

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY  
OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



SEPTEMBER 2022

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## **Upcoming Events:**

Club Auction!! September 14. [Santa Ana Elks Lodge](#)

Casting Clinic at Mile Square Park (Sep 17); yes, this is a big one (Page 11)!!

Check the website Events Calendar and join in the activities of YOUR Club!!

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



## President's Message

### President's Message by Larry Behm

Its Auction Time! Join us for the Annual Auction on September 14, 6pm. Notice the NEW Location. This year we have an enormous amount of stuff. Look at the online catalog to plan your purchases.

Would you like to help at the auction? We need runners, and help setting up. If you can help please contact me 949-235-4466.



We had to cancel two surf events this summer because no one was willing to be the "Streamkeeper". If you can be the organizer for a surf outing please contact Don Tayenaka.

Be sure to check the club calendar for upcoming events, outings and meetings. I look forward to seeing you at one of these events or on the water.

The next FFCOC Board Meeting is Thursday, September 22 at 7pm. The Zoom Meeting info may be found on the FFCOC website. Club Members are always welcome to attend.

## FFCOC New Ex-Meeting Venue; Los Caballeros Sports Village



Beginning in February 2022, our monthly Club General Meetings are now hosted by the Los Caballeros Sports Village in Fountain Valley (approximately a half-mile east of Mile Square Park). Come and join us!!

“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 below)

Our meeting format has changed, the Happy Hour

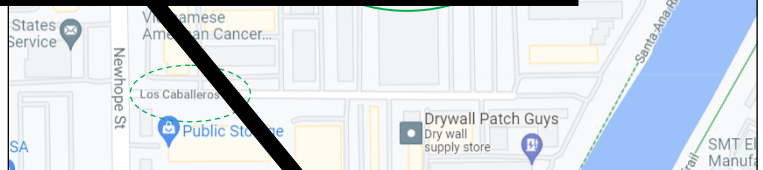
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Proceed approx. 1/4 mile to parking lot

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### Proceed to the Terrace Room:

Enter Lobby.

Proceed Upstairs (at the right-side of the Reception Desk) to the Terrace Room (right turn at the top of the stairs/elevator).



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7:45 pm - Live auction begins

Admission Fee: \$10

Cash Bar and Prepared Appetizers Provided!

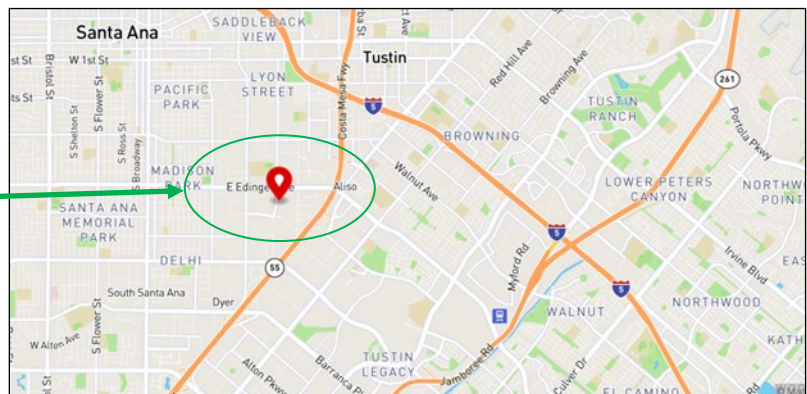
#### Elks Lodge Santa Ana

1751 S. Lyon St.

Santa Ana, 92705

(714) 547-7794

[Santa Ana Elks \(saelks.com\)](http://santaanaelks.com)



Click here to RSVP your planned attendance:

[Monthly Meeting-AUCTION - Club Calendar - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \(clubexpress.com\)](http://clubexpress.com)

