

ON THE FLY

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



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Important!! Note the Venue and Date:

Our next meeting (**February 7**) will be held at the **Back Bay Conference Center** in **Irvine**. See Page 4 for additional info. We're again looking for your feedback of this venue!!

With heavy heart, the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County announces the passing of Jim Edwards (Page 9).

New Events announced; Beginning Rod Building Class (Page 14) and the 2024 Bridgeport Outing (Page 23).

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

The Club is trying a new venue for February's General Club meeting. This facility has full service available for food, bar and amenities. I strongly encourage all members to attend and please take the two minutes and fill out the survey form, so we can best determine which format the Club members would like to have. This is your Club. As the members, you have to let the Board know where you would like the meetings to be. Thank you in advance for participating.



January has seen a small increase in the snowpack levels, but according to Department of Water Resources (DWR), we are still only at 55% of average for this time of year. Long range forecast shows some improvement for the northern part of the state, but we are only at 35% of average in southern California. By this time last year, we were at a record 240%! The good news is that most of the water reservoirs are at higher levels due to last year's record snow. More important good news, many of the rivers and creeks flow rates have now come down to normal levels making wade fishing possible again.

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 Stream Keeper is easy and fun. You can start out simply by leading a Fishing in Town (FIT) outing to local waters. This is a great way to meet other members. There is a link on our website on the menu (Club Outings -> Fishing In Town). Just fill out the form and it will be posted to Club members.

Time has come to start get ready for your upcoming fishing trips or to be looking for trips you might like to take this year or next. There will be some trip offers coming for the Club Annual Auction (shameless advertisement!). More information will be sent out once the details have been settled.

Have you taken your gear out of the storage bags? Did you remember to clean it all after your last fishing outing? As you are preparing for this coming season, if you have gently used equipment, supplies, clothing that you no longer use, consider setting it aside for the Club Auction. If you have items to donate, make a list and email Auction@ffcoc.org. The Auction committee will get in touch with you to arrange delivery of the items.

I encourage you to look at our events and volunteer wherever you feel you can. Our Club and its activities are built on the volunteerism of our members. It is a great way to meet fellow members. If you have ideas or would like to discuss how you can help, feel free to reach out to myself or any of the other members of the Board.

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President's Message

We are still looking for volunteers to join our Board of Directors. The future success of the Club requires clear succession planning of the Board members. New volunteers are always needed to learn and take over the various Board positions. All Board positions can generally use some assistance. Please look at the list of Board positions on Page 12 of this newsletter. Our Club has immediate needs for Leadership, Membership Chairperson, Assistant Treasurer, and Treasurer positions. If you have an interest, contact the current Board member in the position or contact me.

For our members, a simple reminder that membership renewals were due on January 1st. As soon as you can, I encourage you to login on the Club website and make sure your membership has been renewed for 2024. If your renewal was not completed, upon login to the website, you will get a pop-up message asking you to complete the renewal process. If you think you have renewed your membership but get the pop-up notice, send an email to our Membership Chairperson Ric at membership@ffcoc.org. As a reminder, our monthly meetings are open to the public, no membership required, but all Club sponsored outings are for members with current membership only.

Best regards,

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

IMPORTANT!! FFCOC Meeting Venue for February

FFCOC February 7 Meeting Venue: Back Bay Conference Center (Irvine)



When: February 7, 2024

Standard Meeting Times:

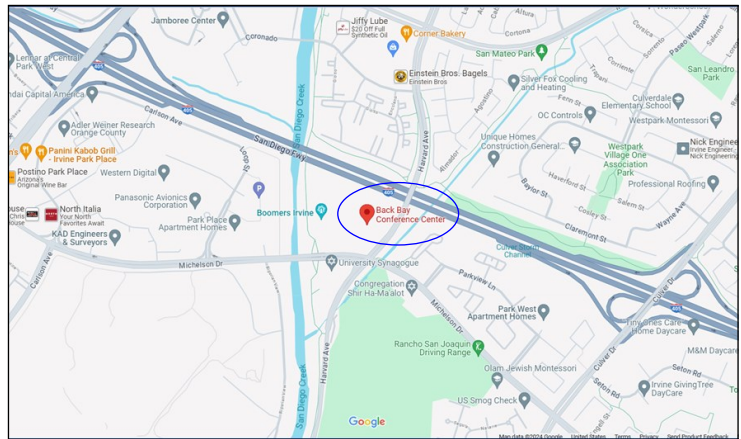
6:30 PM - Social Hour

7:30 PM - Speaker Presentation

9:00 PM - Meeting Concludes

Where: Back Bay Conference Center
3415 Michelson Drive
Irvine, CA 92612

Meeting Fee: \$10



Come and join us to evaluate the use of this venue! The Back Bay Conference Center is near the location of the Duck Club (our venue for December and January). This venue is large enough to potentially host our Club Auction in September, and yes, it can also serve as a General Meeting venue as well. We're looking for your feedback!! Guests are always welcome (and encouraged)! A quick and simple survey will be available for your feedback.

