

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



November 2016

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## Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

## Club Meeting:

November 9, 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:

November 14, 2016 - 7:00 pm  
Montesilla Mobile Home Park  
15601 South B St., Tustin, CA  
7:00 pm  
Club Members are Welcome

## President's Message

If you missed the President's Outing last month, you missed a great time. Scot Lewis brought his Treager smoker and did a fantastic brisket, even getting up at 3AM to put it on to smoke, but I must say it was worth it. And all the sides and desserts folks brought! Not to mention all the wines...

Fishing was just so-so, but congratulations to Marsha who got a very nice Smallmouth on the Lower River with Guy Jeans of the Kern River Fly Shop on Friday. Saturday Rich and Eric fished the Lower River with Guy, and did very well too. Doug, Art and Melinda got 3 trout between them way up above the Johnsondale Bridge.

Others fiddled around or napped while we baby-sat the brisket, set up lights and tables, Saturday night was the big dinner. We had chicken, fish (including Bluefin sashimi) and falling apart brisket. And a mess to clean up! Scot got the left over brisket, and all I got was a messy ice chest.

Sunday, most folks headed home, back to everyday life...thank you to all who attended. Let's do it again next year!!

A Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Jim Edwards, President

# Float Fishing Tips & Strategies

with Tony Reinhardt

Float fishing is one of the most productive and enjoyable ways to fly fish anywhere. Floating down a lovely river with a good guide on the oars is an exciting experience that demonstrates how beautiful and fun our sport can be. A trip to the Rocky Mountain West is on many anglers' agenda each season to float some of the country's most famous streams. But there are procedures to follow when you're floating, no matter whether you're in the front of the boat, or the back.

Our November presentation focuses on float fishing strategies and tips and is designed to offer insights into float fishing that will help both the first timer and the veteran angler be more efficient and relaxed when fishing from a drift boat. The differences between float fishing and wade fishing will be highlighted, along with the roles of each angler in different float fishing situations. All of the key aspects of a successful float fishing trip will be covered, from casting angles, line management, hooking and fighting fish and teamwork. Advanced tips will also be covered to help anglers take their float fishing to the next level.



Our guide on this trip is one of the best in the country and a favorite of our club, Tony Reinhardt. Tony will be using easy to understand images and great video to show and teach us the best tips and tactics that will lead to more trout in the net and less frustration on your next trip.

Tony was born and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa where his father taught him to hunt and fish on the family farm. While still a teenager, Tony was looking for different ways to catch the bass and pan fish throughout the Midwest, so he picked up a fly rod. Shazam! He has never been the same. He got his first taste of trout fishing while attending college in Oklahoma and driving on weekends to the productive tailwaters in Arkansas -- the White, the Little Red and the Norfolk. After his freshman year of college he spent that summer fishing and traveling with his grandfather in Alaska. They had an Air-stream camper and a canoe, spending most days exploring as many fishing opportunities as they could. It was a life changing experience, and Tony quickly traded a full ride scholarship back in Oklahoma for tuition bills and a tiny apartment in Missoula, MT.

Tony started working at Missoula's Grizzly Hackle Fly Shop in '97 while earning a degree in

English from the University of Montana. He was hired as a “shop rat” and by the following summer he was promoted to Outfitting Manager and started his guiding career as well. He split time between both positions for a few years until a once in a lifetime opportunity came along.

In 2001, a guest ranch was being developed in southwest Montana, and Tony was hired as a staff guide for the initial year. When not guiding for the ranch, his mandate was to go fishing and learn as much as possible about *all* the rivers of Montana. Since he only guided six days for that whole season, he had a lot of time to explore the state. Being paid to just go fishing was an unbelievable experience, but at the end of that year, Tony chose to return to Missoula. While he had witnessed some great fishing all across Big Sky Country, he felt that the rivers around Missoula offered the best overall angling experience in the state, and Tony rejoined the Grizzly Hackle as a full time guide in 2002.