## 2022 Speakers

### MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Ernie Gulley	Stillwater Bugs and Tactics - What Do Trout Eat	01/12/22
February	Peter Sticher	How to Match the Hatch in 2 Minutes	02/09/22
March	Scott Leon	Off-Shore Fly Fishing Adventures	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	08/06/22
September	Club Auction	Live - <a href="#">Santa Ana Elks Lodge</a>	09/14/22
October	AI Q	A Saltwater Check List	10/12/22
November	Beckie Clarke	Colorado River Fishing	11/09/22
December	TBA		12/14/22

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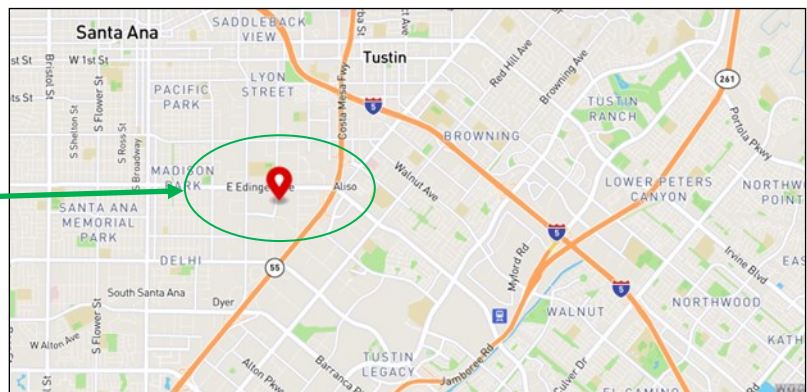
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## Club News

### Membership

**Please Welcome Our Newest Members!**

July

None Reported

August

Jane Helmeczi

### Passing of Bill Green

I got a call from Karen Green that her husband Bill Green had a heart attack and passed away last week. Bill was a member of the Club and former newsletter editor.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Bill on Sunday 9-11-22 from 9 to 11:00 am at the Villa El Ranchito restaurant located at 2515 E Coast Hwy in Corona Del Mar.

Bill had many friends in our Club and hopefully we can let them know of Bill's sudden death in our newsletter.

Thank You  
Andy Frumento

### President's Outing - October 21-23

Last call for reserving rooms at the Sequoia Lodge. We will release all the open rooms on September 15.

If you want to stay in the center of things for our Kernville outing, reserve now at the link below. This outing is a great social event for the club. You are welcome to attend and stay anywhere you want. However, if you want to stay at the center of things the Sequoia Lodge is the place to be. You can fish the Kern River during the day and enjoy fellowship at the club potluck dinner in the evening. We have blocked the entire Sequoia Lodge for the weekend.

Check out the details at: <https://tinyurl.com/3hn2u7t5>

Reserve your room at: [https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=587&club\\_id=510287](https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=587&club_id=510287)

### COVID Precautions at Meetings and Events

Many of you have asked what we are doing about COVID these days. We continue to welcome everyone, regardless of vaccine or infection status, to attend meetings and events. Please choose not to attend when you are sick, as we have many older or ill members who deserve your consideration. We encourage the use of masks or other safety measures when appropriate.

## Club News

### Trout in the Classroom



We are looking for teachers who want to educate their students about fish biology, fish habitat and fish life cycles. Do you know such a teacher?

FFCOC is running the Trout in Classrooms (TIC) program again this year. This program is an important part of our Club's mission regarding education and conservation. By teaching children about fisheries and what is important for a sustainable habitat, we are encouraging

conservation of the habitat we all enjoy so well.

During the COVID years the program shrank to 5 schools and we now want to ramp it back up again. We are asking you to help find teachers who would like to join the program. CA Wildlife is very supportive, has a new coordinator, Abram Tucker, and wants us to help.

So can you help find a teacher who could participate in this program? Help us with a lead and we can do the rest!!

Ron Gregg ([ronegregg@gmail.com](mailto:ronegregg@gmail.com)) is coordinating the program and leading a group of Club volunteers. He is the primary contact for any teacher who is interested.

Thank you for considering the project and helping to move it forward.

