

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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President's Message

By Doug Jones



One of the subjects I mentioned in last month's Newsletter was planning for the Club's 50 year anniversary in 2016. On behalf of the Club, Andy Frumento has volunteered to chair a task force to organize this event. We are looking for Club Members interested in helping Andy with this effort. The task force is just being formed so we will need help with everything from planning through preparation and conduct of the event. If you are interested in helping the Club with this milestone event, please contact Andy (his phone and email are in the Club Directory). This is an exciting opportunity to look back on the Club's history, growth and accomplishments, and to reflect on the friendship and support of past and current members over the years.

This month's newsletter includes an updated calendar for 2015 as well as an updated outings schedule. Make sure you review these and get your schedules up to date so you don't miss any of the upcoming activities.

This Month's Meetings

Club Meeting:

February 11, 2015
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA
6:00 pm - Wet Fly
7:00 pm - Dinner
Dinner & Program - \$30 Cash
Program Only - \$10 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

February 16, 2015
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St, Tustin
Club Members Are Welcome
7:00 pm

"Fly Fishing the Northern Sierra" With Jon Baiocchi



Many of us tend to forget how big a state California is and how varied and diverse this large, 800-mile+ north-south land mass really is. Most of know about the eastern Sierra (the area around Mammoth, the Owens River, etc.) and we have recently learned details about the southern Sierra, with the Kern River, its North Fork, South Fork and Isabella Lake. But what many are not aware of is the gorgeous country and the great fishing that can be found in the northern Sierra.

Well, this month that is all going to change. We'll be seeing a presentation about fly fishing on three different waters -- two rivers and a stillwater -- that are all exciting, all lovely and all filled with great fish. We'll be focusing on Plumas and Sierra Counties where we'll learn about the pristine watershed of the North Fork of the Yuba River, the designated "Wild and Scenic" Middle Fork of the Feather River and the amazing Lake Davis. And our guide will be the perfect person to show and teach us about these wonderful fisheries. (And remember, these places are not that far away from our homes in southern California.)

Jon Baiocchi has been fly fishing and tying flies since 1972, and is a California licensed fly fishing guide, published author, innovative fly tier and talented educator who gives fly fishing presentations to clubs and expos across the state. Born in San Jose in 1965, Jon's dad, Bob Baiocchi, moved his family to Paradise, California (in the foothills of the northern Sierra near Chico) in 1967 to be closer to prime fly fishing and to raise his family in northern California's spectacular forests. Bob Baiocchi was inducted into the Federation of Fly Fishers Hall of Fame in 1999 and is remembered as

one of the leading (if not the leading) fly fishing educators, environmental conservationists and water rights experts of the last 25 years. Obviously, Bob was a major influence in helping Jon hone his fly fishing skills at a very young age.

In 1991, Jon moved to Colorado to pursue a career as a professional snowboarder. He competed at the national level, starred in feature films, (such as the strangely-named *The Hard, the Hungry and the Homeless*) and worked with manufacturers in their research and development programs. When this snowboarding career ended, Jon moved back to California in 1997 and started fly fishing full time. He is now based in Nevada City and guides, lectures and teaches year round.

Jon is excited about coming to southern California and giving us all a visual tour about a few of his “home” waters. He’ll show us great fly fishing opportunities and how to take advantage of them. We’ll learn about the gear to use, exactly where to go, including where the access points are, the entomology in the areas and how to approach the fishing during all four seasons. We’ll see wonderful photography (including beautiful flora and fauna), maps and diagrams that can set us up for great adventures. We will also be given insider tips and current information such as the origin of the spectacular Hexagenia mayfly hatch at Lake Davis that just “popped” into existence two years ago. The biomass of this lake makes it one of the healthiest and most productive fisheries in our state.

Jon’s enthusiasm for our sport is contagious and, combined with his straightforward and simple approach to teaching, gives students the skills needed to be successful on all types of water. Sharing knowledge with others is of the greatest importance to him and to see others progress and reach the next level in fly fishing, as he says, “fulfills his life.” Jon’s philosophy on fly fishing is: Keep it simple, be confident in your presentation and, most of all, have fun. His favorite game is stalking and sight fishing to large trout in shallow water, whether on a river, or a stillwater. You can learn more about Jon by going to:

www.baiocchistroutfitters.com

So please join John Baiocchi as he takes us into the waters of the Northern Sierra.

