

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



July 2018

President's Message - Art Prangley

It's almost AUCTION time!

Wow, these things really sneak up on you, don't they? Seems like we just did this....

As all of you already know, this is the one event that really determines our fate. Firstly, because it provides the funding for the programs and activities of our club, and secondly because we get a chance to pick up some really great equipment, flies, stuff, and super deals on activities and trips. **September 12th**.. Mark it in your calendars..in ink!

To make this a truly special event, we need your help and participation. Members of the auction committee are actively soliciting donations from guides, lodges, manufacturers but a large portion of the offerings come from you. Please think about what you can donate to help make this auction successful. Bri listed some great ideas in her recent newsletter article about potential donations, beyond the gently used equipment (which is appreciated as well). Your involvement is critical. **I'm hoping that all members can donate at least 1 item to the auction.**

I'm really looking forward to the event this year. I need to complement the 8'wt rod I bought last year with some more accessories and maybe add a trip or two...

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 11th. Don't miss it! Glenn Ueda, one of our local experts is talking about his beach outings and chasing the elusive Corbina. He catches a bunch of them.

Best Regards, Art

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Club Meeting:

July, 11 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:

July 16, 2018 - 7:00 pm
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St., Tustin, CA
Club Members are Welcome

'Ghost of the Coast' Sightfishing for Corbina with Glenn Ueda

The Corbina is the West Coast version of a Redfish or Bonefish, and is similar in shape and size. The mouth of the Corbina sits low on its jaw, which enables the fish to feed on the sandy bottom with greater ease. The Corbina is a member of the Croaker family and can be found as far north as Point Conception and south down the Baja Peninsula. Corbina are highly sought after in the surf and at times can be tough to catch on a fly.



Our guest speaker this month is Glenn Ueda. Glenn is an expert on sighting and catching Corbina in the surf. He is the holder of multiple IGFA records, and is an accomplished guide and instructor on surf fishing.

Glenn started surf fishing at a very early age under the watch of his father. At the age of five he was hurling pyramid sinkers for surf fish throughout the beaches of southern California. Many years later he read an article on fly fishing in Sports Afield and soon began his passion for the sport of fly fishing. He learned how to cast from a family friend who would take him to the Long Beach Casting Club. Soon Glenn fished local parks and the west fork of the San Gabriel River for many fresh water species. However, saltwater was in his veins, and as he grew older his passion turned back to the ocean.

Glenn has fished domestic and international destinations that include Brazil, Belize, the Bahamas, Christmas Island, Florida, Louisiana, Hawaii, Montana, Idaho and of course the waters of California. Today Glenn spends over 200 days on the water, and has caught over 108 species of fish. In 2017 he began his guide service 'So Cal Flats Fishing Guide Service', and he enjoys teaching and giving seminars on the art of fly fishing in the surf.

Glenn's program, 'Ghost of the Coast', will include sight fishing for Corbina, basics including seasonal patterns, food sources, tidal cycles, structure recognition, and approach and the use of proper fly fishing equipment.

Please join Glenn Ueda as he takes us into the California surf for 'Ghost of the Coast' sight fishing for Corbina.

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 UPDATE

We have received several photos from Club Members and want to thank all submitters for their responses. THANKS! Based on the latest schedule for getting the new website up and running we are able to extend the deadline for the photo contest to August 30, 2018. So, keep those photos coming. You can submit photos you would like to enter to either Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com or Art Prangley at artp@sbcglobal.net.

We are still looking for Club Members who would be interested in being the **PHOTO ALBUM EDITOR** after the new website is up and running. We expect to have the new website on line by the end of 2018 but it would be great to get a Photo Album Editor on board now to be involved with the final development of the website and associated training. Please contact Doug at the email address above if you have any interest in the position.

PS – wouldn't this newsletter article be a lot more appealing if it included several nice photos? That's why we would like someone to step up and volunteer to get involved.

The original **Photo Contest +** newsletter article is below for reference.

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~~ **August 30**, 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 -

See the nerxt page.

Photo 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 (See Below)
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.

FFCOC 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."

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

Douglas Jones

Website Committee Chair

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 Marrioiitt's	
March 12-14	Pyramid Lake, NV	Jim Wright 714 679-6638
March 17	Big Corona, Newport Beach, CA	Art Prangley 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 17-20	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 Prangley 714 270-7090
November	TBD	
December	TBD	



Women Fly Fishing Trip

Women Fly Fishing Trip
August 17 -20, 2018 4 days 3 nights
Fish Lake Crowley on Saturday with Ernie Gulley Team
Fish various rivers in Eastern Sierra your choice
Limit 8 Approximate
Price \$ \$300 per person plus Food
(TWO OPENINGS LEFT)

Enjoy a fun filled weekend fly fishing with other women in the club. Be mentored by your sister on the fly. Maybe you want to learn how to tie a few flies in the evening, or just relax by the fireplace with a glass of wine or beer or in my case a double shot of Sprite. Get to know some of the other women in the club and how they got started or just catch up with those we haven't seen in a while. But rest assured, Ernie and his team will do their best to make sure we are on to some big fish like the one in the picture on this flyer. We may even get a 20+ count day.

