

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our February 9th Meeting will be conducted using Zoom. We'll have to wait at least another month before we're able to meet in person, and try out our new Meeting Venue.

Please watch for your email meeting announcement, or the Club website, for the February Zoom Meeting ID info.

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President's Message

President's Message by Larry Behm

Welcome flyfishers! In spite of our best planning for an in-person meeting, the February meeting will be on Zoom.

We tried to hold an in-person meeting at our new location, but COVID jumped up and threw another curve in our plans. I hope you were able to enjoy the Zoom meeting. The speaker, Peter Stitcher, is a professional fishers biologist and really knows his stuff.

The other clubs in our consortium did not want in-person and we are not in a position to pay for the speaker's travel by ourselves.* We are very disappointed.

In spite of the COVID challenges, we are working hard to restart a lot of the in-person events that we lost over the last two years.

On Feb 19, we have a mentor outing in Bishop on the Lower Owens. Look at the calendar for more upcoming outings.

We are working on restarting fly tying and rod building classes. Keep an eye on the website or calendar. We will post these as soon as we lock down the details.

Outings are filling up pretty well, so if you want to go on one of the trips, contact the Streamkeeper early.

We have kept our scholarship and education programs going. In mid-January, Ken & Rosie Beck, and Ron Gregg delivered fish eggs to several elementary schools in our county. See the TIC page on our website for details of how we are teaching the next generation.

While we don't have any active conservation projects to volunteer for, consider sending a letter to support our local native Steelhead population. Did you know that steelhead are still trying to survive in our streams in Southern California? CalTrout is leading a campaign to designate this fish as endangered under state law to free up more funding to protect them. Please look at CalTrout's plan and send a letter if you agree. [Trout Clout: Take Action to Protect Southern California Steelhead | California Trout \(caltrout.org\)](https://caltrout.org/trout-clout-take-action-to-protect-southern-california-steelhead)

Finally, don't forget to renew your membership!

*if you are not aware, we belong to a 7 member consortium of SoCal fly clubs. We all share in the travel costs of our great speakers. The speakers are typically booked 18 months in advance and Gill Realon does a lot of coordination to make this work.



Our New Meeting Venue Will Have to Wait Another Month!



Hopefully in **March**, we'll meet in person again, and our monthly Club General Meeting will be hosted by the Los Caballeros Sports Village in Fountain Valley (approximately a half-mile east of Mile Square Park).

Los Cab is located at 17272 Newhope St. in Fountain Valley. (See map below for location)

We will be meeting in the Terrace Room. Enter lobby, then upstairs to the Terrace Room. (See photo)

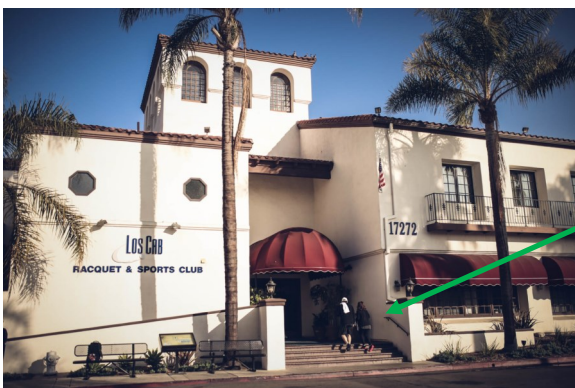
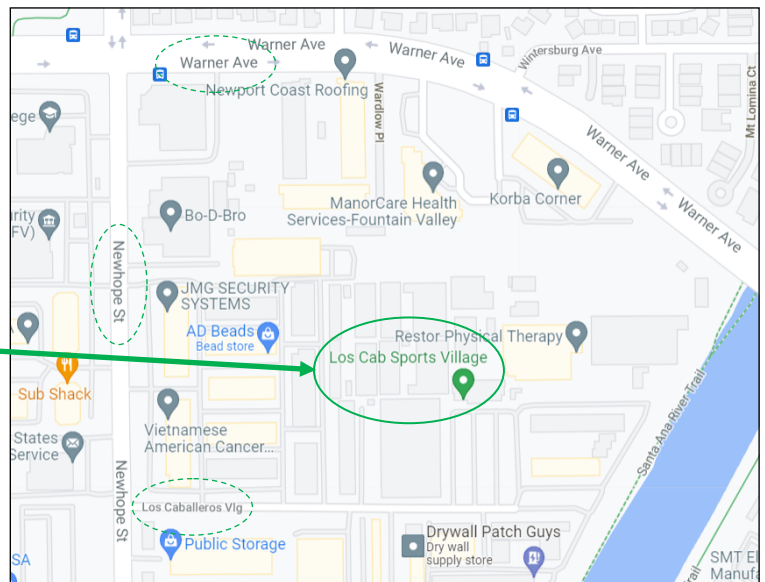
Change in meeting format, the Happy Hour format (no served dinner); later start time (7 pm), Wet Fly socialization with snacks/appetizers, cash bar, and some Club announcements, followed by our guest speaker presentation at 8 pm.