- The Back Bay Conference Center will provide Appetizers and a Cash Bar for your Social Hour pleasures! Note that a meeting fee of \$10/person will be charged to help offset the cost of our venue with appetizer and beverage service.
- Additional photos of the Back Bay Conference Center are on the following page.

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FFCOC Meeting Venue for February 7



Back Bay Conference Center
3415 Michelson Drive
Irvine, CA 92612

Venue Entrance



Conference Center Parking

Large Capacity
Seating Meeting
Room



2024 Speakers

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 and the Deschutes	02/07/24
March	Sandra Jacobson, Ph.D.	CalTrout Projects in the South Coast and Sierra Regions	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

Central Oregon and the Deschutes with Griff Marshall



When we think of Oregon, the question comes down to - should we drive, or should we fly? There is no doubt that either will lead to excellent and very diverse fly-fishing options. From coastal steelhead, to hidden bass lakes and outstanding trout fishing, our neighbor to the North has it all. Our speaker for Wednesday, February 7th presentation is a newcomer to the SoCal speaker circuit. Griff's presentation will cover Central Oregon and the Lower Deschutes.

Griff Marshall is a lifelong angler living in Bend, Oregon where he has been a fly-fishing guide for the last twelve years. Eight of those years were spent managing the biggest guide service in the state, working on all the local rivers and lakes of Central Oregon. During that time, he developed the knowledge and understanding of these fisheries few have. He now owns and runs Griff Marshall Outdoors. His primary river is the wild and scenic Lower Deschutes, specializing in daytrips and multi-day camping adventures.

He has written the fly-fishing books, ***The Middle Fork-Trout Tales*** and ***My Mistress Whispers and Roars-First and Second Editions***.

His passion for fishing began as a boy along the shores of San Francisco Bay. In his late teens he was properly exposed to the poetic beauty of fly fishing on one of the lakes near his home. A week later he purchased a just-add-water Cortland 6wt fly rod, a handful of flies and was on his way. The next 15 years are a blur of trips to every stream and river of the Sierra Nevada, up and down the Rockies, Vermont, Patagonia—anywhere there might be trout to fool. Somewhere in there he had his first kid, Jasper Trout. A girl would have been named Sierra Trout. An obvious sickness had descended!

When he discovered Trout Country in Northern California all sane bets were off. He feverishly fished Hat Creek, the Fall, Pit, McCloud, and Upper Sacramento Rivers. He had created a job in the film industry that allowed for lots of time off. That time was used to locate, seduce and capture trout. He started fishing bamboo, tying all his own bugs, living from the back of a series of abused pick-up

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This Month's Speaker (Con't)

trucks, and becoming an anti-social, fly-fishing freak. In retrospect, it was a quest well worth taking. He highly recommends it.

Griff arrived in Bend in 2010, his second wife and newborn daughter in tow. He's since lost count of days on the rivers and lakes of Central Oregon, feeling that perhaps this is where he should have been all along.

He is always happy to discuss the flyfishing options in Oregon. Anyone interested can reach out to **541-480-4280**, or by email: griff@griffmarshalloutdoors.com

Website: <https://griffmarshalloutdoors.com/>



IN MEMORIAM



It is with heavy heart, the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County announces the passing of Jim Edwards. Jim passed away January 14 from complications of heart by-pass surgery.

Jim was a long time member of the Club, was a three-time President, and a member of the Board of Directors for many years. In recognition of his many contributions to the Club, Jim was awarded with Life Membership in the Club.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Jim on February 17th at 10 a.m. at Shoreline Baptist Church, 10350 Ellis Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

The following remembrance of Jim Edwards was written by long-time member and friend, John Williams. John captured Jim as many of us have known him over the years. Thank you, John.

Jim Franklin Edwards



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August 26,1957 - January 14, 2024

Jim was born in Joplin, Missouri. When his father found a job as a machinist in California, they moved. Jim is survived by his sister Marilyn Jo Edwards. Jim succumbed to problems from bypass heart surgery. Jim was a three-time past President of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County and a very long-time member on the Board of Directors.

