

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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July 2012

## Club Meeting:

Wednesday, July 11th, 2012

6:00 pm - Wet Fly

7:00 pm - Dinner

Dinner and Program - \$25 Cash

Program Only - \$10 Cash

**\$1 Fee for Credit Cards**

Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson

Anaheim, CA

## Board Meeting:

July 17th, 2012

7:00 pm

Crossroads Church\*

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See Calendar inside or

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

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location addresses.



## Behind the Scenes & the Best of *Catch Magazine* with Brian O'Keefe & Todd Moen

One of the best fly fishing magazines available on the Internet is Catch. It's actually termed an e-zine in that it is not actually a "magazine" that is published in the normal way – printed on paper and then mailed to subscribers. An e-zine is created online and then distributed solely on the Internet to its list of subscribers. These subscribers will view and read it on-line and, if they so desire, can then print any of an issue's page on paper.

Catch magazine is a bi-monthly publication (i.e. it comes out once every two months or six times a year) and is highly regarded by subscribers as well as critics. (Trout Unlimited recently awarded it their annual Conservation Communication Award.) One of the reasons for

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all these accolades is that the photos and slideshows in *Catch* are either shot or chosen-and-edited by Brian O'Keefe. Brian has combined a lifetime of fly fishing photography with a lifetime of serious fly fishing. He sold his first fly fishing photo when he was 16 -- 40 years ago! Brian grew up in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Montana and was infected with the traveling bug early when, in 1973, he began an amazing adventure by spending 11 months trekking and fishing all around New Zealand. Since then, he has been very busy trying to fish and photograph as many interesting places in the world as possible.

A few years ago, Brian partnered with Todd Moen, a young videographer who shoots and edits exciting fly fishing videos. Together, Brian and Todd publish *Catch* ([www.catchmagazine.net](http://www.catchmagazine.net)), producing a fly fishing visual experience second to none. Many people call it their "Virtual Vacation." They also sell DVDs of many of the video segments that have appeared in the magazine and accessories such as *Catch* hats, T-shirts, etc.

In addition to seeing a few of the amazing video segments that have appeared in the magazine, Brian will show us how the magazine is put together, how and why he chooses the pictures he does and why he rejects others. We will learn how the two of them decide where Todd will go to shoot video, what goes into the making of a video segment and do they ever have to dump a segment and why. In other words, we will learn what goes into "putting" an issue together and even how advertising support is solicited and secured. Besides watching fun and exciting videos, we will learn about the actual making of their films. Some of the locations and species will include Oregon trout and bass, Argentina trout and golden dorado, Yucatan snook and bonefish and more.

Let's just take a closer look at our friend Brian. He has been a serious fly fisher all his life, developing a love for the sport while spending summers in Montana with his grandparents. There he was taught the art of fly casting and fishing by a Montana dry fly purist, his grandfather, Fred Johnson.

Brian began fishing the world right out of high school. After his two-year solo trip through New Zealand, Australia and a trek into the Himalayan Mountains, he began guiding in the Northwest and Alaska for trout, salmon and steelhead. At age 30, Brian began his career as a fly fishing tackle rep and angling/outdoor photographer. He is also an accomplished fly casting instructor, earning the title of Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor from the Fly Fishing Federation. Brian has also placed in, and won many fly casting competitions. His photographs have appeared in: *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Fly Fishing Salt Waters*, *NW Flyfishing*, *Fish Alaska*, *Fish & Fly Magazine*, *Outside Magazine*, *Men's Journal* and many others.

Brian has traveled to some of the wildest and most remote angling destinations in the world, including: Bimini Atoll, the Seychelles, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tonga and Kashmir. He has also traveled to more accessible locations, such as: the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Chile, England, New Zealand, Argentina, Christmas Island and more. In many of these locations he again chose to venture off the beaten path, hiking, floating, sea-kayaking or taking a Zodiac into the backcountry. Inside our borders, Brian has specialized in fly fishing the Northern Rockies, the Northwest and Alaska. A camera goes on every trip to record the action.

Brian lives in Bend, Oregon and plans on continuing his adventures and photography, his work with Todd Moen and publishing his beloved *Catch* magazine.

