

ON THE FLY

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



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Important!! Our February Meeting will be at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. The meeting start time has been changed to **6:30pm**. See Page 4 for more info.

Urgent: Last Day for Rod Building Class sign-ups is **February 1 (TODAY)!!**

New Events Announced: Women's On The River Outing (Page 11). Beginning Fly Tying Class. 9 Weeks (Page 12). New Lake Henshaw and Yellowstone Outings announced; details are forthcoming!

Upcoming Events: February and March Mentor Outings to the Lower Owens River.

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President's Message

President's Message by Brian Mayer

January has brought us a small relief to our continuing drought, but also has brought us new challenges with landslides and high run off. Although snow levels are higher, we will still have water shortages. Lakes, rivers, and creeks are beginning to fill, but it will take several years of "normal" weather to bring back some of our favorite fishing areas.



I want to thank Young Kwon for getting us out and fishing! The Fishing in Town program is Young's idea. It is a great way to meet your fellow Club members and maybe discover a new fishing spot. These outings are designed to be close to home so that no special transportation or lodging is required. "FiT" trips can be as simple as going to your local park (check that fishing is allowed first!), a trip to the beach, or a couple hours trip to the local hills. Take a friend, a neighbor, a child or grandchild, make a new friend and go out fishing!

At this time, I am reminded of some of the tips former President Denis Higginson gave us a few years ago:

- It's time to do research for upcoming trips. To contact guides and hotels. Start booking them and your fishing partners.
- Have you even looked in your fly boxes to see what you need to tie?
- Have you remembered to look for and repair the leak in your waders? How about the leak in your float tube?
- Have you cleaned all your fly lines? Checked the tip end to see if it is cracked and needs to be cut back and a butt section tied on?
- Are your wading boots still in good shape or too worn to keep you from slipping or falling?
- Did you finally ask for and get that wading staff you have been saying you need? Remember how many times you almost or worse went down?

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President's Message (Con't)

For our members, a simple reminder that membership renewals were due on January 1st. I encourage you to login on the Club website and renew your membership as soon as you can.

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.

Best regards,

Brian Mayer
President, 2023

FFCOC Meeting Venue for February



General Meeting Location

Important: Note the change in the Meeting Start Time!



Our General Meeting for February will be at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. The Pom & Olive Restaurant will continue to host our monthly meetings until announced otherwise.



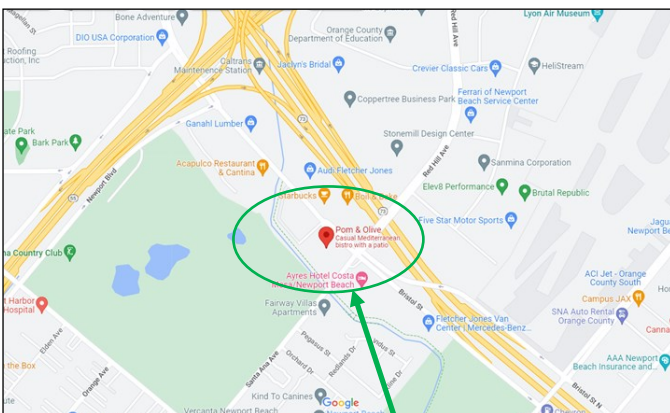
Pom & Olive is located at 1400 Bristol Street, Building C in Costa Mesa. (See map below)

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!

Important, the meeting schedule has been adjusted to allow enough time to socialize, have some Club announcements, guest speaker presentation, and conclude our evening by 9 PM.

Our adjusted start time is at 6:30 pm; Wet Fly socialization with appetizers and cash bar provided by Pom & Olive, Club business at 7:15 pm, with our guest speaker at 7:30 pm.

Meeting Fee: \$10



Pom & Olive Restaurant:

1400 Bristol Street, Building C
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Come and join us!
Guests are always welcome!!

