

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



June 2020

President's Message

by Denis Higginson

I was pleased to see such a good turnout for our historic first ever virtual meeting. I guess you all didn't have a lot going for you on Wednesday evening.

There is a 99.999 percent will be doing it again for the June meeting. So please mark your calendars that you will be busy that night. I hope to be seen and heard for the next one. It seems I continue to have problems with computer technology and I can't bring my grandson in to fix my problem.

Like all of us I want to go fishing. Like many of you I have tied several hundred flies from tiny to big. I want to put them to use. Cabin fever has its cold clammy finger around my throat and in my brain. I need relief.

Governor Newsom, let me out of the house and let my people go fishing.

Be safe and well,

Denis

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Next Club Meeting:

June 10 via ZOOM

Info being sent via e-mail

Next Board Meeting:

June 18 - 7:00 pm

Probably via ZOOM

FFCOC is Taking Steps to Protect Club Members from COVID-19

Monthly Club Meetings - We will resume regular monthly Club Meetings when government agencies advise us that social distancing and stay at home recommendations are no longer necessary in our area for the general public as well as people in high-risk categories due to age considerations.

Club Outings – All Club Outings and similar activities like training and workshops will be cancelled or delayed until government agencies advise us that social distancing and stay at home recommendations are no longer necessary in our area for the general public as well as people in high-risk categories due to age considerations. In addition, government recommendations at the locations of activities outside of our local will be considered.

Club Communications – It is important to the Board that any concerns or questions that you may have relating to Club functions are addressed. Please reach out to any of our Board members if you have questions or concerns. We will update Club Members via email, the newsletter and the website of any changes in our planned activities.

Alternative Fly Fishing Activities – A lot of us have time available due to social distancing and stay at home recommendations. This is a great time to work on fly tying, practice casting, if you have a safe place to do so, and, most importantly, go through your fly fishing supplies and look for items you would like to contribute to this year's annual auction.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our monthly meetings and other Club functions as soon as we get the green light from the various government agencies. Meanwhile, please be careful and stay healthy.

Deins Higginson
FFCOC President

Auction Corner



We continue to experience dynamic, challenging and unprecedented times. Normally we would have sent out the letters to our vendor sponsors requesting donation of services, discounts, or gear for this year's Auction. But, these are not normal times. You can see in the photo that the stack of letters and envelopes were prepared; ready to mail. These letters did not go out as written, as many businesses continue to be in survival mode; especially businesses related to travel and tourism (our beloved fly fishing industry). It was generally felt by our Board, asking our valued sponsors for donations would be inappropriate at this time. If you have not visited the Sponsors Page on our Club Website, please make an opportunity to do so. Please visit their websites and support them, as they have supported this Club!

As of this date, we still plan to hold our Annual Club Auction event on September 9. Because of the uncertainty of vendor participation, your donations to the Auction are that more important this year! We all have extra stuff that we no longer use. Give your unused gear a new life with a donation to the Auction! Your donations do not have to be fly fishing specific items. Gifts of outdoor, household, entertainment items (etc...) are all welcome. Do you have personal or business contacts that may offer a donation of gift items? Lastly, the gift of cash is always an option for the membership; although not emphasized in previous years, may be an important component of 2020. The Auction is our biggest fundraiser and allows the Club to execute it's mission; the enhancement of fly fishing through conservation, education, and fellowship. As the FFCOC is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization, your donations may be tax deductible.

Please let your Auction Team know if you have planned donations for the auction. The detailed specifics of your donation are not required, general description is fine. This will allow your Auction Team to plan incoming donations. Please use the email address below to communicate your planned auction donations.

Your Auction Team is also now ready to receive your donations. Your Chief Auction Stevedore, Jim Edwards, reminds us all to please include a note with your donation(s) that includes your name and the item(s) being donated. Allows us to keep our records and Auction Catalog accurate! You may bring your donations to our next TBD meeting(s), or curbside pickup is available for your convenience. Please arrange your pickup with Jim at (714) 541-8433, and leave a message on the machine.

