

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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April 2012

## Club Meeting:

**Wednesday April 11th, 2012**

6:00 pm - Wet Fly

7:00 pm - Dinner

Dinner and Program - \$25 Cash

Program Only - \$10 Cash

**\$1 Fee for Credit Cards**

Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson

Anaheim, CA

## Board Meeting:

**April 16th, 2012**

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church\*

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See Calendar inside or

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

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location addresses.



## Crowley Lake Fly Fishing Tactics

with Ernie Gulley

One of the places many fly fishers from southern California go every year is Crowley Lake, which is up Highway 395, just southeast of Mammoth Lakes. This lake is large in area, but home to lots of trout! Many clubs in the area schedule outings to this lake and many fly fishers journey to fish there more than once a year. Crowley has consistently been listed as one of the best stillwater fisheries in the West and has even revolutionized the way good fly fishers look at indicator fishing for trout.

Do you want to learn the best places to fish on the lake depending on the month you are there? Do you want to see a great map of the lake and learn the migrating patterns of the trout from opening day to the closer? Would you like to understand how to fish the lake from a float tube ... or a boat ... or a pontoon craft ... or from the shore? Do you want to see what patterns of flies work best and when? Would you like to see leader set-ups that are deadly for indicator fishing, either for shallow water or deep water? And would you like to know that all this information is applicable to stillwaters anywhere in the world? If you answer, "Yes" to any of the above questions, well then, this is the presentation for you!

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# San Juan Snowy River Action

The Drift-Strip-Set-Fight-Scoop-Fish....Happy Face!



## **SPEAKER'S LIST – 2012**

By Andy Frumento

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKER</u></b>	<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>
1-11-12	Ballroom	Kelly Galloup	"Streamer Tactics for Trophy Trout"
2-8-12	Pavilion	Brian Slusser	"Reno-Tahoe Fly Fishing"
3-14-12	Pavilion	Mike James & Scott Peterson	"Utah Magic"
4-11-12	Pavilion	Ernie Gulley	"Crowley Lake"
5-9-12	Ballroom	Larry Kurosaki	"Stripers and Large Mouth in LA County"
6-13-12	Ballroom	Chris Santella	"50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die"
7-11-12	Ballroom	Brian O'Keefe & Todd Moen	"Behind the Scenes at Catch Magazine"
8-8-12	Ballroom	Chad Schiel	"Fly Fishing For Bass Top To Bottom"
9-12-12	Ballroom	Auction	
10-10-12	Pavilion	Rob Anderson	"Pyramid Lake"
*11-7-12	Pavilion	Tony Reinhardt	"Fly Fishing Western Montana"
*12-5-12	Pavilion	Christmas Program	

**\*NOTE:** November and December's program is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
The remaining programs will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.

## **2012 Outings Plan**

By Lyman Kennedy

Please refer to the website <http://www.ffcoc.org> for more detailed information on the outings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Streamkeeper</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
March 17	Double Haul Ball	Shane Chung	949 633 6973
March 17-21	San Juan River	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
March 10-12	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April 21	One Surf fly	Shane Chung	949 633 6973
May 5	Huntington Beach Surf	Jim Edwards	714 337 5899
May 26-27	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
June 22-24	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
June 17	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
July 13-16	Hot Creek	John Williams	909 598-7905
August 31- Sept 5	Bighorn River Montana	Joe Libeu	310 749-6771
Sept. 28- Oct 1	Women's only Casting Clinic	Melinda Burns	951 451-9920
Sept. 15-22	Yellowstone DIY with Joe L.	Joe Libeu	310 749-6771
Sept. 29-30	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
Oct. 19-20	President's Outing	Doug Jones	714 998-7304
November			
December			



# 2012 FFCOC Fly Tying Classes

By: Cheryl Moore

Spring, with all its beauty and renewability, is here in full force indicating exciting times ahead. It's time to get back outside and commune with Mother Nature. The 2012 FFCOC spring fly tying classes have concluded. The students were amazing in their abilities and willingness to understand the construction of those tiny morsels that we put at the end of our fly fishing lines. They now have some well stocked fly boxes to go out and play with some of our finned friends.

