

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



July 2020

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Meetings:

Monthly Club Meetings:

The 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

See the list of Meeting Dates and
Speakers on page 2.

Note: During this time of the Corona
Virus meetings may be held
virtually via ZOOM. Check your e-
mail for notification and usage
instructions.

Website: www.ffcoc.org

Note: Based on comments I've received from a couple of members, I have re-structured this newsletter a little in the hope it makes it easier to find information you are looking for. Your comments are welcome. (rkfanning@aol.com)0

President's Message

by Denis Higginson

We are past June and basically no one has gone fishing. As of the last meeting I have heard that the hotels and motels and restaurants are starting to open in the Sierras. So, you went to that dusty corner to find the gear pile sorted through and saw a few old reels, rods and other items such as clothing (due to pandemic don't fit as well as they use to) also worn down wading boots. To make room for your new and reduce your thinking of. Should I take those on this trip? That means a second or third bag on the flight and extra baggage \$\$\$ both ways on the trip. The answer is to donate that old but usable to "Who loves you baby" your friend the FFCOC.

Get off the couch grab the phone and make a reservation to go fishing. it is way past the time to wet a line!

I want to thank all of you that tried to join the June meeting. Through no fault of ours it was work and I am sure many of you could not get into the meeting. I was one of those who didn't participate fully. I saw and heard the meeting but was not seen or heard. We will keep working on it as it seems that there will be more.

Wear your mask, stay healthy and safe.

Tight lines and all the other clichés.

Denis

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.

Denis Higginson
FFCOC President

Membership

Membership Report by Melinda Burns:

Please help welcome the following new members:

**Jeffrey Cook,
Joseph Coyle
Kiernan Mc Gowan**

The 2020 Club Directory will be mailed out to all members by the end of the month. If you do not receive yours in the mail, please notify me so I can provide you with a replacement.

Don't forget, about our Membership Drive and Participation Raffle 2020:

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.**

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Club Picnic Update:

Due to the status of Covid-19 and it's lingering effects on us, I will be placing a hold on the club picnic that was scheduled for August. If our situation gets upgraded and there is time, I will continue to plan the club picnic.

TIC Program (Trout in the Classroom):

For those of you involved with TIC or are interested in participating in the 2020/2021 TIC program, training will be held virtually. The Dept for Fish and Wildlife is working with many of the clubs including ours to determine the best way to get new teachers trained. I will update you with the training schedule as soon as I receive a copy of it. If you want to find out how you can participate in the program or have questions on what this is, please email me and I will give you a call or email you information. This is a fun way to give back to our community.

FFCOC - Auction Corner

Just the facts:

When: Wednesday, September 9th

Where: Either the Phoenix Club or in Cyberspace - Stay tuned

Membership Actions:

Donate, donate, donate: We need your gently used fly fishing equipment, accessories, do-dads. Jim Edwards can arrange to pick it up (714 541-8433-leave a message). If after July 10th, call Art Prangley (714-270-7090).

Donate, donate, donate: We need special donations for our “live auction”. Event tickets, gift certificates, rentals, special gifts, new fly fishing gear, etc. Please let Art know if you plan to donate so we can make sure it ends up in the catalog. Art can be reached at artp@sbcglobal.net.

Put September 9th in your calendar, in ink. Even if we have it online, we’ll make it fun and active.

At the end of the day, this is our fundraising engine. All participation is welcomed.

More about the FFCOC auction on the following pages.

Auctions in the time of COVID-19

Fellow FFCOC members,

Your 2020 FFCOC Auction Committee still plans on holding our annual fund raising auction in September. We just don't know what form it will take or how it will look.

The following is some of the thinking that is going on and a special request to our members.

In our clubs' annual budget, we target the amount of revenue needed from our annual auction to fund the year's programs, expenses and donations so that the club has sufficient funds in the budget to cover their annual expenses and break even every year as a 501-(C)3 non-profit. In the past few years we've had a string of successful auctions and that has allowed the club to expand their activities, increasing a scholarship fund and increasing charitable donations. Now, Covid-19 has thrown a monkey wrench into the mix.

