

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



August 2017 Newsletter

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Club Meeting:

August 9, 2017

Phoenix Club

1340 Sanderson Anaheim, CA

6:00 pm - Wet Flies Social
Hour

7:00 pm - Dinner and Program

Dinner & Program - \$35.00

Program Only - \$12:00

Board Meeting:

August 9, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Phoenix Club

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message

President's Outing **October 20-22, 2017**

The President's Outing is open to all Club members. Traditionally it is held near the end of the year and is a celebration of all of the Club's events and activities held during the year. It's a time to talk to old friends and make new friends. As has been the tradition for many years, the outing will be held on the Kern River near Kernville.

For 2017 the outing will be Friday evening, October 20 thru Sunday October 22. You can attend all or part of the event. Please sign up by the October meeting so we can plan food accordingly. You can contact me if you have any further questions: (951)-415-9920 or mel11755@pacbell.net

Lodging: I just spoke with Debbie (7/25/17) at the Sequoia Lodge and all rooms have been booked, however Debbie has other options close by if you are interested. Please contact her at 1-(760)-376-2535. They are located at 16123 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA. <http://sequoialodge.net/>

There are a number of other places to stay or camp in and near Kernville.

Meals: The club will provide the customary Saturday evening BBQ dinner and get together starting a 6 p.m. at the Sequoia Lodge. All who sign up are welcome. We ask that you provide a dish to share. The club will provide all the paper goods. So, don't worry about bringing your own plates and silverware. However, feel free to bring your favorite Wine Glass. (alcohol not provided by club) (Continued on next page.)

President's Outing (Continued)

A Friday evening dinner is in planning. In the past, we have frequented the restaurant across the street but I am thinking of changing this up a little. So, stay tuned.

Fishing: There are many miles of fishing possibilities on the Kern River. Information on gear and flies will be sent to those who register.

Fly Shop and Guiding: Kern River Fly Shop (760) 376-2040, 11301 Kernville Road, Kernville, CA 93238. In addition, there are several online fishing reports, maps of fishing locations, etc.

You can contact me if you have any further questions: (951)-415-9920 or mel11755@pacbell.net. A sign-up sheet for this event will be provided at the next general meeting or you can call or email with your reservation request.

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Hope to see you there!

Melinda Burns



Special Invitation to All Club Members!

You are all cordially invited to join us at our next Board of Directors meeting. We have scheduled this meeting so it is a little simpler for you to attend. It will be held the same day as our next General Membership meeting on August 9th at the Phoenix Club

When: Wednesday, August 9th, 2017

Where: Phoenix Club - Pavilion

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

We hope that you will be able to join us and provide some input to some of our upcoming events.

Charlene June Hanson

Born February 23, 1946 – Died June 17, 2017

I met Charlene at my first club meeting in 1985; she had a genuine open heart and a desire to help make me feel welcome and at home attending a club meeting for the first time. I was a guest of Peter Austin who asked me to join him and Richard Stevens at the Revere House for dinner and program. I join the board of directors in 1989 and Charlene was already established on the board well before I joined. Charlene referred to herself as a Professional Federal Street Walker (Mail Lady), she delivered mail in the Floral Park area of Santa Ana. She was a devout Catholic and was very involved in her church on several committees and singing in the choir. She was a twin and one of seven children in the Hanson household. If you knew Charlene well, you knew she had a vehicle packed full of treasures. She drove a VW beetle for a while but needed more room and purchased her large extended van. I told her if she ever cleaned it out I would wash it for her, knowing I would never have to fulfill the promise. Charlene worked for Marriott's Fly Fishing store many years with her brother-in-law to be, Earl Young who eventually married Carol Jean her older sister. She is the only person I ever knew who could cast equally well with both hands. Charlene brought many members into our club and helped with tying classes as an instructor and as a casting instructor. We didn't always agree but felt she was always a good friend and a very happy person. Charlene was president in 2001 and made Honorary Life Member for her dedication to the club. I will miss her company at all our club functions and remember all the great years we shared being involved in this wonderful club and yes, she was a cigar smoking buddy.

