

# ON THE FLY

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



APRIL 2023

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Our April Meeting will be at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. Remember, the meeting start time has been changed to **6:30pm**. See Page 3 for more info. Get your fly lines cleaned at our next meeting, see Page 4!

New Events Announced: Annual Club Picnic (Page 8). Public Casting Clinic (Page 9).

Upcoming Events: Lake Henshaw Carp Throwdown; Check the Club Calendar for info and signups.

Check the website Events Calendar and join in the activities of **YOUR** Club!!

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## President's Message

### President's Message by Brian Mayer

Again, I sit at my desk watching the next "winter" storm approach. I am contemplating will the Spring runoff be too great for our rivers and creeks. Will we lose all the banks and overflow our reservoirs. Time will tell.

Three years ago, we had to suddenly stop all gatherings as the pandemic raged through. Who would have expected such a calamity in our modern times. It is great that we have returned to in-person meetings. How did you enjoy the new monthly meeting site? Have the speakers been interesting? Please give your thoughts to any of the Board members. We



continue to search for another location that will be able to handle the growth in attendance we are expecting this year. If you know of potential new meeting site, please let any Board member know or simple email me.

Spring has arrived. Our Beginner Fly tying classes have had a great start. Rod building class is going strong as well. Time to start stocking up for my planned outings this year.

As I sort through my fishing bags, fly tying equipment, rods, reels and other gear, I begin to see the items that have started to collect dust. Perfectly great stuff that I just don't use anymore. Time to think about setting these aside for the Club Auction!

For our loyal members, a simple (and my last) reminder that membership renewals were due on January 1st. I encourage everyone to login to the Club website. See all the activities that our Club has scheduled including Speakers and Outings. While you are on the website, take 5 minutes and renew your membership, too.

Best regards,

Brian Mayer  
President, 2023

## FFCOC Meeting Venue



### General Meeting Location

**Reminder: Note the change in the Meeting Start Time!**



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



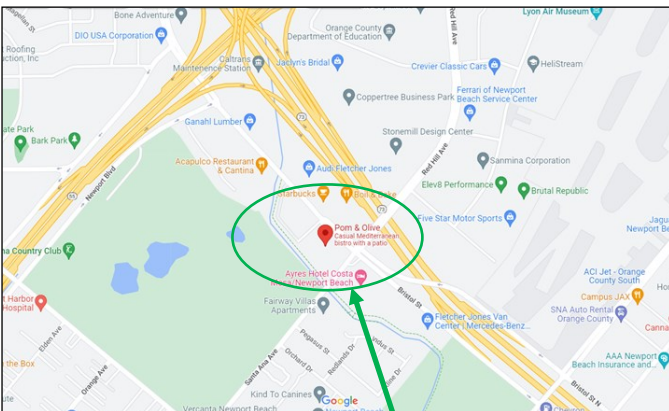
Pom & Olive is located at 1400 Bristol Street, Building C in Costa Mesa. (See map below)

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!

**A reminder** that the meeting schedule was adjusted in February 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!!



## FFCOC Pre-Meeting Services Available

### Fly Line Cleaning Available at our April Meeting!

We all know that the small details often make a big difference in results, and fly fishing is not an exception. Simple tasks, not requiring too much effort, but frequently overlooked, make a big difference in the fishing experience. The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County will launch pre-meeting services to include something that everyone acknowledges as an important task, but often gets forgotten when we're done fishing. Fly Fishing services will be offered 30 minutes prior to the start of our monthly meetings beginning at 6pm. There will be no charge to our members in attendance (although volunteering donations to the Club is always appreciated). Pre-Meeting services could be another good reason for you to come to the monthly meetings. There are some brewing ideas about what services are to be offered. If you know how to do a relatively insignificant chore that can be done for minutes, please volunteer to serve your fellow Club members!

#### Pre-meeting Services for April 2023: Cleaning and Dressing Fly Lines



Everyone knows how to cast 100 ft, but a dirty fly line might be one reason "the many" cannot achieve such a cast? Does your floating line sink? Your fly line is dirty! A dirty fly line can also grind the guides of your rod. The start of the fishing season is a good time to clean your fly lines. Simply show up to our April meeting early with your uncleaned line, drop it off at the marked

table, and take them back when you head out home. Simple!