Meeting Fee: \$10.

Los Cab Sports Village:

South of Warner Ave.

Enter Los Caballeros Vlg off of Newhope St.



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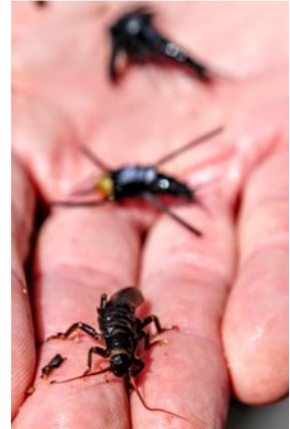
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Proceed Upstairs to the Terrace Room.

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This Month's Speaker

Our Guest Speaker- Wednesday, February 9 at 7PM



MATCHING THE HATCH IN TWO MINUTES

with **PETER STITCHER**

The phrase “*matching the hatch*” is frequently tossed out to beginner fly anglers as though it were a simple and obvious process. Too often it conjures up memories of tedious entomology classes in school or at fly fishing trade shows. While many of us have grasped the basics of the aquatic insect’s journey from nymph to flying creature, the subtleties are harder to grasp.

On the river we can waste a lot of time fishing emergers before their time or overstaying our welcome bouncing a nymph along the bottom. Then there is the frustration of placing what appears to be a perfect imitation of a natural by a rising fish, only to be shunned and rejected. Faced with an almost infinite fly choice of pattern, size, color the odds of getting it right are stacked against the average angler. That is before we stray farther from our home waters and, in the absence of a guide, try to crack the code of a new river. Then we need hard information or a proven system to give clues to the trout’s menu. Reducing the variables by using tested techniques will make the difference between a great fishing day or just more casting practice on the water. Who better to turn to than an aquatic biologist who runs a successful fly-tying company? Such a person is our February presenter Peter Stitcher.

A self-described “*Fly Fishing Geek*” Peter will guide us through the *P.A.U.S.E. method* of matching the hatch, highlighting the 5 areas where the day’s menu is written on and

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This Month's Speaker (Con't)

around the river. Then, using the observation made on the water, the angler will learn how to prioritize that information and *M.A.T.C.H.* the samples to the best fly patterns. Finally, we will discuss how to utilize water temperature and the standard hatch chart to anticipate which fly patterns should be active on our target water year-round.

Peter Stitcher is an aquatic biologist and the CFG (Chief Fly Geek) at *Ascent Fly Fishing and River Oracle Inc.* As a biologist, Peter works in the assessment, restoration, and management of trophy trout waters across the Western US.

Approaching the sport of fly fishing through the lens of a biologist, Peter strives to break down the sciences of entomology, fish feeding behavior, fish vision, and habitat use to help the fly angler think like a fish, and fish like a pro. Peter writes the *Bug Bites* column in *High Country Angler* magazine, was the feature of the Denver Channel 9 News piece *Catching Colorado* and can be seen teaching at the fly fishing expos and clubs around the country.

Founded by Peter Stitcher, Ascent Fly Fishing strives to provide a **fish-eye-view** of the hatch and knowledge on how best to fish it. With every tie and every fly box packed, the goal is to answer the universal questions of the fly angler:

1. HOW DO I MATCH THE HATCH?
2. WHICH FLIES SHOULD I USE?
3. WHEN DO I FISH EACH PATTERN?

While building trophy trout water and restoring rivers across the US, Peter would regularly be sampling invertebrates to assess the health of a fishery and to determine what needed to be done to grow larger, more vigorous trout. Based on this experience, an exhaustive invertebrate database (really big list of bugs!), and a fly catalog of more than 200,000 flies, we are now putting that science to work for fly fishermen and women across the globe!

No longer is success on the water the exclusive privilege of fishing guides and the inner circle of the fishing elite! Done are the days of fishing blind on the river, ignorant of which pattern to tie on!

