

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

March 2013

Club Meeting:

Wednesday March 13th, 2013

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:

March 18th, 2013

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church*

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THE EASTERN SIERRA AND HOT CREEK BY KEVIN PETERSON

There are places in the Sierra Nevada where nature's elements find harmonic convergence. One of these places is the waters of Hot Creek, California, with a Trout population of more than 10,000 fish per mile. Mammoth Creek flows off the east slope of the Sierra through the town of Mammoth Lakes as a cold freestone stream, but once it reaches the valley floor it gathers many thermal springs that warm the water enough so that its name changes to Hot Creek

Greetings Fellow FFCOC members,

Melinda Burns

Well we are off to a good start for 2013. Our fly tying classes have started, we have two Trout in the Classroom programs running, and we have 16 new members for the New Year. We have an awesome slate of club outings and we are looking forward to participating with the SWCFFF (South West Council Federation of Fly Fishers) in a few joint endeavors.

Our membership directory is in the process of being put together so if you haven't renewed your membership, now is the time. Also, if we don't have a photo of you please submit one to Richard Fanning (rkfanning@aol.com) as he is working on the membership directory for us. Please note if I took your photo at the last meeting it is now lost. I lost my camera while bug hunting with my grandchildren last week up at the West Fork SG.

I would like to welcome our new members and hope to get to know them better at our meetings and on our outings. You can identify them with a green dot on their name badge. Please join me in welcoming: Donald Hoetzel, Ken Lindt, Preston Barr, Richard Banister, Ernie Gulley, Jack Hastings, Rod Nelson, Mark Griffin, Marlowe Patterson, Brian Ritter, Margarita Rodriguez, Ignacio Garibay, John Cancilla, Gil Realon, Bev Perry and Evan Morgan.

We are in serious need of volunteers for the following events. Please contact me if you can spare some time to help out in one or more of these events. I will provide you with details at the time of your call.

- * TIC Volunteers TBA (Sometime in April – waiting to hear from teachers)
- * Kids Academy Saturday, April 27, 2013 (8am – 5pm)
- * Fred Hall Show Wednesday – Sunday, March 6th – 10th, 2013 (3 hour shifts)
- SWCFFF Faire Thursday – Sunday , September 19th – 22nd, 2013 (shift times vary)

When volunteering you are giving something back to our club by lending a helping hand to fellow fly fisherman and other fly fishing organizations. What you may not realize is that volunteering also benefits you as an individual. There are many good reasons to get involved in the fly fishing community, including learning something about yourself.

Below are some benefits for you as a volunteer:

- * Make new friends * Connect with your community
- * Share your skills and gain new ones * Feel needed and valued
- * Meet new people from all walks of life * Experience something new
- * Promote a worthwhile activity * Develop self –esteem and self-confidence

But most importantly – **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Phoenix Club Increases Dinner Cost

For the past two years the FFCOC has received a modest increase in dinner pricing from the Phoenix Club. These increases were not passed on to our membership and were subsidized by our club.

In February 2013 the Phoenix Club notified us of policy changes, and another increase to the menu costs. Due to these increases our club can no longer absorb the costs of our dinner menu. Therefore, effective at our April 10, 2013 meeting, the dinner cost will increase to \$30.00 per person. Prior to these increases it had been many years since the Phoenix Club increased the cost of our dinner menu.

The Board has investigated other venues, and we believe the Phoenix Club still provides us with the best quality food and service for our money, therefore we will be implementing the rise in cost in accordance with the Phoenix Club's notification.

We trust our members will be in agreement and understanding with this necessary adjustment to our venue costs.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Andy Frumento

SPEAKER'S LIST – 2013

By Andy Frumento

<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	

Due to recent development with the Pheonix club the room locations may change for upcoming meetings. Details will be explained at the March 13th general meeting.

