

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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**Member/ Family Picnic**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th**

**IRVINE REGIONAL PARK**

**11:00AM—3:00PM**

[www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org)

### Check out:

Picnic Details– Lots of fun and games!

News updates– Casting Clinic– September 11th

Get ready for the in-person and online auction!

Fish Tales

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## President's Message

President's Message by Terry Roznos

Welcome to August! First, I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the members responsible for bringing you the July "Hybrid Meeting" at the Phoenix Club. Those who worked the details of our July meeting were: Gill Realon, Larry Behm, Brian Mayer, and Melinda Burns. These folks negotiated the contract with the Phoenix Club, invited our speaker (Dave Smith) to present in person, gathered and tested the equipment necessary to host a Zoom Meeting, and secured a box of flies from Dave Smith for our Auction in September! It was a great meeting; a job well done!!



In August, we get another opportunity to gather as a group for a day of fun, food, and fellowship! Our Club Picnic (First Annual) is scheduled for August 14 at Irvine Regional Park; Deer Den Group Area, 11 AM to 3 PM. This will be a celebration of you, our membership, for hanging in there the past 16+ months. An RSVP of your planned attendance is needed by August 9 (Guests are welcome)! See your newsletter for further details. Also, Melinda Burns sent a Picnic Announcement email to all members on July 15 with all the details. Please consider volunteering for the event; some helping hands are needed. Can't wait to see you all, in person!

Our Club Annual Auction is coming soon (Hint: September 8). The on-line Auction Catalog is now viewable. On-line Silent Auction bidding opens on Friday, August 27. The link to the catalog may be found in the announcement email from Larry Behm to all members. All Silent Auction participants must register on the On-Line Auction site to participate. The in-person silent Auction and Live Auction will be held on September 8 at the Phoenix Club.

Finally, our Club Casting Clinic (Open to the Public) at Mile Square Park is also coming soon (Hint: September 11). This event will require a host of volunteers for a fun and successful event. Expect a call for volunteers this month; be ready to volunteer if available!

Your Fish Tales are always greatly appreciated! Keep them coming!!

See you at the Picnic!!

Terry

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**Come join the fun.**

**1st Annual**

**Fly Fishers Club of Orange County**

**Family Picnic**

Great opportunity to socialize with your fellow club members.

Casting Games - Fly Tying Competition



Lots of Food and Fun

**Danish Casting Games: Participate in the Danish Casting Games**

You ask what are the Danish Casting Games. The name serves to honor Poul Jorgensen who has lobbied long and hard for an obstacle course for fly casters. The course used in this game was designed by Poul in collaboration with Floyd Franke, and was constructed by the Beamoc Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The course consists of nine casting stations, each presenting a casting challenge. The object of the game is to get the fly in the ring (36" ring) in the least number of casts.

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**Scoring:** Club Members will be allowed to vote for one fly only and at 3:00 pm we will announce the winner of the Fly Tying contest.

**Winner of contest will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Bob Marrriots.**

**Raffle**

**PRIZES - PRIZES - PRIZES**



**Galore**

Raffle tickets will be awarded and given out for participation, # guests you bring (plus yourself) and for a dish brought to share with club members. Oh and guest will be awarded a ticket as well, so they have a chance to win. Prizes will be announced at various time of the day but you must be present to win.

**When:** Saturday, August 14, 2021

**Where:** Irvine Regional Park -

**Location:** Deer Den Group Area

**Time:** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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We will provide the rods and reels so that nobody has an edge over another. Instead of hooks, we will be casting a small yarn fly. Here is a list of the 9 stations. However, I will not divulge what the challenge is for each station until you arrive at the course.

This can be done throughout the day and the winner will be announced at the end of the barbecue (3:00 pm).

