

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

December 2012

Club Meeting:

Wednesday December 5th, 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:

December 10th, 2012

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church*

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See Calendar inside or

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

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SURF FISHING VENTURA COUNTY

Eric Rangel

Our December program, like those of the past, has revolved around the Christmas and holiday season. It's a time of fun and festivity that is shared with fellow members and good friends. For most of us December is a time to pack our long rods away, tie a few flies, and dream about our fly fishing destinations for the new year.

Well, not so fast my friends.... our guest speaker this month is Eric Rangel of the Artful Angler in Carpinteria, CA. Eric's presentation will be on Ventura and Santa Barbara surf fishing and some inland water teasers that will keep you fishing well into the new year.

Eric was raised in the Santa Clara valley of Ventura County and started fishing with his dad at a very young age. After high school he attended Ventura Community College and then transferred to Humboldt State University. While in northern CA he be-

President's Message
December 2012
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

2012 is coming to a close and it seems just a few short months ago that I wrote my first newsletter message as the 2012 president of the FFCOC. This December President's Message is the last one I will be writing as my term is over at the end of the year. I sincerely appreciate your trust in asking me to serve as the club president over the past year. Thanks to the active participation of club members and the excellent help I received from the board, serving as president was a very satisfying experience.

2012 was a busy year for the club. In addition to our monthly dinner meetings, we held numerous outings; had a well attended casting clinic which provided great instruction for 40 beginners and attracted several new members to the club; had a successful auction; had members participate in the West Fork San Gabriel River conservation program; participated in the South West Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers fair in Mammoth, held fly tying classes for beginning, intermediate and advanced level tyers; as well as other activities.

The 2013 FFCOC president and board members were nominated and elected during the November General Membership meeting and the Club's management will be in their capable hands in January.
Sincerely

Guess Who?

It's June 1955 and we've been fishing for Bluegill on Lung's Pond near Placerville, CA. Who is the guy on the right shown here with his two brothers and "a mess" of Bluegill. (Hint: He's a past club president.)

Anyone?
Answer:
Richard Fanning and his brothers



SPEAKER'S LIST – 2012

By Andy Frumento

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PLACE</u> | <u>SPEAKER</u> | <u>TOPIC</u> |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1-11-12 | Ballroom | Kelly Galloup | "Streamer Tactics for Trophy Trout" |
| 2-8-12 | Pavilion | Brian Slusser | "Reno-Tahoe Fly Fishing" |
| 3-14-12 | Pavilion | Mike James & Scott Peterson | "Utah Magic" |
| 4-11-12 | Pavilion | Ernie Gulley | "Crowley Lake" |
| 5-9-12 | Ballroom | Spencer Higa | "The Best Fly Fishing in Eastern Utah" |
| 6-13-12 | Ballroom | Chris Santella | "50 Places to Fly Fish Before You Die" |
| 7-11-12 | Ballroom | Brian O'Keefe & Todd Moen | "Behind the Scenes at Catch Magazine" |
| 8-8-12 | Ballroom | Chad Schiel | "Fly Fishing For Bass Top To Bottom" |
| 9-12-12 | Ballroom | Auction | |
| 10-10-12 | Loreley Room | Ernie Gulley | "Pyramid Lake" |
| *11-7-12 | Pavilion | Tony Reinhardt | "Fly Fishing Western Montana" |
| *12-5-12 | Pavilion | Christmas Program | |

