at the Cliff Dwellers (2 Adults per room) and 3 days of guided fishing (Drift or Wet Wading). I have reserved Rooms 27 -32, each room has two beds. But if you want the room to yourself then you pay the full price. Each room is \$100.00.

We also have the following guides reserved: Jeff English, Skip Dixon, Natalie Jensen, Tyson Warren, Dale Gauthier, and Kevin Campbell. Guides are \$450 for 2 fisherman.

This cost of this trip is approximately \$875 per person. This does not include tips for the guides, meals or transportation.

Sign ups are now being taken. You can sign the Outings Sheet at the next meeting or you can call or me to place you on the list, 951.415.9920 mel11755@pacbell.net.

Melinda and John Burns, Streamkeepers

Fish Creek Outing – June 2 to 4, 2017

Sign-ups are open for the 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 and motor homes 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 experience fisher-person as well.

If interested, contact Brian Mayer ,bdmayer@hotmail.com, (562-619-9169).



UPDATED!



Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Hits The Trail



Five Days of Backcountry Fishing

July 10-14, 2017

Cost: \$1,224

**\$200 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot,
Make Checks to "Frontier Pack Train" and send to John Williams**

Stream Keeper: John Williams 951-236-0862

19859 Calle Cadiz Walnut, Ca. 9178

Itinerary:

***Day One:** Meet at the Pack Station in June Lake at 7:00 a.m., when breakfast will be served. We will partner you up with a horse to match your ability and then ride into the beautiful Ansel Adams Wilderness. Our lunch and fishing stop will be beside Crest Creek, where there will be plenty of Spawning Rainbow from Gem Lake. We will then continue to our first camp at Clark Lakes. There will be plenty of time to fish that evening for Brookies in the four nearby lakes.

***Day Two:** After breakfast, we will take a day ride to Thousand Island Lake and the headwaters of the San Joaquin River. There, you will fish for Rainbow/Golden hybrids. Our emphasis is on catch-and-release. After dinner, we will be fishing the Clark Lakes.

***Day Three:** We will break camp in the morning and travel to Algers Lakes, stopping along the way to fish beautiful Rush Creek, known for both Brookies and Rainbows. At our base camp, you will have the best opportunity for catching large Golden Trout. We will spend the balance of the day fishing near camp.

***Day Four:** The group will have the whole day to fish Algers Lakes and find your favorite spot. You can expect to catch Golden's from 10-16 inches.

***Day Five:** Fish in the morning. After having lunch at the camp, we will return to the Pack Station, arriving at 4:00 p.m.

What to Expect:

- Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Frontier Pack Train in June Lake.
- Breakfast is served the first day while gear is packed on the mules. The last meal furnished is lunch on the last day.
- Dunnage limit is **40 lbs. per person**. This includes sleeping bags, fishing gear, liquor.
- Frontier provides a saddle bag for trail essentials. We do not

suggest bringing saddle bags or backpacks unless pocket size.

- No alcoholic beverages served or included in trip fee but you can BYOB but the weight counts against your 40lbs limit.
- Transportation provided for return to June Lake for trips terminating at other road heads.
- Trips will terminate at 4:00 p.m. the last day.
- FRONTIER does **not** treat the water. Bring your own filter pump or purification tablets.
- Frontier furnishes stock, packer, cook, food, and camping equipment. Private tents for couples or singles will be reserved by request. All trips are outfitted with chairs, solar showers and privy.

Other Details

The Pack Station can Supply Bear Boxes \$5.00 each per day.Box Size 16" x 16" x 24"

Wilderness Permit \$5.00 per person additional

Personal Checklist

- Sleeping bag/foam pad or air mattress
- Flashlight/extra batteries
- Coffee mug
- Broad brimmed hat (must have string to keep from blowing off)
- Camera, extra SD card and extra batteries
- Rain pants & coat or slicker
- Riding boots & camp shoes
- Insect repellent
- Sun Screen and Chap Stick
- Polarized Sunglasses
- Bathing suit
- Hat protector from rain
- Heavy Jacket
- Canteen
- Personal hygiene kit (including towel)

Please use biodegradable soap and shampoo.

