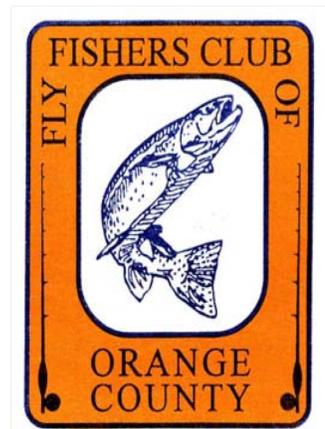


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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



March 2019

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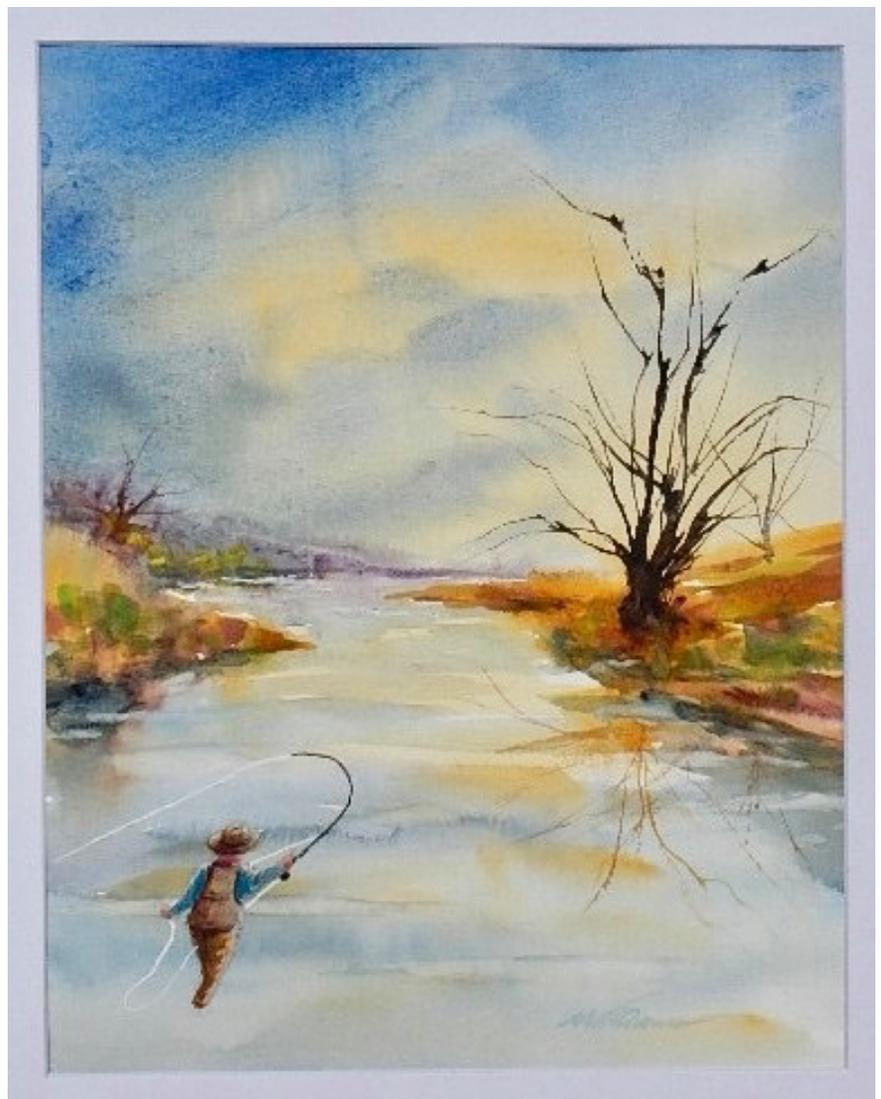
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Next Club Meeting:

March 13, 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:

March 21, 2019 - 7:00 pm
Santiago Canyon College
Club Members are Welcome



Recent Art by John Williams

Finding Paradise

By John Williams

Fishing in Wyoming on the Calton ranch had turned to crap. I was interested in anything to get out of California and the congested fishing conditions. John Secor, Jim Edwards and I headed to see what had been told to John is a fishing paradise.

We headed to Mesquite Nevada for the night and needed to find dinner so we headed to the casino to get a bite. While there I decided to do a bit of gambling that produced enough to cover dinner, breakfast and a couple additional meals.

Off we went to Beaver Utah and the Butch Cassidy Best Western Motel. We had a room for three, which worked well. We queried the manager where the good fishing was and then to the sporting goods store to pick another brain about the fishing and buy a license.

Off we went on our adventure, as this area was a total new experience for all of us. Up the mountain toward the ski area and the creek that paralleled the road almost all the way up until it crossed the road and had a small lake behind a small dam. We stopped many times to wet a line and John Secor was the first one to nab a nice rainbow. We all managed to catch a few as we made our way up the mountain. We found a small creek that had a great population of browns in it and we satisfied our thirst and headed back to town for dinner and possibly a drink.