***NOTE:** November and December's program is the 1st Wednesday of the month.

2012 Outings Plan

By Lyman Kennedy

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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Streamkeeper</u> | <u>Phone #</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| March 17 | Double Haul Ball | Shane Chung | 949 633 6973 |
| March 17-21 | San Juan River | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| March 10-12 | Pyramid Lake | Jim Wright | 714 679-6638 |
| April 21 | One Surf fly | Shane Chung | 949 633 6973 |
| May 5 | Huntington Beach Surf | Jim Edwards | 714 337 5899 |
| May 26-27 Cancelled | Tejon Lake | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| June 22-24 | Fish Creek | Jim Edwards | 714 337-5899 |
| June 17 Cancelled | Tejon Lake | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| July 13-16 | Hot Creek | John Williams | 909 598-7905 |
| August 18 | San Diego Bay | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| Sept. Cancelled | Women's only Casting Clinic | Melinda Burns | 951 451-9920 |
| Sept. Cancelled | Yellowstone DIY with Joe L. | Joe Libeu | 310 749-6771 |
| Sept. 29-30 | Tejon Lake | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| Oct. 19-20 | President's Outing | Doug Jones | 714 998-7304 |
| November | | | |
| December | | | |

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

October has arrived and what does that mean to me?

The big boys and girls come out to spawn in the fall, the October Caddis do as well. The October Caddis is a bit larger and a meal that can't be ignored. I have fished the hatch before and find it amazing to be a part of, so out of this love and a trip back to Southern Utah on the immediate horizon I developed my version of the bug. After you tie a few they are quick.

Willie's October Caddis



Hook: Daiichi 1160 #10-14

Bead: 1/8" Black Tungsten

Thread: Rust Brown 6/0 Uni Thread

Rib: .5 Stretch Magic bead and jewelry cord from Michael's

Abdomen dubbing: Ice Dubbing Salmon Pink

Bottom Legs: Brown Hen's saddle feathers

Antennae: Lemon Wood Duck

Thorax: Rocky Mountain Seal-ex dubbing Medium Olive

Front of Thorax: Ice Dubbing UV Light Olive

Place the bead on the hook small end first. Start your thread behind the bead. Tie in a 6" piece of stretch cord and wind the thread over the cord to the bend at the back. Dub the abdomen with Ice dubbing Salmon Pink to the $\frac{3}{4}$ forward point. Wrap the abdomen with concentric wraps of the stretch cord forward and tie off at the $\frac{3}{4}$ point. Tie in a few, 6-10 brown hen saddle fibers beard style at the $\frac{3}{4}$ point and let them hang to the hook point. Tie in four wood duck fibers at the $\frac{3}{4}$ point and let them extend over the back and to the rear twice the abdomen length. At this time place a slight amount of super glue on the wraps, only a slight amount for durability. Dun the Seal-ex loosely at the $\frac{3}{4}$ point. Dub in front of the seal-ex the ice dubbing light olive loosely and whip finish behind the bead to fill in the gap and to build up a band slightly. Add a slight dap of super glue and your done after you tease out some fibers from the dubbing. If you haven't fished the fall you have miss out on the best fishing of the year.

Tight Lines Friends,

John

FFCOC FLY FISHING CLASSES

By Cheryl Moore

It always amazes me how quickly time goes by. It's that time of year again when I would like to thank all my fly tying friends who made this year's fly tying classes such a success and a whole lot of fun. Without these special friends, our classes would not have been possible. A great big thank you goes out to Mike Neesley and Lyman Kennedy. Our guest fly tying instructors also get big kudo's.

The FFCOC held two fly tying sessions, one in the spring and one in the fall of this year. Many great patterns were shared and fly fishing experiences relived. Both of these sessions were held at the REI/Tustin store. This location seems to work for everyone and if you plan it right, you can even squeeze in some shopping. About 50 students and instructors participated in fly tying this year. A lot of these students were repeat pupils bringing their personal tying skills to a higher level.

If you would like to join us next year and learn to tie artificial flies or have a desire to improve your fly tying skills, we will be holding our next session at the REI/Tustin store on February 14, 21 and 28, 2013 and March 7, 14 and 21, 2013. Our classes run from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Community Room at the rear of the store. If our sign-ups run pretty much as they have in the past, the FFCOC will be holding a beginning class, 2 intermediate classes and an advanced class. I will have a signup sheet at the January FFCOC monthly club dinner. In the meantime, have a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy New Year.