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What is included:

One-day guided trip on Saturday August 18th, 3 nights' accommodations in John DeLoof's Condo that sleeps up to 8 people. The condo is located in the City of Mammoth. Lot of fun and women bonding.

Tentative Itinerary

Arrive on Friday August 17

Dinner at Condo – Menu to be determined

Saturday August 18, Guided Boat trip on Lake Crowley with Ernie Gulley and Friends

Dinner at Condo – Menu to be Determined or we can go out for dinner.

Sunday August 19th – Fish the Eastern Sierras, either fish alone or with others, your choice.

Dinner at Condo – Menu to be determined

Monday August 20th – Depart for home

Cost details:

\$480 Full Day for two people per boat on Lake Crowley Guided fishing

\$165 A night for accommodations

This cost will be split 8 ways if we get a full roster, otherwise it will be split based on participants that actually go on this outing.

Additional details to follow once you sign up.

Streamkeeper:

Melinda C. Burns

951-415-9920

Mel11755@pacbell.net

Fish Creek Outing - June 1-3, 2018

By Brian Mayer

Fifteen club members including seven new members joined for the annual adventure to Fish Creek Campground in the southern part of Sequoia National Forest the first weekend of June.

After two years of near normal flows, we encountered drought conditions again this year. Fish Creek was barely two feet wide and 8 inches deep at the campground meadow. This was a dramatic decrease in flow from the previous weekend where Curt Clark reported significant flowing water. This is more proof of the very light snow pack this last winter in the Southern Sierra Mountains.

Weather was excellent. The usual 100 plus degrees in Ridgecrest, but a warm 80 in Kennedy Meadows. At night, temperatures went down to the low 30's. It was absolutely clear skies, so you could see countless stars.

Participants included new members Laurie and Nelson Arroyo, Cullen Arroyo, Roger Beers, Matt Werner, Mostafa Sobian and Andy Sprowl. The usual regulars were in attendance including Ronny Van Horn, Ron Raygoza, Dawn and Vern Martin, Charlie Beers, Kenny Holmes, Tim Griffin and Brian Mayer.

On arrival on Friday afternoon, Ronny and Ron reported easily finding fish which encouraged us all. However, Ronny reported that a tree had fallen and blocked the road to "Rattlesnake Meadow". He described it as being 12 to 18 inches in diameter.

Saturday morning, the crew enjoyed the traditional pancake and pork product breakfast. Yummy.

After breakfast and packing lunches, the group split up into three parties. One group went to Troy Meadow to fish the open meadow. They spent the morning fishing and then headed to the South Fork Kern River for the afternoon. A second group headed to "Rattlesnake Meadow" above the Blackrock Ranger station. We hiked down the road to the meadow from the Menache jeep trail to scout out the downed tree. We were surprised to find the tree was nearly 3 feet in diameter (Ronny sure knows how to under state !). The Forest Service will be busy for some time trying to remove it. At this point, we decided to return to the Troy Meadow area to fish. The third group, Charlie, Kenny, Tim and Roger fished downstream from the campground.

Even with the low water in Fish Creek, many of the usually 4 to 6 inch Golden Trout were found. Amongst the whole group, nearly 70 fish were caught on Saturday !

Saturday evening, we all gathered to share a campfire, pot luck dinner and trade stories. Dawn made her famous bean dip. Vern and Charlie provided Bratwursts galore. Laurie provided an excellent Chick with Rice dish.

On Sunday, after packing up and tidying up the camp sites, several members went to the South Fork Kern River at the highway bridge. There was plenty of water at the bridge which

encouraged a large group of PCT hikers to go for a swim (or bath) just upstream from the bridge! A little exploration found plenty of fishable water, but very few fish. Mo Sobiah did manage to surprise himself and hook a couple of fish in the riffle just upstream before the hikers dove in. Downstream, we managed to find 6 fish in a group willing to chase the fly repeatedly but not willing to hook up for us.

All things considered, it was a very pleasant weekend trip and a great get away from the big city stress. I for one am looking forward to next year's outing.



Mostafa Sobiah - new member outstanding in his field !



Mo's First Golden Trout !



Saturday evening pot luck and campfire trading stories and some "adult beverages"



More folks around the camp fire.