It's time to show case two of our fly tying instructors, Mike Neesley and Lyman Kennedy. Without these two gentlemen our four classes would not have been nearly so successful. Their willingness to share their fly tying passion and experience added a lot of enthusiasm and understanding to our new and almost new fly tiers. Our more advanced students enjoyed a "Guest Tier" each Tuesday night. My many thank you's go out to Syd Chai, Shane Chung, Richard Fanning, Jim Edwards, John Williams and Greg Cook. These gentlemen not only tie beautiful flies but they also create their own individual patterns. As true artists, they were more than willing to share their skill and knowledge. All in all, our shared Tuesday nights were put to good use in passing along skill, passion and handy hints to creating some mouthwatering temptations for hungry fish. Last but not least, I would like to tell those students new to fly tying and those that were in class improving their skills how much I enjoyed showing them different ways of handling materials and hopefully giving them some new and effective fly patterns.

If you enjoyed the fly tying classes and would like to continue to learn new technical concepts to further improve your fly tying knowledge, we will be doing these classes again in October and November of this year. For those of you who would like to undertake this very obsessive pass time, you are very welcome to join us in our happy pursuit of some very wiley opponents.

# Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

This fly was released to you many years ago and I still use it today for a still water mayfly imitation. Originally Jeff Hensley a friend invented this fly and shared it with me as I was headed on a trip to the Sierra's, WOW it worked great on the High Sierra lakes.

I have used this fly all over the west coast with equal success. This is an easy fly to tie but so effective.

## Wonder Nymph



Hook: Daiichi 1560 #16-20

Thread: Black UTC 70

Tail: 4 Wood Duck fibers

Rib: Ultra Fine Gold Wire

Abdomen: Olive or Black Marabou

Wing Case: Pheasant Tail fibers

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Start the thread at the eye and run it back to the start of the bend. Tie in the four Wood Duck fibers as the tail and let extend the hook shank beyond the bend. Tie in the fine gold wire at the bend and leave it to the rear for now. Tie in four to seven marabou fibers depending on how large of a hook you are using by the tips forward and then wrap forward to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  point forward and make several securing wraps and cut off butts. Counter wrap the fine gold wire to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  forward point and secure with several wraps and cut off excess. Tie in four to seven strands of Pheasant tail fibers depending on the hook size and let lay to the rear. Tie in two peacock feather herl and wrap them to an eye space behind the eye and tie off then cut off excess. Fold the Pheasant tail fibers over and tie off just behind the eye then cut off excess and whip finish. Head cement and go fishing.

This fly works well fished just above weed beds under a dry as an indicator. Pay attention to the dry and don't forget to set the hook when it moves.

Tight Lines,

John

# SAN JUAN RIVER TRIP REPORT

Nine club members recently made the trip to Navajo Dam, New Mexico to fish on the San Juan River. Some members elected to fish the river in drift boats with their guides and others waded the river, with guides or on their own. Rainbow and Brown trout were caught although the majority of the fish were rainbows in 16 to 18 inch range. All fish were very fat, healthy and good fighters. Larger fish were caught as well, and many were in their spawning colors. The largest fish of the trip was caught by Carl Thompson with a 22 inch, 6 pound rainbow trout on a size 22 midge while wading. The weather conditions varied from sunny and mild to brutally cold with driving rain and wind gusts to 20-40 mph. We experienced rain, snow, hail, and strong winds, but the weather conditions did not deter us from having a great fishing experience. In fact on the colder overcast days, we had the best insect hatches and the best fishing. We stayed at the Fisheads Lodge on the river. The lodge had spacious rooms, a restaurant, fly shop and provided us with guides for drifting or wading the river. Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper



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*(Continued from page 1 Ernie Gulley)*

Our guide for all this knowledge is Ernie Gulley. Ernie was born in southern California and started fishing with his Dad as soon as he could walk. At age seven Ernie moved to New Orleans where he learned how to fish Lake Pontchartrain for speckled trout. Later he moved back to SoCal and began fishing Crowley, Bridgeport Reservoir and many lakes in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. Ernie currently resides in Riverside with his wife Shannon and two children, Logan age eight and Aidan age four.

