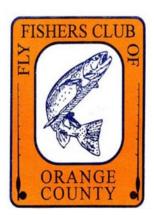
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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Our January Meeting will return to Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa.

New Events Announced: Women's On The River Outing (February). Rod Building Class (March/April). See your newsletter for details and sign up!

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: February and March Mentor Outings to the Lower Owens River.

Check the website Events Calendar and join in the activities of <u>YOUR</u> Club!!

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Presidents Messages

2022 President's Message by Larry Behm

As we put 2022 behind us, I am excited for the future of our Club. We have overcome several challenges this year from losing two meeting venues, to drought, to on again/off again face-to-face meetings. Through it all I was heartened to have such wonderful people support and improve the Club. This is represented in the strength of your 2023 Board and Officers



I want to thank all of the 2022 Board members for your dedication of time and talents to navigate our recent challenges. And a special thank you to Gill Realon! As Program Chair, Gill had the most challenging job of all. He had to keep changing how we conducted meetings. It essentially became a job of "planning a wedding each month!" He was able to adapt and innovate as necessary to keep things going all year.

To all Club members, thank you for supporting me as this year's President. And, please consider giving a little extra effort in 2023 to help your Club rebuild after the "COVID years." Can you volunteer a little extra time or attend an extra meeting? I wish all of you a prosperous New Year!

2023 President's Message by Brian Mayer

Happy New Year to all fellow fly fishers! I wish you the most joyous holiday season!

It is my great honor to be your Club President for the 2023 year. I welcome all the new members and thank the many returning members who have been with the Club. I know that the members of this Club who welcomed me and shared their experiences of fly fishing are the reason I have been a member for so long. I have made friendships that will last the rest of my life. With the return to in-person



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Presidents Messages (Con't)

Club meetings, I encourage everyone to introduce yourself to someone new at each meeting.

With this new year, I hope that we will see many more fishing opportunities. Our Club outings calendar is filling with events to great fishing locations. For those new to fly fishing, we have two Mentor outings scheduled early for February and April. Club volunteer mentors will help you with live on the water experiences. These will be excellent opportunities for newer members to meet other Club members at a great fishing location. We have many exciting presentations coming to our monthly meetings for the coming year. Some favorite presenters are returning and several new presenters with programs on areas we can all reach. Our hope is to re-invigorate our education programs including Fly Tying and Rod Building. We will also continue with the popular Casting in the Park sessions as well.

I encourage you to look at our events and volunteer wherever you feel you can. Our Club and its activities are built on the volunteerism of our members. It is a great way to meet fellow members. If you have ideas or would like to discuss how you can help, feel free to reach out to myself or any of the other members of the Board.

We are again being challenged in our environment. Snowpack is predicted to be below normal even with some early snow falls. River flows are at all-time lows throughout the Southwest. Many of our small creeks, streams and even small rivers are no longer fishable. We do have some great news in California for conservation. CalTrout and its partners have successfully negotiated the removal plan for 4 dams on the Klamath River. Now that the regulatory hurdles are complete, I will watch the progress of removal with great interest.

For our returning members, a simple reminder that membership dues are due on January 1 each year. I encourage you to login on the Club website and renew your membership as soon as you can.

I look forward to the new year and hope that we will all enjoy some great fishing!

Best regards,

Brian Mayer

FFCOC Meeting Venue for January



General Meeting Location

Our General Meeting will return to the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa.



Pom & Olive is located at 1400 Bristol Street, Building C in Costa Mesa. (See map below)

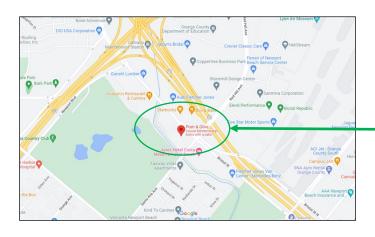
There is no change in our meeting format; the Happy Hour format (no served dinner). You may of course arrive early and have your dinner at Pom @ Olive before the start of the Club Social hour!



Our start time is at 7 pm; Wet Fly socialization with appetizers provided by Pom & Olive, cash bar, and some Club announcements. Our guest speaker presentation will start at 8 pm.

Meeting Fee: \$10

Come and join us!
Guests are always welcome!!



Pom & Olive Restaurant:

1400 Bristol Street, Building C Costa Mesa, CA 92626

2023 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Chris King	The Wonders of Northern California	01/11/23
February	Gary Bulla	Baja Adventures	02/08/23
March	ТВА	ТВА	03/08/23
April	Landon Mayer	Guide Flies: Learn How to Fish Signatu Patterns for Tough Trout	ure 04/12/23
May	Marlon Rampy	The Amazing Redband Trout	05/10/23
June	George Daniel	TBA - New Book by Then	06/07/23
July	Alex Cady	Bass in Southern California	07/12/23
August	Club Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	(Tentative) - 08/12/23
September	Club Auction	Live - TBA 2023 Venue	09/13/23
October	Kelsey Gallagher	Trout - Chasing All the Species	10/11/23
November	Rick Ferrante	Horse Packing in the Sierra Nevada	11/08/23
December	ТВА	ТВА	12/13/23