John Williams



*In Memory of
Charlene June Hanson*

*Born
February 23, 1946
Orange, California*

*Passed Away
June 17, 2017
Santa Ana, California*

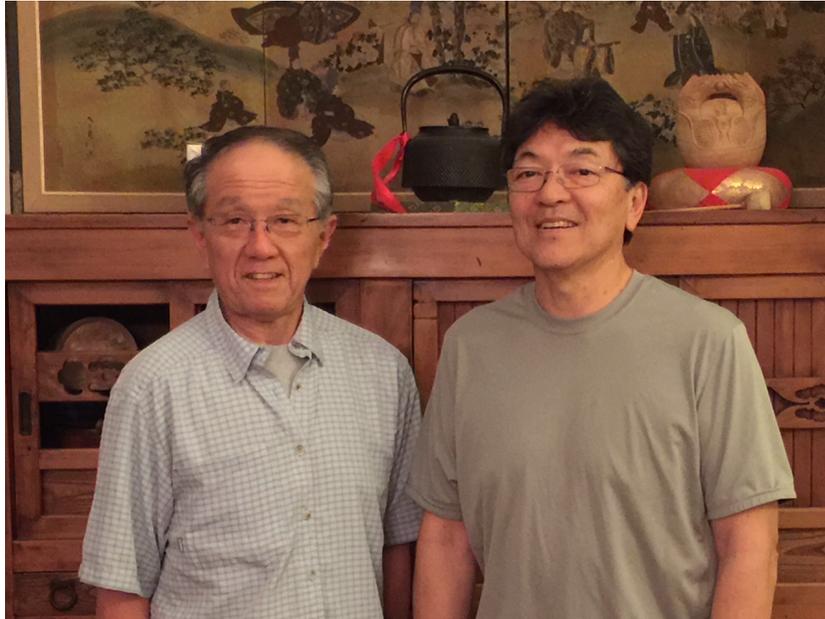
*Rosary
June 22, 2017, 7:00PM
Brown Colonial Mortuary*

*Mass of Remembrance
June 23, 2017, 10:00AM
ST. Joseph's Church*

*Final Resting Place
Holy Sepulcher Cemetery
Orange, California*

FLY FISHING IN HAWAII

With Peter Koga & Zino Nakasuji



When people from SoCal go to Hawaii, they usually visit the beach, or go snorkeling, surfing, whale watching or just relax and enjoy the sunshine, the scenery and beautiful weather. But very few bring a fly rod and go fishing. What a shame! Few people know that you can travel to Hawaii and fly fish for rainbow trout as well as largemouth, smallmouth and peacock bass. These fish can be caught in some of Hawaii's freshwater streams and impoundments. And did you know that there are world-class bonefish and other tropical species swimming over the flats just offshore? There are four Hawaiian Islands where a fly rod can be flexed and cast to catch great fish. This month we're going to learn about these idyllic spots and how to prepare for a fly fishing experience that is becoming more popular. And the experts to take us on a new adventure are past President and member of the FFCOC, Peter Koga, and his friend Zino Nakasuji.

Peter was actually born on Maui and, being surrounded by water, learning to fish was a given. His dad started him fishing at the age of four with a cane pole along the rocky shorelines of Maui. As Peter got older, he learned to cast a Penn Jigmaster and they went on overnight trips to barely accessible part of Maui where they had to find a path through lava beds to get to good water. It was on one of those trips that he caught his first bonefish at the age of 14. The family moved to Los Angeles in the late 50's and although the type of fishing available around L.A. was markedly different from that on Maui, the Koga family "adapted" well.

During his teens, Peter experienced fishing in the surf, off piers and jetties, and even from rowboats rented at the Santa Monica pier. Peter graduated from Dorsey High School and went to

UCLA to earn a microbiology degree. During these years he enjoyed watching *The American Sportsman* TV program, especially those segments of Lee Wulff fly fishing. He soon went out and bought a fly rod, reel and line and, over the next several years, and with the help of members at the Long Beach Casting Club, learned to cast and to fly fish. After studying books, Peter learned to tie flies and started backpacking to lakes in the eastern Sierra to fly fish.

After graduating from UCLA, Peter went to pharmacy school and completed a pharmacy residency program at USC. He spent the rest of his working career at Kaiser Permanente as a pharmacist, then as a manager and for the last 10 years, working on national projects for Kaiser before retiring in 2013. Peter became an excellent and highly sought after fly tier. He had always wanted to tie flies at ALL of *The Fly Fishing Show* events around the country, plus attend and tied at the *International Fly Tying Symposium* and he completed all these goals in 2015.