Dinner was behind us now and we had seen a tavern in town so we entered, the keeper said are you members? No, I said. She said we could buy a membership for three bucks and that would allow the three of us to come in, we had a couple of drinks and headed back to get some sleep as we had a few more days to fish in the area.

The next day we found several lakes and floated with minimal success and by early evening found us at a small lake where a grand father was teaching his grand son to fish. The midges were on the surface and the grandfather and his charge were not catching anything as we pulled them in on a #20 Griffith Gnat. I walked over to the lonely pair and said can I help. The grandfather replied sure, I said do you have a clear plastic bubble that we can fill halfway with water? The grandfather said yes and I attached a 5x tippet and a Griffith Gnat. They were off and running, he offered to pay me and I said no, have fun.

The next day we went higher on the mountain and fished a small stream you can hop across but became a major stop for me when I'm in the area.

The next year Jim Edwards and I fished the same area again and ventured over the mountain by Panquitch lake and that area, we should have hired a guide but had a few fish and now no the area much better and where to fish. That was many years ago and I was searching the Internet for fishing guides in Utah and came across a homespun drawing and advertisement for The Quiet Fly Fisher in Loa Utah.

I booked a trip with Mike James the guide and the rest as they say is history. I have been going to Loa Utah for fourteen years now and still enjoy the new locations Mike James has shown me every year. I'm not senile yet to think he is taking me back to locations we visited early on. I will continue to trek to Utah to enjoy both the company and the lack of fishing pressure with an abundance of fish.

President's Message - by Art Prangley

It was 36' this morning at my house (Orange County) with snow on the hills, frost on the car but the sun was coming out and I wistfully thought about fishing.. Soon, I hope.

We've already had 2 club outings and a bunch coming up over the next couple of months. Our calendar on the website has been updated with all planned outings and you can get more information on how to sign up with the stream-keepers. Please fill the trips to encourage us to do more. At our next meeting, in addition to asking for fishing reports, we're going to ask about upcoming trips planned by the members. The thinking is that maybe others might be interested and if the situation allows for it, maybe another member or two might be interested in going as well. This would be a great way to mingle more and maybe share some new fishing adventures.

At our March meeting, we're going to hear from one of our very own, Joe Libeu, on the trip of a lifetime that he took to hunt for Golden Dorado. Read more about it on the website and in this newsletter as well.

Our next club meeting is on Wednesday, March 13th. at the Phoenix Club. We hope to see you there! Warm regards and good fishing, Art

Auction Corner

Two for One Donations Received

We are extremely excited about some of the donations we are receiving for our Two for One trips that will be auctioned off this year in September. Here are some highlights of two of those outstanding opportunities:

Healing Waters Lodge is located near Twin Bridges, Montana and offers excellent lodging, food and guide service for numerous rivers including the Beaverhead, Big Hole, Jefferson and Madison. If you want to wade, you can also try the Ruby, Upper Clarks Fork, and South Boulder rivers. Each day you will enjoy gourmet meals along with a healthy lunch on the river. This donation includes 3 nights, 2 days of guiding, and lodging for \$2275 (this equates to \$1137.50 per person for a party of two). This does not include the auction proceeds that are paid to the club when you bid on this item, Montana fishing license, and gratuity you give to the guides. Check out their website at www.hwllodge.com or call at 406-684-5960 to get more details about the services and fishing that are available.

No See Um Lodge can be found about 30 minutes from King Salmon, Alaska and offers a once in a lifetime adventure to some of the best fishing that Alaska offers. All trips go from Monday to Monday (7 days). You will be responsible for flying to Anchorage and No See Um will provide transportation to their lodge. Each day you will use a float plane to fly to your fishing destination. This is also an all-inclusive trip (all food, open bar, fishing gear) with the exception of an Alaskan fishing license, required fishing stamps, a typical gratuity, and your auction bid. The cost for two people for this amazing adventure would normally be \$22,000, but for this special offer equates \$11,000 total or \$5500 per person. Take a look at their website at www.noseeumlodge.com or call 907-232-0729.

Alan Ross

FFCOC Board Meeting Moves to a New Location

Your FFCOC Board has been meeting at the Sizzler Restaurant in Fullerton for several months while looking for a more permanent location.

A decision has been made to move this monthly meeting to a room at Santiago Canyon College effective with the March 21 meeting. (7pm)

Santiago Canyon College is located at 8045 East Chapman Ave. in beautiful Orange. The college is located near the Irvine Regional Park where we have hosted "Casting in the Park" many times.

The meeting will be in Bldg. E, Room 206 on the 2nd floor. The building is just ahead after you enter the campus from East Chapman Ave. Parking Lot 4 may be the closest and costs \$2 that can be paid at the kiosk machines in lots.