### FFCOC Marine Studies Scholarship Fund



**The California State University**  
FOUNDATION

Each year the FFCOC provides a \$3,000 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate level student in marine related studies at a CSU Campus, and demonstrates a commitment to community service in the fisheries biology field. This year eight well deserving student candidates applied for the scholarship. Steve Watanabe and his committee evaluated each of the candidates, created a composite rating from each of the Club reviewers evaluations, and transmitted the our results to the CSU Foundation for final award selection and announcement. The 2022-23 FFCOC Marine Studies Scholarship award winner will be reported in a future newsletter edition when announced by the CSU Foundation.

### Stream Keepers Wanted



Are you interested in a fly-fishing trip – someplace you've gone before or maybe someplace you've always wanted to go?

A great way to meet people and hone your fly-fishing skills, and ultimately have fun is participating in a FFCOC fly fishing trip, and one of the ways of doing this is being a Stream Keeper.

Every trip sponsored by FFCOC, and included in the FFCOC Outings calendar, has a Stream Keeper whether it's a multi-day trip or just a morning of fly-fishing at the surf.

Does this sound a bit too daunting? It's not. The FFCOC has a procedure specifically for Stream Keepers in the Members Only section of the FFCOC website, look in Document Folder Steamkeeper ([Documents - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \(clubexpress.com\)](https://clubexpress.com)). Contact your Outings Director, Don Tayenaka, and there are many former and current Stream Keepers that will answer any, and all questions. This is a great way to get involved in your Club, meet other Club members, and mostly enjoy fly-fishing!



## Club News

### Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (October) edition are due to the Editor by **Monday, September 26**, to meet publication deadlines. We will be on week 3 of our six week Western States fishing travels; we will be in route to the Yakima River RV Park (Washington) on September 26. It would be great to see your submittals upon our arrival that evening! All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Member announcements, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Streamkeepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Please send your inputs to Janna Roznos at [jkroznos@verizon.net](mailto:jkroznos@verizon.net) or [jkroznos@gmail.com](mailto:jkroznos@gmail.com) Thank you!! ...Editor

## Club News - Upcoming Events

### Rod Building Class

#### Last Session is September 10

Why would you want to learn how to build a rod? The process of building will teach you what to look for in a quality rod, it will educate you for all future rod purchases. It is also fun and not very hard to build a rod if you enjoy handiwork. There is a lot of mystic around rod building, but it is straightforward and the process that Rich Fanning wrote up produces great results.

**Dates:** (you must attend ALL sessions to complete your rod)

Saturday Aug. 20 - Session 1

Saturday Aug. 27 - Session 2

Saturday Sep. 10 - Session 3

**Location:**

Classes will be held at Matt Conrad's offices at 23161 Lake Center Dr, Lake Forest, CA 92630. He has graciously offered a beautiful conference room where we will be able to work together to build your rod.

**Cost:**

Less than \$120 total. Price to be finalized at the time of rod kit order.

A down payment of \$30 was required to hold your place. Final payment will be in July.

**Rod Kit:**

We will build a 7 ½' 3 wt rod. This rod will be a great small stream rod or practice rod. It will take three Saturday mornings and few hours at home to complete. The Club has lots of loaner gear, so you only need to buy the rod parts and consumables.

**Questions:**

Contact Larry Behm , [Larry.Behm@Cox.net](mailto:Larry.Behm@Cox.net) or 949-235-4466



## Club News - Upcoming Events

### FFCOC 2022 Casting Clinic

**Saturday, September 17 - Mile Square Regional Park**

We are holding our awesome Casting in the Park event on Saturday, September 17. This is a beginners fly casting lesson that is open to the public free of charge, Club members as well, and is taught by FFI Certified Casting Instructors Joe Libeu, Kathy Kim, and others. It is part of our public outreach to encourage fly fishing. It is also one of the most effective ways to encourage new membership.

I need your help. We're looking for more signups!! I kindly request that each one of you think of one (1) friend or acquaintance who might be interested in learning to fly fish or improving their casting skills. Please provide them our Casting in the Park Flyer with the QR Code to register for the event!