See you there.... And remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
2-11-15	2nd Wed	Jon Baiocchi	“Fly Fishing the North- ern Sierra”
3-11-15	2nd Wed	Joe Libeu	“The Big Horn River”
4-8-15	2nd Wed	Wanda & Gary Taylor	“Death By Fly Fishing And How To Avoid It”
5-13-15	2nd Wed	Larry Johnson	“The San Juan River”
6-10-15	2nd Wed	Davy Wotton	‘Fly Fishing Arkansas’s White River”
7-8-15	2nd Wed	Zane Mirfin	“Affordable Fly Fishing In New Zealand”
8-12-15	2nd Wed	Mark Berlin	“So Calif Back Country Fly Fishing In Depth”
9-9-15	2nd Wed	AUCTION	-----
10-7-15	1st Wed	Ernie Gulley	“Trophy Stillwater of the Eastern Sierra”
11-11-15	2nd Wed	Dave Trimble	“Fly Fishing for Sharks”
12-16-15	3rd Wed	Holiday Program	TBA

Outings and Events for 2015

The Outings and Events planned for 2015 are listed below. If you are interested in participating in any of these or want additional information, you should contact the Streamkeeper listed in the table below.

DATE	LOCATION	STREAMKEEPER	PHONE
FEBRUARY 28	Surf Outing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
MARCH 16-18	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
APRIL 10-14	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
MAY 15-17	Kelsey Bass Ranch	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
MAY 29-31	5-Dot Ranch	Andy Frumento	323 816-7067
JUNE 12-14	Mentor Outing Mammoth	Dave Long	775 586-1680
JUNE 19-21	Fish Creek	Erik Kraemer	805 984-7202
JUNE TBD	Davis Lake Stillwater	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
JUNE 15-19	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
JULY 10-13	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951 236-0862
AUGUST TBD	Womens' Outing Mammoth	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
SEPTEMBER 18-20	FFF Fly Fishing Faire	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
SEPTEMBER 21-25	Southern Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
OCTOBER 16-18	President's Outing	Doug Jones	714 998-7304
NOVEMBER 2-6	Lee's Ferry	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
DECEMBER TBD			

SURF FISHING AT HUNTINGTON STATE BEACH

February 28, 3:00 in the Afternoon

Meet up at the Talbert channel at the south end of Huntington Beach. Enter at Magnolia St. and head south until you run out of parking lot. Flies should be Crazy Charlies, Selby's Sly Fly, Clousers in olive/white (there are great selections of surf flies at both Bob Marriott's Fly Shop and His and Her's Fly Shop or on line at www.garybulla.com)...and if it's raining, forget it!

Streamkeeper is **Jim Edwards:**
714 337 5899,
jimmywt1957@yahoo.com.

Fly Fishing Surf Checklist:

Long Johns - Fleece if it's cold
Liner socks, Wool boot socks
Fishing Shirt - Fleece if its cold - with big pockets to carry gear
Wading Jacket
Waders and Wading Belt
Boots or Booties and Gravel Guards
Hat, Sunglasses and Sunscreen

Rod - 7, 8 or 9wt
Reel with floating line
2nd reel or spool with 250 or 300 integrated sink tip line
Leader 5 to 7ft, 10lb mono
Tippet-8lb mono
Saltwater pliers and sheath
Basic tools - nippers, forceps, etc. (A lanyard/necklace is a good way to carry these.)
Saltwater flies and fly box
Optional, Inflatable life jacket

Bottled water, Snacks, etc.



SAN JUAN RIVER, NM OUTING

April 10 to 14, 2015

Once again, we are planning another fantastic outing to the San Juan River in New Mexico. The clear river waters of the San Juan are the jewel of North West 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.



Many of the club members have stayed at the Fisheads San Juan River Lodge [(505) 634-0463, <http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/>], and the Abe's Motel just across the street [(505) 632-2194, <http://sanjuanriver.com/>]. Both have very reasonable rates and can arrange guides as well. There are other accommodations as well. Contact Brian Mayer for full details. If you plan to stay at Fisheads, please let them know you are part of the FFCOC group.

Plan to arrive on Friday, April 10. If you arrive early enough, you may have the opportunity to wade fish the lower quality water. The general plan is to fish Saturday, Sunday and Monday. These are the days that you should consider arranging guides. 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. Both Fisheads and Abe's offer package deals for two and three days guiding with lodging. Prices are the same as last year for guides and lodging.