Please join Brian O'Keefe and Todd Moen as they show us some amazing and unbelievable video segments from behind the scenes—and the best of *Catch Magazine*. See you there.... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

## 2011 Outings Plan

By Lyman Kennedy

Date	Location	Streamkeeper	Phone #
February 11	Huntington Beach Surf Outing	Jim Edwards	714-921-9920
February 18	Mentor Outing West fork	Melinda Burns	951-451-9920
March 10—12	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714-679-6638
March 17—21	San Juan River	Lyman Kennedy	714-921-9920
April 21	One Surf Fly Dockweiler Beach	Shane Chung	949-633-6973
May 5	Huntington Beach	Jim Edwards	714-337-5899
May 22—24	Tejon Ranch	Cancelled	
June 23—24	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714-337-5899
June 17	Tejon Ranch	Cancelled	
July 13-16	Hot Creek Ranch	John William	909-598-7905
August 18	San Diego Bay	Lyman Kennedy	714-921-9920
September TBA	Tejon Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714-921-9920
September 28October 1	Women's Casting Clinic	Mlinda Burn	951-451-9920
October 19—20	Presidents Outing	Doug Jones	714-998-7304
November			
December			

## 2012 Speakers List By Andy Frumento

Date	Location	Speaker	Topic
January 11th 2012	Ballroom	Kelly Gallop	Streamer Tactics for Trophy trout
February 8, 2012	Ballroom	Brian Slusser	Reno—Tahoe Fly Fishing
March 14, 2011	Ballroom	Mike James & Scott Petter-son	Utah Magic
April 11, 2011	Ballroom	Ernie Gulley	Pyramid Lake
May 9, 2011	Ballroom	Spencer Higa	Best Fly Fishing in North Utah
June 13, 2012	Ballroom	Chris Sentella	Alaska to Bolivia and Beyond
July 11, 2012	Ballroom	Brian O'Keefe & Todd Moen	Behind the Scenes of Catch Magazine
August 8, 2012	Ballroom	Chris Schiel	Fly Fishing For Bass Top To Bottom
September 12, 2012	Ballroom	Auction	
October 10, 2012	Pavilion	Rob Anderson	Pyramid Lake
November 7, 2012	Pavilion	Toney Rindhart	Fly Fishing Western Montana
December 5, 2012	Pavilion	Christmas... TBA	

## Flies that Keep on Giving

By John Williams

When we all get near a trip the anticipation builds, I channel it into new flies and filling my fly boxes which wait for the right moment to work. A beetle has always been a favorite of mine so here is my newest version that should float all day and night.

### John's Hot Belly Beetle



**Hook:** Daiichi 1190 #14

**Thread:** UTC Black 70

**Belly:** UTC large Holographic Red Tinsel

**Body:** 1/8" Black Foam cut from sheet stock

**Wing:** Calf Tail

**Hackle:** Ginger Hackle

Run the thread from the head to the bend of the hook. Cut your 1/8" foam to 1/8" strips, tie in the end of a piece of foam leaving it to extend to the rear. Tie in the Holographic tinsel and make a few wraps forward and tie off and cut excess. Place a small amount of super glue at the base of the tinsel. Run the thread forward to the 3/4 point. Pull the foam body over the butt and secure at the 3/4 point. Tie in a calf tail wing in the same manner as the tail. Place a drop of super glue on the thread tie in point of the wing. Place the butt of the hackle in the super glue and secure with a few wraps. I make four or five wraps of hackle and tie off and whip finish. Add a small amount of head cement to the wraps and head to moving water. This fly will float and be visible as well.

Tight Lines Friends,

John

## Auction 2012

**Wednesday, September 13,  
2012**

Many thanks to those of you who have been donating items for this year's auction. At our last meeting I put out catalogs from various vendors who are offering a discount to us to purchase items to auction off and I asked if you were interested in a particular item(s) to list it on the appropriated vendor form. I only received two requests. So, my auction committee and I will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to start ordering some items. It is not too late to place your requests but please do it soon. If you like you can email me a list of items that you would like to see in the auction.

Also displayed on the Auction table were just some of the brochures from vendors who have already donated either a trip or an item. A list of current donors will be listed on our website in the next month. If you have donated in the past and I have not spoken to you and you would like to donate, please give me a call or send me an email. If you have never donated and would like to help out the club by donating any fly fishing items, I would gratefully accept your donations.

Some of the new and gently used items already donated by club members include: Books, videos, flies, float tubes, custom made fly display stands, rods, reels, clothing, custom made fishing net, quilt, rod socks and of course John Williams beautiful painting that will be used on the auction catalogue as well as a live auction item. We are a little light as of this newsletter on donations and hope that if you have anything to donate you will get them to me as soon as possible.

For more information about donations, please contact me, **Melinda Burns**, this year's auction chair. I can be reached at home @ **951-734-6005** or on my cell @ **951-415-9920** or by email at [mell1755@pacbell.net](mailto:mell1755@pacbell.net).



