

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

Next Club Meeting:

January 9, 2019
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

Next Board Meeting:

January 21, 2019 - 7:00 pm
Sizzler, Fullerton
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message - by Art Prangley

By the time you read this, it's most likely the new year or pretty close to it.

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful holiday and a chance to relax, enjoy, regroup, and get ready for 2019.

Our new board of directors will be in place, but before they are, let me thank again all that have participated on the board this last year, and for many, many years past as well. We had a very active year and accomplished some important things. We hope to continue that momentum going forward. Let me also call out two special board members who will be retiring this year and have served the club in so many ways.

John Williams, who has been President 4 times, and held many positions throughout his tenure has decided to take a well-deserved break. I think it is safe to say, we would not be the club we are today without John's contributions over the years. John vows to remain active and we all look forward to his smiling face, generosity of time and spirit, great stories, and expertise. Andy Frumento, has also decided he needs a little time to clear the mind but promises to stay active in our club. Andy has guided our programs for many years, helping to shape and grow the "Speakers Bureau" that has brought so many great presenters and topics to our club meetings.

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President's Message Continued:

Both John and Andy have brought so much of themselves to the club and it is truly valued and appreciated. We'll miss their board participation but look forward to their continued activities in the club.

As far as 2019, at our recent board meeting, we kicked around things we wanted to do, and by a wide majority it was "fish more!" This year, with all of your help and participation, we would like to help foster and create more opportunities to go out fishing. Lyman is taking over the outings chair and will be publishing the current list of planned outings but we want to see more, maybe local, fishing and will be working to relaunch Fishing in Town. Stay tuned.

See you on Wednesday, January 9th for our next meeting with Landon Mayer joining us. Don't miss it.

Warm regards and good fishing,

Art

FFCOC MEMBERS IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2019

There are two ways to renew your membership. The first one is to pay at our meeting. The second method is to go to our website. From our home page scroll down and click on the first blue bar "Member signup/ Information". This will take you to steps 1 of 6 steps to complete your membership renewal.

For those of you who paid at our December 5th meeting, you will get a pop up message that states you have not paid your dues for 2019. PLEASE DO NOT WORRY. YOU ARE PAID UP AND YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS THE PAPERWORK COMES ACROSS MY DESK.

Thank you,
Vern Martin,
Membership

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Successful Seasons: Tips for Catching Giant Trout All Year

Landon Mayer, January 9 2019, Phoenix Club

Welcome back Landon. One of the top guides in the Western United States, Colorado guide Landon Mayer makes a welcome return to the SoCal speaker circuit. His new video-enhanced program will lay to rest the myth that giant trout can only be caught in the Spring and Fall.

Landon Mayer's angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly-fishing equipment. Mayer enthusiastically teaches and demonstrates his techniques and on-river knowledge and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout. He shares these tips and secrets in his books and DVD's. Landon's passion for fly-fishing has allowed him to make several noteworthy contributions to the sport on and off the water. This has included travels to fly-fishing related organizations of the Mid-Atlantic, West, Pacific Northwest, Southwest, and Southern states, as well as teaching through guided trips, fly-fishing classes, presentations, and demonstrations of his unique techniques. Mayer has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 22 years, and one full season on the Nak Nek River in AK. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and their four children in Florissant, Colorado.

Landon was born and raised in Colorado Springs where he began his fly fishing career in the 6th grade when his middle school offered fly casting lessons. Throughout his teens, Landon's love of the sport grew when he spent all his free time hanging around local fly shops and watching VHS tapes by Gary Borger and Doug Swisher until the tapes actually wore out! After graduating high school, Landon pursued a career as a full time guide in Colorado, learning from great Colorado anglers such as Ed Engle, Pat Dorsey and fly tyer John Barr. He also spent one year guiding in Alaska on the Naknek River. During this same time, Landon began publishing articles in magazines such as *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *High Country Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing* and *American Angler*.