Since then he has spent as much time on the rivers of western Montana as any other guide in the area, averaging more than 150 guide days a season. Tony started his own outfitting business, Montana Trout Outfitters, in 2010 and his guide season is nearly filled each year with returning anglers. During a rare day off you are likely to find him exploring some of the lesser known waters in the area or testing new fly designs for his clients to use in the coming days. Tony also serves as a Travel Advisor for Wild on the Fly Fishing Adventure Travel and has hosted trips to locations across the globe.

Fly tying started as a passion for Tony when he moved to Missoula and he has become a skilled tier who is often asked to demonstrate at local events. He tied flies commercially for area fly shops and the majority of flies in his guide bag were created at his own vise.

Along the way, in 2002 Tony married his wife, Brandy. They met while both working at a drug store in high school, and when Brandy realized Tony wasn't ever leaving Montana, she moved out to join him. They have two children, Thomas (12), and Kaitlyn (8), and a black lab, Ruby.

You can learn more about Tony and Montana Trout Outfitters by going to:  
[www.mttroutguides.com](http://www.mttroutguides.com)

See you there.... And remember to pursue your fly 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 Mid Life Heaven"
11-9-16	2nd Wed	Tony Reinhardt	"Float Fishing Tips & Strategies"
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" Class Irvine Regional Park, CA	Joe Libeu Doug Jones	562 426-3264 714 697-2222
December	TBD		

## First Draft - 2017 Outings and Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
January 7	Fishing Newport Peninsula	Art Prangly	714 270-7090
February TBD	Surf (Local)	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
March 13-15	Pyramid lake, NV	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April TBD	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May	TBD		
June 2-4	Fish Creek	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 10-14	Back Country Horse-back Trip, June Lake Loop	John Williams	951 236-0862
July 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch, Mammoth	John Williams	951 236-0862
August	TBD		
September 21-23	Circleville, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 26-29	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 2-6	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 27-29	President's Outing - Kernville	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	TBD		
December	TBD		

**Note that this is a first draft. There will be changes and additions! Contact the stream-keeper for more information.**



## Announcements!

# *Progressive Raffle!*



**Goal = \$1500**  
**Current Status = \$700**

**Buy Your Tickets at  
Club Meetings or on  
the FFCOC website**  
**\$5 for 1 Ticket**  
**\$20 for 6 Tickets**

The items in this basket have been handcrafted by some of our very gifted craftsman in our club. So when you ask why the goal is what it is, please remember what it takes to custom craft these items. These are not manufactured or made in volume. Tickets are still available for this progressive raffle and the winning ticket will be selected once we reach our goal of revenue. Tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 6 for \$25.00. Tickets will be available on our website if you cannot attend one of the meetings. The link to purchase a ticket online will be found on the home page. If you would like to donate a hand-crafted item at any time before the winning raffle ticket is selected, donations will be accepted at any time.

Here is a list of just some of the items that are currently included.

- Custom Crafted Fly Rod by Dennis Harper( 9'6" , 5 wt )
- Fly Fishing Presentation Pen by Len Scarpace
- Fly Fishing Candle Rug, with Candle holder and votive
- Stella Engelman's Toffee
- Hand Finished Trout Pen, handcrafted by Richard Fanning
- Fly Fishing Wall Quilt, Rosie Beck
- Flies tied by Cheryl Moore
- Flies tied by Karin Vallaincourt
- Car Rod Magnet holder in Buckeye Burl, made by Greg Madrigal
- Fly Fishing Lanyard made by Richard Fanning
- Flies tied by Lyman Kennedy.



Each year we vote on those wonderful volunteers who team together to build a remarkable club for us. Many of these volunteers have been on the board for many years and are looking to take a break. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have ever thought about volunteering and getting more involved with the club by teaming up with a current BOD member and be mentored in their position.

