

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!

October 2017 Newsletter



NOTE: Due to time constraints and computer issues this edition of the newsletter is in an abbreviated form. Back to normal next month.

Your Editor, Richard Fanning

Presidents Message

Well fall fly fishing is upon us. Do you have a fishing trip planned? As President I would like to personally invite you to the annual President's Outing up on the Kern River on Oct 21 - 23.

There is no limit on reservations. We typically all stay at the Sequoia Lodge, however some prefer to camp or stay at other lodges. It is your choice. Most of us arrive on Friday. Those interested can join us for dinner on Friday night at a location still to be determined (tbd). Saturday is fishing at your leisure or wandering the streets of Kernville. A quaint little town with a lot of home town stores. Or just take advantage of the picturesque scenery along the banks of the Upper Kern River, where most of us will be fishing. Saturday night is our big barbecue. The club provides the main entrée, courtesy of our clubs Grill Masters; Jimmy Edwards and Scot Lewis.

If you plan to join us, please let me know if you have not already signed up. As we need to know how many are coming so we can plan accordingly for the barbecue on Saturday night. Like I said, the club provides the main dish and everyone else brings a dish to share. Salads, vegetable dishes and of course desserts are all welcome. Paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided, however, feel free to bring your favorite dish and silverware. Oh and a glass for wine. Yes, you can bring your own adult beverages. Come join us as we share friendship, fish tales and just lots of fun. I will be emailing out the final details once I get a head count of who is coming. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

I will also have the sign-up sheet at the next meeting if you want to sign up there. I will also have a sign-up sheet for food dishes, so hopefully we will have a wide range of goodies to pick from after a long day of fishing and exploring.

Tightlines, Melinda C. Burns, President

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Phoenix Club

Streamer Fishing with George Daniel

Many fly fishers consider using streamer flies only as a last ditch effort, i.e., when no other tactic works. These anglers will swim a wooly bugger across the stream or even straight downstream and then pull it back. They believe this is the principle of streamer fishing, and while this approach might, at times, work, there's a whole other level of fishing that the angler can move up to. Just as minor adjustments are often needed to vary weight, tippet size and leader lengths when fishing with dry flies or nymphs -- the same is true with streamer fishing. And understanding your environment and how to adjust your streamer rig to match specific conditions can bring you amazing success. This principle is the heart of our October presentation: *Streamer Fishing* with George Daniel. George will cover such topics as the effectiveness of certain streamer patterns, how to fish them, how to retrieve them, and, of course, lines, casting and line control.

George Daniel is definitely the person who is qualified to guide us on this new journey. After his newest book, **Strip-Set**, had all the reviewers and readers praising George's enormous research, thoughtful analysis, clear conclusions and great photos, the fly fishing world realized it had a new star. George first made a big splash with the earlier publication (2012) of his very successful book, **Dynamic Nymphing**, with the book's forward being written by our very good friend (and expert British angler), Charles Jardine.

George began fly fishing at age six in Potter County, Pennsylvania. Growing up along a native brook trout fishery designated as a "kids only section" and, being the only kid in the village who fished, George was able to fly fish and practice a lot, so he developed a true passion for it. Through his early teens, much of his fly fishing knowledge was self-taught. However, when George was 14, his family relocated to central Pennsylvania, where, at a local fly shop, he found himself talking to his fly fishing idol, Joe Humphreys. Joe kindly took George under his wing and began providing him with his first, formalized fly fishing instruction. When George was just 16-years-old, Joe began to provide instruction on all levels, e.g., the basic cast to advanced nymphing casts. George credits Joe for the bulk of his knowledge, but also graciously acknowledges many national and international fly fishing professionals who have worked with him during the past.

When George went off to a university, he didn't stray very far from the lovely streams of Pennsylvania. He attended Lock Haven University, where he earned a degree in natural resource management.

Later, George had an opportunity to try out for Fly Fishing Team USA in Bend, Oregon. After qualifying for the team, George had the opportunity to compete in six World Fly Fishing Championships, coach both the US Youth Team and Fly Fishing Team USA in four World Championships. During this time, George has had an opportunity to travel the globe and learn from many of the best anglers in the world. George is a two-time US National Fly Fishing Champion and was ranked as high as 5th in the world. Currently, George is head coach for Fly Fishing Team USA. George also spent two years coaching Fly Fishing Team USA.

George's true passion is in fly fishing education. He appears at clubs and fly fishing shows around the country, where he conducts lectures and seminars. He also logs more than 280 days a year on trout waters near and far. George and his wife Amidea bought and restored an old home along his favorite trout stream, and it is here where they spend many hours with their two children walking along the banks, throwing stones and sometimes even catching a fish.

George is not only the author of two highly regarded and best selling books, he has also published articles in *Fly Fisherman*, *American Angler* and *Fly Tyer* magazines.

George is a pro-staffer for a number of fly fishing companies including Orvis, Tacky Fly Boxes, Flycraft Boats, Regal Vices, Competitive Angler Tying Supplies, Golden Trout Lanyards, and Loon. George is a fly designer and brand ambassador for Holly Flies.