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(Auction Corner - Continued:)

Once again we thank you for your input and participation in the 2020 Club Auction process ; with the gift of new or used gear and merchandise, cash donation, and \$\$\$ spent on Auction night!

We are looking forward to our return to normalcy, and the return to the sport we love! May you and your families stay healthy and safe.

Terry Roznos
2020 Auction Coordinator
Auction@FFCOC.org

Membership

Please welcome our newest members!

Donna Bloom-Crook - Family

Jack Lino - Regular

Ian Harvey - Regular

Dale Fairchild - Regular

Robert Carrasco - Regular

Membership Renewal Reminder:

We just wanted to remind those who have not renewed the membership for 2020 your 2019 membership has expired on 12/31/19. We are currently working on the new 2020 Club Directory and would like to include you in it. You can renew online or bring your renewal form in at the next meeting. The cut off to make the 2020 Club Directory is 2/29/2020. Our goal for membership is 175 membership. We are currently at 84 paid memberships with approximately 106 memberships from 2019 that need to be renewed. If we can get everyone to renew, we will meet our goal.

As you can see from the previous announcement, we are doing well with bringing in new memberships due to the On the Water Clinic Classes.

FFCOC Membership Drive and Participation Raffle 2020

Rules for Membership Drive and Participation Raffle

You will receive a raffle ticket based on how you participate in our club's activities.

- 1. One ticket for each General Membership Meeting you attend.**
- 2. Five tickets if you participate in an Outing**
- 3. Ten Tickets if you offer to be a New Stream-Keeper this year. (If you are already one. this does not apply to you).**
- 4. Ten Tickets if you participate in planning or volunteering at any club event. (This does not apply to BOD Members.)**
- 5. Five tickets if you participate in any classes offered by the club.**
- 6. Ten tickets if you volunteer in any SWCFFI Sanctioned event.**
- 7. Twenty tickets if you join the BOD for 2021**
- 8. Twenty tickets if you recruit any new club member.**
- 9. Ten tickets if you recruit a past club member that has not been a member for 3 years.**
- 10. Five tickets every time you greet a visitor or new member. (I will give them a note paper and pen to keep track who welcomes them. And it must be more than just HI, I am "SO and SO". Find out a little about them.**

I think that covers just about everything you can participate in.

Prizes will be awarded at the December 2020 meeting.

Melinda Burns

Club Meetings

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
<u>MEETINGS</u>		
<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>		
January 8	Pat Jaeger	"Keeping it Simple"
February 12	James Garrettson	"Reading a River and Taos Area"
March 11	Eric Kramer	"Kamchatka and Argentina - Out There!"
April 8	Cancelled	
May 13	Chis King (via ZOOM)	"Fishing the Pit, McCloud & Lower Sacramento"
June 10	Jimmy Cheers (via ZOOM)	"Big Browns on the South Holston"
July 8	Chris Leonard	"The Magnificent Eastern Sierra"
August 15		CLUB PICNIC
September 9		ANNUAL FUND RAISING AUCTION
October 14	Maury Hatch	"Fishing the California Delta"
November 11	Gary Bulla	"Fishing the Amazon"
December 9	John Williams	"Adventure North"

NOTES: 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.
 Board Meetings are held at Santiago Canyon College, Room 206.

This Month's Meeting

"THE TROPHY BROWN TROUT OF THE SOUTH HOLSTON"

by Jimmy Cheers

Our June program, *Southern Tailwaters and Tactics*, takes us to waters never covered by the California speaker circuit. If you think of the South as “bass only” territory, you will be pleasantly surprised to find trophy brown trout in the country music state. Located in North Eastern Tennessee, The SoHo (as the locals call it) is the best kept secret not just East of the Mississippi, but the whole world. With summer hatches as thick as a snowstorm, wild browns rise to size 20 dry flies. These trophy fish will also chase streamers. We will be in good hands with our guide for the evening, Jimmy Cheers.

