

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



May 2019

**Our Next Club Meeting is  
Wednesday, May 8th  
Devin Olsen  
"Strategies and Techniques  
to Improve Catching"**

We'll be meeting in the Ballroom at the Phoenix Club. Our guest is Devin Olsen, a competitive Fly Fisher and medal winning member of Fly Fishing Team USA. He will talk about his strategies and techniques to improve catching and how it relates to your efforts. Definitely a skills building talk.

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***Website:*** [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org)

***Next Club Meeting:***

May 8, 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:***

May 20, 2019 - 7:00 pm  
Santiago Canyon College  
Club Members are Welcome

**IN THE BALLROOM!**

## President's Message

### Art Says:

Now that all of you have dusted off your fishing stuff, tuned it up, bought this year's license and are ready for the season opener, it's definitely Spring! Can't wait till my trip in mid May to Hot Creek!

We've hosted a couple of outings now, have more to come. Please take advantage of these if you can. It's a great way to fish a new area maybe, or meet some new friends, spend time with old friends, get outside. We've got openings on the Utah outings and Fish Creek is coming up. Please take advantage of the planning that has gone into these. They are great places to go fish and have fun. We've also proposed a couple of Fishing in Town (FiT) events, mostly at the beach at this point, but will expand as more get involved. These FiT events are more spur of the moment ideas and anyone can propose and, as a member, participate.

Watch you email for these announcements.

### New Lifetime Member - Joe Libeu!

It's an honor to welcome Joe Libeu into the ranks of a Lifetime Member of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County. We recently awarded Joe the Lifetime Membership Award in recognition of his contributions and drive to make us better fly fishers and a better club.

Joe has only been a member since 2010 but in those years he has demonstrated his commitment to our success many times and in many ways. Our annual Casting Clinic, open to the public and is our major way to attract new members, has been successful because of the effort and guidance Joe has put in to plan the casting instruction, teach/coach the club instructors, and lead the morning session for the newcomers. Joe has also been the force behind our "newbie" follow up with the On the River Training sessions which include 2 classroom days and a weekend on the Owens. Casting in the Park, added over the last year, was a recommendation of Joe's and has really helped build our skill levels. There are many other examples of Joe pitching in.

The Lifetime Membership Award is our way of saying "Thanks" and acknowledging the contribution to our club of these members. We have truly benefitted from Joe's energy, passion, expertise and willingness to give freely his time.

Thank you Joe,

Art



## Auction Corner - May 2019

**Auction Time! Auction Time!**

**Letters have gone out!**

**Things are coming in!**

**Progress is being made!**

This may look familiar, as in Déjà vu all over again, but it's an important part of our auction: having a chance to get some new stuff at a decent price and help the club out. What's not to like?

We need your help to decide what to purchase as part of the special deals we get from many vendors. In the past we have had new Orvis rods, Tibor reels, Fat Cat float tubes, Renzetti Visas, just to mention a few. With the suggestion from a member and a commitment to bid the opening bid, the auction committee will go out and buy the item at a discounted price, add a small markup (15%) and put the item up for bid. That way a great deal might be available or a bidding war may bring in some excitement and more dollars to the club. John Burns will be guiding the purchase choices so if you have something in mind, please let him know.

And again, as you go through your spring cleaning of your fishing stuff, think about what might make a great donation. Look for those items you no longer use and are always left home when you go on a trip. Give all your unused gear a new life with a new owner:

2 piece rods, vests, float tubes, boots, waders, fly tying materials reels, lines, etc.

The member may not buy it for himself but may have friends, children or grandchildren who would love to use it with you on a local or sierra trip.

For large items, we'd like to ask that you let us know about them but hold the item until close to the auction. We recently were told that 2 barely used kayaks were being offered and the donor graciously agreed to hold on them until the auction. Perfect!

For other stuff, please start bringing those items to club meetings so we can get them in our catalog and start advertising our wares.

Best, Auction Committee

## This Month's Meeting

### DEVIN OLSEN – TACTICAL FLY FISHING

Let's face it – we've all been out fished by someone who keeps catching fish while we struggle to get our first take. Frustrating as this can be, it can also be a valuable learning experience. What separates the consistently successful angler from the average is an attention to detail and keen observation of the river conditions. Some say it is better to be lucky than good, but this is not a view shared by professional poker players or tournament anglers. A few elite fly fishermen will pass through local competition to regional finals and into the US International team.



