

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



February 2017

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## Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

## Club Meeting:

February 8, 2017

Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson, Anaheim, CA

6:00 pm - Wet Flies Social Hour

7:00 pm - Dinner and Program

Dinner & Program - \$35.00 Cash

Program Only - \$12.00 Cash

\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

## Board Meeting:

February 13, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Montesilla Mobile Home Park

15601 South B St., Tustin, CA

7:00 pm

Club Members are Welcome

## President's Message

As the 2017 President of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County, I would like to welcome everyone to our club. We look forward to meeting you and hope that you will join us at our next meeting on Wednesday February 8. Our guest speaker for February is Beau Mc Fadden and his topic will be, "The Missouri and Big Horn Rivers". These two rivers are on my bucket list so I look forward to hear what he has to say. I know I will be bringing my pencil and paper to take some notes. How about you?

Our club was founded in 1966 and has since provided our members with a venue for them to learn or improve their fly fishing skills and fly fishing experiences. Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is a Non-Profit Organization where you can build new friendships while building new skills. We pride ourselves in that we know we offer some of the finest programs to all our members. They include but are not limited to; casting clinics, fly tying classes, Trout in the Classroom Program, monthly outings, monthly meetings with special speakers and rod building classes. We hope that you will utilize this opportunity to take advantages of the outings, classes and other miscellaneous events that are offered to you as a FFCOC member. Will you be making a new friend from our club members?

If that as you as well in the cartoon, you might want to think about signing up for the, "Casting in the Park" event scheduled for Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> at Irvine Regional Park.

Tight Lines, Melinda Burns, President

## This Month's Meeting

### Fly Fishing Montana's Big Horn River with Beau McFadyean

Most of us know that Montana is a state filled with water, which is filled with trout. And most of us are familiar with many of the rivers in Montana that are destinations of many fly fishers. But in the last few years, the southern California clubs have not had a presentation focusing on one of the best of those rivers – the Big Horn. However, after our February meeting, no one will be able to say that. We're going to have a show that displays and informs us, with wonderful pictures and in great detail, the story about this truly magnificent fly fishing mecca. And, thanks to the recommendation of the Orange County club and its Program Director, Andy Frumento, we are going to welcome one of the best and most informative guides from this river, Beau McFadyean.

Being that his father Jim had been an outfitter in Montana since 1985, Beau began fly fishing at a very early age. Spending countless days with him on the water helped Beau develop not only the skills but also the passion for fly fishing. In 1998, at age 18, Beau started to guide on the Big Horn and, in 2001, he became a partner with his father in their business, Montana Adventures and Angling.

Beau graduated from Rocky Mountain College in 2003 with a B.A. in education, which comes in handy as he not only guides but teaches our sport for every skill level, from first timers to veteran anglers. He says that guiding and outfitting for the past 19 years has brought him in contact with many people from many different backgrounds. And Beau is sincere when he emphasizes that this aspect of his career is one of the favorite parts of his work. He is innately curious and enjoys hearing peoples' stories and sharing in their excitement for fly fishing.

Beau has a few other talents in his arsenal of abilities. He has partnered with his wife, a physical therapist, in putting on excellent casting clinics that focus on biomechanical analysis of fly casting. He also supports a number of favorite charities by donating guided trips. Fly tying also takes up a good chunk of his time, as he personally ties most all of the flies he uses in his business.

No surprise that the Bighorn River has always been Beau's "home water." However, one of the things that he prides himself on is being able to guide many different waters that Montana has to offer. These waters include, the Missouri River, the Yellowstone River, various stillwaters, private ponds in central and southern Montana and all of the famous waterways that reside on the Blackfeet Reservation.

As most of you know, Beau visited the FFCOC in 2014 and gave us a great presentation on the big Big Horn River. His presentation for February will also include the great fishing on the Missouri River.

Beau is a true outdoorsman. He hunts birds as well as big game. Other activities he participates in include snowboarding, chasing cows on his family ranch, and spending time with his wife and three children. To read more about Beau, and all facets of his outfitting and guiding, go to: [www.mtangling.com](http://www.mtangling.com)

Please join Beau McFadyean as he takes us down the Big Horn and Missouri rivers. See you there!

Andy Frumento



## Announcements!

### It's Membership Renewal Time!

#### ATTENTION!! ATENTION!! ALL CLUB MEMBERS

If you have not done so already, **please renew your Membership**. There are two ways to do this:

- ♦ **Renew via the club's website**, [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org). If you use the website, you will need to log in using your password.
  - ♦ **Renew at the next club meeting**. Please come and see me at the next club meeting if you do not want to renew via the website. I will have applications and release waivers at the next meeting for your convenience.
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### New, Beginning January 2017!



