

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

April 2013

## Club Meeting:

**Wednesday April 10th, 2013**

6:00 pm - Wet Fly

7:00 pm - Dinner

Dinner and Program - \$30 Cash

Program Only - \$10 Cash

**\$1 Fee for Credit Cards**

Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson

Anaheim, CA

## Board Meeting:

**April 15th, 2013**

7:00 pm

Cross Roads Church\*

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## "Fly Fishing the Edge Baja".

Are you ready to take fly fishing to the next level? Then come to the April meeting and learn about the rich diversity of life in what Jacques Cousteau called the "Aquarium of the World." We are talking about the Sea of Cortez, located between Baja, California and the west coast of Mexico. This gorgeous water has become a premier fly fishing destination, as well as an accessible venue for those of us in SoCal and one of the best values in international fly fishing travel. But catching ten, twenty or thirty pound fish might seem to be an intimidating fantasy *if* you think it is all about brute strength and casting rods with lines that might tear you up. NOT TRUE. Gary Bulla will be showing us that we can have a lot of fly fishing fun, excitement and unforgettable experiences IF we are prepared and somewhere between the ages of 10 and 90. We will also get a taste of many other wonders that Baja has

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# President's Message

Greeting FFCOC Members,

Wow, I can't believe it is already April. Flowers are starting to bloom, the day has more light and I haven't gone fishing. But I hope you guys have had a chance to wet a line. I do however look forward to some of the trips I have planned. Like my "**Women's Only Trip**". So if you have someone that would like to join us on this trip have them sign up. Newbies and experience Women fly fishers are welcome. We will be fishing the Alpine waters of the High Sierras in the morning and then hitting Hot Creek and the Lower Owens in the evening. Then there is the **Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire** in September and of course our annual trip to the Kern River for the **President's Outing**. I also hope to field a team for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual SWCFFF Club Tournament at the Kern River. Details to be coming soon..

I want to give a big shout out to Cheryl Moore for spearheading our Fly Tying Classes. We have learned so much about tying different flies and have had so much fun doing this with our fellow club members. If you haven't participated in this bi annual class you are missing on some great fun. Plus you can learn how to tie the perfect fly for your next fly fishing trip. Learn from our experts!! Next classes start up in the fall, so watch the newsletter and the sign-up sheets at the club meetings.

Don't forget, if you have a favorite place to fish and would like to share your fishing experience with others, think about becoming a streamkeeper. There isn't much to it really. For more information on what you need to do as a streamkeeper, [click here](#).

Next meeting is on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, and our featured speaker is Gary Bulla who will speaking on "Fly Fishing the Edge – Baja".

Just another, reminder all our meetings have been moved to the pavilion for the remainder of the year and the dinner price has been increased to \$30.00.

I Look forward to seeing you all. Oh, and be prepared to be tested on your fly fishing skills to earn some of my raffle tickets for my Monthly Presidents Prize.

*Let's go fishin'*

*Melinda C. Burns*

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to offer, including sea mammals, turtles, birds and a touch of local culture.

Gary's photos and words will entertain and teach us about the opportunities near Baja's Cerralvo Island and amaze us with some exhilarating action from small boats. Whether you are new to fly fishing or an experienced freshwater or surf fisher ready to move into larger, warmer waters, this program is for you. Gary Bulla grew up on the beaches and waters of the southern California coast. From when Gary was a toddler, his father camped, hunted and fished with him. By his early 20s, Gary learned to scuba dive and then free dive and spear fish in the Channel Islands and southern Mexico and was exposed to fly fishing while backpacking in the Sierra and living in the mountains of Colorado. By age 23, Gary had returned to the foothills of southern California to make his home. In 1989 his friend Yvon Chouinard introduced him to the concept of casting a fly into the surf. Gary found saltwater fly fishing perfectly com-

combined his lifetime love for the ocean and his passion for fly fishing. In those days there was not a great deal of information about targeting Pacific saltwater species, but Corbina seemed to hold the possibility of becoming an exhilarating and challenging fish for southern California. So Gary began observing and experimenting on the shoreline. He spent many mornings and evenings patrolling the beaches, paddling the kelp beds in his kayak and developing flies and techniques for the salt. He combined his knowledge of the tides and beaches with his observations to understand how to catch not only corbina, but also halibut, yellowfin croaker, perch and striped bass. All these were found in the surf near Ventura and Santa Barbara. Today long rods are a common sight on these beaches -- a dream come true for Gary. Also, in 1989 Gary began accompanying his wife Theresa, a teacher of marine biology, on trips with middle school students to Baja's Magdalena Bay, Loreto and La Paz areas. He brought his fly rod and was astounded at the incredible fly fishing available so near to southern California. Thus began a second quest and more years of experi-