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	Abram Tucker (CDFW)	Inland Trout Populations in our Local Mountains	03/08/23
April	Landon Mayer	Guide Flies: Learn How to Fish Signature Patterns for Tough Trout	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	TBA	TBA	12/13/23

Flyfishing Adventures in the Sea of Cortez

With

Gary Bulla



In February we welcome back Gary Bulla, with an updated program on the exciting fishing to be found in Southern Baja. Gary is a familiar figure on the local saltwater scene and brings an infectious enthusiasm to his presentations. Pack your bags for Mexico!

Gary Bulla's presentation will take anglers through the fishing season on the Sea of Cortez in Southern Baja. Gary will share his discoveries with the club, including tackle and techniques for the dazzling variety of fish south of the border.

At five million years old this inland sea is the youngest in the world; yet biologically it is the richest body of water on our planet. The diversity of fish in Baja waters means anglers can revisit Baja at various times of the year and have very different quarry. There is surface sight fishing and deeper water fishing at all times of the year. Panga fishing from outboard skiffs modified for flyfishing can produce rod bending, spool burning takes that test your endurance and your knot tying.

Casting to rooster fish or dorado on the surface is a sport sure to provide a large dose of adrenalin.

There is no other fishing that is comparable to flyfishing for roosters. It is sight fishing taken to the extreme. Because of the incredible surface action that causes sheer panic and adrenalin spikes and their completely unpredictable movements and moods, it is considered by many to be the most dynamic flyfishing on the planet.

What makes this part of Baja's Sea of Cortez so special? The Punta Arenas/Cerralvo Island area is unique. All world records for Roosterfish are recorded here. The bait populations here are abundant and support a huge population of both pelagic and reef dwellers. Coral reefs flourish adjacent to incredibly deep trenches, combined with the seasonal winds enhanced by the channel, they create the

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This Month's Speaker (Con't)

constant upwellings of plankton and other nutrients that provide the foundation for an astounding diversity of species.

Not only do over 900 species of fish thrive here, but sea turtles, sea lions, whales, orcas, huge schools of manta rays and dolphins are residents during many months of the year. Jacques Cousteau spent so much time exploring the richness of the area that the Mexican Government officially changed the name of Cerralvo Island to Jacques Cousteau Island. He called it "The world's aquarium".

For fly fishers, the large bays, points, and the island mean that there is usually shelter from open sea winds and swells when present. Pangas, or small open boats, can be utilized effectively. They are stealthier and more maneuverable than large sport fishing boats. Two anglers can fish at once and cast in most any direction when necessary. Roosterfish cruise the inshore within a few hundred feet of the beach for food as small as the flat iron herring, or "sardina", and as large as ladyfish. Yellowfin tuna and dorado can be caught close to shore also. You don't have to run miles to offshore banks to find them.

Website: [Gary Bulla Fly Fishing](http://garybullaflyfishing.com)

Email: gary@garybulla.com



IN MEMORIAM

Celebrating
the life of



Richard

10/5/1944 - 12/31/2022

The close of 2022 was met with heartbreak at the loss of our dearest Husband, Father, Brother and Friend, Richard Karl Fanning of Brea, California.

Richard will always be known as the man who had an answer for every question, maybe not the right answer but he would convey it in a way that was always convincing.

He was an angler, a carpenter, a fine woodworker, a rod builder, a luthier, a photographer, a conservationist, an environmentalist and an educator.

Richard is survived by his wife, Joannie, his children, Christi, Eric, Ray and Jeanette, four grandsons, Gabe, Ryle, Tate and Arlo, his sister, Jean, two brothers, William and Alan, and every dastardly fish that did not take the bait.

He will be remembered most for his kindness, his intellect and his humor.



Please consider making a donation in Richard's name to The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County's scholarship fund. Scan the QR code for more information.

Rich Fanning was a great friend of the Club. He fulfilled many roles with the Club including President, Newsletter Editor, as a Streamkeeper, a leader in Mentoring, an Instructor in Fly Tying and Rod Building. As a member of the Board of Directors for many years, Rich provided wise counsel and guidance. For his many contributions to our Club, he was honored with the Lifetime membership. Sadly, Rich passed away in December 2022. To honor Rich's dedication to the Club, donations can be made in his name to our Scholarship Fund ([website link provided below](#)).

The FFCOC Board of Directors has approved the award of two FFCOC Marine Studies Scholarships (\$3K/each) this year, both in memory of Richard Fanning.

