

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



July 2016

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Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

Club Meeting:

July 13, 2016
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson, Anaheim, CA
6:00 pm - Wet Flies (Social Hour)
7:00 pm - Dinner and Program
Dinner & Program - \$30.00 Cash
Program Only - \$10.00 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

July 19, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Montesilla Mobile Home Park
15601 South B St., Tustin, CA
7:00 pm
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message:

Please Support the Upcoming FFCOC Auction!

Hello, club members! Can you believe it's July already? y, this year is going so fast...and that brings us to the elephant in the room, the Auction.

We got rid of all the junk we had lying around, which means we need more "things" for the Auction. We need fly tying materials, rods, reels, anything you have lying around that someone else could use.

Do you tie flies? How about tying some for the auction (I am), we'll even get you a real pretty box to put them in! How about other arts and crafts, woodworking, do you have season tickets to a local sporting event, a house or condo in a recreational area, these are always good sellers.

Or how about a direct donation (as in money) to the club, that's what I am going to do, and remember, IT'S TAX DEDUCTABLE, according to the IRS and the 501(c)3 status of the club.

So don't delay, we are trying to get everything cataloged by mid-August so you can have the catalog in your sweaty paws before the Auction. Call Melinda Burns (951) 734-6005 or me (Jim Edwards) at (714) 337-5899 to schedule a pick-up, or bring your donation to the meeting. Remember, this is YOUR club, we need your support. End of sermon.

Come on, Hot Creek!! Jim Edwards

Trophy Trout of Calvada With Doug Ouellette

During the past few months, and surging into 2016, southern California fly fishing club members are discovering that our home state waters have some of the best fishing found anywhere. And this July will add more proof to this premise.

We will see and learn of the great fly fishing available in what is commonly referred to as “Calvada,” the northeast part of California that also includes parts of our neighboring state, Nevada. The beauty of this area, the variety of exciting fly fishing, the size of some of the fish here and the specific strategies used to catch these fish will amaze and delight all who step into Calvada waters. There are rivers, creeks and stillwaters galore and we can dip into all of them . . . and not be that far from our homes in SoCal.

The person to guide us on this journey is, without a doubt, the perfect choice. While for 47 years Doug Ouellette has fished throughout the United States, Canada and New Zealand, his waters of choice, concentration and definite expertise include the Truckee River, the Little Truckee River, Knott Creek Reservoir, South Fork Reservoir and Humboldt River. Doug will show us some of these excellent fisheries, the types of fish found there, what food they eat, what flies and techniques they succumb to, how to read the maps and the water in these areas and, in general, how to have a truly memorable fly fishing experience.

Doug's personal story explains why he is so perfect to be the one to lead us on this journey. He was born in San Jose, California, the third of seven children, six of them boys. As he will tell you, he grew up as a country boy in the oak tree covered hills of Morgan Hill, California. As a youngster, he scouted those hills, cattle ponds and mountain springs to find and study snakes, frogs, lizards and, of course, fish. He caught minnows, bullfrogs and even, when only five-year-old and with only his hands, captured his first bluegill. Doug describes his most traumatic childhood experience as being forced to wear shoes and that was because he was starting kindergarten.

When he was ten, his family moved to Sunnyvale, California where his father became the athletic director and head football coach at Peterson High School. Doug went on to become an outstanding athlete in high school and later became a successful football and wrestling coach.

When Doug was 12-years-old, he spent most of his lunch periods in the school library reading and studying all the books and magazines he could find about fly fishing, including articles in *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life* and *Sports Afield*. In fact, when he was a sophomore, he wrote a thorough and well-researched report titled: *Trout, The Thoroughbred of Fishes*. (His biology teacher was so impressed, he filed it in his personal library.)

Doug has always gone fly fishing whenever possible, learning all he could of the habits and mannerisms of wild trout in the small spring-fed creeks, the rivers and lakes of the central coast mountains. He learned from, and was mentored by Hall of Fame fly tier Bob Quigley, stillwater great Hal



Janssen and legendary nymph fisherman Charlie Brooks.

In 1976 Doug moved to Reno, transferring to Nevada Bell from Pac Tel and, in his free time, started concentrating on learning everything he could about the streams in this area. In 1985 he started presenting slide shows for the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) and continues to do that to this day. He retired from Nevada Bell in 2001 and started guiding in 2004. He is a Nevada master guide, a California guide and a Pyramid Lake guide, and can be checked out at <www.calvadaflyfishing.com>. Doug is also a professional contract fly tier for “Umpqua Flies” with three patented fly patterns: Stonedaddy, Peaches & Cream, and Sweet Pea.