Jimmy is a native of the Southern Appalachian Mountains where he developed an early passion for fly fishing. He grew up spending foggy mornings wading the South Holston River with his father, followed by afternoons in a drift boat chasing mayfly hatches with his grandfather.



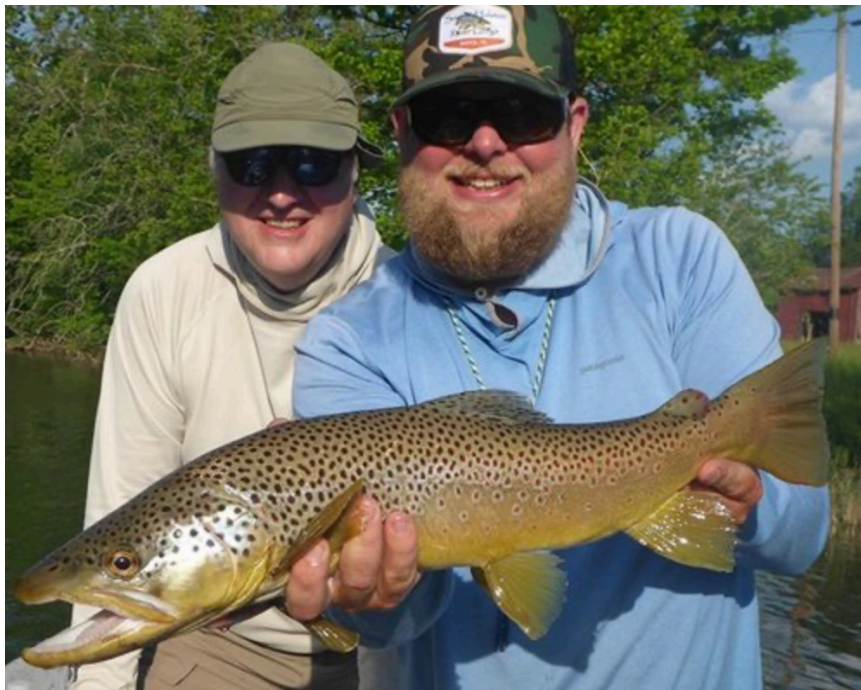
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Jimmy began his guiding career during college, reeling in trout from the mountain streams of central Virginia and landing Small Mouth Bass on the James River. After graduation, Jimmy accepted a position with the Orvis Company as an outfitter and then transitioned into the repair programs working with customers, dealers, and endorsed partners across the globe.

In 2015, Jimmy returned to his home in Bristol, TN to begin sharing the waters he cherished and a sport he had made a life around by becoming a full-time fly-fishing guide in Tennessee.

Jimmy now guides out of Mountain Sports Ltd, which his family founded in 1981. In addition to fly fishing, Jimmy is an avid dog trainer and wing shooter. When he is not on the water, he can surely be found with his two Yellow Labradors- Beau and Cash. Jimmy has a lifetime of experience on the waters around Bristol, particularly the SoHo. He is a third generation Cheers that has spent a good majority of his time floating the South Holston and Watauga searching for wild browns and big rainbows. In other words, Jimmy grew up on the local waters and he knows the river better than most of the big brown trout living in the SoHo! (276)-494-1929

For more info visit: <https://mtnsportsltd.com/flyfishing>



2020 Outings and Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Feb 8-9	On the River Trainning Lower Owens	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
Feb 22	Jess Ranch Lakes Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 16-18	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Eric Kramer	805 984-7202
Mar 21&28	Thin Blue Line Class	Larry Behm	949 235-4466
April 4-5	Buckley Ponds, Bishop, CA	Tom Niedzialek	714 738-5540
April 19-24	Green River Cancelled	Tom Sakai	714 357-1199
Jun 5-7	Fish Creek, CA Cancelled	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
Aug 2-5	San Juan River, New Mexico Revised Date	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
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
Oct 16-18	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Dennis Higginson	714 544-9908
Nov 10-12	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Jim Wright	714 679-6638

NOTE

Note: Dates may change and outings may be removed or added. Contact the streamkeeper for the latest information.