2013 OUTINGS PLAN

By Lyman Kennedy

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Streamkeeper</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Email</u>
March 22-26	San Juan River	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
March 23	Double Haul Ball	Shane Chung	949 633-6973	sschung@hotmail.com
April 6	Lago Fig	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
April 13-15	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638	jrwright1@aol.com
April 27-28	Mammoth Lakes	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
May 18-19	Kelsey Bass Ranch	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370	rkfanning@aol.com
April 27	One Surf Fly H.B.	Shane Chung	949 633-6973	sschung@hotmail.com
June 29-30	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899	jimmywt1957@yahoo.com
June 22-29	Montana	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370	rkfanning@aol.com
July 8-12	Golden Trout Pack	Trip John Williams	951 236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
July 12-15	Hot Creek	John Williams	951 236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
August 10	San Diego Bay	Lyman Kennedy	714 921-9412	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
August 9-12	Women's only Mammoth	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920	mel11755@pacbell.net
Sept. 19-22	Flyfishing Faire-Mammoth	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920	mel11755@pacbell.net
Sept. 16-20	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
Sept. 23-27	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
October 19-20	President's Outing	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920	mel11755@pacbell.net
November 4-8	Trinity River	Audrey Williams	714 264-6361	Audrey@wrem.com
December				

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

Callibaetis Mayflies are very important flies in still waters in the west. I have had the good fortune to fish in some prime Callibaetis water in Southern Utah and found a useful pattern that imitate these prolific mayflies, Fish eat this one with abandon.

I tie these in #12 -14 both the Emerger and the Nymph.

Willie's Callibaetis Emerger

You see the Nymph and on the right and the Emerger on the left, on both flies everything is the same from the rear to the thorax and that is when it changes. The underbody of the mayfly is a gray color and the back is a mottled brown.

Hook: #12-14 1110 Daiichi Dry Fly hook

Thread: UTC 70 Black

Tail: Badger fur guard hairs, Woodchuck works as well.

Rib: Ultra fine gold wire

Back: Pheasant Tail fibers

Underbody: Gray Marabou fibers

Wing: Gray CDC feather

Hackle: Grizzly hackle



Start your thread two head spaces behind the eye and tie in your tail of Badger fur guard hairs or Woodchuck letting them extend just longer than a hook shank in length beyond the bend and run the thread to the bend. Tie in the rib with several wraps and leave to the rear. Tie in four to five pheasant tail fibers by the tips and let the butts extend to the rear.

Select six to eight barbules from a gray marabou feather and align the tips and tie the tips in at the bend and wrap the thread to within two eye spaces behind the eye. Wrap the marabou fibers forward to two eye spaces behind the eye. Fold the pheasant tail fibers over the marabou and tie in where you tied down the marabou. Carefully counter wrap the fine gold wire over the abdomen and thorax in a spiral and tie off two eye spaces behind the eye. Select two gray CDC feathers and align them convex side to convex side. And tie in at the two eye space location letting the tips extend the hook shank length forward. Tie in a grizzly dry fly hackle at the two eye space point

and make two or three wraps and secure with a couple of wraps of thread. Now pay attention, let the thread on the bobbin hang down add a smear of super glue liquid not gel or thicker to the thread about ½" in length and take two securing wraps through the hackle and let it hang for ten seconds, then cut your thread with one side of your sharp scissors. NO WHIP FINISH and you're done.

I recommend finding some still water and trying this pattern out soon, Southern Utah sounds just fine to me.

2013 SPRING FLY TYING CLASSES

By: Cheryl Moore

The FFCOC Spring fly tying classes got off to a very enthusiastic start. We have had very successful fly tying classes in the past but I think this session will be the best one yet. One of the reasons we are so successful, is the caliber of tying instructors we bring in. For this round, we are using 3 full time instructors and 8 "Guest Instructors." We rotate in a different guest instructor each night. I can't say enough about the talent that is being brought to class by these instructors and shared with our tying students. Our full time instructors are myself, Lyman Kennedy and Mike Neesley. Our classes wouldn't be possible without the two aforementioned gentlemen. They are what make our classes go round.

