

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



**December 2020**

**Next FFCOC Meeting:  
Wednesday, December 9th at 7pm via ZOOM.**

Welcome to "On The Fly", the monthly newsletter of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County.

If you have ideas or suggestions on how we can make the Newsletter more useful to you and the rest of the membership, please send your suggestions or comments to:  
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**FFCOC Website: [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org)**

## **President's Message**

### **The FFCOC news:**

**Now is a trying time for most of us:**

**The virus has greatly reduced our fishing options.**

**And now fire is destroying houses and hillsides.**

**It's difficult to think about fishing while dealing with these life threatening events. So, I wish good outcomes for all of you, your families and friends.**

**We are looking forward to seeing you at our next club (ZOOM) meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> to hear from Gary Bulla, one of our local guys.”**

**Random thought : The cost of tying your flies is never cheaper than store bought but when it fools the fish oh so satisfying.**

**I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our future FFCOC meetings.**

**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 you 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. Mean while, please be careful and stay healthy.

**IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!**



**Don't waste time, renew on-line!**

Enter into my 2021 Membership Drive by renewing before

**December 31, 2020**

and be entered into a special early bird membership renewal  
drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate for Marriott's.

Don't want to renew online, click here to download a renewal form.

Click here for the FFCOC General Waiver and Release Agreement.

(This is needed in order to participate on club outings and special club events.)

Mail your renewal forms, fees and waivers to:

FFCOC

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Santa Ana, CA

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If you should have any questions regarding membership, please feel free to give me a call  
at 951-415-9920 or email me at [membership@ffcoc.org](mailto:membership@ffcoc.org)

Tightlines, Melinda Burns





# Original Adventure North

Have you dreamed of fishing for large, wild, native fish in pristine waters?

John Williams has a presentation to inspire you to book that dream. This month he will share his experience fishing for several species in the far North. He will cover the planning, where and how to get there and what to expect. He explains how to prepare, and a Checklist to review so nothing is left behind.

John has been fly-fishing 40+ years, not to give away his age, and enjoys the opportunity to share his experiences. He is a past president of our club and life member.

Come join us  
for an Adventure North and a program  
Guaranteed to inspire you



**NOTE: This meeting will be via ZOOM. See the next page for ZOOM access information.**



## **FFCOC**

**December meeting will be  
on Zoom**

**7:00pm on Wednesday,  
December 9**

Mark your calendar. Now that vaccines are becoming a real possibility, we are gearing up for fishing trips again. We hope that the second half of 2021 will be a time for you to schedule an epic trip.

Our December meeting speaker will be John Williams talking about how to do a fishing adventure in the Arctic wilderness.

Join us to close out 2020! We will start the meeting with fishing reports. Many of you have been finding ways to fish during the COVID lock-down, please share with others where and how you went fishing this year.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the Zoom meeting!

### **How to connect:**

Topic: December FFCOC Meeting  
Time: Dec 9, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/92511075652?pwd=TEhuVjkxNzBMSE0ydUpYSEp3UFdYdz09>

Meeting ID: 925 1107 5652  
Passcode: 434250  
One tap mobile  
+14086380968,,92511075652#,,,,,0#,,434250# US (San Jose)

### **How to Prepare:**

1. Download the Zoom app to your device from [https://zoom.us/download#client\\_4meeting](https://zoom.us/download#client_4meeting)
2. Launch the Zoom app and be sure it connects to your speaker, microphone and camera.

## Club Meetings and Speakers 2020

<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	<b>Cancelled</b>	
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 12		Cancelled
September 9	(via ZOOM)	ANNUAL FUND RAISING AUCTION
October 14	Maury Hatch (via ZOOM)	"Fishing the California Delta"
November 11	Gary Bulla (via ZOOM)	"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.

## **Club Meetings and Speakers for 2021**

(Note: This is a "work in progress" so changes and additions will occur as time passes.)