For those non-fishing travelers, there are several historic and interesting areas nearby to explore. The city of Aztec offers some shopping for Native American products and Durango, Colorado is a short drive away as well.

Traditionally, we have all gathered at Fisheads for the Prime Rib dinner on Friday at about 6 PM. I will need to get a meal count to let Fisheads know in advance. We have generally gathered as a group for dinner each night. Although there are limited choices in Navajo Dam, we usually go to the city of Aztec (short 20 minute drive) for dinners at the local Chinese restaurant and Mexican food restaurant.

If you plan to attend the trip or want more information, please contact stream keeper Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169 or bdmayer@hotmail.com



KELSEY BASS RANCH

May 15-17, 2015

Kelsey Reservoir is a 125 acre lake located on the 7,000 acre Kelsey Cattle Ranch in the city of Snelling about 25 miles east of Merced. The lake is stocked with about 15,000 Florida strain Large-mouth Bass along with Bluegill, Red ear sunfish as well as catfish and several times a year with trout.

The lake is best fished from a pontoon boat, float tube or pram, although it can be successfully fished from shore. The bass average about 2 ½ to 3 pound although there are larger bass up to 6 pounds. The bluegill and red ear sunfish are very large and at first hookup it is difficult to tell whether the fish hooked is a bass or not as they pull very hard.



Fishing for bass at Kelsey can be done in a variety of ways. You can actually troll and strip streamers for bass like you do for trout as long as you find the right water which is usually at drop offs from deep to shallower water. The most exciting way for me is to throw top water flies into the weed, tules, trees, stickups and brush, especially early in the morning and later in the evening. Having a bass explode on your fly as it is sitting there very calmly in the water will get your heart racing quickly. When the topwater bite slows down, we change over to subsurface flies as small as one inch and up to 4-6 inches long at all depths from a few inches to 14 feet deep.

Fishing for bass requires a stout leader to keep them out of logs, brush, and weeds. Because we change the type and size of flies frequently it is helpful to have at least 2-3 rods to save time when fishing. We usually use fly rods in sizes from 6 wt to 8 wt, and we usually have 1-2 rods rigged with floating lines and 1-2 rods rigged with sinking lines. Some of the flies that we use are wholly buggers of all colors and sizes, meat whistle, perfection perch, poppers, gurglers, dahlburg divers and many others.

The cost to fish Kelsey Bass Ranch is \$100 a day. The club will have the lake for two days, Saturday and Sunday, and we are allowed to camp on the property. There is a large shaded grassy area for pitching out tents. A porta potty is provided and there is a large barbecue area with picnic tables. We usually arrive Friday afternoon, in time to pitch our tents and get our gear assembled and ready for fishing Saturday morning. We fish all day Saturday and Sunday (as late as you want), and we pack up and leave Monday morning.



There are limited spots available for the outing. If interested contact Lyman Kennedy at lkennedyjr@earthlink.net or 714 742-5865.



TRIPLOID RAINBOW TROUT 2 TO 5 LBS.
"OUTSIDE THE BOX STILLWATER CLINIC"

DATE: - MAY 29-30-31 2015
FRIDAY - 6PM ORIENTATION + PIZZA AT HOTEL
SATURDAY - 7:30 AM FISHING AND INSTRUCTIONS AT THE LAKE
LUNCH, STEAK BBQ.
SUNDAY - 7:30 AM FISHING AND INSTRUCTIONS AT THE LAKE
LUNCH, WRAP UP

STREAM KEEPER - ANDY FRUMENTO 323-816-7067

INSTRUCTORS & GUIDES - ERNIE GULLEY + DOUG OUELLETE + STAFF

COST - \$525.00

(A \$200.00 NON- REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO HOLD YOUR SPOT)

LIMITED TO 10 ANGLERS

WHAT'S COVERED:

INSTRUCTORS WILL BE COVERING MANY DIFFERENT TACTICS FROM BASIC TO ADVANCE.