Bring gear in nylon duffels - sleeping bag and pads separate

- Liquor should be labeled and checked in separately

We will be traveling to 9,000' elevation the first day and eventually to 11,000' elevation. Please come a day or two ahead of the trip to acclimate to at least 7,000'. Drink plenty of water and limit the alcohol intake prior to the trip; Altitude sickness can ruin a trip.

- **Fishing equipment:**

4-6 weight Rod and Reel with floating line.

7 to 9 foot leaders 5x bring 4,5,6 and 7 X tippet

Split shot BB and smaller

Flies:

- Parachute Adams #14-18
- Stimulator in orange #12-16
- Caddis #16-18
- Hopper #10-14
- Griffith Gnat #16-22
- Klinkhammer #16-18
- Glo Bug #16 Orange
- Wooly Bugger #8-12 Black & Olive
- Bring what you own already; there are many flies that work well in the high altitude backcountry of the Sierra's.
- The above list of flies has worked well for me in the past.
- If you have any questions or concerns please call John Williams 951-236-0862

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE



We are almost there. Our goal is \$1500. We are currently at \$1150. So theoretically, I need to sell only \$350 more. That is only 17 more people need to buy \$20 worth. That's 6 more chances to win all the goodies in the raffle. Remember that artistically built rod by Dennis Harper, how about all those beautiful hand tied flies by all our talented Fly Tyers or that wood shaped pencil made by Len Scarpace. These are just a few of what you can win with your purchase of Progressive Raffle Tickets. \$5 for one ticket or \$20 for six tickets. What a deal.... If you spent \$100 on tickets you could potentially have 30 opportunities to win over \$1500 of Fly Fishing tackle and goodies. There will be a few other opportunities to win some gift certificates to Bob Marriotts.

Melinda Burns



Volunteering, what does that mean?

Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others or for a particular cause without payment for their time and services. Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life, but people also volunteer for their own skill development, to meet others, to make contacts for possible employment, to have fun, and a variety of other reasons that could be considered self-serving.

Volunteering takes many forms and is performed by a wide range of people. Many volunteers are specifically trained in the areas they work in, such as medicine, education, or emergency rescue. Other volunteers serve on an as-needed basis, such as in response to a natural disaster or for a beach-cleanup.

(an excerpt from wikipedia)

When volunteering you are giving something back to our club by lending a helping hand to fellow fly fisherman and other fly fishing organizations. What you may not realize is that volunteering also benefits you as an individual. There are many good reasons to get involved in the fly fishing community, including learning something about yourself.

Below are some benefits for you as a volunteer:

Make new friends	Connect with your community	Share your skills and gain new ones
Feel needed and valued	Meet new people from all walks of life	Experience something new
Promote a worthwhile activity	Develop self-esteem and self - confidence	Make a difference

We still have some open spots that need to be filled on the Board of Directors and we need to start training new people. Many of us have been on the Board for many, many years. Please get involved now so we can train you. If this is something you would like to participate in for the club, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from some of you.

Tightlines, your future President for 2017,

Melinda Burns



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This year the Fred Hall Show will be held March 1-5, 2017 at the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center. The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers has negotiated some space to spotlight and introduce the sport of Fly Fishing to new and interested sportsman. This will be an introduction to Fly Fishing for those sportsman interested.

Typically for the last 4 years, we were on the main floor mixed in with all the other Outdoor Recreation booths. This year, the Fred Hall show has offered us our very own area for 3 days. We will be located on the 2nd floor where the various clubs will be able to display their own club information and talk about their club and offer membership. SWCFFFF will also be offering seminars and demonstrations on various aspects of Fly Fishing. In the past, SWCFFFF would ask the clubs for volunteers to man their booth for the 5 days and represent all the clubs.

This year we will have the opportunity to represent our club ourselves. We will be looking to share a booth with another club to save some money for the price of the space. We will also be looking for volunteers who are excited to welcome in new members and tell new and interested sportsman about our club and our sport. So if that is something you would like to support for our club, please see me and or sign up on the volunteer sheet that will be available at the next meeting. Can't make it to the meeting but would like to volunteer some of your time, feel free to email me @ mel11755@pacbell.net

All the info on the Fly Fishing section will be advertised in the show brochure and signage will be placed throughout the main floor advertising the Fly Fishing section.

