

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



January 2021

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A Personal Message from your Newsletter Editor

This morning I had some time to reflect on the things that have been important in my life.

Top of the list is my wonderful wife Joannie, who is my lover, my "other half" and my best friend.

My grandparents, my parents and my siblings who I give credit for creating in me a reasonably good personality.

Then all of the teachers who put up with me and somehow gave me the knowledge and skills that have been so important to me.

Hughes Aircraft and Raytheon Information Technology Systems who gave me a challenging and exciting working career.

Ray Johnson and the Fly Fishing Club of Orange County that introduced me to a wonderful sport and a great group of friends. As a result I've been fly fishing in England, South America and of course many beautiful places in the good old USA.

The "hard to admit" part of this message is that I've reached an age where I am slowing down. I just don't have the memory and energy I used to have.

I have been your FFCOC newsletter editor for many years. Now, however, I am resigning from the job.

I know there are many club members who are capable of doing a great job as newsletter editor. In the meantime Art Prangle will take over.

If asked I am willing to work with the new editor to explain the tools and process I have used to create each newsletter.

To be clear I am not terminating my membership in FFCOC and expect to continue participating in club meetings and hopefully an outing or two!

Sincerely, Richard Fanning

December 31 2020

President's Message

President's Message by Terry Roznos

Happy New Year to all!

Yes, we enter the year with the same Covid precautions and restrictions in place, but I have optimism that we will return to "normalcy" in 2021, and we will return of our regular Club activities. I'm looking forward to the fishing, fellowship, and smiling faces again (no masks!).



First, it's a real honor to serve as your President this coming year, following in the footsteps of the many giants and legends who served before me. If you look at your roster, we are a Club of Past Presidents (and many with multiple terms), so I'll have no issue with receiving advice and guidance for this position. But, I work for you, the member! Please contact me at any time with your comments, suggestions, or concerns.

Second, I would like to welcome our 3 new members to the Board of Directors this year; Ken Lindt (2nd Vice President), Gill Realon (Program Director), and Larry Roberts (Member at Large). Thank you all for serving!

Third, I would like to thank Jim Edwards for his many years of service and dedication to the Board. He is retiring from Board service this year. You can see that three members were recruited to the Board to replace Jim! Thanks, Jim!!

Janna (my better half) and I joined the FFCOC in June 2015. We were absolutely new to fly fishing at that time. After my 35 years of employment at Rockwell/Boeing in Space and Missile Engineering, we were looking for a "together activity" to enjoy in our retirement years. Golf was vetoed by Janna. After a chance attendance at an Orvis Fly Fishing 101 class in Pasadena, the hook was set! We later crossed paths with the FFCOC at a Bob Marriott's event, so here we are!

President's message continued.....

As far as 2021, the year will start as we ended in 2020 with Virtual Meetings using Zoom. This will continue until the Health authorities deem it safe again for public gatherings. Looking forward to this day!! In the interim, please have a look at the world class speakers that have been arranged to speak to our Club. Zoom or not, these are some great folks to hear speak. Please make every effort to join in on Club meeting night! Also, in an effort to keep our membership engaged in our down time, additional Casting in the Park events will be scheduled. These will have limited attendance with Covid precautions in effect. Watch your newsletter and email for further details.

I am looking forward to seeing you (virtually) at our January 13th meeting. We will be announcing the first recipient of the FFCOC Peter Koga award. This special award has been created to recognize a Club member's passionate and dedicated efforts that have contributed to our Club's mission and its successes. Please attend to honor our awardee! Next, our speaker will be Landon Mayer who will present "Mastering the Short Game". I've seen Landon Mayer speak 3 times previously, and he is an outstanding instructor, guide, and presenter. It should be a very informative presentation. See you then!!

Terry

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

2021 Board of Directors

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2021 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Landon Mayer	Mastering the Short Game	1/13/21
February	Tony Rheinhart	Advanced Drift Boat Techniques	2/10/21
March	Heather Dyer	Conversation in San Bernardino NF	3/10/21
April	Jason Randall	When All Else Fails - Tactics for Catching Trout on Slow Days	4/14/21
May	Peter Stitche	Fly Box Organization Made Easy	5/12/21
June	Buhler Brothers (Ryan and Rob)	Streamer Fishing for Big Fish in So Cal	6/9/21
July	Dave Smith	Euro Nymphing Local Waters	7/7/21
August	Picnic		8/11/21
September	Auction		9/8/21
October	Charles Jardine	UK Fishing (unconfirmed)	10/13/21
November	Karlie Rowland	Fishing Henry's Fork, Idaho	11/10/21
December	TBD		12/8/21

January Speaker

Wednesday, January 13th at 7PM

Mastering The Short Game with Landon Mayer



One of the top guides in the Western United States, Colorado guide Landon Mayer makes a welcome return to the SoCal speaker circuit.