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# **SPEAKER'S LIST – 2013**

By Andy Frumento

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PLACE</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKER</u></b>	<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>
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	Pavilion	Gary Bulla	"Fly Fishing The Edge – Baja"
5-8-13	Pavilion	Andrew Harris	"The Trinity River"
6-12-13	Undetermined	Greg Vinci	"Fly Fishing Up Hwy 395"
7-10-13	Pavilion	Landon Mayer	"Timing Is Everything: Trout Hunting Colorado's 4 Seasons"
8-14-13	Pavilion	Jeff Solis	"San Diego & Mission Bay"
9-11-13	Pavilion	Auction	
10-9-13	Pavilion	Jeff Currier	"Four Seasons of the Yellowstone – Trout Bum"
11-13-13	Pavilion	Alberto Salvini & Marica Ciccioria	"Fly Fishing The World"
12-4-13	Pavilion	Christmas Program	

## **2013 OUTINGS PLAN**

By Lyman Kennedy

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Streamkeeper</u></b>	<b><u>Phone #</u></b>	<b><u>Email</u></b>
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	Fly Fishing 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

I watched in awe as one of my friends caught a monster brown and I caught its little sister, I mean little. The difference was the depth I was fishing. On some occasions you have to be rolling along the bottom or close to it. I learned my lesson and created this stone fly that when it hits the bottom the ground shakes.

## Willie's Black Bottom Dweller

**Hook:** Daiichi 1270 #4-8

**Thread:** UTC 70 Black

**Eyes:** Medium bead chain eyes Black

**Weight:** 035 Lead

**Tail & Antennae:** Medium Round Black Rubber Legs

**Dubbing:** Spirit River Black Pseudo Seal

**Abdomen Wrap:** Black Round Hollow Tubing

**Wing Case:** Dark Mottled Turkey Tail Feather back side coated with flex-a-ment

**Wing Cement:** UV Clear Cure Goo brush-able

**UV Light or Daylight**



Start your thread just behind the eye and tie in your eyes just to the rear of the eye, take several wraps and add a smear of super glue to secure. Start your lead weight at the hook point and

wrap forward to a point three head spaces behind the eyes, take several securing wraps on both sides of the lead and over it as well, add a smear of super glue to secure in place. Cut a 6-8 inch piece of rubber leg material and fold it in half, tie in the loose ends to the rear about two thirds of the hook shank extending beyond the bend, keep wrapping forward and leave the folded end forward beyond the eyes wrapping and securing at the eyes. Cut the loop on the rubber legs to form the antenna. Tie in the hollow black tubing at the back side of the lead and wrap to the rear just over the hook barb. Dub the abdomen and thorax with the dubbing from the barb to just behind the eyes. Wrap the tubing forward allowing a few of the fibers to show through between wraps, all the way to the two thirds forward point and tie off and cut the remainder free. Coat a dark mottled turkey tail feather with Dave's Flex-a-ment and allow drying,

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# 2013 Spring Fly Tying Classes

By: Cheryl Moore



It doesn't seem possible but our current round of fly tying classes are about to draw to a close. Last month, I gave you a little insight into the quality of the "Guest Fly Tyer" that is in-