SPEAKER'S LIST – 2013**(Wednesday Night)**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PLACE</u> | <u>SPEAKER</u> | <u>TOPIC</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 1-9-13 | Ballroom | Chris Eaton | "The Meandering Madison" |
| 2-13-13 | Pavilion | Pat Dorsey | "Fly Fishing Western Tailwaters" |
| 3-13-13 | Pavilion | Kevin Peterson | "Hot Creek" |
| 4-10-13 | Ballroom | Gary Bulla | "Fly Fishing The Edge – Baja" |
| 5-8-13 | Ballroom | Andrew Harris | "The Trinity River" |
| 6-12-13 | Undetermined | Greg Vinci | "Fly Fishing Up Hwy 395" |
| 7-10-13 | Ballroom | Landon Mayer | "Timing Is Everything: Trout Hunting Colorado's 4 Seasons" |
| 8-14-13 | Pavilion | Jeff Solis | "San Diego & Mission Bay" |
| 9-11-13 | Ballroom | Auction | |
| 10-9-13 | Ballroom | Jeff Currier | "Four Seasons of the Yellowstone – Trout Bum" |
| 11-13-13 | Ballroom | Alberto Salvini & Marica Ciccoria | "Fly Fishing The World" |
| 12-4-13 | Pavilion | Christmas Program | |

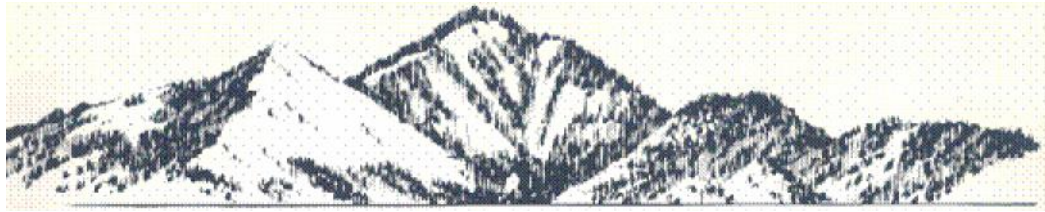
2013 OUTINGS PLAN

BY LYMAN KENNEDY

| Date | Location | Streamkeeper | Phone # |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| January 26 | Laguna Niguel Lake | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| February 11 | Surf Outing | Jim Edwards | 714 337-5899 |
| February TBA | West Fork, San Gabriel | Melinda Burns | 951 415-9920 |
| March 22-26 | San Juan River | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| April | Pyramid Lake | Jim Wright | 714 679-6638 |
| May 18-19 | Kelsey Bass Ranch | Richard Fanning | 714 671-1370 |
| June | Fish Creek | Jim Edwards | 714 337-5899 |
| June 22-29 | Montana | Richard Fanning | 714 671-1370 |
| July 8-12 | Golden Trout Pack Trip | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| July 12-15 | Hot Creek | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| August | San Diego Bay | Lyman Kennedy | 714 921-9412 |
| August | Women's only Mammoth Outing | Melinda Burns | 951 415-9920 |
| Sept. 16-20 | Southern Utah | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| Sept. 23-27 | Southern Utah | John Williams | 951 236-0862 |
| October | President's Outing | Melinda Burns | 951 415-9920 |
| November 4-8 | Trinity River | Audrey Williams | 714 264-6361 |
| December | | | |

F.F.C.O.C. Pack Trip July 8-12 2013

Into the Ansel Adams wilderness of the Sierra's
Using Frontier Pack Station at June Lake



Stream keeper: John Williams 951-236-0862



Please call and ask questions.

Cost: \$975 which includes all permits and trail fees

Sign up requires a \$200 non refundable deposit. The deposits have to be in by March 1, 2013

Maximum group is size 10 we have 3 already taken.

SAN JUAN RIVER, NEW MEXICO *MARCH 22-26, 2013*

Last year nine club members traveled to Aztec, New Mexico to fish the San Juan River, and we had a great trip. We are planning a return trip in 2013 and now is the time to get your name on the list for some fantastic fishing.