His new video-enhanced program will show that the best fish are often closer than you think. Most anglers wade into the fish they are trying to catch, or assume they are on the far side of the river. As the program will show, trophy fish are often less than a rod's length away. Observation and a stealthy approach are often the key to a successful day.

Landon Mayer's angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly-fishing equipment. Mayer enthusiastically teaches and demonstrates his techniques and on-river knowledge and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout. He shares these tips and secrets in his books and DVD's. Landon's passion for fly-fishing has allowed him to make several noteworthy contributions to the sport on and off the water. This has included travels to fly-fishing related organizations of the Mid-Atlantic, West, Pacific Northwest, Southwest, and Southern states, as well as teaching through guided trips, fly-fishing classes, presentations, and demonstrations of his unique techniques. Mayer has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 22 years, and one full season on the Nak Nek River in AK. He resides with his wife, Michelle, and their four children in Florissant, Colorado.

Landon was born and raised in Colorado Springs where he began his fly fishing career in the 6th grade when his middle school offered fly casting lessons. Throughout his teens, Landon's love of the sport grew when he spent all his free time hanging around local fly shops and watching VHS

Landon Mayer cont.....

tapes by Gary Borger and Doug Swisher until the tapes actually wore out! After graduating high school, Landon pursued a career as a full time guide in Colorado, learning from great Colorado anglers such as Ed Engle, Pat Dorsey and fly tyer John Barr. He also spent one year guiding in Alaska on the Naknek River. During this same time, Landon began publishing articles in magazines such as *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *High Country Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing* and *American Angler*.

Mayer is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* magazines. His contributions also have been featured in publications such as *Fly Rod and Reel*, *American Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing*, *Field and Stream*, and *Fish and Fly* magazines. As an ambassador in the fly-fishing industry, Mayer represents several lines including Simms Fly Fishing apparel and is a royalty fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. He is also an advisory team member of Simms, R.L.Winton, Bauer, Scientific Angler, Smith Optics, Fish Pond, Yeti Coolers, Regal Vise, and Casio Pro Trek watches.

Landon's techniques are contained in his best know publications and DVD's.

The Hunt for Giant Trout: 25 Top Locations in the US to Catch a Trophy Trout (new for 2019), *Trout Tips: A Guide's Secrets, Tactics and Techniques*, *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing*, *Sight Fishing for Trout*, and *How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life*, in addition to two DVDs: *Landing the Trout of Your Life* and *Weapons of Bass Production*, both of which also feature JohnShBarr. in addition to his new film with **Headwater Media: Mastering the Short Game**.

Together with his wife Michelle (who shares his passion for the sport) and their four children, Landon continues to live near his home waters of the South Platte River in Colorado where he teaches fly fishing through guiding and fly fishing classes; he also appears around the country giving presentations of his innovative, successful and popular techniques. You can learn more about this great fly fisher by going to:

www.landonmayer.com



Notice regarding upcoming outings and COVID:

Important Announcement re Trip Cancellations by FFCOC President, Terry Roznos

Fellow Members, With the continuing rise in COVID cases and uncertainty as we go into the first quarter of 2021, we've made the decision to cancel, as official club outings, the Pyramid Lake trip and the San Juan River trip. Both of these trips are scheduled for March.

There still may be a desire for some to go fishing to these locations as planned. Please contact Paul Nakamura (Pyramid) or Brian Mayer (San Juan) if you're interested in participating. The Pyramid Lake and San Juan River trips will not be club sponsored outings.

Please contact me with your questions, or contact Paul Nakamura or Brian Mayer with your interest in Pyramid Lake or the San Juan River fishing.

Sincerely,

Terry Roznos

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2021 Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
March 16-18	Pyramid Lake (Cancelled)	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
March 28-April 1	San Juan River (Cancelled)	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
June 14-18	Lee's Ferry, AZ	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920
July 9-12	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept. 20-24	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862

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

2021 LEE'S FERRY CLUB OUTING:

(TENTATIVE PENDING PANDEMIC ORDERS)

Date: Monday – Friday June 14 -18th, 2021

Location: HC-67 Box 30 Marble Canyon, AZ 86036 928-355-2261

Fishing License: Don't forget to purchase your Arizona Fishing License.

[Click here](https://www.azgfd.com/license/) to purchase yours online or cut and paste this link: <https://www.azgfd.com/license/>

Meals

Dinner : I am planning on cooking dinners for Tuesday and Thursday in a crock pot.