Normally at this point in the year we would have started soliciting donations from our auction sponsors, such as guides, lodge owners, fly shops, manufacturers and others. The board made the decision a couple months back to not ask for donations this year because most of our sponsors are small businesses and they have seen their business take a huge financial hit. Instead, we sent letters of support to past sponsors and wished them the best and offered to highlight their business as a way to help them out. We got some nice notes back and hopefully generated some good will. Unfortunately for our auction, that means that we will not have many (if any) of the 2 for 1 and special deals we've had in our past auctions. The generosity of these small business donations generated excitement and visibility into some new fishing locales. They also contributed to the overall success of past auctions.

So, with that shortfall in mind, where are we, now?

Brian Mayer, our trusty treasurer, has done some modeling of expenses as the year has unfolded. We will need to raise about 70% of our expected auction revenue to break even without digging into our reserves in order to fund our scholarship and remaining activities. We think we can raise the needed revenue with the support of our membership.

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Here's what we'll need:

- 1 Donations of equipment and accessories for the silent auction. This gently used gear would be of great value and interest to other club members as they develop their fly fishing skills. Jim Edwards will arrange pick up. Call him at 714 541-8433.**
- 2 Member donations for our "live auction." These are typically special items or an offering that will generate active bidding. These have included special dinners, days out on the water, new equipment, tickets to an event, custom flies, rods, nets, artwork and such.**
- 3 Active participation on auction night! The FFCOC has a fantastic membership that truly cares for the good work we do to support our passions and concerns we have for the natural environment and our fisheries. Bid on items, buy something in the silent auction, donate cash if you desire. All participation welcomed.**

Together, we'll figure out how to make this auction a success so we may continue with our good work in this uncharted COVID-19 environment. We will look back on this effort and take great pride in what we accomplished. If you have any fundraising ideas, please share them with us. They would be really appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. All questions are welcome. Please stay safe and healthy.

Regards, Art Prangle

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 (via ZOOM) | "The Magnificent Eastern Sierra" |
| August | (On hold) | CLUB PICNIC TBD |
| 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.

July 2020 Speaker

Mammoth Fisheries Summer Trifecta:

Hot Creek, Upper Owens, and San Joaquin River

Chris Leonard

Our speaker this month, Chris Leonard, is a guide at Kittredge Sports and a teacher at Mammoth High School. His greatest passions are education and fly fishing, making him a choice fly fishing instructor and on-water guide. He guides on rivers and lakes, with both Tenkara and Western rods. He has lived in Mammoth Lakes full-time since 2004. His favorite waters to fish and guide include the Owens River, Hot Creek, Rush Creek, Rock Creek, San Joaquin River, East Walker River, and Crowley Lake.

A seasoned traveler, he has chased trout across the Western USA, much of the Midwest and Eastern USA, Central America and South America. He has hooked chrome in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, redbfish in NOLA, and bonefish, permit, and tarpon in Belize. His passion for fly fishing began in 2005 when he started the Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club. Every spring, he takes local Mammoth kids out on the water to teach them how to fly fish!

Most of you have spent time in the glorious Eastern Sierra mountain range. It is the closest world-class trout fly fishing to Southern California. Chris will bring to the club his local knowledge of how to improve your odds of a successful day on three of his favorite fisheries: Hot Creek, the Upper Owens, and the San Joaquin River. Hot Creek is undoubtedly Chris's favorite moving water fishery. He averages about 75 days a year on this blue-ribbon creek. The Upper Owens is one of the most beginner friendly rivers in the area. And the San Joaquin River is an absolute gem. It is second to none in regard to the pristine beauty of its natural surroundings. Chris will discuss where, when, and how to best fish these waters. Please join us as we gear up for what is going to be a productive and lengthy summer of fly fishing in the Mammoth Lakes region.



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

June 2020 Casting In The Park - A Success!

