

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



P.O. Box 23005 Santa Ana, Ca 92711-3005

January, 2011

## Club Meeting:

Monday, January 10, 2011  
6:00 pm - Wet Fly  
7:00 pm - Dinner  
Dinner and Program - \$25 Cash  
Program Only - \$10 Cash  
\$2 Fee for Credit Cards  
Phoenix Club  
1340 S. Sanderson  
Anaheim, CA

## Board Meeting:

January 17, 2011  
7:00 pm  
First Baptist Church\*

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## For More Information:

See Calendar inside or  
[www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org)

\* See back cover for meeting  
location addresses.

## PROVEN TECHNIQUES FOR DIFFICULT TROUT

With Mike Lawson

Happy New Year everyone, and I am very happy to say we are starting off the New Year with a truly great presenter, Mike Lawson. Mike is not only one of the most respected and knowledgeable people in our sport, he is also one of the best liked... and he will deliver a program that will show you how to achieve what most of us want to do when we go fly fishing. Mike describes his show this way:

*"There are probably more big Trout in America's best waters than there were 20 years ago as a result of proper management. These Trout are usually very difficult to catch. This isn't a program on catching big fish on exotic waters like Alaska or New Zealand. This is an in-depth look at the best times, best places, best techniques and best patterns to take tough Trout on America's finest public waters."*



Mike was born and raised in southeastern Idaho where he and his wife, Sheralee (who will be with Mike at our meeting) are both fourth generation natives of southern Idaho. Mike taught school in St. Anthony for six years while working as a fishing guide in the summer. For many years both Mike and Sheralee tied flies commercially.

In 1977 they opened the Henry's Fork Anglers fly shop at Last Chance, Idaho, and Mike's reputation began. He is recognized as the Guru of the Henry's Fork and his first book, published in 2000 with co-author Gary La-Fontaine, is entitled **Fly Fishing the Henry's Fork**. His articles have appeared in all the leading national and international fly fishing publications and his pictures often appear on magazine covers.

Mike is a Contributing Editor of *Fly Fisherman* magazine and has appeared

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in several fly fishing videos. He was one of the three "Traveling Fly Fishermen" (along with Gary LaFontaine and Jack Dennis) who appeared throughout North America conducting seminars and weekend clinics.

Mike's most accomplished book is **Spring Creeks**. He worked on this magnum opus for 12 years, and it is the most comprehensive work on spring creeks and tailwaters ever published. This is a large, hard cover book (8-1/2 x 11 with beautiful slick paper) and includes more than 285 color photographs and 80 illustrations. It was published by Stack-pole Books and has been lauded as the ultimate writing on the subject. (Editor's Note: Mike is bringing and giving the FFCOC a leather bound limited edition copy of this book - which is a \$225.00 value - along with a Mike Lawson hand-tied fly for our club, to be used in our 2011 annual auction. He will also have a few regular copies of the book with him - and "only a few" because that is all he can carry as each one weighs four pounds. So a few lucky people will be able to buy one from Mike and have him autograph it.)

Mike is a very popular speaker and usually packs the house for his presentations. So please get your reservations in early and join Mike Lawson as he shares with us his techniques on how to catch 'Big Difficult Trout'. I hope to see you there..... and remember to pursue your fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

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## President's Message

By Richard Fanning

It's hard to believe another year has passed already! I hope you are having a good Holiday break and I wish you a Happy New Year!

We elected the Board of Directors for 2011 at the November Club Meeting:

President, Richard Fanning	Treasurer, Brian Mayer	Raffle, Charlene Hanson
Past President, Marvin Crocker	Newsletter and Web Site, Shane Chung	Trout in the Classroom, Jim Wright
1st Vice President, Doug Jones	Outings, Rick Umbarger	Casting, Van Lloyd
2nd Vice President, Melinda Burns	Conservation, John Burns	Fly Tying, Cheryl Moore
Secretary, Alan Ross	Programs, Andy Frumento	Member at Large, Jim Edwards

As you look thru the board positions above, you will see some new board members and some new positions. In upcoming newsletters I plan on having board members provide more information about themselves and their plans but in the meantime, feel free to introduce yourself and establish a relationship with each of them.