REVISED DATE!

San Juan River, NM Outing August 2 to 5, 2020

We have been able reschedule our San Juan River outing for the first week of August 2020 depending on the status of travel and opening of the fishing waters 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.

Please contact Brian Mayer, bdmayer@hotmail.com, (562) 619-9169 to make arrangements.

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.

Plan to arrive by Sunday, August 2. The general plan is to fish with guides Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 3 to 5. 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.

There is a charity fishing tournament that begins on the evening of Thursday, August 6. As I have been told, it is quite a busy time and is very chaotic. This is why we are leaving on the morning of August 6.

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.



Trip Reports

Photos from Saltwater Fishing Trip with Eric Kramer

May 11: Richard:

What the heck is in this photo from Eric Kramer?

My guess: Eric was fishing somewhere off shore from his boat and this Octopus (or is it "THE BLOB"?) got tangled in his tackle. Once caught Eric felt sorry for it and decided to feed it goldfish.

Eric survived. However there is no information about the fate of the Octopuss or the goldfish.

Fine Print: Your editor took some liberties in explaining the photo given he had no other information to go on at the time of writing this BS.

May 13: Update from Eric:

On Friday May 8th I took Brian Mayer and Art Prangly out Rockcod fishing on the trip that they won at the last Auction. We fished Harrison's Reef off Pt. Magu. It was excellent. We had limits of Red Snapper by 11AM. The surprise catch of the day was Brian's 50-60 pound Octopus which was photographed and gently released.



See More Photos on the next page

More Photos of Saltwater trip with Eric Kramer



Trip Reports Recommendations

Trip reports are an important way to provide useful information to club members. These reports help others choose fishing destinations, arrive prepared, and catch some fish. Each trip might be different but here are some suggested contents:

Trip rating (1 to 5 stars, 5 highest)

When: Date of trip

Who: Organized the trip and who participated

Location: State, Nearest City/Town, Specific Location etc.

Lodging: Where did you stay and would you recommend this to others?

Meals: Where did you eat and would you recommend this to others?

Weather: Conditions encountered and related recommendations (gear, clothing, etc.)

Photos are a great way to communicate!

Any unusual events, mishaps or sightings?

Waters fished, Lake, River, Stream, etc.

Water conditions

Most productive locations fished

Recommendations:

Guide Service

Individual Guides

Gear used, any special gear needed

Flies

Best time of year

Notable sightseeing

Other notes and/or recommendations

(Note: if you have suggestions about how to improve this list, please let me know.)

Richard Fanning

A Pandemic?
What Else Is There To Do But Go Sailing!



The back story: It took twelve bottles of wine to build this fleet.

What pandemic?

Well, you gotta have something to do!

And, you gotta have something to put in the Newsletter!

Richard

Loa Utah Outings, 2020

John Williams, Streamkeeper



Deposit \$200 **Non Refundable** to hold your spot forwarded to the guide.
Max number of guests per trip 6

***September 21-25, 2020 Loa, Utah**

Quiet Fly Fisher

Two Openings Available

***September 28-October 2, 2020 Loa, Utah**

Quiet Fly Fisher

One Openings Available

Announcements



Our APP Is Here!



The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County's APP for your mobile device is now available! The APP is available for Apple and Android phones and tablets. The APP is only available to Club Members and there is no charge to Members. You will need your log-in credentials for the website to log into the app. Use "Fly Fishers Club of OC" to search for the APP; you will not find it under FFCOC. Doug Jones will be available at the March 11th Club Meeting to answer questions you may have about the APP so bring your phone or tablet to the meeting.