Station # 1	Moon Shot
Station # 2	Tight Loop
Station #3	Limbo
Station #4	Ambidextrous
Station #5	Vespers
Station #6	Up Tight
Station #7	Straight & Narrow
Station #8	Double Trouble
Station #9	Waterhole

**Scoring:** For each station add 1 demerit for each unsuccessful cast.

**Winning Score:** Fly caster with the least amount of cast for entire obstacle course.

**Winner will be given a \$50.00 gift Certificate to Bob Marriotts**

## Fly Tying Contest

In this contest, each contestant will be given the same bag of ingredients and tools. The contestants will be able to mix and match their ingredients but can only utilize what is provided to them. Tie the best and most creative fly with what you are provided with. Once contestant is finished with their fly, they will be provided with an arbitrary number ( so no one knows who tied what fly) and fly stand to display it on throughout the rest of the day.

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Please RSVP by August 9th, so we can plan accordingly for the food. This is important!

**Click here**, to Register for event.

Or copy and paste this link in your web browser:

[https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=510287&item\\_id=1462163](https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=510287&item_id=1462163)

**Volunteers needed** to help barbecue, setup, cleanup and managing and judging games. If, you would like to volunteer to help with any of these jobs, please send me an email at [membership@ffcoc.org](mailto:membership@ffcoc.org) or text me at 951-415-9920

If you would like to donate raffle prizes, just bring them with you and give to me at the park.

### **Recommended Items to bring:**

- *Sunglasses/Eyeglasses*
- *Hat*
- *Sunscreen*
- **Fun Competitive attitude**
- *Potluck Dish to Share*
- *Chair or blanket to sit on*

There is a park entrance fee of \$5.00 per car.

Here are some other things you can do while at the park. [Park Brochure](#)

For those of you not familiar with the park, [Here is a map of the Park.](#)

Don't forget to bring a special dish to share and your competitive attitude (fun that is) See you soon.

For further information on Covid-19 rules, please [click here](#)

## 2021 Speakers

### MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Landon Mayer	Mastering the Short Game	1/13/21
February	Tony Reinhardt	Advanced Drift Boat Techniques	2/10/21
March	Heather Dyer	Conservation 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	Skip Morris	Make Dry Fly and Emergers work	5/12/21
June	Ernie Gulley	Choronomids on Lake Crowley	6/9/21
July	Dave Smith	Euro Nymphing	7/14/21
August	Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	8/14/21
September	Auction	Live & Online	9/8/21
October	Charles Jardine	UK Fishing : Beyond the Chalk	10/13/21
November	Karlie Rowland	Fishing Henry's Fork, Idaho	11/10/21
December	TBD	Catching Carp in the LA River	12/8/21

# Free Fly Casting Clinic

*Sponsor: Fly Fishers Club of Orange County*

**Saturday, September 11 - Mile Square Regional Park**



Did you ever have an interest in flyfishing...but there never was an opportunity to try it? Or maybe you're just starting your fly fishing journey and need of some serious casting instruction? **This is your ticket to learning the sport!** We have recruited the top casting instructors from Orange County and Long Beach. Bring your own rod or use one of our demo rods kindly loaned to us by a major rod manufacturer. The **clinic is open to anyone** interested...and is **free!** You just have to **register in advance**. Learn all the essentials about the equipment, casting techniques and fishing. The event concludes with a **Free BBQ lunch starting at noon...**and maybe a fish story or two. **Space is limited by Park Rules.** Secure your spot and **register NOW!!** (see below)



**Mile Square Regional Park**  
16801 Euclid St. Fountain Valley



**When:** Saturday, September 11  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Mile Square Regional Park  
At South Pond

Park Entrance on Euclid St. Pass  
thru entry gate. Look behind ranger  
station for our banner.

**Cost:** Free Casting Clinic.  
There is a \$5 Parking Fee; charged  
at Park Entry.

The Casting Clinic concludes with a free  
BBQ lunch and talks by some experts.  
All participants are welcome!