Mayer is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* magazines. His contributions also have been featured in publications such as *Fly Rod and Reel*, *American Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing*, *Field and Stream*, and *Fish and Fly* magazines. As an ambassador in the fly-fishing industry, Mayer represents several lines including Simms Fly Fishing apparel and is a royalty fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. He is also an advisory team member of Simms, R.L.Winton, Bauer, Scientific Angler, Smith Optics, Fish Pond, Yeti Coolers, Regal Vise, and Casio Pro Trek watches.

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Landon's techniques are contained in his best know publications and DVD's.

The Hunt for Giant Trout: 25 Top Locations in the US to Catch a Trophy Trout (new for 2019), *Trout Tips: A Guide's Secrets, Tactics and Techniques*, *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing*, *Sight Fishing for Trout*, and *How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life*, in addition to two DVDs: *Landing the Trout of Your Life* and *Weapons of Bass Production*, both of which also feature John Barr.

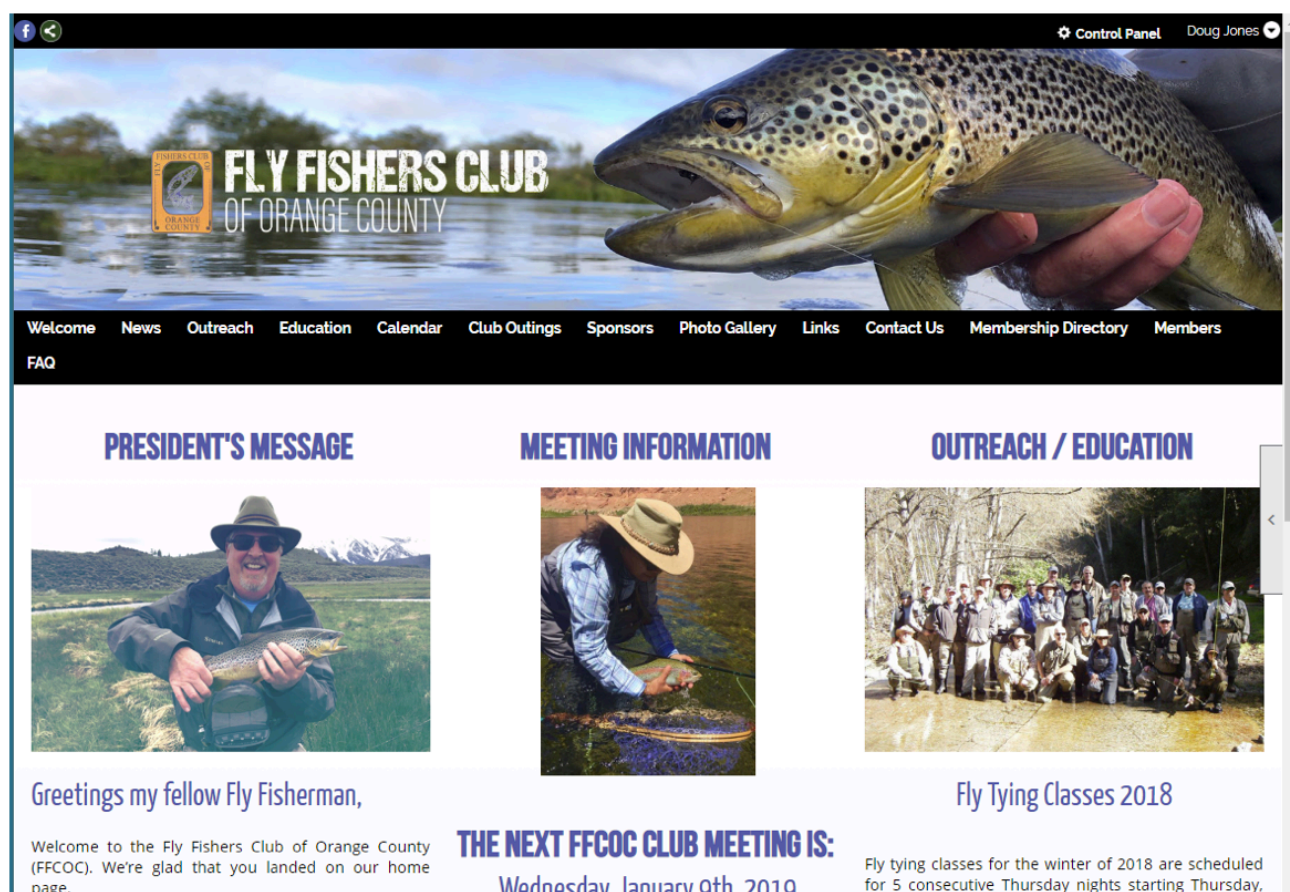
You can learn more about this great fly fisher by going to: www.landonmayer.com



