

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



**December 2019**

## President's Message

**By Art Prangley**

As we firmly slide into winter, well our kind of winter, let me offer my last message of the year.

It is my hope that you all had a chance to get out and fish, maybe explore some new places or visit your favorites, learn something new. For me, this year was Hot Creek Ranch, the Kern, and the local surf. Loved every minute of it. We listened to some great speakers this year and there are a few new places I'd like to try out. Next year...

December is the month we get to close out the year, thinking of family, friends and others as we celebrate. Melinda and John Burns will help again pull together our contributions to "Toys for Tots" so please bring a gift with you to the meeting. Also, at this month's meeting, we're asking you to bring some fish stories. See more in Larry's article about our topic and contest but it should be fun and informative.

You've voted in the new board for 2020 and I'm very pleased to be turning over the gavel to Denis. It's time to hear a new voice on this page. I'm confident we've got a great group to help lead the club forward. Thank you for all of the support you've given me from the members and the board these last two years. I've enjoyed the chance to be more involved.

So with that, I hope to see many of you at our next meeting.

Best wishes to you and your families for happy and healthy holidays. Warm regards and good fishing! Art

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### Next Club Meeting:

December 11, 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:

December 19 - 7:00 pm

Santiago Canyon College

Room 206

Club Members are Welcome

## **This Month's Meeting**

### **December 2019 - HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

#### **Tell Us Your Best Fishing Story**

The program for our December meeting is a chance for each of you to share your best fishing story. We encourage each of you to consider that one story you keep going back to in your mind. The story that never gets old. The reason you go back to the water next time as excited as you were on your birthday as a kid.

Bring what you want for props to aid in the storytelling, we will NOT have the projector. We will limit each story to 5 minutes.

At the end of the evening, the club will vote on the best story they heard. The chosen storyteller will receive bragging rights and a prize. All of the club members will take away new perspectives on the joy of fishing and fodder for their next whopper!



## 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	"Wet Flies and How to Fish Them"
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	"Mastering the Dry Fly"
12-11-19	HOLIDAY PROGRAM	

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## 2020 Meeting and Speaker Calendar

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
<u>MEETINGS</u>		
<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>		
January	Pat Jaeger	"Keeping it Simple"
February	James Garrettson	"Reading a River and Taos Area"
March	Eric Kramer	"Kamchatka and Argentina - Out There!"
April	Buhler Brothers	"Streamer Fishing for Big Fish in So Calif"
May	Chris King	"Fishing the Pit, McCloud & Lower Sacramento"
June	Jimmy Cheers	"Big Browns on the South Holston"
July	Chris Leonard	"The Magnificent Eastern Sierra"
August		CLUB PICNIC
September		ANNUAL FUND RAISING AUCTION
October	Maury Hatch	"Fishing the California Delta"
November	Gry Bulla	"Fishing the Amazon"
December		HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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## Announcements

### Whistle if you fish!

**Do you carry a whistle when you go fishing? The club has made a bulk purchase of Fox40 safety whistles and is selling them at cost for \$5 each. These retail for around \$10.**

**Why carry a whistle? If you slip on the stream and twist your ankle, can your fishing buddy hear you yell over the sound of the rushing stream? If your float tube begins to leak and you need assistance, can a passing boater hear you over the engine? These whistles can be heard over a mile away and work in all types of weather or conditions.**

**We will have the whistles at the registration desk during our monthly meetings. Please see Brian if you want to buy one or two – and fish safer!**



