

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Club Meeting:

May 9, 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:

May 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

As Rich Fanning (our newsletter editor) was breathing down my neck to turn in my President's message, I was kicking around what to write about... Let's see...We're a fly fishing club and we have some great trips and outings planned. We're a social club and our meetings offer some great speakers and a monthly chance to mingle and introduce and mentor new members and guests. Our club hosts many education and skills building sessions, like fly tying, rod building, casting instruction, the public casting clinic.

Hmmm, what to talk about?

Well, what hit me is the reason that we can do all of this is because of the participation and involvement of our members. We have some very dedicated members who put a lot in but we also have members who, maybe shyly at first, put their hand up and got engaged in an activity or two. I'm thinking of the recent Casting in the Park session and our guest instructors. Most of these instructors are not certified casting instructors but really help out, learning more as they do this too by helping to build the skills for our members. It's one great way to get involved without making a major commitment to be a board member. There are other ways that people help out as with Trout in a Classroom, the annual auction, stream keeping, maybe the new Fishing in Town (FiT) program. There will be many more opportunities to come.
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President's Message

I encourage you to find a way to jump in. More active participation will keep this club vibrant, fun, and inviting to current and new members. Raise your hand. Your help is welcomed and appreciated.

Looking forward to our next meeting. Marlon Rampy, a great speaker we've hosted before will be back. See you on May 9th.

Warm regards and good fishing,

Art

About the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County was founded 52 years ago with these goals in mind:

- Provide a means for people interested in fly fishing to learn and enjoy the sport together.
- Educate members and the public about fly fishing.
- Conserve fisheries, and encourage a conservation ethic.
- Contribute it's knowledge and resources in order to make fly fishing enjoyable and available to all who are interested.

Since it's founding the Club has been working hard to meet it's goals by sponsoring clinics and workshops, hosting outstanding speakers, participating in conservation projects, and contributing its resources to various organizations such as the International Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout and the Nature Conservancy.

FFCOC creates new friendships, camaraderie, lasting memories, a bond with nature, enhanced Fly Fishing Skills and Tight Lines.

We are a club of Fun, Escapism and sharing of Best Practices.

Why, because we love Fly Fishing.

Marlon Rampy Redband Trout of Oregon

Fly fishing in Oregon - a glorious sport in a beautiful state! In Marlon Rampy's new 2018 presentation "Redband Trout of Oregon", you will learn of the truly remarkable trout opportunities available in central Oregon's High Desert. Heading east from Oregon's Cascade Crest, you can still find wild redband trout that have survived the eons of time (over 70,000 years to be exact).



The Oregon Outback offers up scenic, rich trout waters: the Crooked River, loaded with high fish counts; the Lower Deschutes River, spectacular fishing below soaring volcanic cliffs; the Metolius River, with its legendary four-month long golden stonefly hatches; the Donner and Blitzen, for a true wilderness experience. These, and many other impressive fisheries, will leave you with fly-fishing dreams that can easily come true.

Some of the largest trout in the mainland 48 states (fish up to 20 pounds!) are quietly swimming, finning and eating in the spring-fed rivers and lakes in Oregon's Dry Side. From the Klamath Basin all the way to Maupin, our May presenter, Marlon Rampy, will show us about this fantastic fly fishing playground. Marlon is originally from southwest Washington. The summer he was 10, Marlon visited relatives in Montana and, under the guise of working, he pursued his love of fly fishing on pretty streams around Bozeman. (Marlon learned quickly that fishing is much more enjoyable than baling hay.) After high school, Marlon attended Lee University in Tennessee where he discovered new trout water in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. Graduation from college brought opportunities for exciting fishing in eastern North Carolina, where Marlon had moved to begin a job. There he learned about the fun of fly fishing saltwater for stripers and blues, super aggressive fish that represented a big change from freshwater trout. But trout were still his first love.

So, in 1991, Marlon returned to the Northwest to reacquaint himself with the beautiful trout and steelhead streams of the Cascade Mountain Range in Oregon and Washington. Through his experiences in the Southeast, he had learned to appreciate the natural beauty of central and southern Oregon. With a desire to become an outstanding fly fishing guide, Marlon started working at McKenzie Outfitters Fly Shop in Medford, Oregon teaching students to cast, tie flies and fish the local streams. Today, Marlon has been fishing and guiding these waters for more than two decades and, from all testimonials (many from our own members), has achieved his goal of becoming an outstanding guide. He has fished for Rogue steelhead and the trophy trout throughout the Klamath Basin. For twenty-two years Marlon has been working with the Lonesome Duck Lodge on the banks of the Williamson. (This river is Marlon's choice for challenging fishing and rewards of truly sizable fish.) Situated within 45 minutes of Crater Lake National Park, the Lodge is also near a major flyway and the Klamath National Wildlife Preserve, where multitudes of birdlife are in abundant evidence.