This Month's Speaker

The Wonders of Northern California With Chris King









In the words of Chris King, our January presenter, "There is more water in Northern California than you can fish in a lifetime." Beyond the well known *Upper and Lower Sacramento*, *Pit* and *McCloud* rivers, there are a host of lesser-known streams between Sacramento and the Oregon border. They combine scenic beauty with truly amazing fishing. The *McCloud* is well known as the "bio-home" of the rainbow trout. It is well worth the eight-hour drive, only twice as far as Bishop, to enjoy the diversity of the Redding area. As an added incentive, a new airline (Avelo) is offering inexpensive flights from Burbank to Redding. The region is truly a year-round fishery with a healthy run of steelhead on the *Trinity* and *Eel* rivers in the winter months. All the gear you use in the Eastern Sierra will work just as well four hundred miles North. Join Chris King as he shares his insight of over two decades fishing and guiding these waters.

The son of an Air Force fighter pilot, Chris lived in many places for a short time. After his father retired from the service, Chris spent his grade school years in Iowa where he grew up playing hockey and spending summers at hockey camp in Minnesota, chasing walleye and musky. The year before he started high school, he was thrust into culture shock when his father changed jobs and the family moved to New Jersey (exit 352). It was here, spending weekends in the Poconos and Catskills, that his dad introduced him to fly fishing. Like most teenagers in the 80s, he would rather chase the big-haired beauties at the local arcade than spend time in the woods with pops, and it wasn't till he took a semester off college and spent eight years in Breckenridge, Colorado that he truly fell in love with the

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This Month's Speaker (Con't)

sport. In Colorado he turned his passion into a career. From there he made his way West and in 1998 he found a home at *The Fly Shop* in Redding, CA. Chris met the late *Mel Krieger* and was mentored by him for 6 years in fly casting and casting instruction. This led to the pursuit of becoming a certified casting instructor with the *International Federation of Fly Fishers*. He is currently Master Certified, Two Hand Master Certified and an emeritus member of the organization's Casting Board of Governors. He was a featured presenter in the first Speyorama at the Golden Gate Casting Club. Chris resides in Redding with his wife and two children and has been guiding and teaching casting in Northern California for over 20 years. He continues to exhibit the same passion for sharing his love of the outdoors and fly fishing as he did in his first year of guiding back in Colorado so many years ago.



4140 Churn Creek Road Redding, CA. 96002 (800) 669-3474 info@theflyshop.com

The Fly Shop - Fly Fishing Shop







Club News

FFCOC 2023 Board of Directors and Officers Installation to be conducted at our January 2023 General Meeting

Position	Member
President	Brian Mayer
Past President	Larry Behm
1st Vice President	This can be you!
2nd Vice President	Ken Lindt
Secretary	Larry Roberts
Treasurer	Tom Sakai
Asst. Treasurer	Matt Conrad
Conservation	David Williams
FFI Liaison	Terry Roznos
Membership	Ric Romero
Newsletter	Terry Roznos
Outings	Mike Peters
Programs	Gill Realon
Website	Todd Gomez
Social Media/Communications	Kelly Yokoe
Scholarships	Steve Watanabe
Trout In Classroom	Ron Gregg
Member at Large	Doug Jones
Member at Large	Young Kwon



Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest (December) Members!

<u>December</u>

David Westendorf (San Clemente) John Prudden (Laguna Woods)

Welcome and Thank You to Our 2022 New Members; we're glad you're here!!

Kevin Ashbran	Jane Helmeczi	David McClure	Ronald White
Brian Bell	David Hunt	Andrew McGuire	James Wilcox
Luis Caballero	Satoshi Kamada	David Merrill	Jason Williams
Matthew Conrad	Kimberly Hyun Kim	Tina Montemer	Phillip Williams
Michael Delarosa	Kevin Leal	John Prudden	Garrett Woodward
John Evans	Jim Lee	John Puckett	Susan Wunderlich
Barbara Finlayson-Pitts	Dino Lesar	Michael Shimokaji	Chris Yamada
Peter Freeman	Tim Linden	Genevieve Sparg	
Art Garza	Joshua Lin	Matt Spencer	
Andrew Gordon	George Martinez	David Westendorf	

Membership Renewal Reminder

Just a friendly reminder for those who have not renewed their Club membership for 2023, your 2022 membership expired on 12/31/22.

Membership renewal is easy. If a dialog box appears when you log into the FFCOC website, click on the **Yes, I want to Renew Now** button, and follow the instructions to renew your FFCOC Membership for 2023!!

Or, just click on the link below, select the renewal option and follow the instructions provided to renew your FFCOC Membership for 2023. Both Credit Card and Check payment options are available.

New Member Sign Up - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (clubexpress.com)

Club News

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 the Streamkeeper Folder in our Club Documents Folder on the FFCOC Website. The Club Documents Folder may be found at the following link: Documents - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (clubexpress.com)

Contact your 2023 Outings Director, Mike Peters, and there are many former and current Stream Keepers that can 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!