Some might win medals in this extremely competitive worldwide arena, where the USA is still fighting to keep up with teams from Poland, France and Bosnia. Our May presenter, USA team member and medal winner Devin Olsen, will show how competitive angling techniques can help the every day angler. His program "Tactical Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned From Competition For All Anglers" will discuss analysis of the water, fly selection and strategy that will help us on our local waters and prepare us for new destinations.

Devin Olsen started fly fishing in Yellowstone at age 9. Within a couple of years, it became an addiction he could not shake and he begged for rides to local streams until he could drive. He started competing at age 19 and made Fly Fishing Team USA in 2006 when he was 21 years old. He has competed in 10 consecutive World Fly Fishing Championships and in 2019 will compete in his 11<sup>th</sup> in Tasmania. He has earned a bronze individual medal and silver and bronze team medals from these championships and numerous medals from competitions in the United States.

Away from competitive fishing he holds a bachelor's degree in Ecology and a master's degree in Fisheries Science. He worked as a fisheries biologist for several years before starting his company Tactical Fly Fisher. He has produced two instructional films *Modern Nymphing: European Inspired Techniques* and *Modern Nymphing Elevated: Beyond the Basics* and authored the book [Tactical Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned from Competition for All Anglers](#).



Devin lives in Utah with his wife Julia, a four-year old son, Levi, whose favorite fish are bull trout, and a one-year old daughter who shows early signs of fly fishing virtuosity. Devin operates a web site that sells everything the everyday angler needs to raise his game to competition level.

<https://www.tacticalflyfisher.com/>

IN THE BALLROOM

## 2019 Meeting and Speaker Calendar

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
<b><u>MEETINGS</u></b>		
<b><u>WEDNESDAYS</u></b>		
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" (In the ballroom!)
6-12-19	Dave Hughes	"TBA"
7-10-19	Kelly Gallagher	"Intro to Flats Fishing"
8-14-19	Sam Sedillo	"Trout Unlimited: California Restoration Efforts and a Little Fishing on the Truckee"
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 17 & 23	Jess Ranch Lakes, Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 11-13	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 30	Santa Ana River Mouth	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
Mar 31 - Apr 3	San Juan River, New Mexico	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 6	Fishing In Town (FIT) Santa Ana River Mouth	Tom Niedzialek	714 738-5540
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

# Fishing in Town: Santa Ana River Mouth

Hi All,

Tom Niedzialek is going fishing on Monday, May 6th and anyone who wants to join him, please do. Contact Tom to let him know you're interested and for any more info.

Enjoy, Art

Fishing in Town (FIT) Announcement:

Mouth of Santa Ana River, Monday May 6th, 6:30am.

- When: Monday, May 6, 2019 6:30 AM – 10:30 AM
- Where: Santa Ana River mouth, Huntington State Beach corner of Magnolia and PCH. The main entrance may be closed for construction. If so, go south to Brookhurst and PCH.
- Where to meet: Southern parking lot, Huntington State Beach, (GPS: 33.632528, -117.960592) past the restrooms
- Rigs: 6-8 wt rod; floating line with sink tip or sinking lines; salt flies to imitate baitfish (e.g. clousers) and crabs. Waders are suggested, although both the air and water temperatures are warming up, it is not quite summertime conditions just yet.
- Transportation: cars can be parked within a few hundred yards of the river jetty. Drive south to the fence. Parking is \$15.
- If interested please respond by: May 3, 5pm
- Note: bring snacks and water
- Host: Tom Niedzialek, [leeniedzialek@icloud.com](mailto:leeniedzialek@icloud.com), 714-738-5540

# 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](mailto:bdmayer@hotmail.com), (562-619-9169).



# **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.

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](mailto: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.

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](mailto:larry.behm@cox.net) for information or to be put on the roster.



# FFCOC 2019 Outings to South Central Utah

John Williams, Streamkeeper

Loa Utah Trip 5 days September 16-20

Circleville Anglers 4 days September 23-26

Openings Still Available!