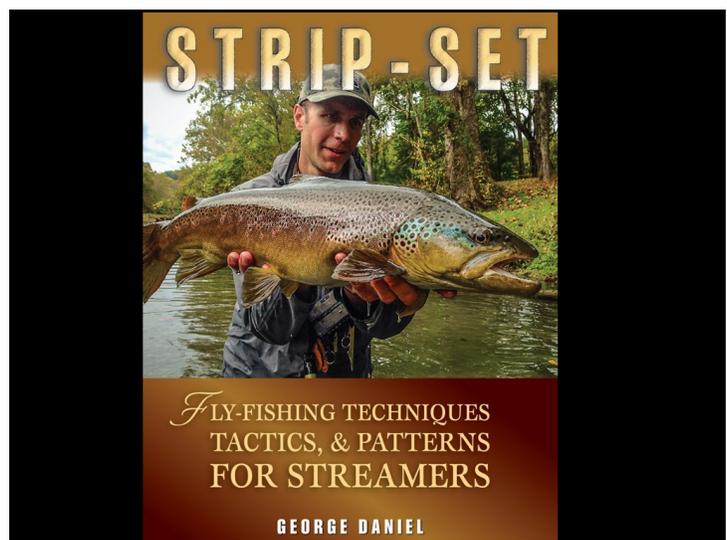
For many, this presentation will be an illuminating and fascinating examination of a very effective technique. Also, George will have books with him to sell and autograph for whomever wants one, as well as packets containing four of his favorite streamers.

To check out more about this young, dynamic fly fisher, go to

www.livinonthefly.com

Please join George Daniel as he shares with us the success of streamer fishing. 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!

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
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	Casting in the Park - Double Haul	Richard Fanning	714 476-3027
October 14/28	On the River Classroom	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
November 18/19	On the Water Clinic	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
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		

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)

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

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.

On The River Classes and Clinic 2017

Save the dates:

Classroom Training:

Saturday Oct. 14 – 8:30am -12:30pm

Saturday Oct. 28 - 8:30am -12:30pm

On-The Water Clinic:

Saturday Nov. 18 - 8 am to 4 pm



The on the river clinic is held on the Lower Owens River near Bishop. Many of the items discussed in the classroom setting are covered in the field. In addition, the on the river clinic includes reading the stream, insects including in-stream entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The second day on the river includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

Based on prior year's success we are conducting the On The River Classes and Clinic program again in 2017 on the dates listed above.

During the past two years the FFCOC's On The River Classes and Clinic training programs have been great successes providing almost 40 club members introductory classroom and on the river training. Joe Libeu, a FFF Certified Master Caster Instructor, professional guide, developer and instructor for Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens river and member of our Club has provided six hours of classroom training and a two days of on the river training to these participants. Numerous experienced Club members have assisted Joe providing hands training during the on the river clinics.

The program includes everything needed to plan and prepare for a successful fly fishing trip. Classroom training subjects included equipment, insects including their life cycles and how flies imitate them, how trout behave, clues as to what fish eat, stream care and etiquette, reading the water, nymph rigging and much more.



The training is focused on helping new FFCOC members learn the basics of fly fishing and will be in follow up to our annual *Casting Clinic* scheduled for Saturday September 9th. Participation in the On The River Classes and Clinic is limited. New Club members that sign up as a result of the September *Casting Clinic* will be given preference. Prior participants are welcome to participate again if space allows.

Joe Libeu is conducting the On The River Classes and Clinic and Doug Jones is helping him with the logistics. If you would like more information about this program you can contact:

Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com or (714) 697-2222.

Joe Libeu at fishlfgf@ix.netcom.com or (310) 749-6771
or

Remember, the On The River Classes and Clinic program is only open to FFCOC members.



Casting in the Park - Double Haul

Sunday October 15, 2017, 9am - 12am

Irvine Regional Park

for FFCOC Members



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

Up next - "Casting in the Park - Double Haul"

A "haul" is a quick pull on the fly line at the right time during the cast. This increases line speed which adds momentum to the line. This momentum increases loading on the rod which then allows the caster to throw a longer and more powerful cast. A double haul adds this to both the forward cast and the backcast.

Adding the Double Haul to your casting skills will give your cast more power when needed to make longer casts and help penetrate bothersome wind.

This clinic is open to FFCOC members only. To offset the cost of the OC Park usage permits, FFCOC will be charging \$5.00 a person for the session. In addition the Park charges a \$5.00 admission fee.

This event will be held at Irvine Regional Park starting at 9am, Sunday October 15th. And will last until lunch time.

Space is limited! We're capping the session at 20 participants. For those interested, please register with Richard Fanning by e-mail at:

rkfanning@aol.com

There has been a lot of positive feedback from participants in the prior "Casting in the Park" sessions and we expect this one to be equally beneficial!

Bring your fly rod and reel with matching line. A typical 9ft 5wt with a tapered leader would be a good choice. Also, bring a sack lunch and enjoy lunch at the park after the clinic. The club will provide water and soft drinks.

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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