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (February) edition are due to the 2023 Editor by <u>Friday, January 27</u>, to meet publication deadlines. 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 or suggestions to the 2023 Editor, Terry Roznos, at the email address provided. Thank you!! taroznos@verizon.net

Club News - Women's Outing Announcement

Women's On the River Outing Announcement

Calling all lady anglers!



As announced last month, a new Women's Fly Fishing Program is being established as a joint effort by the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County and the Long Beach Casting Club. This joint Club Program will provide opportunities to women of all experience levels to learn together and share a common passion for all things fly fishing.



Kathy Kim, FFCOC and LBCC member and certified FFI instructor, has volunteered to lead the Program, and has announced the first outing dates for a Women's On the River Outing in February; with a half-day classroom session, and a weekend outing on the Lower Owens. Details and dates are as follows:

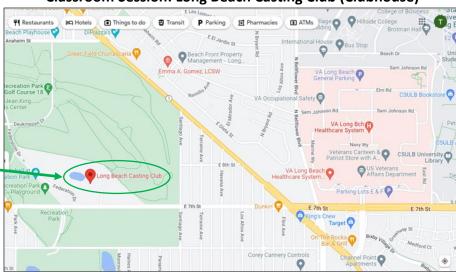
- **Saturday, Feb 11**. 4 Hour Classroom Session. Long Beach Casting Club (Clubhouse). 9 AM to 1 PM. Focus: A review of the fundamentals of equipment, entomology, flies, knots & rigs, reading the water, casting, wading and safety with an emphasis on women specific needs and concerns. Lower Owens On The River Outing logistics; travel, lodging, meals, meeting location and times, and what to expect. Bring your rods for some casting practice on the Casting Pond.
- Saturday and Sunday, Feb 25-26. Weekend Outing. Lower Owens River (Bishop, CA). Let's go fishing! We'll put into practice what we've learned, learn from each other, but most importantly have some fun doing so!!

Please contact Kathy Kim at kimkathy@sbcglobal.net with your questions, and to communicate your interest and planned attendance at our inaugural Women's Outing on the Lower Owens River. Hope to see you there!

Classroom Session: Long Beach Casting Club (Clubhouse)

Long Beach Casting Club 5201 E 7th St, Long Beach, 90804

Enter Long Beach Recreation Park at the first driveway west of Santiago Ave. Proceed to parking and the LBCC.



Club News - Upcoming Event

Rod Building Class

First Session is March 25

Learn how to build your own fly rod. We will start with a rod blank and a pile of components. When you are finished you will have built a 3 wt rod, that cost about \$140 (pricing details will follow). It will take three Saturdays, plus 10 -15 hours of home work to complete your rod.

Everyone will make the same 3wt rod so that we can help each other and mistakes will be less likely. After the class, you will know how to source and buy components, select rod blanks, and make handles, all the skills necessary to make any type of rod you want.

See additional details at Rod Building page on our FFCOC website:

Rod Building - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (clubexpress.com)

Registration is now OPEN - Register on the Club Calendar Event on the FFCOC website:

Rod Building Class - 3 sessions - Club Calendar - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (clubexpress.com)

Registration will close on Feb 1, 2023. Please sign up early. We need to order rod blanks and components and delivery times are very slow recently with all the supply chain disruptions.

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

Saturday March 25 - Session 1 Saturday April 1 - Session 2 Saturday April 22 - 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 again where we will be able to work together to build your rod.

Cost:

About \$140 total. The actual amount will depend on number of students and the bulk discounts.

Rod Kit:

We will build a 3 wt. rod. Details are still in flux, our intent is to offer you the option of fiberglass or graphite.

Questions:

Contact Larry Behm with your questions.



Club News - Your Fish Tales Go Here!!!

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 2023 Newsletter Editor, Terry Roznos at:

taroznos@verizon.net

Thank you!

2023 Club Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper
February 11	Women's On The River Outing (Classroom Session) Long Beach Casting Club (Clubhouse)	Kathy Kim
February 18-19	Lower Owens (Mentor Outing)	Doug Jones
February 25-26	Lower Owens (Women's On The River Outing)	Kathy Kim
March 12-14	Pyramid Lake (Nevada)	Paul Nakamura
March 18-19	Lower Owens (Mentor Outing)	Doug Jones
March 26-29	San Juan River (New Mexico)	Brian Mayer
TBA (May/June)	Lee's Ferry (Arizona)	Melinda Burns
July 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams
August 12	Club Picnic - Irvine Regional Park (Tentative Date and Location)	Terry Roznos
September 25-29	Loa (Utah)	John Williams
October 13-17	Bridgeport (Tentative Date)	Terry Roznos
October TBA	President's Outing/Kern River	Brian Mayer

Streamkeeper Contact Info (email and phone numbers) may be found in the Club Directory on the FFCOC Website.