**The Fly Line Cleaning Station will be open for business at 6 pm!**



## 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 for Tough Trout	04/12/23
May	Marlon Rampy	The Amazing Redband Trout	05/10/23
June	George Daniel	TBA	06/14/23
July	Alex Cady	Bass in Southern California	07/12/23
August	Club Picnic	William Mason Regional Park (Irvine)	08/12/23
September	Club Auction	Live - Santa Ana Elks Lodge	09/06/23
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

## This Month's Speaker

# Guide Flies for Tough Trout

By

Landon Mayer



You will see in Landon Mayer's latest presentation that it takes skill, luck and the right flies. **Fly choice is often an agonizing and time-consuming process.** Using what Landon aptly describes as “**guide flies**”, may tip the odds in your favor. The good news is that these patterns do not require great tying skill or hours spent at the vice.

When you spend as much time on the water as our speaker Landon Mayer, you need simple, easy-to-tie patterns that get the job done, day in and day out. *In his presentation Landon shares his top patterns for trophy trout that have been perfected on rivers and still waters in the Rockies and across the globe.* Patterns include the **Tails Up Trico**, **Mayer's Mini Leech**, **Titan Tube Midge**, **Mini Leech Jig Damsel**, plus many more. His program explains in detail how leech patterns, long associated with streamer fishing for warmwater species are deadly effective for trout. Each pattern is demonstrated in innovative and often surprising ways. This is a “must attend” presentation/meeting. As a bonus, copies of Landon's latest book *Guide Flies: Easy-to-Tie Patterns for Tough Trout* will be available for purchase at our Club meeting.

One of the leading (and certainly busiest) fly-fishing guides in the Western United States, Colorado based guide Landon Mayer makes a welcome in-person return to the SoCal speaker circuit. He last spoke to our Club via Zoom on January 13, 2021.

**Landon Mayer's angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly-fishing equipment.** He enthusiastically teaches and demonstrates his techniques and on-river knowledge and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout. His passion for fly-fishing has allowed him to make several noteworthy contributions to the sport on and off the water. This has included travels to fly-fishing related organizations of the Mid-Atlantic,

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## This Month's Speaker (Con't)

West, Pacific Northwest, Southwest, and Southern states, as well as teaching through guided trips, fly-fishing classes, presentations, and demonstrations of his unique techniques. Mayer has been guiding in Colorado full time on the *South Platte River* for the last 22 years, while also experiencing one full season on the *Nak Nek River* in AK.

Born and raised in Colorado Springs where he began his fly-fishing career in the 6th grade when his middle school offered fly casting lessons. Throughout his teens, Landon's love of the sport grew when he spent all his free time hanging around local fly shops and watching VHS tapes by *Gary Borger* and *Doug Swisher* until the tapes actually wore out! After graduating from high school, Landon pursued a career as a full-time guide in Colorado, learning from great Colorado anglers such as *Ed Engle*, *Pat Dorsey* and fly tyer *John Barr*.

Mayer is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* magazines. His contributions also have been featured in publications such as *Fly Rod and Reel*, *American Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing*, *Field and Stream*, and *Fish and Fly* magazines. As an ambassador in the fly-fishing industry, Mayer represents several lines including Simms Fly Fishing apparel and is a royalty fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. He is also an advisory team member of Simms, R.L.Winton, Bauer, Scientific Angler, Smith Optics, Fish Pond, Yeti Coolers, Regal Vise, and Casio Pro Trek watches.

Landon's techniques are contained in his publications and DVD's which include: *The Hunt for Giant Trout: 25 Top Locations in the US to Catch a Trophy Trout*, *Trout Tips: A Guide's Secrets, Tactics and Techniques*, *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing*, *Sight Fishing for Trout*, and *How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life*, plus his two DVDs: *Landing the Trout of Your Life* and *Weapons of Bass*. His latest book is *Landon Mayer's Guide Flies: Easy-to-Tie Patterns for Tough Trout*. Landon continues to live near his home waters of the South Platte River in Colorado where he teaches fly fishing through guiding and classes; he also appears around the country giving presentations of his innovative, successful and popular techniques. You can learn more about this great fly fisher by going to his website: [www.landonmayer.com](http://www.landonmayer.com)





## Club News

### Membership

#### Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

##### February

Jose Barrios (La Mirada)  
Ralph Pagter (Santa Ana)  
George Rodriguez (Mission Viejo)  
Jaime Ruiz (Newport Beach)  
Danny Jones (Los Alamitos)

##### March

Richard Ayer (San Clemente)  
Dustin Hayward (Fountain Valley)

### Membership Renewal Reminder

Just a (last) 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!! Just click on the link below, or click on the **JOIN FFCOC NOW** link on our Club website Home Page! **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 \(clubexpress.com\)](https://clubexpress.com)

### *In Memorium*

It is with heavy heart that the FFCOC has learned of the loss of fellow member Bill Swanson. Our sincere condolences are offered to friends and family of Bill.