According to our By Law Article VIII

### **Section 1 – Numbers and Qualifications**

*The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of eleven members, who shall be the elected officers and the newsletter editor and at-large members. Any member elected to the Board of Directors shall be considered as having qualified to so serve by their presence at the first meeting of the Board of Directors after their election*

We have a couple of positions open and are looking for new volunteers. If that sounds to ominous for you how about volunteering to participate in a committee. Some of the Board of Directors could use your assistance in planning events and running them. So, if you are looking to participate in the club by providing your special skill, please let me know and I am sure we can use your help somewhere.

#### **Elected Board Positions:**

President  
1<sup>st</sup> VP  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Outing Chairman  
Program Chairman  
Raffle Chairman  
Membership Chairman  
Conservation Chairman

#### **At Large Members:**

Newsletter Editor  
Endowment Fund Chairman  
TIC Chairman  
Webmaster  
Fly Tying

#### **Committees/Teams:**

Auction  
Casting Clinic  
Membership Drive  
Social Media  
Scholarship  
Conservation  
TIC  
Streamkeepers  
Mentoring  
Historian

If you would like to volunteer your time in another capacity that I have not listed, please advise me of your thoughts.

If you would like to view the list of job descriptions or are just interested in viewing our clubs Policy and By-Laws they are posted on our website at <http://www.ffcoc.org> Under the Quick links in the left column select the Documents link, and then select Club documents. These are only visible to club members and you will need to login to view these documents.

Help us to continue to make this club the best!

I look forward to hearing from some on you soon,

Melinda C. Burns  
1 st Vice President  
(Your 2017 President)



# SWCIFFF Fly Fishing Faire Report 2016



These photos say it all. To see more photos like these go to <http://www.ffcoc.org> then click on Photo Gallery and click on the SWCIFFF Fly Fishing Faire Photo Album



Adamsbuilt Vendor



Fly Tying Classes



Casting Demonstrations



Casting for Recovery



Jewelry Vendor



Charles Jardine Casting Demo



Auctions and Raffles



Clothing Vendors

And this was just some of the fun we had. Casting Classes, Free Seminars, Fly Tying demos, Casting Competitions, On the Water Classes, Faire Merchandise and much more. Save the date for next year, **October 13 – 15, 2017 Tri County Fairgrounds, Bishop California.**

Hope to see you there next year,

Melinda Burns

## **Owens River Annual Clean Up - February 2017**

**California Waterfowl Association**

**Owens River Annual Clean Up**

**Bishop, California**

**Saturday, February 11, 2017**

Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves and be prepared to help clean up as much of the Owens River as we can. Wear waders if you own them.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked good provided for all volunteers at 8AM

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM @ Pleasant Valley Campground.

2017 Sponsors include:

California Waterfowl Association – Bishop

Caltrout – Sierra Headwaters Region

Eastern Sierra Fishing Guides Association

Preferred Septic and Disposal – Bishop

Inyo Recycling and Waste Management - Bishop

Silver Lake Resort – June Lake

Trout Unlimited – Eastern Sierra Field Office

International Federation of Fly Fishers – Southwest Council

Talk it up. Bring family and friends. This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information on sponsoring or general information call

Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.



## Fly Tying

### Flies That Keep On Giving

Once upon a time there was a trout, a large trout and his friends that cruised the shallows of a lake looking for this fly. Damselflies populate many of our western lakes and become quite abundant, fish feast on them. This is the nymph phase of its life cycle. This fly works! .