### **MONTH/SPEAKER/PROGRAM**

**January, Landon Mayer, Denver, "Mastering the Short Game"**

**February, Tony Rheinhart, Bozeman, "Advanced Drift Boat Techniques"**

**March - TBD**

**April, Jason Randall, Chicago, "When All Else Fails - Tactics for Catching"**

**May, Peter Sticher, Denver, "Fly Box Organization Made Easy"**

**June, Buhler Brothers, SJ Capistrano CA,  
"Streamer Fishing for Big Fish in So Cal"**

**July, Dave Smith, San Diego, "Euro Nymphing Local Waters"**

**August - TBD**

**September - Annual FFCOC Auction**

**October, Charles Jardine, London, UK Fishing (unconfirmed)**

**November, Karlie Rowland, "Fishing Henry's Fork, Idaho"**

**December - TBD**

## 2021 Outings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mar 16-18	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Paul Nakamura	310 487-3367
Mar 28 - Apr 1	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 9-12	Hot Creek Ranch, CA	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 20-24	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862

**Note: This is the first draft for 2021.**

**Dates may change and outings will be removed or added. Contact the stream keeper for the latest information.**

## Trip Reports

### FFCOC 2020 Auction Trip Report Rockfish Fishing with Captain Eric Kramer!



On November 5, Janna and Terry Roznos were treated to a day of fishing for rockfish by Captain Eric Kramer aboard his Parker Sport Cabin fishing boat. The trip was a Live Auction purchase at our September FFCOC Annual Auction. Eric graciously donated 3 such trips on the night of the Auction.

At 0700 we were met by Eric at his home, and were escorted to his fishing vessel and boarded. Eric piloted the boat out of the Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard and headed south to our fishing grounds off of Point Magu. The weather was perfect; blue skies, an off-shore breeze and calm seas.

The trip gave Eric an opportunity to operate and test his new Furuno fish finder. After about a 1.5 hour cruise from the harbor, we were at the planned fishing ground. Eric carefully studied the fish finder, stopped the boat, and we were instructed to drop our lines to the bottom based on the fish finder returns.

Our day's first results produced a quality catch (both in size and quantity). Limits of rockfish were onboard by end of day! Eric's new fish finder works!! It wasn't the skill of fishers, but of our host and Captain that produced an outstanding catch for the day.

At the end of our fishing day, Terry was given a heading to pilot the boat on for the return trip to the harbor entrance. While in route to the harbor, Eric filleted and bagged the day's catch for his guests. Super service!! While back in the harbor, we got to witness Captain Kramer's piloting skills as he had to back into the fuel dock for a favorable upwind approach to the dock. At day's end, we were back to our car by 3:00 pm, with ice chest full of fillets, for our return trip home to Whittier. Taco Tuesday has now been replaced by Fish Taco November at the Roznos household!

Overall, we had an outstanding trip! Thank you very much to our host, our instructor, our guide, and to our Captain; Eric Kramer. What a wonderful contribution and donation you've made to our FFCOC 2020 Auction!

**Thank you Eric!!**

**- Janna and Terry Roznos**



## Bridgeport Trip Report



The 2nd annual Club outing to Bridgeport is now complete with fishing days on Sep 26, 27 and 28. The trip was designed to allow for “free planning” by each angler for each of the three fishing days; including fishing location, with hired guide service, or on your own.

Six hearty anglers made the trip this year; under the constraints of Covid-19 (Mono County was designated as a Moderate Risk Level – Orange Status), National Forest closures due to fire risk, and wide-area smoke from active wildfires.

The smoke was thick, dark, and choking in the Mammoth area, but Bridgeport weather was perfect with clear blue skies! The Bridgeport area fishing was also fully open with no constraints.