I'm excited to be President this year. Somebody asked me "So what are you going to do as president?" My first goal is to keep the high standards of our past presidents. We should be proud of the work they have done. Second, I want to be sure the club is responsive to members ideas and needs. Feel free to contact me with your inputs. Third, I want to maintain and expand the fine program of speakers, trips and events we've had over the years. And Fourth, I want to expand our membership so others can enjoy our fine club.

I plan on participating in many of the club's activities and I invite you to also. As you have probably noticed, many of

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our trips have limited capacity. So, I suggest you start planning your year now and be ready to sign up when trips are announced. One of the most important jobs in the club is that of Streamkeeper. Sometimes these folks don't get as much recognition as they deserve. Our Streamkeepers do a great job. We would like to offer more and varied trips. To do so we need more members to step up and plan and organize trips. If you are interested, contact our Outings Chairperson, Rick Umbarger. He will help you get going.

I'm looking forward to a great year!  
See you on the water,  
Richard Fanning

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## **2011 Speakers List**

By Andy Frumento

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
January 10, 2011	2nd Monday	Mike Lawson	"Catching Big Trout"
February 7, 2011	1st Monday	Phil Romans	"The Bitterroot"
March 7, 2011	1st Monday	Landon Mayer	"Sight Fishing For Trout"
April 11, 2011	2nd Monday	Jim McLennan	"Fly Fishing Alberta"
May 9, 2011	2nd Monday	Marlon Rampy	"Southern Oregon"
June 6, 2011	1st Monday	Kirk Deeter	"The State of the Industry"
July 11, 2011	2nd Monday	Charles Jardine	"Soft Hackles: Legend & Living"
August 8, 2011	2nd Monday	Al Quattrocchi	"Calico On The Rocks"
September 12, 2011	1st Monday		FFCOC AUCTION
October 10, 2011	2nd Monday	Tom Pero	"The Magic Language Of Flyfishing"
November 7, 2011	1st Monday	Peter Piconi	"Cajun Redfish"
December 12, 2011	2nd Monday	Christmas... TBA	

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## **Fly Fishing Show** **Free Admission and Parking** **for Participating Club Members**

By Richard Fanning

The club plans on staffing a booth at The Flyfishing Show In Pasadena on February 19 & 20, 2011. Our goal is to advertise the club and seek new members.

The shows are both good ways to find out what is happening in fly fishing, see or buy new equipment and learn about fly fishing destinations. They offer classes and opportunities to meet other fly fishers. Participation is highly recommended.

The club needs members to help in our booths. If you staff one of the booths for ½ day, the club will pay for your admission and parking.

Please contact Richard Fanning to sign up or sign up at upcoming club meetings

## 2011 Outings Plan

By Rick Umbarger

Outings Chairperson, Rick Umbarger, has released the initial draft outings plan for 2011.

Date	Location	Streamkeeper	Phone #
January	San Gabriel River	tbd	
February	Laguna Niguel Park Lake	tbd	
March	Saltwater Surf Fishing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
April	Casting Clinic	Van Lloyd	
April	Pyramid Lake	Rick Umbarger	714 222-9963
May	East Walker River	Rick Umbarger	714 222-9963
June	Monanche Meadows	Curt Clark	714 639-9927
June	Fish Creek	Bryan Mayer	562 619-9169
July	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	909 598-7905
July 23-30	Dillon, Montana	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370
July 30 - August 6			
September	Green River, Utah	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
October	Kings Canyon Camping	Rick Umbarger	714 222-9963
November	President's Outing	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370
December	Happy Holidays!		

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### Surf Fishing March 2011

Jim Edwards has agreed to host a club outing to fish the local surf in March (date tbd). Participants are to meet the group at 8am within Huntington State Beach. To get there, enter the state beach at Magnolia and Pacific Coast Highway. Then go south in the parking lot until you are parallel to the Brookhurst and PCH intersection. We will meet there, gear up and hit the surf.