Fishing Trip to Loa Utah - June 11-15, 2018

By John Williams

The June trip to Loa Utah was fun with a wonderful group of like-minded new and old friends. The weather was warm and the winds strong on occasion. Everyone caught fish and some more than others but no one was skunked. Mike James and his guide crew did a real good job as attentive and helpful guides. Some on the trip caught some large fish and I had a many but not behemoths. As is the usual case Mike took me and others to new waters I had never fished before. To my delight, the fish were plentiful and active on a small stream tucked away with no evidence of other fishermen. The fishing was not easy but with perseverance fish were caught and released.

The trip consisted of Len Scarpace, Larry Behm, Dennis Harper, Jim Wright, Richard Fanning and myself. Every day we tried to mix the group up based on fishing preference and or the location we were to fish. I know I enjoyed myself and most said they enjoyed the trip as well. Loa Utah is home to some great waters and many opportunities to catch a wide variety of species of fish. This year as in past years there were three fishermen with a guide. Mike James of the Quiet Fly Fisher said next year we will be only two fishermen per guide at the same cost per person as this year. We have not worked out next year's date so keep you eyes on the newsletter. The dates will be posted when we have them. September looks to be a good time this year for lake fishing. This is a low water year so far in the streams, come on rain!



Dennis Harper's Big Rainbow



Richard Fanning Working the Stream



Spectators in Anticipation or Just on Break



Len Scarpace with a nice Tiger Trout



Jim Wright Targeting a Cutthroat Trout



Larry Behn Addressing a Trout



Larry Behm Tubbing for a Trout



Dennis Harper Looking at Home in a Tube



Jim Wright and Mike James - Don't ask! I was afraid to.



Mike James on the left and Jim Wright on the right



The Mill Creek Cabins with Thousand Lakes Mountain in the Background



Relaxing at the Cabins



Sunset at the Mill Creek Cabins in Lyman Utah

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!

- Casting -

A Critical Fly Fishing Skill

Casting in the Park

Next Session:

Saturday, July 7th, 9am-12pm

Intermediate Casting

Irvine Regional Park - Arrea 15

Focus on: Changing Distance, Accuracy and Aerial Mends

The class starts at 9am and will end at 12pm. We will meet at Parking Area 15 which is on the far South-East side of the park. Ask the attendant at the entry gate for directions to this lot or **use the map on the next page.**

Art says to look for his Grey Volvo wagon.

The class will be held on the same grassy field as last time.

For those interested, please RSVP to Art Prangley, artp@sbcglobal.net, for more information.

Annual Casting Clinic: Saturday, September 8th, Mile Square Park

We've set the date for our annual FFCOC Casting Clinic which is open to the public and to those that are just starting out with Fly Fishing. It's a great event and our way of introducing our club to potential new members. Please reach out to friends and others who may want to try it out. Any interested can register at ffcoccasting@sbcglobal.net. We've got rods so participants don't need to buy equipment for this and we end up with a world famous BBQ.