# DINNER PRICE

## \$35.00

# PROGRAM ONLY

## \$12.00

\$1.00 Surcharge for payment by credit card - Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover Only

## 2017 Club Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-11-17	2nd Wed	Pat Jaeger	"Tenkara and How It Helps Your Fly Fishing"
2-8-17	2nd Wed	Beau McFadyean	"The Missouri and Big Horn Rivers"
3-8-17	2nd Wed	Joe Contaldi	"Fishing High Sierra Waters"
4-12-17	2nd Wed	Spencer Higa	"Fly Fishing Utah's Provo River"
5-10-17	2nd Wed	Andrew Harris	"Five Rivers in Five Days"
6-7-17	1st Wed	Gary Borger	"Fly The Angler's Predator"
7-12-17	2nd Wed	Al Quattrocchi	"Fly Fishing the Surf"
8-9-17	2nd Wed	Peter Koga and Zino Nakasugi	"Fly Fishing Hawaii"
9-13-17	2nd Wed	FFCOC Auction	-----
10-11-17	2nd Wed	George Daniel	"Streamers"
11-8-17	2nd Wed	Ernie Gulley	"What Trout Eat"
12-13-17	2nd Wed		HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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

## 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 Fishing (Postponed due to weather)	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
February 18	Casting in the Park	Art Prangley	art@sbcglobal.net
February 25-26	On the Water Training, Bishop, CA	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
March 13-15	Pyramid Lake, NV	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April 3-5	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 22-26	Lee's Ferry, AZ	Melinda and John Burns	951 415-9920
June 2-4	Fish Creek, Sierras	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 10-14	Back Country Horseback Trip, June Lake Loop	John Williams	951 236-0862
July 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch, Mammoth	John Williams	951 236-0862
August 26	Casting Clinic, Mile Square Park		
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 20-22	President's Outing - Kernville	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	TBD		
December	TBD		

NOTE: Date Updated!

# Stream Keepers with Good Trip Ideas wanted!

Stream Keepers are not appointed or grow on trees. All it takes is a desire to plan a trip and lead a group to the destination. You need to pass on the information to the group such as Lodging, Guide, Transportation, Dining, and what you will be fishing for.

The club and our members depend on our Stream Keepers to provide great fishing experiences. If you have questions please feel free to talk to the club's Outings Chair, John Williams (951 236-0862). We have a syllabus to help you.

The Stream Keeper process goes like this:

- ✓ Conceive Trip Idea
- ✓ Review the idea with the Outing Chairperson (John Williams)
- ✓ Create a Plan: Location, Dates, Number of Participants, Lodging, Meals, Guides, Cost, Transportation, Advertising, Etc.
- ✓ Review the plan with the Outings Chairperson (John Williams)
- ✓ Solicit participation and fees (e.g. Club Meetings and Newsletter)
- ✓ Make reservations, Pay Fees/Deposits
- ✓ Have a great trip!
- ✓ Pay Bills
- ✓ Send "Thank Yous" to providers
- ✓ Write a Trip Report to be published in the Newsletter

# Casting in the Park

*We still have 5 slots left!!*



This is a great opportunity to improve your skills at fly casting from Master Casting Instructor, Joe Libeu.

The first session will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Irvine Regional Park, from 8:30-12:00. This first session will focus on intermediate casting: narrowing loops, changing distance during the cast, accuracy, and such. Follow on sessions would target more advanced techniques and skills.

To offset the cost of the OC Park permits, we will be charging \$5.00 a person for the session.

Space is limited! For those interested, please register with Art Prangley, [artp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artp@sbcglobal.net) to reserve a spot. We're capping the session to the first 20 that sign up.

# San Juan River, NM Outing

## April 2 to 6, 2017

Spring is just around the corner and 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. If making reservations at Fisheads, please let them know you are part of the FFCOC group. Contact Brian Mayer for full details.

This year, we are planning for fishing on the weekdays when all the kids have returned to school and we won't have to compete with the local weekend fishers. Plan to arrive on Sunday, April 2. If you arrive early enough, you may have the opportunity to wade fish the lower quality water. The general plan is to fish Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. 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.

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.

For more information, please contact stream keeper Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169 or [bdmayer@hotmail.com](mailto:bdmayer@hotmail.com)

If you plan to attend the trip, please call or send Brian Mayer an email so we have contacts for everyone.