[Donations - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \(clubexpress.com\)](https://clubexpress.com)

Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

December

David Westendorf (San Clemente)

John Prudden (Laguna Woods)

January

Corey Miller (Lake Forest)

Alec Rodrigues (Irvine)

James Carpenter (Santa Ana)

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 \(clubexpress.com\)](#)

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?

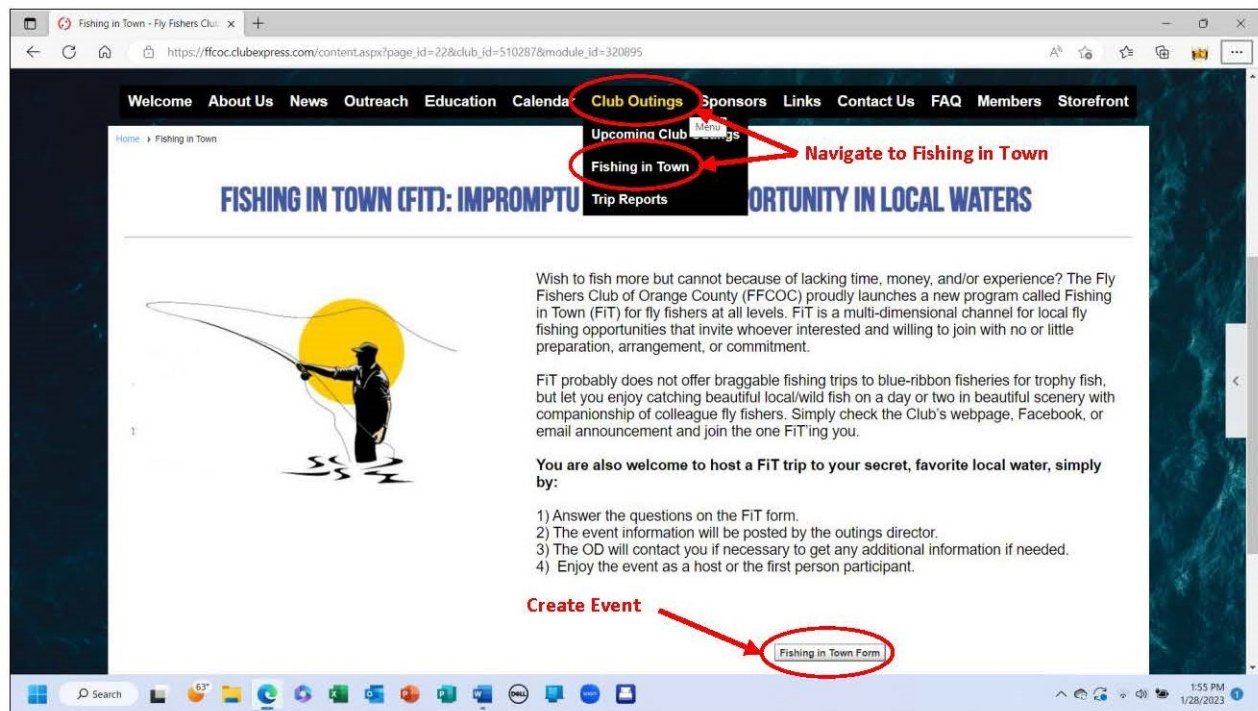
A great way to meet people and hone your fly-fishing skills, and ultimately have fun is participating in a FFCOC fly fishing trip, and one of the ways of doing this is being a Stream Keeper.

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!

Club News



Creating a Fishing in Town (FiT) Event

Webmaster Todd Gomez reports that it is now easy to create your own FiT event on our Club website and announce the Event to the Club. Simply Navigate to the Fishing in Town page using the Club Outings dropdown menu (see graphic below). Then press the Fishing in Town Form button at the bottom of the page (see graphic), and you'll be directed to the Form page. Enter the required data on the form and press Submit at the bottom of the page. Your FiT event information will be reviewed and the Event will be created. Let's go fishing! Give it a try!!

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (March) edition are due to the 2023 Editor by **Friday, February 24**, 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!! taronos@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.