With your help, I am confident we will get a superb turnout and broaden the appeal of fly fishing. Thank you for your support! Ken Lindt

#### *Free Public Fly Casting Clinic*

*Sponsor: Fly Fishers Club of Orange County*

**Saturday, September 17 - 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 free 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 club rods kindly gifted 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. **Register NOW!!** (see below)



#### **Mile Square Regional Park**

16801 Euclid St. Fountain Valley



**When:** Saturday, September 17  
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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

Park Entrance on Euclid St. Pass thru entry gate. Look at the first parking lot on left for our banner.

**Cost:** Free Public 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 714-936-3486  
or [CastingClinic@FFCOC.org](mailto:CastingClinic@FFCOC.org) or use [QR Code to register on-line](#)



## **FREE FLY FISHING CLASSES**

### **ON THE RIVER CLASSES AND CLINIC 2022**

#### **AKA FLY FISHING 101**



#### **Save the dates:**

##### Classroom Sessions:

Saturday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:30am -12:00 noon

Saturday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am -12:00 noon

Location to be determined

##### On-The River Clinic:

Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

The Fly Fishing Club of Orange County's (FFCOC's) On The River Classes and Clinic program is a perfect way for new, and less-experienced, fly fishers to learn the art of fly fishing. The program which is open to Club Members introduces participants to the fundamentals of fly fishing

including the equipment, techniques and science of catching fish. The program is a great introduction to a sport you can enjoy for the rest of your life.

Joe Libeu, a member of the FFCOC, is a Fly Fishers International Certified Master Caster Instructor and professional guide. He developed and instructs Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens River. Several experienced club members assist Joe providing hands-on training during the on the river clinic.

The program includes everything needed to plan and prepare for a successful fly-fishing trip. Classroom training subjects include equipment, insect life cycles and how flies imitate them, how trout behave, clues as to what fish eat, stream care and etiquette, reading the water, nymph rigging and much more.



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## Club News - Upcoming Events



The on the river clinic is held on the Lower Owens River near Bishop. Many of the items discussed in the classroom setting are covered in the field. In addition, the on the river clinic includes reading the stream, entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The program includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

The On The River Classes and Clinic program is focused on helping new FFCOC members learn the basics of fly fishing and will be in follow up to our annual *Casting Clinic* scheduled for Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>. Participation in the On The River Classes and Clinic program is limited. New Club Members and those who sign up at the September *Casting Clinic* will be given preference. Other club members are welcome to participate if space allows.

Remember, the On The River Classes and Clinic program is only open to FFCOC members. If you are not a club member you can join at our web site [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org) or contact Cherie Dalton, the Club's Membership Chair at [membership@ffcoc.org](mailto:membership@ffcoc.org)

### REGISTRATION

Registration will open in mid-August. The date registration is scheduled to open will be announced in a blast email to Club membership, posted on the website, and followed-up in the next the Club Newsletter.

*If you would like information regarding the September Casting Clinic, which is open to the public, you should contact Ken Lindt at [castingclinic@ffcoc.org](mailto:castingclinic@ffcoc.org)*

### CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are an accomplished fly fisher and know the Lower Owens River, you would be a great candidate to work with Joe and provide instruction at the On The River Classes and Clinic program. Please contact Doug Jones if you can help. We will need eight to ten members to help with the training.



## Club News - Event Reports

### FFCOC Club Picnic

The FFCOC had another successful, and fun filled picnic on Saturday August 6 at Irvine Regional Park. Our second annual picnic was well attended with about 40 members and guests who came out enjoy a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, and of course a day of leisure with fellow Club members and guests. The Casting Course Challenge created by Ken Lindt was the highlight of the event. Club members and guests got to test their casting abilities on the course of 9 casting challenges. Prizes were awarded for the top three scores for their superior casting skills.

Thank you to all who participated, and for those who helped organize and cook all the food. The pictures tell the story...