THE CLINIC ALLOWS THE ANGLER TO SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WITH ON THE WATER INSTRUCTIONAL FISHING WITH A GUIDE, SIGHT FISHING FOR TRIPLOID TROUT, AND PERSONAL TIME FOR FISHING. GUIDES WILL CONCENTRATE ON IMATING THE TROUT FOOD ITEMS THAT ARE FOUND IN THE LAKE. THEY WILL SHOW YOU THE BEST PATTERNS TO USE AND THE PROPER WAY ON HOW TO RETRIEVE THEM FOR OPTIMUM RESULTS.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

9' - 9 1/2' 5 TO 6 WT RODS

FLOATING AND INTERMEDIATE LINES

WADERS

FLOAT TUBE OR INFLATABLE

LEADERS - 9FT 4 X, TIPPET - 3X, 4X, 5X, MOSQUITO REPELLANT

MAMMOTH MENTOR OUTING

June 12-15, 2015

The Club has planned a 3 day Mentor Outing to the Mammoth Lake's area for June 12-15, 2015. The outing is designed as a basic introduction to fly fishing the eastern Sierra and is geared to novice fly fishers, and those wanting to become more familiar with the Mammoth Lakes area. Club members will be on hand to provide assistance and will lead car pool groups to a variety of area waters for those not working with the professional guides.

Novice anglers will get to work with professional guides on fishing basics. Saturday participants will work on basics, and some on-water activities with a guide from The Troutfitter. On Sunday we will meet with a guide supplied by Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters and learn the basics of fishing the East Walker River. There is no extra cost to participants for the guides. There may however, be a limit to the group size that will be working with the guides.

The Club reserved group campsite No. 9 at the Pine Glen Group Campground in Mammoth Lakes, CA. The campground is located adjacent to the Forest Service Ranger Station and Welcome Center off of Highway 203. Water and toilets are at the campground. Saturday evening is a planned potluck dinner. Sunday morning breakfast will be provided. There will be camp stoves available for use and some basic cooking utensils. The weather in June can be quite variable so bring cold weather gear along with the sunscreen.

The outing will cover basic fishing strategies and visit a few streams and lakes in the area. Fly rods from 3-6 weight will work well. If floating a lake a 5-6 weight rod is recommended. We will do a meet and greet stop at one of the area fly shops. An evening program is being planned for Saturday. There are plenty of non-fishing activities in the area for those attending that are not anglers.

There may be opportunity to learn basics of lake fishing using float tubes (weather permitting). Please **contact Lyman Kennedy (714) 742-5865** if you are interested in learning to fish from a belly boat on this trip. There are also options for renting tubes. Each float tube participant needs a Personal Flotation Device.

This outing is a great introduction to fishing Mammoth area lakes and streams. While the campsite can accommodate up to 25 people, feel free to make alternate lodging arrangements in Mammoth and still participate in Club activities. A trip sign-up sheet will be circulated beginning with the March Club meeting. Hope to see you on this great family friendly trip.

We are also looking for a couple of experienced anglers to attend and help with the mentoring aspects to assist the guides and help the novices. Contact **David Long** davidmlong@earthlink.net or **(714) 336-6398** for details and suggestions.

All participants must have a Club Insurance Waiver on file prior to attending.

LEE'S FERRY OUTING

November 2-6, 2015



The Colorado River is described as “The World’s Largest Spring Creek” that boasts 15.5 miles of clear running tailwater fishery flowing from Lake Powell.

Come join Honey Burns and I along with 15 other lucky club members as we fish one of the waters of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. This trip will consist of 4 nights lodging at the Cliff Dwellers (2 Adults per room) and 3 days of guided fishing (Drift or Wet Wading). I have reserved Rooms 26 -32 along with one Two Room Suite, each room has two beds. But if you want the room to yourself then you pay the full price. Each room is \$85.28.

We also have the following guides reserved: Terry Gunn, Jeff English, Skip Dixon, Natalie Jensen, Tyson Warren, Dale Gauthier, TJ Carrington and Kevin Campbell. Guides are \$450 for 2 fisherman.

This cost of this trip is approximately \$845 per person. This does not include tips for the guides, meals or transportation.

Sign ups are now being taken. You can sign the Outings Sheet at the next meeting or you can call or me to place you on the list, 951.415.9920 mel11755@pacbell.net.