### Club Events Announced

Mark your calendars, the following Club Events have been announced. Expect additional information in your future newsletter editions!

**Annual FFCOC Picnic.** The date and venue for our Annual Club Picnic is now set; Saturday, August 12, 2023, 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM, at William Mason Regional Park (Shelter 1) in Irvine. The event is moving to Mason Regional Park (from Irvine Park) due to congestion and parking difficulties experienced last year. The Club does not hold a monthly meeting in August, so come and join us at the picnic. The cost is FREE!! There is a \$5 Entry Fee to the Park. Enjoy an afternoon of Food, Games, Prizes, Fun and Fellowship with your fellow Club Members. All members and their guests are invited! Volunteers will be needed to host the event; site setup, grill technicians (cooks), food station preps and setup, game execution, cleanup and site teardown, etc. Please look for a call for volunteers communique. Your suggestions for a great event picnic are welcome as well!!

Event Coordinator: Terry Roznos, [taronos@verizon.net](mailto:taronos@verizon.net)

## Club News (Con't)

### Club Events Announced (Con't)

**Public Casting Clinic.** The date and venue for our Annual Casting Clinic is now set; Saturday, September 16, 2023, 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM (TBA), at William Mason Regional Park (Shelter 1) in Irvine. This is our Club main public outreach event to support and raise awareness of the sport of flyfishing! The public and Club members are welcome to join the event. The Casting Clinic concludes with a free BBQ for all participants and volunteers. Club Member volunteers will be needed to help with set up, running the event, cooking on the BBQ's and clean-up. Please look for a call for volunteers communique.

Event Coordinator: Ken Lindt, [ken.lindt@gmail.com](mailto:ken.lindt@gmail.com)

### Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (May) edition are due to the 2023 Editor by **Friday, April 28**, 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!! [tarnoznos@verizon.net](mailto:tarnoznos@verizon.net)

## Club News - Events



### Beginning Fly Tying Class



The FFCOC Beginning Fly Tying Class has begun its 9-week curriculum. The Class met two Saturdays in March at the Main Lobby Conference Room at Matt Conrad's office building in Lake Forest. The first two sessions the students tied the San Juan Worm, Zebra Midge, and the Pheasant Tail. Each class will focus on tying one or two flies, with emphasis on developing and building techniques, handling materials, and skill building. The Fly Instructions and Class Syllabus may be found on the Fly Tying Forum on the Club Website (Select Members Tab -> Forums -> Fly Tying). The Class will meet three Saturdays in April and four Saturdays in May (See the Club Calendar on the website).





## Club News - Events (Con't)

### Women's Fly Fishing Group of FFCOC and LBCC



The Women's Fly Fishing Group of FFCOC and LBCC is currently hosting a monthly casting clinic every first Sunday of the month from 10 am until noon at the Long Beach Casting Club pond. All casting levels are welcome.

On March 5, braving the rainy conditions (simulated steelhead scenario), the Group met at the Long Beach Casting Club Pond for their first monthly Casting Clinic (photos below). The next Casting Clinic is scheduled for April 2.

#### Women's Fly Fishing Group of FFCOC & LBCC Contacts:

- Kathy Kim, Women's Program Lead.
- Jane Helmeczi, FFCOC Women's Program Liaison.
- Tina Montemer, Social Media Coordinator.

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## Club News - Events (Con't)

### Women's Fly Fishing Group of FFCOC and LBCC (Con't)



Join the Women's Fly Fishing Group of FFCOC & LBCC on Facebook at:

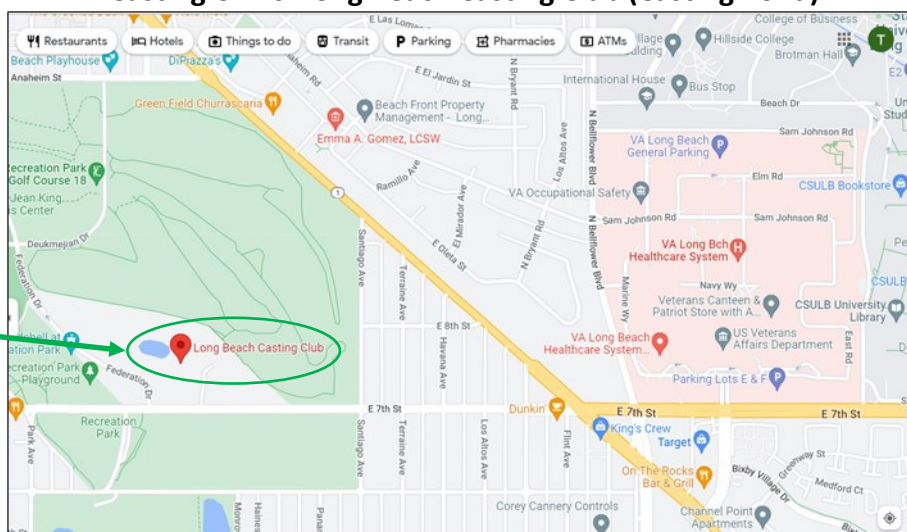
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### Casting Clinic: Long Beach Casting Club (Casting Pond)

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.