Note: Contact our new Club Outings Director, Mike Peters, with your Club Outing suggestions or proposal. Let's fill up our 2023 Club Outings Schedule!!!

2023 Outings - Lower Owens (Mentor Outing)

Mentor Outings Lower Owens River, Bishop CA

Dates:

- February 18 & 19, 2023
- March 18 & 19, 2023

These outings are intended for Club members who do not have a lot of experience fly fishing (novices) and experienced members willing to spend Saturday morning acting as mentors providing direction and encouragement to the novices. Signups will be limited to about 10 novices depending on the number of Club members that volunteer as mentors. You can sign up for the outing online by clicking the associated Event on the Club Calendar on the FFCOC website. Both novices and mentors need to register and you need to sign up for each session separately if you plan on attending both. Doug Jones is the stream keeper for this outing and you can contact him at 714-697-2222 or dougjones.oc@gmail.com if you have questions.

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. Make sure to get a 2023 fishing license.
- A pre-outing meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 7th 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. Mentors will be provided a copy if they don't have one.
- Mentors should consider fishing on their own Friday prior to the outing to get a handle on current conditions and scout places to fish.
- You should be in good physical condition to participate. Weather may be cold
 and wet. You should be prepared to walk at least a half mile on uneven and
 slippery surfaces to fishing locations. Some wading in necessary reach most of
 the good fishing locations and you may need to climb up or down slopes to enter
 the river.

2023 Outings - Lower Owens (Mentor Outing) - Con't

Outing:

- Friday Travel to Bishop
- Meet up Saturday February 18th / Saturday March 18th at 8:30AM at the Pleasant Valley Campground on Chalk Bluff Road at the walking bridge.
- You should reach out to others to coordinate carpooling to Bishop.
- Saturday Mentors spend the morning fishing with novices. This is a fishing buddy relationship, the mentors are not guides or in any way responsible for novices' equipment, supplies, wellbeing, etc. Saturday afternoon everyone is on their own for an afternoon of fishing. Novices are encouraged to pair up so they have a fishing buddy for the afternoon.
- Saturday evening Informal dinner get-together location to be announced later.
- 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.

Here is a good webpage for the Eastern Sierra: Fly Fishing the Sierra

Here's an abbreviated list of flies to consider for the Lower Owens:

Dry:

Parachute Adams 16-22 Elk Hair Caddis 16-18 Blue Wing Olive 19-18 Beatis 16-22 Griffith's Gnat

Nymph:

Green Rock Worm 14-18 with and without bead
Emerging Caddis 16-20 green body
Pheasant Tail 14-22 with and without bead
Hare's Ear 14-22 with and without bead
Bead-head midge 18-22 olive, red, black, chartreuse, purple

2023 Outings - Lower Owens (Mentor Outing) - Con't

Nymph (Con't):

Copper John 18 - 14

WD-40 16-22

Zebra/Tiger Midge 18 - 14

Prince Nymph 16-20

Streamer:

Wooly Bugger 14

Soft Hackle:

Tan, green, brown 12-16

<u>Note</u>: You don't need every fly in every size and color but if you buy a wide selection you'll be set for a good while and can cover almost any water in the Sierra. If you run out of flies or need different patterns there are fly shops in Bishop.

2023 Outings - Pyramid Lake (Nevada)

Pyramid Ladder Fly Fishing W/Rob Anderson and Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide Service March 12-March 14, 2023







Come Out & Experience a Truly Unique Adventure!!!

See Next Page for Latest Trip Updates and Instructions from Paul....

Dates – Fishing 3 **full** days, March 12 – March 14, Sunday - Tuesday. Arrive Saturday March 11, depart Wednesday March 15

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 – \$ 510.00 based on 10 participants with 3 guides, but maybe higher or lower if we do not have 10 commitments. This includes light breakfast, hot lunch & drinks on fishing days and guide assistance

Lodging Plans – Hotel in Sparks, NV – Western Village Inn & Casino, 800-648-1170. We won't book enough rooms to secure a block of rooms. Please call them directly ASAP, to get best prices as they will go up. Option, stay at Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe, NV, 775-476-0400. Call them to get availability and pricing.

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 or fast sinking or shooting head line for stripping. Tackle – Flies, adjustable indicators, 10-15# leader/tippets. Check their website for latest info. PLFFGS will provide the ladders.

More Info -

Deposit of \$255.00 due no later than January 15,2023. Final payment of \$255.00 due no later than February 15, 2023.

Make checks payable to the 'Paul Nakamura', and send to 12136 Marshall St. Culver City, 90230 or you can use Zelle or Venmo. Please contact Paul for account info

Contact Paul for details/info 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 February after we get a club distribution developed.

Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent to members who have signed up for the Trip.

2023 Outings - Pyramid Lake (Nevada) - Con't

Pyramid Ladder Fly Fishing W/Rob Anderson and Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide Service March 12-March 14, 2023

A few more details on the March Club trip to Pyramid Lake....