## Club News - Fish Tales

Early August in SW Montana is always hot, mostly dry and usually good fishing. Mark Whalen and I joined up on the Gallatin River to spend a day fishing together in the Canyon section. He had been camping there for a few days already had good spots picked out.

But, the weather got very hot, and the fish went down deep to hide. It was a tough day to connect with the famous rainbow trout of the river. We moved down river after lunch hoping it would change our luck.

We spread out and began looking for the "fishiest" water. I bushwhacked through a thick willow marsh to reach a nice bend against a very high sheer cliff. With the willows behind me and the cliff in front, I waded to



waist deep and began casting to a slowly rising trout. As I was changing yet another fly I thought might fool this trout, I was startled by a thunderous explosion of hoofs, water and cobble colliding.

I spun around to see a 3 or 4 year old bull moose staring at me with fear in his eyes. Immediately two dogs came crashing through the brush and started barking. They had broken free from their owner up near the road and chased the moose. The moose thought he would find refuge in the river and so had crashed headlong through the brush and jumped into the middle of the river 50 feet behind me.

Now the moose had to decide between me and or the dogs barking on the bank. I could not move quickly, being so deep in the river. The last time I tried to outrun a moose, I had the advantage of a canoe and another strong paddler with me. And that time, we barely out ran it. This time, I was severely disadvantaged.

When it was clear the moose was unlikely to charge, I pulled out my phone for a few photos.

Fish Tale by: Larry Behm

## Club News - Fish Tales

### **Wanted! Your Fish Tales!!**

Have you been fishing lately?? Please share your story with our membership! Our readers enjoy your fishing exploits!!

Your tales don't need to be novels, or even short stories. A paragraph or two would suffice. Photos are great (as the old saying goes, "they are worth a thousand words")! Don't worry about the formatting or arranging. Just send what you've got! Your newsletter staff will handle the polishing!! Your Fish Tales are always greatly appreciated!

Please send your Fish Tale submittals to your Newsletter Editor, Janna Roznos at:

[jkroznos@verizon.net](mailto:jkroznos@verizon.net) or [jkroznos@gmail.com](mailto:jkroznos@gmail.com).

Thank you!



## 2022 Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
February 19-20	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
March 13-15	Pyramid Lake, NV	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
April 2-3	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
April 2-9	San Juan River, NM	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 15-18	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 - Mulkey Meadows	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
August 6	Club Picnic		
August 12	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
September 2-6	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
September 26-30	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
October 1 and 8	On-the-River Training (Classroom Sessions)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
October 21-23	President's Outing/Kern River	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
November 5-6	On-the-River Clinic (Lower Owens)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
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

### President's Outing 2022



**Dates: October 21 - 23**

**Location: Kern River  
Sequoia Lodge (Kernville)**

**Reservations are STILL being accepted!!  
Rooms Still Available!**

This outing is a social outing for anyone interested in catching up with friends and maybe catching a Kern River Rainbow. Bring your shareable dish for Saturday dinner.

We have blocked all 14 rooms at Sequoia Lodge, 16123 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA 93238. This is the same place we have stayed for years. Website: [Sequoia Lodge \(sequoialodgekernville.com\)](http://sequoialodgekernville.com)

**Rooms Still Available!!** Sign up now if you want to stay at the center of things at Sequoia Lodge!

Reserve a room now at the following link:

[https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=587&club\\_id=510287](https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=587&club_id=510287)

Sequoia Lodge Rooms Types and Pricing:

- Single Queen bed - \$135/night plus tax.
- Single King bed - \$145/night plus tax.
- Double Queen bed - \$149/night plus tax.

The block is reserved for Check-in on Friday, 10/21 and check-out on Sunday 10/23.

You will need to pay the first night now for deposit and the second night at check-in.

See the map on the website for room locations at the lodge.

Food:

We will organize pizza for Friday night and hold our annual pot-luck dinner on Saturday night. You are responsible for the remainder of the meals.

Fishing:

I encourage you to book a guide with Kern River Fly Shop early.

We will organize some groups for Saturday fishing to various locations on the river.