vited to join our class and how lucky our fly tying students are to be able to watch and participate in such a diverse and talented group. Our final two classes will continue with some of the best fly tyers in southern California. Because some of our full time instructors will be in New Mexico, myself included, fishing the great San Juan River, three people will be coming in on March 26, 2013 to share some secret and not so secret fly patterns. John Williams, Shane Chung and Richard Fanning will be entertaining us. John is a three time President of the FFCOC and is in line to become President next year. John is extremely artistically talented. Not only does he tie a fantastic artificial fly, he also paints outdoor scenes that make you want to be there. Shane is another long time Club member. Shane does such a good job creating and fashioning flies, he has been featured in the Southwest Fly Fishing Magazine, not once but twice. Congratulations Shane. Richard Fanning is another member who is a past President of the FFCOC. I have watched Rich tie and have fished with some of his flies and he is someone that when he gets involved, he goes all in. His flies are beautiful and they catch lots and lots of fish. Richard takes his creativity to a new level when he leads our rod building class. I'm looking forward to getting the secrets on how to build a rod and make it look like a professional did it. Thank you Richard for getting involved. Our last Guest Tyer is actually famous internationally. Bill Blackstone has graciously agreed to come on April 2, 2013 to lead one of our classes. Bill has been honored by the Federation of Fly Fishers with the Buz Buszek Award. This is a big deal. Only the very best fly tyers from all over the world are awarded this honor. If you have ever seen Bill's collection of bug flies that he designed and created, you wouldn't be surprised to see them hop off their stands. Bill has amazing talent and we are thrilled that he is going to show us some of his tying styles.

# SPRING TIME CHIRONOMID STILLWATER FLY FISHING TACTICS

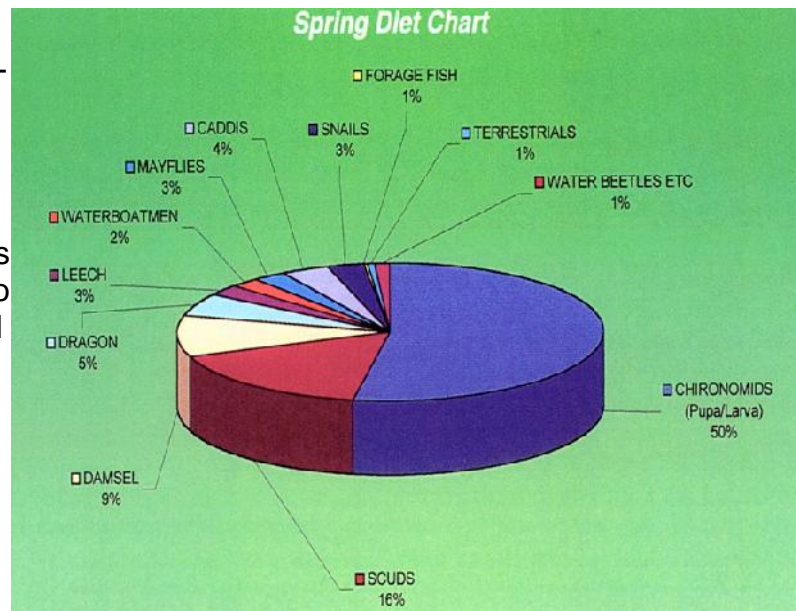
BY ERNIE GULLEY

Hello friends and welcome to my stillwater fly fishing column for our wonderful club, The Orange County Fly Fishers. I will be writing to you every month about stillwater fly fishing tactics and will try to keep you ahead of the curve so to speak throughout the upcoming year. Our general season for trout fishing in the Sierra will start this year on Saturday, April 27th, and I hope some of this information I will be sharing with you will help you get ready for the upcoming stillwater fly fishing season.

The trout we seek in our stillwaters are normally very large and very well fed. This is one of the reasons why I only fish stillwaters so please don't hold this against me. I am grateful that not everyone only wants to fish lakes or streams, this way it won't get too crowded on whatever fly fishing environment we seek and enjoy in our upcoming adventures. The reason these fish are so well fed is because they have a lot of opportunities to eat many different meals throughout the season starting from when the ice comes off a lake until the ice covers the lake for the winter.

The main players in a stillwater environment can be seen on this chart I have included (productive stillwater chart annual food source) and are as follows: Chironomids or Midges, Mayflies or Calibates, Damselfish or Fry, Scuds, Leeches and Snails.

As you can see the main staple in the Spring is Chironomids, (see productive stillwater chart listed as Spring). I am going to discuss a few tricks on how to fish and present this fly and why this is the main food source for all trout in the Spring for most lakes and stillwaters you will be fishing in the beginning of the season. In most stillwaters the very first food source the fish will find immediately after ice off is the chironomid or midges. Chironomids are the trout's main food source for the entire year, however in the spring it can be as high as 80% of a trout's source of food and you as fly anglers can take good advantage of this if you spend some time learning the proper tactics to present this small-in-size but large-in-quantity bug to these hungry trout.