Santiago Canyon College

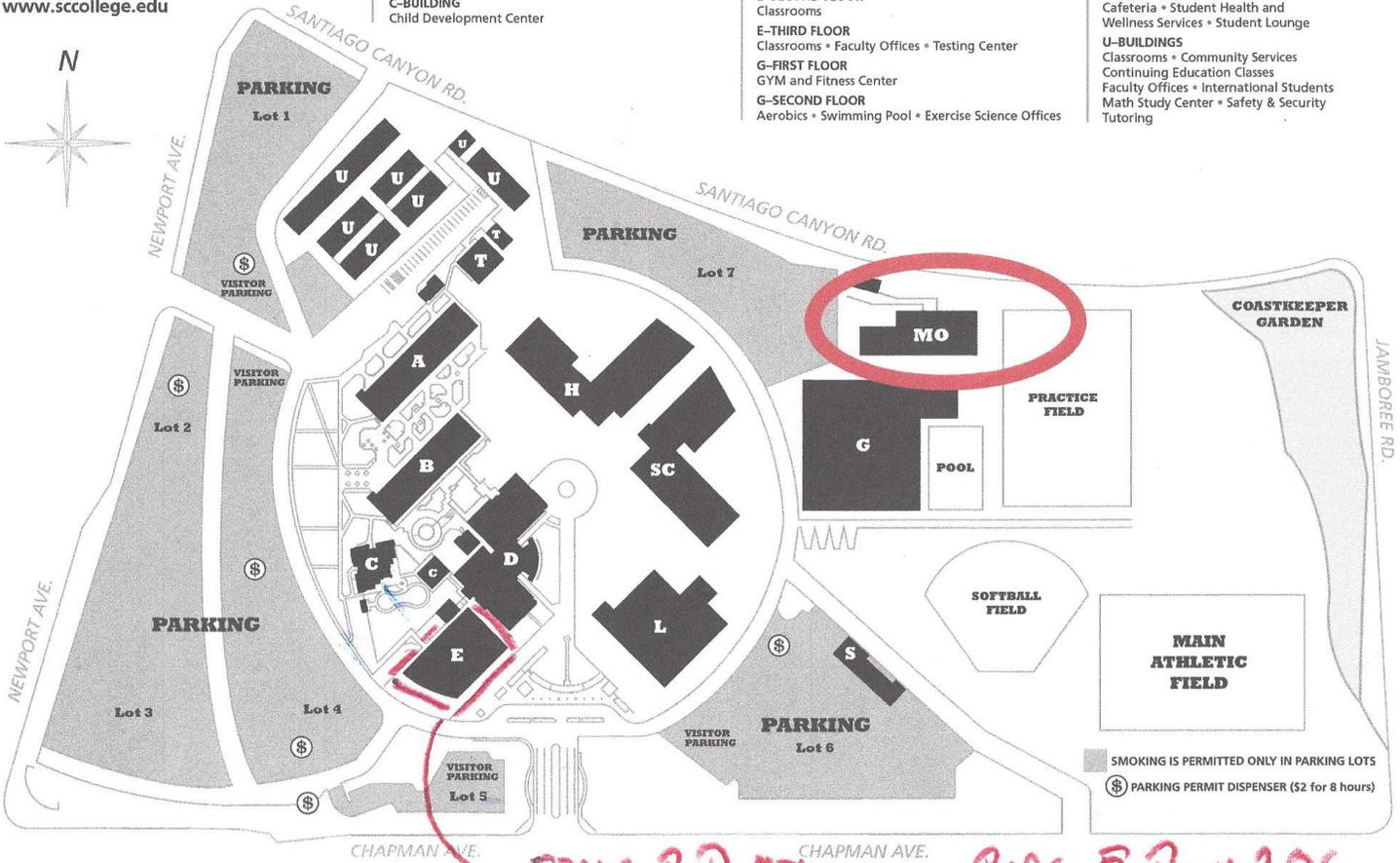
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New Members

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!



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Jason Akiyama

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This Month's Meeting

Golden Dorado - Joe Libeu

Joe Libeu will be speaking at our club meeting on March 13th about his adventures fly fishing on the trips of a lifetime, in specific, in search of Golden Dorado.



Experience the Golden Dorado River Cruiser, the utmost angling experience in the most exclusive set up.

MOTHER SHIP SET UP – MOBILITY MEANS BETTER FISHING

The location where the Mother Ship is based, is the huge Upper Paraná Delta, also known as Entre Rios Delta, the second biggest delta in South America. This huge system, is where first the Uruguay and Paraná river start mixing their waters, creating a unique system which extraordinary migrations of several bait fish, sábalo and boga, followed by the dorado

THE FISHING

Golden Dorado are extraordinary hunters. They are always in search of an easy prey that happens to go by their holding spot (even a smaller Dorado!). They like moving water, and most times stalk close to river structure. These are not timid fish. You will definitely know when a Golden Dorado has hit your fly, and you should be prepared to viciously strip set the hook, pulling hard on your line or you will end up with nothing (rod sets are like tickles for the “wooden mouth” dorado). And that’s just the beginning...

Once you set the hook, the fight is ON right away. No warm ups here! Dorado are tackle busting, mean, acrobatic fighters. Be ready to put pressure on these guys right from the start (20 to 40 lb. shock tippet is used). Catches range from 5 lb. to 20 lb.