- 1. The trip is full at 10 anglers. However, I can take up to 12, so if anyone still wants to go, contact me.
- 2. We are doing a Zoom session with Rob Anderson on February 14th. The session with be a joint session with the people going on the Long Beach Casting Club trip right after our Club trip.
- 3. Reminder, get in your deposits in by 1/15, and make your reservations at the Western Village Casino and Hotel. Room rates will go up the closer we get to our trip.

2023 Outings - San Juan River (New Mexico)

San Juan River, New Mexico

Dates: March 26 to March 29, 2023

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

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.

Fisheads Lodge also offers an All Inclusive option. This option includes room, guide and all meals (breakfast and special dinner menu) each day. Lunch is always included on guide days.

Plan to arrive by Sunday, March 26. The general plan is to fish with guides Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 to 29. 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, March 25

2023 Outings - San Juan River (New Mexico) - Con't

and spend the night in Flagstaff, AZ. We will arrive midday on Sunday, March 26 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.







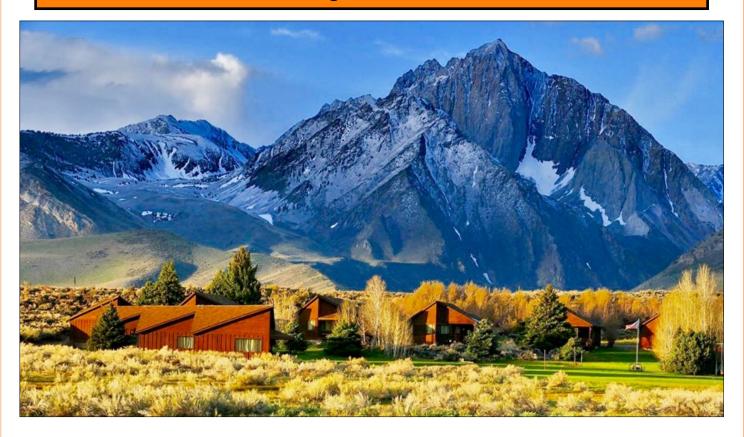








2023 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch



- 1. The Outing is FULL for 2023 by adding the entire waiting list from 2022.
- 2. If you wish to add your name to the 2023 waiting list, please text John Williams at 951-236-0862.
- 3. If an opening happens, and you are on the 2023 waiting list, you will be contacted. If not, you will be automatically added to the 2024 openings.

2023 Outings- Fly Fishing Southern Utah

One Spot Remaining!

Fly Fishing Southern Utah

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September 25-29, 2023

Stream Keeper John Williams 951-236-0862

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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

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2023 Outings - Fly Fishing Southern Utah (Con't)

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 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 fine 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.

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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.

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 you friend or partner better and listen to each other experiences along the way. When in Loa the guides provide the transportation to and from the days 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 dinning locations close on Sunday, it is best to call ahead or ask you 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:

The guide requires a Non-refundable \$200 deposit to secure your reservation and the final payment is due upon completion of your final day.

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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.

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.

A deposit of \$200 Non Refundable is sent to John Williams to hold your spot and sent then forwarded to the guide. The total cost of the trip is \$1,000 for five days of guiding. The staff of The Quiet Fly Fisher of Loa Utah will guide us.

John Williams Cell 951-236-0862 Streamkeeper

2023 Outings - Bridgeport

FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2023

October 13 - 17



Dates: October 13-17. Arrive on a Friday (10/13), and Depart on a Tuesday (10/17). Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday)! These dates are subject to securing lodging for the outing. At the request of last year's attendees, this Outing is moving to October!

Waters: There are numerous great fishing opportunities in the area; including stream fishing the East Walker River, West Walker River, Virginia Creek, Buckeye Creek, Robinson Creek, and more. Stillwater fishing on Bridgeport Reservoir, Kirman Lake, Lundy Lake, the Upper or Lower Twin

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Lakes, or on the Virginia Lakes. Private waters are also available for a fee (Sceirine Ranch, Nevada).

Fishing: Independent fishing format. Members disperse to their desired fishing locations in the morning (as singles, or buddy up). Guided fishing is also available; Ken's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport has a list of recommended local guides for hire to put you on fish! Then after a day's fishing, the group will rendezvous at the evening campfire at our host Lodge to discuss the day's fishing, and plans for the next day.

Lodging: Willow Springs Motel and RV Park (<u>Willow Springs Resort – Bridgeport, California – Come Play and Stay in Bridgeport, California</u>), approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport off Hwy 395, is our home base for the outing. Standard single rooms (queen bed), Kitchenette rooms (one queen and one double bed) for those who wish to buddy up and share a room, and 30A full hook-up RV sites are available for your lodging choices.



Standard Single Rooms are \$150/night. The Standard Room includes: One queen bed, Private Bathroom, Wifi and Satellite TV, Heating and Air Conditioning, Mini refrigerator, Microwave, and Coffee maker.



Kitchenette Rooms are \$200/night. Kitchenette Rooms include: One queen bed, One double bed, Private Bathroom, Wifi and Satellite TV, Heating and Air Conditioning, Coffee maker and Toaster, Microwave, Mini refrigerator, Stove top range, and Silverware/dinnerware/cookware.