Pardon the above picture, but Jim was known to show off that finger often to good friends, usually and never with malice, always having fun and ready for a good time. Jim was a wonderful machinist

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Club News (Con't)

and quite creative at building things. He worked at Tolo Machine Shop in Santa Ana. Jim told me that Ray Johnson was a great influence on his fly fishing and tying. I first met Jim in 1985, a much milder version. He married Marti and they began a country wide travel journey. I would receive letters from all over the U.S. describing the fishing location and historical facts. Several years passed and Marti died from cancer which devastated Jim and the rest of us. They were a perfect match. Jim was always the prankster. Hot Creek Ranch is where I experienced many such pranks. You have to understand that there were many repeat members who knew Jim and what he was up to. My first experience was with a blow-up doll named Dolly. She was placed in my bed and upon arrival I found her under the covers waiting. I knew who had planted her and swiftly placed her in the ladies' cabin before they arrived. Yes, we all love a good prank. On another visit to Hot Creek, Jim purchased toilet paper roll inserts that he recorded previously to talk to you as you pulled on the paper, usually while seated. I heard screams and much laughter on that occasion, way to go Jim. Jim and Scot Lewis paired up to go fishing many times and roomed together often while at the Ranch. The two of them always had fantastic breakfasts which they shared regularly. Jim witnessed one of our members fall down the stairs, and the next year and for years to follow, brought solar lights to illuminate the path and stairs to the cabins. He was very thoughtful. At Club BBQ's, Jim would always bring cowboy beans, a tradition passed down by Earl Young part of the older generation that preceded us that provided these beans at the Kern River Outing. Jim enjoyed the members and shared effortlessly with everyone. Thank you, good friend, for sharing your love with our Club.

Rest in Peace Old Friend



Jim & Scot Lewis

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Club News (Con't)



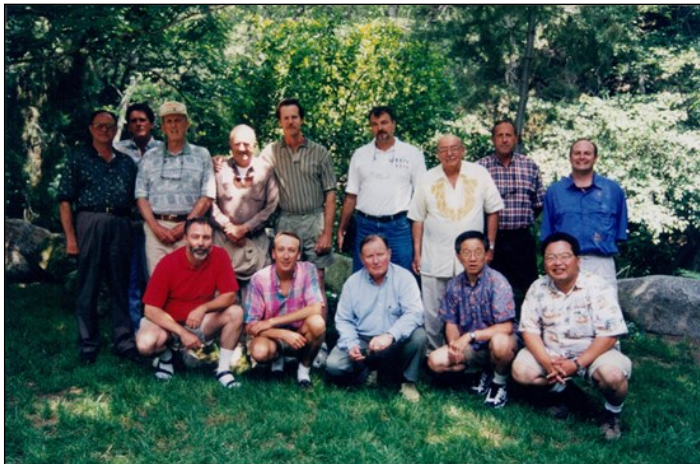
Jim on Golden Trout Pack



Off with his finger!
Hot Creek Ranch



Jim in his element



Presidents Meeting



Past Presidents at Hot Creek Ranch



Jim, Scot, and John



Jim & Joyce Blackstone at Kern Outing

Club News (Con't)

FFCOC 2024 Board of Directors and Officers Installation conducted at our January 2024 General Meeting

Position	Member
President (Acting)	Brian Mayer
Past President	Brian Mayer
1st Vice President	This can be you!
2nd Vice President	Ken Lindt
Secretary	Larry Roberts
Treasurer	Tom Sakai
Assistant Treasurer	Matt Conrad
Programs	Gill Realon
Membership	Ric Romero
Newsletter/FFI Liaison	Terry Roznos
Conservation	David Williams
Outings	Mike Peters
Website	Todd Gomez
Scholarships	Steve Watanabe
Social Media/Member at Large	Tina Montemer
Member at Large	Lee Mueller
Non-Board Member Chairpersons	
Trout In Classroom	Ron Gregg
Non-Board Member Assistants	
Assistant Programs	Joe Simrell

Club News (Con't)

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

January

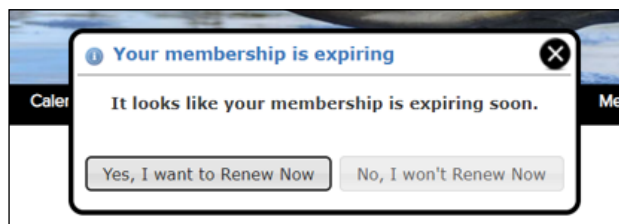
Gregory Kraft (Anaheim)

George Maraczi (Laguna Niguel)

Lewis Wemyss (Newport Beach)

(Past) Time to Renew Your Membership for 2024!