## Trout in the Classroom (TIC)

Lowell Elementary School (Santa Ana)

Trout Release (Mile Square Park)

FFCOC Mentors: Ken and Rosie Beck, Gill Realon

On March 28, under wonderful clear skies, Ken and Rosie Beck, and Gill Realon assisted in the release of young trout into the pond at Mile Square Park. We assisted teacher Mario Cuevas fifth grade class in the trout release. If only a bottle of all the student energy could be captured; better than any commercial Energy Drink!! The next scheduled TIC trout release is scheduled with Huntington Beach High School on Wednesday, April 5, at Eisenhower Park. Here are a couple of photos of the Lowell Elementary event...





## Club News - Outing Report (Pyramid Lake)

### Pyramid Lake Outing March 2023

Last year's Pyramid trip was the worst ever. Unfortunately, this year's trip was even worse.

I fished three days as streamkeeper for the Sespe Club and did not get a bite. Prior to that, I had never been skunked at Pyramid. Bob Samaru won the jack pot with an 8 pounder and also caught the most with five. Ten people totaled 19 fish.

Orange County Club arrived on Sunday and we caught 10 fish that day. Kurt Morris got a 9 pounder. Terry Imlay had a 9 1/2 pound Summit, which is very large for that strain, and I caught 9, 10 and 12 pounders. The next day, we only caught 7, and the last day, we caught none. Ten guys, three days, four different spots, and only 17 fish.

Long Beach came in after us, and 10 guys only got 14. Eric Yamada's 8 pounder was the largest.

The weather was not bad, plenty of wind and waves, just no fish. The water was too cold according to everyone we talked to. Maybe all three Clubs should try to go later. But in the distant past, these were prime dates.

Thanks to Paul Nakamura for organizing the trip.

Eric Kramer



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## Club News - Outing Report (Pyramid Lake)

### Pyramid Lake Outing March 2023 Photos (Con't)





## Club News - Outing Report

### San Juan River - March 2023

A couple of photos to share. Trip completed on March 29. A Trip Report will be included in the May Newsletter. Note: Eric Kramer does not wear his Camo Orange rain jacket at the San Juan!





## Club News - Fish Tales

### Sometimes the River Wins!!

#### A Fish Tale by: Janna and Terry Roznos

We attended The Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Feb 24 - 26. We truly enjoyed the show; Vendors, and more Classes, Seminars, and Demonstrations than you can possibly attend everything during the show. After the show, we made a short two hour drive with the travel trailer to fish the Merced River. Our home base was the Lake McSwain campground (near where the Kelsey Bass Ranch was located); nearest town is Snelling. We visited (and fished) the area in February 2020 with great success. We had Google Map pin drops for our favorite fishing spots. We were eager to return to these spots. Our expectations were high!!!

#### Expectations (February 2020):

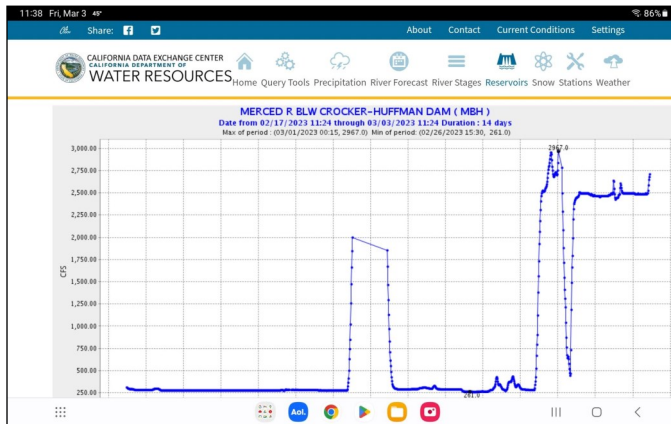


Then on our arrival to Lake McSwain campground, we were shocked and disappointed to learn that a major dam release had been initiated on that day; flow rate on the Merced went from 261 CFS to 2,967 CFS.

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## Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)

### Reality (February 2023):



Needless to say, fishing was impossible on the Merced during our stay!! Yes, sometimes the river wins, or is it the California Department of Water Resources!!!

