

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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Inside This Issue

Important!! Our next meeting (January 10) will again be held at **The Duck Club** in Irvine.

We will be evaluating the use of this venue. Your feedback of the meeting experience is essential in the evaluation of this venue! See Page 3 for additional details and the Duck Club location. You may also find Duck Club meeting info on our Welcome Page of the Club website.

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

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

I am looking forward to the new year with great programs at our monthly meetings.

We are rather short on outings for 2024. Are you planning trips? Would you consider hosting the trip with a few of your fellow FFCOC Club members? Being a Streamkeeper is easy and fun. You can start out simply by leading a FIT (Fishing In Town) outing to local waters. This is a great way to meet other members.



Do you want to do more for your Club? Would you like to help guide our Club's future? Consider volunteering for our Board of Directors. As a volunteer run organization, we rely on the help and dedication of our members. Many of the current Board members have been serving for quite a while. It is time for a new generation to take over the helm. For those willing to do more, we have open Board of Directors positions in leadership and administration. Education, outings, sponsorship, outreach, speakers, auctions, newsletters - all these activities require an active board and committee chairs.

The Board can use new members in any positions. Please feel free to contact myself or any current Board member to explore your participation.

All members of the Club are welcome to attend the monthly Board meeting via Zoom. Come see what your Board does. Meeting information and Zoom connection are available from the Club website – the link is at the bottom center of the Club's homepage.

Please let us know what you think of our new monthly meeting venue – The Duck Club. We are aware of the parking issues at the December meeting and have found a solution. Was the room comfortable? Could you hear the speaker? Could you see the presentation on the screen? All input is greatly appreciated so that we can ensure all enjoy the meetings.

Best regards,

Brian Mayer
President (Acting), 2024
president@ffcoc.org

IMPORTANT!! FFCOC Meeting Venue for December and January

FFCOC December and January Meetings

To Be Held at the:
Irvine Ranch Water District Duck Club



When: December 13, 2023 and
January 10, 2024

Standard Meeting Times:

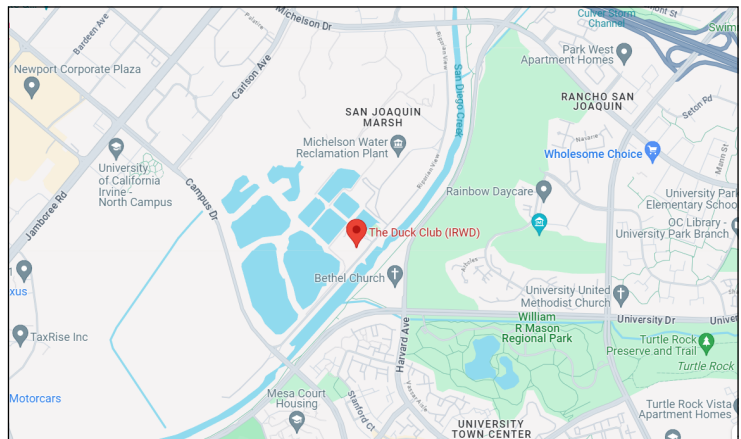
6:30 PM - Social Hour

7:30 PM - Speaker Presentation

9:00 PM - Meeting Concludes

Where: IRWD Duck Club
15 Riparian View
Irvine, CA 92612

Meeting Fee: None.



Important: Please use the map on the following page for entry onto Riparian View to the Duck Club. Some GPS Navigators may direct you to enter Riparian View from Michelson Drive; this is a employee only gate access entry. You **MUST** enter Riparian View from Campus Drive.