[About \(ascentflyfishing.com\)](http://ascentflyfishing.com)
[Ascent Fly Fishing - YouTube](#)

Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

December

Keith Desroche (Buena Park)

Scott Broome (Newport Beach)

Randell Gravett (Laguna Niguel)

Richard Ciolek-Torello (Anaheim)

January

Matthew Conrad (Mission Viejo)

Ronald White (Tustin)

Genevieve Sparg (Trabuco Canyon)

John Puckett (Laguna Niguel)

Chris Yamada (Manhattan Beach)

Membership Renewal Reminder:

Just a friendly reminder for those who have not renewed their Club membership for 2022, your 2021 membership expired on 12/31/21. That will trigger the relentless email reminders and perhaps a friendly phone call from a Club Officer! Perhaps, the email reminders have already begun?? There are three ways you can renew your membership:

1. At a Club Meeting (Since our February meeting is virtual, not an option for February!)
2. You can download and print a Membership Application, fill it out, and return it with your payment via the US Postal Service. A Membership Application is available on the Club website. Use the following link: <https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=910542>
3. You can renew your Club Membership on-line using our Club website. Personal check or Credit Card payment is accepted. Just follow the instructions on the website. For on-line membership renewal, use the following link: https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=60&club_id=510287

If you don't remember if you have renewed for 2022, you can wait for the barrage of emails, or you can contact our Membership Director, Cherie Dalton, at membership@ffcoc.org to verify your Membership status. Thank you!!

Congratulations to **Dave Niedzialek** for submitting his 2022 Membership renewal by Dec 31. His name was drawn at our January meeting from the 67 members who also renewed by Dec 31. Dave was awarded the \$50 Marriott's Gift Certificate for his early renewal!

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the March edition are due to the Editor by **Friday, Feb 25**, to meet publication deadlines. Please send your input to Janna Roznos at jkroznos@verizon.net or jkroznos@gmail.com. All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Members, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Streamkeepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Thank you!! ...Editor

Club News (Con't)



On Friday, January 21, 2022, the Club delivered 800 rainbow trout eggs to five schools. Three elementary and two high schools. The teachers go through a training session to set up the aquariums and to raise the trout (approximately 8 weeks to release date). The students also get classroom instruction on trout habitat, trout environment, and conservation.

One fourth grade class had many interesting questions. Due to the Covid restrictions, the Club was unable to give hands on demonstrations on casting, fly tying and conservation.

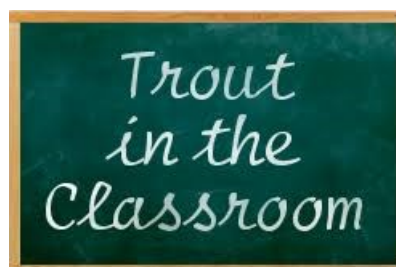
We will deliver again in the Fall. This is a very fun and rewarding program and everyone.

- Ken Beck

We will need volunteers in a couple of months to assist with some of the classroom releases. This will entail setting up various stations such as; fly tying, conservation in fly fishing, casting a fly rod and finally the release of the trout fry.

For further information, contact Melinda Burns at mel11755@pacbell.net or text at 951-415-9920.

Photos below: One is of our Trout In The Classroom show setup, one is showing the bag of eggs when we deliver them, and finally the fry in a bucket, ready to be released.



Club News - Fish Tales

January 12th Somewhere on the Upper Owens with Doug Rodricks of Sierra Drifters. These guys do it right!

We had, quite frankly, a sensational day of fishing and to put it bluntly, mostly catching. Thanks Doug, see you in February.

Keith Desroche



Note: Alright you established members, Keith joined the Club in December 2021. Where are your Fish Tale submittals?? ...Editor

Club News (Con't)

IN MEMORIAM



Ray Elmendorf. A former member and past president (1981) of FFCOC recently passed away.

Born in Illinois, Ray was about four months old when his family moved to Lakewood where his father (who was in the service) was stationed.

Ray, as a young boy, fished with his father whenever possible, since Ray's father was in the military. He relished his time spent fishing with his Dad.