We look forward to a return visit to the Merced River in 2024.

Fish Tale by: Janna and Terry Roznos

### 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:

[taroynos@verizon.net](mailto:taroynos@verizon.net)

Thank you!

## 2023 Club Outings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Streamkeeper</b>
February 11	Women's On The River Outing (Classroom Session) Long Beach Casting Club (Clubhouse)	Kathy Kim
February 18-19 (Cancelled)	Lower Owens (Mentor Outing)	Doug Jones
February 25-26 (Cancelled)	Lower Owens (Women's On The River Outing)	Kathy Kim
March 12-14	Pyramid Lake (Nevada)	Paul Nakamura
March 18-19 (Cancelled)	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 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams
August 6-13	Yellowstone National Park (Montana/Wyoming)	Larry Behm
August 12	Club Picnic - William Mason Regional Park (Irvine)	Terry Roznos
September 25-29	Loa (Utah)	John Williams
October 13-17	Bridgeport	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 Club Outings Director, Mike Peters, with your Club Outing suggestions or proposal. Let's fill up our 2023 Club Outings Schedule!!!**



## 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.

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## 2023 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch (Con't)

### Hot Creek Cabin Assignments

Our Treasurer will be out enjoying fishing in Montana earlier this year so the full amount of monies \$487 are due for Hot Creek Outing by May 15, 2023. Make payments to F.F.C.O.C. Post Office Box 23005 Santa Ana, California 92711-3005, any time after that they will have to be paid by credit card and the cost goes up by \$20 to cover credit card fees. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- 1 Peter Freeman  
Don Tayenaka
- 2 Jim Moore  
Cheryl Moore
- 3 Dennis Richards  
Art Gaza
- 4 Bri Buchko  
Karen Vaillancourt  
Marsha Wattel  
Chris Nicosia
- 5 Len Scarpace  
John Williams
- 6 Scot Lewis  
Jim Edwards  
Andrew Sprowl
- 7 Joe Villa  
Debbie Blair/Villa  
Jacob Villa  
Julie Korak
- 8 Joe Hernandez  
Daughter ?
- 9 Bob ? (Can't remember your last name)  
Dale Fairchild

## 2023 Outings - Yellowstone

### Yellowstone National Park - Northeast Corner

August 6-13, 2023

**Deadline:** Sign ups **CLOSED** on March 30, 2023

#### Overview:

The storied streams that fill flyfishing lore - Slough and Soda Butte Creeks, Lamar and Yellowstone Rivers and their tributaries will be reaching peak fishing in August. Come experience the Northeast corner of Yellowstone National Park after being closed for a year due to flooding in 2022. Most of the fishing will be wading. We will have guides for the first few days, then fish on our own the second half of the week. Many spots are a few hundred yards from a parked car. For the adventurous, some wonderful spots will require hiking a few miles at 9,000 feet. We will adjust the itinerary to suit attendees.

Fish in the Park have a long winter and short summer. So, they readily feed on large flies and especially hoppers in August. You can expect to be pushed out of the river when a bull bison decides it is time to drink or cross. It is all part of what makes the Park so special. I have caught 25" cutthroats and 8" brook trout with equal joy in this unique and beautiful place. I have interrupted fishing many times to photograph bison, bears, goats, elk, eagles, otters, fishers, and other animals that are hard to see anywhere else. Experience Yellowstone across many facets on this trip.

#### Guides:

We will use Yellowstone River Guides for three days. They accommodate both float and wading. The group will decide how much of each.

#### Lodging:

We will stay in rental house in Gardiner, MT. You will leave early each morning to beat traffic through the entrance gate and return whenever we choose. Some nice hatches happen at sunset (about 8:45pm in August.)

#### Group Size:

Group is limited to the first 5 people.

#### Meals:

We will prepare breakfast at the house each day. Box lunches will be catered in the day before. Dinner will be a local restaurant on guide days and catered on self-guided days.

#### Transportation:

You are responsible of booking your own transportation to Bozeman, MT (airport code BZN).

We will use rental cars to move from Bozeman to Gardiner and around the Park during the week.

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## 2023 Outings - Yellowstone

**Itinerary:** (tentative depending on conditions and members' interests)

Sunday 8/6 - drive from Bozeman to Gardiner and check-in to rental house.

Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th - Guide with YRO, either float on Yellowstone River or wade streams in Park.

Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th - Wading on our own in the Park.

Sunday 8/13 - Drive to Bozeman airport and Fly out.

**Estimated Costs per person:**

Estimate Total: \$3,200

**Gear:**

Rods - 5wt or 6wt work well. I prefer 6wt because the mountain winds can be strong. A 3wt will occasionally be nice for a delicate dry fly presentation but not essential.