Anglers making the trip this year were: Bob Bess, Bob Theemling, Janna Roznos, Terry Roznos, Andrew Sprowl, and Matt Romero (Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club). Local waters fished included: the East and West Walker Rivers, Virginia Creek, Twin Lakes, Virginia Lake, and Tuolumne River (Dana Fork) in Yosemite.

Home base was the Willow Springs Motel and RV Park, approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport. Kitchenette rooms and RV sites were available for our stay. Each evening featured a group campfire hosted by our Willow Springs staff; complete with s’mores and a selection of wines to cut the chill off our cool evenings. The campfire provided a great opportunity for the group to gather and discuss the day’s fishing successes (or not). and plans for the next day (see photo above).

The best fishing results for the trip were on the East Walker River on the Nevada side of the border. Congratulations to Andrew Sprowl who made the 60 mile drive to Heenan Lake and successfully landed a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout to advance his quest for completion of the California Heritage Trout Challenge (see photo). A complete set of photos from the outing may be found on the Club Website Photo Gallery. Have a look. Looking forward to an adversity free trip next year; just fishing!!



## **Fishing the Redding Area with Anthony Carruesco**

A few months ago, the club had Anthony Carruesco from AC Flyfishing as our speaker for the month. He was promoting the fishing out of Redding. John Secor and I had booked three days with his group but the dreaded Covid arrived from China and we were house bound. As time went on, I got updates from Redding that they were fishing the Sacramento and all the other locations they work. The town was almost fully open as far as restaurants and motels. So, I called and setup our trip to the lower Sac.

October the King Salmon were on the redds and the rainbows were feeding. So, we arrive and our guide for the day calls and asked if we wanted to fish for lots of 12 to 17-inch fish or did we want to fish for bigger. We thought since we had not fished in over a year, we should start out slowly.

The following morning arrives and I hook up with in the first 5 minutes catch a nice 14 inch trout then proceed to snag two salmon back to back and have to break off and lose my setups and start over. Right after that I hook a fish that turns downstream and flies me into a giant snag another lost setup. About an hour later I land a 5 pound plus fish and the morning continues with John and catching approx. 10 -12 fish each some up to 18 inches. The wind blew us off the river by lunch time. The next day was a great day with us catching in excess of 30 fish with only one a 12 inch. I caught several 4 pound plus fish and John caught several 17 – 19 inch rainbows all very fat and strong. I lost a fish that the guide estimated as a 10 to 12-pound wild bred steelhead.

The third day we went to the lowest reach that they fish but has more potential for steelhead both wild and hatchery fish. It was another good day of strong fish and steady action all day. With myself being fortunate enough to catch a hatchery steelhead of 5 pounds plus just as the day ended.

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**It has been my pleasure and honor to have served the members of this club as your president. To have worked with a generous and giving board. We have survived the worst sickness to hit this country since the Spanish Flu of 1917 and are still kicking. Go have a great fishing trip you deserve it.**

**Go fishing and have a great day.**

**Thank you**

**Denis Higginson**

**President**

## Announcements



### FFCOC Fly Tying Classes

Hello FFCOC Club Members,

I hope this email finds everyone safe and healthy. It has been a long and hard tough 5 months. We have all been on a roller coaster ride. With that being said, i know the virtual fly tying classes were a welcomed option to sitting at home and watching another TV show. So I am looking for fly tyers who would be interested in teaching one or more than one of their favorite flies.

I will work with each fly tyer to determine the best way to film/record their session for the club. Please contact me at 951-415-9920 or [membership@ffcoc.org](mailto:membership@ffcoc.org) if you are interested in volunteering your time for this event.

In the mean time, don't forget there is always [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/), where you can find a plethora of fly tying videos from the famous fly fisherman to the not so famous fly fisherman. Other clubs are also hosting virtual fly tying classes so check out the other clubs website as well.

I hope to hear from some of you Fly Tyers so we can get this back on track. If you have already done a class and would like to do another one, please let me know.

Tightlines my friends,

Melinda Burns  
Membership Chair  
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## 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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