In 1998 curiosity about those long rods with thicker lines won out and he tried fly fishing. Well, a love affair was born and he has never looked back. In 2006 Ernie joined Deep Creek Fly Fishers, where he became a principal instructor for fly tying and classes on stillwater tactics. In 2007 he won the "Double Haul in the Fall" tournament at Crowley, both individual and team division and in 2008 and 2009 Ernie placed second in the "Stillwater Classic" team trophy. In 2008 Ernie joined the High Desert Fly Fishers where he has served as Vice-President and President. You can see why Ernie is "The Man" to show and tell us about how to be successful on this fishery.

So if you have never fished Crowley Lake, or think you are an expert on this stillwater fishery, you need to be at our next meeting. Ernie is a hard core stillwater fisherman and is always eager to share his knowledge and expertise with the novice as well as the seasoned fly fisher.

See you there..... and remember to pursue your fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento





## One Surf Fly Dockweiler Beach Classic April 21

The one surf fly event is a free fishing tournament for everyone. It is to build friendships amongst those who love the salt spray and a fly rod. This is a free event with a charity raffle held later at Fishermen's Spot. Each angler will have to bring a surf fly to be put in the bag of flies for the fly draw later. A stiff 6wt to an 8wt. With either 250g to 300g integrated line and 8# tippet. Your fly will be determined at the draw. We will meet at the Dockweiler parking lot at 5:45am for the registration. For more information call **Shane Chung** at 949-633-6973 or email me at [sschung@hotmail.com](mailto:sschung@hotmail.com)



## Post Grunion Run Hangover Huntington Beach Surf Outing May 5th 2012

Surf fishing May 5th at Huntington State Beach, 4:00 pm until it's dark (or you've had enough). We will be fishing the incoming tide around the time of the grunion run, so bring some olive/white clousers size #2 and #4, your surf gear and have an early or late dinner and come on down, we'll meet up at the usual place, at the south end of the parking lot, just south of Brookhurst (enter park at Magnolia). hopefully with warmer waters and lots of bait in the water, we'll have some good fishing. Contact Jim Edwards at [jimmywt1957@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmywt1957@yahoo.com) for more info.

# Membership Welcomes

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to the club. Make sure to look out for them at our next meeting and introduce yourself to them to welcome them into our fly fishing family.



# Women's Fly Fishing Clinic

Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
To Benefit Casting for Recovery



(Above photo is from the first annual women's fly fishing clinic in 2011)

If you are one of the fairer sex, come join us at the second annual Women's Fly Fishing Clinic. This comprehensive workshop covers all of the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, equipment selection, fly tying, knots, landing and releasing fish with plenty of hands-on practice. Whether you are a neophyte or simply want to hone your fly fishing skills, this clinic will provide the perfect opportunity to learn, review and improve your fly fishing skills in a positive, fun and engaging environment.

*All net proceeds from this event will be donated to **Casting For Recovery**. Casting for Recovery's two-and-a-half day retreats are offered at no cost to women at any age and any stage of breast cancer treatment and recovery. The **CFR** programs combine counseling, medical information and the therapeutic sport of fly-fishing.*

**Cost:** \$75 per person (lunch included)

**Date:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m.

**Location:** The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool. For directions visit:

["http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/"](http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/)pasadenacastingclubHYPERLINK ["http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/"](http://www.pasadenacastingclub.org/).org

**To register** or for additional information contact *Leigh Ann Swanson* at

310-741-7645 or [lacraven22@hotmail.com](mailto:lacraven22@hotmail.com)

**Space is limited so register early.**

*\*For those women not owning a rod and/or reel, we will have rods available for use at the clinic*

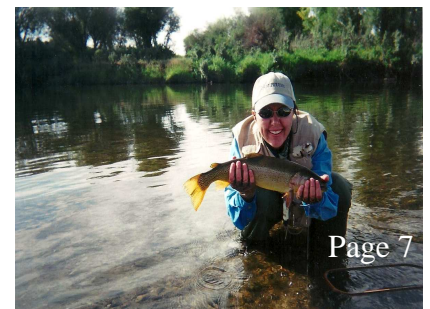
**Kathy Kim** is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor and a licensed guide. When she is not chasing a fish, you can usually find Kathy glued to her tying bench dressing tempting trout offerings or at a park, constantly working on improving her fly casting. She is passionate about sharing her experience and knowledge about fly fishing, tying and casting with her students, especially women.