## Trip Reports

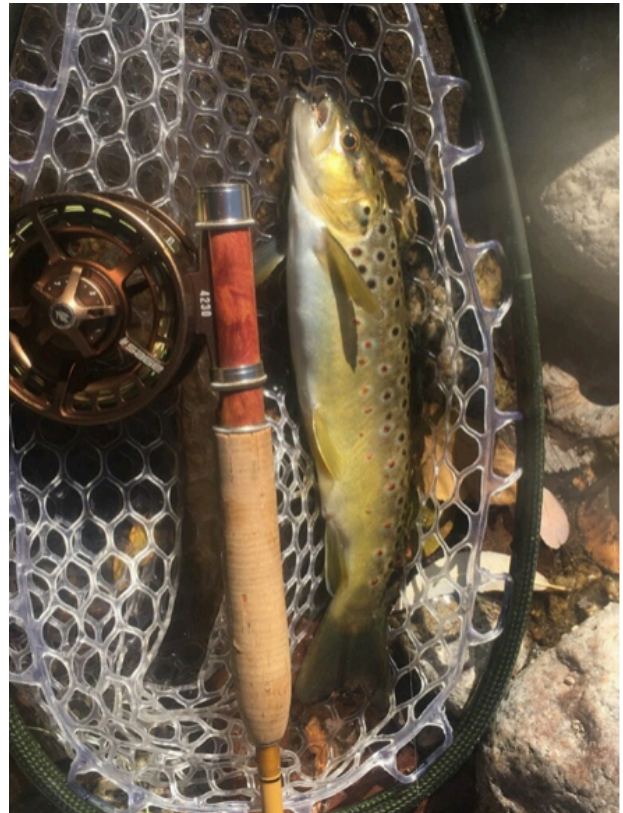
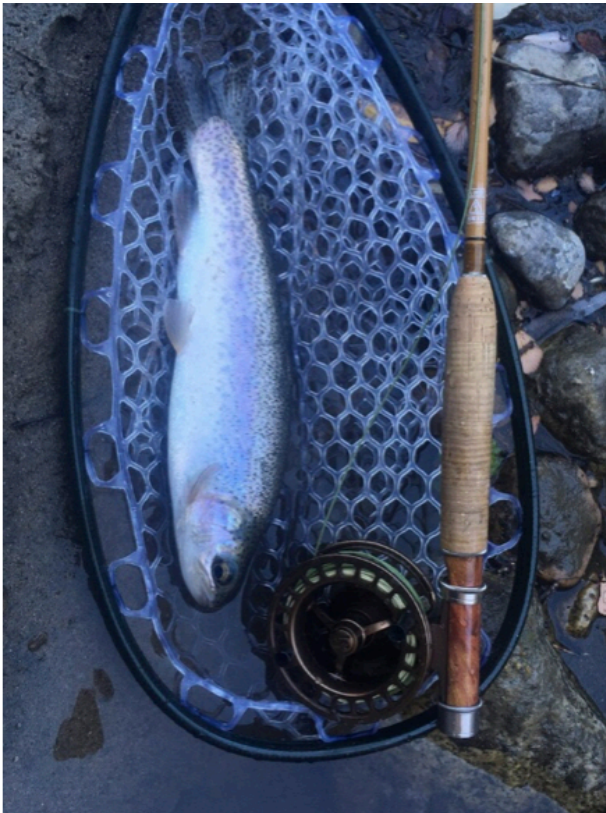
### Big Bear Marathon Trout FIT (Fishing in Town)

On November 9th Young Kwon led a viewing of the Big Bear marathon, and a trip to the Santa Ana River with four other Club members. We had an early start but came up against the marathon just short of the Mill Creek Visitor Center on Route 38 and spent over an hour waiting for the traffic control truck. After traffic control led a one-lane pack of cars uphill we made an early exit off 38 onto the dirt road leading to the water and then made good time to the river.

The flow was low but there were some surprisingly large fish in selected spots and most of the team caught fish, both rainbows and browns. Weather was fantastic for early November, sunny and warm but not uncomfortable. There were boot prints around the stream but we saw no one else fishing. A number of hunters were in the area though and at least one had a deer.

An excellent Saturday and a Thank You to Young for leading the trip!

Van Lloyd, reporting!



