

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



February 2018

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Club Meeting:

February 7, 2018

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:

February 14, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Montesilla Mobile Home Park

15601 South B St., Tustin, CA

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message **by Art Prangley**

It's February already!!

Well, I've got my 2018 CA Fishing License already. That's progress!
Now, it's time to fish!

I really enjoyed last month's program with Charles Jardine, "Streams of Consciousness". He spoke of his passion of fly fishing and where it impacted his entire life. He is an engaging speaker. Next month we've got Wanda Taylor talking about technology and fly fishing. Should be interesting and informative. Andy has done a great job, working with the consortium, to line up some great speakers this year.

Outings are being scheduled and listed in this issue of the newsletter. Please check out the upcoming trips. We've also got some open months so if there is a place you would like to go, think about making it an outing. Being a Streamkeeper is not difficult and many of our members can help guide you through it.

We've got an open position on the board and would love to have someone jump in to help out. Currently, our 2nd VP position is open. The 2nd VP normally helps out by leading the annual public casting clinic in the Fall. It's a great way to get introduced to the board and to contribute. Please think about it.

Now, on to thinking about fishing. I think it's time to start going to the beach more often, or maybe the Lower Owens.. flows are down. Hmmm, maybe...

See you at our next meeting on Feb. 7th.

Warm regards,

Art

Membership Renewals and Directory Updates Last Chance at February Meeting!

Three added reasons to be at the February Meeting 2/14/18.

1. Make sure your dues are paid so your information will be in the 2018 Directory.
2. The February meeting will be the last chance to get your picture taken for the Directory.
3. To update any information in the Directory that has changed since last year 2017.

Please take this opportunity to get all your dues paid and information updates taken care of so you do not miss out on any outings for 2018.

Sincerely,

Vern Martin-Membership



How Technology Has Changed Fly Fishing and What's Ahead with Wanda Taylor

In February we welcome the return of Wanda Taylor. Her previous show taught us the hidden dangers in fly fishing, now she will show us that the race to innovate is not limited to the computer and auto industries. It wasn't so long ago that your neoprene waders and whippy fiber glass Fenwick rod were ahead of their time, now you might be struggling to keep up with the onslaught of must have new products. If you're wondering what to buy next, Wanda will put it all in perspective in a program that promises to be part history and part back to the future. In a long career as an industry insider she has witnessed first hand the changes that make present day equipment so much cheaper and more efficient.

Wanda Taylor has been fishing since she was four. Her grandmothers taught her to fish in the mountains of north Georgia. Even while going to North Whitfield High School near Dalton and then onward to Dalton State College. She enjoyed water skiing and fishing the lakes and rivers near her home. However, her love for fishing increased when she agreed to marry Gary Taylor, a professional fly angler. Within their partnership she became a fly fishing guide, fly casting instructor, Fly Fish TV hostess and has been featured in many fly fishing videos, online podcasts and is also a published outdoor writer.

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Wanda teaches fly fishing and conducts instructional guiding classes locally in Tennessee and Georgia, as well as nationally at International Federation of Fly Fishing (IFFF) expos, Trout Unlimited festivals, club events and fly fishing conclaves and shows. Her topics range from how to fly fish in fresh and saltwater, destination fly fishing, mentoring others into the sport and her fly fishing life story.

Her awards and achievements of “Firsts” are many. Wanda was the first woman certified by the FFI as a Master Certified Casting Instructor (MCCI). She was the first woman Orvis-Endorsed guide in the Southeastern United States. She was awarded the Southeastern FFI 2005 Woman of the Year Award and in 2008 the FFI South East Council Award of Excellence. This award was given to Wanda for her work with breast cancer survivors of “Casting for Recovery,” the Georgia Women Fly Fishers “Casting For Confidence,” as well as, for her teaching and testing activities for the FFI Certified Casting Instructors program. Wanda is also an ambassador for the Goodwill Guides and Project Healing Waters nonprofit organizations.

Wanda has been an Advisory Staff Member of Temple Fork Outfitters rods and equipment for many years and is also on the Pro Staff of Chota Outdoor Gear and is an Ambassador for Aqua Design and Maven Fly technical clothing for women anglers.

2017 has been a busy year for Wanda with many “Firsts” including first Pike, walleye and grayling on a fly, first kayaking and snorkeling with beluga whales in the Arctic Ocean in the Polar capitol of the world.