For Registration or Event Info, please contact:  
Ken Lindt, [CastingClinic@FFCOC.org](mailto:CastingClinic@FFCOC.org), or call 714-936-3486





## Auction Corner

### Auction in approaching rapidly!

[Wednesday, September 8th](#)

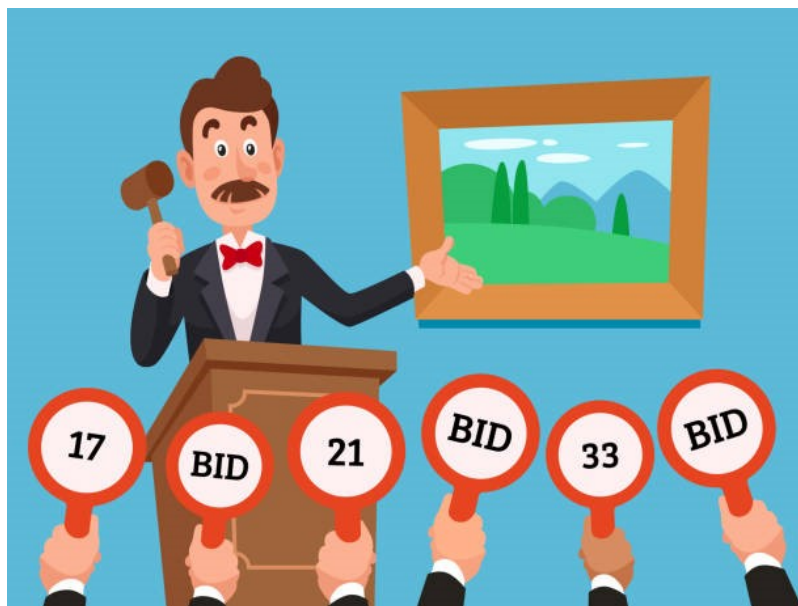
#### Annual Auction Update

The auction catalog is online. Browse now and find your new fishing gear.

You can see the catalog at <https://charityauction.bid/FFCOC2021Auction>

The some items in the catalog will be auctioned online starting Friday, August 27. The remaining items will be auctioned at our in-person meeting on Wednesday, September 8.

Please register on Auctria beforehand, if you didn't register last year. Go to the link above for the catalog and click on the registration button.



## 2021 Outings Updates

**New Outings Chair:** Don Tayenaka has joined the board recently taking over from Lyman Kennedy.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Streamkeeper</b>	<b>Phone</b>
March 16-18	Pyramid Lake <b>(Cancelled)</b>	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
March 28-April 1	San Juan River <b>(Cancelled)</b>	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
August 1-6	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
Sept. 20-24	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 24-28	Bridgeport, CA	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
October 8—10	President's Outing/Kern	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790

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

## San Juan River Outing 2021

\*\*\*\* NEW DATES \*\*\*\*

August 1 to August 5, 2021



Stream Keeper: **Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169, bdmayer@hotmail.com**

We have been able reschedule our San Juan River outing for the first week of August 2021 !

Please contact Brian Mayer, bdmayer@hotmail.com, (562) 619-9169 for questions, answers, information and to make arrangements.

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.

I have made a block reservation at the Fisheads San Juan River Lodge for rooms and Guides [ <http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/> ]. Please contact me if you wish to attend this outing so I can assign rooms and fishing buddies. If you prefer to make your own arrangements, please feel free to do so.

Please Note: the Abe's Motel, Restaurant and Gas Station have permanently closed. It is up for sale and NOT operating at this time.

Plan to arrive by Sunday, August 1. The general plan is to fish with guides Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2 to 4. 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.

I will be coordinating a caravan for this trip. We will depart SoCal on Saturday, July 31 and spend the night at Flagstaff, AZ. We will arrive midday on Sunday, August 1 to the San Juan River.

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## San Juan River Outing 2021 (Con't)

### San Juan Outing– Pictures

For more information, please contact stream keeper Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169 or [bdmayer@hotmail.com](mailto:bdmayer@hotmail.com)

If you plan to attend the trip, please call or send Brian Mayer an email so we have contacts for everyone.



## UTAH Outing 2021

### FFCOC 2021 Outings to South Central Utah

Deposit \$200 **Non Refundable** to hold your spot forwarded to the guide.

Max number of guests per trip 6 **1 spot left**

**\*September 20-24 2021 Loa, Utah**

**Quiet Fly Fisher \$ 1,000 Total 5 days guided contracted**

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**For More information: Visit the FFCOC website and view Calendar entry**

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More outings Needed!