Just a friendly reminder for those who have not renewed their Club membership for 2024, your 2023 membership expired on 12/31/23.



Membership renewal is easy. Does this pesky dialog box appear every time you log into the FFCOC website? Your membership is expired. 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.

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 Stream 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 **Sunday, February 25**, 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 - Class Announcement

Rod Building Class First Session is May 4 Registration is now OPEN

Would you like to learn how to build your own rod?

We will conduct a beginning rod building class over three Saturdays this spring. The sessions are 3 hours each day on **May 4**, **May 11** and **June 1**. You need to attend all three sessions to complete your rod.

This class will provide you with the materials and knowledge to:

1. Build your own rod,
2. Understand how to evaluate the quality of commercial rods, and
3. How to match lines and rods.

Successfully building your own rod requires some patience and practice of the skills you will learn. Anyone can do it!

This class will use kits to keep costs low and to simplify your learning curve. We negotiate a group discount and estimate the total cost to be about \$190/rod.

So, for a low investment of time and money, you will have a new rod, a new skill and broader knowledge of rod quality and function.

Please register on the website by **March 28**. Participation is capped at seven members, and we need to order kits in time for delivery.

See additional Class Details (and Register) at the Rod Building page on our FFCOC website:

FFCOC.org=>Log in=>Education=>Rod Building

You may navigate to the FFCOC Rod Building Page using the path above,
or, simply click on the link above.

Registration is now OPEN

Questions:

Contact Larry Behm with your questions.



Club News - Fish Tales

Another Winter Trip to Central Florida

A Fish Tale by: George Gush

In January we went to the Home & Garden Show in Orlando where I was able to talk with Bob Clouser of Clouser minnow fame for about 20 minutes. We discussed the derivation of the fly and his long career in fly fishing. Interesting guy and an icon in the sport.

Days ago I went out with Captain Dick Withey who also is President of Mid-Coast Flyfishers club located in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Dick's flat water boat performed well in what turned out to be really shallow water in the Mosquito Lagoon caused by Northerly winds. We had to go back after the thin water and cold winds diminished the fun. I did manage to catch my first puffer fish which kept us from totally being skunked. We kept getting nearly stuck in the mud. Captain Dick said not to worry, if the boat goes down, just stand up. I learned a lot about fishing the flats. We will go out again!

Not related to fly fishing but fascinating were the fish and manatees in Blue Springs, Florida. Over 750 manatees were there!

Along came a specialized boat from Florida's fish and game manatee rescue team. Note the engine in the middle like a shrimp boat. It's made to haul the injured mammal into the boat to treat or relocate it.

I probably have too many pictures. I wanted to share some of this state's outdoor activities and marine protection projects as well.



Bob Clouser, Capt Dick Withey, and the Flats Boat

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Club News - Fish Tales (Con't)



Blue Springs, Florida

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:

taroynos@verizon.net

Thank you!

2024 Club Outings - In Work

Date	Destination	Stream Keeper
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
September 26-30	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos
October 7-11	Loa (Utah)	John Williams
October 18-20	President's Outing/Kern River	Brian Mayer

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)

Trip Full

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

Trip Full



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)

Trip Full

San Juan River, NM Outing

Trip Full

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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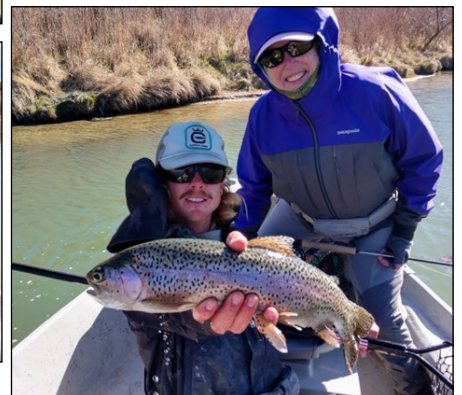
2024 Outings - San Juan River (New Mexico)

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.



Trip Full

Trip Full

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.



FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2024

September 26 - 30



Dates: September 26-30. Arrive on a Thursday (9/26), and Depart on a Monday (9/30). Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)! You may of course arrive/depart earlier or later as your schedule availability permits.

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). **Note:** Due to the 2023 rainfall and snowpack, the area reservoirs filled, flows on the creeks, streams and rivers were back, and the fishing was great! The Blue Ribbon East Walker River and its Miracle Mile fished “lights out”!!