Be sure to dress warm and bring your waders, boots and a good wind/water proof jacket to put on when you get there. Fishing equipment should include 7 to 10 wt rods, a stripping basket and a sinking shooting head on running line of an integrated sinking line of appropriate weight for the rod you are using.

Flys that typically work well include:

Olive/white Clouser, size 1-4

Tan/white Clouser, size 1-4

Sand crab patterns, size 2 and 4

Gracie's Shrimp

Call Jim for more information or to let him know you plan on attending. He can be reached at 714 337-5899.

**FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

*Deliver at Club meeting or Mail to:*

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County  
P.O. Box 23005, Santa Ana, CA 92711-3005  
Attention: Membership Committee

**Please Print**

**Regular Member(s)** *(age 16 and over)* **Fee \$35.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Associate Member** *(Spouse and/or children age 15 and under, membership paid by Regular Member)* **:No Fee**

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Members** *(age 15 and under, membership paid by applicant listed below)* **:Fee \$35.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Life Member :No Fee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honorary Member :No Fee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Member:** New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ If there are No Changes since last year mark here: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

(optional)

**May we e-mail your Newsletter?** No\_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn of the Club?** (New members): Website\_\_\_\_ , Club Newsletter\_\_\_\_ , Member\_\_\_\_ ,

Brochure\_\_\_\_ , Federation of Fly Fishers\_\_\_\_ , Newspaper\_\_\_\_

**Membership Fees:**

**Active Membership                      Regular or Junior Member                      \$35.00**

***Dues for applicants elected to membership after October 1 shall be considered paid for the following membership year.***

Attached is my total remittance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ which covers dues of \$35.00 for the current year plus donations listed below. If I am elected to membership in the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County, I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Constitution and Bylaws of the Club. *Make check payable to FFCOC or insert Visa/Mastercard (only) info below.*

***By paying your dues and becoming a member of the FFCOC, you are authorizing the Club to provide your contact information from our Member Directory to those speakers and vendors who make donations to our club.***

***Initial here:***

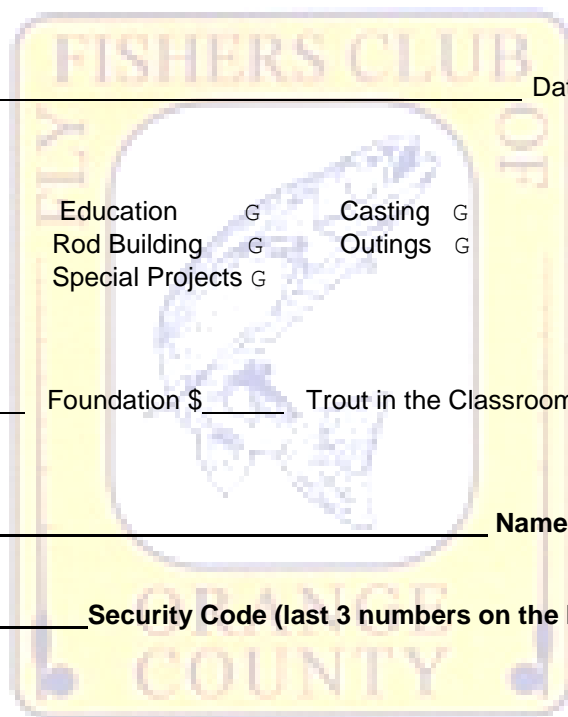
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Interested in:** Conservation ☐ G      Education ☐ G      Casting ☐ G      Casting Instruction ☐ G  
Fly Tying ☐ G      Rod Building ☐ G      Outings ☐ G      Mentor Program ☐ G  
Stream Keeper ☐ G      Special Projects ☐ G

**Donations:** Conservation \$\_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \$\_\_\_\_\_ Trout in the Classroom \$\_\_\_\_\_ Wounded Warrior \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Visa/Mastercard Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name on Card** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Security Code (last 3 numbers on the back of card)** \_\_\_\_\_