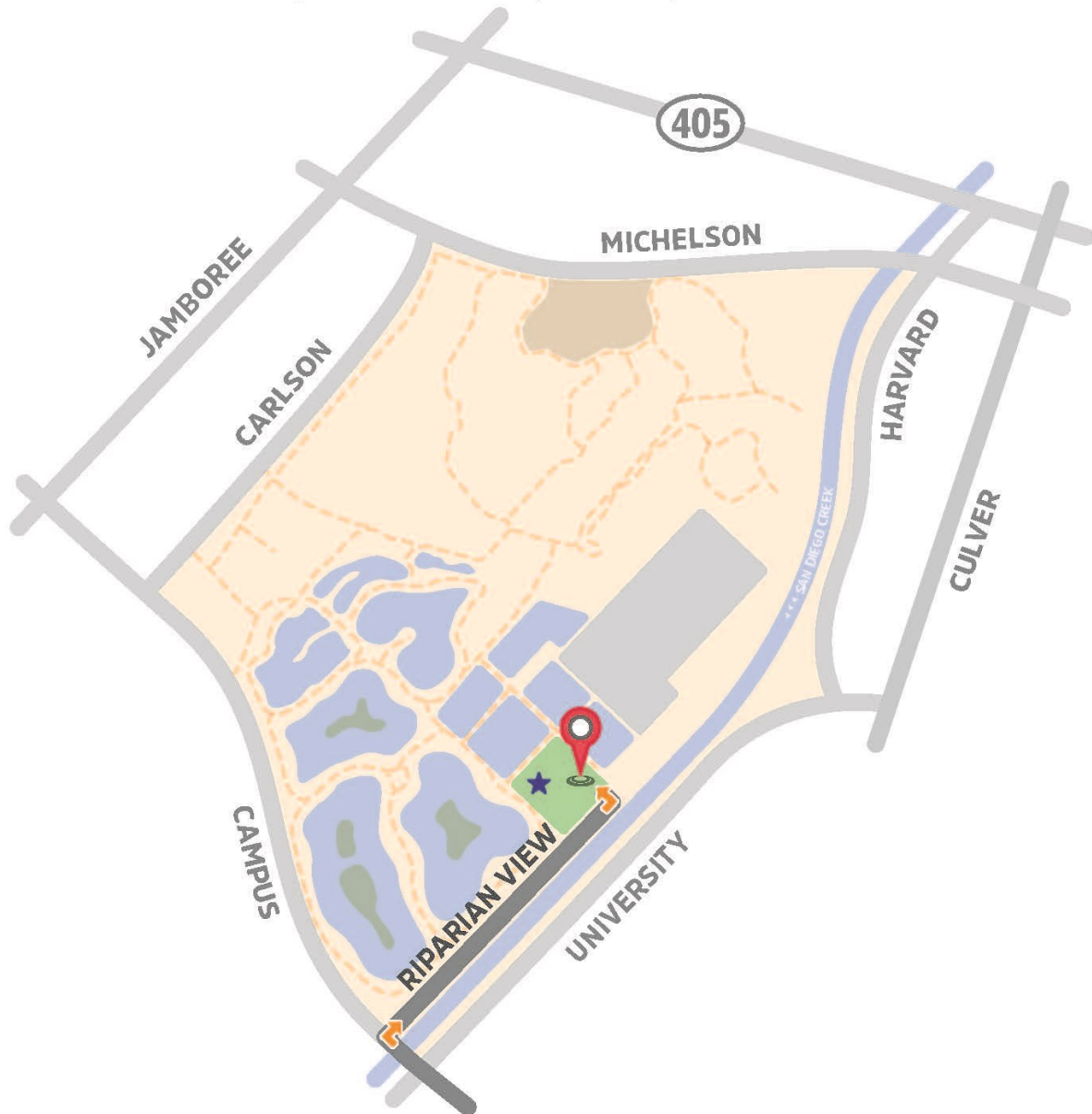
Come and join us to evaluate the use of this venue! We're looking for your feedback!! And yes, guests are always welcome! A quick and simple survey will be available for your feedback at the Duck Club.

- The December and January Meetings will have limited refreshments available; bottled water and soda. No food or appetizers will be served.
- All meetings at the Duck Club will require member volunteers for room setup, cleanup and room breakdown at meeting conclusion. Additional meeting amenities (food and beverage service) will also require volunteers. We're looking for your feedback of this venue to evaluate its further use.

Duck Club Virtual Tour (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWLhaxuB5I0>

Map to San Joaquin Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary and Campus

5 Riparian View, Irvine, CA 92612



- ➡ Turn right onto Riparian View from Campus Drive.
(**RIGHT TURN ONLY** from Campus onto Riparian View, there is no access from Michelson.)
- ➡ Turn left into the Marsh Campus parking and overflow parking.
- ★ **San Joaquin Marsh Campus:**
Audubon House, Duck Club, Visitors Center
Sea and Sage House, and Learning Center



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2024 Speakers (Preliminary)

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Glenn Ueda	Planet Carp: Fly Fishing for The World's Most Popular Fish	01/10/24
February	Griff Marshall	Central Oregon Has It All	02/14/24
March	TBA	TBA	03/13/24
April	Steph Albano	Fanaticals and Henrys Fork	04/10/24
May	Matt Hakonarson	Iceland - Trip of a Lifetime	05/08/24
June	Tim Flagler	Euro Nymphing Made Simple	06/12/24
July	Doug Rodricks	The Eastern Sierra - a Guide's Fresh Look	07/10/24
August	Club Picnic	William Mason Regional Park (Irvine)	TBA
September	Club Auction	Santa Ana Elks Lodge	09/18/24
October	Simon Gawesworth	Fly Lines	10/09/24
November	Graham Day	Xcalak, Mexico	11/13/24
December	TBA	TBA	12/11/24

This Month's Speaker

PLANET CARP

Fly Fishing for The World's Most Popular Fish

with Glenn Ueda



Carp do not get the respect they deserve from the trout centric flyfishing community. Many anglers ignore the carp's distinguished lineage and write them off as trash fish. This month's presentation will turn around those naysayers and have you heading off to the many local spots that hold these wily, powerful beasts.