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 1<sup>st</sup> and \$530 is due on August 1<sup>st</sup> to cover the guide fees. The deposit is refundable up until August 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Trip Reports

### 2019 San Juan River Trip Report

Arriving on Sunday driving through a snow storm on the high mesa, I wondered what our week on the river would be like, but the weather quickly improved with warmer days and only one short rain shower. The usual suspects returned to Fishead's San Juan River Lodge - Janna and Terry Roznos, Tom Bristol, Paul Nakamura, Eric Kramer, and Brian Mayer. We were joined this year by first timers Bob Bess, Bob Theemling, Tom Sakai and Gary Haun.

Fishing on the San Juan River was challenging this year. The water was cloudy due to upstream dam maintenance and colder than normal which made fish sluggish; however, our expert guides were able to get us hooked up. With the change in water conditions, many different methods were used to find fish including the traditional small midges and red worms (size 18 to 22), rabbit and squirrel leeches, and stripped jigs.

We returned to Serious Texas BBQ in Bloomfield for dinner and had left over apple cobbler for next day's lunch stop on the river. A good time seemed to be had by all. Stream Keeper, Brian Mayer



Bob Theemling with a nice Rainbow in the Texas Hole.



A colorful Rainbow



Jana and Terry Roznos and Bob Bess waiting for the morning launch at Texas Hole



Paul, Tom Bristol and Eric (wearing his camouflage jacket)



Lunch Break Under watchful eye of "Sammy"



A Silver Bow for Tom Sakai!



Gary Haun Catching Fish in the Rain!

# Trip Report

## Recent Float Tube Outing At Jess Ranch Lakes

by Lyman Kennedy

### TROUT, BASS AND BLUEGILL

Tom Niedzialek ,George Gush and I did a day trip to Jess Ranch Lakes , hoping to get a few trout while float tubing at the lake there. The air temperature was 57 degrees when we got there and water temperature was 63 degrees, a little warm for trout. A couple of trout bit early with midging and stripping techniques, then nothing for awhile. Tom decided to try stripping streamer next to weeds and shoreline and got a bass and several bluegill. George and I decided to do the same thing and were pleasantly surprised with outcome. We got into some aggressive and feisty largemouth bass, mostly in 13 to 16 inch range but George got one at 19 inches. By end of day we got 22 bass, 5 trout and 2 bluegill. At 1:00, the air temperature was 86 degrees and water temperature was 65 degrees. The three of us thought the trip was well worth the drive even though it got pretty warm by end of day. Lyman Kennedy

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

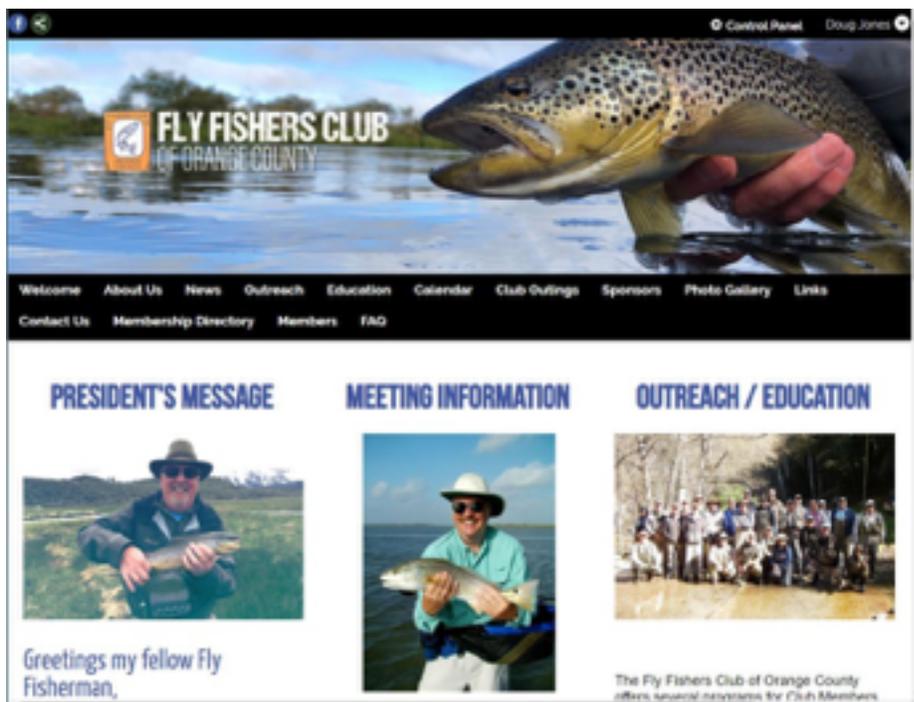


## Website News

### [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org)

The revamped website has been up and running for a few months and we are getting numerous complements regarding its look and content. Thanks to all who helped with the revamping and especially to the members that are visiting the site. There is more work to be done and it is being tackled by the Website Committee. Updating and upgrading will be an ongoing project. The next big deal associated with the website will be the development of the FFCOC App so the site can be easily accessed on your phones and tablets. The FFCOC App is scheduled to be available by mid-summer.