Waders - the water will be cold, and the air might be too.

**Streamkeeper:**

Larry Behm

**Background:**

I have been visiting Yellowstone National Park since the 1960s and fishing in it since the 1970s. I have fished most of the rivers, a few of the lakes, and hiked many trails. I am not a guide, but I'm happy to share what I know about getting around and finding fish in the Park.

I plan to coordinate this trip based on what the attendees want. There are many ways to approach fishing in the Park and we will match these to everyone's needs.

Some of the best fishing will be at the end of 2-3 mile hike. If you want the best experience, start walking to prepare yourself for the altitude and terrain.

I find the Greater Yellowstone Area to be a place of awe in fullest sense of the word. It is a spiritual home for me, just as it was for earlier native inhabitants. I hope to share that special feeling and sense of place with fellow anglers.



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

**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

Registration is  
Now Open!

### FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2023

October 13 - 17

Registration is  
Now Open!



**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)! [At the request of last year's attendees, this Outing has moved 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 Lakes, or on the Virginia Lakes. Private waters are also available for a fee (Sceirine Ranch, Nevada).

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## 2023 Outings - Bridgeport (Con't)

**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](#)), 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/expenses, 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. [This is the only FFCOC Outing that offers a RV lodging option! Come on you RVers, let's meet in Bridgeport!!](#)

**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!

**Registration Instructions:** [This is a new process for 2023.](#) Please make your lodging reservations and payment directly to Willow Springs Resort. You may make your lodging reservations using the Willow Springs website ([Willow Springs Resort](#)), or use the link provided on the Bridgeport Outing Calendar Event ([Bridgeport Outing - Lodging Reservations and Registration HERE](#)). When you have secured a confirmed lodging reservation, please click on the Register Now button on the Calendar Event to confirm your attendance.

Lodging availability status will be provided in each Club Newsletter. Book early, as rooms will likely fill as we get closer to the out as Fall anglers and hunters will be booking these rooms.

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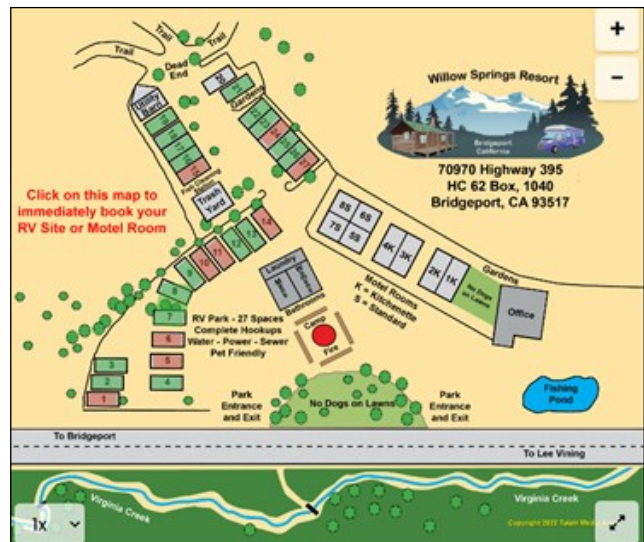


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### Current Lodging Availability (Oct 13 - 17 stays):



Room Availability: Green = Avail, Red = Booked



RV Site Availability: Green = Avail, Red = Booked

Note: Streamkeeper is in RV Site 11

Sounds like an Outing for you? Go ahead and book your lodging with Willow Springs Resort. Please contact your Streamkeeper with your questions.

Thank you!!!

### Streamkeeper Contact Info:

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## 2023 Outings - Bridgeport (Con't)