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2024 Outings - Bridgeport (Con't)

Fishing: Independent fishing format. Members disperse to their desired fishing locations in the morning (as singles, or better yet, 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, share a beverage or two, and discuss our plans and strategies for the next day.



Lodging: Willow Springs Resort ([Willow Springs Resort in Bridgeport, CA](#)), 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, Wi-Fi 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, Wi-Fi 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. Based on attendee interest, an evening group BBQ can be arranged for Saturday evening. Traditionally, the group meets our final evening (Sunday) at the Virginia Creek Settlement for dinner. Most importantly, bring your favorite trout fishing gear!

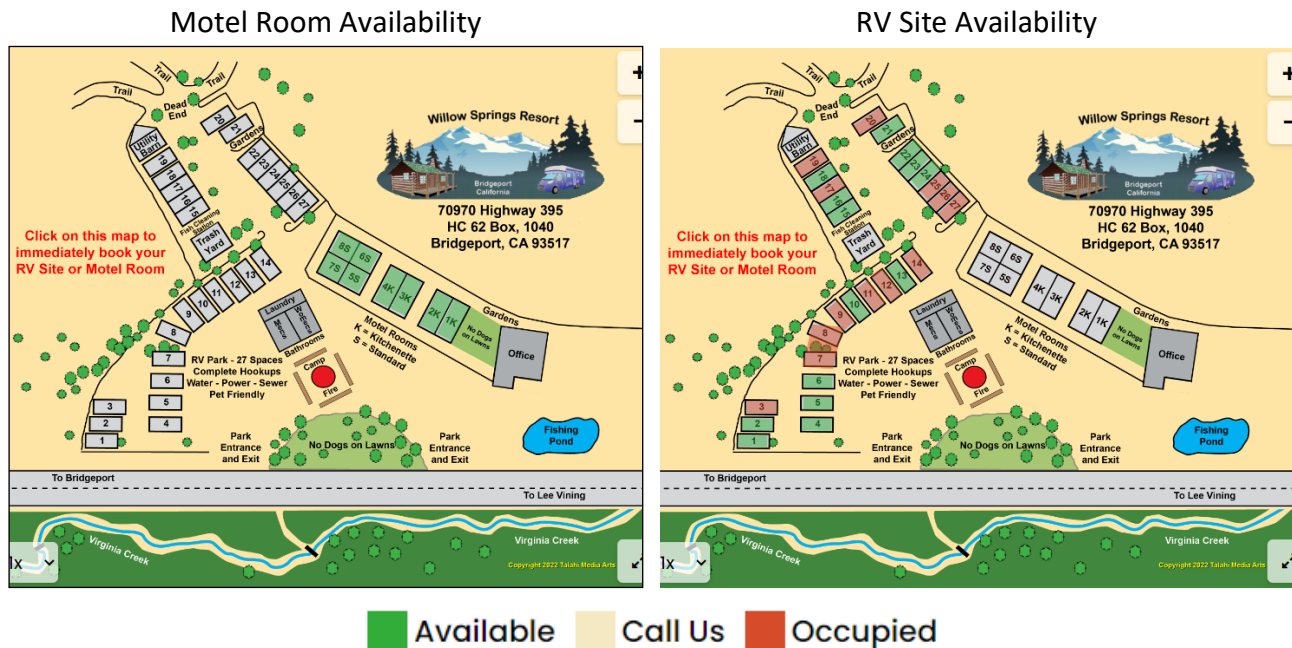
Registration Instructions: Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. Please make your lodging reservations and payment directly with Willow Springs Resort. You may make your lodging reservations using the Willow Springs website ([Willow Springs Resort](#)), ~~or use the link provided on the Bridgeport Outing Calendar Event on the FFCOC website. When you have secured a confirmed lodging reservation, please click on the Register Now button on the Calendar Event to confirm your attendance.~~ **Note:** The Bridgeport Outing will be added to the FFCOC Club Calendar on the website shortly.

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2024 Outings - Bridgeport (Con't)

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.

Current Lodging Availability (Sep 26 - 30 stays):



Sounds like an Outing for you? Go ahead and book your lodging with Willow Springs Resort. Please contact your Stream Keeper with your questions. Note: Your Stream Keepers will be in RV Site #11.

Please Note: RV Sites are already beginning to fill. Motel rooms are currently wide open. Make your reservations directly with Willow Springs Resort to secure your lodging if you plan to attend. After you have secured a confirmed lodging reservation, ~~please click on the Register Now button on the Club Calendar Event, link below, to confirm your attendance.~~ Or, simply send an email to your Stream Keeper. This is the only mechanism to collect the planned attendees for this Outing!!

