

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



May 2017

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## Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

## Club Meeting:

May 10, 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:

May 15, 2017 - 7:00 pm  
Montesilla Mobile Home Park  
15601 South B St., Tustin, CA  
7:00 pm  
Club Members are Welcome

## President's Message

### *FFCOC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2017*

Spring is here! Many of you have already had the pleasure of fishing the spring melts. Honey Burns and I will be making our 3rd Fly Fishing trip of the year in May. We will be hitting the waters of the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry. This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> trip there.

Speaking of fishing trips, did you know that we have a multitude of activities in which you can participate in. We just finished up 6 weeks of Fly Tying. We have had a Casting in the Park for intermediate casting lessons, On the Water Training for our new fly fisherman, Pyramid Lake for those of us who like to stand on ladders and fish, the San Juan River for those of us love beautiful scenery and a few other club events.

On another note, I would like to remind our membership that we are looking for new board members. Many of us on the current board have served up teen million years and it is time now to pass the baton on to the next generation of Board Members. So please seriously think about joining the board next year and start learning what it takes to make this a great club. You don't have to re-invent the

wheel as we have documentation for all our volunteer positions and events.

You know volunteering is not a bad thing - remember it is volunteers like YOU who keep our club running! Our club members are great people to work with and hang out with and we know we have more great people in our membership; you just might be too shy to offer your help. So I am reaching out to you now, to take the next step.

Please stop and think about it and you will find you will meet more members which can only enhance your membership experience. If you are unsure how you can help, please talk to any Board Member and we can find something that fits your skills, your schedule and the club's needs. There are even some perks to volunteering your time - make the most of your membership!

Remember, by volunteering you are not only giving something back to the club but you gain so much for yourself! Come and enjoy the fun and help us support our Mission!

### ***Our Mission***

*The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County was founded in 1966 to further the sport of Fly Fishing and to provide a meeting function for area residents interested in the sport. In addition to being a way to meet others who enjoy the sport, there were three goals in mind when the club was founded:*

*Educating the Public  
Conserving the fisheries*

*Contributing its resources in order to make fly fishing enjoyable and available to all who are interested*

### ***A FISHING PRAYER***

**God, grant that I might fish until my dying day,  
And when I make my one last cast, I most humbly pray,  
When in the Lord's safe landing net I am peacefully asleep,  
That in his mercy I'll be judged as good enough to keep.**



### *Five Rivers in Five Days* with Andrew Harris

We live in what is often called “The Golden State,” and it’s called that not just because of sunshine. California is described as golden because of the many opportunities available, and we, as fly fishers, realize that the opportunities for us to pursue our sport here *are* golden, especially in the central and northern parts of our state. For example, we can find gorgeous and prolific wild trout fisheries in the Redding area. And in this month’s presentation, we are going to travel there to see and learn from detailed maps, to hear solid advice on techniques and to understand logistical considerations for getting to these highly regarded fisheries . . . and to enjoy fly fishing at its best.

Our leader on this journey is Andrew Harris, who has 20 years of guiding experience in northern California. Andrew will be showing and advising us about the amazing streams in this focused area, including the Lower Sacramento River and the Upper Sac, the McCloud River, the Pit River, Fall River and, of course, Hat Creek. These rivers are great destinations for guided and non-guided anglers alike and will amaze people who have never been to this lovely area.



Andrew has been guiding in northern California since 1997, when he started helping clients on the rivers surrounding Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen. He lives in Red Bluff, California with his wife Katie and daughters Mackenzie and Madison. In 2007 Andrew created Confluence Outfitters, with help from partners Gino Bernero and Jon Hazlett. Andrew actually acts as the "Outfitter" in Confluence Outfitters, as he is the one who answers the phones and emails. Andrew says he definitely enjoys helping clients plan their trips. Confluence Outfitters has a solid and reputable group of guides and a bewildering array of venues in northern California, southern Oregon, and Washington. Andrew can help you select the right guide, destination, and time of year for your next fly fishing trip.

By the way, Andrew is a USCG-licensed Captain, which means he can operate a motorized boat in the inland waters of California. He puts this license to good use on the lower reaches of the Sacra-

mento River where he uses his jet boat to fish for striped bass, trout and steelhead. Andrew has also become recognized as a pioneer of using lightweight two-handed rods for trout on the Lower Sac.

Andrew is a regular on the northern California fly fishing clubcircuit and typically does five to ten presentations a year. He also writes regularly for *California Fly Fisher* magazine and is the author of the Plumas National Forest Fishing Guide, a fly fishing guidebook to the Feather River country.

For more information about Andrew and Confluence Outfitters, please go to

**[www.confluenceoutfitters.com](http://www.confluenceoutfitters.com)**

Please join Andrew Harris as he guides us down Five Rivers in five days. See you there.... And remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

## 2017 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

## Announcements

# Auction 2017

### Update of the Month

We're inching towards the 2017 Auction: Only 4 months to go. We've got some great donations that have been made by our members and our providers already.

A real highlight of the evening will be the live auction of a custom net made by Sierra Nets. Greg Madrigal, one of our own and a master net builder is making a special net for our auction. These are truly unique and priceless.

We've received some great "almost new" and "gently used" packs and vests (and you can never have too many of these) that we will be putting in our Silent auction or "buy it now" area. These may be great ways for the budding fly fisher to get outfitted. Speaking of those new to fly fishing. It can be daunting to get all of the equipment needed to get started. We will have a host of items: rods (new and used), reels (new and used) and lines that would be great for those new to our sport. Remember, you don't need to be a member to come to our auction, so please invite your friends!