We welcome the return of local presenter Glenn Ueda who will share his experiences of sight fishing for carp over the last decade. From Japan to Los Angeles, Idaho to San Diego, Glenn will show us how to spot, cast, and feed these amazingly smart, strong, and challenging unappreciated species. This colorful and detailed show will include the best times and conditions, presentation techniques, gear and flies that work. You will learn where to look for carp in varying habitats including urban streams ponds and expansive reservoirs and lakes. The carp is an extremely intelligent survivor and a very worthy opponent. Luckily, he also lives in your neighborhood.

A native of Southern California, Glenn Ueda was introduced to surf fishing as a child by his father. Every Sunday, from Morro Bay down to San Onofre, they caught their own bait and targeted everything from striped bass to barred perch to corbina. Reading about fly fishing in Field and Stream, Glenn soon learned basic fly casting and tying at world famous Long Beach Casting Club, He was ten. A local pond provided endless joy fooling bluegill, crappie and bass.

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This Month's Speaker (Con't)

Almost five decades later following a rewarding career as an architect, he sought new challenges. Taking all of those cherished surf and freshwater lessons he built a very successful business "So Cal Flats Fishing Guide Service" teaching fly anglers the art of sight fishing in shallow surf for one of the world's most challenging species, the California Corbina. Guiding highly skilled anglers from all over the globe, many agree after a day' of stalking that they our "Ghost of the Coast" is as difficult if not worse than the very popular and highly coveted flats permit.

Loving all things fishing, Glenn also enjoys sharing his passion for our sport, filling his annual calendar with presentations and tying demonstrations to many of the fly fishing stores serving Southern California including *Fishermen's Spot*, *Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store*, *Orvis Pasadena*, and *The Fly Stop*.

Those presentations, whether in person or via Zoom, "Ghost of the Coast – Sight fishing for California Corbina", "Midnight Madness – The Hunt for Trophy Calico Bass" and "Planet Carp - Fly Fishing for the World's Popular Fish" have been well received by virtually every fly fishing club from Santa Barbara to San Diego too. An extension of his teachings, Glenn has written and collaborated on a number of feature articles for such notable publications as *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Fusion*, *Sport Fishing*, *Saltwater Sportsman*, *California Fly Fisher*, *Pacific Sportfishing Magazine*, and *Western Outdoor News*.

Borne from an affinity for sight fishing, he has ventured abroad for exotic species such as Baja Mexico roosterfish dorado and tuna, Belizean permit tarpon and bonefish, Christmas Island giant trevally triggerfish and milkfish, Amazon peacock bass wolffish and arowana, Argentinian golden dorado pacu and pira pita, and most recently Colombian "vampire fish" aka payara. Fishing over 150 days annually, Glenn also enjoys the challenge of stalking finicky hard-fighting carp in metropolitan Los Angeles to massive Montana impoundments to the narrow canals of Japan. Developed specifically for pursuing these "golden bones" in all conditions, his extremely popular Loco Moco carp fly has followers in virtually every state that contains carp as well throughout Asia, Europe, and Australia.

With a background in long range big game fishing, he also enjoys venturing well offshore, seeking hard-fighting pelagic and coastal species, all from his 20' Edgewater center console. An immense aquatic resource, his coastal stretch of the Eastern Pacific Ocean supports a very healthy population of California Yellowtail, Pacific Bonito, Kelp Bass (aka calico bass), and Pacific Barracuda, as well as seasonal visitors such as yellowfin tuna and dorado, all eager to slam a well-presented fly.

Having landed 132 species on fly to date during his international and domestic travels, he is perhaps most proud of his IGFA Fly Rod World Records for California Corbina on 4#, 12# and 16# tippet, all captured and released on his local beach.

When not fishing, Glenn and his wife of 39 years, Mona, enjoy traveling to Japan to visit their son

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This Month's Speaker (Con't)

Randy and family, spending time outdoors with their dog Mac, and strolling the sand near their coastal home in Huntington Beach.

Instagram site: https://www.instagram.com/glenn_ueda/



Editor's Note:

Monsters still lurk on the LA

(From: *LA River Fly Fishing Blog*, December 14, 2023)

[lariverflyfishing – Fishing for carp, waiting for steelhead](#)

Mayfly Project's Jane Winer-Miller caught this absolute beast back in October on the LA. Pasadena Casting Club's Caroline Craven's fly design turned out to be a real winner!

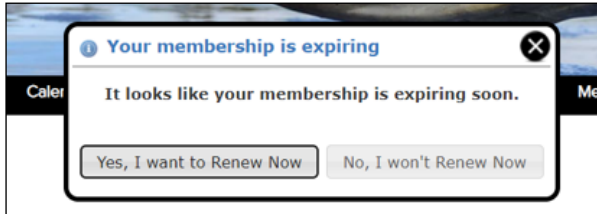
(Credit: Caroline Craven)



Club News

Membership

Happy New Year! Time to Renew Your Membership for 2024!