**Naomi Okamoto** a professional fly tier and true artist, finds innovative methods to transfer her skills to others. She is the chief instructor for the Pasadena Casting Club's fly tying classes and demonstrates fly tying techniques throughout the Western United States. Her first love is fly fishing spring creeks, whether in the Eastern Sierra or Montana.



**Leigh Ann Swanson** grew up in a family of fly fishing enthusiasts. Since Leigh Ann was able to walk, she followed her parents on fly fishing trips, becoming proficient in all aspects of the sport. Leigh Ann spent a summer guiding in Wyoming, and continues to return to Western Wyoming a portion of every summer. She enjoys the challenges, rewards, beautiful locations, and friends that she has made through fly fishing.





# CONSERVATION FRONT AND FFF NEWS

(This is not an endorsement, but just getting the notice out to the club members on behalf of the conservation and FFF events happening within our state affecting our fisheries. )

## Mark your Calendar Fly Fishing Shows & Events !

### Fishing Shows Volunteers:

The SWCFFF will be asking our club to donate man power to help in key organizer positions for the Mammoth Fair. This year. If you would like to help and volunteer your time, please contact myself Melinda Burns or Rich Fanning. More info on these events Will be posted in the newsletter as the events get closer.

## Mammoth Fly Fishing Faire Sept. 13 - 16

Here is just a sampler of some of the workshops and events being offered.

### *Fly Fishing Workshops*

- Where the Big Fish Live
- Techniques for Success
- 10 Mammoth Area Hot Spots
- Fly Casting 101
- Fly Tying - Basics and Beyond
- What Fish Eat

### *Program Sampler*

- There's a Big Ocean out there - Saltwater Fly Fishing
- Travel with your Fly Rod
- Why 10% of Anglers catch 90% of the Fish
- Building a Lifetime of Memories

### *Other Workshop & Events*

- Digital Photography
- Rod Building
- The History of the Sierras
- Eastern Sierra Geology
- Artist and Where to Find Them



## RUSH CREEK CLEAN UP JUNE 22 - 24

The weekend of June 22-24 will find us at Rush Creek for the annual Silver Lake Rush Creek clean-up. Joe Lemire of Streamborn is behind this vital venture and we get to clean, eat BBQ and fish. This is always a really nice event.

Group campsites can be reserved by contacting **Michael Schweit** @ [president@southwestcouncilfff.org](mailto:president@southwestcouncilfff.org). For more information, please contact **Joe Lemire** at [JFLX8@dslextre.me](mailto:JFLX8@dslextre.me)

## Cating Clinic in unfortunately postponed

**Due to unforeseen events the casting clinic will be postponed. Once things are cared for a new date will be announced. We appreciate your understanding in this unfortunate delay.**



# Hot Creek Ranch July 13-16, 2012

By John Willaims

Hot Creek Ranch has been a club outing for at least 40 years I'm sure of. There was a time when we had trouble filling all the cabins but with a Saturday night BBQ that brings this wonderful group together in celebration of great fishing and the troubles of work and home at a distance, everyone relaxes and has fun. The privatization of Arcularius Ranch and Alpers Ranch also added to the demand on Hot Creek, there is a long waiting list to get any dates at the ranch. We are fortunate to have acquired dates in July that are carried forward from year to year by the ranch. This year I tried to accommodate as many possible on the ranch, there is quite a demand so understanding with the cabin assignments, some have as many as four in a cabin. Kevin Peterson is working with us to accommodate as many as possible since we are booking the whole ranch.