I will give you a little bit of information about the quality and talent of our "Guest Instructors." The first night Jim Edwards joined us. Jim is our surf and bass specialist. He is not only a fine fly tyer, he is a long time member of the FFCOC Board of Directors. Jim is not shy about sharing his love of fly fishing. The second night of our classes, Joe Libeu is coming in to share his expertise in the fly fishing arena. Joe ties a mean fly and knows just how to use it. He has such a thorough background and understanding of fly fishing, he doesn't hesitate to come when we put out the "help" call. Our third guest instructor is Kathy Kim. Kathy is one of our most talented fly fishing professionals. She fishes in South America as well as anywhere else that offers an opportunity. Kathy's talent for fly tying is almost as exceptional as her casting skills. The last guest instructor I'm going to mention in this newsletter article is Greg Cooke. As a teen, Greg was already a commercial fly tyer. He tied such a high quality fly, he was able to take consignment orders

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Rod Building Class to Be Offered Spring 2013

By Richard Fanning

Building your own rod is a good way to get the rod you always wanted, customized as you want it. You can save on the cost of a ready made rod and have fun doing it!

This class is more than how to assemble a rod. You will learn about the uses for different types of rods. You will learn about rod action. You will learn why rods perform the way they do.

We will show examples of the various types of components out there. You can choose the blank, the guides, the wrapping thread, the reel seat and the grip for your project. The club will provide the tools and consumable supplies needed to complete your rod.

It's not hard - but it does require good eyesight and hand coordination.

There will be three class sessions.

The first session will be an introduction to the class and will focus on the components each student will need to bring to the following sessions. Suggestions will be made on what components to get and where to buy them. You will be given a Rod Building Manual and a Rod Design Worksheet to help in documenting your choices. Your homework will be to buy your components before the second session. For this class we will be assembling 4-piece rods.

The second session will be a working session where you will prepare your blank, install your grip and reel seat and locate and temporarily install your guides.

The third session will be devoted to wrapping you guides. You will go home with the materials needed to finish wrapping if needed and epoxy coat the wraps.

I'll have a sign-up sheet and final dates at the March club meeting. The following dates are tentative:

Session 1: Saturday, April 6 – 2 hours

Session 2: Saturday, April 27 – 4 hours

Session 3: Saturday, May 11 – 4 hours

There is a gap between the first two sessions to give you time to purchase your rod building components.

The instructor is Richard Fanning. Classes will be at 9:00 am at

His & Her Fly

1566 Old Newport Blvd.

Costa Mesa, CA

Contact Richard Fanning (714-671-1370 or rkfanning@aol.com) for more information or to be added to the sign-up list. The sign-up sheet will also be available at the November meeting. There is room for 10 students on a first come, first served basis.

STILLWATER FISHING AT LAGO FIG

There is a new fishing venue, sort of local, at a lake on a private ranch about 40 miles north of Santa Barbara. It is a spring fed lake, that the owner has stocked with rainbow trout and can be reserved for individuals or groups. It is a small lake, that is fished out of float tubes, and six is the recommended number of anglers. It can be fished with streamers or with midges under an indicator. The fishing reports have been very good for large, healthy trout. I have reserved Saturday, April 6th for our club. The cost is \$75 dollars per angler. If our outing is successful, I will see about booking other dates. If you are interested you need to contact me right away as there are only six spots: lkennedyjr@earthlink.net or call 714 742-5865. **Lyman Kennedy**, streamkeeper

Pyramid Lake Outing April 13th, 14th & 15, 2013

New updated information!

In what has become an annual event, this year's Pyramid Lake outing will be Sunday-Monday, April 14th & 15th Saturday the 13th optional (see below). After consulting with Rob Anderson from the Reno Fly Shop (now closed) we decided to make it a Sunday-Monday outing in an attempt to miss the bulk of the weekend crowd which usually clears out by Sunday afternoon.

If you have never done this trip before you are missing out on a chance to catch what may be the biggest trout of your life. The lake's native Lahontan Cutthroats average 3-5 pounds, with many fish pushing 10 pounds or more. In the past a fish 10 pounds or bigger was considered a trophy. Now thanks to the introduction of the longer living Pilot Peak strain that is much longer living fish over 20 pounds are being caught! If you are new to fly fishing the techniques are simple and easy to learn. We normally fish from ladders placed in the water at the proper distance from shore. There usually is nothing around you, but water. There is nothing to interfere with a back cast and nothing on the bottom to snag. You do not need to be a long distance caster as fish are sometimes hooked right at your feet.