WEBSITE UPDATE

The Club's updated website is nearing completion!

The efforts of the Website Committee with help from the Club Express web designers is paying off with the updating of Club's website nearing completion. In addition to a new look, the web site has new features, increased functionality, is easier to navigate and more interactive with other media and devices.



Public and Club Member access to the site has continued through the updating process and you may have seen the site's evolution in progress. The look and feel of the site is essentially complete but updating of content will be a continuing process. Our near-term focus will be to (1) make sure everything on the site is current and (2) training of Website Committee members and Club Members to maximize use of the site. Training of Website Committee members will commence December 18th with initial focus on the fundamentals followed by targeted training focusing on specialty areas such as calendar management and photograph management.

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Training of Club Members will start during the January 9th Club meeting where we will have an informal “Computer Corner” set up with a Website Committee Member demonstrating features of the site during the Wet Fly hour from 6 to 7 p.m. This will include subjects like Member log-in, resetting passwords, understanding menus and finding information. Examples of future “Computer Corner” subjects include interfacing with social media, uploading photographs, and use of the APP for tablets and smartphones.

Remember the website will always be a work in progress with the need for periodic updating of scheduling and other content such as newsletter items, photographs, new features offered by Club Express, etc. Thanks for your patience during the website updating process.

Your ideas and improvements are welcome,

Looking forward to a great new website!

Doug Jones

2019 FFCOC Board of Directors

The membership has voted in a new Board of Directors for the calendar 2019 year.

President	Art Prangley
1 st Vice President	Denis Higginson
2 nd Vice President	Terry Roznos
Past President	Melinda Burns
Secretary	Tom Niedzialek
Treasurer	Brian Mayer
Outings Chair	Lyman Kennedy
Programs	Art Prangley
Newsletter	Richard Fanning
Conservation	John Burns
Trout in the Classroom	Melinda Burns
FFI Liason	Melinda Burns
Website/Social Media	Doug Jones
Membership	Vern Martin
Raffle	Dawn Martin
Member at Large	Joyce Carrico
Member at Large	Tom Sakai
Member at Large	Jim Wright
Member at Large	Jim Edwards

As a reminder, board meetings will be held on the week following the regularly scheduled club meeting on Thursdays, starting at 7PM. All members are welcome. Meeting dates and location can be found on the “Club Calendar” at www.ffcoc.org

A note of thanks to all who have served on the board! Your help and participation are what makes this a great club. Thank you.

2019 FFCOC Meetings Calendar

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>BOARD</u>
<u>MEETINGS</u>			<u>MEETINGS</u>
<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>			<u>THURSDAYS</u>
1-9-19	Landon Mayer	"Successful Seasons - All year"	1-17-19
2-13-19	Jim Cox	"Western Rivers - Smallmouth - John Day"	2-21-19
3-13-19	Joe Libeu	"Golden Dorado"	3-21-19
4-10-19	Kirk Johnson	"The Feather Thief"	4-18-19
5-8-19	Devin Oleson	"European Nymphing"	5-16-19
6-12-19	Dave Hughes	"TBA"	6-20-19
7-10-19	Kelly Gallagher	"Intro to Flats Fishing"	7-18-19
8-14-19	Dave Williams	"Northwest Salmon From The Beach"	8-22-19
9-11-19	FFCOC	FFCOC AUCTION	9-19-19
10-9-19	David Gregory	"Yosemite"	10-17-19
11-13-19	John Baiocchi	"Northern California"	11-21-19
12-11-19		HOLIDAY PROGRAM	12-19-19

NOTE: Club Meetings are held at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. In the Pavillion except for the Auction in September which is held in the Ballroom unless otherwise notified.