Chironomids can be presented to the trout in many different techniques and strategies. Floating lines, Hover lines, Intermediate lines and full sinking lines in type 3's all the way into the fast sinking type 7 lines. Floating lines have fast become the most productive and more popular way to present a chironomid along with an indicator, however more seasoned and skilled anglers prefer to use their hands and feel the fish take the chironomid instead of watching an indicator disappear into the depths of the water column. Indicator fishing is so deadly because it will allow you to have the perfect presentation for the chironomid. Its depth can be perfectly controlled by the indicator, holding it in a perfect vertical position and the perfect depth from the bottom while waiting for an unsuspecting trout to swim by and filter feed on the thousands of chironomids that will hold 12" to 24" off the lake floor. When these bugs finally pupitate they will make their journey like a mini hot air balloon to the surface of lake. Floating lines with very long leaders, well into the 20 to 25 feet lengths are also very productive in helping to suspend and making the chironomid look like it's starting its journey to the surface and to hatch into the adult. This technique is completed by casting out your floating line, with a long leader and letting it sink to the bottom floor of the lake. You will then slowly hand or finger twisting your floating line allowing your bug to slowly ascend up through the water column and to the surface. The takes on this technique are very hard and the fish will sometimes break the leader before you can allow the fish to run or get them on the fly reel. You must try to keep your hands as soft as possible on the fly line for this technique.

For deep water chironomid fishing you can use a slip indicator or a type 7 sinking line and fish the



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

**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

**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](mailto:rkfanning@aol.com)) for more information. There is room for 10 students on a first come, first served basis.

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mentation.

Gary fished the mangroves of Magdalena Bay, pursued big fish all over southern Baja and kayak fished the islands near La Paz. When he showed up with his fly rods at Punta Arenas, near Cerralvo Island, the guides didn't know what to think – they had never seen one before. For the last 21 years, Gary has been leading lodge-based fly fishing expeditions every year to Baja and kayak fly fishing expeditions to the Espiritu Santo Island, San Jose Island and lately to Magdalena Island. And he teaches local surf and saltwater casting clinics as well as guiding clients in the surf. He has caught more than 150 saltwater species on the fly and has guided and fished the Channel Islands, Belize, North Carolina and the Bahamas. But his home waters are truly the islands and blue waters of the Sea of Cortez, where he spends most of his guiding year. Idylwilde Flies signed Gary as one of their

"Signature Tiers" and has been distributing his saltwater flies since 2008. The "Tuna Tux" has proven to be one the best all round flies in southern Baja and his Papagallo is one of the go-to flies for trophy rooster fish. With his "family" of captains and large groups of repeat client/friends, Gary is constantly developing and tweaking new patterns and methods for the multitude of species in the salt. When he hosts his many trips, Gary coaches his clients *and often fishes* with them, constantly adding to his knowledge. Articles about his trips and his photos have appeared in Patagonia catalogs, *California Fly Fisher*, *Fly Rod and Reel*, *The Drake*, *Saltwater Fly Fishing* and *Fly Fishing in Saltwaters*. His website is [www.garybulla.com](http://www.garybulla.com) where he has an e-store for flies and an active discussion board on saltwater fly fishing. ~ Andy



# STILLWATER FISHING AT LAGO FIG April 6th

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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

## 5 DOT RANCH STILLWATER CLINIC

Hello friends, my name is Ernie Gulley (stream keeper) and I am a guide in the Eastern Sierra and a proud member of your Orange County Fly Fishers Club. I wanted to share what I feel is a very unique opportunity for all of my fellow "Stillwater" fly fishers and anyone who would like to learn "Stillwater Fly Fishing Tactics" This would be an excellent opportunity to get ready for the opening season of stillwater fishing and tools you can use for the rest of the year!

5-DOT Ranch is the largest working cattle ranch in the state of California. On the ranch there is a 400 acre private lake (Round Valley Reservoir) which is located between the town of Susanville and Eagle Lake. This reservoir is locally known as "5 DOT Res." and has very limited access. It is full of powerful Triploid Rainbow Trout and is the perfect place for any level of fly fisher to hone their stillwater skills.