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A highly accomplished professional photographer, Marlon's work is found in Northwest Fly Fishing magazine, CATCH webzine, Flyfishing and Tying Journal and many Amato Publications. He practices catch and release fishing techniques, recognizing that the native Columbia Basin and the Great Basin redband trout are a limited resource and more than worthy of this practice. Marlon's presentation is a multi-media composition with plenty of photos, sound, scenery, music and yes, even some lovely fish. He will take us on a detailed journey through central Oregon and beyond, learning about some of Oregon's best native trout waters. This is an evening brimming with stunning images that will help us pinpoint an exciting new adventure to Oregon's Dry Side.

Since its inception in 1995, Marlon's guide business, Wildwest Fly Fishing, has steadily gained a dedicated and popular following as a quality fly-fishing experience.

For more information, go to: www.flyfishoregon.com.

Please join Marlon Rampy as we search for the Redband Trout of Oregon. See you there... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

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	"Advanced Nymphing Techniques"
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"
12-5-18	1st Wed		HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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

AUCTION NEWS - It's Never Too Early to Donate!

FFCOC's 2018 Auction is a few months away but it's not too early to donate. Besides, it's "Spring Cleaning" time and surely you have some lightly used items that someone else would like to have.

Although we are a fishing club, we do a lot of other things too. So, you don't have to limit your auction items to fishing related things. Here are some ideas, I'm sure you can come up with others:

Skills you might share.

Dinner at a restaurant with you, your honey and the winning couple.

Theater tickets

Travel gear you no longer need

Car wash coupons you buy and donate

A train ride to LA Union Station, Uber to the ACE Hotel, screening at the theater and return

Movie tickets to see "Casablanca" when Fathom Events shows it at a local theater

A service related to the business you own or work for

A gift basket containing some theam'd items, new or used!

Private lesson(s). Could be fishing related. Or, something else of interest

A ride in your Model T

A stay at your second residence

Electric Boat cruise in Newport Bay with you, your significant other and the winning couple

There must be a bunch more - use your creativity!

Yes, many of these will cost you money. You could just donate the money but items like those above could be a lot more fun and appealing at the auction!

Photo Contest +

This is an amazing chance as a FFCOC Member to have your favorite fly fishing photo highlighted on the Club's new website which is under development. We are looking for a **GRAND PRIZE WINNING PHOTO** taken by a Member that can be predominantly displayed on our website. We are also looking for several other winners who's photos can be part of a scrolling slide show to keep site visitors mesmerized with the fish we catch as well as other club activities. All entries must be received by June 15, 2018, following the Contest Procedures and Guidelines presented below.

If you are interested in photography and want to get involved with club activities, we are in search of a **PHOTO ALBUM EDITOR** to help the Club's Website Committee add initial photos to the website and monitor and edit photos added by Club members after the website is up and running. Please contact Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com if you might be interested or would like more information about this opportunity.

Contest Procedures and Rules

1. Only Club Members can participate.
2. Digitized photos only (videos may be requested for addition to the website after it is up and running). Photos submitted should be full mega pixel resolution.
3. A maximum of ten photos per Member can be submitted for the contest.
4. Photos should embrace the Clubs Mission Statement

The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County was founded in 1966 to further the sport of Fly Fishing and to provide a meeting function for area residents interested in the sport. In addition to being a way to meet others who enjoy the sport, there were three goals in mind when the club was founded:

Educating the Public

Conserving the fisheries, and

Contributing it's resources in order to make fly fishing enjoyable and available to all who are interested

Since then the club has been working hard to meet its goals by sponsoring clinics and workshops, hosting noteworthy speakers, participating in conservation projects, and contributing its resources to various conservation organizations such as the Fly Fishers International (FFI), Trout Unlimited (TU), Cal Trout, and the Nature Conservancy, as well as numerous other conservation activities directly beneficial to fly fishing.

5. No stock photos or photos from outside sources are allowed. Photos must be taken by or of club members with no copyright or restrictions regarding the Club's use thereof.
6. The Club may resize, crop, enhance or otherwise modify photos as we see fit to incorporate them into the website.
7. Email photos you would like to enter to dougjones.oc@gmail.com. The photos will be uploaded to the Club website where they can be reviewed by the contest judges.

Photos will only be accepted if you provide the following information:

Your name

Date of photo(s)

Name of person who took the photo(s)

Location

Type of event - personal trip, Club outing, non-fishing club event, etc.

The Website Committee would like to thank you in advance for your participation in the contest.

Douglas Jones

Website Committee Chair

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Thanks to everyone that participated in the website questionnaire!