RV sites are \$55/night. RV Sites have Full Hook Ups; 30A Electrical, Water, and Sewer connections.

A Block Room reservation has not yet been secured for our outing. Watch your newsletter and future announcements when a block of rooms has been secured, and we can begin the reservation process. The rates listed above are the 2023 rates.

Responsibilities: Outing attendees are responsible for transportation, lodging and meals. Convenient dining (breakfast, lunch or dinner) is available across the street at Virginia Creek Settlement (this is a gem of a restaurant), or in town. Bring your favorite trout fishing gear!

Sounds like an Outing for you? Please contact your Streamkeeper with your questions, or with your interest in attending this Outing. Again, once a Block Room reservation is secured, an announcement will be issued that the Outing reservation process can begin! Those who have

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expressed an interest in attending will be the first to receive the announcement. Thank you!!!

Streamkeeper Contact Info:

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Double Haul Ball 2022 Report

On Saturday, December 10, the Fly Fishers International Southwest Council hosted the Double Haul Ball at the Long Beach Casting Club. The Double Hall Ball was an all-day educational event to promote and teach the basics of saltwater fly fishing. Net proceeds from the event were donated to the following Youth Programs: Southwest Council FFI Youth Program and The MayFly Project. The following report of the event was published in *Western Outdoor News*.



Double Haul Ball brings saltwater fly fishers together to support foster kids

BY BOB SEMERAU - WON STAFF WRITER

LONG BEACH — Fly fishing can be a solitary sport. An angler stands alone on a reef or along the ocean shore, finding peace in the solitude.

But the Double Haul Ball creates a sense of community for individuals delving into the excitement of saltwater fly fishing.

The Southern California fly fishing community comes together when the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International (SWCFFI) puts on events like the recent Double Haul Ball. The event, held at the Long Beach Casting Club (LBCC) facilities at Recreation Park, Long Beach was an opportunity for anglers to improve skills and awareness of fly fishing in salt water.

SWCFFI, comprised of fly fishing clubs throughout the region, hosted this year's event to benefit SWCFFI programs and the Mayfly Project. The Mayfly Project is a national organization with the mission to build relationships with children in foster care through flyfishing, in hopes of developing a meaningful connection with the outdoors.

The LBCC facility is well suited to such a gathering with a beautiful clubhouse building for fly-tying and presentation programs, and a large casting pond for training with the long rod.

Throughout the day, several instructional demonstrations took place at the pond beginning with a detailed explanation of the skills and benefits of the Double Haul casting technique. The demo, presented by master casting instructor and member of Fly Fishers International Board of Governors, John Van Derhoof, gave those attending a clear idea of the movements and equipment best used to cast a fly for extra distance.

Several vendors were on hand to discuss rods, reels, and clothing for the fly angler including a unique reel built entirely on 3-D printers from aptly named, 3-D Fly Reels. Sage, Rio, and Fishpond, mainstay companies in the fly fishing world, were represented at a booth manned by Alex Cady, ready to help with rods and reels on hand for a quick toss at the nearby casting pond.

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The Mayfly Project, founded in Arkansas in 2015, by Jess and Laura Westbrook broadened into a national 501 (C) 3 charitable organization in 2016 when the dedicated couple joined forces with Idaho mental health professional, Kaitlin Barnhart, who had created a similar service group in the west.

Through the years Mayfly Project has branched out nationwide with mentors in more than 34-states offering fly fishing adventure opportunities to foster kids across the country.

"We extend beyond simply fly fishing by giving the children, ages 10-to-18-years old, a personally adapted program, lasting 10-to-12- weeks. They learn about the environment, conservation, and fishing skills with an overall holistic approach," explained L.A. Mayfly Project lead, Jane Miller. Miller, along with mentor, Ana Lisa Del Rosario and other area Mayfly mentors were on hand to promote the organizations efforts and to reach out to the local community.



SALTWATER FLY-TYER KEVIN GREEN shares materials and techniques with an interested fly angler at Double Haul Ball.





Trout Rodeo 2023

On Saturday February 04, 2023 the town of Bishop and the Eastern Sierra will welcome anglers from California, Nevada and abroad to take part in the 2nd Annual Bishop Trout Rodeo. The Bishop Trout Rodeo is an open competition targeting trout on some of the most scenic and productive waters in California. The tournament will be held rain or shine and will be open to both fly and conventional anglers (in separate divisions) of all ability levels who will compete for the prizes of longest stringer landed and released and the largest single fish.

There are also team categories and there is no maximum limit to number of anglers on a team (scoring for teams is done on average so size of team has no advantage/disadvantage). So get your friends, club members or family together, come up with a name, and get yourself registered when the portal opens November 01, 2022.

With support from the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, the event is being produced by the Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International. This event will provide outdoor fun in a safe and beautiful environment during a time of year that offers very productive angling opportunities with minimal crowds on the water.