Doug explains that he absolutely loves to teach and share whatever he has learned about fly fishing, with absolutely no secrets held back. He lives just a few hundred yards from the Truckee River and has released several trophy browns and rainbows from this river. His most sincere hope is to pass on his enthusiasm and knowledge about his favorite waters.

Please join Doug Ouellette as he takes us to the northeast part of California for ‘Trophy Trout of Calvada’.

See you there... and remember to pursue your fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

2016 Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-13-16	2nd Wed	Landon Mayer	"Trout Tips: Secrets & Tactics"
2-10-16	2nd Wed	Bruce Chard	"Fly Fishing Ocean Flats Around The World"
3-9-16	2nd Wed	FFCOC 50th	ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
4-13-16	2nd Wed	Jason Randall	"What Trout See"
5-11-16	2nd Wed	Marlon Rampy	"Trout Route – A Journey Up Central Oregon's Hwy 97"
6-8-16	2nd Wed	Gordon Tharrett	"Fly Fishing Utah's Famous Green River"
7-13-16	2nd Wed	Doug Ouellette	"Trophy Trout of Cal-Vada"
8-3-16	1st Wed	Peter Koga and John Williams	"Argentina's Jurassic Lake"
9-7-16	1st Wed	FFCOC Auction	-----
10-12-16	2nd Wed	Jeff Currier	"Fly Fishing Through The Mid Life Crisis"
11-9-16	2nd Wed	Tony Reinhardt	"Western Float Fishing - Strategies & Etiquette"
12-14-16	2nd Wed	Ken Hanley	"Baby Tarpon – All You Can Handle"

**NOTE: ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PAVILION EXCEPT:
MARCH – MAIN BALLROOM ; MAY – LORELEY ROOM ; JUNE – LORELEY ROOM ;
SEPTEMBER – MAIN BALLROOM.**

2016 Outings and Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
February 19-21	Lower Owens, Bishop, CA	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
February 20	Surf (Local)	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
March 4	Trout in Classroom Release	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
March 14-16	Pyramid lake, NV	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
March 22 - April 26	Fly Tying Classes	Doug Jones	
April 3-6	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 1-7	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy Mark Spowart	714 742-5865
June 3-5	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
July 15-18	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951 236-0862
August 27	Casting Clinic	Joe Libeu	562 426-3264
September 12-16	Utah One, Loa	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 19-23	Utah Two, Loa	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 25-27	Utah Three, Circleville	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 1 and 8	On The River Classroom	Joe Libeu	562 426-3264
October 14-16	Fly Fishing Faire - Bishop	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
October 21-23	President's Outing - Kernville	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
November 5	IFFF Interclub Tournament	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November 5-6	On The River Outing Bishop, CA	Joe Libeu	562 426-3264
December	TBD		

Casting Clinic Update



Saturday, August 27th 8:00AM to 1:00PM

For those new to fly fishing or wanting to learn more about this fun and exciting way to enjoy our great outdoors.. **Join us!** Expert casters and fly fisherman will be hosting a casting clinic at **Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley** to demonstrate and coach attendees in basic fly casts, tips for intermediates, ways to improve your casting... which will improve your fishing!

We'll also have a **BBQ lunch** after the sessions so you can neighbor with other FFCOC members and avid fly fisherman. Share info on the great spots to go fish, ideas on the best gear to get started with, learn more about our club.

What to Bring? If you have a favorite fly rod, reel, line and leader.. Bring it. If not, the club has equipment for you to use. Bring sunscreen, hat and eye protection (sunglasses or glasses).

Where: *Mile Square Park – Shelter 1 at the South Pond*

Directions from southbound Interstate 405 - Exit Warner Avenue and travel east to Euclid Street (about 1¼ mile), turn left on Euclid Street, turn left into first park entrance (there is a \$5.00 parking fee). **Shelter 1** is at the pond just past this entrance.

Directions from northbound Interstate 405 - Exit Euclid Street and turn left at signal traveling north on Euclid past Warner Avenue (about 1 mile) , turn left into first park entrance (there is a \$5.00 parking fee). **Shelter 1** is at the pond just past this entrance.