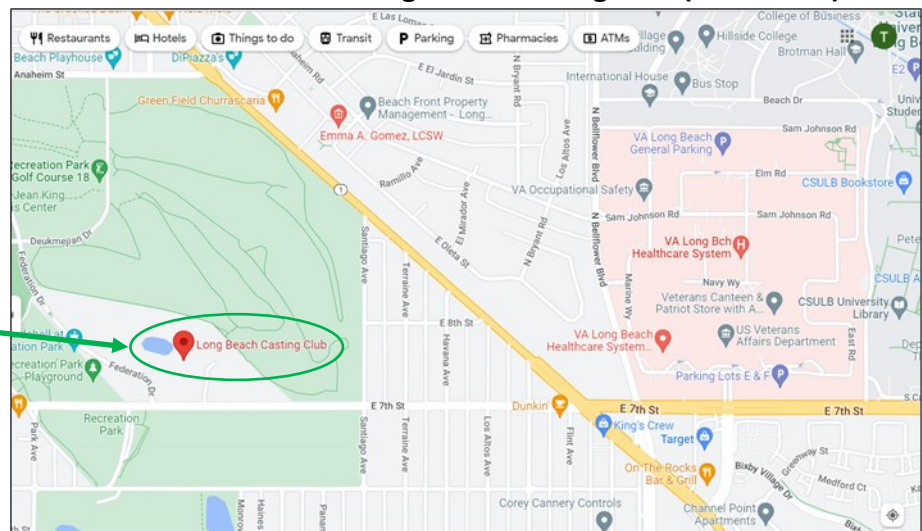
Kathy Kim, FFCOC and LBCC member and certified FFI instructor, has volunteered to lead the Program, and has announced the first outing dates for a Women's On the River Outing in February; with a half-day classroom session, and a weekend outing on the Lower Owens. Details and dates are as follows:

- **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 - New Event Announcement



Beginning Fly Tying Class

Registration to OPEN Soon!



Do you want to learn to tie your own flies? FFCOC will be starting a beginning class of fly tying for those anglers who would like to learn the basics of fly tying.

Each class, two different flies will be taught with emphasis on developing techniques, handling materials, and skill building. This is a hands-on class so all participants should come to class prepared to tie flies.

Class materials will consist of a syllabus for the entire session, plus tying instructions for each fly. All participants should bring their own vice and tools, however, the FFCOC Club vices and tools will be available to anyone without. Most materials for the flies will be provided. There may be some materials that may need to be purchased; materials not available in Club inventory (to be discussed in class).

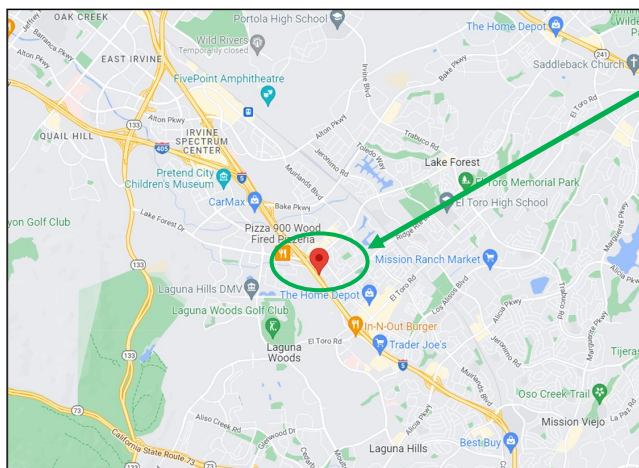
There is no charge for the class (a nominal TBD material fee may apply); You do need to be a member of FFCOC. The class is limited to ten participants.

An email blast will be sent to All Club members when the Registration process is OPEN

The classes (9 weeks) will be held on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The dates are as follows:

Dates: March 11	April 8	May 6
March 18	April 15	May 13
	April 29	May 20
		May 27

Location: Classes will be held in the Conference Room at Matt Conrad's offices at 23161 Lake Center Dr., Lake Forest, CA 92630.