Larry, 949-235-4466

## California Fly Fishing Open OCTOBER 8, 2022



The 2022 California Fly Fishing Open is coming back to Kern River and you're invited to join the 6th annual CFFO!!

One of our many goals as a fly fishing club is to give back to the community. We created the California Fly Fishing Open with the hope of building stronger ties with fishy fly fishing folks while also giving back to such an amazing community. This year entry net proceeds will benefit:

[Casting for Recovery](#) and [Kern Valley Search and Rescue](#).

- Start the day with the five-person team tournament on the mighty Kern River. *Note: Clubs can have more than one five-person team.*
- Check-in will be at the Kern River Fly Shop at 7:00 am.
- You can pick up any last-minute fly-fishing supplies, scorecards and listen to general tournament announcements.
- Turn in the scorecard at the shop by 2:00 pm sharp and head over to Rivernook Campground for the afternoon and evening festivities starting at 3:00 pm.
- There will be raffles galore, vendors, team parade\*, fly fishing games, tournament awards, beverages, delicious BBQ dinner, and for your entertainment!! Bernard Yin's Par Avion, Guy Jean's "The Stoneflies" and special guests!

**\* Team shirts & club banners are encouraged for the group parade (like the Olympics).**

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## Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

Everyone in attendance will be eligible to play Heads or Tails for a custom fly rod build by Chiaki Harami.

For additional info, or to join the fun by going to the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club's website:  
<https://ssffclub.org/california-fly-fishing-open>



**Contact Don Tayenaka if you would like to participate, or organize a FFCOC team!**



## Southwest Council FFI– News & Events



**November 4-6 is this year's Virtual Expo.** Mark your calendars and join us for the fly fishing event of the year: Hands-on workshops, presentations from experts, fly tying, conservation, casting, break-out rooms, social gatherings, entertaining activities, fly fishing film competition and more...

[Virtual Expo \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](https://flyfishersinternational.org)



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[Southwest Council Fly Fishers International \(list-manage.com\)](https://list-manage.com)

This is not a Southwest Council Event, but may be of interest to our members!!

## Fred Hall shows set to return in 2023

*The Hall shows are back! Del Mar will kick off SoCal's fishing show season, Feb. 16-19, followed by the Long Beach Fred Hall show, March 29-April 2*

**BY PAT MCDONELL**

*Special to Western Outdoor News*

**LONG BEACH** – It took four years for San Diego and three years for Long Beach to return as venues for the biggest fishing tackle shows in the country.

“Southern California will see a return of the Fred Hall shows, to a legacy of the Hall family that has brought huge crowds

to celebrate the thrill of the outdoors,” said Bart Hall. “Best of all, my late parents Fred and Lois would be proud that the shows are owned 100 percent by our family and will bear his name just as they have for more than seven decades.”

Hall said the road back from Covid and a separation of a partnership that dissolved last year as result of statewide bans

on indoor events has been a difficult and humbling experience. In 2020, Long Beach made its five-day run with record crowds. The San Diego show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, slated two weeks later, was cancelled as the state clamped down on large gatherings.

“That’s behind us,” said Hall. “We all suffered, in so many industries. Last week, all differences with my former partner in the shows have been resolved, and we retain the name ‘Fred Hall Shows.’ It has been painful, but it’s now a relief to have this new freedom. We are on track to put on three shows, the Southern California Boat Show (Jan. 19-22) in Pomona, then Del Mar (Feb. 16-19) and then Long Beach (March 29 to April 2) at the Convention Center and Sports Arena.”

Huge crowds are a calling card for the Fred Hall Shows, and Hall expects attendance records.

“Something important and traditional and part of our lives



**THE FRED HALL SHOWS** in San Diego at the Del Mar Fairgrounds Feb. 16-19, and in Long Beach March 29-April 2 are 600,000 square feet of boats, RV's, trucks, kayaks, tackle, travel, publications, accessories, seminars, landings, clothing and much more. Of course, there's the Mammoth Lakes Kids Fishing Pond where kids can catch their first trout. Fred Hall shows are a family tradition spanning seven decades and bring together the outdoor industry to the public. There is nothing else in the country like the Fred Hall Shows in size and attendance.

