

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

May 2012

Club Meeting:

Wednesday May 9th, 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:

May 14th, 2012

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church*

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For More Information:

See Calendar inside or
<http://www.ffcoc.org>

* See back cover for meeting
location addresses.



"The Best Fly Fishing in Utah" with Spencer Higa

A couple hours by airline, or 10 hours by driving, is located a fly fishing mecca just waiting for all of us here in SoCal. Eastern Utah is filled with crystal clear water and that water is filled with explosive trout, and we are going to learn the intimate details of six great rivers that are not only conducive for catching fish, but also fun and scenic to be on.

Our guide on this journey is Spencer Higa, who has been fishing the waters of Utah for more than 16 years. He is a Utah native whose father put a fly rod in his hand when Spencer was 12 years old and he's been fishing the lakes and rivers of his native state ever since. In fact, he has been fishing the Provo since early in his fly fishing career when his mother used to drop him on a section of the river in the morning and then pick him up eight hours later. Still, Spencer never seemed to be able to fish enough. Even after he got a

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SPEAKER'S LIST – 2012

By Andy Frumento

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
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	Spencer Higa	"The Best Fly Fishing in Eastern Utah"
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 1st Wednesday of the month.
The remaining programs will be on the 2nd Wednesday.

2012 Outings Plan

By Lyman Kennedy

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

Date	Location	Streamkeeper	Phone #
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 Cancelled	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
June 22-24	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
June 17 Cancelled	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 Cancelled	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412
Oct. 19-20	President's Outing	Doug Jones	714 998-7304
November			
December			

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

Where do fly tiers get their inspiration? Some copy those of others; some find inspiration in other people. I have met on a few occasions an inspirational person to me, Hutch Hutchinson an Orvis representative who enjoys life, shows respect for others and works hard at his chosen profession. He could be a plumber or street sweeper and I'm sure he would be devoted to his work with as much enthusiasm but I realize he truly enjoys what he does. After coming home from Orvis days at Marriott's this weekend which catered to the all our dreams of fishing, I realized how much fun I had and I can't wait until next year if asked to tie as a demonstrator. I was inspired to name a variation of one of my favorite flies in Hutch's name. The bead head flash back has caught so many fish for me I have changed it's characteristics a bit. First of all Hutch has a bald head and is represented by the bead head. Next it has a durable and segmented body which is created with Vinyl rib material. It has a flash back of Holographic yellow tinsel because it's not bashful. Lastly it uses super glue as the binder for durability. Notice the top view has a darker abdomen and the bottom view shows off a different much brighter view. I'll see how it does real soon



Tongariro Lodge

2011 2 for 1 FFCOC Auction item

My wife and I spent three weeks New Zealand; two weeks on the south island and a week in the north island. My brother and his wife accompanied us on the travel, also. Part of our time was spent at the Tongariro Lodge. I had purchased the 2 for 1 offer at last September's auction. I have spent a fair amount of time on the south island, However, Sharon my wife, has never been there, as well as my brother and his wife. I have a nephew that lives in Christchurch. He and I have been close for over twenty years, he works for Air New Zealand, which brings him here two to three times a year.

Tongariro Lodge is a superb destination. We had great meals and stayed in great accommodations. The lodge is very, very nice!. The fishing can only be described as superb.

We fished two days. One day we fished on Tongariro, and the other day, I believe, Mohaka. Tongariro was both a walk in, and drive to an access point river experience. The rivers were flowing gin clear water populated with quality fish. Down side for me was the large rocks - I have an artificial right ankle which does not do well with anything but flat land. Still I wouldn't give in just yet, and that day as well. Did I say the fishing was great!

The second day, we booked a helicopter to access another part of the river system. Both my brother and I are helo and fixed wing pilots - so seeing the landscape from the air is always the best way to put the miles behind. The river was smaller and the rocks not as "mean". Again we experienced excellent fishing with 4 to 6 lbs. fish. I never got any huge fish but I am sure they are around. I think the bite could have been better but that's fishing.