In 2001, his friend and fellow member of the Fly Fishing Club of Orange County, Dan Iwata invited Peter to fish for tuna with him out of San Diego and Peter became "hooked" on conventional saltwater fishing, too. Five years later, he started to take a fly rod on those trips and has caught yellowtail, tuna, dorado and calico bass on a fly almost every year since that time. One day, another fly fishing friend, John Whittaker, was talking about his vacation in Hawaii and the many bonefish he saw, and even one he hooked just off Oahu. You know what happened next. Peter went to Oahu and caught his first bonefish using the fly *Jumping Jack*, a fly he designed earlier to imitate the Gobies that inhabit the tide pools in Hawaii and is a fish that the locals use for bait. Zino used that fly the following year to get his first Hawaiian bone in Oahu. Since then, Peter and Zeno have gone on trips to Yucatan, Bahamas, other Hawaiian Islands and Christmas Island to chase bonefish and other tropical species.

A Southern California native, Zino Nakasuji was born in Los Angeles in 1954 and moved with his family to Long Beach when he was only three- years-old. His father, the son of a Terminal Island commercial fishing captain, introduced him at a young age to fishing the local piers and jetties. His fishing progressed to sport fishing boats out of Long Beach with his father, younger brother, Fritz, and uncle. His uncle also introduced Zino to trout fishing in the eastern Sierra.

While attending the University of Southern California, one of Zino's grade school friends introduced him to fly fishing. While they were on a backpacking trip in the eastern Sierra, Zino caught his first fly rod trout, a golden trout hybrid, on an Adams. He still remembers the thrill of getting that first fish on a dry fly. However, it wasn't until 1992 when Zino was on a Colorado vacation with his wife that he was truly "bitten" by the fly fishing bug. With a rented fly rod and advice from Jeff Solis, who at the time was working at the Frying Pan Anglers in Basalt, Zino hooked a brown trout on a dry and his love of fly fishing was cemented forever. He joined the Downey Fly Fishers that same year and in 2002 joined the Long Beach Casting Club.

Zino has fished for trout from the eastern Sierra to Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, and as far across the Pacific Ocean as New Zealand. He has also enjoyed several steelhead trips to British Columbia. It was during his first steelhead trip to B.C. that he met Peter, and on another trip up to B.C., he met two Scottish anglers from Aberdeen and was invited to fish with them in

Scotland. Zino took them up on their offer while on vacation to the U.K. in 2007 and was very fortunate to actually spey fish on the River Spey and catch an Atlantic salmon on the North Esk.

Zino's passion for Oahu bonefishing started during a visit with Peter at his tying station at the 2004 *Fly Fishing Show* in Ontario. Peter showed pictures of some thick Oahu bonefish that he had just caught and gave Zino the low down. While on a family vacation that same year, Zino caught his first Oahu bonefish (*Albula Glossodonta*). Other bonefishing trips include adventures to Christmas Island, Andros Island, Belize and Yucatan. Zino and his wife Marcia have been married almost 29 years and live in Los Alamitos with their golden retriever, Kona. He currently runs E.D. Luce Packaging with his brother.

Peter and Zino will take us to the beautiful Hawaiian Islands and share with us the many species of fish that are available, including some world class bone fishing. So please join Peter and Zino for "Fly Fishing in Hawaii"... see you there and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

2017 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	Amdrew Harris	"Five Rivers in Five Days"
6-7-17	1st Wed	Gary Borger	"The Angler as 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 Annual 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!

Auction 2017

We've got one month to go!

Which means we've got one month to get in those donations! Jimmy Edwards and I will be accepting all donations at our next meeting, Wednesday, August 9th. Remember, this is how we, together, finance the club's activities.

Donations can be just about anything: Used fishing gear, new fishing gear, special fishing accompaniments (scotch, cigars, flies, mugs, wine ..you get the idea), tickets to an event, crafts, books.

Our bucket raffles will be special this year with Terry and Janna Roznos looking into some neat things to include and an added "end of the evening" grand prize drawing which you will want to stay for!

Dawn and Vern Martin will be running the "Buy it Now" desk where we are adding a new option to take some silent auction items "Off the Table" now. Should be exciting!

Please talk this up with your friends and family. FFCOC Auction 2017, Wednesday, September 13th, Doors open at 6PM: The Phoenix Club, 1340 S Sanderson Ave, Anaheim, CA 92806, Main Ballroom.

Until next month,

Thank you,

Art Prangley, 2017 Auction Chair

714-270-7090

FFCOC Membership Drive

At this time we have (2) people that have signed up Members to our Club. My records show John Burns and Eric Kramer have each brought in (1) Member. You still have time to win prizes by signing up new Members for this year. The prizes are a John Williams Water Color, lightly used G-Loomis reel and a lightly used Orvis 4 piece 6WT Saltwater Fly Rod. Because we only have (2) participants at this time, we will have a drawing during the Dec 2017 Meeting. Anyone that has brought in a new Member this year will qualify to win prizes. If I have missed anyone who has signed up a Member this year, please let me know.