Equipment that is appropriate for both kinds of fishing is usually two rods. A 6-7 weight rod with floating line for indicator fishing and a 8-9 weight rod for streamer fishing (a Rio DC 24ft. 250 gr. line is perfect). I will provide a more extensive list of what to bring that includes equipment, lines, flies, leaders, tippet and clothing in an upcoming e-mail.

Daytime temperature will likely be around 50 degrees F. This is a very variable temperature as we have experienced 30-75 degree temperatures in past years

You make your own travel arrangements to Reno, fly or drive. It is best to arrive by Saturday (Friday if fishing on Saturday) to check in with our guide/host **Rob Anderson (775-742-1754)** AND myself **Jim Wright (714-679-6638)**. I will be staying at the Silver Legacy Resort in downtown Reno. Others have stayed the **Atlantis Casino (800-723-6500)**. Rob will be providing breakfast and lunch on Sunday and Monday, as well as step ladders to fish from. Cost of the trip is \$160 per person for both days of fishing. If you would like to join Rob and myself for a half day of guided fishing on Saturday the cost is a \$50 donation paid directly to the Club through me. I will e-mail a list of all attendees so you can communicate as to carpools, car rentals and lodging. E-mail me (jrwright1@earthlink.net) with any questions or to sign up. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the Meetings in December, January, and February.

FFCOC Steelhead Outing November 4 - 8, 2013 - Steelhead on the Trinity River, Lewiston, CA

In November 2013 ten fortunate Club members will travel to Lewiston, CA in search of Steelhead (sometimes called 'the fish of a thousand casts'). We will be the only guests at the Trinity River Adventure Inn, which is on the river about one hour northwest of Redding. We will float the river with guides from The Fly Shop for three days and find our own spots on the river (or explore other activities in the Trinity Alps) other days. Fishing is available from the bank at the Inn.

The Inn and your guide will provide all meals while in Lewiston (bring your own adult beverages). The total cost will be about \$900 for four nights lodging, meals and three days of guided fishing on the river. If you would like the "all inclusive" package, there is an additional charge (usually \$50 per day, but we may be able to have this reduced).

The Third Annual DOUBLE HAUL BALL

Fly Tying in the Clubhouse: (9am - noon)

FLY TIERS: Dave Valadez, David Wratchford, Alex Cady, Kevin Green, Shane Chung

Casting Pond: Beginners Circle: refresh the basics, principles of the cast (9 - 10am)

Intermediate Circle: Shooting heads, Oval Cast, Double Haul, (10 - 12am)

FFF CASTING INSTRUCTORS: Bob Middo, John Vanderhorn, Jim Solomon, Joe Libeu, Jeff Priest

Tackle Talk in the Clubhouse: 9am - Noon, open forum, Q&A, plus hands on equipment:

Kim Zetterberg: tackle tips, stripping baskets/safety, **AI Q:** Knots/DIY fly boxes, **Steve Piper:** flyfish on a budget

Wilderness Fly Fishers' sponsored Lunch: (Noon-1pm)

Fly Tying in the Clubhouse: (1pm - 3pm)

FLY TIERS: Matt Abrams, Mike Centofani, Steve Hollowel, Adam Perez, Rich Kanner

Casting Pond: Advanced Circle: wind casts, over-shoulder cast, backhand, (1pm - 2pm)

Casting for Longevity: proper technique and strength exercises, (2pm - 3pm)

FFF CASTING INSTRUCTORS: Bob Middo, John Vanderho, Jim Solomon, Joe Libeu, Jeff Priest

Tackle Talk in the Clubhouse: (1pm - 3pm) open forum, Q&A, plus hands on equipment:

Bob Middo: making a shooting head, **Matt Abrams:** braiding loops, **Alex Cady, Tod Suttle:** line maintenance, **Dave Wratchford:** tackle tips

A special live performance
by our favorite surf band,

CHUM at 3pm!