Does this pesky dialog box appear every time you log into the FFCOC website? Instead of clicking **CLOSE**, go ahead and click on the **Yes, I want to Renew Now** button, and follow the instructions to renew your FFCOC Membership for 2024!! Credit Card and Check payment options are available.

December Meeting Recap



On December 13 the Club conducted its General Meeting at the Duck Club venue on the Irvine Ranch Water District San Joaquin Marsh Campus. The December and January meetings will be held at the Duck Club to evaluate the use of this venue for future meetings.

Overall, positive feedback was received from the members attending. Thanks to those who attended the meeting and provided written feedback using the survey. A special thanks to Ken Lindt for his masterful guitar playing during our Social Hour. Fantastic! The Club should consider doubling Ken's fee (\$0) for an encore performance!!

That's not to say there weren't any glitches, or lessons learned! Our primary, and unexpected, issue was parking. The gate to the overflow parking lot was closed and locked. The overflow parking lot can accommodate another 60+ cars. The phone number to the after-hours Security was located, Security was called, and the gate was opened by 7pm. Too late to resolve the parking congestion. The gate to the overflow parking lot will be open at our January 10 meeting!

Second, it is critical to use the Duck Club driving instructions provided in the newsletter, the link provided on the website homepage, or link provided in the blast meeting announcement emails. You **MUST** enter Riparian View from Campus Drive, and **NOT** from Michelson Drive. Some GPS Navigators may direct you to enter Riparian View from Michelson Drive; this is a employee only gate access entry.

Last Tip (recommendation): Have a flashlight handy in your car. During the January meeting we'll be in the No Moon condition of the lunar cycle. You definitely can't read a book in the light of the Duck Club parking lot, and certainly not in the overflow lot either. A flash light will definitely help you safely walk to the Duck Club entry, and certainly from the overflow parking lot!

Come and join us on January 10 to evaluate the use of this venue! Again, we're looking for your feedback!! The gate to the overflow parking lot will be open and the venue thermostat will be on!!! See the next page for an aerial view of the San Joaquin Marsh Campus; with the Duck Club, parking lot, and overflow parking lot identified.

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Club News (Con't)

Irvine Ranch Water District San Joaquin March Campus



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.

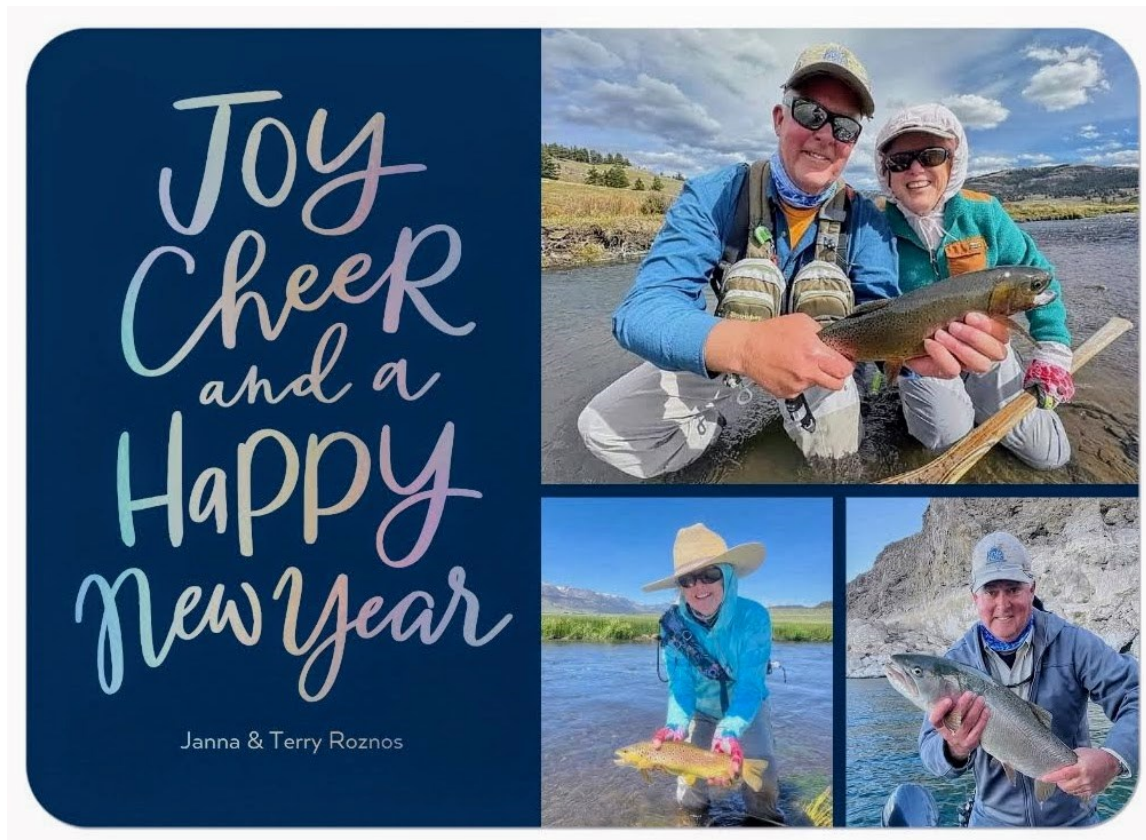
Every trip sponsored by FFCOC, and included in the FFCOC Outings calendar, has a Stream Keeper whether it’s a multi-day trip or just a morning of fly-fishing at the surf.