We've heard back from a few guides and providers already and have some wonderful and inviting donations to consider for future fly fishing trips and locations. Stay tuned as we get more.

So, the wheels and gears are turning, and we're looking forward to a great auction this year.

Until next month,

Thank you,

Art Prangley, 2017 Auction Chair

# **Buy Local!**

## **Support Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store!**



We have the good fortune of having a well stocked and easily accessed Fly Fishing Store in our area. In a continuing effort to provide good service and support the needs of the local fly fishing community, Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store has created a rebate program for club members. Bob Marriott's will rebate 2% of the purchase price of goods you buy to Fly Fishers Club of Orange County. In addition they will set up a rebate account in your name and rebate another 5% in store credit to you for use as partial payment on future purchases! Very generous, indeed!

See the back last page in this Newsletter for the address and phone number.

Thanks to Kevin Bell, General Manager at Marriott's, for including us in this program!

By Richard Fanning



## 2017 Outings and Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAM-KEEPER</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
January 7	Fishing Newport Peninsula	Art Prangly	714 270-7090
Cancelled	Surf Fishing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
February 25-26	On the Water Training, Bishop, CA	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
March 11	Casting in the Park	Art Prangley	art@sbcglobal.net
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
May 27	Casting in the Park (Flaws and Fixes)	Richard Fanning	714 476-3027
June 2-4	Fish Creek, Sierras	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
September 9	Casting Clinic, Mile Square Park	Art Prangley	art@sbcglobal.net
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 15-21	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
October 20-22	President's Outing - Kernville	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	TBD		
December	TBD		

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# Casting in the Park

For FFCOC Members

May 27, 2017, 9 am - 1 pm

Irvine Regional Park

## “Flaws and Fixes”



The First Session of “Casting in the Park”, held in March, was the first such program in recent FFCOC history and deemed quite successful in two ways. First, the club members who participated got help aimed at improving their casting and second, our team of budding casting instructors got a chance to enhance their teaching skills.

The next session of the “Casting in the Park” series is now scheduled for May 27th at Irvine Regional Park. This session will be an opportunity to identify elements of your casting that can be improved and to learn ways to do so. You are welcome to participate whether or not you attended the first session.

Once again we will benefit from Joe Libeu leading the casting program. Several club members who are “Casting Instructors in Training” will work with you to identify aspects of your casting that could be improved and offer suggestion on how make improvements.

We have room for 20 participants. To sign up or get your questions answered please contact Richard Fanning: at [rkfanning@aol.com](mailto:rkfanning@aol.com) or 714 476-3027.



# 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**

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

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.**

### **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



# NEW - Colorado 2017

## October 15-21



We are planning our second club trip to Colorado . The dates are October are October 15 to 21, just in time for pursuing those fall spawning brown trout. The trip starts in Monument Colorado, about one hour south of Denver. There is a local motel there for accomodations and we meet at the home of Mark Spowart and his lovely wife, Liz for our evening get togethers and meals for the first three nights. Initially we will be wade fishing various sections of the South Platte River, including Cheesman Canyon, Deckers, Elevenmile Canyon and the Dream Stream. Everyone who has ever fished there is anxious to go back again for the wonderful fishing as well as the scenery. Mark has already booked the best guides for us including Pat Dorsey, Bob Dye and others.

The second part of our trip takes us northwest to Kremmling, where we will be staying at the Allington Inn and Suites. Our plans are to spend two days in that area with a float trip on the Colorado River and a day wade fishing on the Williams Fork. Then we pack our bags and get back in our cars to head home.

Last year most of us flew into Denver and then rented cars with usually 4 to a car to share expenses, for the remainder of our trip. A few decided to drive to Denver.

More details will be coming later regarding expenses etc . If you are interested please contact me at [lkennedyjr@earthlink.net](mailto:lkennedyjr@earthlink.net) or at 714 742-5865. The trip is limited to 12 people so get your name on the list right away before it fills up. Lyman Kennedy, streamkeeper.



# Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

A small midge pattern is invaluable to have all the time. When I have pumped a stomach of a few fish they had one thing in common, MANY MIDGES sucked into their stomach's, I'm not just talking about a few fish but all the fish I have borrowed their lunch. This is but one of the patterns I plan to not be without.

## Willie's Midge



<b>Hook:</b>	<b>Daiichi 1120 #16smaller if you like but scale the bead</b>
<b>Thread:</b>	<b>14/0 Black</b>
<b>Bead:</b>	<b>5/64 Silver Tungsten</b>
<b>Rib:</b>	<b>Brassie Green UTC Wire</b>
<b>Tail:</b>	<b>Wood Duck Flank feather</b>
<b>Abdomen:</b>	<b>UTC Black Holographic Tinsel</b>
<b>Thorax:</b>	<b>Ice Dub Peacock</b>
<b>Cement:</b>	<b>Super Glue</b>

Slide the bead on small hole first. Tie in the wire behind the bead and wrap into the bend. Tie in four to five wood duck flank barbules at the bend and let extend the length of the shank. Tie in the holographic tinsel and leave to the rear. Smear the shank from the tail forward to the bead with a slight amount of super glue. Wrap the tinsel forward to the bead. Over wrap the rib over the tinsel to the bead and tie off and helicopter the wire off. Dub the thorax with the peacock Ice dub. Smear a slight amount of super glue on your thread and take a few wraps and then whip finish. This fly is very easy to tie and effective.

Enjoy your fishing,  
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

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

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

Sat: 9am - 6pm

Sun: Closed

**Phone:** 949 548-9449

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