Free Seminar & Demos:
9am to 3pm

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ABOUT FLY FISHING YOUR LOCAL
BEACH!**

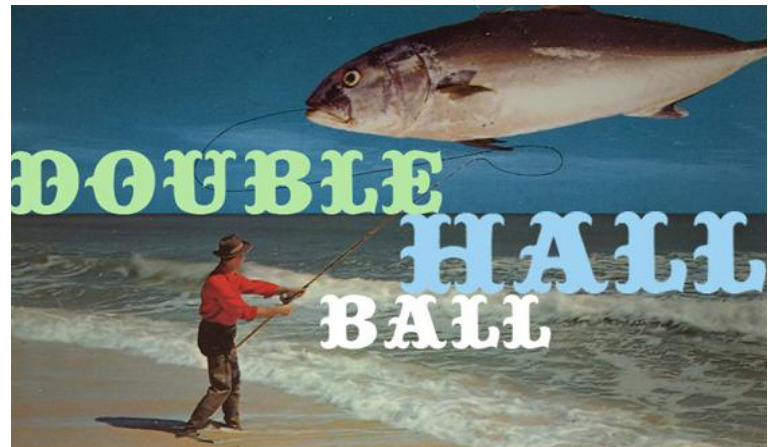
A special thanks to Michael Schweit, president of the Southwest council of the FFF for helping us secure the Long Beach Casting Club, and Larry Carroll, president of the Wilderness Fly Fishers club for hosting this educational day and providing our lunch service!

The One Surf Fly will help support Healing Waters for this years' Huntington Beach event on April 27th.

(Chum: Bernard Yin, Adrien Anthony & Willy B.)

For more information of questions contact me

(Shane) at sscung@hotmail.com or 949-63-6973



Long Beach Casting Club

Saturday, March 23rd

9am to 4pm

for directions please visit: longbeachcastingclub.org

*The Double Haul Ball is a **FREE** all day event designed to promote and educate the basics of fly fishing California's most accessible resource, the Pacific coastline.*

FFF master casting instruction on casting shooting heads and line management, open panel discussions on flyfishing tactics, fly tying demos and much more.



A OSF & Wilderness Flyfishers educational series

www.onesurffly.com

www.wildernessflyfishers.org

Fantastic Stillwater Fly Fishing at Lago Fig

I have the opportunity to fish a small little lake this month located 45 miles North of Santa Barbara. This fishery is fairly new, only the second year and is located in a small little town out in the wine country called Los Olivios. What this lake does not have in size is made up for very quickly by the size of the rainbow trout other anglers and myself have been experiencing on our adventures to this tiny little stillwater destination. The fish are averaging almost 17" and many fish in the 20" inch range are very common. My first fish to the net while fishing a intermediate sinking line and a black and red leech pattern was a whooping 22" and well into the 5 pound range.

My adventure started on Saturday morning in a parking lot at a country store in the town of Los Olivios. I was there to meet Ken Lindsay, the owner of the fly fishing store called "The Fisherman's Spot" located in Van Nuys. This is one of the best fly fishing stores I have seen and you should take advantage and visit this store in the near future. Both Ken and I were to meet the Ranch owner and lake Manager Rick Paaske, the brain child of this little lakes existence, and a few of Kens clients from his fly fishing store. We were then escorted only five minutes away to this beautiful ranch nestled in the wine country foothills of this region. I was pleasantly surprised at my first glance at this little but beautiful stillwater fishery. It was surrounded by green grass, beautiful oak trees and settled in a small steep canyon.