Confirm your planned Outing attendance here: ([Link to Club Calendar Event - To Be Added Soon](#))

Thank you!!!

Stream Keeper Contact Info:

Terry Roznos
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Mark Your Calendars for 2024!

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



SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF FFI UPCOMING EVENTS

**TROUT RODEO
TOURNAMENT
BISHOP, CA
FEBRUARY 10**



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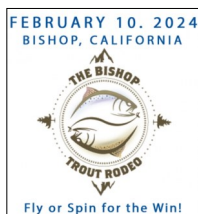
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Trout Rodeo, Feb. 10 – Once again, we will host this catch and release event, open to fly and conventional gear, in the Owens Valley. Depending on weather, you could be fishing from the Upper O all the way to Lone Pine! Same rules as before, so bring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



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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FEBRUARY 10, 2024
BISHOP, CALIFORNIA



THE BISHOP
TROUT RODEO

Fly or Spin for the Win!



FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL
Southwest Council

A Catch and Release Fishing Competition

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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: Southwest Council FFI - Trout Rodeo

Yeeeeee-haaaaa!

**GET HOOKED ON
THE TROUT RODEO
FEBRUARY 10, 2024**



BISHOP, CA


REGISTRATION OPENS NOV 15



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WRANGLE YOUR TEAM & REGISTER FOR
THE TROUT RODEO IN BISHOP, CA**



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Trout Rodeo (Con't)

JOIN US FOR OUR 3RD ANNUAL TROUT RODEO!!

Many of us fish the Lower Owens . . .

and surrounding areas at this time of year and the Southwest Council thought it would be fun to have a safe and fun gathering. Trout Rodeo is a one day, catch and release, fishing event. It is open to fly fishing, lure fishing and even Tenkara! It is even open to Professional Fishing Guides (but they get to compete separately). The idea is to catch, measure and photograph your fish (and let them go) and the more landed "inches" you have, the more raffle tickets you will win to enter into one of our many prize buckets (and you can buy more tickets at the gate, too!).

To register for the event, just go to our event page ([Southwest Council FFI - Trout Rodeo](#)) and follow the instructions. The rules and everything pertaining to the event is on this page and can be downloaded. Cost per person is \$25 and you MUST have a smartphone as the scoring app works through your phone. Besides individual categories, we also have a TEAM category. In this case, just gather your friends, get them all to register and then pay an additional team fee of \$20 (no matter the size of the team) by clicking [Southwest Council FFI - Trout Rodeo](#). Teams will be scored by total catch inches and divided by the number of team anglers.

While we all want to see who comes out on top, we also love seeing the prizes so check out the great selection below.

And remember, the higher you place in the competition, the more tickets you win BUT you can also purchase tickets (this is a fundraiser for the SWC so we can keep up our Conservation, Outreach and Education Programs). Tix can be had after you get back to the Fairgrounds for awards and a bite to eat.

See next page for prizes...



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Trout Rodeo (Con't)

Prizes:

- Fisherman's Spot - Van Nuys
 - Gift certificates
- Snowbee USA
 - Spectre rod and reel
- Guide Trips!
 - 1/2 day guide trip Eastern Sierra Sportfishing (\$350 value)
 - 1/2 day guide trip David Downs (\$350)
 - 2 for the price of 1 all day guide trip with Pat Jaeger (\$525 value and winner pays \$262.50 for 1 or 2 anglers)
- More swag on its way and watch for it. And OF COURSE, the Engraved Beverage Glass to the top finishers in each category, including team members.
- Once more, Pino's Pies for dinner. Follow the link on the registration page for that too.



UPDATE #1 - With the DFW regulations changes, there are many additional waters open to fishing at this time of year. So rather than limiting the fishing areas to the Lower Owens and Pleasant Valley Reservoir, we are expanding the area to Long Ears in the north (Upper Owens) all the way down to Independence in the south. You still need to be fishing waters that are designated as open and follow all DFW regulations on this matter. And as we do not know the weather for the day of the event, we leave it up to each contestant to fish with safety in mind. You need to allow enough time to get a cell signal so your catch is transferred to us no later than 4:30 p.m. and to be back at the Tri-County Fairgrounds by 6 for awards and prize drawings. The winner of each category, besides winning extra raffle tickets for the prize drawings, will also receive the engraved drinking glass (without the beverage!).