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 Document Folder Steam Keeper ([Documents - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \(clubexpress.com\)](https://clubexpress.com)). Contact your Outings Director, Mike Peters, and there are many former and current Stream Keepers that will answer any, and all questions. This is a great way to get involved in your Club, meet other Club members, and mostly enjoy fly-fishing!

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (February) edition are due to the 2024 Editor by **Saturday, January 27**, to meet publication deadlines. All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Member announcements, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Stream Keepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Please send your inputs or suggestions to the 2024 Editor, Terry Roznos, at the email address provided. Thank you!! taroynos@verizon.net

Club News - Fish Tales



Wanted! Your Fish Tales!!

Have you been fishing lately?? Please share your story with our membership! Our readers enjoy reading about your fishing exploits!!

You don't always get to share your full stories at our monthly meetings. The Newsletter provides a great forum to share your stories!

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 2024 Newsletter Editor, Terry Roznos at:

taronos@verizon.net

Thank you!

2024 Club Outings - In Work

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper
March 10-12	Pyramid Lake (Nevada) Primary Guide: Joe Contaldi	Paul Nakamura
April 14-17	San Juan River (New Mexico)	Brian Mayer
July 12-15	Hot Creek Ranch	Don Tayenaka
October 7-11	Loa (Utah)	John Williams

Note: Contact Mike Peters with your Club Outing proposal, or for guidance on creating a Club Outing. Let's fill up this Outing page, and let's go fishing as a group!!!

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

2024 Outings - Pyramid Lake (Nevada)

Pyramid Lake Ladder Fly Fishing W/Joe Contaldi & Pyramid Lake Angler's Guide Service March 10-March 12, 2024



Come Out & Experience a Truly Unique Adventure!!!

Dates - Fishing 3 full days, March 10 – March 12, Sunday - Tuesday. Arrive Saturday March 9, depart Wednesday March 13.

Guide Assistance - Provided by Joe Contaldi and guides from Pyramid Lake Angler's Guide Service: [Pyramid Lake Anglers](#) Phone: 760-965-6527

Cost - **\$ 250/Day/Angler** with 2 guides + a separate cook. If we have 12 anglers there will be 3 guides. This includes hot breakfast and lunch, plus drinks.

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. 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: \$62 for 3 day permit.

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 with a single hand rod. Tackle – Flies, adjustable indicators, 10-15# leader/tippets. Check their website for latest info. Ladders and Chair Ladders will be provided. Rods, reels & terminal tackle will be provided if you need them. You will also need warm layered clothing, waders and wading boots.

More Info -

- Deposit of **\$375.00** due ASAP after signing up. Final payment of **\$375.00** due no later than January 15, 2024.
- 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
- We will try to have Zoom meeting with Joe 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.

2024 Outings - San Juan River (New Mexico)

San Juan River, NM Outing

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

April 14 to 17, 2024



Please contact Brian Mayer, bdmayer@hotmail.com, (562) 619-9169 for questions, answers, information and to make arrangements.

We are planning another fantastic outing to the San Juan River in northwestern New Mexico for April 2024.

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, 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.

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.

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2024 Outings - San Juan River (New Mexico)

Plan to arrive by Sunday, April 14. The general plan is to fish with guides Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 to 17. 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, April 13 and spend the night in Flagstaff, AZ. We will arrive midday on Sunday, April 14 to the San Juan River and Fisheads Lodge.

For more information, please contact stream keeper Brian Mayer, bdmayer@hotmail.com or (562) 619-9169

If you plan to attend the trip, please call or send Brian Mayer an email so we have contacts for everyone.



HOT CREEK RANCH 2024

July 12-15, 2024



The cost of this trip this year is **\$500** per person.

The trip is full at this time, if you would like to be put on a waitlist, contact Don Tayenaka, dontayenaka@me.com, or call 949-292-8325

Monies need to be to our Treasurer, Tom Sakai
Deposit **\$250**. Due **Jan. 15, 2024**. Balance due **June 1, 2024**

Send Check Made out to: FFCOC
P.O. Box 23005 Santa Ana, Ca. 92711-3005

Trip starts Hot Creek Ranch July 12, 2024
Check in time is **4:00 P.M.** Friday **NOT BEFORE!**
Trip ends July 15, 2024 you must be out of the cabin by **10:00 A.M.**
You may fish the remainder of the day.