As we all parked, there were 6 anglers in our group, I popped out of my truck and unloaded my gear very quickly. Ken said to me slow down Ernie, as I replied you know me better than that and how passionate I am about my stillwater fly fishing. I was quickly in the water with four rods in hand on board of my super fat cat pontoon, one intermediate line, one sinking line type 4, one floating line for indicator fishing and on other indicator rod for deep water indicator fishing with a sliding indicator for water over 15 feet deep. As I kicked away I could hear the anglers say, wow, who is this guy, a statement I would hear a few more times throughout the day as the fishing became better and better using midges under an indicator. As I kicked away stripping line off of my intermediate line rod I was surprised to see just 30 feet or so off the shore line the water was well over 15 feet and dropping fast into the 20 to 25 foot depths. Wow, I said to myself, I will have to let this intermediate sink for a while to get down closer to the bottom so I slowed my kicking down to a crawl and casted out 60 feet of line. No more than 2 minutes later my rod loaded up and I was on a nice fish and as quickly as the fish loaded the rod the fish disappeared back into the depths. I was not disappointed, not by a long shot, success so soon was more than I could have asked for. I continued down the shore line, trying to stay somewhere inside of the 15 foot range and was heading for a very small cove that I had seen on an aerial view of this tiny stillwater. This area had looked very, very fishy to me if you know what I mean? As I approached this area my rod loaded up again, I could feel the head shake of a very nice fish and line screamed from my reel. "Are you kidding me!" is what I said out loud as the fish screamed away from my tube. This fish is very hot fish I screamed again but there was no one in the water yet to hear me. After a few minute battle I landed this beautiful 22" rainbow and I was of course very pleased and pleasantly surprised. I was warned there were fish in this lake well into the 26" range but of course seeing is believing. I made 10 more passes in this area and hooked 7 fish and landed 5 of them. These fish were not the same caliber of fish, however they were well into the 18" to 20" range and beautiful specimens. I decided to anchor up in this area and do what I do best, indicator fish with midges. I anchored in 16 feet of water according to my meter and set the depth for my midge to be one foot off of the bottom. My first cast, 90 seconds after the fly made it to its 15 foot depth my indicator dipped and I had my first take. SWING and a miss! What!, you have to be kidding me I blurted out. (as you can tell I do tend to talk to myself out on the water and anyone who has fished with me can attest to this) My second cast was the same result, SWING and a miss!, the third and fourth and fifth cast the same results, SWING and a miss. Now of course the talking to myself become a full blown conversation and the other float tubers in my group were finally in my area and were asking me, are you talking to yourself? I said yes I do this allot and it won't be the only time today this will happen. They laughed and moved down the lake. Still talking out loud I said, "I got this figured out, don't even worry about it", as I pulled up my fly line to adjust my depth from the bottom of the lake. I have in the past learned a lesson regarding missing many fish

Laguna Niguel Outing 2013

Seven club members met at Laguna Niguel on Feb. 2nd for our first outing of the year at Laguna Niguel Lake. The group had met a week earlier to discuss stillwater techniques, rigging and flies to be used at the lake. We had great weather, and the lake was not crowded, however the fish weren't really co-operative. The group landed four trout and about six large mouth bass, however there were some other trout hooked up that were not landed. Despite the slow fishing, we all had fun, and it was definitely better than staying at home and doing chores. Lyman Kennedy, streamkeeper

Largo Fig (Largo / Lake in Spanish, Fig / A mountain near by)

By John Williams

March 28, 2013 4 a.m. Andy Frumento arrives at my house, a quick stop at the local coffee shop to pry these old eyes open and we are off to Los Olivos, California. For those who don't know the area Anderson Pea soup is close along with Solvang, a very nice drive and beautiful country when the sun comes up. Greg Madrigal, Andy Frumento and I were the crew to make this assault; these two are familiar with float tubing, me not so much. We meet the booking agent in town and drive to the lake a short 10 min. drive.