Bart Hall Show (Friday, January 26) Report

Bart Hall Shows

On Friday, January 26, your newsletter editorial staff attended the Bart Hall Show at the Long Beach Convention Center. There was much to see and do at the show! Although your editor did not come home with a Parker 2320 Sport Cabin, offered at special “show prices”, he did pickup a flyer and price sheet to pass on to Capt. Eric Kramer in case he was interested in stepping up to the latest model!

Your Editor did spot these FFCOC members in attendance at the show; special thanks to those who volunteered at the SWCFFI (Southwest Council Fly Fishers International) booths representing your Club. Don Tayenaka was at the SWCFFI info booth; Janna Roznos was at the SWCFFI fly tying booth; Mike Peters was at his Long Branch Fly Fishing booth offering guide service and fishing adventures; and Frank Selby was there walking each and every row to say hello to old friends. Although, Frank did not have a booth at Long Beach this year, this marked Frank’s 50+ years of attendance at the show. Frank did indicate that he picked up a few potential members for the Club while there! Mike Peters appeared on the Guy Jeans Podcast after the show; YouTube link: [Michael Peters \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MichaelPeters)

A few photos...



Janna Roznos



Mike Peters



Don Tayenaka

Note: Photo not approved for newsletter publication.

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Fly Fishers International Southwest Council Monthly Newsletter...

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 23 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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Conservation, Fishing News, and Tips

CALIFORNIA TROUT Watch Klamath Dam Removal in Action!



By: *CalTrout News*

The next big step in Klamath River dam removal is here: reservoir drawdown behind Iron Gate Dam. This morning, the Klamath River Renewal Corporation opened the gate to a higher flow that will slowly drain the reservoir over the next several weeks to a month.

This is an exciting milestone towards dam removal, and we are thrilled to share the news with you! Deconstruction of the remaining dams is expected to begin sometime in May or June. Restoration and revegetation are expected to begin next week, and crews will begin reseeding the former reservoir footprint as the reservoir recedes. Learn more about dam removal on the Klamath and how we got here. And watch the video below to watch drawdown in action!

Removal of the four Klamath River dams will be the largest dam removal project in the history of the United States and the largest salmon restoration project ever.

Learn more about dam removal on the Klamath: [Klamath Dams | California Trout](#)

Iron Gate Reservoir Drawdown Video: [Klamath Dam Removal: Iron Gate Reservoir Drawdown](#)



Klamath Reservoir Drawdown Begins

By: *Greg Fitz, Trout Unlimited*

Draining a reservoir is no small feat, but when it comes to the Klamath it is a long-awaited win for salmon and steelhead.

Read Article: [Klamath Reservoir Drawdown Begins - Trout Unlimited](#)



PFAS: Forever Chemicals

By: *Spencer Durrant*

Late in 2023 MidCurrent ran a story about an upcoming PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) ban set to take place in the coming years. PFAS are used to waterproof everything from rain gear to waders, which makes them an integral part of an angler's outfit.

PFAS shed off our fly fishing gear and enter the environment, contaminating everything from fish, rivers, and "even our own bloodstreams," according to Chris Hunt's article on PFAS in *Fly Fisherman Magazine*.

Hunt's article goes on to detail what many of the major brands in fly fishing are doing to eliminate PFAS from their product lineups. While the challenges this presents are real, it could lead to more innovation in the wader industry in particular, which has been stagnant for at least a decade. That means anglers could, in theory, end up with a better product and a more comfortable experience while on the water, without adding more harmful chemicals to our environment.

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PFAS bans are set to take place next year in California for textiles, and other states across the country are considering similar legislations. To help make anglers aware of that legislation, and to provide an overview of what these bans may look like, the folks over at the Grassroots Outdoor Alliance recorded a podcast with environmental attorney James Pollack. Pollack goes into detail on upcoming PFAS bans and legislation, “and what, why and how retailers and brands should be doing to address PFAS and effects to their own businesses.”

Read Article(s): [How Will the Ban on PFAS Affect Your Fly-Fishing Gear? - Fly Fisherman](#)
[What Will the PFAS Ban Do to Waders? | MidCurrent](#)



‘Show me da money!’

By: *Jim Burns, lariverflyfishing Blog*

The Los Angeles River is again raking in grant money for its makeover, a boon to us Angelenos, as well as to the species who depend on the river for survival.

Read Article: [‘Show me da money!’ – lariverflyfishing](#)



Why Fly Fish in Winter?

By: *Spencer Durrant*

In this piece over at *Fly Fisherman Magazine*, Boots Allen walks us through the reasons that so many anglers now fly fish during winter. There are a whole host of factors pushing more anglers onto the water this time of year, but chief among them are more fishing opportunities with fewer crowds. Especially here in the West, our fisheries are jam-packed during the summer months. Winter offers a reprieve that most locals desperately need. You’ll also learn some great tips on winter fly fishing, as well.