# Lee's Ferry Outing 2017

## May 22-26, 2017



### 3 openings left

### Reserve your spot today!

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 10 other lucky club members as we fish one of the waters of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. This trip will consist of 3 nights lodging at the Cliff Dwellers (2 Adults per room) and 3 days of guided fishing (Drift or Wet Wading). I have reserved Rooms 27 -32 along with, 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: Jeff English, Skip Dixon, Natalie Jensen, Tyson Warren, Dale Gauthier, 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](mailto:mel11755@pacbell.net).

Melinda and John Burns  
Streamkeepers

# Fish Creek Outing – June 2 to 4, 2017

Sign-ups are open for the trip to Fish Creek. This year, it will be the first weekend in June.

This is a camping outing to the Southern Sierra's Kern River Plateau area close to Kennedy Meadows. The camp ground provides cold water and out houses only. Most people will be camping in tents; however, small camping trailers and motor homes are allowed. We will be fishing for small golden trout in small water creeks, so bring your small rods (3 weights and less). The fish are generally very eager, so this is an excellent trip for the novice and experience fisher-person as well.

If interested, contact Brian Mayer [bdmayer@hotmail.com](mailto:bdmayer@hotmail.com), (562-619-9169).



**UPDATED!**



## **Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Hits The Trail**



## **Five Days of Backcountry Fishing**

**July 10-14, 2017**

**Cost: \$1,224**

**\$200 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot,  
Make Checks to "Frontier Pack Train" and send to John Williams**

**Stream Keeper: John Williams 951-236-0862**

**19859 Calle Cadiz Walnut, Ca. 9178**

### **Itinerary:**

**\*Day One:** Meet at the Pack Station in June Lake at 7:00 a.m., when breakfast will be served. We will partner you up with a horse to match your ability and then ride into the beautiful Ansel Adams Wilderness. Our lunch and fishing stop will be beside Crest Creek, where there will be plenty of Spawning Rainbow from Gem Lake. We will then continue to our first camp at Clark Lakes. There will be plenty of time to fish that evening for Brookies in the four nearby lakes.

**\*Day Two:** After breakfast, we will take a day ride to Thousand Island Lake and the headwaters of the San Joaquin River. There, you will fish for Rainbow/Golden hybrids. Our emphasis is on catch-and-release. After dinner, we will be fishing the Clark Lakes.

**\*Day Three:** We will break camp in the morning and travel to Algers Lakes, stopping along the way to fish beautiful Rush Creek, known for both Brookies and Rainbows. At our base camp, you will have the best opportunity for catching large Golden Trout. We will spend the balance of the day fishing near camp.

**\*Day Four:** The group will have the whole day to fish Algers Lakes and find your favorite spot. You can expect to catch Golden's from 10-16 inches.

**\*Day Five:** Fish in the morning. After having lunch at the camp, we will return to the Pack Station, arriving at 4:00 p.m.

### **What to Expect:**

- Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Frontier Pack Train in June Lake.
- Breakfast is served the first day while gear is packed on the mules. The last meal furnished is lunch on the last day.
- Dunnage limit is **40 lbs. per person**. This includes sleeping bags, fishing gear, liquor.
- Frontier provides a saddle bag for trail essentials. We do not

suggest bringing saddle bags or backpacks unless pocket size.

- No alcoholic beverages served or included in trip fee but you can BYOB but the weight counts against your 40lbs limit.
- Transportation provided for return to June Lake for trips terminating at other road heads.
- Trips will terminate at 4:00 p.m. the last day.
- FRONTIER does **not** treat the water. Bring your own filter pump or purification tablets.
- Frontier furnishes stock, packer, cook, food, and camping equipment. Private tents for couples or singles will be reserved by request. All trips are outfitted with chairs, solar showers and privy.

#### Other Details

The Pack Station can Supply Bear Boxes \$5.00 each per day.Box Size 16" x 16" x 24"

Wilderness Permit \$5.00 per person additional

#### **Personal Checklist**

- Sleeping bag/foam pad or air mattress
- Flashlight/extra batteries
- Coffee mug
- Broad brimmed hat (must have string to keep from blowing off)
- Camera, extra SD card and extra batteries
- Rain pants & coat or slicker
- Riding boots & camp shoes
- Insect repellent
- Sun Screen and Chap Stick
- Polarized Sunglasses
- Bathing suit
- Hat protector from rain
- Heavy Jacket
- Canteen
- Personal hygiene kit (including towel)

**Please use biodegradable soap and shampoo.**

Bring gear in nylon duffels - sleeping bag and pads separate

- Liquor should be labeled and checked in separately

**We will be traveling to 9,000' elevation the first day and eventually to 11,000' elevation. Please come a day or two ahead of the trip to acclimate to at least 7,000'. Drink plenty of water and limit the alcohol intake prior to the trip; Altitude sickness can ruin a trip.**

- **Fishing equipment:**

4-6 weight Rod and Reel with floating line.