Thank you for your continued support of our club,

Melinda C. Burns

Owens River Annual Clean Up - February 11, 2017

California Waterfowl Association

Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California

Saturday, February 11, 2017

Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves and be prepared to help clean up as much of the Owens River as we can. Wear waders if you own them.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked good provided for all volunteers at 8AM

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM @ Pleasant Valley Campground.

2017 Sponsors include:

California Waterfowl Association – Bishop

Caltrout – Sierra Headwaters Region

Eastern Sierra Fishing Guides Association

Preferred Septic and Disposal – Bishop

Inyo Recycling and Waste Management - Bishop

Silver Lake Resort – June Lake

Trout Unlimited – Eastern Sierra Field Office

International Federation of Fly Fishers – Southwest Council

Talk it up. Bring family and friends. This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information on sponsoring or general information call

Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.

Fly Tying

Flies That Keep On Giving

The Pheasant Tail nymph has been around a long time and I have tied variations of this fly for years and here is one that has been productive in the past with a few modifications.

Modified Pheasant Tail



By John Williams

Hook:	Daiichi 1530 size 10 – 16 I like this wide gape hook.
Bead:	7/64, 2.8 mm Black Tungsten Beads Adjust the bead size to accommodate the hook size.
Thread:	UTC 70 Black
Rib:	UTC Small Red wire
Tail:	Natural Pheasant tail fibers
Abdomen Dubbing:	Hares Ear Dubbing Natural
Abdomen Back:	Natural Pheasant tail fibers
Thorax:	Peacock Hurl
Legs:	Natural Hen Saddle Feather fibers
Flash Back Thorax Cover:	Veevus Large Holographic Mylar Tinselin Red Sorry the red holographic doesn't show up well in the photo.
Head Cement:	Super Glue

Place the bead on the hook small hole first. Start your thread behind the bead and slide the wire rib into the back of the bead and wrap your thread down to the start of the bend trapping the wire all the way down to the far side of the shank leaving the wire to the rear. Tie in ten to twelve pheasant tail fibers letting the points extend to the rear one body length and secure with several wraps of thread.

Lift the butt ends of the pheasant tail fibers up and dub a tapered abdomen to the bead. Lay the pheasant tail fibers over the back of the abdomen and secure with your thread behind the bead. Tie in and wrap two peacock fibers behind the bead to form the thorax. Tie in the holographic mylar tinsel behind the peacock thorax and let the butt end lay to the rear for now. Remove from the hen skin one feather and about 3/16 of an inch cut the center stem of the feather, select around six to ten fibers on either side of the stem and coax with your finger the remaining fibers to the large end of the stem not removing them from the stem (they can be used for other flies. Lay the feather with the dull side down and tie in the stem behind the bead, after two. Soft wraps you can pull the stem to adjust the leg length. Pull the holographic mylar over the legs and peacock thorax and secure with a few wraps of thread. Coat your thread about 1/4" with a smear of super glue and take several wraps to embed the glue around the back of the bead. I use one or two whip finishes to secure the thread before the super glue has set.

Tying is a way to live the experience of fly-fishing when you can't be on the water.
Merry Christmas to all,

John

NEW! - Bulletin Board

This is a new feature added to the Newsletter on a trial basis. It's a way for club members to connect with each other. You might be looking for a certain piece of equipment or maybe you have something to sell. Or, maybe you are looking for others interested in or knowledgeable of a certain type of fishing equipment, a fishing venue or fishing trip. Send you posting information to Richard Fanning (rkfanning@aol.com). I will include it in the next FFCOC Newsletter. I will need your name, and a brief description of your posting. Club members can use their directory or the web site to get contact information. I will include your posting for no more than 2 consecutive months.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Submitter</u>	<u>Post Date</u>
1.		

Items are posted as a service to FFCOC members. The items listed are not endorsed, supported or guaranteed by FFCOC.

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.

Board of Directors and Activity Leaders:

President

Melinda Burns
president@ffcoc.org

1st Vice President

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