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2019 Meeting and Speaker Calendar

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

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 Outings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Feb 9-10	On the Water Training, Lower Owens	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
Feb 17 & 23	Jess Ranch Lakes, Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 11-13	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 29-31	Lower Owens River	Larry Behm	714 679-6638
Mar 31 - Apr 3	San Juan River, New Mexico	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 6-9	Lee's Ferry, Arizona	Melinda Burns	951-734-6005
May 31 - Jun 2	Fish Creek, CA	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 2019	Golden Trout at Cottonwood Lakes	Larry Behm	714 679-6638
July 12 - Jul 15	Hot Creek Ranch, CA	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 15-20	Colter's Hell or Yellowstone National Park	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
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 6-12	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Nov 18-20	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865

Outings Details are on the following
pages as they become available.

Float Tube Outing At Jess Ranch Lakes

Sunday, February 17 and Saturday, February 23, 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 contact me:

Phone 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.



Lower Owens River

March 29-31, 2019

Larry Behm, Streamkeeper

This is a mix & match trip on a “local” water. Come when you can- a portion or all of it.

We will meet together three times each day, with a focus on mentoring and buddy fishing. There will be three meetings each day; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Attend any that you want. Meeting 1 will be 8:00am at the River each day. We will partner up to match experienced with less experienced anglers.

Meeting 2 will be 12 Noon to eat lunch and mix partners.

Meeting 3 dinner in Bishop. Details to follow.

The Lower Owens is near Bishop, CA. In late March, the weather should be sunny 65-70 F during the day, with occasional freezes at night – perfect fishing weather.

We will have a mix of anglers and will try to match up some of new members with the more experienced “old hands.” It should be a good time for everyone to fish and learn together. Everyone will need to arrange their own accommodations. We are working on dinner plans and will update as they become confirmed. We encourage ride sharing to minimize our carbon impact.

No limit on number of people; we have 6 signed up so far. The costs will only be your transport costs to Bishop, your meals, and your hotel.

Please contact, Larry Behm, 949-235-4466, Larry.Behm@cox.net or sign up at the March Meeting.

Golden Trout at Cottonwood Lakes

Larry Behm, Streamkeeper (Backpacking Trip)

July, 2019

The first time I stood on a high bank looking into the lake and saw hundreds of black lines slithering and snaking around each other, I was surprised and a bit wary. It was pure amazement and awe as my eyes adjusted to the scene, and the bodies of Golden Trout with that black dorsal line came into focus. Their golden skin blended so beautifully with the background soil that I understood how they have survived for so long with so many birds of prey hunting them. The Cottonwood Lakes are full of these gorgeous fish. Stock from these lakes are used for restoring other watersheds in the Sierra. They are thought to be the purest Goldens.

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Fishing the Cottonwood area is not about catching the biggest fish; 12-14" will be a big one. It is about stealth and beauty. These fish are wary of predators, and you will have to use all of your skills to catch one. When you do, they are unique and a sight to behold!

This trip is a backpacking trip. With the snow pack this year, I'm guessing ice out will be mid to late June. So, the fish will be hungry and the air warming. I want to accommodate as many people as possible, so please contact me with your preference on timing. A long weekend would probably fit the most schedules.

We will park at the Horseshoe Meadows trailhead and hike in about 4 miles to the Cottonwood Lakes area. With the altitude and terrain, it should take about 3 hours of hiking to reach a suitable basecamp site. You will have to camp overnight in bear country. We will set camp and then hike to different lakes or streams for fishing opportunities.

Timing for the trip will depend on everyone's preference. We will need a wilderness permit, so I need a head count by June 1 to allow time for permitting.

Please contact Larry Behm, 949-235-4466 or larry.behm@cox.net to discuss the timing details and to get a packing list for the trip.

Colter's Hell or Yellowstone Park

September 15-20, 2019

Larry Behm, Streamkeeper

Mid-September in Yellowstone National Park (YNP) is my favorite time. The animals are getting ready for winter, the days are warm, and the nights are crisp. Snow occasionally decorates your morning view. This trip will target the Lamar Valley and Meadows area. This is the high, eastern side of YNP, the last area to ice-out. I always encounter plenty of bison, deer, and moose; occasional wolf and bear; and lots of fish in this area.

Most of the waters in YNP have been rehabilitated to carry only native fish: the Yellowstone Cutthroat and some Rainbows. The fish have a short "growing" season, so they test anything that looks like food. The bugs are big, and hatches can be heavy, making dry flies the most common choice. Some of the water I would like to visit include, Slough Creek, Soda Butte Creek, Cache Creek, Lamar River, and of course the Yellowstone River.

This trip will require camping and walking. The lodges in YNP are booked out a year ahead of time. Lodging outside the perimeter of the park is more available but makes for a much longer drive to fishing water. My plan is to find a campsite near fishing water and use it as a base. Each day we will drive to a new stream, hike upstream, explore the fishing opportunities and return to base for dinner.

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My initial plan is not to use guides or horses. However, I'm very willing to adjust to the group's interests. The base costs are limited to your transportation and meals. If everyone wants to add guides or horses, I will let you know the prices.

I need a head count by August 1. I will need to know by June if you want guides or horses.