### 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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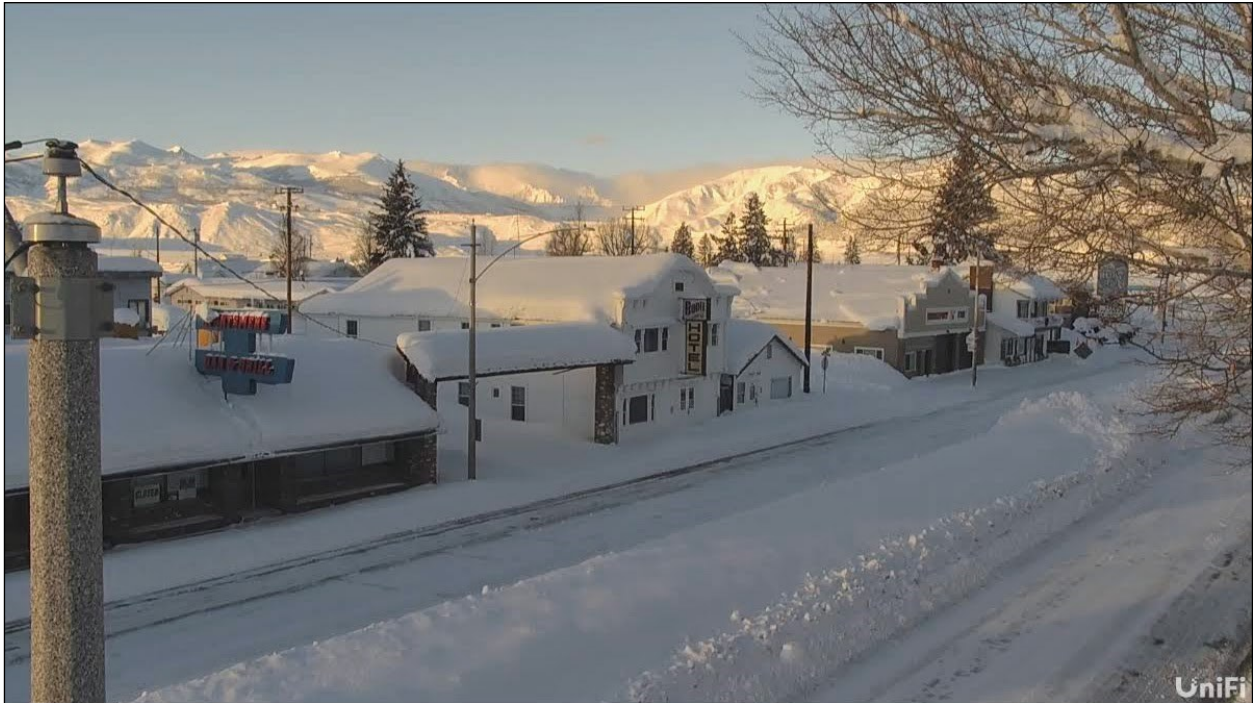


## 2023 Outings - Bridgeport (Con't)

### Downtown Bridgeport

Screen shot was taken on February 26 .

[Web Cam Provided by The Fishin' Mission Foundation](#)



Screen shot was taken on the first day of Spring (March 21):



## Southwest Council FFI– News & Events

### Owens River Cleanup Postponed

RESCHEDULED: OWENS RIVER CLEAN UP

NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Due to the potential for dangerously high river water flows from snowmelt runoff, the 9th Annual Owens River Clean Up is being postponed to Saturday, November 4, 2023. Your safety is the utmost priority. It is not appropriate to hold the event in April.

Chris Leonard, event organizer, will still gladly take any swag for the raffle for the event between now and then.

See you the first Saturday of November at the Pleasant Valley Campground! Water flows and air temps the start of November should be perfect for a weekend of cleaning up the river, and recreating in Bishop!

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Owens River Clean Up

Bishop, California





### Riptide Rendezvous



Riptide Rendezvous is Back for 2023!

After three years of waiting for COVID-related issues to die down, we are happy to announce that Riptide Rendezvous will be back in 2023!

We're adopting an "all virtual" format this time around, which allows us to greatly expand both the time window and the geographic area covered by the event. You can fish any time from May 27, 2023 thru June 23, 2023, and anywhere from the northern border of Santa Barbara County to the Mexican border (as long as it's legal!)

One of the things that makes this possible is our continued use of the iAngler tournament app. All entries will be submitted by the contestants

themselves when they catch a fish. That means you (or one of your fishing buddies) will need to have a smart phone to compete.

RR is still a Catch-and-Release only event, and as before, conventional tackle (spin, bait-casting) fishermen can compete in a separate division. Artificial lures or flies only.

In order to make this work, we are dropping the "one fly" feature in favor of a "use your own fly" format. See the complete rules **HERE:** [Southwest Council FFI - Riptide Rendezvous Home](#).

[Riptide Rendezvous - 2023 | iAnglerTournament](#)



## Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

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### The Spirit of Dame Berners - Still Water Fishing

By Larry Behm



This month we are looking at still water. While many anglers think that trout are the only fish to target on a fly rod, any fish is worth pursuing. It may take different tactics and especially if the fish live in lakes or ponds. To help sort this topic I've asked Lyman Kennedy to share his experience. Lyman began fly fishing 25 years ago and has been a club member most of that time.

***You are known in the club as a tier. Why did you take up fly tying?***

**Lyman:** When I first started fly fishing, I was overwhelmed with the numbers and variety of flies available in fly shops and what they represented. So, I took up fly tying, mainly to educate myself about insects, the stages of their development and the flies that represent those insects. That education has helped me to become a much better fisherman.