The FFCOC held a Casting In The Park session Saturday June 27th at Irvine Regional Park and it was a great success. Instruction included everything from beginning level instruction for inexperienced casters through double-haul techniques for those more experienced.

Fourteen Club Members participated with the help of 5 instructors. The Club would like to extend special thanks to Joe Libeu for encouraging all of us to work on our casting and devoting the time to hold this session. Also, thanks to those who assisted Joe with the instruction: Kathy Kim, Van Lloyd, Lyman Kennedy and Doug Jones.

The experience level of the participants varied widely and hopefully they all were able to hone their skills and learn new techniques. It was great to see so many Club members show up for the event, especially new members. Three participants were brand new to the Club joining in 2020, 6 joined in 2019, 3 joined in 2018 and 2 have been members for several years.

Participants were notified in advance of the need to protect themselves and others during the event. All involved agreed and complied with COVID-19 guidelines for the event including State and County guidelines.

We would like to thank everyone that attended the event for their support of our casting program and for their adherence with the COVID-19 guidelines.

Doug Jones

Cottonwood Lakes Backpacking

Golden Trout Wilderness

July 17-20



Sign up to fish the stocking source for Golden Trout. Cottonwood Lakes were used as the feeder stock when CA-DFW began restoring Golden Trout to the Golden Trout wilderness. We have 4 slots open still for this trip. Contact Larry Behm, 949-235-4466 or Larry.Behm@cox.net to sign up.

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. We will be sleeping for two nights at an elevation of about 10,000'.

On Friday 7/17, we will park cars and meet at the Horseshoe Meadows trailhead and spend the night camping to acclimate to the altitude. On Saturday, 7/18, we will hike in about 4 miles to Cottonwood Lakes. With the altitude and terrain, it should take about 3 hours of hiking to reach a suitable basecamp site. We will set camp and then hike to different lakes or streams for fishing opportunities. On Sunday, 7/19 we fish in the AM and hike back to cars in PM, then drive home.

You will have to camp overnight in bear country, bear canisters are required. To maintain social distance, we will not have our customary shared dinner. It is all, BYOF(food).

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.

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.



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

One Openings Available

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

Quiet Fly Fisher

One Openings Available

Contact John Williams if interested.

Forks of the San Gabriel River Melinda Burns



For those of you looking for a local waters you can fish, the San Gabriel Rivers are fishing pretty good. I have been up on the East Fork for 4 weeks in a row and the fishing is fantastic. Yes they are little ones, but they are still fun to catch as they are feisty little guys. If you are persistent you might even get a 12 inch rainbow. I hooked in to a couple but lost them just as I was bringing them in. Fish the deep pools for these guys.

I also checked out Crystal Lake and saw lots of fish in it. I didn't fish it as we were just checking it out and didn't have our gear. But I would recommend going early in the morning.

Announcements



Our APP Is Here!



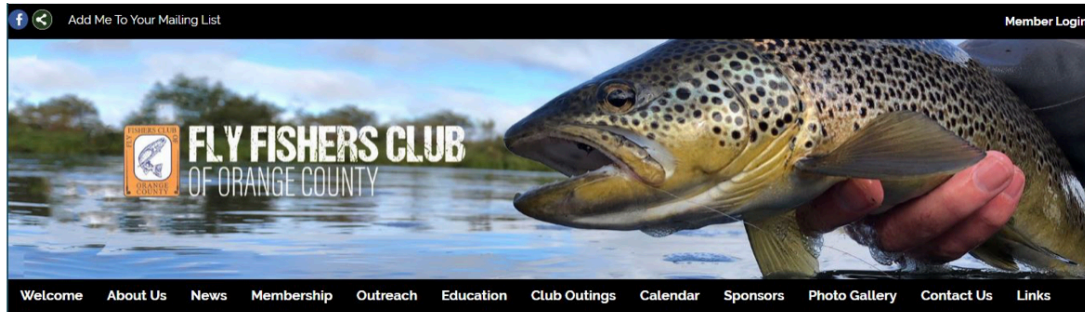
The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County's APP for your mobile device is now available! The APP is available for Apple and Android phones and tablets. The APP is only available to Club Members and there is no charge to Members. You will need your log-in credentials for the website to log into the app. Use "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.