If interested in putting together an outing, give Don Tayenaka a call. The club has resource guides to help plan a club outing for success. All we need is a member to take their passion for a particular trip/ location to the next level and offer to be a Streamkeeper!

Editor



## Bridgeport Outing 2021



**Dates: September 24 - 28**

**Location: Willow Springs Motel and RV Park, Bridgeport**

***Reservations are NOW being accepted!!***

Lodging at the Willow Springs Motel and RV Park has now been secured. The plan is to arrive in Bridgeport on Friday, September 24. Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area, then return home on Tuesday, September 28.

There are numerous great fishing opportunities in the area, including stream fishing the East Walker River, West Walker River, Virginia Creek, Buckeye Creek, Robinson Creek, and more. Stillwater fishing by boat, float tube or from the shore on Bridgeport Reservoir, Upper or Lower Twin Lakes, or float tubing on the Virginia Lakes. Ken's Sporting Goods in town is generally the source of fishing knowledge in the area; buy some flies and a t-shirt or two, and the advice gets better!! You can also check their website for a Fish Report, but best to stop in to get the latest!! You can also secure a Fishing Guide at Ken's as well; gets you access to some private waters if desired.

Generally, members disperse to their desired fishing locations in the morning. Then after a day's fishing, return back to the Willow Springs Motel to rendezvous and discuss the day's fishing successes (or not), and plans for the next day. The evening group campfire, hosted by our Willow Springs staff, provides a great opportunity for telling the day's fish stories.

Willow Springs Motel and RV Park, approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport, is our home base for the outing. Standard single rooms (queen bed), Kitchenette rooms (one queen and one double bed) for those who wish to buddy up, and 30A full hook-up RV sites are available for your lodging choices. Standard Single Rooms are \$95/night, Kitchenette Rooms are \$130/night, and RV Spaces are \$45/night.

Sounds like an Outing for you? Please contact me with your questions, or with your reservation request. Thank you!!!

**Contact Info:**

Terry Roznos  
(562) 322-4790 (cell)  
[taronos@verizon.net](mailto:taronos@verizon.net)



## President's Outing 2021

**Dates: October 8th - 10th**

**Location: Kernville - Sequoia Lodge**

**Reservations are NOW being accepted!!**

Lodging at the Sequoia Lodge on the Kern River has now been secured for the 2021 President's Outing. This annual tradition is a great event to gather for fun, fishing, telling of stories, and to spend some time with your fellow Club members.



The dates this year are Friday, October 8th to Sunday, October 10th; check your calendars! The days are open to whatever activities you would like to pursue (fishing the Kern River would be a good one!). The evenings will feature gatherings at the Sequoia Lodge compound for dinner and socialization (more on that later).

The Sequoia Lodge features Single Queen (SQ), Single King (SK), and Double Queen (2Q) rooms. The Club has paid the first night deposit for the block of rooms reserved. Single night lodging rates for the Sequoia Lodge are as follows:

Room Type	Rate	Tax (6%)	Total
SQ	\$135.00	\$8.10	\$143.10
SK	\$145.00	\$8.70	\$153.70
2Q	\$149.00	\$8.94	\$157.94

You may now contact your President (me) with your specific room request. I will then send you written confirmation of your request with room assignment. When your lodging request is confirmed, please send your reservation deposit to our Treasurer, Tom Sakai.

Our group reservation is subject to a 30 day Cancellation Policy. Should this outing be canceled, your deposit will be returned. At a future date (end of August), all confirmed attendees will be asked to contact the Sequoia Lodge directly to provide your personal credit card info for payment of balance due on checkout.

Please contact me with your questions, or with your reservation request. Thank you!!!