After paying for the two days we will fish we assemble the gear and head out. Almost right away Andy catches a bow on a streamer and the games begin. Greg is next up with a fish and he is off and running, me? Well I'm getting exercise looking for that first fish to get the stink off, it took some time but I finally broke the ice. Greg had the hot stick with Andy next and me 1/2 of theirs, all nice size and healthy. We head back to the car for a gourmet lunch that includes a couple of apples that we throw to the approaching horses and back at it again with the same results fishing. Upon getting back Andy notices his Sage rod in the back of the truck and the magnet to hold it on the side of my truck missing, the first thought was the other guys fishing had stolen it, not so. The horses mouthed my truck and knocked the rod down and the magnet into the gravel, Greg's car the mouthed and chewed the new paint, not so nice teeth marks on the rear bumper and roof. Greg was pissed and his wife will sure understand after just having it painted. The group heads to the Hitching Post the noted eatery in the movie sideways, expensive but good.

Day two, we head to the lake knowing we have a head start on the others who will be at the lake after their 8:30 meeting with the booking agent. We get on the lake and start fishing the productive water from the first day; it is slower than the previous day but with a change of flies to a different set on midges I finally get some well needed fish to bring the count up a bit. The two other guys from the valley have no fishing manners and scoot between the three of us as if our circle cast would pierce an ear or two. Andy got the brunt of the encroachment but they soon found out they didn't have the necessary flies to catch as we were and at that point we weren't going to help. Greg's buddies came back to visit him but his equine manners need some work, they are now scared of him.

We ended the day and truly appreciated the good fishing, scenery and each other company. I would recommend this fishing hole.

Tight Lines Friends, John

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and fill fly requests from the local fly shops. Greg is also a member of a very skilled and exclusive local fly tying group.

In the FFCOC newsletter article for April, I will give you information on the remaining guest fly tying instructors that so unselfishly donate their time and passion to improving all of our fly tying skills. I need to add one more "thank you" and this goes out to all of the fly tying students for their dedication to learning and using our craft.

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Two spaces are now available. Also - payment is now due for our reservations to the Inn. If you have a reservation for this outing, please send \$500 per person, payable to "Audrey Williams". Mail your check to her at 3 Columbine, Irvine, CA 92604. For more information on the area, see www.theflyshop.com and www.trinityriveradventureinn.com

Contact Streamkeeper **Audrey Williams** for information and reservations: awilliams@wrem.com, phone 714.264-6361.

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.)

San Gabriel River West Fork Kids Academy - Volunteers needed

FFCOC is looking for Club Members to assist the San Gabriel River West Fork Conservancy with the Kids Academy. If you can Cast, Fly Tie, Read a stream or talk about bugs we would like your participation. If you're interested, please contact John Burns (951) 734-6005. For more information click here
Pasadena Bait Club / LA County Department of Public Works Meeting

On February 7, Members of the Pasadena Bait Club and Dept. of Public Works met to discuss the challenges faced on the West Fork San Gabriel River due to little or no water flow. This was the first meeting held on behalf of the West Fork and the future looks bright. For more information click here

Creek Watch iPhone App - The Eyes of Conservation by Debbie Sharpton

If you have an iPhone and are passionate about conservation, you can down load this app to help capture data important to maintaining the future health of our water ways. For more information click here

Hot Creek Trout Fest 2013 - Volunteers needed

The California Department of Fish & Game is looking for volunteers to support their Hot Creek Trout Fest to be held in June.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is organizing Trout Fest 2013, a one day kids fishing event, at the Hot Creek Hatchery on June 29th. Jim Erdman, a CDFW biologist, is looking for volunteers. This is the first year Trout Fest will be held at the Hot Creek Hatchery and the organizers hope to make this an annual event. Please let your members know about this terrific event. If any members have questions about volunteering tell them to email me and I'll try to answer any and all questions, otherwise they can contact Jim directly at his email or number below. This is a great opportunity to spend a few days in the eastern Sierras, get in some quality fishing, and help out some kids in a worthwhile project. This is the kind of event that kids remember for the rest of their lives.

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Hot Creek maintains spring-creek characteristics, although it is not a true spring creek by definition but a hybrid of geothermal springs and cold snow melt. For over forty years our club, the Fly Fisher's Club of Orange County, has been fishing Hot Creek on the private section of the creek known as "The Ranch".