Thanks, Vern Martin, Membership

LOA UTAH OPENING

OCT. 2-6, 2017



I now have one opening for the Loa Utah Trip, first come first served.
Contact Streamkeeper, John Williams at 951-236-0862 for information or to sign up.
We will be fishing for Rainbows, Browns, Bookies, Grayling, Splake, & Tiger Trout

Fishing Southern Utah Talk

by John Williams

Saturday, August 26th, 2017 11:30 AM

Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store



John Williams has been fishing in Southern Utah for many years. Members of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County have participated, many multiple times, and have had a fun and productive trip each time.

John has prepared a presentation about his experiences in Utah and will be presenting it at Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store. This talk is designed to tell you all you will need to know to have a successful trip.

John will be covering multiple locations and for each will discuss how to get there, where to stay, where to eat and local attractions.

More importantly, he will provide information about local fly shops and guides, where to fish, what equipment to use, how to rig your fly rod, what flies to use, etc.

John will be tying Utah Flies before and after the talk no doubt showing you some of his favorite patterns.

There is no charge for attending. It's suggested that you arrive early to get a good seat.



Buy Local!
Support Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store!



We have the good fortune of having a well stocked and easily accessed Fly Fishing Store in our area. In a continuing effort to provide good service and support the needs of the local fly fishing community, Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store has created a rebate program for club members. Bob Marriott's will rebate 2% of the purchase price of goods you buy to Fly Fishers Club of Orange County. In addition they will set up a rebate account in your name and rebate another 5% in store credit to you for use as partial payment on future purchases! Very generous, indeed!

See the back last page in this Newsletter for the address and phone number.

Thanks to Kevin Bell, General Manager at Marriott's, for including us in this program!

By Richard Fanning

2017 Outings and Events Schedule

DATE	OUTING/EVENT	STREAMKEEPER	CONTACT
January 7	Fishing Newport Peninsula	Art Prangley	714 270-7090
Cancelled	Surf Fishing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
February 25-26	On the Water Training, Bishop, CA	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
March 11	Casting in the Park # 1	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 Burns	951 415-9920
May 27	Casting in the Park # 2 (Flaws and Fixes, FFCOC Members Only)	Richard Fanning	714 476-3027
June 2-4	Fish Creek, Sierras	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 10-14	Back Country by Horseback	John Williams	951 236-0862
July 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch, Mammoth	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 9	Casting Clinic, Mile Square Park (Reservations open to the public)	Art Prangley	art@sbcglobal.net
September 21-23	Circleville, UT	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 26-29	Loa, UT	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 2-6	Loa, UT	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 15-21	Colorado	Carl Thompson	714 524-6959
October 20-22	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	TBD		
December	TBD		

NEW - Colorado Trip October 15-21, 2017



We are planning our second club trip to Colorado . The dates are October are October 15 to 21 , just in time for pursuing those fall spawning brown trout. The trip starts in Monument Colorado, about one hour south of Denver. There is a local motel there for accomodations and we meet at the home of Mark Spowart and his lovely wife, Liz for our evening get togethers and meals for the first three nights. Initially we will be wade fishing various sections of the South Platte River, including Cheesman Canyon, Deckers, Elevenmile Canyon and the Dream Stream. Everyone who has ever fished there is anxious to go back again for the wonderful fishing as well as the scenery. Mark has already booked the best guides for us including Pat Dorsey, Bob Dye and others.

The second part of our trip takes us northwest to Kremmling, where we will be staying at the Allington Inn and Suites. Our plans are to spend two days in that area with a float trip on the Colorado River and a day wade fishing on the Williams Fork. Then we pack our bags and get back in our cars to head home.

Last year most of us flew into Denver and then rented cars with usually 4 to a car to share expenses, for the remainder of our trip. A few decided to drive to Denver.

More details will be coming later regarding expenses etc. If you are interested please contact me at carlbud@gmail.com or at 714 524-6959. The trip is limited to 12 people so get your name on the list right away before it fills up. Carl Thompson, streamkeeper.