Contact Larry Behm, 949-235-4466 or larry.behm@cox.net for information or to be put on the roster.

Fish Creek Outing – May 31 to June 2, 2019

May 31 - June 2, 2019 - Brian Mayer, Streamkeeper

Sign-ups are open for the trip to Fish Creek. This year, it will be the first weekend in June.

This is a camping outing to the Southern Sierra's Kern River Plateau area close to Kennedy Meadows. The camp ground provides cold water and out houses only. Most people will be camping in tents; however, small camping trailers and motor homes are allowed. We will be fishing for small golden trout in small water creeks, so bring your small rods (3 weights and less). The fish are generally very eager, so this is an excellent trip for the novice and experienced fisher-person as well.

If interested, contact Brian Mayer , bdmayer@hotmail.com, (562-619-9169).



San Juan River, NM Outing

March 31 - April 3, 2019 - Brian Mayer, Streamkeeper

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 the Fisheads San Juan River Lodge [(505) 634-0463:

<http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/>],

and the Abe's Motel just across the street [(505) 632-2194,

<http://sanjuanriver.com/>].

Both have very reasonable rates and can arrange guides. There are other accommodations as well. If making reservations at Fisheads, please let them know you are part of the FFCOC group. Contact Brian Mayer for full details.

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, March 31. 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. Lodging and guiding service has changed this year. Check both Fisheads and Abe's websites for details.

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 stream keeper 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.



Lee's Ferry Outing 2019

May 6 - 9, 2019, Melinda Burns, Streamkeeper



6 Openings Left

The Colorado River is described as “The World’s Largest Spring Creek” that boasts 15.5 miles of clear running tailwater fishery flowing from Lake Powell.

Come join Honey Burns and I along with 12 other lucky club members as we fish one of the waters of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. This trip will consist of 3 nights lodging at the Cliff Dwellers (2 Adults per room) and 3 days of guided fishing (Drift or Wet Wading). I have reserved Rooms 24-30 along with, each room has two beds. But if you want the room to yourself then you pay the full price. Each room is \$96.21.

We also have the following guides reserved: Jeff English, Skip Dixon, Natalie Jensen, Tyson Warren, Dale Gauthier, and Kevin Campbell. Guides are \$525 for 2 fisherman.

This cost of this trip is approximately \$979.92 per person. There is a \$200.00 deposit that is needed at the time of your reservation. This is refundable if cancelled 2 weeks before outing. This does not include tips for the guides, meals or transportation.

You will also need an Arizona Fishing License which you can purchase at the shop.

Sign ups are now being taken. You can sign the Outings Sheet at the next meeting or you can call or me to place you on the list, [951.415.9920](tel:951.415.9920) mel11755@pacbell.net. In order to hold your spot, please send a deposit of \$200. You can email a check to our PO Box or you can pay online.

For a sample of the itinerary, click [Lee's Ferry 2019](#) on this link .

To see photos of past trips to Lee's Ferry, click on this link [Lee's Ferry Club Outing 2017](#).

You can sign up at the next meeting or contact Melinda at 951 415-9920 or e-mail at mel11755@pacbell.net.

More trip information can be found on the next page.

Lee's Ferry Club Outing Info:

- **Date: Monday** – Friday May 6 -10th 2019 **Location:** HC-67 Box 30 Marble Canyon, AZ 86036 928-355-2261
- **Fishing License:** Don't forget to purchase your Arizona Fishing License. [Click here](#) to purchase yours online or cut and paste this link: <https://www.azgfd.com/license/>
- **Meals**
- **Dinner** :I am planning on cooking dinners for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in a crock pot. Monday we will meet for dinner in the restaurant at 6pm. My meals will include a dinner salad and bread rolls. If you would like to bring a dish to share, let me know. I will supply all the paper goods. You just need to bring your own drink.
 - Pot Roast
 - Chicken Enchilada Casserole
 - Beef Soup
- **Lunches:** Will be provided by Lee's Ferry Anglers.
- **Breakfast:** You can go to the restaurant of have coffee and pastries and fruit at the Burns Room
- **Recommended Flies:** Flies change everyday but the most current fly is a size 18 midge with flashy colors like red or green. Ginger colored scuds work as well as red san juan worms. Woolly Buggers worked well last time when we were trolling or stripping.
- **Snacks:** Feel free to bring your favorite snack on the boats. We will be drifting as well as wading.

WHAT TO BRING

Lees Ferry requires that you bring the following items, most of which can be purchased at their fly shop:

- Water
- 9-foot 5X leader
- Arizona fishing license
- Proper clothing
- Waders

Lees Ferry provides the following:

- 8 hours upriver
- Lunch (let us know if you have special dietary needs)
- Flies (charged for flies lost at the end of day)
- Rod (if necessary)
- Specially outfitted power-driven riverboats and fuel

[Click Here](#) for full Intinerary.