7 to 9 foot leaders 5x bring 4,5,6 and 7 X tippet

Split shot BB and smaller

**Flies:**

- Parachute Adams #14-18
- Stimulator in orange #12-16
- Caddis #16-18
- Hopper #10-14
- Griffith Gnat #16-22
- Klinkhammer #16-18
- Glo Bug #16 Orange
- Wooly Bugger #8-12 Black & Olive
- Bring what you own already; there are many flies that work well in the high altitude backcountry of the Sierra's.
- The above list of flies has worked well for me in the past.
- If you have any questions or concerns please call John Williams 951-236-0862

# Congratulations to the following winners in our Progressive Raffle

Progressive Raffle Winner = Art Prangley  
\$25.00 GC from Marriotts = Richard Fanning  
\$25.00 GC from Marriotts = Doug Jones  
\$25.00 GC from Marriotts = Shannon Gaffney

The Progressive raffle brought in an additional \$1400 to the 2016 Auction.

I want to thank these very special club members who donated a hand-crafted item for this raffle:

Dennis Harper	Custom Made Fly Rod
Lyman Kennedy	Box of Flies
Cheryl Moore	Box of Flies
Karen Vallaincourt	Box of Flies
Dave Boyer	Box of Flies
Rosie Beck	Quilt
Richard Fanning	Lanyard
Len Scarpace	Fly Fishing Presentation Pen
Greg Madrigal	Car Rod Magnet holder in Buckeye Burl
Melinda Burns	Fly Fishing Candle Rug, with Candle Holder and Votive
Unanymous	Hand crafted earrings and necklace

And a special thanks to all of you who purchased tickets to support our club. We are a dang super club!!!

## **Owens River Annual Clean Up - February 11, 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.

### Flies That Keep On Giving

What does a well-developed fly box have in it, a representation of the major bugs that inhabit the waters of the West? Caddis are a major part of the bug life and all stages should be represented. I was shown by example how this fly worked in 1989. Michael Maxwell showed up a day later than I with a fly that out preformed much of what we were using. I asked to see it and he said he bought a few and gave me one. The games were on, fish after fish slammed it and we tied them that night. I have shared this fly with you many years ago in a drawing but a picture tells more. This is a must have.



By John Williams

#### The Klinkhamer

**Hook:** Daiichi 1167 14-20  
**Thread:** UTC G.S.P. (Gel Spun) 50 Olive  
**Post:** Antron Yarn Spooled White or Cream  
**Dubbing:** SLF Dave Whitlock Pattern Blends Sand Tan  
**Thorax:** Peacock Herl  
**Legs:** Grizzly Hackle sized to the hook size  
**Cement:** Super Glue Gel Formula



Place the hook in the vice with the eye and upper part of the shank level. Start the thread behind the eye and run it down the level part and back to the middle of the level area. Cut a length of Antron yarn from the spool about 11/4" long, I find it easier to handle if I dampen it with saliva but for you more pure types H2O works as well. Place the middle of the Antron on the shank and make several wraps of thread one on top of the other then fold the two end together and pull upwards to form the post while making several wraps of thread 6-10 around the base as close to the shank as you can, while holding the post upright pull slightly on the wraps while holding the bobbin and they will ascend up the post slightly. Now that the post is erect dub on your thread sparingly the dubbing and form an abdomen tapering from Vertical shank of the hook to the base of the wing post. Tie in three peacock herls and make several wraps forming the thorax of the fly ending with them to the rear of the post where your thread should be. Strip 3/16 of an inch of fibers from your hackle feather base and place a scosh, dab, dollop or smear of **super glue gel**, (Thin formula of super glue will run up the post fibers and ruin the post and make a mess) On the bottom few fibers of the feather and stem and place on the post base with the concave side of the feather downward. Take several wraps of thread to lift the feather to vertical. Make five wraps around the post with the feather with each wrap below the next. Tie off behind the post with a couple of wraps of thread and around the post. Advance the thread to the eye and whip finish. The post now need to be trimmed, pull the post to the rear and cut off even with the hackle and allow to rest erect.

This is a must have fly only because it woks so well.

Tight lines all.

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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## 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

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Newport Beach, CA 92663

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Sun: Closed

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