**Doug Ouellette** who owns **Calvada Fly Fishing**, runs all of the clinics and guide services at 5 DOT. He has been fly fishing and teaching anglers advanced stillwater techniques for over 30 years. Doug is well known nationally for his expertise on stillwaters. He has fished many lakes and reservoirs across the United States, Canada, and New Zealand. He grew up learning his skills at California's Eagle Lake, Davis Lake, and Frenchman Res. He wrote a piece in John Barr's book "Barr Flies" pg.6 on the "**Floater no Cator**" technique. This year Doug will be accompanied by **Ernie Gulley who owns Ernie Gulley Fly Fishing Guide Service** is a premiere guide at the famous California stillwater Crowley Lake. His 30 years of "Stillwater" fishing, 15 years of these as Fly Fishing has acquired him a wealth of knowledge and his passion for stillwater fly fishing is unmatched and will be a tremendous asset to the "Outside the Box Clinics".

The clinics are a **2 1/2** day fishing event which will cover advanced stillwater techniques, including aquatic entomology, presenting food items, reading water, and fly selection. The clinics will also cover knot tying, leaders, and proper rigging. Along with the "Floater no Cator" technique Doug and Ernie will teach shoreline wading, float tube, pontoon boat, small pram, and large boat techniques including "**Loch Style**" fishing. These clinics offer plenty of "on the water" instruction as well as many hours of angling time to practice these techniques. This year Doug will be accompanied by **Ernie Gulley**. Ernie is a premiere guide at the famous California stillwater Crowley Lake. His years 30 years of "Stillwater" fishing, 15 years of Fly Fishing has accumulated a wealth of knowledge and his passion for stillwater fly fishing will be a tremendous asset to the "Outside the Box Clinics".

### Schedule

Friday afternoon – check-in from 4:00 pm. to 6:00 pm.

Dinner – 6:30 pm. to 7:30 pm.

8:00pm – "Power Point" presentation and intro on the weekend's events.

Saturday – Fishing & Instruction 8:00 am. to 5:00 pm.

Light Breakfast 7:00 am. – Lunch 12:00 pm. – Dinner 6:30 pm.

Sunday – Fishing & Instruction 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Light Breakfast 7:00 am.- Lunch 12:00 pm.

Check out 4:00 pm.

### CLINIC DATES:

May 31st, June 1st, & 2nd. **\*4 spots left !**

July 12th, 13th, & 14th. **\* 4 spots left !**

September 27th, 28th, & 29th.

All meals included.

\*Price: \$495.00 Please make ALL checks payable to " Calvada Fly Fishing".

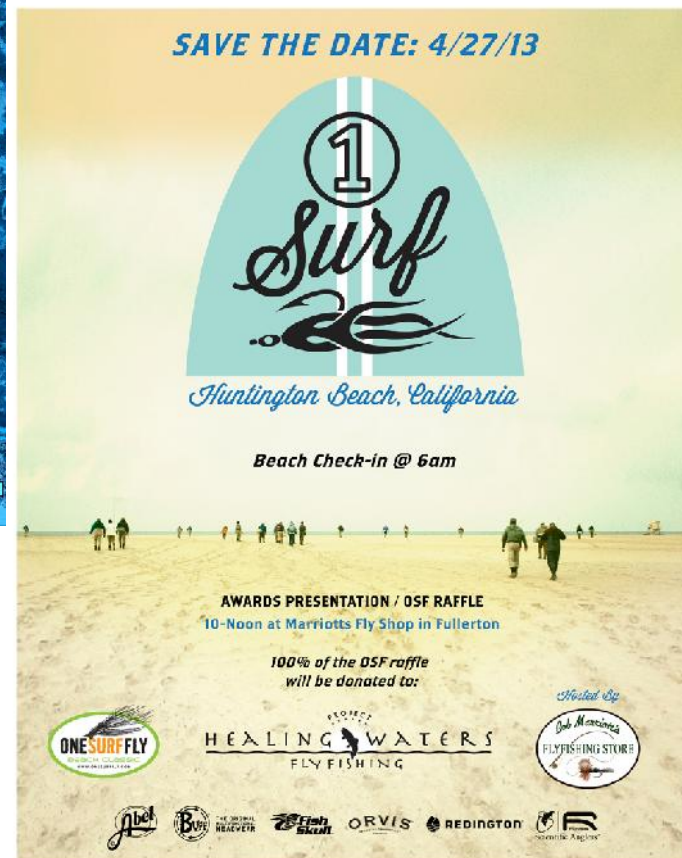
Price includes – 2 days rod fee, two days guide fee, dinner Friday and Saturday night. Lunch at the lake each day and use of demo equipment provided by our sponsors. Call or email **Doug** at [calvadaflyfishing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:calvadaflyfishing@sbcglobal.net) (775) **722-2267**. Accommodations: Camping is included on the Ranch and is recommended. There is a nice group camping area set up for dinner Friday and Saturday along with the "Power Point " presentation. Please note that this is a "rough" campsite with no running water. There are Sani-Huts. For those who wish to stay in a motel in Susanville go to the "**Hotels & Accommodations**" page on this web site [www.fivedotflyfishing.com](http://www.fivedotflyfishing.com) for some great deals on rooms