Here are a few highlights of the APP:

- All user information available on our webpage is available on the APP. Just touch the globe icon in upper menu bar and you will see the same menu items you see on the webpage (we will be changing the font to make it easier to read).
- Your member profile is available on the upper menu bar.
- You can select different channels on using the "Channels" icon on the lower menu bar. You should use "All Active Members" as your default choice. If you choose "Member Opt In" or other channels you will be limited to others who have opted in when you use certain features such as the Directory.
- You can use the "Meets" and "Chat" icons on the lower menu bar to connect with others who have opted in to the same channel you are using. We are looking into more training information on how to use these features.
- You no longer need to carry around a copy of the Club's Directory in your hip pocket when you are fishing! The Club Directory is available on the lower menu bar of the APP (if you have cellular coverage). A great feature is that once you find the number you want to call you can touch it to initiate a call.
- The "Events" icon connects you with the Club Calendar.

The APP needs a few tweaks but we are launching it now. Please get in touch with Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Reminder:

The Peter Koga award is available for nominations this year.



As announced last August, we have created a special award, in honor of Peter Koga, that recognizes a club member's contribution and involvement that evokes the spirit and commitment that Peter had shown. The board has created this award, starting in 2020, to recognize outstanding efforts that a current member makes to contribute to our club's success.

We have posted a [Peter Koga Award-Nomination Form](#) on our website: You can find under the "About Us" Tab, under "Awards"

Please print the form, fill it out and give to any member of the nominating committee.

Nominating committee: Art Prangley, Denis Higginson, John Williams, Jimmy Edwards, Dan Iwata

Peter Koga Biography:

Peter was a true ambassador to the Club and to sports fishing. A certified Federation of Fly Fisher caster, he was an expert in both saltwater and freshwater. He was a pioneer in introducing Spey casting to Southern California and his fly tying skills and speaking engagements were well received nationwide. He performed his tying skills as an invited guest at Fly Fishing Shows throughout the Pacific Southwest, Colorado and New Jersey.

Peter served the Club as a Board Member at Large in the 80's and as its President in 1993. Through Peter's leadership, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Club's current 501c(3) Non Profit status. He helped implement the Club's Trout in the Classroom Program which has reached thousands of students as part of the County of Orange Outdoor Education Curriculum. Peter was a key member of the committee that worked with Bill Blackstone to create and fund The Bill Blackstone Foundation and was instrumental in developing the relationship with Humboldt State to create a scholarship opportunity for future students. Many will also remember Peter's involvement and attendance at various outings and activities for the club.

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The Peter Koga Award:

This award will be given to an individual that demonstrates a level of commitment and contribution to our club, reminiscent of Peter, maybe over years and in different ways.

Criteria for selection include:

- A record of leading activity in multiple club projects**
- Notable supporter and advocate of the club and the sport of fly fishing**
- Demonstrated willingness to aid and get involved when needed**
- Current club member**

Nominations will be made by a current member, with 2 additional sponsors, to the award committee. The committee will accept nominations until **November 1st of 2020.**

The award will be presented at the January club meeting and will include a Certificate and a Fly Fishing Reel engraved with “FFCOC Peter Koga Award**”.**

Our club recognizes multi-year outstanding contribution through our Lifetime Membership and the Lifetime Membership Award is our highest recognition. The Peter Koga award is an additional award meant to recognize individuals that make a difference in many ways, maybe over years, but with a level of enthusiasm and participation that is broadly recognized in supporting and advancing our club.

CONTINUING EDUCATION Fishing Opportunities and Skills Development



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One of our club's principle missions is to encourage people to go out and fly fish. A big part of that is to have the programs and opportunities to build skills across our membership, especially to those just getting started.

Joe Libeu, life member of our club and a Federation of Fly Fishers Master Casting Instructor and all around tireless ambassador for fly fishing, made a suggestion at our recent Board of Director's Meeting. His proposal was to create more of a structure around mentor outings, skills workshops, casting, fishing different types of waters, and such. It's still in the formative stages but the idea won over the Board pretty quickly.

Places like the Owens River, San Joaquin, stillwaters and spring creeks were ideas for possible outings. What would make these outings different than our normal club outings is that we would limit the number of participants seeking mentoring (first come, first serve on-line registration) and have mentors join for the first half day and then the mentors would go out and fish on their own.