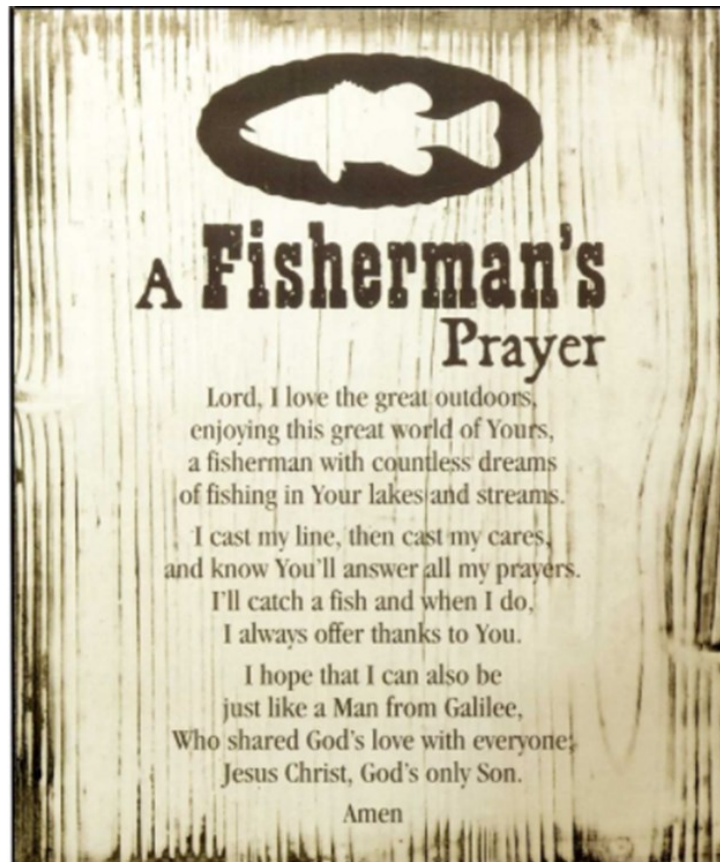
Ray loved fishing so much that he joined Rio Hondo Bass Masters and competed in many tournaments, winning awards. Shirley, his wife, still has the trophies on display in their home.

His wife doesn't recall when Ray became enamored with fly fishing other than he joined FFCOC in the 1970's. He and Bill Blackstone became good friends and

went on several fishing trips together throughout the years.

Ray was also a guide in Alaska for two years and planned on returning to Alaska; however, life happened, and he was never able to.

In lieu of flowers, in honor of Ray, please donate to Nature's Conservancy which was one of Ray's favorite non-profits.



2022 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Ernie Gulley	Stillwater Bugs and Tactics - What Do Trout Eat	01/12/22
February	Peter Stitcher	How to Match the Hatch in 2 Minutes	02/09/22
March	TBA (Scott Leon, Tentative; Off-Shore Fly Fishing)		03/09/22
April	Alice Owsley	Stalking Trout in Yellowstone	04/13/22
May	Charles Jardine	Beyond The Chalk	05/11/22
June	Michael Schweit	Local Saltwater Opportunities - Channel Islands and Beyond	06/08/22
July	Heather Hodson	DIY Fishing the West - 30 Days On the Road	07/13/22
August	Club Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	TBA
September	Club Auction	Live	09/14/22
October	Al Q	A Saltwater Check List	10/12/22
November	Beckie Clarke	Colorado River Fishing	11/09/22
December	TBA		12/14/22

2022 Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
February 19-20	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
March 13-15	Pyramid Lake	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
April 2-3	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
April 2-9	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
May 14	Crowley Lake/Float Tube Clinic (Ernie Gulley)	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920
June 3	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
July 15-28	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951-236-0862
July 16	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
July 22-24	Golden Trout Hunting - Horseshoe Meadows	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
August 12	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
August TBA	Club Picnic		
September 26-30	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
September TBA	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
October TBA	President's Outing/Kern River	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
November			
December			

Note: Contact Don Tayenaka with your Club Outing proposal, or for guidance on creating a Club Outing. Let's go fishing as a group!!!

OUTINGS

Fly Fishers of Orange County Pyramid Lake Ladder Fishing Trip W/Rob Anderson and Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide Service

March 13 - 15, 2022

***A CHANCE TO CATCH A TROUT OF YOUR LIFE
TIME!!!***



Dates – Fishing 3 full days - Sunday March 13th – Tuesday the 15th. Arrive Saturday March 12, depart Wednesday March 16th.

Guide Assistance – Provided by Rob Anderson and 2 guides from Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing

Guide Service (PLFFGS). Website: www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com. Phone: 775-742-1754

Cost – \$ 480.00 based on 10 participants with 3 guides, but maybe higher or lower if we do not get 10 commitments (12 Max). This includes light breakfast, hot lunch & drinks on fishing days and guide assistance

Lodging Plans – Hotel in Sparks, NV – Western Village Inn & Casino. Cost is TBD

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OUTINGS (Pyramid Con't)

We are working to secure a block of rooms and secure best price. Option, to stay at Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe, NV. Info forthcoming, but you will make your own reservations.