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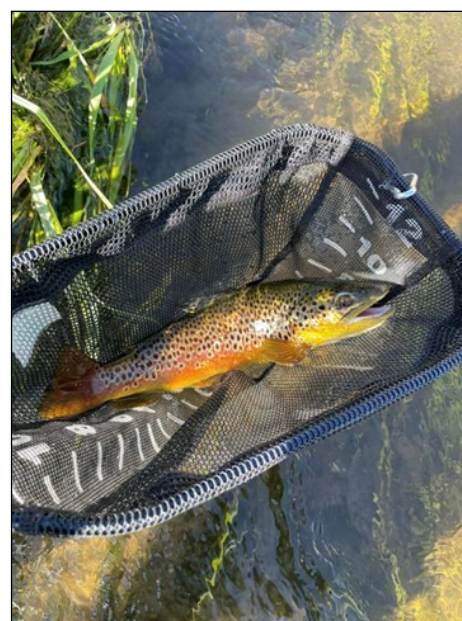
2024 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch

You must be a Club member to attend.

You will need a signed release form on file for this trip.

If you have previously attended a Club Outing, and your form is on file, you are set.

Check with our Membership Chairperson to see if it is on file. Thank you.



Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

Mark Your Calendars for 2024!

Block out your calendars for some great events coming from the FFI Southwest Council...

Bart Hall Show, Jan. 25-28 – we will be back at the show and presenting it as the ONLY Fly Show in SoCal. Great venue (Long Beach Convention Center), centrally located and a chance to get a casting lesson, tie a fly or bring a friend and introduce them to fly fishing! Vendors too, of course.



Trout Rodeo, Feb. 10 – Once again, we will host this catch and release event, open to fly and conventional gear, in the Owens Valley. Depending on weather, you could be fishing from the Upper O all the way to Lone Pine! Same rules as before, so bring your friends, club members and anyone else who likes a fun competition.



FlyBuy XIII, April 6 – Long Beach Casting Club – tying, casting, vendors and garage sale, all wrapped into one. And a great lunch to boot!



Riptide Rendezvous, May 11 (pre-gathering and info), May 25 - June 22 (contest) - The month-long contest worked so well we are doing it again. Catch and release and open to both fly and conventional gear and this time, we are hosting a gathering two weeks before for people to meet each other, share info (or lie) and have a lot of fun. At a beach near you!

Details and more information, plus webpage links, will follow for each event in the coming months. The event details will be included in the pages that follow as they are received from the Southwest Council. So mark your calendar and let's have some fun in 2024!!



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Southwest Council FFI – News & Events



Hi All,

It's that time of year again ... the Bart Hall Show is taking place at the Long Beach Convention Center from Jan. 25 through Jan. 28, and of course, we need volunteers.

Please look at the open shifts below and let me know if you would be so gracious as to help. The



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Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

Southwest Council will provide FREE admission (no parking) into the show. Each shift is only 4 hours, leaving you plenty of time to see the rest of the show.

When working the booth, you will be greeting interested parties, finding out where they live, directing them to a nearby club, and talking about SWC projects. It's a great, fun event, so grab a friend and come and enjoy the show.

Thursday, Jan. 25

- 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Full
- 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. 1 booth coverage

Friday, Jan.26

- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 2 booth coverage
- 3 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 2 booth coverage

Saturday, Jan 27

- 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. 1 booth coverage
- 2:30 p.m.– 7 p.m. 1 booth coverage

Sunday, Jan. 28

- 10 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. 2 booth coverage
- 2:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. 0 booth coverage

Leigh Ann Swanson-----<*)*))><

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Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

Trout Rodeo | February 10, 2024

TROUT RODEO is a flyfishing competition that will be located in and around Bishop, California, a true western town surrounded by the majestic Eastern Sierra mountains.

Everyone is welcome to compete as an individual or on a team.

Teams are great because players can coach each other and will compete with other teams. Great way to go buddy fishing!

Awards and Prizes – There will be 3 winners in each category (fly, gear, fly team, gear team, non-profits). Each winner will be awarded raffle tickets to be used in the giant raffle following the event.

For those not fishing, you can still compete for prizes by purchasing raffle tickets.

To register and find out more, go to the Southwest Council Website at: <https://swcffi.org/rodeo>

Yeeeeee-haaaaa!

GET HOOKED ON THE TROUT RODEO FEBRUARY 10, 2024



REGISTRATION OPENS NOV 15

C'MON LITTL' DOGGIES WRANGLE YOUR TEAM & REGISTER FOR THE TROUT RODEO IN BISHOP, CA



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Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

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

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[Southwest Council Fly Fishers International \(list-manage.com\)](http://list-manage.com)



Conservation and Fishing News



Bully for the Forest

By: *Chris Wood (President & CEO), Trout Unlimited*

TU applauds the USFS in its effort to better manage, maintain and grow our nation's old growth forests.

Read Article: [Bully For The Forest - Trout Unlimited](#)

CALIFORNIA TROUT



Klamath Dam Removal: 1 Down, 3 to Go!