Melinda and John Burns
Streamkeepers

Trip Reports

The Big Horn River Revisited

By John Williams

I didn't realize how much I missed the old girl, referring to the Big Horn River



October 17th Joe Wheat and I got off the flight from Salt Lake City to Billings, Montana. We picked up our rental car and drove towards Ft. Smith, stopping for lunch and to visit a liquor store along the way. Ft Smith is a dry town surrounded by Indian reservation hence the stop for me, not Joe. In Fort Smith we needed to find the Montana Fly Fishers, Leaning Tree Lodge. I told Joe to keep a look out for a leaning tree. We arrived a bit late but there was a note on the door to make ourselves at home, so we nestled right in.

The first time with a guide new to me I am a bit apprehensive and want to be ready with all the correct gear. We sat on the porch sorting what we thought we might need the following day. Rachel Stroda (hostess and cook for the lodge) presented us with a plate of hot munchies, wow they were just what we needed to power through to dinner. Rachel said dinner would be at 7 p.m. and breakfast would be at 7 a.m. that worked for us just fine. Now if you are headed to their lodges don't plan on losing weight, Rachel is a wonderful cook.

The next morning we were up around 6 a.m. and ready for breakfast which was as good as dinner the night before. While we ate Rachel prepared our lunches to be eaten on the river, also great food. She informed us if we needed to make a phone call home to use their phone, AT&T doesn't work in their area. 8 a.m. arrived and we met our guide Mark Stroda. He proceeded to rig our rods as he wanted them and that was fine with us. A sow bug on top and a Brad Downey's fly below, These are flies that I used twenty years ago and they are still very productive today because they represent what is in the water well.

Over the past twenty years or so I have enjoyed the Big Horn ten times. I have fished it in low and high water times and everything in between. You can't predict the flows because it is part of a river system that runs all the way to the gulf through the Mississippi river eventually, and that is controlled by satellite, so there won't be flooding down stream. This time the flow was up and the water was off color and full of weeds but that didn't slow our enthusiasm one bit.

Mark apologized. I told him, we knew he had no control of the flows and off we drifted down stream with my old friend. It wasn't long before we were both into fish and the slapping of our lines on the water to displace the debris caught on our flies. She didn't disappoint again, and Mark kept us in a great drift all the way to the take out. Mark has 18 years on the water and it shows, he showed us a couple of new holes I had not fished before. We fished three days with Mark and enjoyed the hospitality of a wonderful couple. I would recommend Montana Fly Fishers to anyone who wants to enjoy great fishing and come home to a lodge where you are undisturbed after dinner to enjoy TV, use of free WIFI or just talk. Mark and Rachel have donated the last three years to our auction, Thank You Very Much! You do make a difference with us. Mark and Rachel also are involved with project healing waters.

Their contact information is 406-666-9110 or Montana Fly Fishers on the internet

All the best,
John Williams

Rod Building

Fly Rod Building Class March 7, April 4, April 11, 2015

Building your own rod is a good way to get the rod you want, customized as you want it. You can save on the cost and have fun doing it! It's not hard - but it does require good eyesight and hand coordination.

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 available. 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.

The first session will be an introduction to the class and will focus on the components each student will need to purchase and 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. Due to space limitations, please plan on building 4-piece rods only. 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 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 and epoxy coating the wraps.

The class schedule is:

Session 1: Saturday, March 7, 9am-11am, 2 hours

Session 2: Saturday, April 4, 9am-1pm, 4 hours

Session 3: Saturday, April 18, 9am-1pm, 4 hours

My intent is to hold the classes at His & Her Fly Shop but this **has not been confirmed** as of press time.

His & Her Fly Fishing
1566 Old Newport Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA

Contact Richard Fanning (rkfanning@aol.com) for more information or to be added to the sign-up list. The sign-up sheet will also be available at upcoming meetings. There is room for 8 students on a first come, first served basis.



Fly Tying

Fly Tying Classes - Spring 2015 It's SIGN-UP TIME!

The Spring 2015 Fly Tying classes will be held at the REI in Tustin Community Room from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the following MONDAYS: March 23 and 30, April 6, 20 and 27, and May 4. There will be 6 sessions with no class on April 13. Our goal is to have classes for **first-time** fly tiers, **beginners**, **intermediate** and **advanced** students. The actual class structure will be determined based on the numbers of students and instructors that sign up.

We had fourteen members sign up for these classes during the January Club meeting. There's plenty of room for more participants. Please call or email

Doug Jones at (714) 697-2222 or dougjones.oc@gmail.com to sign up or with questions. Doug will be the coordinator for the spring fly tying session while Bill Burns is out due to medical issues.