# One Surf Fly Beach Classic Huntington State Beach April 27th



This is where we will be on Saturday, April 27th! Beach check-in is 6am, we will start fishing around 7am and go to 9:15 am Everyone will meet back at Marriotts Fly Shop at 10am for the Project Healing Waters raffle and award ceremony. We will be posting raffle donations as they come in, please help support this great organization even if you do not fish! Contact **Shane Chung** for any questions: [949-633-6973](tel:949-633-6973) or [sschung@hotmail.com](mailto:sschung@hotmail.com)



## TWO AND A HALF HOUR TIME LIMIT:

Check-in is at 6am which is 1 hour before the start of the event. One Surf Fly will begin promptly at 7am and end at 9:30am. If there is a late start, the time limit will be extended.

## YOU MUST SIGN-IN AND REGISTER PRIOR TO OR ON THE MORNING OF THE EVENT!

The OSF is a fly fishing only event! All participants must sign a liability waiver (from Fly Shop) and score card (handed out at the event) prior to participation. Each angler is responsible to turn in their own scorecard at the end of the contest for their results to be official.

## ALL FISH MUST BE FAIRLY CAUGHT & NOT FOUL HOOKED! Foul hooked fish will not count.

## OSF BEACH SPOTTERS:

All catches are to be recorded on your scorecard only by an OSF spotter to be official! For extra safety, OSF spotters will watch for bystanders and insure anglers maintain a safe distance from neighboring anglers and pedestrians. Anglers must be at least 100 feet from each other. If you lose your fly, you must turn in your card to the nearest spotter.

## FLIES:

Each participating angler is to provide ONE saltwater fly pattern. Only sizes #6, #4 or #2s will be accepted. One hook per fly! Each fly must be weighted and tied clouser-style!!! Each fly will be inspected and deemed fishable before it can be entered. All flies will be logged in, enveloped and thrown into a brown paper bag. Additional proven patterns will be added to sweeten the pot for those that do not wish to enter a fly. Each angler will pick ONE mystery fly prior to fishing. All contestants must use only one fly for the entire tournament time slot of two and a half hours. A lost fly terminates your tournament session! No exceptions! If a fly falls apart do to poor construction, a OSF spotter will replace fly. All fish prior to a lost fly will be counted towards your final score. For any fly that wins a category, a prize will be given to the

angler that submitted the fly.

## THREE Winning Categories:

First Fish, Big Fish (no stingrays) & Most Fish ( all species included)

(Continued from page 4 Willies Bottom Dweller) cutting a piece free the width of the thorax and tying it in dull side up. Cut a piece of rubber leg material and tie one on either side of the thorax. Use your thumb nail to press down on the turkey feather and fold it forward forming the first wing case and tie it in just behind the eyes. Fold it back to the rear and take several wraps of thread to secure it to the rear to form the second wing case. Add a smear of super glue to your thread wraps and wait a few seconds and cut your thread free. Brush the wing pads/case with UV goo and cure either in daylight or a UV flashlight. If you wish your wing pads to be darker use a felt tip marker.