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FFCOC 2019 Outings to South Central Utah

John Williams, Streamkeeper

A photo sampling of the area



I drove past some great fishing in Utah for many years heading up the 15 freeway not knowing what this area had to offer and driving by headed to Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Tiger trout & Splake, fish I had never experienced, Brown trout, Rainbows were my targets with some occasional Brookies, lets not forget the Cutthroats. That has all changed,

Loa I met Mike James of the Quiet Fly Fisher in 2007 through the Internet and he opened up my love affair with one of the best-kept secrets in my fly-fishing world. There are streams and lake and many more places to fish than we have time to fish in one trip, every year mike shows me some new water and I marvel at the numbers of great places to fish. For the past six years our club has been fishing the Southern Utah area as a group limited to six fishermen or women staying in the Mill Cabins in Lyman Utah or near by towns and fishing with Mike James in Loa as our head guide. Mike employs several other guides, which are well versed in the area.

Circleville Emmett Doane is the owner of Circleville Anglers located in Circleville Utah a place you might drive by and not know where the fishing was wonderful but they know and are happy to share the experience with you. The opportunity to fish the Severe River, Streams and Lakes is another location I fish when in the area with Emmett.

These guide services are quite professional and friendly, I wouldn't use them unless they were, and several of our club members have used both of the guides both with the club and solo and can give you recommendations. If you have questions please feel free to call my cell phone 951-236-0862 and I should be able to answer any of your questions and if not the guide numbers are listed below.

Stream Keeper: John Williams contact me if you have interest, my cell 951-236-0862 You must be a club member with a signed liability release signed prior to any of our club trips. The prices were negotiated as a group and for the duration of the advertised dates. Deposits are sent to me and I forward them on to the guides. I do recommend both guide locations but have spent more time with Mike James only because I met him years before I met Emmett.

Loa Utah Trip 5 days September 16-20 Cost \$1000 a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot.

Circleville Anglers 4 days September 23-26 Cost \$780 a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot.

Preparation for Fishing Southern Utah

By John Williams

Where We Are Going:

Loa Utah Home to the **Quiet Fly Fisher** and is located in a beautiful valley at 7064" elevation, which hosts a few small towns like Loa, Lyman, Bicknell and Torrey. This is farming and livestock country and is surrounded by mountain ranges of which we will be fishing. There are National Parks near by that offer spectacular scenery, Bryce Canyon to the South West and Capitol Reef to the East, Fish Lake National Forest to the North West along with Boulder Mountain with an elevation of 11,317 which provides many fishing locations, and spectacular views.

Circleville Utah is home to **Circleville Anglers** and is located at 6600' elevation and in farming/ cattle country in a valley and home to the Sevier River and tributaries along with many lakes and streams in the near by mountains. Its location is closer to Bryce Canyon and north of Panquitch.

Guide Contact Information:

Our head guide in **Loa, Utah** is **Mike James** owner of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** their address is 200 N. Main Street Loa, Utah 84747 Contact Phone Number is 435-616-2319.

Our head guide in Circleville in **Emmett Doane** owner **Circle Valley Anglers** their address is 350 S. Hwy 89 Circleville, Utah 84723 Contact Phone number is 435-577-2168.

Weather & Clothing:

We will be lodging at approx. 7,000' elevation. Nights are cold and days are warm usually, I have experienced rain, snow, hail, and hot and cold days. Bring clothing you can put on in layers that wick moisture, nothing more uncomfortable than moisture under your clothing, which either keeps you hot and sweaty or cold and sweaty. Bring a lightweight rain jacket. Most days you will be wearing your waders but on hot day I wet wade with light shirt nylon pants and my wading boots on, don't forget the neoprene booties if wet wading. Be flexible, bring both cold and warm weather gear and adjust as needed. Weather at high altitude can change rapidly be prepared. The weather will not stop your guide from fishing unless it is dangerous and or access is limited. They will advise if there is a problem. Mother nature sets the parameters we must always be aware of our surroundings and climate.

Lodging:

There are many options in the region of Loa, Utah both in town and adjoining hamlets like Lyman and Bicknell. I would suggest The Mill Cabins 1500 S. HWY 24 Lyman, Utah as a wonderful place with individual cabins that can sleep two and are very reasonably priced. In Loa the Snuggle Inn is pricy but luxurious by small town standards. In Bicknell the Sunglow Motel and Restaurant is comfortable and reasonably priced. In Circleville, Utah the picking are fewer. Circle Valley Anglers has a house with sleeping for three and a full kitchen and living area. The other option is across the street the Butch Cassidy Inn and Motel. They have comfortable rooms and a café and are reasonably priced that sleep two. Lodging in these areas can be limited so make your lodging reservation early; I do not take responsibility for making anyone's lodging reservations due to last minute cancelations and family emergencies.

Physical Demands:

Where we are lodging at 7,000' elevation we can be fishing and hiking at as high as 11,000'. If you have problems at altitude let the guide and streamkeeper know in advance of our trip. Most fishing locations involve some hiking and wading. I would suggest arriving a couple of days early to acclimate to 7,000' not hiking hard and drinking plenty of water, it easy to dehydrate in higher elevations, the guide has water and soft drinks along in their vehicles so ask for the water.