We are always looking for new content – especially **PHOTOS!**



Fishing photos are at the heart of what we do. They inspire other members to take new adventures and make our website appealing to other site visitors. You have probably seen the scrolling photos that appear at the top of the MEETING INFORMATION column on the WELCOME page. Getting tired of seeing our fearless president's picture twice on the Welcome page? You can help remedy this by submitting your favorite fishing pictures to Art Prangly at [President@FFCOC.org](mailto:President@FFCOC.org) and he will create a new set of photos that appear here.

A few Club Members have had problems with the web page like the inability to log on and difficulty renewing their membership on line. If you have any questions or problems please send a message to [websitemanager@FFCOC.org](mailto:websitemanager@FFCOC.org) and a member of the Website Committee will get back to you promptly. Also, please let us know if you have questions about or suggestions for the website.

# Fly Fishers International - Southwest Council



**FLY FISHERS**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**Southwest Council**

Presented by the Southwest Council, Fly Fisher  
October 05-06, 2019

## Fly Fishing FAIRE

**Glendale Civic Auditorium**  
Hours - Sat - 10-6, Sun 9-3

**Free Expert Presentations**  
Learn how & where to fish

Casting & Fly Tying Classes  
For all levels of experience

Top Fly Fishing Vendors  
With latest gear

Silent Auction & Raffles!

Introductory Fly Fishing Classes  
No Experience needed, All gear provided

Women's Fly Fishing Showcase  
& Outdoorwear Fashion Show

[WWW.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE](http://WWW.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE)  
Contact - [Specialprojects@swcffi.org](mailto:Specialprojects@swcffi.org) 1(818)601-9702

**Our Fly Fishing Faire**  
welcomes all anglers  
Beginner to expert

**Gear provided for**  
Introductory Classes

Free seminars on where and how to  
catch more fish

Watch renowned fly tyers  
Great deals on new merchandise from vendors  
Enjoy and collect artwork from artists

Classes in tying, casting and fishing!  
**Admission: \$15 for 2 days, \$20 for family**  
**Intro price for novices only \$5, including**  
casting and tying class.

Tasty food from L.A. Food Trucks

**Women's Programs** featuring  
Wendy Gunn of Lee Ferry Anglers and other  
expert Anglers

pre-event ticket sales opens  
August 11th, 6 AM [www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE](http://www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE)

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

**Casting for Recovery Events:**

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

## FFCOC's Annual Fall Casting Clinic and Picnic

**September 7 - Mile Square Park**

**This Casting Clinic, held at Mile Square Park, is an opportunity for friends and interested folks to learn about Fly Fishing and perhaps join FFCOC.**

The date has been set for our FFCOC Annual Casting Clinic; Saturday, September 7, at Mile Square Regional Park, Shelter #1. The Clinic begins at 8:00 AM. Please mark your calendars now!

This annual event is open to the public for those who have an interest, or are just starting out on their fly fishing journey. This is a great event and our way of introducing the Club to potential new members. Please reach out to friends and others who may want to give it a try. We've got the rods, so participants don't need to buy any equipment. There is no charge for the event, but there is a \$5 Parking Fee charged to enter the park. The event concludes with a BBQ lunch and allows us to connect further with the participants to fuel their enthusiasm in fly fishing, and of course in our Club. Anyone interested can now register at [CastingClinic@FFCOC.org](mailto:CastingClinic@FFCOC.org).

Second V.P. Terry Roznos will be the organizer of this year's event and will be looking for the Club member volunteers needed to make this a successful event. The Casting Operations will be orchestrated by our newest Club Life Member, outstanding instructor and Master Caster, Joe Libeu. The event planning has begun. Please be prepared to volunteer your talents when asked to do so to help make our Annual Casting Clinic a successful event! Thanks!!