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***Membership/Treasurer Only***

Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Processed CC: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in Database: \_\_\_\_\_ Mug/Name tag/Patch: \_\_\_\_\_



# Southwest Montana

July 23 – July 30, 2011

July 30 – August 6

## Fish the rivers of Southwestern Montana The Beaverhead, Ruby, Jefferson, Big Hole, and Madison Rivers and Clark Canyon Reservoir

This will be the fourth time for this trip. Past participants have had a great time, excellent fishing and good food. This time we will be going a little later in the season. There has been great fishing this time of year for the past 2 years. We are reducing the group size due to availability of lodging at the Big Trout Ranch and are adding a second week to accommodate the same number of people as before.

- 4 guided days fishing with a partner, including flies
- 2 days open for fishing at Big Trout Ranch, an unguided fishing location of your choice, local sightseeing or just relaxing (additional guided days available at extra cost)
- 7 nights lodging and meals
- Group size of 6 to 8 depending on sleeping requirements
- Choice of Week 1 (July 23 thru July 30) or Week 2 (July 30 thru August 6) based on availability



Fishing – Each day you will discuss the options with your guide and decide on a venue. The Beaverhead, Big Hole and Madison Rivers are within range and should be in excellent condition. The Ruby River is also nearby and is a good “walk-in” option for either a guided day or a “do it yourself” day. Clark Canyon Reservoir is also an option for big rainbows depending on conditions.

Guides – Again, we will be using guides from Frontier Anglers in Dillon, MT. On guided days you’ll meet your guide at the fly shop. If you’d like to be guided on one or both of your open days, it can be arranged if you let me know early. (Rates are expected to be \$450 per day for 2 fisherpersons.)

Lodging - Big Trout Ranch is a 1300 acre ranch between Dillon and Twin Bridges. We will be staying in a Ranch style house they call Kamloops. The ranch borders the Beaverhead River and has two lakes and a spring creek. Fishing last time in the larger lake was good. There is also great wildlife watching - you’ll be surprised by the many deer sightings.

Food – Continental breakfast will be available in the morning. Guides will provide hearty lunches on guided days. Otherwise, fixings will be available for lunch at the ranch. Joannie is still planning the dinner fare and it will be delicious as before.

Not included: Transportation, Fishing License, Tips, Admission Fees, etc.

This trip is being planned to accommodate 6 to 8 participants each week at \$1650 per person. There also may be some limited availability for non-fishing attendees at a cost to cover lodging and food.

For more information or to sign up, contact Richard Fanning, 714 671-1370, [rkfanning@aol.com](mailto:rkfanning@aol.com)  
There will be a sign up sheet at upcoming FFCOC meetings.

## Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

The **PURPOSE** of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is to:

- 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 meetings.

### Meeting Locations:

Phoenix Club:  
1340 S. Sanderson  
Anaheim, CA

First Baptist Church of Irvine/  
Tustin:  
2472 Walnut Avenue  
Tustin, CA

<b>Board of Directors:</b>  <b>President</b> Richard Fanning 714 671-1370 <a href="mailto:rkfanning@aol.com">rkfanning@aol.com</a>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> Doug Jones 714 998-7304 <a href="mailto:doug-j@dslextreme.com">doug-j@dslextreme.com</a>  <b>2nd Vice President</b> Melinda Burns 951-734-6005	<b>Past President</b> Marvin Crocker  <b>Treasurer</b> Brian Mayer  <b>Secretary</b> Alan Ross  <b>Outings</b> Rick Umbarger  <b>Newsletter and Website</b> Shane Chung  <b>Conservation</b> John Burns	<b>FFF Liaison</b> Marvin Crocker  <b>Raffle Coordinator</b> Charlene Hanson  <b>Trout in the Classroom</b> James Wright  <b>Membership</b> Melinda Burns  <b>Programs</b> Andy Frumento  <b>Casting</b> Van Lloyd	<b>Fly Tying</b> Cheryl Moore  <b>Member at Large</b> Jim Edwards
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