For more information, including times, location, rules and when to sign up, please visit:

Trout Rodeo (swcffi.org)



The Bart Hall Show

After a hiatus of two years, *The Bart Hall Show* (formally known as *The Fred Hall Show*) returns to Long Beach Convention Center. This will be its 75th year of operation. And this year, the Federation of Fly Fishers Expo will be included within the show. This is a great opportunity for us to highlight fly fishing to potential anglers.

The show will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center (300 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach CA 90802) from March 29, 2023, through April 4, 2023.

More details and opportunities to volunteer to spread the word about fly fishing will be forthcoming in future newsletters.



<u>Editor Recommended Read</u>: Consider a subscription to the Southwest Council monthly newsletter. It is very well done! You will read about news and events of the SWCFFI, as well as the Club activities for the 21 Clubs in the Region (including the FFCOC). Your newsletter will arrive each month in your Inbox. Subscribe by clicking the link in the box below.

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Fishing News

More from the Pages of *Western Outdoor News*Winter Fishing in the Eastern Sierras



Winter continues to challenge Sierra Anglers

BY ERNIE COWAN - WON STAFF WRITER

BISHOP - Winter storms continue to pound the Eastern Sierra, bringing more snow to areas open to fishing, except for the lower elevations along the Lower Owens River.

While the accumulation of snow is a good thing, especially for next summer, for now it just adds an extra level of difficulty for eager anglers chasing trophy snowbows.

Overall, not much has changed for winter anglers other than more snow.

There's big news out of Bridgeport, however, where the folks at The Fshin' Mission Foundation, that stocks all those tagged, monster rainbows in area waters, has launched a new live streaming web camera.

The high-resolution camera is mounted on a tall pole at the corner of Ken's Sporting Goods and looks down Main Street with the snowcapped Sierra range in the background.

To view the camera, go to fmfcharities.org and click on the Web Cam tab. It's a great way to check out current conditions if you are traveling, or to make you want to go fishing if it's been a while.

With current conditions, most of the winter fishing is happening on the Lower Owens where flows are ideal for anglers who like to wade into areas they can't reach from shore due to thick brush.

Fish on the Lower O are aggressive and feeding heavily.

Doug Rodricks at Sierra Drifters said drift boat fishing has been excellent in the deeper pools with a blue wing olive hatch that starts in the early afternoons.

He called it "one of the best bite windows on the river."

A little further upstream in the Wild Trout Section below Pleasant Valley Reservoir, there has also been plenty of action with midges early and late and the BWO hatch mid-day, according to guide Fred Rowe from Sierra Bright Dot.

Rowe offered some winter tips. "While I'm seeing times where the trout are selectively feeding on adult blue wing olive mayflies on the surface, I continue to nymph fish with my Euro rig. For the adult patterns I'm fishing with size 18 or 20 blue wing olive parachutes and with size 20 Griffiths gnats. On the Euro rig I'm fishing with a size 18 olive Quildigon, size 12 Stoner Nymph, and a size 16 Hot Spot Pheasant Tail nymph.

Under the indicator use a size 18 Bead Head Flashback Pheasant Tail nymph or a size 20 Tiger Midge, Zebra Midge or Manhattan Midge," he said.

Maintenance work and cold weather are likely keeping anglers off Pleasant Valley Reservoir right now, as there have been no reports from the area.

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Moving to higher elevations on the Upper Owens or Hot Creek is a whole different kind of experience right now.

Hot Creek now is walk-in only because of snow and those making the trek are seeing action with smaller nymphs and midges from both resident rainbows and browns.

Sierra Drifters Guide Rodricks said it's worth the effort to get to the canyon section right now as fish are eagerly taking a properly presented fly.

"Egg patterns have also been getting looks, as the fish are now in full winter mode," Rodricks said. "You will find pods of fish in the pools now, which makes the competition among them greater."

Temperatures are even colder around Bridgeport, and with the East Walker no longer open to winter anglers, there have been few reports from winter trout hunters.

The West Walker is open and has been well stocked with BFEF trophy rainbows, but that area is an ice box about now, with difficult access and extremely cold conditions.

Other open winter waters include Robinson Creek, Green Creek, Virginia Creek, Buckeye Creek, Little Walker River, West Walker River, Rock Creek, McGee Creek (upstream from US 395), Lee Vining Creek (from the Lee Vining conduit upstream) Most of those waters have not been stocked in a while and see very little winter action, but will likely heat up as winter temperatures begin to ebb over the coming weeks.



HOT CREEK HAPPY — Guide Fred Rowe with Sierra Bright Dot has the Interpretive Section of Hot Creek all to himself and the fish were biting. Cold and deep snow have been an issues for winter anglers as storms continue to roll through the Eastern Sierra.

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Fly Fishing Educational Series

The Spirit of Dame Berners

By Larry Behm



Dame Juliana Berners wrote the oldest surviving book on Fly Fishing in 1496, titled "A Treatise of Fysshynge with An Angle." We've learned a few things since then, but much of fly fishing is still the same. This is the first of what we hope will be many installments about how to improve your fly fishing.