She is a board member and retreat leader for www.castingcarolinas.com . Retreat leader and guide for www.projecthealingwaters.org

To learn more about Wanda, visit:

www.wandataylorflyfishing.com and/or www.tforods.com

Facebook: Wanda Hair Taylor

Instagram: The-Souths- 1stladyofflyfishing



2018 Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-10-18	2nd Wed	Charles Jardine	"Streams of Consciousness"
2-7-18 ★	1st Wed	Wandy Taylor	"How Technology Has Changed Fly Fishing"
3-14-18	2nd Wed	Seth Blackamore	"Fly Fishing The Eastern Sierra Backcountry"
4-11-18	2nd Wed	Jason Randall	TBA
5-09-18	2nd Wed	Marlon Rampy	"Redband Trout"
6-13-18	2nd Wed	Ed Engle	"25 Ways To Elevate Your Trout Game"
7-11-18 ★	2nd Wed	Glenn Ueda	"Corbina on So Cal Beaches"
8-8-18	2nd Wed	Mike Williams	"Trout in the Clouds"
9-12-18 ★	2nd Wed	FFCOC	FFCOC AUCTION
10-10-18	2nd Wed	Brian O'Keefe	"Fly Fishing Photography"
11-7-18	1st Wed	Rick Hafele	"Understanding Emergers"
12-5-17	1st Wed		HOLIDAY PROGRAM

★ ***NOTE: All programs will be located in the Pavilion except for February, July, & September which will be in the Main Ball Room.**

California Waterfowl Association

Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California

Saturday, February 10, 2018



Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves. Be prepared to help clean up as much of the 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.

This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information call Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.

Loung Tam of Tenkara Tenuki and Chris will have a clinic on fishing tenkara rods after lunch. Please join Loung and Chris after lunch. Rods provided. Clinic is free.

There is a raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away!

2018 Outings and Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>
January 11,18,25	Fly Tying at Marriott's	
February 1, 8	Fly Tying at Marrioitt's	
March 12-14	Pyramid Lake, NV	Jim Wright 714 679-6638
March 17	Big Corona, Newport Beach, CA	Art Pranglely 714 270-7090
April 9-11	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer 562-619-9169
May	TBD	
June 1-3	Fish Creek, Sierras, CA	Brian Mayer 562-619-9169
June 11-15	Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa, UT	John Williams 951-236-0862
July 13-16	Hot Creek Ranch, Mammoth, CA	John Williams 951-236-0862
August 17-19	Women's Outing, Lake Crowley, CA	Melinda Burns 951-415-9920
September 19-22	Circleville Anglers, Circleville, UT	John Williams 951-236-0862
September 24-28	Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa, UT	John Williams 951-236-0862
October 19-21	President's Outing, Kernville, CA (Friday night, leaving on Sunday)	Art Pranglely 714 270-7090
November	TBD	
December	TBD	

Pyramid Lake Outing March 12th, 13th and 14th 2018

In what has become an annual event, this year's Pyramid Lake outing will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12th 13th and 14th. In an attempt to miss the bulk of the weekend crowd which usually clears out by Sunday afternoon we again will fish during the week, those of you who went last year know this worked out well for the most part. If fishing is off the charts all bets are off as the number of people will triple during a hot bite!

If you have never done this trip before you are missing out on a chance to catch what may be the biggest trout of you life. The lake's native Lahontan Cutthroats *average* 3-5 pounds, with many fish pushing 10 pounds or more. **In the past a fish 10 pounds or bigger was considered a trophy. Now thanks to the introduction of the longer living Pilot Peak strain that is much longer living fish over 20 pounds are being caught!** If you are new to fly fishing the techniques are simple and easy to learn. We normally fish from ladders placed in the water at the proper distance from shore. There usually is nothing around you, but water. There is nothing to interfere with a back cast and nothing on the bottom to snag. You do not need to be a long distance caster as fish are sometimes hooked right at you feet.

Equipment that is appropriate for both kinds of fishing is usually two rods. **A 6-7 weight rod with floating line for indicator fishing and a 8-9 weight rod for streamer fishing** (a Rio DC 24ft. 250 gr. line is perfect). I will provide a more extensive list of what to bring that includes equipment, lines, flies, leaders, tippet and clothing in an upcoming e-mail.