By: *CalTrout and Ren Brownell, Klamath River Renewal Corporation*

Crews recently completed the final blast on the foundation of Copco 2 Dam on the Klamath River and removed the remaining concrete foundation from the riverbed! With the dam gone and the diversion infrastructure removed, the Klamath River can now flow freely through 1.7 miles of canyon, which had been without water since the dam's construction. All four dams are expected to be completely removed by November 2024.



Read Article: [Klamath River Renewal](#)

CALIFORNIA TROUT



Juvenile Coho Observed Above Former Dam!

By: *CalTrout News*

In 2022, CalTrout and our partners removed a dam on Cedar Creek, a tributary to the South Fork Eel River, increasing access to approximately nine miles of high-quality habitat previously inaccessible to juvenile salmon and steelhead. Recently, we observed juvenile coho salmon above the former dam site!

Read Article: [Juvenile Coho Salmon Observed Above Former Dam Site on Cedar Creek](#)



Dance of the Rainbows on the East Fork

By: *Malachi Curtis, Guest Contributor, lariverflyfishing Blog*

San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Super cool sight to see, and a good sign for the future of the population (with video)

Read Article: [Dance of the rainbows on the East Fork – lariverflyfishing](#)

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Conservation and Fishing News (Con't)



At Long Last, the West Fork Reopens

By: *Jim Burns, lariverflyfishing Blog*

San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. After so, so long being closed during weekdays for a Public Works rehab of the water and riparian habitat conflagrated by the Bobcat Fire, it's back.

Read Article: [At long last, West Fork reopens – lariverflyfishing](#)



Fighting Fish Downstream

By: *Spencer Durrant*

One of the trickiest things to master in fly angling, in my opinion, is properly fighting trout that get downstream from you. The added weight of the current can make for a different, challenging fight. I lost plenty of fish in my early fishing days because I didn't know how to fight them if they got beneath me.

Thankfully, we have this great video from Tom Rosenbauer over at Orvis in which he explains how to fight fish that get downstream of you.

Watch Video: [Video: How to Fight a Fish Downstream from You - Orvis News](#)



Story: Simplicity and Fishing

By: *Spencer Durrant*

In this great story over on *Troutbitten*, Dom Swentosky talks about the concept of keeping things simple while fishing. I wholeheartedly agree that it's nice to just keep things as simple as possible, but sometimes, it's easy to get lost in the weeds a bit. Dom's piece is a great reminder of how to stay grounded and focus on the basic things while you're on the water.

Read Article: [Simplicity and Fishing - Troutbitten](#)



The 101 on Catching Trout With Streamers

By: *Spencer Durrant*

Streamer season is upon us, and if you're wanting to try out this method of fly fishing, you should read this story from Joe Cermele over in *Field & Stream*. Cermele takes readers through all the basic info you need to know about fly fishing successfully with streamers. A resource like this can certainly help lower the learning curve for anglers who are looking to expand their skillset.

Read Article: [Fly-Fishing 101: How to Catch Trout with Streamers | Field & Stream](#)

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Conservation and Fishing News (Con't)



Tip - Fix Leaky Waders

By: *Trout Unlimited Staff*

Try this newly-found use for a product used for something entirely different to fix your weeping waders.

Read Article: [Tip – Fix Leaky Waders - Trout Unlimited](#)



Time for Zen

By: *Kirk Deeter, Trout Unlimited*

We all need some time in our happy place, and perhaps, maybe some extra time right now is just what you need. Enjoy!

Read Article: [The True Cast - Make Time For A Moment Of Trout Fishing Zen](#)

The Spirit of Dame Berners Conserving our Fishing Resources

By Larry Behm



This month we are talking about one of the pillars of our Club mission. As the new year starts, it is a good time to review our behaviors and ensure we are doing all we can to protect our fish and watersheds.

Why is conservation part of the Club's charter?

Since 1966 the Club has been trying to further the sport of fly fishing for you and future generations. The founders realized that keeping fish healthy and accessible is critical for us to enjoy fishing in the future. We encourage everyone to do as much as they can to protect these resources.

How are fisheries doing? Is there need to worry?

In short, yes, we need to worry! Ocean studies in California show a 72% decline in both near-shore and off-shore fish numbers since 1970! Freshwater fish populations are declining in almost every river measured across the West. Salmon populations are declining in all US and Canadian waters. Hoot Owl closures are common, and mysterious fish kills appear with more frequency.

I believe we need to go beyond worrying and act to improve what we can.

Conservation is such a big issue; what can I do to help?

Consider how your behaviors impact the few things that fish need to survive. They need:

- a) Clean water,
- b) Good food supply, and
- c) The right temperature.

Then start changing what you do and look for ways to help others change too.

What can I do now?

Here are some easy ideas that take little effort to make a big difference.

- No lead – period. Lead is a terrible neurotoxin that doesn't leave the water once introduced. It kills fish and the predators that eat fish. Stop using lead in your weights, your flies, or bird shot.
- Invasive species are easy for you to control. Clean your gear every time you come out of the water. Your boots, boat, waders, etc. can pick up a bad actor without you knowing it. If you

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don't clean, you will introduce the tag-along species in the next river or lake you enter.