- **Hot Creek is a private ranch and we are paying guests, please abide by all the ranch rules or you will be asked to leave.**
- Check in time is 4:00 p.m. on July 13 and not before!
- Check out time is 12 noon on July 16, you must be out of the cabin by noon but you may fish the ranch the rest of the day if you so choose. It is customary to leave a \$5 tip per person staying in the cabin for the cleaning staff.
- Dry fly fishing only, Catch and Release using barbless flies, No Wading.
- California fishing license required.
- The ranch has 9 housekeeping cabins with complete kitchens that contain microwave, stove/oven, pots and pans, silverware, dishes, and BBQ grill outside. Bring your own food Friday night, Saturday breakfast and lunch, Sunday all meals, Monday breakfast and lunch.
- We will have a BBQ steak dinner on Saturday evening at 4:59 p.m. this will give us time for dinner and still time to catch the evening hatch or grab a cigar on the porch. Everyone is invited who is staying on the ranch and Kevin and his wife "the ranch managers" are our guests for dinner. **Please be on time, we will not wait for you!** Please bring your own silverware, plate, knife, fork, beverage of choice from your own cabin and remember to return it where it belongs after dinner.
- Hot Creek Ranch website is **[www.hotcreekranch.com](http://www.hotcreekranch.com)** there is helpful information on the site.
- Productive flies on the ranch are: M&M caddis #18-20 tan, #10-14 hoppers, Parachute Adams #16-20, Brooks sprout midge #18-24, Black beetle #16, Red & black ant #18, Griffith gnat #20-22, CDC caddis #18, PMD #18-22, #16 Hot Creek Hot Butt. There is a fly shop on the ranch that is well equipped with flies, shirts terminal tackle, floatant.
- Equipment: 4-6 weight rods, afternoons tend to be windy, 9-15' a leader with 6x tippet works well.
- This is a demanding fishery that requires drag free drifts on a stream with many seams in the current. A helpful suggestion, practice you're casting and mending on moving water prior to this outing. There are many nice fish and I want you to catch your share.
- If you should have any question about this outing or any fly fishing related item please feel free to call me, **John Williams** at **951-236-0862** my cell phone.
- While at the ranch, please ask if you are having trouble catching fish, I or someone experienced will help you.
- **Thank you for your compliance with the ranch rules, we do have fun!**

# Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

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

- Encourage angling with artificial flies (fly fishing)
- Encourage education and fisheries conservation, including habitat and watershed conservation
- Disseminate to the public the results of the Club's efforts
- Encourage youth to follow sound conservation practices

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

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

<b>Meeting Locations:</b>	Cross Roads Church of Irvine/ Tustin:
Phoenix Club:	2472 Walnut Avenue
1340 S. Sanderson	Tustin, CA
Anaheim, CA	

<b>Board of Directors:</b>  <b>President</b> Doug Jones 714-998-7304 <a href="mailto:president@ffcoc.org">president@ffcoc.org</a>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> Melinda Burns 951-734-6005 <a href="mailto:1stvpresident@ffcoc.org">1stvpresident@ffcoc.org</a>  <b>2nd Vice President</b> John Williams	<b>Past President/ FFF Liaison</b> Richard Fanning  <b>Treasurer</b> Brian Mayer  <b>Secretary</b> Alan Ross <a href="mailto:secretary@ffcoc.org">secretary@ffcoc.org</a>  <b>Outings</b> Lyman Kennedy  <b>Newsletter and Website</b> Shane Chung <a href="mailto:newsletter@ffcoc.org">newsletter@ffcoc.org</a>	<b>Conservation</b> John Burns  <b>Historian</b> Marvin Crocker  <b>Raffle Coordinator</b> Charlene Hanson  <b>Trout in the Classroom</b> James Wright  <b>Membership</b> Dennis Higginson <a href="mailto:membership@ffcoc.org">membership@ffcoc.org</a>	<b>Programs</b> Andy Frumento  <b>Casting</b> Van Lloyd  <b>Fly Tying</b> Cheryl Moore  <b>Member at Large</b> Jim Edwards  <b>Member at Large</b> Gary Jaacks
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