Read Article: [Why Winter: What's Behind the Growth in Cold-Weather Angling - Fly Fisherman](#)



Tips for Winter Fly Fishing

By: *Spencer Durrant*

Joe Cermele and Kirk Deeter teamed up to write an in-depth guide for anglers looking to catch trout on the fly this winter. While the first half of their story focuses on conventional angling techniques, there are some nuggets fly anglers can glean from it. The second half, however, is full of four tips to help you put more trout in net this winter, provided you’re willing to brave the cold temps.

Read Article: [Winter Trout Fishing Tips | Field & Stream \(fieldandstream.com\)](#)

Story: Forgiving Flies

By: *Spencer Durrant*

In this recent story over at *Troutbitten*, Dom Swentosky dives into why he loves fly fishing in the winter so much. Along the way, he describes what he calls “forgiving flies.” These are flies that seem

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Conservation, Fishing News, and Tips (Con't)

to work year-round, that are forgiving of a less-than-perfect presentation. Your go-to flies when you need to put a fish in the net.

Read Article: [Forgiving Flies - Troutbitten](#)



Can You Hear Wading Boot Studs?

By: *Spencer Durrant*

Domenick Swentosky, over at *Troutbitten*, regularly hosts a Q&A column where he tackles questions from his readers. A recent one had to do with whether you can “hear” your wading boot studs underwater, and what effect that might have on trout.

Read Article: [Q&A: Can Trout Hear Your Boot Studs? \(with VIDEO\) - Troutbitten](#)



The Truth About False Casting

By: *Spencer Durrant*

Todd Tanner has a new story in *Hatch Magazine* about false casting that’s worth your time to read. His opinion is that the general trend in fly fishing surrounding false casting is, well – false. He thinks we go too hard with the “false cast as little as possible” mantra, and should enjoy the art of casting more. Regardless of where you stand, you should read Todd’s piece.

Read Article: [The truth about false casting | Hatch Magazine](#)

Flies That Keep On Giving!

Gwendolyn Gnat

By Janna Roznos

It's always midge season! The Griffith's Gnat is a very versatile little guy. It can imitate a midge cluster of mating flies or an adult single midge – depending on size. The problem is they can be very hard to see on the water, especially with the smaller hook sizes. My variation of the Griffith's Gnat adds a small high-vis post color; hot pink is generally used by me. Hence, the variation on the name, the "Gwendolyn Gnat". Give it a try! Even Terry can see these on the water; not really, he still sets on a splash!!



Materials:

Hook: Dry fly in size #12 or smaller (down to tiny!)

Thread: Your choice; Black

Rib: Small Wire, any color

Hackle: Grizzly Hackle black and white

Tail: Microfibers

Post: McFlyon or similar material

Instructions:

1. Place hook in vice. Start the thread approximately one to two eye lengths back from the eye and wrap several times. This is where the post will be tied on top of these wraps.

Post:

2. Trim one end of the post material and with a pinch wrap tie the top of the post material onto the thread wraps.
3. Tightly twist the post material and then let it fold over on itself. Pinch the twist at the shank and tie the butt end down. Make a few wraps behind the twisted post material to get it to stand up. Trim off the butt ends.

Tail

4. Wrap back with thread making a smooth body. Wrap small 'lump' or 'speed bump' of thread at the end of the thread wrap at the curve of the hook.
5. Take two microfibers and measure to length – a little longer than the hook shank. Tie in on

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Flies That Keep On Giving!

the top of the hook shank and up to the 'speed bump' which should force the microfibers to form a 'V' for the tail. Trim excess tail material.

Rib:

5. Tie in wire along the side. Move the thread up to in front of the post.

Body:

6. Tie in peacock hurl. Trim butt ends. Wrap hurl up to the post and around the post to the front of the eye. Tie off.

Hackle:

7. Preen the fibers on a grizzly hackle (butt end), remove some hackles and expose the bare stem. Tie in right at the peacock hurl behind the eye. Wrap the grizzly hackle to the back of the hook. Wrap the wire twice around the grizzly hackle to secure and then wrap the wire (for the rib) in open spiral wraps to the front of the post and tie off wire and cut/helicopter off. Whip finish.

Tie some of these up and give them a try! Use them as you would the Griffith's Gnat, except with improved visibility for the angler. Enjoy!

Janna



FFCOC Leadership

Mission:

Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

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

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

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

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