The Board Meeting location is tbd for now.

2019 FFCOC Outings Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Jan 5-6	On the Water Training, Lower Owens	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
Feb 16	Jess Ranch Lakes, Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 11-13	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
Mar 31 - Apr 3	San Juan River, New Mexico	Brian Mayer	714 619-7090
May 6-9	Lee's Ferry, Arizona	Melinda Burns	951-734-6005
May 31 - Jun 2	Fish Creek, CA	Brian Mayer	714 619-7090
Jul 12 - Jul 15	Hot Creek Ranch, CA	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 16-20	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 23-26	Circleville, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Oct 18-20	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Art Prangley	714 270-7090
Oct TBD	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Nov 18-20	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865

FLOAT TUBE OUTING TO JESS RANCH LAKES

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper

Our first outing of the year will be at Jess Ranch Lakes located in Apple Valley approximately one hour drive from Orange County (depending on traffic).

There are three lakes on the premises, however we will be fishing on Lake One. It is a small easily navigated lake that is stocked with trout and bass, all catch and release. If you have all needed equipment, it is a great place to learn and improve your float tubing skills.

The cost to fish the lake is \$40 to fish all day. The ticket office opens at 7:00 and you have to be off the lake by 4:00 pm.

This is a Float Tubing Only lake. You are required to wear chest waders and a safety vest.

A five or 6 weight rod will do nicely, and you will need assorted flies such as midges and streamers. Barbless hooks are required.

February can be very chilly so you will need to wear layers and fleece under garments. If interested you can sign up at January meeting or call me at 714 742-5865 or e-mail at lkennedyjr@earthlink.net.

Please go to [Jess Ranch Lakes](#) and read about Jess Lake and their rules for usage and safety.



**Improve Your Casting Skills
with FFCOC's
"Casting in the Park"
Irvine Regional Park**



Image courtesy of, John Williams.

We are in the planning stage for the 2019 version of FFCOC's "Casting in the Park".

Current thoughts are to have a session about every 3 months. Stay tuned for more details in a future version of "On The Fly", FFCOC's Monthly Newsletter.

Contact Richard Fanning for the latest information:

(714 476-3027) rkfanning@aol.com

FLIES THAT KEEP ON GOING

By John Williams

Midges and mayflies usually outnumber these healthy morsels but Caddis flies make up a fair portion of a trout's. This fly is basic and not hard to tie but severed up either as a dropper below a hopper or dead drifted by it self can be very rewarding. I have tied this fly with wing buds and with antennae they all work well.

EASY "GLOW" CADDIS



Hook:	Firehole #718 Size12 Competition
Bead:	1/8" Copper Bead
Thread:	UTC 140 Fluorescent Fire Orange
Weight:	Lead Wire .010
Rib:	Small Copper Wire
Abdomen:	UTC Large Green Glow Tinsel
Thorax Flash:	UTC Large Opal Tinsel
Thorax:	Ice Dub Peacock
Hot spot behind bead:	UTC 140 Fluorescent Fire Orange
Head Cement:	Sally Hansen's, I'm out of Super Glue

Place the bead on the hook small end first then place your hook in the vice. Start the thread at the bead and as you run it back trap the wire rib. Start the lead wire at the start of the bend and wrap it forward to the bead and back to the bend and break off the excess and trap all the way forward with the thread ending at the bend. Start the glow tinsel at the bend and wrap forward to the bead and secure with a few wraps of thread behind the bead. Counter wrap the wire rib all the way to the bead leaving the green exposed. Tie in the Thorax cover pearl flash tinsel leaving it extend to the rear. Take a small pinch of Ice dub peacock and loosely dub your thread and make a few wraps behind the bead to form the thorax with pieces of dubbing extending to simulate legs. Pull the opal tinsel over the dubbing and securing it behind the bead. Smear head cement on one inch of thread and wrap several times behind the bead and whip finish. Admire your work and get started tying many more, these work.

Tight Lines, 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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