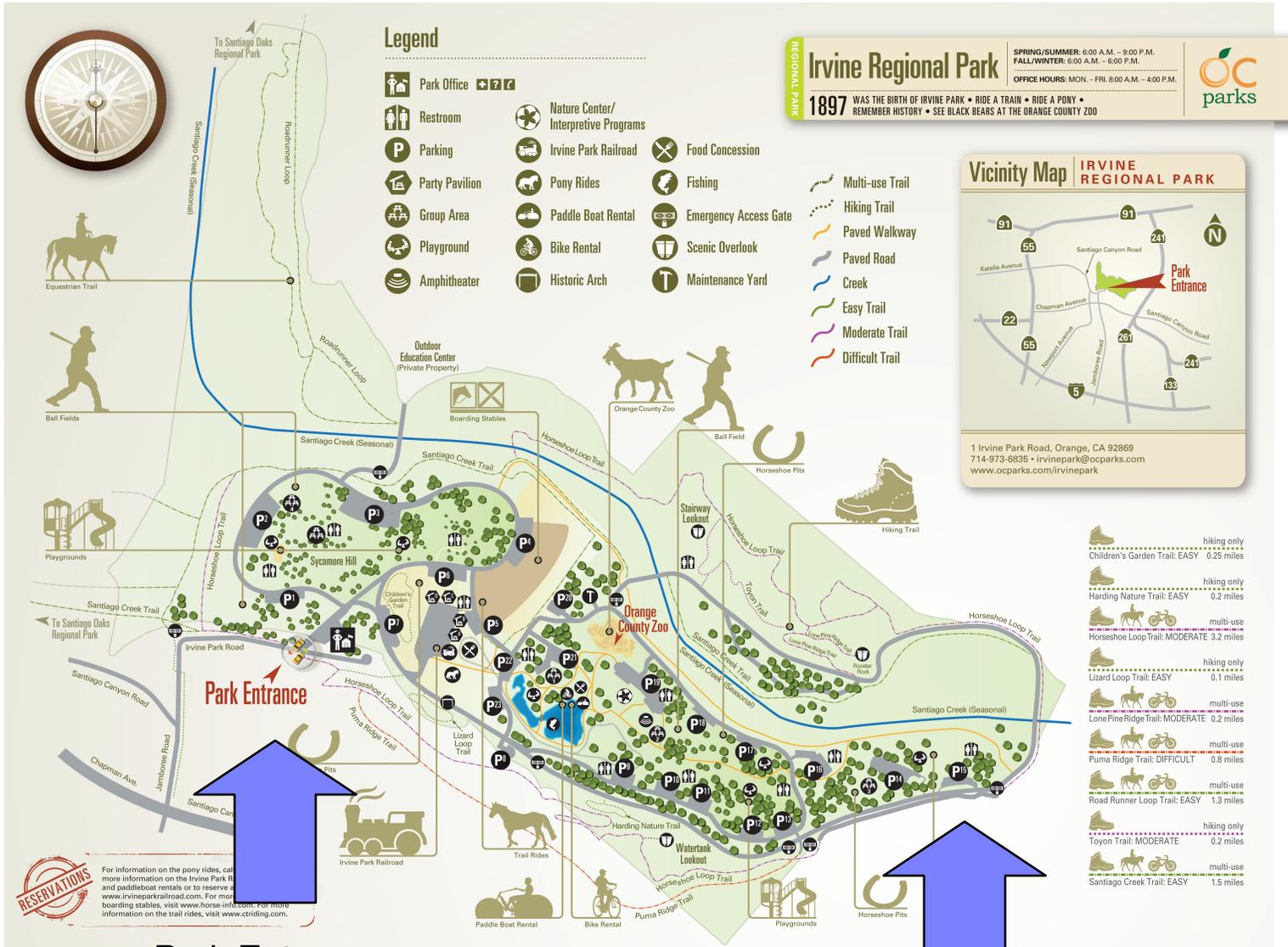
Help us make it successful.

Thanks!



Image courtesy of, John Williams.

FFCOC Casting in the Park Location in Irvine Park - Parking Area 15



Park Entrance

Parking Area 15

FLIES THAT KEEP ON GIVING

By John Williams (Uncle Willie)

Lest you think I only fish nymphs and streamers, when the fish are on the surface I relish the chance to see the take and the fight that follows. You have seen a variation of this fly and now another, I can't leave well enough alone.

Willie's Hopper "New Version"



Hook: Firehole #718 Size 10 or similar

Thread: UTC 140 Rusty Brown

Super Glue: Gorilla Glue Impact Tough Formula, Brush or Nozzle Bottle

Head, Thorax, Abdomen: Tan 2mm Craft Foam cut to ¼" width

Wing: Grizzly Hackle ¼" in width paired against foam width

Legs: WAPSI #RRB353 Barred Round Rubber Medium Brown/Gold

Cut the foam to ¼" and round one end with scissors. Place the hook in the vice and start your thread behind the eye and wrap into the bend a short ways and back up to the ¼ point forward on the shank, let the bobbin hang. Smear super glue from the bend forward to 2mm from the eye lightly applied. Center the foam over the shank of the hook even with the bend and fold the foam over the entire shank as you wrap the foam in the first segment, run the thread forward to the next segment area and lay down the foam and repeat forward until you have made all the segments you desire. Remember the more you segments you add the less floatation you have because you need the air trapped in the foam for floatation. When all the segments are done place the wing extending 1/8" beyond the back of the foam and secure with a couple of wraps of thread. The rubber leg material comes in a attached round segments like a ribbon, separate two ribs of the material and tie an overhand knot in one end to form the leg and place one on either side of the body tied in at the same location of the wing. Add a smear of super glue at this tie in area and advance it 1/8" forward as well. Fold the foam back toward the rear to form a bullet head and tie down in the same area you tie in the wing. Trim the legs to your desired length and make a cut to release the foam by diagonally trimming from either side toward the rear. Place a slight smear of super glue on both knots to keep from untying.

This is a wonderful fly to use as a indicator fly with a smaller dry or dropper fly to the rear.

Tight Lines Friends,

John



Purchases at Bob Marriott's for 2017 has given the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \$726.76 (2% of pre tax purchases) that will be posted in store credit for the club to use towards raffle prizes and the like. Thanks to all of our members for supporting Bob Marriott's in such a robust fashion!

Purchases of regularly priced items at Bob Marriott's reward the customer with a 5% rebate and an additional 2% to FFCOC when they mention that they are members. A win for all of us!

Best regards,

Kevin Bell

General Manager -Bob Marriott's Flyfishing Store
 Travel Advisor - Wild On The Fly Adventure Travel
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 714/525-1827



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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