- Don't leave your tippet/leaders in the water. These things are made of a wonderful material that we all rely on – plastic. Plastic was invented to be a permanent replacement for ivory and other rugged materials. It is permanent; it doesn't degrade in water. Once it breaks into small pieces, fish, invertebrates and other aquatic animals ingest it. It collects in these animals' vital organs and causes illnesses that we are still trying to understand.
- Control your trash. Snack wrappers, lunch bags, and other types of trash end up in the water if you don't control them when you open your packaging. Keep a special pocket in your gear just to hold trash that you or others bring to the water.
- Stop using bottled water in throw-away plastic. The plastic bottles are ending up in our watersheds.
- Volunteer for conservation projects. Several organizations in the area are working to improve or maintain our fisheries. Watch the newsletter for opportunities to help by volunteering your time. Besides helping to clean up a specific area you will learn more about that watershed, where the fish reside, how they are living, and their food supply. In the end you will learn to be a better angler.
- Donate money to organizations that are actively working to improve fishing resources, such as CalTrout, Trout Unlimited, or Wester River Conservancy.

Have you considered how you affect clean ocean water or the fish's food chain?

All storm drains in our county dump into the ocean! Do you try to control run-off from your house? Do you wash your car on the driveway? The chemicals, soap, oil, pet waste and poisons from your yard or driveway wash to the ocean when you let runoff reach the street. All of these affect the fish on our coast, either by directly poisoning them or by hurting the food they rely on.

Do you pick up trash in the gutters when you walk by? This too will wash to the ocean and become a problem for the food chain.

What about freshwater food chains? What can I do?

One of the most important things we can do now is protect insects. Almost all the game fish we like to catch rely on insects for their diet. Keeping insect populations intact is a critical challenge today. The chemicals you use around the house affect the insect population downstream of your home.

Do you spray poison at your home to control insects? Do you use a pest control service? Does your/their spray contain neonicotinoids (neonics)? These relatively new pesticides cause widespread death of insects and seem to accumulate in watersheds. Neonics are being outlawed slowly by legislatures

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around the country, but don't wait for the slow political process to stop neonics. If you need to use a pesticide, consider using less toxic ones.

Fish are cold blooded and live within narrow temperature ranges. Do what you can to reduce global warming to keep their water in the range for which they evolved. Consider how you can reduce your carbon footprint. Can you carpool to the next outing or Club meeting?

I don't like all this negative stuff; can't I just ignore it and wait for the problems to go away?

Consider that the damage to our fish resources has happened over decades by the accumulation of small insults that eventually add up to major problems. So far, ignoring these worsening problems has not helped the fish. Fixing these resources will take years of concerted efforts that accumulate to eventually repair the fish's environment.

Please consider your behaviors that influence the watersheds and fisheries we all enjoy so much. Start today by take a step this year to improve your contribution to the fishes' situation.

"California's Fish Populations are Declining", Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 9/29/2015,
<https://scripps.ucsd.edu/news/californias-fish-populations-are-declining>

Flies That Keep On Giving!

The Checkerboard (A Fly by Lee Baermann)

By Janna Roznos

At our December meeting, Mike Peters provided our evening presentation. During Mike's surf fishing discussion, he singled out Lee Baermann's Checkerboard fly as one of his go-to surf flies. Lee ties these in a multitude of colors (as given in the material list, and see photo below of a few varieties), but the Red/Black version is our favorite. Even Terry has landed "monster" surf perch using the Red/Black Checkerboard (see photo below). You will generally find Lee at the Bart Hall Show (or, the SWC Fly Buy) tying these up. You may also purchase these at *Eric's Tackle Shop* in Ventura, or on his website: flyfishthesurf.com



Materials:

Hook: Gamakatsu SS15, Size 4
Thread: Ultra 140; Red Chartreuse, Orange, Pink
Weight: Black 5/32 Barbell Eyes
Tail: Brown, Red, Orange Marabou
Flash: Accent-Grizzly Flashabou in Red/Black, Copper Black, and Pearl Green/Black
Body: Red/Black, Fluorescent Red/Black, Red/Orange and Chartreuse/Black Variegated Chenille
Cement: Loctite (or your favorite)



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Instructions:

1. Tie on black 5/32 barbell eyes one barbell width behind the hook eye.
2. Tie in one marabou stalk, one and a half times the length of the hook shank, starting behind the weighted eyes.
3. Add two strands of Accent-Grizzly Flashabou to each side of the marabou tail.
4. Tie in and wrap the chenille from back to front, tying off behind the hook eye to help build up nose by wrapping thread until it forms a cone shape.
5. Whip finish and coat the head with cement.

Tie some of these up and give them a try! They don't look like anything specific, but they are effective on all species. Enjoy!

Janna

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Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

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

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

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