Although the casting clinic is free, **you must RSVP to attend**. Please RSVP to Art Prangley: FFCOCcasting@sbcglobal.net or call 714-270-7090 as these clinics do fill up and we're limited to how many we can accommodate.

FFCOC “On the River” Training

On the River (OTR): Local classroom with an outing to Bishop, CA

This training is a great way to help “jump start” members, maybe those new to fly fishing and our club. These sessions combine morning classroom sessions and a chance to go catch some fish with an outing on the Lower Owens. The feedback on last year’s event was outstanding.

Saturday, October 1st: OTR Training-Classroom Session 1

Saturday, October 8th: OTR Training-Classroom Session 2

Saturday & Sunday, November 5th and 6th: OTR Owens River outing, Bishop, CA



More details to follow!

Fishing Southern Utah

Still Room in Trip Three



Trip Three: September 25-27, 2016

3 Day Trip

Circle Valley Anglers, 350 S Hwy 89, Circleville, UT 435-577-2168

Owner: Emmett Doane

Cost: \$540 to the guide, plus tip, lodging and food.

Stream Keeper: John Williams, call to make your reservations 951-236-0862

A **\$200 Non-Refundable Deposit** is required to hold your spot, make checks payable to Circle Valley Anglers and send to John Williams 19859 Calle Cadiz Walnut, Ca. 91789

The drive is approx. 8.5 hours from Ontario Airport. You will drive your own vehicle to the fishing locations and the return, usually within 1 hour of the fly shop, no 4 wheel drive necessary. Be at the fly shop at 8 a.m.

Tipping is considered normal, \$40-50 per day per person.

Lodging & Food: Circle Valley Anglers has a house attached to the fly shop it rents for \$99 per night and sleeps 3. Very comfortable

Butch Cassidy's Hideout Across the street 339 S Highway 89, Circleville, Utah 84723

(435) 577-2008. Make your reservations early, this is at the start of hunting season and there are very few accommodations in the area. Very comfortable and next to the café across the street from the fly shop, wonderful people and clean motel.

When you sign up for one of these trips, I'll provide more information on lodging, food and gear including fly suggestions.

John Williams, Streamkeeper

Fishing Reports

Fish Creek Outing 2016 Report

The adventure began on Thursday morning when Ronny Van Horne called from Blackrock Ranger station to tell us there was a fire burning in Chimney Wilderness and that 9 Mile Road was closed. This would mean we had to detour to the west side and climb the mountain via the Kern River valley and Sherman Pass road. It was a very scenic trip with plenty of flow in the Kern River, but it did add another 2 hours to the drive. Eventually, we did make it to Fish Creek campground and our usually camping spots.



Ronny was happy to see company arrive. He had been alone in the campground since Wednesday! Arrivals included Charlie Beers, Kenny Holmes, Don Kennelly, Sam Moran and Brian Mayer. We were surprised to find a fair amount of water running in Fish Creek, but certainly below normal. Ronny and Don reported no luck finding any fish at Troy Meadow or in the creek at our campground; however, Charlie and Kenny did report successful fishing down stream which encouraged us all.

Weather was excellent. The usual 100 plus degrees in Ridgecrest, but a warm 80 in Kennedy Meadows. At night, temperatures went down to the low 30's. It was absolutely clear skies, so you could see countless stars.

Saturday morning, Dawn and Vern Martin with Augie Doggie arrived just in time for pancake and pork product breakfast. Yummy. After breakfast and packing lunches, we all went to "Rattlesnake Meadow" above the Blackrock Ranger station. We were happy to see good



running water in the meadow and NO cows ! We enjoyed a morning catching many willing Golden Trout up stream from the fence. We were very surprised to see so many fish since Ann at the Ranger station had said the creek had been dry in many places since last year. After lunch and swapping fishy stories, we returned to the creek and fished down stream from the fence. Once again finding many of the usually 4 to 6 inch Golden Trout. We all wandered back to the campground when either sunburned or exhausted from catching fish!



Saturday evening, we all gathered to share a campfire and trade stories. Some of us even had an old fashioned cowboy barbeque using the fire pit. Thanks to Vern and Dawn for providing some tasty beverages. Sunday morning was round two of pancake breakfast and pork product. We were also treated to wonderful scrambled egg and toast sandwiches complements to Chefs Dawn Martin and Sam Moran. No one went hungry on this trip !