**FRED HALL SHOWS/16**

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### Fred Hall Show Announcement (Con't) (Obviously “borrowed” from Western Outdoor News)

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## Fred Hall Shows...

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and business was taken from us,” said Hall. “Other shows at big venues have seen this massive increase. The public has not had a tackle show in Long Beach for three years and four years in Del Mar, so interest will be explosive.”

The show dates are a switch from past years. The Del Mar show has traditionally been at the end of March after Long Beach, but Hall said the idea of a Fred Hall San Diego show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds being the first tackle and boat show of the 2023 season in mid-February was too enticing. In the 44-year history of the Del Mar Show, only once was it held before Long Beach, and it was the best-ever Del Mar Show.

“The dates were available, and we grabbed them. We are very excited about this show lineup.”

“All of our major sponsors like Progressive, Costa, Dodge, Hobie, Turner’s Outdoorsman, Accurate, Convict Lake, Mammoth Lakes and many more are back and vendors are calling for contracts,” said Hall. “Our team has been working on the shows for months, and it’s time to announce to the public that the Fred Hall Shows are back. I went back to ICAST (the tackle manufacturers national trade show) in Orlando in July to announce our return, and the response to having the shows back was overwhelmingly positive. It’s great news for the outdoor industry as a whole.”

It’s been a long time coming.

Just ask the vendors who pack into 600,000 square feet at both shows.

“It’s great news that Bart is back and owns it all and calls the shots. Nothing gives us better exposure to the fishing market than the Fred Hall Shows,” said Pete Gray, producer and co-host of the top-rated fishing show, Let’s Talk Hookup, on the Mightier 1090-AM.

As for boating sales, Rick Grover of Angler’s Marine in Anaheim said, “The Hall shows are returning and for anyone in the outdoor world, that’s just fantastic news. It’s the best show there is, by far. If you are looking for qualified buyers and experienced fishermen, there’s nothing better than the Fred Hall shows.”

John Urdis of the Mammoth Lakes Visitors Bureau said he found the tourism impact so great that he upped the ante in sponsorship several years ago. And he’s all-in again. “The results were so good we became a show sponsor. We’re back, with the Mammoth Lakes Seminar Stage and the Kids Fish Free Fishing Pond. It’s a great one-stop shop to increase our visitation in the Sierra.”

Jonathan and Jill Roldan of Tailhunter International in La Paz, Baja travel the show circuit in the western states every year to meet, greet and share stories. And book anglers on fishing trips.

“I have been promoting and displaying with the Fred Hall Shows over 20 years with our La Paz operation, and before that with another operation for 10,” said Jonathan, “so that’s more than three decades. If you want to see and be seen, then you want to be in that grand showroom floor

exhibiting your product and services. It’s where the public will find you and you get the most bang for the buck.”

Other vendors also weighed in on the impact and reach of the Fred Hall Shows:

“Fred Hall has always been about branding the Costa name in Southern California for us. It’s the premier event to get to the consumers. Our glasses are out there, and that’s what it’s all about at Costa.” — Bill Poupart, Costa.

“I have been attending the Fred Hall Shows for 26 years. I wouldn’t even think of letting a year go by without attending both the Long Beach and Del Mar Shows. The amount of continuing business these shows generate for us is remarkable. The Fred Hall Shows continue to make our business prosper and grow.” — John Ireland, owner, Rancho Leonero Resort.

“The Fred Hall Shows are where Accurate Reels got their start back in 1990. We have found that they are the best places for us to launch new products and to keep in touch with our customers each year. For Accurate, the Fred Hall Shows are an integral part of our success.” — David and Doug Nilsen, Accurate Fishing Products.