FLIES THAT KEEP ON GIVING

By John Williams

There is a group of us headed to Jurassic Lake (Largo Strobel) Argentina to hunt for BIG rainbows, 20 pounders. The food source is scuds so I have a treat for them. Scuds range in several colors and I have a multi colored one that should get their attention. Because of their size and pulling power that has straightened hooks in the past I am using 3 and 4 extra strong forged hooks. I use Super Glue every step of the way, these flies will not be stripped back to the bend as in previous years. One of these flies should last for many fish hook-ups.

Willie's Jurassic Candy

Hook: Owner Flyliner size 6 cutting point
Bead: 1/8" Gold Tungsten
Thread: UTC 140 Fluorescent Orange or Black
Tail: Wood duck flank feather
Rib: Medium Copper
Shell Back: Flash Back - Olive Brown or Olive
It really makes no difference.
Cut the material 1/4" wide.
Dubbing: Ice Dubbing - Olive, Caddis Green,
Shrimp Pink, Orange, UV Pearl
Head Cement: Super Glue, Gel Control



Slide the bead on the hook small end first; Smear a small amount of super glue on the shank of the hook first. Start your thread behind the bead and wrap to the rear just into the bend. Tie in the wire rib and leave waiting to the rear. Tie in the wood duck tail the shank length to the rear. Tie in the shell back material and leave to the rear. I dub using several colors on the length of the fly finishing with Shrimp pink and orange combination near the bead. Smear super glue on the shank again and dub into the glue, a slight amount is all that is necessary. Dab a small amount of super glue on top of the dubbing and fold the shell back over to the bead and secure with several wraps of thread. Wrap the wire forward to form a rib and bolster the shell back from being torn off by teeth, tie it off behind the bead. Smear super glue on your thread and make several wraps to secure the wire and finish the fly. I use a magnet to hold the fly until dry. A smaller version of this fly has been tried in Southern Utah with success.

Tight Lines all,
John

Federation of Fly Fishers News



When: Saturday, January 31, 2015

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Where: Long Beach Casting club
4901 East 7th Street
Long Beach, CA 90804

Donation: \$10.00 for lunch and admission for FFF Members, \$15.00 for non-members.
Membership is available at the door.

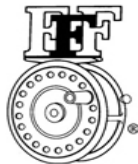
Event Times:

Fly Tying Demonstrations: **9 am -4 pm** Learn from award winning fly tiers.

Garage Sale: **9 am – 4 pm** Please donate item for the fly fishing garage sale. Rods, reels, flies, lines clothes, vests or accessories. Anything not sold will be donated to Project Healing Water or Casting for Recovery. Items must be in working order and have a value of at least \$10.00. A great opportunity to dispose of extras and unwanted items of all matters fly fishing. Please give items to your SWCFFF representative or contact us directly. This is the perfect way to do spring cleaning and to help the SWCIFFF

Casting Lessons: **9 am - 4pm** Take a quick lesson and receive pointers from our Certified Federations Casting Instructors.
\$1.00 per minute (15 minutes minimum). Your casting can be analyzed by one of our certified instructions. Get tips on your single handed, spey or double haul casting.

Silent Auctions: **9 am - 4 pm** For your bidding pleasure both select and special items will be on the table all day. Come any time and place your bids.



**THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS**
The 23 Independent Clubs of Southern California and Southern Nevada

'TEACH THE TEACHERS' CASTING INSTRUCTOR COURSE SETS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY CLASS DATES

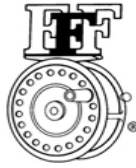
Long Beach, CA, Dec 24, 2014– The annual Teach the Teachers series has been scheduled from 9am until 12 noon on January 24 and 31, and February 7 and 14, 2015. The January 31 class will be held at the Long Beach Casting Club in conjunction with the Southwest Council's FlyBuy event. All other classes will be held at the Pasadena Casting Club.

Teach the Teachers is a comprehensive course designed to teach casting instructors, or those wanting to become casting instructors, step-by-step techniques for teaching the basic casts, as well as techniques to diagnose and fix the most common casting faults. Emphasis will be placed on developing a "clear and concise" delivery for teaching fly casting.