If you are a new fly angler, you often will feel like things are going nowhere. You struggle with your current skills to find and catch a fish, while others seem to do it with ease, Then, just about when you are ready to throw it all away, something "clicks" and you find catching fish to be easier.

What happened? What is the difference? Most likely, you accumulated enough experience and knowledge to break through to the next angling plateau. We humans don't learn in a nice straight line as the "learning curve" graphs are drawn. We experience extended periods of little change while we hone and refine our angling abilities, and then suddenly we are able to put more pieces together and find we have jumped up a level of proficiency! And, then another plateau. This process never really ends, for there is always something new to learn in fly angling.

How can you shorten the time between improvements in ability? I suggest there are two things that can help: knowledge and practice. If you use this winter to learn more about the sport and then go out in the park to practice what you learned, you will find fishing in the spring much more enjoyable.

How can you gain knowledge? There are almost infinite resources today given the expanse of the Internet. Below is a good starting place to find some particularly high value resources.

People: It is best to learn from people who already fish well.

- Speakers at Club meetings. These speakers will teach you something, no matter what their topic. They are highly experienced and vetted by a dedicated group from our seven local clubs.
- Club Members. We are lucky to have a very strong group of experienced anglers who are willing to share their knowledge with other members. Outings is one of best ways to get to know who the skilled anglers are and to ask them for help.
- PodCasts. There are many podcasts of varying quality. I recommend the Orvis Fly Fishing Guide Podcast by Tom Rosenbauer. Rosenbauer is one of the leaders in fly fishing education. His podcasts are two part. The first part he calls "the fly box" and answers listeners' questions. The second part is an interview of someone interesting in our sport. I play a game with the first part; I listen to the question, stop the player and come up with my own answer. Then I listen to Rosenbauer's answer and compare.

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Fly Fishing Educational Series (Con't)

Certified Casting Instructors. These are people who have passed a test that proves they
know how to cast and how to teach casting. We have a few Club members who are
certified and they conduct classes routinely.

Books: Many of the best anglers aren't around anymore, but they wrote books.

- I found a book last year at the club auction. For \$1, I bought a book on trout biology. Since I don't live in the water, it helped me understand the fish's environment. Predicting the fish's behavior is easier when we understand what it must do to survive. This \$1 book was worth reading once; now I'll donate it to the auction next year and let someone else learn.
- Orvis publishes several good fly fishing books, and many of our speakers have written books.

Video: While it is easy to find videos on the internet, look for "classics" that have stood the test of time, such as Mel Krieger on flycasting, Rosenbauer on prospecting for fish, Hafele on insect life stages or Joe Humphries on anything.

Websites: Both of the following sites are high quality and accurate. Not all sites are so trustworthy.

- One of the best sites is the FFI Learning Center at: <u>Fly Fishers International</u>. This is the organization that certifies casting instructors, sets standards on fly tying competitions, and provides general skills development.
- Orvis provides a great library of topics at:

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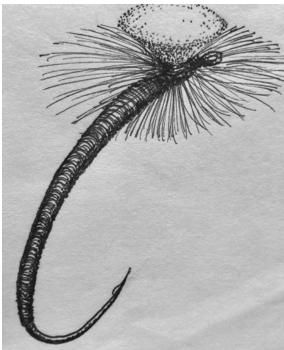
A final thought, knowledge is of little use in fishing if we can't call on that knowledge when we need it. Ready access to knowledge requires practice. Consider practicing knots, identifying food, and casting. Where can you find a place to practice — a lawn, a park, a lake?

Flies That Keep On Giving!

Brooks Sprout Midge

By John Williams

Years ago in the 80's, I learned to fly-fish on Hot Creek Ranch. Many years into this love affair Bob Brooks the manager of Hot Creek developed the Brooks Sprout Midge. When it is small it is quite effective but even larger versions have met the challenge. I use a size 20 or 22 at Hot Creek because they are so finicky.



Material:

Hook: Curved dry fly hook 16 - 22

Thread: 8/0 or 10/0 Black

Foam Post: Rainey's Calendrical Post

Legs: Grizzley Neck Hackel

Cement: Super Glue Gel Formula

Instructions:

- 1. Cut a slight slit on a piece of foam.
- 2. Start your thread at the eye and and bring it to the thorax region. Place the slit on the hook from the top with a slight smear of super glue where you plan to place the foam and let the slit saddle the glue and encapsulate the foam around the hook to secure it.
- 3. Run your thread rearward to well into the bend and back building the taper of the boat of the fly and bringing the thread to the base of the foam.
- 4. Place a slight smear of super glue at the base of the foam and tie in your hackle feather concave side down and secure with a few wraps of thread.
- 5. Wrap the hackle around two to three times to create the legs and tie off behind the head.

This is a very easy fly to tie after a few and oh so effective. If you have ever pumped a stomach you will realize just how many midges they eat. This fly works everywhere you are imitating midges

Tight Lines All, John

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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.

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