I would recommend to anyone as well as all club member to make at least one trip to New Zealand. By the way, the North Island fishing was getting red hot while we were there, I could only dream since we were so close.



One Surf Fly Dockweiler Beach Classic April 21

"Where the heck did all of these cars come from?"; was what the gate attendant repeated to any of the city beach service person she ran into. Where the hell did everyone come from? This was the beginning of the 5th installment of the One Surf Fly Beach Classic at Dockweiler benefiting Casting For Recovery LA. I got to see Jack Davis early on and then the rest of the gray roaring morning blew by in a wash. By the start of registration there was a buzz of anglers chatting it up with new and old friends hushed by the roar of departing jetliners, as well as the obligatory "fish wise" tales. Even predictions were bantered about amongst the anglers. The anglers queued to register and put their one fly into the bag. With registration over flies were drawn and final notes compared, 65 anglers walked to the beach. Tick Tock the Bell has Run, and the first cast was sprung. That first cast turned into the first fish of the tournament. All up and down a quarter mile of beach stood fly angler after fly angler casting like mad, and stripping even madder. With the tide coming in new rip structure began to form and reform as more water came in. This fluid action of the rips, meant that the fish were constantly on the move too. In the end of 2 hours and 15 minutes of casting, catching for some and heart break for others, it was over. The most productive angler ended up with 10 fish, and the biggest fish was a 12" barred surf perch. A few corbinas were lost and a 11" smelt was landed. Once this was done we all proceeded to the Fishermen's Spot for the Raffle, Casting for Recovery presentation and awards. The raffle was a great success in raising \$2600 for Casting for Recovery to be able to sponsor 2 women to their retreat. As we take a breath; OSF 6 Huntington State Beach looms on the horizon. ~ Shane Chung

FISH CREEK OUTING IS FULL

The fish Creek outing is full, but if anyone drops out Jim will inform us of the opening. Those who have signed up for the outing; Jim will keep you posted via your emails. Have a fun time watching the trips high-light, Jim's low-tech slide show.

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 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.

**Julie Korak, Joseph Villa, Walter Lukowski, Jack Davis,
Doug Smith-Sandy Smith, David Frosh, Alan Fenstermacher**

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. For more information, please contact **Joe Lemire** at JFLX8@dslextrême.com

WEST FORK SAN GABRIEL CONSERVANCY

NEXT GENERATION KIDS ACADEMY

The West Fork San Gabriel Conservancy is holding a Next Generation Kids Academy for kids in the age range of 10 -17 on May 5 -6, 2012. They currently have 5 opening for new kids to attend.

Here is just a little about what the Next Generation Kids Academy is all about:

So what is this youth program all about?

The ideal age range for eligibility is 10 to 17 years old, however we are flexible. The academy is comprised of 3 weekend sessions throughout the year at the West Fork San Gabriel River's Glenn Campground.

Each weekend has a different curriculum designed to educate the participants about the various aspects of fly fishing and conservation. Repetition and various training methods are used to instill the knowledge as each subject is approached through a classroom setting, a practice setting and the real thing.

The first two weekends are the Next Gen Basics and the Next Gen Entomology Academies. Basics, and Entomology must be completed (in either order) before a student can be entered into the final step which is Next Gen Competition Academy.

One of each Academy is held every year, and the dates are spread out to facilitate completion. If scheduling is a problem, the student can always pick up where they left off the following year.

If you and your child or grandchild are interested in participating in this event, click on the link below to obtain more information and how to register for this event. Remember there are only 5 spots left.

We hope to see some of you there with your kids and enjoy a fun filled weekend. Also, if you interested in just volunteering and helping with the kids, please contact Cris Miller at cris.miller@westforksgrc.org

Tight Lines,
John Burns

FFCOC Conservation Chair

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driver's license and Spencer was able to expand the territory he fished on his own, he was always looking for more and more water to explore.

Spencer began tying flies at 14 and actually became a commercial fly tyer at 16. He has created several patterns that work well on all his home waters, but one in particular, Higa's SOS, is known to be extremely effective and the Orvis Company has picked it up and it's now a top seller, catching fish around the western United States.