Monday we will meet for dinner in the restaurant at 6pm. My meals will include a dinner salad and bread rolls.

If you would like to bring a dish to share, let me know. I will supply all the paper goods. You just need to bring your own drink.

Pot Roast

Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Beef Soup

Lunches: Will be provided by Lee's Ferry Anglers.

Breakfast: You can go to the restaurant or have coffee and pastries and fruit at the Burns Room

Recommended Flies: Flies change everyday but the most current fly is a size 18 midge with flashy colors like red or green.

Ginger colored scuds work as well as red san juan worms. Wooly Buggers worked well last time when we were trolling or stripping.

Snacks: Feel free to bring your favorite snack on the boats. We will be drifting as well as wading.



WHAT TO BRING

Lees Ferry requires that you bring the following items, most of which can be purchased at our fly shop:

Water

9-foot 5X leader

Arizona fishing license

Proper clothing

Waders

Lees Ferry provides the following:

8 hours upriver

Lunch (let us know if you have special dietary needs)

Flies (charged for flies lost at the end of day)

Rod (if necessary)

Specially outfitted power-driven riverboats and fuel

Professional fly fishing guide (U.S. Coast Guard Captain licensed)

Lees Ferry suggests the following:

Fly Rod (5-weight, 9-foot)

5X, 6X, or 7X tippet

Waders (we rent them)

Polarized sunglasses

Western tailwater flies

Camera

Sunscreen

Rain gear

CLIFF DWELLERS LODGE

Rooms are very comfortable, clean and spacious.

Rooms have two queen Beds

Each room has a coffee maker, mini fridge, little table/chair and TV.

Internet access is very spotty so don't plan on getting good coverage. Last time we were there my Verizon worked pretty good, John's AT&T not so good.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY:

Monday: Arrival Day June 14th 2021 – Dinner at Cliff Dwellers Restaurant @ 6 pm Meet and Greet

Tuesday June 15th, 2021

6:30 am Coffee and pastries will be available in Burns Room # 27

7:30 am meet at boat docks

4:00 pm return to boat docks

6:00 Dinner at the Burns Room

7:00 Fish Tales and sharing

Wednesday June 16th, 2021

6:30 am Coffee and pastries will be available in Burns Room # 27

7:30 am meet at boat docks

4:00 pm return to boat docks

6:00 Dinner at the Burns Room

7:00 Fish Tales and sharing

Thursday June 17th, 2021

6:30 am Coffee and pastries will be available in Burns Room # 27

7:30 am meet at boat docks

4:00 pm return to boat docks

6:00 Dinner at the Burns Room

7:00 Fish Tales and sharing

Friday June 18th, 2021

Depart at your leisure. See you back I California. Don't forget to send any photos you take to Melinda so she can put together a slideshow for each of us and to share with the club.

EMERGENCY INFO:

Please supply me with a list of emergency contact numbers.

Emergency Hospital:

Banner Page Hospital

501 N Navajo Dr.

Page, AZ 86040

928-645-2424

Canyonlands Urgent Care

410 N. Navajo Dr

Page, AZ 86040

928-645-1700

Now Get Packing and lets have us some fun!

Southwest Council 2021 Event – Pending stay at home order..

FEBRUARY 20, 2021
BISHOP, CALIFORNIA



FLY OR SPIN FOR THE WIN



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL
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TROUT RODEO

BRITWOOD
CARAVAN

A CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING COMPETITION
CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

Trout Rodeo – Registration opens December 01, 2020

As we write this, California is under a Stay-at-Home order and rightfully so. The Council would never do anything to jeopardize lives and if the Rodeo was in two weeks, it would be cancelled. But being the hopeful people we are, preparation is still going forward with the hopes that Californians, and especially anglers, heed this order to reduce the caseloads. The fishing part of the tournament should be fine if the order is lifted but the rest of the event (dinner, awards ceremony) will remain in flux until right before the event. If the Stay-At Home is still in effect February 10th, we will postpone the Tournament until 2022.

<http://ianglertournament.com/troutrodeo>

You must create an account or log into an existing account with iAngler. After that, go to Trout Rodeo and register for the event.

Welcome to the first ever Trout Rodeo, held in Bishop, California on February 20, 2021! This catch and release tournament is a challenge to ALL anglers to see who comes out on top. The event is open to fly and conventional anglers and we have made it easy to be a part of it.

iAngler will “hold” the record of your catch until your phone can get Internet coverage and at that point, will download your catches to the event administrator for scoring. All catches MUST be caught during the designated time of the tournament (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) and within the eligible waters as listed below. Your catch is automatically time and location stamped.

Trout Rodeo cont'd.....