In February the FFCOC Website Committee asked Club Members to complete an online questionnaire to provide input for the redesign of the Club's website. We made an announcement that a participant would win a free dinner at an upcoming meeting. We had input from 30 Club Members as well as several members of the board of directors and the winner of the **free dinner** is **Tom Sakai**. Congratulations Tom and thanks for your input. Also, thanks to everyone else that participated in the questionnaire. In addition to answering the questions presented several participants took the extra time to provide comments and suggestions. All input has been reviewed by the Website Committee and we are in the process of incorporating it into our plans as we continue on the website's development. It is our goal to make the website a more valuable tool for Club Members and others and we couldn't do it without your help.

Thanks again! Also, feel free to provide further comments and ideas as we continue through this process.

Douglas Jones

Website Committee Chair



The Class is now Scheduled!



Saturday, March 31 9am -11am

Saturday, April 21 9am - 12pm

To be held at UCI, specific room and direction to be provided

How about Braided Leaders?

Twisting for more fun!

You tie flies and build rods to add more fun factors on your fly fishing experience. How far can you go with your own gears and style? Before the modern materials and equipment, fly fishers used to get everything from Mother Nature. The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County offers a new class on making braided leaders made of horse hairs and threads.

Braided Leaders are surprisingly easy to make and fun to catch fish on. You can make leaders for your own designs in length, color, and taper. Horse hair leaders are 100% natural and you even feel good cutting them off in the river at the end of a fishing day. You will be amazed how gently you can present a dry fly using a thread leader. Thread leaders do not coil at all nor drag your flies as monofilament leaders do.

The class will be on two days (see dates above), 2-3 hours each. What are required for you to attend the class? Your hands! Yes, that's all you are expected to bring with you. The club will provide materials and tools needed to make braided leaders. Interested? Sign up either by dropping off an email to Young Kwon. (youngjik.kwon@gmail.com) or pencil in your name on the sign up paper at the meeting.



Fishing in Town (FIT)



The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (FFCOC)

Presents

Fishing in Town (**FiT**): Impromptu Fly Fishing Opportunity in Local Waters

Wish to fish more but cannot because of lacking time, money, and/or experience? The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (FFCOC) proudly launches a new program called Fishing in Town (**FiT**) for fly fishers at all levels. **FiT** is a multi-dimensional channel for local fly fishing opportunities that invite whoever interested and willing to join with no or little preparation, arrangement, or commitment. **FiT** probably does not offer braggable fishing trips to blue-ribbon fisheries for trophy fish, but let you enjoy catching beautiful local/wild fish on a day or two in beautiful scenery with companionship of colleague fly fishers. Simply check the Club's webpage, Facebook, or email announcement and join the one **FiT**'ing you. You are also welcome to host a **FiT** trip to your secret, favorite local water, simply by 1) posting an announcement (using the template downloaded from the Club webpage is encouraged), 2) enjoy the fishing with the Club members, and 3) post few photos of the trip on the Club webpage. Everyone, any local destination, and all kind of fish **FiT**'s!



See the next page for the 1st FiT Outing Announcement!

Fishing in Town (FIT) Outing Announcement:

FIT: Upper Deep Creek in San Bernadino Mountain on April 22 (Sunday)

- When: April 22, 7am - 4pm
- Where: Deep Creek (upstream)
- Where to meet: 7am at Jensen's Minute Shoppe (292 CA-173, Cedar Glen, CA 92321) • Max participants: 5-6 people
- Rigs: 1-3 wt rod; floating line; dry flies (Elk hair caddis size 14-18; Parachute Adams 14-18); nymphs (Midge, Hare's ear, Pageant tail size 16-20 with an indicator); Wader needed (wading boots with good rock grip would be helpful)
- Transportation: Contact the host for carpool possibility; **Adventure Pass** required to park your car in the area
- Respond by: April 21, 5pm
- Note: Require some hiking in the bouldery canyon; bring lunch and water; weather-dependent (check your email or phone text before your departure in case of cancellation)
- Host: Young Kwon (youngjik.kwon@gmail.com; 949-394-0708)

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	

- 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.

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 are holding these sessions at Irvine Regional Park. Sessions to date have had a good turnout and participants have provided positive feedback!

The four sessions completed have been:

"Basic Casting Skills", completed March 11

"Flaws and Fixes", completed May 27

"Double Haul", completed November 25

"Coping With Wind", completed April 14

We are in discussion about future Casting in the Park events.



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

The Club will hold its traditional
Public Casting Clinic in September.
Stay Tuined!

Flies That Keep On Giving

By "Pappy" John Williams

Willie's Hopper



Not yet, but soon it will be HOPPER TIME. I'm always prepared for warm weather hopper fishing with a variety of colors and sizes of hoppers. They can be fished by them selves or used to support a dropper fly like a nymph or as an indicator when fishing a tiny midge that you can't see at a distance.