23161 Lake Center Dr.

Cost: No Charge (Nominal TBD material fee)

Questions: If you have any questions, please contact Janna Roznos at jkroznos@gmail.com



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 \(clubexpress.com\)](http://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 \(clubexpress.com\)](http://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 (Outing Report - Fishing In Town)

FIT Outing - East Fork San Gabriel River

Sunday Jan. 22, 2023

Seven intrepid anglers tried to fish the East Fork too soon after the big rains! We met at the Bridge To Nowhere trailhead. We had to fight for parking spaces with the large number of bungee jumpers setting up to use the Bridge To Nowhere. Since we both had to use the same trail, but they went further up, they left before we did.

The river was a beautiful glassier color due to the heavy snow melt and storm run-off. Visibility was about 4 feet, so still fishable, if we could find the right pools. We could see immediately that the flows were higher than normal. There were large logs and debris lodged high in tree crotches 8 -10' above the river bed. It was obvious this canyon had been scoured in the recent storms.

The one mile hike to fishing water was enhanced by two exciting river crossings. These crossings would normally be a quick wade across in shin deep water. On Sunday, the water was at our waists and absolutely ripping along. We buddy waded for the most part, and occasionally used ropes to cross the river. Those who tried to wade without a buddy struggled, and one angler took a nice cold swim in the 50F water!

The fish must have been as irritated by the conditions as we were. No one found a fish all day! In this normally easy fishing river, we didn't see any sign of a fish of any size. We tried nymphs, streamers, and dries with no results. We tested slack water eddies, and pools. We tested the bottom and behind big rocks. We don't know where the fish were holding.

A few hours of futile testing of the water, we ate lunch and hiked back to the cars. It was a beautiful day and a nice walk, so no one seemed to mind the lack of fish. We were all reminded this is why our sport is called fishing instead of catching!

See our photos (next page)...

Outing Report By: Larry Behm

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Club News (Outing Report - Fishing In Town)

FIT Outing - East Fork San Gabriel River



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:

taronos@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
April 13	Lake Henshaw Carp Throwdown	Mike Peters
TBA (May/June)	Lee's Ferry (Arizona)	Melinda Burns
July TBA	Yellowstone (Montana)	Larry Behm
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 is 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

Note: *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)

Trip Full

Trip Full

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.

**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 now full at 12 anglers.
2. We are doing a Zoom session with Rob Anderson on Monday, February 13th. The session will 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, 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

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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 - Yellowstone

Details Coming Soon!

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Yellowstone National Park - Summer Trip



This will be a one week trip. Based in Gardiner, MT and fishing Yellowstone Park as well as the Beartooth Mountains.

We will hire guides for the first few days to help learn current conditions and provide at least one day of floating. The float trip will probably be on the Yellowstone River.

Lodging will be in Gardiner, we will hire a chef or caterer to provide most meals.

Flights are easiest if you land in Bozeman. If you have not toured Yellowstone Park before, I suggest arriving early and planning to spend at least two days driving the Grand Loop Road. I am happy to offer details of the area so you can plan that portion to meet your needs.

Outing details are firming up!

Please Contact Larry Behm for details.

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

Trip Full

Fly Fishing Southern Utah

Trip Full

September 25-29, 2023

Stream Keeper John Williams 951-236-0862



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

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

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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 find closer to the trip dates. Many travelers hit the road after school is in session and before winter.

Physical Demands:

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

Gear:

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

Waders. Good pair of breathable waders is required in most situations.

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

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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 \$1,250 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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Tentative Dates; For your Calendar Planning

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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 ([Willow Springs Resort – Bridgeport, California – Come Play and Stay in Bridgeport, California](#)), 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:

Terry Roznos

(562) 322-4790 (cell)

taroznos@verizon.net



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Downtown Bridgeport

If you haven't checked it out, there is now streaming video from the light pole outside Ken's Sporting Goods courtesy of the Fishin' Mission Foundation. These screen shots were taken on January 15. [Web Cam Provided by The Fishin' Mission Foundation](#)



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Trout Rodeo 2023



A Catch/Release Tournament open to all!
FLY OR SPIN FOR THE WIN

Feb. 4, 2023

Go to our website or scan QR code for more info
www.SWCFFI.org/Rodeo

Last Reminder! Call your friends and make plans to come to Bishop next weekend, February 04. The weather is looking outstanding and the water continues to clear from all of the storms. This may be the BEST Spring fishing for a while so come on up!