After packing up and tidying up the camp sites, several members went to the South Fork Kern River at the highway bridge. There was plenty of water at the bridge due to two beaver dams just down stream. A little exploration found plenty of fishable water, but no fish were seen. An attempt was made to go upstream, but Brian just could not find the right road. Well, maybe next year I will have the Topo map with me !

All things considered, it was a very pleasant weekend trip and a great get away from the big city stress.

Submitted by Streamkeeper Brian Mayer

Falcon's Ledge Fishing Report

By Richard Fanning and Doug Jones

Falcon's Ledge is an upscale fishing and hunting lodge located near the small town of Altamont, Utah, about a 2 hour drive east of Salt Lake City, Utah. Doug Jones and Richard Fanning recently spent three days there. We flew Delta Airlines to and from Salt Lake Airport and rented a car for the final leg of the trip to the Lodge. After reaching the small town of Altamont, it's another 25 miles north to the remote lodge location. A short drive on a windy gravel gets you up the canyon to the lodge. The first view is impressive. The Lodge looks like it's growing out of the mountain!



The lodge is just as amazing on the inside. There are about 15 nicely furnished guest rooms with baths for guests on the upper floor. Rooms have a great view of the fishing ponds below and the canyon in the distance.

A stay at the lodge includes meals which were expertly prepared by chef, Scott. There are relaxation and recreation facilities for guests on multiple floors. There is even a well equipped ORVIS Fly Shop in the building. Doug poked his head into a basement room with 10 beds for guides!

Da Fishing! Da Fishing! The Uintah Mountains in the distance were snow covered from a late season storm. The weather was warm so river flows were up. This created some limitations on which fishing destinations to choose. But there are so many choices that we had no trouble deciding on fishing venues each day.



The first morning we fished an area known as Six Lakes Resort and Fishing Preserve. This is a complex of lakes near Altamont that includes rental cabins and picnic areas. We spent most of our time at Meadow Lake where we were able to sight fish for some nice fish. A dry/dropper rig worked well as did swimming a nymph or two. The fish were feisty and up to 18 inches or so.

By mid-afternoon we were back to the lodge to fish.. There are about eight ponds on the lodge property. A stream flows from above the highest pond down thru the other ponds in the canyon. This-

provides food and cold water that feeds the fish population. These lakes contain some nice Brown, Rainbow, Tiger and Brook Trout. There is a lot of vegetation around each pond but you can find clearing to cast thru. We landed and released fish from 8 to 18 inches in the ponds. Doug caught all the species available and was awarded a "Grand Slam" pin..

The second day we fished the Duchesne River in the vicinity of the small town of Tabiona. There are several public access sites near there. The river was a little higher than I'd like but gorgeous. Fishing here was mostly indicator fishing with a number of different flies. Richard caught a real nice brown here.



The morning of the third day we fished the Strawberry River. There were a lot of big fish in the Strawberry River which we could easily locate and cast to. The catching was slow but the fish were big! Doug caught the big one in the photo below on the Strawberry.

That afternoon we fished Rock Creek below the Upper Stillwater Reservoir. The fish here were smaller but feisty!

Our guides, Bryan Eldridge and John Rock were top notch! They drove us around, paid attention to our needs, provided flies, provided rigging, and offered casting advice and netted fish. Besides that they are fun to be with! I'd definitely ask for them again.

Oh, did I mention the food at the Lodge? Fabulous!! And at the end of each fishing day the guides washed and cleaned our waders and boots - definitely deluxe treatment and appreciated!



A big THANK YOU to Falcon's Ledge for supporting Fly Fishers Club of Orange County and making this trip a success!

Fly Fishing Skills and Tips

Cleaning Your Fly Line

Your fly line is one of the most important components of your fly fishing rig. But it's easy to forget to take care of it. A dirty fly line doesn't cast as well as a clean one and can transfer unwanted material to your rod's guides and your reel.

I'm a fan of inspecting my fly line after each trip and cleaning it periodically. If you plan in advance and have the needed materials on hand, inspecting and cleaning your fly line is easy and doesn't take a lot of time.

You need the following to do the Job:

- ✓ Double kitchen sink or two large clean buckets. (Both referred to as "containers" below.)
- ✓ A source of warm water. (Easy if you use a double sink!)
- ✓ An unscented detergent. I use Seventh Generation's "Free and Clear Natural Laundry Detergent", but there are no-doubt other good choices.
- ✓ A clean microfiber towel.
- ✓ Some paper towels. I use the blue shop towels from Home Depot, but only because I have them on hand for other purposes.
- ✓ Line conditioner.