Contact Info:

Terry Roznos

(562) 322-4790 (cell)

[taroznos@verizon.net](mailto:taroznos@verizon.net)

Reservation Deposit Info:

Checks payable to: FFCOC

Mail to: FFCOC/ Treasurer Tom Sakai

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

## Fish Tales

### Jenks Lake, San Bernardino Forest Brian Mayer

I recently had the opportunity to fish at Jenks Lake off Highway 38 in the San Bernardino mountains. This is a very small lake in a US Forest Day Use area near Angeles Oaks on the back road to Big Bear City. The lake has Blue Gill, bass, catfish and trout. The lake is 10 to 12 feet low now, so there has not been trout stocking this year.

I had good success with a small green, wire woven body Prince nymph and with a small deer hair sculpin fly. I landed about a dozen mix of Blue Gill and bass. I lost about an equal number of fish. With the low water, there is significant algae and pond weed growing which the hooked fish immediately dive into. They are masters at getting unbuttoned in the weeds !

Although not crowded on the weekdays, I was surprised and happy to find at least 5 families with kids of many ages learning to fish with a bobber and worm. The parents were even explaining how the fish live, the ecology and the stress the fish were having with the low warm water. Great to see the next generation getting learn about our environment.



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## Fish Tales (Con't)

### Fishing Idaho's Henry's Fork : Ken Lindt

Steve, Larry and I fished Idaho's PHD fishery called Henry's Fork. PHD does not mean "push here dummy". These fish are highly educated in distinguishing real aquatic insects from a jumble of chicken feathers and fuzzy material anglers call flies...that are used by fly fisherman to imitate the real bugs to outsmart fish and get them hooked.

To give ourselves maximum advantage, we fished upstream from the gauntlet known as the Ranch...that is the Harriman State Park reserve, a section of property (or should I say territory at 11,000 acres) donated to the State of Idaho by the Union Pacific Railroad along with the Harriman and Guggenheim families for preservation of natural lands. The Ranch not only holds the very best fishing water, but literally hundreds of flyfishing fanatics who travel the globe in search of great flyfishing (along with thousands of seagulls), collectively plunge into the river at the slightest hint of a hatch of aquatic insects to catch these big, wary trout (or in the case of the seagulls, swoop around and pick off hatching flies in the air or right off the surface film). It is a scene of virtual mayhem. More often than not, anglers exit the river exclaiming excitedly, "I hooked one!" That doesn't mean the fish was actually hooked and reeled in or brought to the net. It means the fish grabbed their fly momentarily. To many this is worthy of a celebration of victory. But the real unclaimed victor was the PHD fish who escaped rather easily by simply letting the fly go before getting hooked.

This day, we fished a section of river upstream from the tumult going on at the Ranch. Our hope was run into some less educated fish, maybe fish with a bachelor's degree or even a high school diploma, something that might fall prey to our flies without too much finesse. Upon advice from Conrad, a trusted source, at one of the local fly shops, we targeted an area several miles upstream in an exquisitely beautiful Caribou-Targhee National Forest. That forest runs much of the upper length of the 33-mile Main Street that the City of Island Park, Idaho, calls "the longest Main Street in America."

The river there is arguably one of the most beautiful sections of river one could behold. It winds through dense forest of white-barked lodgepole pine, whose fallen logs lined the riverbanks on each side in a random crisscross pattern depending on what force of nature caused them to fall, whether wind, snow, ice, rain, or lightning. This creates the impression of a completely natural alpine setting seemingly unmolested by humans. The only evidence of human presence is the natural foot path aside the river along which are the remains of fallen trees that the forest service rangers saw fit to cut to clear the trail.

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## Fish Tales(Con't)

As we followed this meandering footpath, we came to a section of this river where some small fish, better known as “dinks”, were rising sporadically. This was not the area pointed out by our trusted source. We were anxious to get fishing, though, and decided to enter the water and give it a try. After casting to a few “dinks”, we determined they were highly educated too. Hmmm. This was not going to be as easy as we thought...maybe not PHD educated trout due to the fishes’ juvenile age, but certainly holding an advanced degree. All this did not in the least deter our fishing partner, Larry, who apparently was convinced it was his day.