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

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



WE have UPDATES! Unless you have been in hibernation, you are PROBABLY aware that a lot of precipitation has hit the Eastern Sierra. While we all marvel at the snowpack and guides using snow mobiles to fish the Upper Owens, there is also a certain amount of danger in those areas. So based on a recommendation from the DFW local office and some of the guides we know, the open waters for the Trout Rodeo will be as far north as Pleasant Valley Reservoir to as far south as Lone Pine. NO UPPER OWENS OR THE GORGE. Your safety is our concern at all times. The waters you fish MUST be on the open waters list from DFW and it will be your responsibility to check on that.

SWAG! We have more sponsors than last year (see the list below) and so our array of raffles prizes continues to grow. From rods, reels, gift certificates and even float tubes, there will be something wonderful to win IF we pick your raffle ticket. As a reminder (and check out the rules on our [website](http://www.swcffi.org)), the higher you place, the more tickets you can win AND you can purchase tickets the night of the awards dinner. Plus winners will be getting one of our COLLECTIBLE beer glasses too!

DINNER! There are new options in town and one of the latest is Pino's Pies. We hear nothing but rave reviews and they will be bringing dinner to our event. They have meat and vegetarian options and will either be setting up a truck or delivering. In any case, you will NOT go hungry.

Lodging Options Bishop Chamber of Commerce has this great too. Click here and you can see all of the lodging possibilities. There is also camping available at Tri-County Fairgrounds or Pleasant Valley Reservoir through ReserveUSA.

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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 theme of the Fly Fishers Expo is ***WE TEACH FLY FISHING***.

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 2, 2023.

The show is 5 days long with the Southwest Council covering the weekend, 3/31 thru 4/2. Volunteers will be requested for the following tasks: Set Up on Friday, working the SWC booth during the show, Fly Tying, Casting, and Take down on Sunday. More details and opportunities to volunteer to spread the word about fly fishing will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

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Sandra Jacobson, Ph.D., is the Cal Trout Director for the South Coast and Sierra Districts Projects based in San Diego.

She manages the South Coast Steelhead Coalition and works with Coalition partners to recover endangered steelhead and restore their habitat in Southern California. She also works with partners in the Sierra to protect source waters, high-elevation meadows, and native trout in this pristine landscape.

California Trout Southern California Project Summary



Dr. Jacobson recently provided a presentation to the Southwest Council on the status of the SoCal Projects in work. The link to the presentation was provided in the February email distribution of this newsletter.

If you are a Club member, you may also access this presentation directly at (must be logged in):

On FFCOC Website: Navigate to Members -> Documents. Documents Folder -> Conservation. Select File: CalTrout SoCal Project Summary_Jan 2023 and Download.

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Fishing News



California Department of
Fish and Wildlife

Surf's Up! Checkout these sites on your next internet surfing session!

It's now 2023, which means you have two immediate tasks if you have not already done so. The first is to buy a new fishing license, they are now valid for 365 days from the date of purchase. The second is to download a copy of the new 2023 Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations Booklet and review it. If you are a "steelheader", then pay particular attention to the regulations for anadromous fish for the Central Valley fisheries of the American Feather, Mokelumne, and Sacramento Rivers. The links to buy your 2023 license on-line and the 2023 regulations booklet are provided below:

[California Wildlife Internet Sales Home \(wildlifelicense.com\)](https://wildlifelicense.com)

[Fishing and Hunting Regulations \(ca.gov\)](https://ca.gov/fishing)

Want to know the California fishing regulations for particular waters while you're on the road? The link below takes you to an interactive CDFW map that displays the fishing regulations for nearby waters based on your location. However, this fishing regulation map is currently undergoing updates at press time; the website advises to "Please check back on 02/01/2023".