Hook:	#10 Standard Dry Fly Hook
Thread:	UNI 8/0 Brown or similar
Abdomen & Head:	Tan 2mm Foam cut 3/16" wide
Under Wing:	Cream Zelon or Poly Yarn
Over Wing:	Turkey feather in Cream or Yellow
Legs:	Round rubber legs in Large
Cement:	Super glue

Prep the turkey feather by coating the underside with Dave's Flexament and let dry. Cut the foam to 3/16" wide. Cut two pieces of round leg material 3" long and knot and apply a slight amount of super glue to the knot. Place the hook in the vise and start your thread at the eye then smear a slight amount of super glue on the shank all the way to the bend and wrap the thread back to the bend. Lay the foam body material on top of the shank with super glue showing and letting a 1/16" hang to the rear of the bend. Wrap your thread spiral forward to the 3/4 point forward leaving the remainder of foam extends beyond the eye for now. Tie in the under wing first then the over wing adding a smear of super glue for durability. Cut any wing material at this point. Tie in a leg on either side of the abdomen and then fold back the foam to form a doubled over head and tie off at the abdomen. Place a smear of super glue on 1/4" of your thread and make a couple of wraps and a whip finish and cut your thread free.

This is quite a durable fly and has enticed many a fish to eat.

Tight Lines,

John

CA Assembly Bill 2787 - Proposed Ban of Small Fishing Weights

California Assembly Bill AB-2787, titled "Lead Fishing Weights and Sinkers" was recently introduced in the California Assembly by Assembly member Bill Quirk, 20th District, San Francisco East Bay Region.

Assemblyman Quirk states: "Small lead fishing weights, like splitshot, are killing California wildlife. Many birds consume river gravel to aid in mashing and digesting food. Often they accidentally ingest discarded lead fishing weights. The lead poisons their liver, leading to a slow death. Water fowl, in particular, are common victims.

"This bill would, as part of the hazardous waste control laws, [commencing January 1, 2025](#), prohibits a person from manufacturing, selling, or purchasing a fishing weight or sinker in California that has no cross section greater than or equal to two centimeters in length, is under 50 grams in mass, and contains more than 0.1% lead by weight."

If passed, it looks like lead wraps on hooks under the fly dressing, might be illegal. We'd have to find other ways to create workable weighted fly patterns. Tungsten wire is heavier and more costly. Another option is copper wire but it is also considerably lighter than lead. Using more tungsten bead heads is also a possibility.

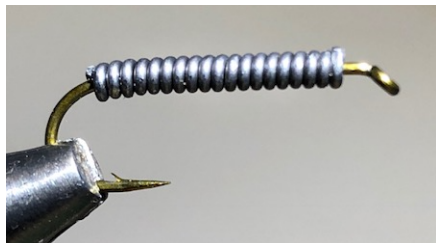
Being curious, I did an experiment comparing Lead Wire, Lead Free Wire and Copper Wire.

Lead Wire	.027 dia.	from Marriott's, labeled as .025 dia.
Lead Free Wire	.025 dia.	from Marriott's. labeled as .025 dia.
Copper Wire	.025 dia.	from ACE Hardware, labeled as .025 dia.

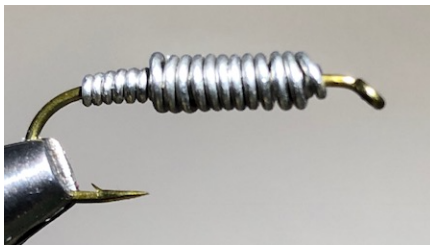
I used a balance scale to prepare a length of each type of wire that weighs the same.

I wrapped a TMC 5262#10 hook with equal weight pieces of each type of wire. I got the following results:

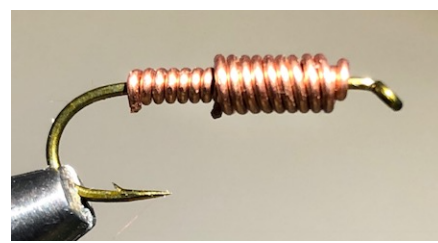
Lead Wire



Lead Free Wire



Copper Wire



The Copper wire was "stiffer" and harder to wrap.

If lead is outlawed there may be issues with fly balance, fly body thickness, etc.

I tried hard to make this a fair comparison. I don't know the mix of content in any of the wires tested so results might vary depending on composition, brand and/or source. If someone else repeats this experiment hopefully they will share their results. A next step could be to tie flies with realistic amounts of weight and report how they worked.

If the law is passed, implementation isn't for 7 years. Perhaps there will be a more creative solution. For now it's "wait and see"!

Richard Fanning

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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