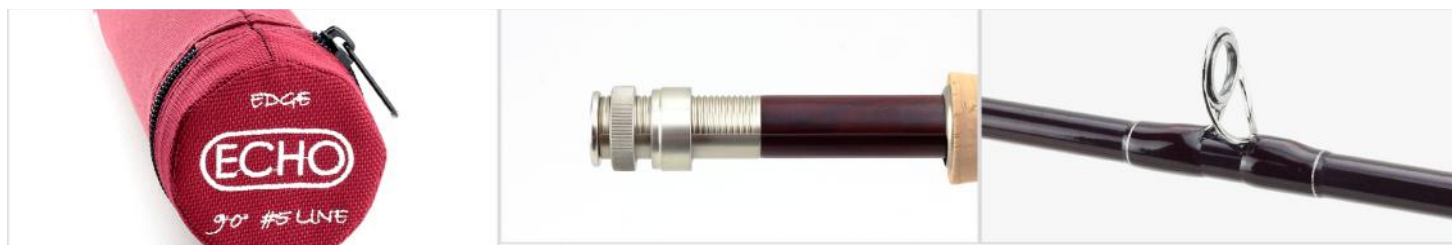
The San Juan River is located in Northwest corner of New Mexico, about 20 minutes from Aztec, New Mexico. The San Juan River is a tailwater, famous for it's large fish, eating tiny midges and baetis mayflies. It fishes well year round trip. Guide prices are \$375 for two people/full day and lodging is 85-90/night for two people. Participants can elect to use a guide for 1-3 days or wade on their own, all or some of those days. If you have never fished the San Juan River before, it is recommended that you use a guide for at least 1-2 days.

Participants have the options of A. driving (750 miles=12 hours), B. flying to Farmington, New Mexico (about \$462 with two stops) and driving to Aztec (about 20 miles) C. flying to Albuquerque (\$360-\$410) and driving to Aztec (about 3 hours). If you are interested contact me at: lkennedyjr@earthlink.net





PROGRESSIVE ROD RAFFLE



9FT 5 WT 4 piece rod.
Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for !

The ECHO EDGE 9'0" #5 was designed for medium to large rivers or anywhere trout live. It is the most popular size of rod for most trout fishermen. The rod has a perfect balance between action and power and feels like an old friend the first time you cast one. A few of the key features of this rod are; ultra-durable blanks, TiCH stripper guides, premium grade cork, cloth rod sock with rod size label cordura rod case, all this and an Echo Lifetime Warranty. This rod comes in a rich wine colored gloss blank with single foot light weight snake guided and a layered impregnated wood insert reel seat. If we meet Melinda's goal in the December meeting, we will pick the winning ticket that night. This rod is valued at \$229.99 and makes a nice gift for a beginning Fly Fisherman. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner. So don't think about whether you have one or not but that you can get one by spending as little as \$2 per ticket. Another thing to remember, all proceeds will go to the 2012 Auction which will help to fund our 2013 Membership year. We have a lot of fun things planned for 2013.

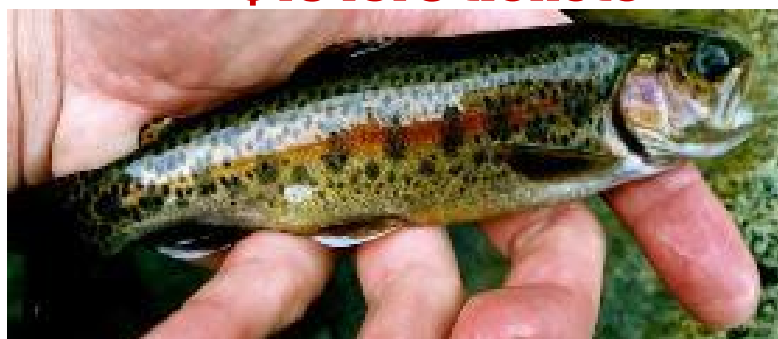
Buy your Tickets Now!