***Lyman where do you like to fish?***

**Lyman:** I enjoy fly fishing on streams, small and big rivers, ponds, lakes, saltwater bays, and saltwater charter boats. I do a lot of Stillwater fishing and I enjoy the challenge that each new body of water presents.

***What do we mean by "still water"?***

**Lyman:** Stillwater fishing usually refers to fishing on ponds, lakes, and reservoirs without a discernible current except for intake and outflows. However, there are a few exceptions such as Lewiston Lake and Baum Lake in northern California where there is a channel and definite current for all or much of the extent of the lake, and these sections can be fished like any moving water.

***Why is still water fly fishing different?***

**Lyman:** To successfully fish stillwater, I highly recommend a fish finder. Not only to find fish, but more importantly to look at the contours and structure of a lake. Likely spots to find fish are the intakes and outflows, the edges of weed beds, along old channels, drop offs, wherever deep water meets shallow water and in shallow water when fish are actively feeding.

***How do you approach a still water?***

**Lyman:** There are many different approaches and techniques for fishing stillwater and these vary from lake to lake and according to personal preferences. A common technique is the use of a sinking line that sinks at a specific rate (i.e., 3 inches a second for type 3 line) and stripping in various flies such as woolly buggers, bait fish imitations, and nymph imitations. There are many different sinking lines on the market from very slow to very fast sink, and various sink tip lines. We also frequently use

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## Fly Fishing Educational Series (Con't)

floating lines to occasionally fish dry flies, usually in shallow water near inlets and edges of weed beds. Floating lines are also used to suspend flies under an indicator, such as midge and mayfly patterns as well as leech and baitfish patterns.

### ***What equipment do I need?***

**Lyman:** Fishing from shore in a lake is sometimes possible, especially if you find a drop off within casting distance. I prefer to fish from a watercraft such as float tube, pontoon boat or a rental boat so that I can access more water, different water depths, and different parts of the lake. When I am fishing from float tube and pontoon boat, I use force fins to propel myself through water.

I like to use 9-foot, 6-weight rods for lake fishing but a five weight would usually be adequate. One rod with a separate spool for two different set ups would work, but I always bring three rods, rigged with different lines and setups so that I don't have to change reel and rod setups on the water. I always bring an anchor for when I want to remain stationary in a certain spot and usually when using indicator and suspended flies. Of course, you need sunglasses, plenty of water, snacks, and inflatable life vest and net.

### ***What flies work best?***

**Lyman:** The flies you will need will vary tremendously from lake to lake because the food sources are so varied. Besides leech and baitfish imitations, other insects you might encounter are midges, mayflies (callibaetis, PMD, tricos, Hexagenia), caddis, damselflies, dragonflies, water boatman, scuds. Midges commonly found in lakes vary in colors and range from size 20 to size 10.

### ***Any unique safety concerns?***

**Lyman:** Wind can be a help or safety concern. A slight chop on the water is good for moving food items around in the water and for helping fish to feel more protected and less aware of our presence on the water, especially in shallow water. Wind however can create a dangerous situation as on some lakes, it can come up very fast and without warning. I always check for weather and wind report before heading to a lake. I recommend going with a fishing buddy, preferably with one that is already proficient at fishing stillwaters. And always wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD)!

### ***Where is the closest still water to OC?***

**Lyman:** There used to be several local waters to fish, but most have ceased to exist. Silverwood Lake is an option for both trout and bass. San Diego County has several bass lakes. Bishop and Mammoth Lakes give us the most opportunities to find places for stillwater fishing.

## Flies That Keep On Giving!

### Atomic Worm

By John Williams

Spring can be a bugger to fish with the heavy runoff and off colored water. While fishing a small stream in Wyoming when the stream was chocolate I tried a new fly and began to catch fish in the ugly water condition. Don't laugh even Andy could tie this fly.



#### Material:

Hook: Nymph Hook of your choice, this is a size 14  
Thread: Red 6/0  
Bead: This one is black but I also use red tungsten  
Lighter: To singe and secure ends of Chenille  
Cement: Super Glue Gel Formula

#### Instructions:

1. Start by sliding the bead onto your hook, either end first. Place the hook in your vice.
2. Cut a piece of the braided Chenille four times the length of the entire hook.
3. With a lighter, singe either end of the chenille to secure it from unraveling.
4. Smear super glue on either side of the beading start your thread on the eye side of the bead and tie in the chenille then move the thread to the rear and tie in the chenille on the rear side of the hook.
5. Cut your thread free.

Definitely works in off colored water. They don't get much easier than this one.

Tight Lines All, 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.

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

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