Sometime during the first hour of fishing this lovely stretch of river, aquatic insects with large grayish wings and greenish bodies began popping up on the surface. First one...then another...and another. Not in rapid succession mind you. Maybe one every fifty or seventy foot-length of water. Just an occasional pop on the surface enough to cause a disturbance that looked as though a small fish had risen. Then after it traveled 25 or 30 feet, as suddenly as it popped up on the water surface, it quickly disappeared replaced by a single large bubble sometimes rivaling the size of half a chicken egg.

This activity did not occur where the dinks were rising, along the sandy trough in the center of the river, but farther across the river over what looked like a darker area. Larry recognized this activity. He tied on his chosen fly and cast out beyond the rising dinks over to some submerged weed beds towards the source of the bubble. A sudden commotion disturbed the water surface. A very large trout broke free from the surface tension making its presence known by somersaulting in the air several times. It was Larry’s day to hook a big Fish. After all, in addition to holding an engineering degree, Larry had added a law degree as well. Surely these credentials qualified him to catch a quality PHD fish at Henry’s Fork.

However, this large piscatorial being caused some fluttering of the heart. At a critical juncture in fighting a fish when the fish gets close, but not close enough to be netted, a balancing act occurs. The angler is awkwardly positioned holding his or her rod high in the air with one hand behind the back and stretching precariously as far forward as possible with a fishing net to capture the wild prey that always seems to remain slightly out of reach. All the while, the river current is constantly tugging away at one’s footing on some slippery moss-covered rocks, loose gravel or quick-sand-like weed bed. Larry was poised in such a manner when his footing happened to give way. Slipping, he hit the water with a splash only slightly larger the fish itself when it leaped.

He attempted to hurriedly get up and slipped again. The shock, both physically and spiritually, of falling in water tends to challenge one’s sense of stability. Physically, instinct dictates to one’s legs to get up fast, get your head above water, and prevent your waders from filling with water lest you experience more severe fate than just an embarrassing moment. This is attempted often before the feet have been planted on river bottom terra firma. At the same time, the current seems to have gained a hidden reserve of strength seem-

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## Fish Tales(Con't)

ingly pulling harder. The lack of wader ballast further contributes to feeling of instability. The icy cold shock of water to the entire body adds an explanation point to the event.

Spiritually, one is rocked by the realization that sometimes one is most vulnerable to the forces of nature at the very moment one expects to conquer nature. Like crawling on a high tree limb that suddenly gives away. Or scrambling along a rock bank and suddenly the most stable looking rock becomes the least stable rip rap sliding down the bank. With good reason, then the entire bank suddenly starts to feel unstable. This loss of stability causes an extreme sense of caution and means one does not regain his or her sea legs again instantly because attempts to right oneself too quickly are not always rewarded. Larry attempted to get up quickly again, and again on the third try went down. By the fourth dunking, all that was visible was what appeared to be a floating hat and a rod sticking up in the air in the water beside it.

Larry finally assembled himself in what at first appeared to be a drunkards attempt to stand up, feet lurching about to find solid bottom while the current was still tugging at his legs. At this very moment, when our thoughts should have been directed at Larry's safety and well-being (did shins and knees scrape bottom? did limbs strike underwater rocks? were waders ballooned with water enough to drag him down again? did he lose his rod? For gosh sakes, was he OK?), our minds veered in different direction. We yelled out, "Is the fish still on?" His feet finally finding the stability that eluded him previously, he started reeling in. He had a slightly embarrassed and dour look on his face clearly expecting the inevitable: the lack of taut line and slack caused by the series of falls allowed the fish to swim around freely and find the perfect angle to wriggle off the barbless hook. His look indicated he had prepared himself for such a fate.

As he continued to reel in, suddenly he felt a tug on the end of the line. The fish was still on. With a feeling of elation and the prospect of yet winning this contest against nature, the vulnerability and instability suddenly dissipated. His composure regained, he reeled the fish in with authority and properly netted a magnificent 22" rainbow trout. The entire incident was as if a scene cut right from a River Runs Through It. Lifting the netted fish in the air toward us in a winning gesture, a giant smile came over his face. You know...Larry is a showboat!