Tight lines and sore arms ~ John

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chironomid straight down under your tube or boat. Because you will be fishing this technique in depths of water in excess of 20 feet or greater, the full sinking thin line will give you an advantage of feeling the trout take the chironomid and this is very exciting. On this technique you will only need a 4 foot leader or less with one chironomid attached to the end of your leader. You must attach a weight to the end of your leader and drop this straight down to the bottom. After you have found the correct depth to the bottom, cast this away from the boat and allow it to slowly sink down under the boat or float tube. You will then slowly start your finger twist, less than an inch at a time, and ascend your bug from the bottom back up through the water column and await the trout to take your offering. If you make it back up to the surface, cast the line back out away from the boat or pontoon let it drop the bug back down to the bottom and repeat the process again. Be very careful, these takes are massive and the fish will break off the leader if you don't let the fly line slip through your fingers and get the line back on the fly reel as quickly as possible. **THESE TAKES WILL WAKE YOU UP IMMEDIATELY!**

Learning a few new tricks will help you present your chironomids this Spring and allow you be much more productive and bring you more pleasure out on the water. I hope this has helped and if you have any questions or want more detailed information, please come by and talk to me at our club meetings or you can contact me at (909)953-1770. You can also visit me at [www.erniegulleyflyfishingguideservice.com](http://www.erniegulleyflyfishingguideservice.com) I



will be teaching many stillwater clinics throughout the year so please feel free to ask me or look at my website under the Stillwater

Clinics section. I have full details on all of my clinics with many hours of personal hands on training on private ranches and stillwaters for my students and clients to not only learn stillwater tactics but to catch some beautiful fish while learning new techniques. ~ Ernie



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utilize efficient methods of brook trout removal that could be completed within two or three seasons has resulted in the lost opportunity of angling for a native Walker Basin cutthroat trout in this mountain meadow stream." Removal of the voracious brook trout will be accomplished with the introduction of an Alaskan weir, modified to fit the stream, within one mile from the headwaters of Silver Creek. Immediately downstream of the headwaters, block nets with approximately 1/4-inch mesh will be placed within the channel, where brook trout removal will occur incrementally within block netted sections, working downstream to the weir. An intern position is available. Go to [www.spff.org](http://www.spff.org) or <http://southwestcouncilfff.org/Conservation/swc-iff-conservation> for details. ~ Ben

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(Continued from page 7 Trinity Steelhead Outing)

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](http://www.theflyshop.com) and [www.trinityriveradventureinn.com](http://www.trinityriveradventureinn.com)

Contact Streamkeeper **Audrey Williams** for information and reservations: [awilliams@wrem.com](mailto: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. Contact **John Burns** at (951) 734-6005 for more info.

## NATIVE LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT AIDED BY FLY FISHING CLUBS, SWC-IFFF

BRIDGEPORT, CA – California Lahontan cutthroat trout, squeezed out of their native Sierra habitat by illegally planted brook trout, will be reestablished and nurtured by a consortium of local fly-fishing clubs and the Southwest Council-International Federation of Fly Fishers (SWC-IFFF) in cooperation with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW).

Target area is Silver Creek in the West Walker River watershed near Bridgeport. A base camp will be established at the headwaters of Silver Creek and a team of 4-5 people will assist the CDFW with electro-fishing. The goal of this multi-year event is to eradicate the non-native brook trout so the stream can sustain a currently imperiled population of Lahontan cutthroat trout. Upon completion, Silver Creek will be opened to angling.

The project is being spearheaded by Debbie Sharpton, Oak Park, conservation chair of the San Fernando Valley-based Sierra Pacific Flyfishers and conservation director of the SWC- IFFF; and Gary Applebee, president of Deep Creek Flyfishers. CDFW coordinator is fisheries biologist Dawne Becker Emery. A project lead gift of \$5,000 from the Sierra Pacific Flyfishers club was shepherded by Sharpton. Funding is being sought from all clubs within SWC-IFFF and other interested organizations or individuals. Volunteers are needed to assist with this effort. Information for volunteering and donating is available at <http://southwestcouncilfff.org/Conservation/swc-iff- conservation>.

The brook trout elimination will take place from late July to late Sept., said Emery. According to the Bishop-based biologist, "Silver Creek, a tributary to the West Walker River in Mono County, is Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery water that was illegally stocked with brook trout. Brook trout were discovered in Silver Creek in 2004 during a survey intended to collect baseline population information to support opening the stream to regulated angling. Lack of ability to

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# Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

The **PURPOSE** of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is to:

- Encourage angling with artificial flies (fly fishing)
- Encourage education and fisheries conservation, including habitat and watershed conservation
- Disseminate to the public the results of the Club's efforts
- Encourage youth to follow sound conservation practices

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

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

**Meeting Locations:**  
Phoenix Club:  
1340 S. Sanderson  
Anaheim, CA

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

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