Gear:

Rods & Lines, the entire trip can be done with a 9-foot 5-weight rod and a floating line. I bring along for fun an 11' switch rod 5 wt. and a 6'6" 5 wt. rod as well but by no means buy additional rods just for this trip; one rod is all you need.

Waders, good pair of breathable waders is required in most situations.

Boots, wading boots are part of the package. No restrictions on felt as yet.

Wading Staff, Many of us find having a wading staff necessary for stability in slippery or rocky situations, or just find a long stick, don't fall, the rocks are hard.

Terminal Tackle, I use a 9 foot 5x leader and have along 3,4,5,6x tippet. I as well bring an assortment of lead free shot to use as needed if nymphing.

Flies, We will be fishing many lakes and a few streams and possibly a couple of rivers. I carry dries, nymphs and streamers but the guide will provide you with flies. If the guide suggests a fly or gives you a fly use it with the full understanding you will catch fish, they are quite experienced on these waters. If you are like me I bring many more flies than I will ever use. I have hoppers, caddis, mayflies, and damselflies in adult and nymph stages. I find a callibaetis mayfly nymph very useful in the lakes. Bring what you own and the fly shop offers all the working patterns you will be using if you want to purchase some.

First Aid Kit: I carry a basic first aid kit in my tote bag for simple emergencies, minor cuts and abrasions, headaches and back pain.

Transportation:

From Southern California near the Ontario airport it is a 9 1/2-hour drive including gas stops and a lunch stop to Loa, Utah. To Circleville it is 8 1/2 – 9 hour drive including stops. Sharing a ride is more fun to get to know your friend or partner better and listen to each other's experiences along the way. When in Loa the guides provide the transportation to and from the days fishing locations. When in Circleville you provide your own transportation to and from the fishing locations following the guide. Salt Lake City is approximately 3 hours away from Loa and 3 3/4 hours from Circleville and is serviced by many airlines and rental car companies.

Float Tubing:

There will be opportunities to float tube in the area if you so desire. The Quiet Fly Fisher in Loa can provide you with a float tube if they are guiding you. If you wish the comfort of your own float tube please feel free to bring yours.

Food:

In Utah many of their dinning locations close on Sunday, it is best to call ahead or ask you guide where and what is open, most areas have a couple options on Sunday but it is best to inquire. Guides provide lunch during the days guiding. Many of us BBQ at the Mill Cabins for dinner, to curb the costs of eating out every meal, the grocery in the town of Loa is open Mon.- Sat. Breakfast is your choice of eating at a local restaurant or at your lodging, the guide provides lunch the days you are fishing.

Libations:

You are responsible for any liquor you wish to purchase either bought from the local Liquor store in Bicknell or for beer (3.2) in some of the gas stations, or bring from home. BYOB.

Costs and Payment:

Both of the guides require a Non-refundable \$200 deposit to secure your reservation and the final payment is due upon completion of your final day.

Tipping:

It is customary to tip the guide daily; I tip \$50 per day of guiding at the end of the day. Tipping is not based on your ability or the number of fish caught, but for good service and the ability of the guide to lead you doing everything in their ability to make the experience enjoyable. Fish are a bonus. I have negotiated quite reasonable rates for the group of six and feel a percentage tip is quite unfair to the guide considering the extreme road conditions, locations and wear and tear on their vehicles. These extreme road conditions keep most of your competition for fish away.

Fishing License:

Utah state fishing license can be obtained on line prior to your trip, which is the easiest. Licenses can be purchased in Loa at the local market Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Yearly licenses last from the date you purchase them for a complete calendar year. In Circleville Utah you can purchase your license from the fly shop.

Emergency Services:

Bicknell near Loa has a clinic available for minor emergencies.

Panquitch is the closet emergency services to Circleville.

FFCOC Colorado Trip

October 6-12, 2019

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper



The dates for our Colorado trip are October 6-12, just in time for pursuing those fall spawning brown trout. The trip starts in Kremmling Colorado, about two hour drive from Denver. Participants can fly into Denver on Sunday October 6 and rent a car for the drive to Kremmling and then back to Monument for the second half of our trip. In Kremmling we will be staying at the Allington and participants need to make their own reservations there. While in Kremmling we will be doing a float trip on the Colorado River one day, and we will be wading the Williams Fork River on the alternate day. On Wednesday the group will be driving back to Monument where participants will need to obtain reservation at one of the local motels. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening, Mark and his wife Liz will be hosting dinner at their home. On Thursday and Friday we will drive to one of 3 destinations on the South Platte River including Cheesman Canyon, Deckers or the Dream Stream, where we will be doing wade fishing. Mark has already reserved guides for all of the areas mentioned including Bob Dye, Pat Dorsey and Landon Meyer. A deposit of \$500 is due April 1st and \$530 is due on August 1st to cover the guide fees. The deposit is refundable up until August 1st unless we can make arrangements with Blue Quill. More details will be coming later. If you are interested please contact me at lkennedyjr@earthlink.net or at 714 742-5865. The trip is limited to 12 people so get your name on the list right away before it fills up.

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper.