[Sportfishingregs \(ca.gov\)](https://ca.gov/sportfishingregs)

Floods, fires, and other emergencies can lead to public agencies to close lands and facilities. For current CDFW closures and links to closures by other agencies, check the link below:

[Emergency Closures \(ca.gov\)](https://ca.gov/emergencyclosures)

Planning your 2023 trout fishing trips?? You might want to consider the Heritage Trout Challenge. By catching six different California native trout from their historic drainages and photographing these fish you can receive a colorful, personalized certificate featuring the art of renowned fish illustrator Joseph Tomelleri. Your certificate will show six full-color images representing the trout you caught, along with the dates and locations. It is sized to fit in a standard 16" x 20" matted frame. Information on the Heritage Trout Challenge may be found at the following link:

[Heritage Trout Challenge \(ca.gov\)](https://ca.gov/heritage-trout-challenge)



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

If you want to monitor the Sierra Nevada snowpack this season, then the attached website link provides a daily status of Snow Pack Conditions:

[Snow Pack Conditions - Snow Water Content Chart \(ca.gov\)](https://ca.gov/snow-pack-conditions)

The Spirit of Dame Berners - New Waters

By Larry Behm



This is the second in a series of articles that discuss learning how to be a better fly angler.

How to you go about preparing to fish new water? I have asked Doug: Jones to answer a few questions about approaching a trip to “new water”. Doug is an excellent angler and caster, a long-time member of the club, a past president, and currently the coordinator of our learning program “On The Water Training”.

We use the term “new water” here to mean water where you don’t have first-hand knowledge of the situation. This could be a new river or lake, returning to a river at a different time of year, or an area that has undergone restoration.

Why would you plan before you go to new water?

Doug: Because I would want to make sure I enjoy what I'm doing and that I have a successful trip. We all measure success a bit differently. But, if I spend the time and the effort and money is involved to go somewhere, I don't want to come back frustrated and disappointed. I want to come home planning my next trip to go back again.

How would you go about planning a trip to new water?

Doug: Well, the first thing I would consider going to new water is to see if any of my fishing buddies have been there and would like to go along with me. It is always advantageous to learn from other people's experience. Look for some guidance and some practical knowledge from somebody that's been there. If it happens that you don't know anybody who has been there, you can reach out through the club forums on our web page. You can ask questions at meetings or even stand up at one of our meetings and say “I'm thinking about going to this place, is anybody interested in coming along?” There's a lot of advantages to taking somebody along with you. There's just the plain camaraderie and enjoying each other's time as well as learning from each other. There are also some safety concerns if you're out hiking or fishing and you don't want to be out there alone. Also, it's a little cheaper to go with somebody else who can share the cost of gas and lodging and some of the other items.

If you find someone to go with you, what should you still do for planning?

Doug: Even if you're going to go with somebody who says they know the water, I suggest you not get too lazy and that you do some research for yourself. Your buddy may be working on three or four-year old information or something their grandfather taught them or they haven't been there the

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same time of year. So, it still makes sense to do your own research to supplement what you might learn from your fishing buddy and so you won't come across as just totally taking advantage of your buddy.

Is a guide useful?

Doug: Yes, they can be very helpful. Even if you're spending multiple days on that water, you may only have to hire a guide for a day or even half a day. A guide can make sure you're rigged up right and that you have the right gear and flies for the conditions on that particular day. I've done this before, for instance, the first time I fished the Pit River my friend and I hired a guide for half a day and then we fished for 2 1/2 days without the guide. The guide helped get us get started and to understand some oddities about the river. Such as, when the power stations release water, and how fast to expect the water to rise and make sure you're not on the wrong side of the river when it happens. So, hiring a guide can be an excellent way not just to learn the conditions, and how to approach the place, but also to learn peculiar aspects of fishing there. The techniques you used in your last trip may not be the techniques they're recommending when you show up.

What are some specific things you should research?

Doug: I'm basing my answer on the assumption that we picked a time, not some vague ideas of "let's go this summer." I would look at some fishing reports: go online and look at local fishing reports. They can help you with understanding water levels, provide charts of what insect hatches to expect, and general conditions you might encounter. This is going to help you with your expectations and preparation for the trip. For instance, you may be heading out with the thought that you're going to be throwing dry flies and the hatch charts indicate that only nymphing or streamers are working.