## 2020 Outings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Feb 8-9	On the Water Training Lower Owens	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
Feb tbd	Jess Ranch Lakes Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 16-18	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Eric Kramer	805 984-7202
Apr 1-3	San Juan River, New Mexico	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
April 4-5	Buckley Ponds, Bishop, CA	Tom Niedzialek	714 738-5540
April 19-24	Green River	Tom Sakai	714 357-1199
Jun 5-7	Fish Creek, CA	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 10-13	Hot Creek Ranch, CA	John Williams	951-236-0862
July 17-20	Cottonwood Lakes Backpacking	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
Sept 21-25	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 28 - Oct 3	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 30-Oct 2	Bridgeport, CA	Paul Nakamura	310-915-0124
October	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Dennis Higginson	714 544-9908
November	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Jim Wright	714 679-6638

Note: the above is an initial draft. Dates may change and outings may be removed or added. Contact the streamkeeper for the latest information.

# **Free Fly Fishing Classes and On The River Training**

## ***Sign up NOW!***

The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is offering free fly fishing classes and on the river training for its members in January and February 2020. This program is a continuation of the FFCOC's On The River Classes and Clinic training that has been a great successes providing club members introductory classroom and on the river training. Joe Libeu, a FFI Certified Master Caster Instructor, professional guide, developer and instructor for Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens river, and member of our Club will provide six hours of classroom training and two days of on the river training to participants. Numerous experienced Club members will assist by Joe providing hands assistance during the on the river clinics.

### **Save the dates:**

#### **Classroom Training – Santiago Canyon College - Orange CA**

- **Saturday January 25 - 8:30am -12:30pm**
- **Saturday February 1 - 8:30am -12:30pm**

#### **On The River Clinic – Lower Owens River**

- **Saturday February 8 – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**
- **Sunday February 9 - 8:00 am to noon**



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The program includes everything needed to plan/prepare for and experience a successful fly fishing trip. Classroom training will be held in on the Santiago Canyon College campus in Orange where subjects will include: equipment, insects including their life cycles and how flies imitate them, how trout behave, clues as to what fish eat, stream care and etiquette, reading the water, rigging and much more. The On The River Clinic will be held on the Lower Owens River near Bishop. Many of the items discussed in the classroom setting are covered in the field. In addition, the On The River Clinic will include: reading the stream, insects including in-stream entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The second day on the river includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

The training is focused on helping new club members learn the basics of fly fishing and is in follow up to our annual *Casting Clinic* held in September. Participation in the On The River Classes and Clinic is limited. New club members that signed up last September after the *Casting Clinic* will be given preference. All club members are welcome if we can accommodate them.

Joe Libeu is conducting the On The River Classes and Clinic and Doug Jones is helping him with the logistics. If you would like more information about this program you can contact Joe Libeu at [fishlqf@ix.netcom.com](mailto:fishlqf@ix.netcom.com) or (310) 749-6771, or Doug Jones at [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com) or (714) 697-2222.

Remember, the On The River Classes and Clinic program is only open to FFCOC members. If you are not a club member you can join at our web site [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org) or contact Vern Martin, the Club's Membership Chair at [vmartin8591@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vmartin8591@sbcglobal.net).

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are an accomplished fly fisher and know the Lower Owens River, you would be a great candidate to work with Joe and provide instruction at the On The River Classes and Clinic program. Please contact Doug Jones if you can help. We will need 6 to 8 members to help with the training.

## **SIGN UP NOW**



## FFCOC 2020 Outings to South Central Utah



Deposit \$200 **Non Refundable** to hold your spot forwarded to the guide.

Maximum of 6 guests per each trip. The following does not include transportation to/from Utah, fishing gear, lodging and/or meals. Guides provide transportation to/from fishing venues and the fly shop. Contact John Williams to sign up.

### [Trip-1: September 21-25, 2020](#)

**Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa Utah - Two fisher persons per guide.**

\$1,000 total per person for 5 days guided fishing (\$200 per day per person.)

#### **Current Participants:**

- 1 John Williams
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

### [Trip-2: September 28-October 2, 2020](#)

**Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa Utah - Two fisher persons per guide.**

\$1,000 total per person for 5 days guided fishing (\$200 per day per person.)

#### **Current Participants:**

- 1 John Williams
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
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(A five-day stay no shorter determined the prices above.)

## 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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Art Prangley

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