Website News

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.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Welcome, News, Outreach, Education, Calendar, Club Outings, Sponsors, Photo Gallery, Links, Contact Us, Membership Directory, and Members. Below the navigation bar, there are three main content areas:

- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** A photo of a man in a hat holding a fish. Below the photo, the text reads: "Greetings my fellow Fly Fisherman, Welcome to the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (FFCOC). We're glad that you landed on our home page."
- MEETING INFORMATION:** A photo of a person in a hat fishing. Below the photo, the text reads: "THE NEXT FFCOC CLUB MEETING IS: Wednesday January 0th 2010".
- OUTREACH / EDUCATION:** A photo of a group of people in outdoor gear. Below the photo, the text reads: "Fly Tying Classes 2018".

At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a small text block: "Fly tying classes for the winter of 2018 are scheduled for 5 consecutive Thursday nights starting Thursday."

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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Website Update (Continued)

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

Announcements

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

Auction Corner

It's never too early to be thinking about the Auction. Put it in your calendar. Wednesday, September 11th, Doors open at 5PM. This year, we have a team helping to drive a successful auction:

Melinda Burns

Art Prangley

Denis Higginson

Rich Fanning

Dawn Martin

Doug Jones

Jimmy Edwards

Start thinking about what you would like to contribute and what you'd like to see us have available. Contact any of us to make suggestions.



5th Annual Owens River Clean Up Report

Attendees of the 5th annual Owens River Clean Up woke up to a dusting of snowfall in Bishop, California on Saturday, February 9. It didn't however stop thirty-five brave, hearty souls from meeting at the Pleasant Valley Campground at 8AM for baked goods and coffee. Event organizer Chris Leonard thanked the volunteers for showing up, and handed them trash bags to divide and conquer the river for the morning. The volunteers were composed of about half local folk and half Southern Californians who traveled north for the event. As usual, an assortment of various waste was removed from the river. Everything from the usual spent beer cans, worm containers, and fishing line to broken mirrors and rolls of carpet. The good news is that everyone agreed that the river looked cleaner this year. In five years of an estimated 250 total people working 4 hours, that's 1,000 hours of picking up trash since the inaugural clean up in 2015. The volunteers were served lunch and almost everyone walked away with free swag raffled off.

A huge "thank you" goes out to this year's supporters: California Deer Association, California Waterfowl Association, Caltrout, Ducks Unlimited, Eastern Sierra Fish Reports, Erick Schat's Bakery, Great Basin Bakery, Golden Trout Lanyards, Inyo Recycling and Waste Management, KIBS Radio, Kittredge Sports Guide Service, KMMT-KRHV Radio, Preferred Septic and Disposal, Rio, Redington, and Sage, Sierra Mountain Trout Guide Service, Snowbee, Silver Lake Resort, Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International, Tenkara Tanuki Fishing Rods, Trout Unlimited, and Virginia Lakes Resort.

Next year's event will be Saturday, February 8, 2020 – always the Saturday following the Super Bowl. People interested in making donations for the raffle – or any inquiries - can call Chris Leonard at 818.288.3271

5th Annual Owens River Clean Up Photos





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Calendar of Events

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
January	Saturday	19 th	Club Management - Riverside	10am - 2pm
February	Saturday	2 nd	Fly Buy - Long Beach	9am - 4pm
March	Thurs - Sun	6 -10 th	Fred Hall Show	Varies
April	Saturday	20 th	SWCFFI Quarterly Meeting	10am - 2pm
May	Saturday	4 th	Rip Tide Rendezvous	9am - 4pm
July	Saturday	20 th	SWCFFI Quarterly Meeting	10am - 2pm
October	Fri - Sun	4-6 th	Fly Fishing Faire - Burbank	10am - 5pm
October	Saturday	19 th	SWCFFI Quarterly Meeting	10am - 2pm

Castling for Recovery Events

May	Fri - Sun	3-5 th	CFR Retreat - Lake Arrowhead
October	Fri - Sun	4-6 th	CFR Retreat- Wonder Valley outside of Fresno

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

Fly Tying

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

While on a high mountain lake in South Central Utah bugs were hitting the water surface and swim in a long leg backward motion and the fish had a great time feeding on the little guys. When they hit the water they are appearing black iridescent with a shellback and long legs.

Say hello to the **Water Boatman**



Hook: Daiichi 1160 size 16
Bead: 3/32" Black Tungsten
Thread: UTC 70 Black
Shellback: Flash Back Olive Brown cut to 1/8"
Dubbing: Ice Dub Black
Legs: Floss-Flex Black
Head Cement: Super Glue Gel

Slide the bead on the hook small hole first up to the eye and secure your hook in the vice. Run your thread from the bead to the bend of the hook and tie in the Flash Back material and leave to the rear for now. Dub the abdomen with the ice dub forward to the 2/3 forward position creating a football abdomen. Pull the flash back material over the football and secure with several wraps of thread. Tie in the legs so the sweep outwards as shown in the picture. Dub behind the bead and cement your thread wraps, cut thread and go fishing. This is an easy tie and effective fly.

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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