By John Williams

#### Willie's Damsel

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 2220 #14
<b>Thread:</b>	UTC 70 Black
<b>Eyes:</b>	Bead Chain Eyes Small
<b>Rib:</b>	Danville's Fine Gold Wire
<b>Tail &amp; Abdomen:</b>	Blood Marabou Olive
<b>Thorax &amp; Head:</b>	Peacock Herl
<b>Head &amp; Thorax</b>	
<b>Cover:</b>	Pheasant Tail Fibers
<b>Legs:</b>	Rubber or Silicone, Black, Small
<b>Head Cement:</b>	Super Glue



Start your thread at the eye and wrap back  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the hook shank. Cut a pair of eyes from the bead chain and place an eye space behind the eye of the hook. Take thread wraps to secure the eyes on top of the hook shank. Tie in the gold wire behind the eyes and thread wrap all the way down the abdomen to the bend of the hook. Remove 10-12 marabou fibers from the marabou feather aligning the tips as you remove them. Tie them in at the bend letting the tips extend a full body length to the rear. Wrap the thread forward to behind the eyes. Wrap forward to the eyes the marabou and tie off behind the eyes. Wrap forward to the eyes the gold wire to secure the marabou and tie off behind the eyes. Remove 10-12 pheasant tail fibers from the feather and cut the butts square and tie in behind the eyes with the tips extending to the rear. Remove one peacock eye fiber and wrap it around the thorax and head encasing the eyes and tie off behind the eyes. Pull the thread over between the eyes and fold the pheasant tail fibers over the eyes and secure in front of the eyes and behind the eye of the hook. Run the thread back behind the eyes and fold the pheasant tail fibers back over and between the eyes to form the thorax cover tie off and trim the pheasant tail fibers just long of the tie off point. Place a rubber leg on either side of the hook and secure with several warps of thread. Smear some super glue on your thread and wrap over the final wraps of thread of the thorax and either wait and cut your thread or make a quick whip finish and trim off your thread.

A slow one to two inch retrieve is required to fish this effectively.

Have fun,  
John

## NEW! - Bulletin Board

This is a new feature added to the Newsletter on a trial basis. It's a way for club members to connect with each other. You might be looking for a certain piece of equipment or maybe you have something to sell. Or, maybe you are looking for others interested in or knowledgeable of a certain type of fishing equipment, a fishing venue or fishing trip. Send you posting information to Richard Fanning (rkfanning@aol.com). I will include it in the next FFCOC Newsletter. I will need your name, and a brief description of your posting. Club members can use their directory or the web site to get contact information. I will include your posting for no more than 2 consecutive months.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Submitter</u>	<u>Post Date</u>
1. I'm planning a trip to Jurassic Lake, Argentina, Dec 9-16, 2017. Looking for interested participants. (This trip is not an FFCOC sponsored trip.)	Eric Kramer	Nov 2016

Items are posted as a service to FFCOC members. The items listed are not endorsed, supported or guaranteed by FFCOC.

## 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.

### Board of Directors and Activity Leaders:

#### President

Jim Edwards  
president@ffcoc.org

#### 1st Vice President

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Melinda Burns  
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#### 2nd Vice President

Casting Clinic  
Art Prangle

#### Past President

Doug Jones

#### Treasurer

Brian Mayer

#### Secretary

Alan Ross  
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#### Newsletter Editor

Richard Fanning  
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**Programs** - Andy Frumento\*

**Outings** - John Williams\*

**Web Site** - Victor Raphael\*

**Conservation/FFF** - Open

**Raffle Coordinator** - Charlene Hanson\*

**Membership** - Vern Martin\*  
membership@ffcoc.org

**Trout in the Classroom** - Melinda Burns\*

**Historian** - Open

**Fly Tying** - Doug Jones

\* = At-Large Member, FFCOC Board of Directors

## Support Our Local Fly Shops



**Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store**  
2700 W. Orangethorpe Ave.  
Fullerton, CA 92833

**Hours:** Mon-Sat: 9am - 6pm  
Sun: Closed

**Phone:** 714 525-1827

**E-mail:** [info@bobmarriotts.com](mailto:info@bobmarriotts.com)



#### His & Hers Fly Fishing Shop

359 N. Old Newport Blvd.  
Newport Beach, CA 92663

**Hours:** Mon-Fri: 10am - 6pm

Sat: 9am - 6pm

Sun: Closed

**Phone:** 949 548-9449

**E-mail:** [hisher1666@aol.com](mailto:hisher1666@aol.com)