## Fish Tales(Con't)

### Truckee: Collin Ramsey

Rarely do I look back on a trip where I got completely skunked as a positive experience, but our day on the Truckee River was just that. My wife, 3 younger children and I stayed on the northwest shore of Lake Tahoe in mid-June and my 9-year-old son and I got to fish the river with Mike Curtis, an experienced guide out of the Reno area. The day started with a meet-up at the Trout Creek Outfitters in downtown Truckee, which is a small yet organized, inviting and well-stocked fly shop. From there, it was a short drive to a starting point just a few miles downstream.

A string of unseasonably hot days had increased waters temps both in the upper water column of Lake Tahoe (Truckee River is a tailwater to the lake and actually receives its water from the top – and not the bottom – of the dam) and within the shallower parts of the river, which made for some difficult fishing. In addition, this was my son's first time wading within water that moved at a decent rate of speed and volume, which proved to be a learning experience for him. Our guide was there to help my son stay upright and to put him on some fish. Most importantly, having been raised in the Truckee area, our guide was a wealth of knowledge on the river, imparting a great amount of useful information that only a local fisherman would know. He also pushed me outside of my comfort zone and had me tight line nymph for a few hours, which I had never done before.

Overall, it was a successful day, with my son landing two small rainbows and getting comfortable wading in moving water, and with me getting to practice euro nymphing on a challenging river. Although we learned why they call it the "Tough Truckee," it was still a great day of fishing. In addition, we took US 395 back home, which got me excited for future fishing trips as we passed by a bunch of rivers and lakes (West Walker River, Rush Creek, Upper Owens, Crowley) that I can't wait to visit in the future.



## Fish Tales(Con't)

### Road trip: Janna Roznos

Last month, we packed up our travel trailer for yet another fishing adventure. We drove and camped in Sisters Oregon where we fished their local waters.

Our first day there, we fished the Crooked River a nice tail water, easy access, and easy wading, and we caught our first of many redband trout.

On our second day, we floated the Deschutes River, which to our surprise, so did everyone else in the area. Although it was crowded, we did find some good spots to fish and caught more redband trout. All fishing is done from the shore – none while floating – so it's nice to sit back and relax as we floated from one fishing spot top another.

On our third day, we drove to the Metolious, which by far is the most beautiful river I think I have ever seen. We hiked along the river trail out of Camp Sherman and each passageway down to the water more spectacular than the last.

After Oregon we drove to NorCal and fished three of the Shasta Area rivers. We started with the McCloud River. We drove to Camp Ah-Di-Na, down a steep, curvy, rocky, dirt road, forcing us to crawl along at less than five miles an hour. After establishing our day camp, we hiked about a mile to the river. The McCloud is a fast moving and rocky water, truly testing our wading skills. It's a perfect river for euro-nymphing with a Tenkara rod.

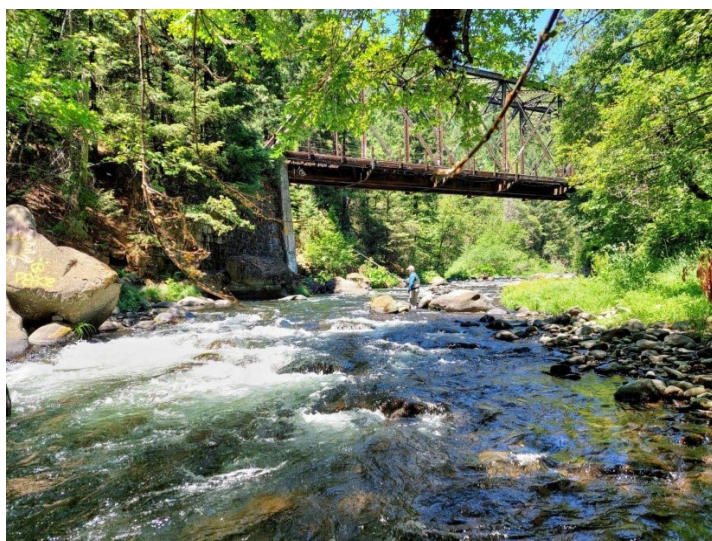
The next day, we fished the Upper Sacramento just outside of Dunsmuir. We waded across the river and then walked the rails (listening for trains!) until we reached Mossbrae Falls, a spring-fed waterfall. A really beautiful sight!!