Our presenter this month is Kevin Peterson. Kevin is the manager of Hot Creek Ranch just below Mammoth Lakes, CA. He has lived in Mammoth Lakes since 1982 and has been guiding the waters of the eastern Sierra for more than 25 years. Kevin was also the co-owner of both The Trout Fly and The Troutfitter fly shops, as well as being their head guide. As a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Fly Casting Instructor, Kevin has taught all levels of fly fishers from the novice to the seasoned angler.

Kevin was born in Wyoming and has lived all over the world from Colorado to Costa Rica. Apart from fishing, he enjoys skiing, scuba diving, and the beautiful outdoors of the eastern Sierra with his wife, Lisa. Kevin has been featured in episodes of 'Inside Sportfishing' as well as 'Familiar Waters' on the Outdoor Channel. Many of us have fished with Kevin and he has become a good friend to the FFCOC. Kevin's program will feature Hot Creek, but he will also show us some of the other fabled waters of the eastern Sierra.

If you want to learn some of the secrets of fishing Hot Creek and other Mammoth area waters, please join Kevin Peterson for a night of eastern Sierra fishing. See you there... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

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in a row on the indicator and the midge fishing style I would like to share with you. When you continue to miss takes, the fish are higher in the water column from where your fishing your bug and they are taking the top fly. This fly of course has leader on top and the bottom and doesn't allow the fly to enter the fishes mouth correctly. This is why you will miss many fish so move the bottom fly up to where the top fly is in the water column by moving your indicator to pull the bottom fly from one foot off the bottom to 3 feet off the bottom. Immediately after I made this change I began to hook fish after fish. The bite was as good as it could get, no more than 2 to 3 minutes and you would have a take down and hook another fish. I stayed anchored in the same spot until noon and landed 34 fish to the net and lost more than dozen before they made it to the net. The bite reminded me of Crowley Lake. Every time one of the anglers would kick by they would say, wow, you are really doing well and I would reply, do you have any floating line? I would be more than happy to set you up and you can fish next to me. Every angler replied they only had sinking lines. I will be willing to bet the next time they come out they will have one floating and one sinking. You must always be prepared for this when you are fishing still waters or moving waters.

It was noon so I headed back and had a quick lunch. On my way back out I decided to kick down to the same area and fish from shore. It was very steep but I dug out an area with my foot and stayed on the shore not moving my feet until 5pm when I left and had landed another 34 fish. A roll cast of 40 to 50 feet was all you needed to get to the proper depth in the 15 to 16 foot range. While I was fishing the afternoon from shore the manager of the lake Rick Paaske came down and watched me fish from shore. We had a very good conversation about the lake, bugs and fish in the lake. These fish are feeding on midges as there main diet along with some baby bluegill fry and a very nice damsel hatch that comes off the lake in the spring! The lake is about 7 acres and can hold about 6 to 8 anglers comfortably for a days fishing adventure. The rod fee is \$75.00 per person and you can fish until it gets dark. This would be a great opportunity for a club outing or get together for some training on stillwater tactics. Everyone on the lake caught fish well into the double digits no matter what technique they were using this day so everyone will have opportunity to catch fish of great quality and size. You can go into Facebook and type in the name "Lago Fig" to see more pictures of this lake and just how beautiful it really is. You can also contact **Rick Paaske** at (805)705-4005 for reservations or **Ken at the "Fisherman's Spot"** at (818)785-7306. Take advantage of this fantastic fishery and make a weekend out of your stay in the wine country in the surrounding area or even visit Salvang which is a beautiful little Danish town. If you have any more questions for me contact me at (909)953-1770 or visit my web site at www.erniegulleyflyfishingguideservice.com and visit my blog post for more details on "Lago Fig" and other stillwater fly fishing destinations.

Ernie Gulley

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.

Richard Banister, Preston Barr, Ernie Gulley, Jack Hastings,
Ken Lindt, Rod Nelson, Nacho Garibay, Mark Griffin, Evan
Morgan, Marlowe Patterson, Brian Ritter, Margarita Rodriguez

Lets greet all of the new members at this Wednesday's meeting with a warm hello. Remember all new members will have a green circle sticker on the 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.

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Phoenix Club: Tustin:
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