Use the following process:

1. Get Everything ready:

- a. Arrange the two containers side by side.
- b. Anchor your reel off to the right. (For example, use masking tape to anchor it.) Loosen the drag.
- c. Add 2 to 3 inches of warm water to each container
- d. Put about 1/4 cup of laundry detergent in the right container (only) and mix it in..
- e. Stand at the sink or sit between the containers.



2. Clean the line:

- a. Pull line off the reel and feed it into the Soapy Water (right container). Make large loops as you do so and keep each loop on top of the prior ones. (This makes it easier to retrieve the line after it soaks.)
- b. When all of the line is in the container, gently make sure the entire line has been submerged.
- c. Let it soak for 30 minutes or so.

End up with the fly end of the line on the bottom and the butt end on top of the pile.

3. Rinse the line:

- a. Now start with the butt end of the line.
- b. Fold the microfiber towel over the line. Squeeze the towel over the line with your fingers and slowly pull the line with your other hand through the folded towel and into the Rinse Water (left container). Dirty material will be removed as the line goes thru the towel into the rinse water. Make large loops in the left container to keep each loop on top of the prior ones.

End up with the butt end of the fly line on the bottom and the fly end on top of the pile.

4. Dry and Inspect the Line

- a. Empty the soapy water from the right container. Rinse it to remove all of the soapy water. Dry the insides of the container with a paper towel.
- b. Now pull the line from the left tank rinse water, thru a clean and dry part of the microfiber towel (or a different dry towel) and into the dry right container. Inspect the line as you do this, looking for any damaged spots.

End up with the fly end of the line on the bottom and the butt end on top of the pile.

5. Condition the Line

- a. Now it's time to apply line conditioner as you wind the line back onto the reel.
- b. Fold a paper towel into a small pad. Put a dab of line conditioner in the center of this pad.
- c. Fold the pad over the line..
- d. Retrieve the line onto your reel. It will pick up the conditioner as you wind it in.

End up with the clean and conditioned fly line back on the reel.

If you subscribe to "California Fly Fisher", the May/June 2016 issue has an excellent article (page 41-42) on the subject with more detail than what I'm providing here. In addition it describes some testing done by the author to determine which line conditioners produce the best results.

--- Richard Fanning, your FFCOC Newsletter Editor

Fly Tying

Flies That Keep On Giving

I have tied Sculpin patterns before but without the addition of the Fish Skull helmet, I have spooked many Sculpin while fishing and not had one with me. I plan to hit them with a small fly 1 3/4" long Sculpin which is the mini helmet head. I have seen much this size.



By John Williams

Hook:	Daiichi 1760 #8
Thread:	UTC 140 any color, it does not show.
Tail:	Pheasant Body Feathers
Body:	Blood Marabou Olive or Brown
Fins:	Pheasant Body Feathers
Collar:	Deer Hair Rust or Tan
Head:	Fish Skull Mini head
Cement:	Super Glue
Head coloring:	Felt tip marker Black



A rotary vice is very helpful to tie this fly. Place the hook in the vise and smear a slight amount of super glue on the shank. Start the thread at the eye and wrap to the bend, be careful not to over load behind the eye with too many wraps as the skull has to fit on this area in the end. Match two pheasant body feathers together facing the same way and tie them on to the shank to form one half of the tail, do the same on the other side leaving them the hook shank length to the rear, each side should face each other. Peel off of a blood marabou feather ten to fifteen barboles holding the tips and making sure they are aligned, tie them in by the tips and wrap forward to the mid way point of the shank. Match a pair of pheasant body feather together and tie in on either side of the marabou so the curve of the feather is toward the outside to form the fins. Cut a small bunch of deer hair and stack and tie on top of the hook just in front of the fins to form a collar. Rotate your vice and tie in another clump on the opposite side and whip finish. Leave your vice in this position the point of this fly is on the top. Super glue the head area again and slide the helmet on with the eye spots on top. Place a slight amount of super glue on the eye depressions and place them on with your bodkin. Apply color to the helmet with a marker to your liking. Rotate the vice and trim the bottom of the tail feather so it will ride flat on the bottom. These fish skitter on the bottom as this fly should.

Have fun friends!
John

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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