And finally on our last day we fished the Pitt River. Easy access (paved road) to the water is misleading, because the Pitt River is fast moving, plenty of fish to be caught, and a challenge to wade. For more details about that . . . you'll have to ask Terry.

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## Fish Tales(Con't)





**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Saturday - November 13, 2021**  
**Southwest Council's FALL Flybuy 2021**  
**Fly Tying, Casting, Garage Sale and much more!**

**Where:**

- Long Beach Casting Club
- 5201 E. 7th
- Long Beach, CA

**TIME:**

- 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Activities:**

- Over 20 of SoCal's best Fly Tiers
- Raffles
- Silent Auctions
- Flies for Sale
- Used-Equipment Sale
- Casting Lessons for all levels and Casting Games

Join us for the **FIRST** fly fishing event in SoCal since the reopening of social gatherings!  
With over a year since the last FlyBuy, our Garage Sale is going to EPIC and overflowing.  
We have lots of things planned and details will be following in the coming months.

**MARK** your calendar and plan on joining us in Long Beach!

Website: [swcffi.org/flybuy](http://swcffi.org/flybuy) [Fly Buy \(swcffi.org\)](http://FlyBuy(swcffi.org))



## Flies That Keep On Giving!

By John Williams

### DRAGON FLY NYMPH

For years I have saved fly patterns and cut them from magazines, looked at tying books and shared many patterns with friends. I found this several years ago and came across this pattern while unpacking all my shit. This will be the first Dragon fly pattern I have ever tried and I like the results. This looks like a big meat for trout.



This is what it looks like before a bath.

<b>Hook:</b>	<b>Firehole 718 Size 10 or similar</b>
<b>Thread:</b>	<b>Black 8/0</b>
<b>Eyes:</b>	<b>Black Medium Bead Chain Eyes</b>
<b>Body:</b>	<b>Golden Olive Marabou</b>

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## **Flies That Keep On Giving! -continued**

<b>Legs:</b>	<b>Cascade Crest Silicone Micro Olive/Black</b>
<b>Thorax Dubbing:</b>	<b>Hareline Dark Shade Rainbow Scud Dub</b>
<b>Thorax Cover:</b>	<b>Mottled Turkey Tail</b>
<b>Glue:</b>	<b>Super Glue Gel Formula</b>
<b>Thorax Dressing:</b>	<b>UV Clear</b>

Place a smear of super glue on the shank of the hook two head lengths behind the eye and start your thread in the glue then place a pair of bead eyes on top of the hook where you tied in your thread and make several wraps to secure the eyes well, the super glue will assist in keeping the eyes secure when dry. Tie in a turkey tail feather cut ¼" wide by splitting the bond between the fibers with your scissors and securing it to the top of the hook behind the eyes on top of the shank letting the tapered end extend forward. Smear the shank of the hook with superglue and run your thread to the back end of the shank and begin tying in clumps of marabou while holding onto the butts and fold the entire feather clump back to secure all the fibers you have removed from the stem, do this forward until you get 3/4 of the way up the shank. Important! Now trim your bodies with a fatter butt than the forward section and then a fast this butt. Tie in two legs on either side of the shank. Dub in the middle of the leg tie in and just in front of the forward legs move your thread back to between the legs and fold back the turkey to form a thorax cover and tie down between the legs. Cut behind the thread carefully leaving a slight amount extending. Smear your thread with a slight amount of super glue and make several wraps and whip finish.

This guy looks better when wet.

Tight lines all,

John

## FFCOC Leadership

### Mission:

Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

Disseminate to the public the Results of the Club's Efforts

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

To **ACHIEVE** this the Club conducts various meetings, events and outings as documented in this newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP** is open to all. If interested, contact one of the board members or come to one of the club meetings.

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