You should try to learn what time of day you might want to fish. When is the hatch expected, early, late early in the day, or in the afternoon? You need to think about the weather and is this a place you need waders or are you going to wet wade? What type of boots bottoms are needed, felt or rubber? (Felt is illegal in some places.)

Another thing I try to learn before I head out is kind of what kind of access points are there along the waterway? Can I take my little sedan and have enough ground clearance to get where I want to go, or am I going to need a vehicle with more ground clearance and maybe even four-wheel drive? And not just automobile access, but personal access. You know how difficult is the approach? How much hiking will be involved, what kind of terrain? Am I up to the physical task of getting where I want to get to go fishing? So, it wouldn't hurt even to call the local fly shop, and ask some of these questions.

What equipment should I bring, which line, tippets and leaders do I need? Most of us, if we're going trout fishing, lean towards our 4 or 5 weight rod and reel. That's probably good most of the time, but you need to make sure you ask questions and take the right gear. For example, if you have to use 6X,

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tippet and you have a 6-weight rod, chances of breaking your tippet are quite high. With light tippets you might be better off with a lighter rod such as a three or four weight. I find that I have more success with gear that might be on the light side because I am less likely to break fish off and feel the strikes better.

What would you NOT do?

Doug: I would not get over committed to going until I've done some research and made sure it's what I want to do. Because once I commit to go, my ego says "I'm going". And then, I find out that the hiking's too rough, or it's the wrong time of year, or the water levels are too high. It's hard to back out, so I would do my investigation before I commit to make sure things fit my expectations and my abilities.

Another problem is not hearing people's advice that is not consistent with my preconception. I should probably listen to their advice, especially if it comes from more than one person. Because if I go with my preconceived notions, I may be the only guy in the river not catching fish.

Where can I find other resources?

Doug: There are quite a few books about different areas that you might consider everything ranging from 50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die, to books on California Fishing, or 25 Hikes in the Eastern Sierras. In fact, the Club has an excellent book called Fly Fishing the Eastern Sierras. You may want to take a look at it before you go.

With all the mapping programs we have on our electronic devices you can look at maps and aerial photographs to zero in a lot of information about the access points and contours. Even if the map doesn't show contours, you can get a lot of information from the aerial photographs

Recent online fishing reports help to understand food and fish activity. The USGS stream gage reports help understand flow rates and water temperature.

I'll remind you of my first recommendation, check with club members using our forums program or at meetings. There are a lot of people with a lot of experience who are willing to share.



Flies That Keep On Giving!

Best Dressed Caddis

By John Williams

The Caddis Fly is found world wide. This is one of my versions that has proved it self.



Material:

Hook:	Size 10-14 curved nymph hook
Thread:	Black 8/0
Eyes:	Small bead chain cut into a pair
Rib:	Orange small wire
Dubbing:	Ice dubbing
Thorax:	Peacock hurl
Legs:	Pheasant body feather fibers
Antennae:	Pheasant tail fibers
Cement:	Super Glue Gel Formula

Instructions:

1. Cut a pair of eyes from a bead chain strand.
2. Place your hook in the vice upside down or if you have a rotary vice rotate it 180 degrees so the hook is up side down.
3. Place a slight smear of super glue just behind the eye then place the eyes on the hook and secure with several wraps of thread.
4. Turn your hook so it is right side up.
5. Tie in the rib behind the eyes and wrap your thread over to the bend as pictured.
6. Dub light green to orange to red ice dubbing from the bend to the thorax region.
7. Wrap the wire rib over the dubbing and tie off in the thorax area.
8. Tie in some pheasant body fibers on either side of the hook to form the legs.
9. Select two pheasant tail fibers keeping them the same length and tie in at the thorax, make the tips extend one and one quarter the length of the body.
10. Dub to the eyes with peacock hurl.
11. Smear your thread with superglue slightly and whip finish. Use super glue sparingly it can do great things when not over used.

All the best friends, John

FFCOC Leadership

Mission:

Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

Disseminate to the public the Results of the Club's Efforts

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

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

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