# Hot Creek Ranch May 2012

Where eagles soar and trout thrive

By John Williams

The ranch sees many seasoned anglers with as many different fly patterns as there are anglers. These trout are well acquainted with their regular diet and require patterns that are as close to life like as possible. The angler might have the correct pattern but then the presentation becomes critical, a reach mend to give a longer drag free drift, a distance cast, a curve cast to get around obstacles like nettles or weed stems all become important to address every situation. The flows at the ranch change with the seasons and snow pack, this year we have had a lesser than normal snow pack and the ranch has felt it. Scot Lewis and I arrived at the ranch at 5:30 p.m. on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2012, we checked in with Kevin Peterson the manager and inquired what the hatches have been and what the trout were eating and took a look at the wagon wheel to see what the flow of water was, Wow it was the lowest I have ever seen for early season fishing on the ranch. We settled in with a long sit on the porch to watch anglers fumble in and out over a wider bridge to accommodate Kevin's ATV. A word about Kevin, he is the best thing to happen to the ranch in a long time, he stays on top of the maintenance of the cabins and the grounds and is always quite helpful to all guests. He is strict about the rules and wants to know if poachers are caught crossing the fence to steal a moment of illegal fishing while no one is looking either on the upper or lower boundaries, the ranch is a dry fly only barbless fishery. Saturday morning we geared up after a leisure breakfast and cup of coffee on the porch to see a bald eagle being harassed by turns just at the bridge, it was the first time I have seen a bald eagle this far south in the Sierra's, Kevin said it had wintered in the area.



The fishing was real good and the wind and the weather cooperated which made for the perfect morning at the ranch. The nice weather had created a larger flow on the ranch and the water went up approximately four inches while we were there. We then headed in for lunch and a nap. Now the ranch is known for afternoon winds but to no avail, it was calm with a light breeze the rest of the day and the fishing continued well into the late evening. Sunday was more of the same great weather and light winds and the fish were on their best behavior, more fish and wonderful weather along with another nap, what a perfect day.

Monday the day we leave and we pack almost all our gear into the car and headed to the creek with more of the same great weather and many fish to make for a perfect weekend, around eleven the wind started to pick up and by the time we headed out it was howling all the way home. Timing is everything.

I want to share the flies we used with great success; I'm looking forward to July outing to the ranch. Did I forget to mention the scotch and a cigar on the porch in the late evening into dark?

## Not the biggest but nice coloration on this bow



Size 18 M&M Caddis



Size 16 Black Beetle



Size 18 Gray Klinkhammer



Size 18 Hot Creek Hot Butt Caddis



Size 18 Hot Creek Caddis



Size 18 tent wing Parachute Caddis



# FISH CREEK OUTING

BY JIM EDWARDS

Fish Creek Outing report, June 22,23 and 24. We arrived Friday about noon, and found a few of the members already there. Scot and I set up camp, then went to check out Rattlesnake Meadows, and as usual the place was crawling with them. Friday evening around the campfire we planned what to do Saturday, which dawned bright and clear. After a breakfast of pancakes and sausage, we departed (after the warning about snakes) for the meadows, where Erik Kramer finally caught his first fish EVER on a dry fly. Everyone caught fish, some more than others, but a good time was had by all, even if we were a bit jumpy about all the snakes. We had fish tacos for dinner, with all the fixings, thanks to Scot's excellent cooking skills. Sunday, of course, the wind wasn't blowing, and most headed for home after a bit more fishing. Thanks to everyone who attended. Sorry about all the rattlers, this was the first time I've seen them up there. At least no one got bit!!

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## SAN DIEGO BAY OUTING SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2012

The weather is perfect, the water is warm and the fish are biting; it is time to fish San Diego Bay. I have picked a day in August with good tidal movement so the fish should be hungry and ready to bite. Croakers, spotted bay bass, and halibut are some of the fish you might expect to catch in San Diego Bay, near Tidelands Park (under the Coronado Bridge).

This water can be successfully fished from float tubes, pontoon boats, kayaks or skiffs. Skiffs can be rented at nearby Glorietta Bay ( 4 hours for \$54.). Equipment that you would need include rods (5-8 weight) with sinking line (250-300 grain) with intermediate running line, and of course salt water flies including small clousers, crab and shrimp patterns. Good tidal movement is essential and launching at first light is recommended for success. That means arriving early (in the dark) to get equipment set up and launched. Even a small spotted bay bass can put a real bend in your rod and pull very hard. If you are interested in participating, contact me at : [lkennedyjr@earthlink.net](mailto:lkennedyjr@earthlink.net) or **714 742-5865**. **Lyman Kennedy**, Streamkeeper.