Green River Fishing Trip Report

Alan Ross and Mark Spowart

Mark Spowart and I had the opportunity to fish the Green River on July 21 and 22 with Gordon Tharett. The river flows had dropped to the 2500 cfs range so we were able to fish dry flies (using a different attractor fly called a double-triple in 3 different colors). We had a great time and fairly good numbers as we caught numerous large rainbow and brown trout (15" to 19") on both the A and B sections of the river. Temperatures were fairly warm (in the high 80's and low 90's) but bearable. Gordon really knows the river and helped us improve our casting presentations, mending, and landing ability. As one would expect, most of our action occurred along the river banks and in the seams. For those who have not been there before, the scenery is amazing. The red rock canyon, clear water, and spectacular colored browns are well worth a trip. Contact Gordon Tharett at 801-541-4113 if you need a highly qualified guide. Also, his hot lunches are also something unique and special. Feel free to call me if you have any questions.



- Casting -

A Critical Fly Fishing Skill

As the means for presenting the fly to the target fish, casting is one of the key skills to master to improve your fly fishing success.

FFCOC now has two parts to its casting program:



Image courtesy of club member and artist, John Williams.

Casting in the Park

Casting in the Park is new this year. It's an opportunity for club members to improve their casting skills with the help of a team of casting instructors being trained by Master Casting Instructor, Joe Libeu.

We've held two sessions at Irvine Regional Park so far this year. Both with good turnout and significant results:

March 11, 2017, "Basic Casting Skills"

Emphasis on basic casting skills.

May 27, 2017, "Flaws and Fixes"

Recommendations for improving observed casting flaws.

Upcoming, (date tbd), "The Double Haul"

A special "Thank You!" to all who have made these sessions a success! Especially, Joe Libeau, FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor!

Annual Fall Casting Clinic

Open to the Public

September 9, 2017

Mile Square Regional Park,
16801 Euclid St., Fountain Valley, CA

This clinic, held in the Fall each year is open to club members and the public and is an opportunity for people from local communities to dabble in fly fishing/casting or to get some advice on how to improve if they already have some casting experience.

We do this as a community outreach program, in part, with the hope that some of the attendees will like what they see and subsequently join the club.

Once again we will need Club Members to volunteer to help run this clinic. There will be more information in next month's Newsletter.

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

I have a love affair going on with a very productive fly but that doesn't mean I can't play with some of its features. I had a friend Jeff Hensley many years ago show me a fly he invented and I have caught many fish on his pattern and on my versions as well. Here is another version soon to get baptized in Montana and Utah. Sorry, the photo looks tanner than in real life and the irradiance does not appear from the opal tinsel or the peacock herl.

Altered Wonder Nymph

Hook:	Daiichi 1150 #8-#16, size 8 shown in picture
Bead:	Tungsten Black, size to match, 2.8mm for #8
Thread:	14/0 Black
Rib:	Small Copper Wire
Flash Back:	UTC Medium Opal Tinsel
Tail: Abdomen:	Olive Brown Marabou
Thorax Cover:	Pheasant Tail Fibers
Legs:	Partridge feather
Cement:	Super Glue GEL Control



Slide the bead on the hook small hole first. Start your thread at the eye and wrap it to the bend trapping the wire rib on the way. Remove from the Marabou feather about 8-10 fibers keeping the ends aligned and tie in at the bend letting the tips extend a thorax length to the rear beyond the bend. Tie in the Opal tinsel at the bend and leave to the rear for now. Wrap the fibers of the marabou while holding the butts of the fibers forward with touching wraps to just behind the eye. Fold the tinsel over the back of the thorax and secure it with a couple wraps of thread. Open spiral wrap forward the wire to secure the tinsel and give the fly rib segmentations and secure it behind the eye with a couple of wraps of thread. Remove 8-10 pheasant fibers from a cock tail feather and trim off the curly ends and tie them by the butts three eye spaces behind the bead and for now leave to the rear. Tie in three peacock feathers after removing some of the soft tips about 1" from the tip, build the thorax with a few wraps to fill the area. Remove a partridge feather from the back of the bird near the tail and remove all the lower webby barbules, find the stem and make a small cut to the stem a short way from the tip to form a "V", Place the "V" on either side of the pheasant tail fibers and lay the pheasant fibers forward over the thorax between the "V" and tie down with a couple of soft wraps of thread. Pull on the butt end of the stem to adjust the length of your legs and let them extend about 1/2 the length of the abdomen. Tie off with a couple of heavier wraps of thread, smear a slight amount of super glue onto your thread and make a few wraps and whip finish. You're done. This is a great still water fly suspended below an indicator of dry fly.

Beast of Luck, 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 club meetings.

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