“The Fred Hall Shows have produced great results for us year after year. No other shows compare for value and the sheer volume of Southern California’s outdoor recreation crowd. We’ve been exhibiting in these shows for 40 years in a row and wouldn’t even think of not being there. Consider Sea Witch Marine a Fred Hall Show fixture.” — John Haddon, Owner, Sea Witch Marine.

“We have attended both Fred



**FOR DECADES** the shows have had various names, some of them too long, trying to capture the scope of the shows that offer tackle sales, seminars, RVs, boats, trucks, travel, seminars, Ultimate Air Dogs and more. They are now, simply, the San Diego Fred Hall Show and Long Beach Fred Hall Show.

Hall Shows every year. We sold more trips at the Fred Hall Show in Del Mar than we have ever sold anywhere. These shows are consistent producers for us. We have a great relationship with the show staff and look forward to next year’s event.” — Duane Lambeth, Alaska’s Dove Island Lodge.

Fred Hall Shows are sponsored by Progressive Insurance, Mammoth Lakes, Dodge Ram, Accurate, Daiwa, Jon Petten Goldsmith, Hotel

Rancho Leonero, Okuma, Hobie, Turner’s Outdoorsman, Fisherman’s Landing, 805 Firestone Walker Brewing Co and Western Outdoor News.

Details on the shows can be found at [HALLSHOWS.com](http://HALLSHOWS.com) or on the Facebook page, under the name FRED HALL SHOWS.

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## Flies That Keep On Giving!

### Yellowstone Hopper

By Janna Roznos

This fly I used on the Madison River in Montana. It was a fly the guide tied on and was super effective. So, I saved it and recreated it using what material I had on hand. I've fished this on the Upper Owens with great success and, on Crooked Creek as well. It's an easy, effective hopper pattern, which is sold under some other name in the fly shops in West Yellowstone, but for me it will always be the Yellowstone Hopper.



#### **Materials:**

Hook: Firehole 633 # 14 or TMC 900Bl #12

Body: Foam – various colors

Thread: Uni 6.0 Tan

Under Body: Hares Ear Plus Dubbin Olive Brown

Legs: Crazy/Sili legs (or an appropriate substitute) – various colors

Hot Spot: Orange foam or any other bright color

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**Note:** Our Master Fly Tyer and Instructor (John Williams) is building a new studio in his backyard; his fly library is buried in storage. Hopefully John will return to our newsletter soon!



## Flies That Keep On Giving!

### Instructions:

1. Glue together two sheets of foam with spray adhesive, let dry. I like to use tan and then some other bright color. Cut into approximately 1/8" strips and then crosscut into 1-inch lengths.
2. Place hook in vise. Cover the shank of the hook with a thread and then dub a under body. Move the thread to about the 2/3 mark from the eye of the hook.
3. Lay the foam body on top of the hook shank and tie off at the 2/3 mark with a couple wraps of thread.
4. Trim a bright orange piece of foam to less than 1/8 inch and crosscut less than 1 inch and tie off on top of the hopper foam body at the 2/3 mark.
5. Take one strand of the Sili legs (or substitute) and fold in half and tie a knot about 2/3 from the fold. Lay this unit along one side of the foam at the 2/3 mark and tie in. Do the same on the other side.
6. Pull the foam, hot spot, and legs out of the way and advance the tying thread forward in spiral warps to the 1/3 mark from the eye of the hook.
7. Tie down the foam body first at the 1/3 mark, and then the hot spot.
8. Make sure the legs align along the body and tie off at the 1/3 mark. Do the same for the other side.
9. Pull up the front section of the foam body (over the eye of the hook) and tie off behind the eye. Whip finish.
10. Cut the loop of the back legs. Trim one leg off at the knot, do the same on the other side leaving one leg per side. Trim both legs just a little longer than the body.
11. For the front legs, trim one section at the tie in spot. Do the same on the other side and then trim the two legs a little longer than the body.
12. Trim the corners off the foam in the back of the hopper. Do the same for the hot spot.
13. Trim the front perpendicular to the hook. Do the same for the hot spot.

## 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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