What you are responsible for - Your Transportation, Hotel, Meals (other than breakfast and lunch on fishing days at the lake) Guide tips, Fishing Permit (from Piute Indian Tribe).

Fishing Gear – Rods/Reels: 9' - 8 or 9 wt. or 11' Switch Rod with floating line for indicator fishing and/or fast sinking or shooting head line for stripping. Tackle – Flies, adjustable indicators, 10-15# leader/tippets. PLFFGS will provide the ladders and flies.

More Info -

- Deposit of **\$240.00** due ASAP after signing up.
- Final payment of **\$240.00** due no later than January 15, 2022. Make checks payable to the 'Paul Nakamura', and send to 12136 Marshall St., Culver City, CA 90230.
- Contact Paul Nakamura for details and to get on the Trip List. pnaka1946@gmail.com or 310-487-3367
- Zoom meeting will be planned with Rob to get you acquainted with fly fishing Pyramid Lake. Tentative date will be in November after we get a club distribution developed.
- Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent those who have signed up for the Trip.

OUTINGS

Mentor Outings – Lower Owens River, Bishop CA

- February 19/20
- April 2/3

These outing are intended for club members who do not have a lot of experience fly fishing (novices). Signups will be limited to about 10 novices depending on the number of club members that volunteer as mentors for the novices. Doug Jones is the stream keeper for this outing and his cell is 714-697-2222 and his email is dougjones.oc@gmail.com. Contact him to sign up as either a novice or mentor. You must sign up separately for each outing.

Outing Preparation

- Inventory your equipment and supplies well in advance of the outing so you arrive in Bishop prepared. If you attended On the River Training program the handouts list many of the items you should consider bringing.
- A pre-outing meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 3rd at 7:00PM via Zoom to review fishing gear, flies, personal gear, travel, lodging, meals, etc.
- Mentors should be familiar with Guidance For Working With Novices. They will be provided a copy if they don't have one.
- Mentors should consider fishing Friday prior to the outing to fish on their own to get a handle on current conditions and scout places to fish.

Outing

- Friday – Travel to Bishop
- Meet up Saturday February 19th and Saturday April 2nd at 8:30AM, Pleasant Valley Campground on Chalk Bluff Road at the walking bridge.
- The email distribution is open so you can coordinate carpooling to Bishop.
- Saturday – Mentors spend the day fishing with novices and providing guidance as needed. This is a fishing buddy relationship, the mentors are not guides or in any way responsible for novices' equipment, supplies, wellbeing, etc.
- Saturday evening – Informal dinner get-together depending on COVID status.
- Sunday – Meet at the footbridge at 8:30AM, answer questions novices may have and everyone is on their own for a day of fishing. Novices may wish to pair up so they have a fishing buddy for the day.

OUTINGS

San Juan River, NM Outing

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

April 2 to April 7, 2022

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

Spring is just around the corner and we are planning another fantastic outing to the San Juan River 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.

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.

COVID Pandemic restrictions have severely limited food options. Many restaurants have very restrictive access and dining options. The Fisheads Backcast Café is open for dinner, but you need to make advance reservations which can be done on a daily basis. Most other dining options are 45 minutes away in Farmington, NM.

Plan to arrive by Sunday, April 3. The general plan is to fish with guides Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4 to 6. 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, April 2 and spend the night in Flagstaff, AZ. We will arrive midday on Sunday, April 2 to the San Juan River and Fisheads Lodge.

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.

OUTINGS (New Mexico, Con't)

San Juan River Beauties



OUTINGS (Crowley Lake/Float Tube Clinic)



Photo courtesy of Don Tayenaka

Float Tube Fly Fishing on Lake Crowley with Ernie Gulley

When: May 14th, 2022

Cost: \$200 per person

Location: Lake Crowley

Minimum 4 Anglers and maximum of 8

FLOAT TUBE CLINICS – ERNIE GULLEY

This is an on the water clinic. Fishing out of a float tube in stillwater can be very intimidating, let me show you all of the ins and outs of being successful fishing from a float tube. I will teach you proper setup for your float tube before you even go into the water. How to properly set up and anchor your float tube or water craft to be successful in keeping your fly at the proper depths at all times. How to properly position your water craft depending on what food times you are trying to present. How to read the water conditions, structure, habitat weather! How to use different fly lines, floating, hover, clear intermediate and sinking lines and how to find the fish at each level of the water column.