Hours of event

8 a.m. – Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop for any questions or last minute registrations. Before the event, you will need to download and install iAngler. Once you are signed in to the event, you are responsible for taking photographs.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. - head out and fish your favorite area! Feel free to move around but be sure not to crowd other anglers.

6 p.m. – 9 p.m. – At this point, we are planning on dinner, raffles and awards at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. This is all subject to Covid restrictions and may be modified. Winners will be announced that night in some shape or form!

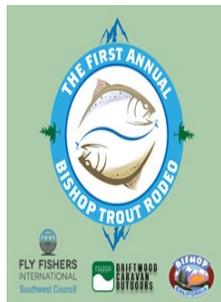
Eligible Waters – Pleasant Valley Reservoir, from the power plant outlet to the dam. You may fish from shore or use a floatation device. The Owens River may be fished from the Pleasant Valley Campground all the way south to Line Street Bridge (Polita Road). Please read and follow all Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations for any area you fish.

Cost – 25.00 per person. There is an additional fee (20.00) if you want to compete in the team category and there will be separate prizes for each team member. There will be separate categories for fly caught and lure caught along with separate prizes. If you are a licensed guide or lodge/retail owner, you may participate in a separate category for no cost. If you are affiliated with Casting For Recovery and/or Project Healing Waters, there is no charge for you to participate as an individual or as a team.

Details for the Awards Dinner and any after event gatherings will be forthcoming closer to the event. We are working closely with Inyo Department of Health as to what constitutes safety and are following their guidelines.

Lodging – there are campgrounds at Pleasant Valley Reservoir and many hotels/motels in Bishop. We are working on event pricing.

Covid 19 - Participants agree to wear a facial covering (over mouth and nose) when indoors or when outdoors and within 6 feet of persons from another household. While in Inyo County, they take face covering seriously



Trout in the Classroom



Update: Due to Covid-19, as you can imagine many school curricular activities have been suspended. One of them is Trout in the Classroom. As you have read in the article below, this is done in a classroom environment. And as we all know, there are very few schools who are having on site classes. So the Department of Fish and Game has given me permission to setup a tank at my home for the Winter session. I will be hosting a live feed of the aquarium with the eggs – the frys. I will do short videos to share with the Teachers or I may announce when I may be doing certain things. I will work with those teachers who contact me to perform the activities live and recorded for the students to view. I look forward to sharing my experiences with these future adults to they can continue to be great stewards of all our resources

If you know of a teacher that may be interested in learning more about TIC, please have them contact me at 951-415-9920 or email at mel11755@pacbell.net. In order for a teacher to participate in the program they are required to go through a training session to handle the eggs. But in this case, I will be handling the eggs/fish.

T.I.C. cont.....

Also, If you would like to be involved the trout releases we do with the school, let me know and I will add you to my team list. We work with several schools and you can assist in all or just a few of the releases.

Hope to hear from some on your new club members.

Melinda Burns

Tightlines,

Melinda C. Burns

Membership Chair/TIC Chair/FFI Liaison

Trip Reports

Last Minute Newsletter Addition

Beautiful 16 pound Rainbow caught recently in Idaho by ne member, Ronald Gregg!



Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

This is an experiment, I think will work and it is fashioned after the Klinkhammer fly. I'll tie six and give them a try on a favorite spring creek either Hot Creek or Utah. **Update, It works.**

Klinkhammer Knock-off



Hook:	Firehole 315 size 16	Barbless Competition
Thread:	Black Uni 8/0 or similar	
Post:	Antron Yarn White	
Abdomen:	Mylar Flash Small Copper & Green	
Thorax:	Wapsi Waterproof Dry Fly Dubbing Lt. Gray	
Legs:	Grizzly Hackle	
Cement:	Gel Super Glue	

Start your thread three-eye widths back of the eye and smear a little super glue at this point, just a little. Cut a piece of Antron yarn approximately 1 3/4" long and catch it with your thread in the middle and pull it up and together, wrap the thread around the base with six to eight turns and pull your thread up slightly while holding the tips of the yarn to make the post stay upright. Run your thread back into the bend of the hook and tie in the Mylar flash in the bend, smear super glue on the shank from the Mylar tie in point to the base of the post and wrap the Mylar flash forward with touching wraps to the base of the post and tie off. Select your feather to become the legs and strip off 1/8" of barbules from the base and secure with a few wraps of thread, keeping the shiny side of the feather on top. Place a very small drop of super glue at the base of the post and wrap the feather around the post to form your legs and tie off with a few wraps of thread at the base of the post then whip finish the thread behind the eye and in front of the post. Cut the excess feather off close and your done. Tight lines friends, John Knock-off.

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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