For skills building, we are thinking of creating more opportunities for casting workshops including sessions on intermediate, double-haul, fishing casts and sinking lines casting.

Mentors and instructors will be a critical component of the program's success. We have a list of club instructors for our Casting In The Park sessions and would welcome others to join, but we will also need outing mentors. Let me know if you would like to be a part of the mentor corps (artp@sbcglobal.net).

More information to follow and your feedback will help flush this out details of the Continuing Education Program over the coming months. Please let us know what you think.

We are going to announce our first mentor offering in a separate email for a March 20-22 trip to the Lower Owens. Stay tuned. Registration is not open yet but details will follow shortly.

Best regards,

Art Prangley

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

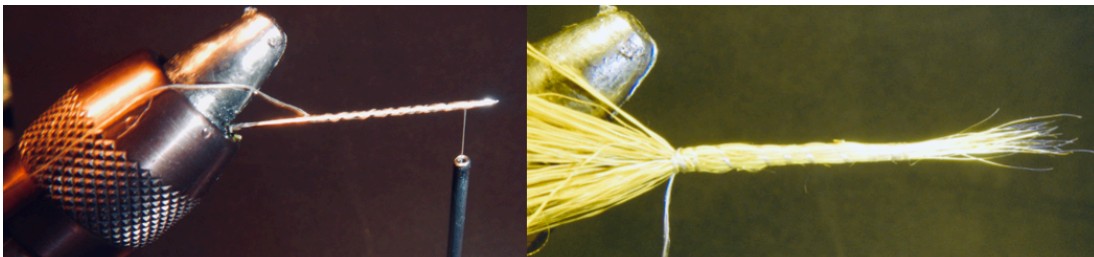


If you ever catch a Green Drake Hatch (the largest) you are in for a treat. The flies are large and the fish devour them and your flies are big enough you don't have to strain your eyes. The female can reach 25mm and male's 20mm. don't leave home without this fly if the area you are headed has these super sized meals.

Willies Green Drake



Hook:	Firehole 315 #12 Competition
Thread:	UTC 140 Tan or Green
Abdomen/Tail:	Green Dyed Deer Hair Directions pictured and explained below
Abdomen Binder:	UV Cure Thin
Thorax:	Dark Olive Dry Fly Dubbing
Wing:	Light Tan Antron Yarn
Legs:	Grizzly Hackle Dyed Olive
Super Glue:	Both Brush on and Gel Formula



Left: Needle placed in vice with thread Right: Deer hair tied down on needle

Abdomen construction: Place Needle in vice securely. Start thread near the point and wrap loosely to the rear and back to the point. Cut a small clump of deer hair and clean of under fur and stack it. Place the clump with the tips extending just beyond the point and secure with thread from the point to the rear of the needle and whip finish at the butt.

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Trim your thread long. Coat the abdomen with a slight smear all around of thin UV fly finish and cure with a UV light, set it aside for later and make several a sitting.

Cut two pieces of Antron yarn long enough to center the tie in three to four eye spaces back from the eye and tie in with several wraps of thread,

Place the hook in the vice. Smear a slight amount of superglue on the shank of the hook and run the thread from the eye to into the bend. Place your tail section onto the thread base with superglue and secure with several wraps of thread, wrap horizontally around the base of the wing post and leave your thread to the far side. Dub the thorax region from the base of the abdomen to in front of the post. Select a single hackle feather and strip off the base webby of the feather leaving the stem showing. Cut the stem and leave a short stub to tie in with the shiny side of the feather on top. Place a dab of gel super glue at the base of the post. Make several wraps of the hackle to form the legs and now make a couple of securing wraps of thread around the based of the post horizontally and then put the thread to the eye and make a few whip finishes to secure. No need to head cement the super glue has done that. Cut the post length to your liking. I cut mine so the post doesn't hit the top of my fly box.

I wish you all well during this long home stay.
All the best,

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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