He began his formal guiding career at age 21 and he's been guiding waters throughout Utah since then. He managed an Orvis company-owned store from 2001 to 2005 and there he taught classes in fly fishing, fly casting and fly tying. He then began managing an Orvis-endorsed lodge in eastern Utah. Spencer competed for a spot on the USA Fly Fishing Team in 2007 and 2008 and has appeared on local and national television shows, the most recent being "The New Fly Fisher."

He enjoys sharing his love of our sport with others, but his true passion is seeing people enjoying the waters he grew up fishing. Spencer lives in Provo, Utah, just 50 feet from the Provo River. When he's not guiding, he can be found fishing waters throughout Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado and Montana. He truly loves fishing and exploring new waters, whether it's a creek, a river or a lake.

Spencer is currently the fishing manager at Falcon's Ledge, which has just received the 2012 Fly Fishing Lodge of the year award from Orvis.

So if you have never fished Eastern Utah or are looking for some spectacular new water.. you need to join Spencer Higa as he shares with us "The Best Fly Fishing In Utah". See you there.... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

SAVING YELLOWSTONE LAKES CUTTHROATS

The Problem...

The iconic population of Yellowstone **cutthroat trout in Yellowstone Lake has been decimated** by the introduction of non-native lake trout and needs your help! While the Yellowstone Lake/Upper Yellowstone River system was once home to an estimated 4,000,000 Yellowstone cutthroat trout the size of the current population is unknown. The latest estimates place it at no more than 10% of historic levels, likely less than five percent, and potentially **as low as 1-2%**.

The History of the Problem

The unique environment of Yellowstone Lake was once considered a stronghold for genetically pure Yellowstone cutthroat trout and relatively safe from the impacts of climate change. In addition, Yellowstone cutthroat trout are noted as a keystone species for this entire ecosystem with over 40 other species dependent on them for survival. While theories as to the time and means of the illegal introduction of lake trout in Yellowstone Lake vary they were officially discovered in the lake in 1994. Of the main threats to Yellowstone cutthroat trout subsistence that have been identified lake trout are overwhelmingly recognized by fisheries biologists to be the most significant. To combat invasive lake trout the National Park Service has been employing gill netting on Yellowstone Lake since 1995 and currently spends approximately \$1,000,000 annually on the effort. To date a total of over 800,000 lake trout have been netted; 220,000 in 2011 alone. The lake trout population is now estimated at 300,000 - 400,000 adult fish.

Working Towards Recovery

The key to Yellowstone cutthroat trout recovery is major suppression of lake trout while, at the same time, cutting off recruitment into the lake trout population. The first step in cutting off that recruitment is gathering information on lake trout spawning beds and travel corridors. To accomplish this goal a hydroacoustic study on Yellowstone Lake was initiated on August 16, 2011. A total of 141 hydroacoustic tags were surgically implanted into lake trout. The movements of these fish are currently being monitored by 40 strategically placed receivers. This three-year telemetry effort requires a significant National Park Service, US Geological Survey (USGS) and nongovernmental organization commitment of money, research time, and support. Nongovernmental organizations such as Trout Unlimited have already donated \$40,000 to get the project started in 2011 and committed to raising, as a minimum, an additional \$85,000 by spring 2012 to support the second year of the study. The National Park Service has committed to assisting with this study and to continuing the expanded lake trout suppression program while the USGS has committed to research staffing and project coordination. To more accurately assess the situation, the USGS would also like to increase the scope of the study by doubling the number of receivers and hydroacoustic tags and adding 50 depth-recording telemetry tags.

Wyoming TU YL Project
250 N. 1st St.
Lander, WY 82520
www.wyomingtu.org

Save The Yellowstone Cutthroat
PO Box 3008
Cody, WY 82414



Ernie Gulley 31 x 19 17#+ female cutthroat

Ernie was our April speaker teaching all of us on how to midge for big fish. Well John Williams and I got see first hand Ernie catching a BIG @#&*!* FAT fish. "I think I bung hooked this fish!" was all Ernie could say. Well she was definitely hooked in the right spot.

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.

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

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