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*Please welcome all those new members joining us  
All new members will have a green circle sticker on their  
name badge. Remember to say a hello to them*

# Conservation Corner and FFF Advisories

## West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy

Club Members, FFCOC is a supporter of the West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy and as such we encourage you to volunteer any time you may have to help out this organization. If you are interested in seeing what they do, please join them on one of their patrols listed below.

### **West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy Patrol Dates:**

Patrols meet at the Environmental Education Center (1/4 mile North and across the street from the OHV Staging Area on Hwy 39) at 8:30AM, departing at 9AM (unless otherwise noted). Please contact the Patrol Leader listed for each patrol for more information and to confirm your attendance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If we don't receive your email conformation prior to Patrol, we might not open the Ed Center to meet you!

#### **Patrol dates as follows:**

**July 1** - Patrol @ 11AM - Ed Ash - [Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org](mailto:Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org)  
**July 8** - Mark Griffin - [mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org](mailto:mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org)  
**July 15** - John Burns - [Secretary@westforksgrc.org](mailto:Secretary@westforksgrc.org)  
**July 22** - Ed Ash - [Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org](mailto:Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org)  
**July 29** - John Burns - [Secretary@westforksgrc.org](mailto:Secretary@westforksgrc.org)  
**Aug 5** - Ed Ash - [Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org](mailto:Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org)  
**Aug 12** - Patrol @ 11AM - Mark Griffin - [mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org](mailto:mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org)  
**Aug 19** - Ed Ash - [Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org](mailto:Ed.Ash@westforksgrc.org)  
**Aug 26** - Mark Griffin - [mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org](mailto:mark.griffin@westforksgrc.org)

To find out more about **West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy** [CLICK HERE](#)

## Suction Dredging Update:

DFG regulations regarding suction dredge mining were finalized back in April. The new regulations allow 1500 permits to be issued annually (down from 3500 permits in 2008). The new regulations closed some watersheds to suction dredge mining, but opened other streams for mining permits. DFG appears to have enacted the most environmentally protective CEQA alternative (short of banning suction dredge mining). A listing of waters by county is included in the regulations, which can be found at the DFG summary page: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/suctiondredge/>. A moratorium on issuing of permits is in effect until 2016.

SWC and Caltrout (among many others) sent comment letters. SWC comments protested the inclusion of specific streams in LA, Mono, and Inyo Counties. Caltrout's letter was more extensive. These comments appear to have had no impact on the regulations. Groups from both sides have brought lawsuits regarding the new regulations.

Environmental groups and Karuk Tribe: <http://www.redding.com/news/2012/apr/03/suction-dredging-rules-spur-suit/?print=1>  
Mining Groups: <http://www.mineweb.com/mineweb/view/mineweb/en/page34?oid=149947&sn=Detail&pid=72068>  
A recent article on the topic in the LA Times: <http://articles.latimes.com/2012/jun/02/local/la-me-klamath-gold-20120602>

## **Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska**

### **A Letter from Scott Hed, requesting support from FFF and their Clubs.**

On May 18, the EPA released its draft Bristol Bay watershed assessment. Guess what? Using the best available scientific data (from state and federal agencies as well as from the Pebble Limited Partnership) and conducting interviews in the Bristol Bay region, EPA's draft assessment shows that large-scale mining in this particular place is simply incompatible with the existing ecological, economic, and cultural values of the Bristol Bay region. Essentially, the EPA gathered the information which ends up showing what we've long known: Bristol Bay is no place for a project like Pebble Mine. The draft assessment is open for public comments through July 23rd.

As much support as the fly fishing industry has provided to this point, we are at a critical stage in the campaign and I am asking you once more to stand up for Bristol Bay. To show your support, click here: [www.SaveBristolBay.org/](http://www.SaveBristolBay.org/)  
[TakeAction](#),

We need to redouble our efforts to push the ball across the goal line. If every FFF Council were able to do these things, it will go a long way to convincing the EPA to use its authority under the Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay, its fish and game resources, and the jobs and culture they support.

Finally, for those interested in how the public hearings went recently...read a recap [here](#).

Sincerely,

Scott Hed ~ Director  
Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska

## Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

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

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

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

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

### Meeting Locations:

Phoenix Club:  
1340 S. Sanderson  
Anaheim, CA

Crossroads Church of Irvine/  
Tustin:  
2472 Walnut Avenue  
Tustin, CA

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