Tickets Pricing

\$3 for 1 ticket

\$5 for 2 tickets

\$10 for 5 tickets



Conservation Front and FFF News

(This is not an endorsement, but just getting the notice out to the club members on behalf of the conservation and FFF events happening within our state affecting our fisheries.)

West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy Conservation News

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 .

West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy Patrol Dates Contact :

John or Melinda Burns (1stvpresident@ffcoc.org) :

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!

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

THE WEST FORK SAN GABRIEL RIVER IS ALMOST DRY

Cogswell Reservoir is only two feet deep. Concerns have been raised to the LA County Department of Public Works by conservation groups regarding the lack of water which has put the aquatic life of the entire canyon in jeopardy. One of the key issues being pointed out for lack of water flow are old valves that have been leaking for many years. Repairs scheduled to take place for the past several years have been cancelled including this year. Future repair date may not be re-scheduled until sometime in 2014. Based on a signed agreement between the LA County of Public Works and various conservation groups the department is to maintain and care for the West Fork by insuring at least a 10 cubic foot per second flow, with the only exception being a severe drought.

The pictures shown below were taken on Sunday, November 4, 2012. Because the water flow is down to a trickle, most of the river is full of algae blooms making the water turn a green color. The picture on the left was taken directly below Cogswell Dam. The picture on the right was taken at the second bridge.

Currently only pools contain water.

I will keep you informed as I hear more.

John Burns

NOVEMBER 2012 CASTING CLINIC 49 PARTICIPANTS + 23 VOLUNTEERS = ?

Casting Clinic 2012. After months of delay, the 2012 Casting Clinic took place at Mile Square Park on November 3. Early November weather was perfect for the Clinic and volunteers arrived early and en masse to set up. One morning session managed to accommodate the interested participants and was followed by a great lunch. Both the fly and knot tying tables saw a lot of interest there were many (unsolicited) positive comments by attendees. The usual April date was pushed out for permitting and scheduling reasons but will be back on schedule in 2013.

(Continued from page 1 "Western Montana")

came an avid Steelhead fisher, and his passion became a reality as he became a fly-only Steelhead guide for Mike Kuczynski's Eureka Fly Shop.

Eric has explored and guided on most of the rivers in northern CA and Oregon. He has also worked for the Orvis shop in Santa Barbara and schools in Mammoth, CA. Eric now lives with his wife, Lisa, and their two sons in Filmore, and he will be relocating his Artful Angler retail store to Santa Barbara.

Please join Eric Rangel for 'Surf Fishing Ventura County' and a night of holiday cheer. See you there!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays....
Andy Frumento



2013 Board of Directors Nominees

| Position | Nominees |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| President | Melinda Burns |
| Past President | Doug Jones |
| 1st Vice President | John Williams |
| 2nd Vice President | Shane Chung |
| Treasurer | Brian Mayer |
| Secretary | Alan Ross |
| Membership | |
| Member at Large - | Greg Madrigal |
| Member at large – Programs | Andy Frumento |
| Member at large – Conservation | John Burns |
| Member at large – Newsletter | Shane Chung |
| Member at large – TIC | Jim Wright |
| Member at large – Fly Tying | Cheryl Moore |
| Member at Large- Casting Clinic | Van Lloyd |
| Member at large | Jim Edwards |
| Member at Large – Outings | Lyman Kennedy |
| Member at large – Raffle Coordinator | Charlene Hanson |

Membership Welcomes

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to the club. Make sure to look out for them at our next meeting and introduce yourself to them to welcome them into our fly fishing family.

Young Kwon, his wife Anna daughter and son Justin,
Richard and Gayle Austin, Rocky Tussey and Therea Reid,
Craig and Julie Froley , "Dick" Jones, William and Joyce Miller

Remember that our new members have a green circle sticker on their name badge.

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

Cross Roads Church of Irvine/
Tustin:
2472 Walnut Avenue
Tustin, CA

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| Board of Directors: | | | |
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FIRST CLASS

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