HELP WANTED!



Are you...

Looking for a new opportunity or perhaps a challenge?

Looking for a way to get to know more about our Club and meet more members?

Looking for a way to give back to the Club?

Then...

Consider helping us with our website.

Our Club's website has been a tool for our Club for many years by providing information for our members, managing Club records, and most importantly, community outreach including attracting new members. Our website in conjunction with our Facebook page has been our most successful method of providing information about Club events such as the Casting Clinic, the Annual Auction, the On The River Training program, and meeting/speaker schedules to Club members as well as non-club members. Almost all new members are signing up through the website - - hardly anyone uses paper anymore.

Many years ago Mike Kosmides built our first website. After several years Melinda Burns created a new website to improve its functionality and managed it through 2017. Melinda worked hard to bring us into the computer age (we weren't always willing participants). We are grateful that she did as the website has become such a valuable tool for communications and it makes our Club more relevant. In 2017 Jim Wright assisted Melinda with the website. In 2018 the Club decided to update the website based on changes in the ClubExpress platform on which our website is based. To accomplish this we created a Website Committee including Melinda Burns, Jim Wright, Rich Fanning, Art Prangle, Tom Sakai, Dawn Martin, Vern Martin and Doug Jones as the Chair of the Committee. The entire Club helped by completing surveys and providing comments to the Committee. Although updating websites is an ongoing process, the Committee has accomplished many goals including updating the website's "look and feel" and functionality, improving content, training, maintain a calendar of Club events and getting more Club members to familiar with and using the website.

We are seeking a Club volunteer who would like to actively participate in the ongoing evolution and improvement of the website. Doug would maintain the lead for the website during 2020 with the goal that the volunteer would take over the lead role in 2021 or sooner. If you are interesting in a challenging and rewarding opportunity please get in touch with Doug at websitemanager@FFCOC.org, Melinda, or any of the Committee members listed above.



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 Prangle, 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

Finding Another Paradise - By John Williams

Fishing in Wyoming on the Calton ranch had turned to crap, neighbors were poaching and keeping all they caught. The neighbor upstream built a small dam which stopped the fish from migrating to spawning gravel. 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 knew 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 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 fifteen 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.

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

Caddis flies inhabit much of the world's waters. This is a nymph version that has shown success for me. I fish this fly alone or under a hopper. If you follow my patterns you have seen this before and thought it needed to be seen again.



Green Caddis Nymph



Color is inaccurate, should be much greener as the fibers are Iridescent Green

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| Hook: | Firehole 317 Competition Size #12 |
| Bead: | Tungsten 1/8" Black |
| Thread: | UTC 140 Black |
| Rib: | UTC Vinyl Clear Medium |
| Dubbing: | Cascade Master Bright Golden Olive 100% Iridescent |
| Thorax: | Peacock Herl |
| Thorax Back: | Pheasant Tail Fibers |
| Legs: | Naturaql Speckled Hen Saddle Fibers |
| Cement: | Brush On Supoer Glue |

Place the bead on the hook small hole first. Smear the shank of the hook with a light coating of super glue. Start your thread behind the bead and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way back start the vinyl rib tying it in and stretching it as you wrap over it into the bend. Dub your thread with the iridescent dubbing and wrap forward to the thorax region leaving the thorax area open and tie off the rib with several wraps of thread and cut off the excess. Remove eight to ten pheasant tail fibers from the feather and trim the butts flush, tie them in at the back of the thorax region by the butts. Wrap two-peacock feather herl in the thorax region and tie off. Remove a hen saddle feather from the patch and cut the stem to form a "V" and place the "V" at the base of the pheasant tail fibers. Fold the pheasant fibers forward to form the back of the thorax and secure with a few wraps of thread. Cut the entire forward facing fibers off and place a smear of super glue on your thread and whip finish. Have fun when you fish, John

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

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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

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