To reserve your spot for this clinic, contact Melinda Burns (streamkeeper) at mel11755@pacbell.net or text 951-415-9920. Remember this is limited to 8 anglers and Honey Burns and I are already 2 so there are only 6 openings left. Hope you can join us.

OUTINGS (Hot Creek Ranch)

Hot Creek Ranch

By John Williams



Known as Fly Fishing University, not the fishermen and fisherwomen but where fish with graduate degrees that reside and embarrass those who try their best to surprise wary fish with their offerings. Knowing you have fooled these advanced degreed fish is a feather in your cap and should be celebrated. Hot Creek is next to the Mammoth Airport and is a place to relax and enjoy the location with cabins complete with comfortable accommodations and complete kitchens, the front porch is known to bring friends together as the sun falls behind the Sierra's. Our club has been booking the cabins at the ranch from the seventies and booking the entire ranch since the mid eighties. We have earned the respect of the ranch for a well managed group of friends and respectful of the ranch rules. There are nine cabins that fill every year on the four-day stay we book in July as a perpetual reservation. We are one of the few groups that have this opportunity because of our steadfast commitment when fishing was slow we showed our commitment to support this most special location, other groups have lost this privilege. Summer day can be hot and the nights cold, we have spectacular lightning shows and rain that has kept us on the porches in awe. John Williams has been the streamkeeper many years and does his best to accommodate newcomers to the ranch. This past year we had so many people on the waiting list this next year we will probably fill most of the spots with those left on the waiting list, I will be in contact with them to confirm their commitment to our 2022 visit to the ranch as they didn't make it last year.

Tight Lines All,
John

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OUTINGS (Hot Creek Ranch - Con't)

Currently we have filled all the cabins. If you wish to be placed on the waiting list please call me 951-236-0862. We occasionally have cancelations so it puts you in place for next year. The cost for 2022 is \$487.00 per person, we presume the cost will remain the same next year.

Sincerely,
John Williams



OUTINGS

Fly Fishing Southern Utah

September 26-30, 2022

Stream Keeper John Williams 951-236-0862



The area of Southern Utah we are going has four mountains that surround it and has numerous lakes and streams.

I have fished the area in the spring, summer, and fall; I have found the most productive time is in the fall

Where We Are Going:

Loa Utah Home of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** and is located in a beautiful valley at 7064' elevation, which hosts a few small towns like Loa, Lyman, Bicknell and Torrey. This is farming and livestock country and is surrounded by mountain ranges of which we will be fishing. There are National Parks near by that offer spectacular scenery, Bryce Canyon to the South West and Capitol Reef to the East, Fish Lake National Forest to the North West along with Boulder Mountain with an elevation of 11,317 which provides many fishing locations, and spectacular views.

Guide Contact Information:

Our head guide in **Loa, Utah** is **Mike James** owner of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** their address is 200 N. Main Street Loa, Utah 84747 Contact Phone Number is 435-616-2319.

Weather & Clothing:

We will be lodging at approx. 7,000' elevation. Nights are cold and days are warm usually, I have experienced rain, snow, hail, and hot and cold days. Bring clothing you can put on in layers that wick moisture, nothing more uncomfortable than moisture under your clothing, which either keeps you hot and sweaty or cold and sweaty. Bring a lightweight rain jacket. Most days you will be wearing your waders but on hot day I wet wade with light shirt nylon pants and my wading boots

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OUTINGS (Loa, UT - Con't)

on, don't forget the neoprene booties if wet wading. Be flexible, bring both cold and warm weather gear and adjust as needed. Weather at high altitude can change rapidly be prepared. The weather will not stop your guide from fishing unless it is dangerous and or access is limited. They will advise if there is a problem. Mother nature sets the parameters we must always be aware of our surroundings and climate.

Lodging:

There are many options in the region of Loa, Utah both in town and adjoining hamlets like Lyman and Bicknell. I would suggest The Mill Cabins 1500 S. HWY 24 Lyman, Utah (435) 491-0426 as a wonderful place with individual cabins that can sleep two and are very reasonably priced, **Bruce & Dana Chappell** are the owners. In Loa the Snuggle Inn is pricy but luxurious by small town standards. In Bicknell the Sunglow Motel and Restaurant is comfortable and reasonably priced. Lodging in these areas can be limited so make your lodging reservation early; I do not take responsibility for making anyone's lodging reservations due to last minute cancelations and family emergencies. I recommend you book you're lodging early, as lodging will be harder to find closer to the trip dates. Many travelers hit the road after school is in session and before winter.