For more information or to register for the class, contact Tim Lawson by phone at (323) 303-7438 or by e-mail at tlawson11@hotmail.com. The cost for the four class series is \$65.00 for IFFF members and \$85.00 for non-members. Please make checks payable to IFFF Southwest Council and mail to:

Tim Lawson
1675 Kaweah Dr
Pasadena, CA 91105

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INAUGURAL LOWER OWENS CLEANUP TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2015

Bishop, CA, December 24, 2014— In honor of our blue-ribbon fishery and overall vibrant river, the inaugural cleanup of the Lower Owens River will be held Saturday, February 7, 2015. Volunteers will meet at 8am at the Pleasant Valley Campground, located on Pleasant Valley Dam Road off of U.S. Hwy 395. All are welcome.

Lunch will be provided to all volunteers at 12pm at the Campground.

Current sponsors include the California Waterfowl Association (Bishop), the Eastern Sierra Fishing Guides Association, Preferred Septic and Disposal (Bishop), and Silver Lake Resort (June Lake).

In the event of inclement weather, the cleanup will be postponed to the following day (Sunday, February 8, 2015).

For more information, or to inquire about sponsoring, please call Chris Leonard at 818-288-3271.

Trout In The Classroom



This year we are starting out with two classrooms. One at Edison High School in Huntington Beach and the other at Ladera Elementary School in Tustin. Eggs will be delivered to the classrooms on Thursday January 15, 2015. We will also have another egg delivery the week of March 16th. Deadline for 772 application will be February 12th, 2015.

I am looking for a group of volunteers who would like to go out to these schools to put on a presentation of fly fishing. We will demonstrate the basics of Fly Fishing, Casting and Fly Tying along with conservation of our fisheries. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help keep this program alive, please contact me as soon as possible. I will be scheduling presentation dates with the teachers soon and I would like to have a team ready.

For those new club members who are not familiar with TIC or Trout in the Classroom. This is one of the outreach programs that FFCOC participates in to give back to our communities. TIC is a science class in environmental study. It is not a hatchery program. Students from grades K – 12 learn the importance of our natural resources through the lifecycle of the trout. Classrooms are provided with specialized refrigeration trout incubators. The California Department of Wildlife provides rainbow trout eggs. They are an important teaching aid for the instructor. They help the students understand the various stages of trout development and the importance of our water quality, forests, and the trout's ecosystem. In addition, the student will have an opportunity to release their fry at a local lake or stream approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Trout in the Classroom Teacher Workshop
Aquarium of the Pacific (100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach)
February 7, 2015 (12:30-4:30pm)

For those interested or know of a teacher who may be interested. Please join us at the Aquarium of the Pacific on February 7th, 2015 for our next teacher workshop. Please park in the garage directly across the street from the Aquarium at 99 Aquarium Way. The parking is \$8 per vehicle with Aquarium validation (there is a self-serve scanner right as you enter). When you arrive at the Aquarium, please enter through the Member's Entrance and check-in at the Information Desk. The class will be held in the "Watershed Classroom" between 12:30-4:30pm.

Melinda Burns, TIC Coordinator, 951-415-9920, Mel11755@pacbell.net

Membership

2015 Membership Cost Increase to \$45:

FFCOC annual membership fees will be increasing to \$45 effective the 2015 membership drive. Please note, our membership fees have not been increased since the mid 80's and this increase will ensure that the club will continue to provide exceptional speakers, classes, club outings and events.



Hey Club Members it's time to renew your membership for the 2015 club year. So to encourage you to renew early I have an incentive for you. This year's membership raffle drive will offer three different opportunities to enter the membership drive. This is how it will work.

If you renew at the October meeting you will receive **five** raffle tickets (*which I understand there were a few of you that I owe five tickets*).

If you renew your membership at the November meeting you will receive three raffle tickets

If you renew your membership at the December meeting you will receive two raffle ticket.

Online renewal is available, so if you renew online you will receive the same opportunity for tickets by renewing online. However, you have to attend the meetings to receive your raffle tickets.

If you mail in your renewal, you will receive one ticket. Again, you must attend the meeting to collect your raffle tickets.

Winning ticket will take home a lovely handcrafted prize that will be donated from several of our artistic club members. Again, this membership drive is all about attendance so you must be at the January 2015 meeting to win a prize.

Melinda Burns .☺

Membership Chair

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.

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

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