## Casting in the Park Sessions for FFCOC Members

**FFCOC Members:  
Improve Your Casting Skills  
with FFCOC's  
"Casting in the Park"  
at Irvine Regional Park  
Planning for the next session is  
underway**



Image courtesy of, John Williams.

"Casting in the Park" is a series of casting classes for FFCOC members. Our plan is to hold a session approximately every three months.

We are in the planning stage for the 2019 version of "Casting in the Park". Stay tuned for more details in a future version of "On The Fly", FFCOC's Monthly Newsletter and/or at FFCOC meetings.

Contact Richard Fanning for the latest information:

(714 476-3027) [rkfanning@aol.com](mailto:rkfanning@aol.com)

# Fly Tying

## Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

A major predator amongst invertebrates lurks in moving waters and can be golden or black. When I show people who are new to fly fishing insects in the water I take along a two-way magnifying box. Using it you can see from the bottom or top and it has a waterproof chamber in between. In it I place mayfly nymphs, scuds, midge nymphs & one stonefly nymph. It is a horror show! The stonefly eats them all! It has a size advantage and is voracious.



<b>Hook:</b>	Firehole 811 size 4 Competition Barbless
<b>Thread:</b>	Veevus 240 Fluorescent Orange
<b>Eyes:</b>	1/8" Black Dumbbell Eyes
<b>Tails:</b>	Dark Brown Goose Biots
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Premade Abdomen, Steps To Follow
<b>Dubbing:</b>	Coarse Rabbit Fur Natural
<b>Legs:</b>	Medium Brown Round Rubber
<b>Thorax Cover:</b>	Mottled Turkey Feather backside coated with Dave's Flexament
<b>Cement:</b>	Gel Super Glue
<b>Needle:</b>	Needlepoint Needle (Purchase at Jo-Ann's or Michael's)

### *Tail Section:*

1. Place the needle in your vice level to the desk.
2. Tie in two dark brown goose biots near the tip.
3. Dub your thread with a long noodle of hares fur dubbing.
4. Make loose wraps of thread approximately 1 1/4" long on the needle away from the point.
5. Smear a moderate amount of Silicone on the thread base you just made and wrap your dubbed thread tapering from the point to the 1 1/4" point and make a quick whip finish on the hook where you just ended.
6. Quickly slide the tail section off the needle or you have a stuck tail section on your needle.

I make several of these and bend them slightly to curve and make a more realistic abdomen, Set these on a piece of waxed paper to dry.

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*Completing the fly:*

1. Slide the hook down into the cavity in the center of the abdomen and piercing outward approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  way down the abdomen. Place the hook in your vice. (I turn my vice head upside down to better let me create this fly.)
2. Push the abdomen toward the bend and smear some super glue on the shank of the hook under the abdomen and slightly forward of the mid point of the shank.
3. Start your thread just ahead of the abdomen and run the thread backward toward the bend trapping the abdomen and securing it with several wraps of thread.
4. Dub the area just ahead of the abdomen then place your legs on either side of the thorax as pictured.
5. Place a drop of super glue on the threads you just tied the legs in with on top of the thread not touching the legs.
6. Gather your turkey feather that you have previously coated the concave side with Dave's Flexament.
7. Split a section of the feather  $\frac{3}{16}$ " wide with your bodkin and cut it free from the feather.
8. Tie it in at the leg tie in point with the tapered end to the rear.
9. With your bodkin place it on the feather and fold it forward to form the anterior thorax cover and tie it down in the same place you did the legs.
10. Dub the section from the last dubbed area to just behind the eyes.
11. Place a drop of super glue on the back of the dubbing on top and fold the turkey feather back to form another thorax cover as before but forward of the first one and secure with a couple of wraps of thread.
12. Fold the remainder of turkey feather over and between the eyes and secure with a couple of wraps of thread.
13. Fold the remaining amount of turkey feather back over and between the eyes and secure with a couple of wraps of thread.
14. Trim off excess feather just behind the tie in point.
15. Smear  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of your thread with super glue and make a few wraps and then whip finish and cut your thread free.
16. Sit back and admire your work, this is not an easy one but when you have done a few they become much easier.

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.

### Board of Directors and Activity Leaders:

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