Physical Demands:

Where we are lodging at 6500' to 7,000' elevation we can be fishing and hiking at as high as 11,000'. If you have problems at altitude let the guide and streamkeeper know in advance of our trip. Most fishing locations involve some hiking and wading. I would suggest arriving a couple of days early to acclimate to 7,000' not hiking hard and drinking plenty of water, it easy to dehydrate in higher elevations, the guide has water and soft drinks along in their vehicles so ask for the water.

Gear:

Rods & Lines, the entire trip can be done with a 9-foot 5-weight rod and a floating line and a sinking line, one rod is all you need.

Waders, good pair of breathable waders is required in most situations.

Boots, wading boots are part of the package. No restrictions on felt as yet.

Wading Staff, Many of us find having a wading staff necessary for stability in slippery or rocky situations, or just find a long stick, don't fall, the rocks are unforgiving.

Terminal Tackle, I use a 9 foot 5x leader and have along 2,3,4,5,6x tippet. I as well bring an assortment of lead free shot to use as needed if nymphing.

Flies, We will be fishing many lakes and a few streams and possibly a couple of rivers. I carry dries, nymphs and streamers but the guide will provide you with flies. If the guide suggests a fly or gives you a fly use it with the full understanding you will catch fish, they are quite experienced on these waters. If you are like me I bring many more flies than I will ever use. I have hoppers, caddis, mayflies, and damselflies in adult and nymph stages. I find a callibaetis mayfly nymph very useful in the lakes. Bring what you own and the fly shop offers all the working patterns you will be using if you want to purchase some.

First Aid Kit: I carry a basic first aid kit in my tote bag for simple emergencies, minor cuts and abrasions.

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OUTINGS (Loa, UT - Con't)

Transportation:

From L.A. Southern California is a 9 1/2-hour drive including gas stops and a lunch stop to Loa, Utah. Sharing a ride is more fun to get to know your friend or partner better and listen to each other's experiences along the way. When in Loa the guides provide the transportation to and from the day's fishing locations. Salt Lake City is approximately 3 hours away from Loa and is serviced by many airlines and rental car companies.

Float Tubing:

There will be opportunities to float tube in the area if you so desire. The Quiet Fly Fisher in Loa can provide you with a float tube if they are guiding you. If you wish the comfort of your own float tube please feel free to bring yours.

Food:

In Utah many of their dining locations close on Sunday, it is best to call ahead or ask your guide where and what is open, most areas have a couple options on Sunday but it is best to inquire. Guides provide lunch during the days guiding. Many of us BBQ at the Mill Cabins for dinner, to curb the costs of eating out every meal, the grocery in the town of Loa is open Mon.- Sat. Breakfast is your choice of eating at a local restaurant or at your lodging, the guide provides lunch the days you are fishing.

Libations:

You are responsible for any liquor you wish to purchase either bought from the local Liquor store in Bicknell or for beer (3.2) in some of the gas stations, or bring from home. BYOB.

Costs and Payment:

A deposit of \$200 [Non Refundable](#) is sent to John Williams 19429 Kamden Court, Sedro Woolley Washington 98284 to hold your spot then forwarded to the guide. The total cost of the trip is \$1,125 for five days of guiding. The staff of the Quiet Fly Fisher of Loa Utah will guide us.

Tipping:

It is customary to tip the guide daily; I tip \$50 per day of guiding at the end of the day. Tipping is not based on your ability or the number of fish caught, but for good service and the ability of the guide to lead you doing everything in their ability to make the experience enjoyable. Fish are a bonus. I have negotiated quite reasonable rates for the group of six and feel a percentage tip is quite unfair to the guide considering the extreme road conditions, locations and wear and tear on their vehicles. These extreme road conditions keep most of your competition for fish away.

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OUTINGS (Loa, UT - Con't)

Fishing License:

Utah state fishing license can be obtained on line prior to your trip, which is the easiest. Licenses can be purchased in Loa at the local store Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Yearly licenses last from the date you purchase them for a complete calendar year.

Emergency Services:

Bicknell near Lyman has a clinic available for minor emergencies.