Daytime temperature will likely be around 50 degrees F. This is a very variable temperature as we have experienced 30-75 degree temperatures in past years

You make your own travel arrangements to Reno, fly or drive. It is best to arrive by Sunday as we start fishing EARLY on Monday. Please let me know that you have arrived safely, Jim Wright (714-679-6638). Rob will be providing breakfast and lunch on Monday and Tuesday breakfast on Wednesday, as well as step ladders to fish from. Cost of the trip is \$250 per person for 3 days of fishing. I will e-mail a list of all attendees so you can communicate as to carpools, car rentals and lodging. E-mail me (jrwright1@earthlink.net) with any questions or to sign up. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the Meetings in December, January, and February.

OUTING WILL BE LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLE!!! I am not yet sure of the final cost this year.

Saltwater Beach Outing

March 17th, 2018



“Never say never”

We’re going to give it another go at the beach. From a personal perspective, fly fishing from the beach is a challenge but I am determined to learn how to do this and catch some fish. For those interested in joining me on this adventure, I’m targeting mid tide (low to high) at Big Corona Beach in Corona Del Mar to see if we can scare up some fish. The local tide charts show this as a good fish activity day, so fingers are crossed.

Logistics: Let’s meet in the main parking lot at 7am to get suited up. The kiosk/meters do accept credit cards. I’m guessing we’ll fish till about lunch. You can find the location on Google maps to chart your route. More information can be found here: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=652

What to Bring:

Waders with wading belt is mandatory

Fly Rod, Reel, Line: 6-8wt rod, reel with a sealed drag is preferable, line (sink tip or shooting head), stripping basket, 10-12# leader.

Flies: Pink, chartreuse, maybe blue, brown or rust colored clouser type. Sand crabs (if around). Check out His and Her Fly Fishing in Newport Beach for a great selection.

Hat (must), Sunglasses, Lotion

And, of course, your **2018 CA Fishing License**

Please RSVP to me, Art Prangley (artp@sbcglobal.net) or 714-270-7090 and I will send you a great article on Fly Fishing in SW from the Long Beach Casting Club.

San Juan River, NM Outing

April 8 to 12, 2018

Spring is just around the corner and we are planning another fantastic outing to the San Juan River in New Mexico. The clear river waters of the San Juan are the jewel of Northwest New Mexico just a short 14 hour's drive from Southern California. The river is fed from the deep waters of Navajo Lake which provide nearly constant temperature and abundant food supplies. This means many large brown and rainbow trout with substantial fight.

Many of the club members have stayed at:

Fisheads San Juan River Lodge (505) 634-0463, <http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/>],

and 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.

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 8. 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 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.



- 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. 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.



Image courtesy of, John Williams.

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We are holding three sessions at Irvine Regional Park this year. Both with good turnout and significant results:

"Basic Casting Skills", completed March 11

"Flaws and Fixes", completed May 27

"Double Haul", completed November 25

Casting in the Park "Double Haul" was well attended and attendees gained an important additional casting skill.



Casting in the Park, Double Haul
Some of the Participants and Instructors

Next, April 14, 2018, Irvine Regional Park
"Strategies for Casting on Windy Days"

Flies That Keep On Giving

By "Pappy" John Williams

Recently we lost a wonderful fly tier and long time friend to our club Bob Moyer, he helped me and many in this club learn how to tie better. During his long history in our club he shared what he knew about the sport freely and I was fortunate enough to be one of the benefactors of his generosity. I would like to share a fly he gave me and I had tied many for myself because they worked very well, Thank You Bob.

Hook: Size 2-8 Streamer Hook
Weight: 12 wraps of .025 Lead
Thread: Black 3/0
Tail: Golden Pheasant Crest Feather
Body: Orange Floss
Body Stripe: Peacock Herl
Wing: White Marabou
Cheek: Bright Yellow Marabou
Beard: Ginger Hackle Fibers



Start lead wraps on the shank of the hook and center after you have made twelve wraps. Start the thread behind the eye and run it back down to the bend trapping the lead with several wraps of thread. Tie in two Tails backsides (Dull Side) facing each other and let to protrude ½ of the shank length. Tie in the floss at the bend and run your thread back to an eye's space behind the eye of the hook. Wrap the floss body material forward and tie off an eye's space behind the eye of the hook. Tie in two peacock herl fibers on either side of the flanks where the floss ended and letting it extend to the tail. Tie in the wing of White marabou on top letting it extend to the tail. Tie in a yellow marabou cheek on either side of the fly angling it upward slightly. Tie in a beard of ginger hackle fibers to about ½ the length of the body. Create a tapered head with the thread and whip finish and head cement.

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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