John Williams Cell 951-236-0862 Streamkeeper



CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING COMPETITION FLY OR SPIN FOR THE WIN

This catch and release tournament is a challenge to ALL anglers to see who comes out on top. The event is open to both fly and conventional anglers. For more information; including times, location, rules and when to sign up, please visit:

[Trout Rodeo \(swcffi.org\)](http://TroutRodeo.swcffi.org)



About now, you are looking for some fishing fun and we have got just the ticket!!

**SO WHAT THE HECK IS A
TROUT RODEO??
READ ON...**

Many of us fish the Lower Owens and surrounding areas at this time of year and the Southwest Council thought it would be fun to have a safe and fun gathering. Trout Rodeo is a one day, catch and release, fishing event. It is open to fly fishing, lure fishing and even Tenkara! It is even open to Professional Fishing Guides (but they get to compete separately). The idea is to catch, measure and photograph your fish (and let them go) and the more landed "inches" you have, the more raffle tickets you will win to enter into one of our many prize buckets (and you can buy more tickets at the gate, too!).

To register for the event, just go to our event page ([click here](#)) and click on the upper right REGISTER button and follow the instructions. The rules and everything pertaining to the event is on this page and can be downloaded. Cost per person is 25.00 and you **MUST** have a smartphone as the scoring app works through your phone. Besides individual categories, we also have a TEAM category. In this case, just gather your friends, get them all to register and then pay an additional team fee of 20.00 (no matter the size of the team) by clicking [here](#). Teams will be scored by total catch inches and divided by the number of team anglers.

In our ongoing effort to keep our activities safe, the SWC is going to forgo a dinner gathering but we **WILL** meet at the Tri-County Fairgrounds for raffles, awards and prizes. In another time when everything is behind us, we promise to throw a rousing party with music, beverages and fun so you can hold us to that.

Questions? Contact event organizer, Michael Schweit, at either this email or 818.6019702. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Event Page: [2022 Bishop Trout Rodeo | iAnglerTournament](#)



Southwest Council FFI– News & Events



What is Fly Buy?

Part fishing tackle garage sale, part fly-fishing carnival and all fun.

ADMISSION:

- ADULTS: \$20.00. Includes lunch/drink
- UNDER 16 and VETS: Free
- NEW TO FLY FISHING: 15.00. Includes lunch and a FREE fly casting lesson to get you started
- BRING/DONATE a new or lightly used item of 40.00 retail value and get in FREE!

ACTIVITIES:

- Fly Tying Demonstrations all day
- Raffles
- Silent Auctions
- Flies for Sale
- Used-Equipment Sale
- Casting Lessons and Games
- Vendors
- Women and Youth Activities
- **THE LARGEST FLY FISHING GARAGE SALE ON THE WEST COAST**

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



Flies That Keep On Giving!

By John Williams

This is a fly I plan to fish and was recommended by a new friend and fellow fly fisherman. I was told it dominated his fishing in Montana and Idaho on still water. I am tying this on a stouter hook because I plan to target Pike with a stainless steel leader. If it works as I was told I will share that with you. He said this fly worked well on tigers, browns.

Black Mamba



Hook:	TMC 600SP #2 3X Heavy, 3X Wide, 2X Short
Threads:	UTC 140 Fluorescent Chartreuse
Weight:	.030 Lead Free
Rib:	UTC Large Chartreuse Wire
Under Tail:	Yellow Crystal Flash
Wing:	Black ¼" Rabbit Strip
Cement:	Gel Formula Super Glue

Make ten to twelve wraps of lead free wire for weight and leave double eye space behind the eye. Start your thread just ahead of the lead free wire. Cut a piece of the chartreuse wire and tie it in just

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Flies That Keep On Giving!

ahead of the lead free wire and lay it over the lead free and tie it in well just behind the lead free with several wraps of thread. Cut approximately 10 strands of yellow crystal flash from the hank and tie in a tail a hook shanks length beyond the bend just behind the lead. Wrap the crystal flash free ends around the lead forward to the forward start of the lead and secure with a few wraps of thread, fold the long ends of the crystal flash over the back and secure with a few wraps of thread, cut to the same length as the tail. Select a strip of rabbit 1/4" straight cut and coax an opening in it so that the point end hangs two times the shank length beyond the bend of the hook. Secure with a wrap of counter wrapped wire. Wrap the wire forward through a couple more gaps between the fibers to the point behind the eye of the hook and secure with a few wraps of thread. Secure the rabbit just behind the eye with a few wraps of thread and cut the remainder free. Place a slight amount of super glue on the wraps and make several wraps of thread to form a head.

Big Fish, Screaming Reels and 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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