

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



December 2017

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Club Meeting:

December 13, 2017

Phoenix Club

1340 Sanderson Anaheim, CA

6:00 pm - Wet Flies Social Hour

7:00 pm - Dinner and Program

Dinner & Program - \$35.00

Program Only - \$12:00

Board Meeting:

December 18, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Montesilla Mobile Home Park

15601 South B St., Tustin, CA

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message ***by Melinda Burns***

Greeting Fellow FFCOC Club Members,

Well this will be my last President's message and I will be passing the baton to our new President Art Prangley. I look forward to new leadership and know that he will do a fantastic job as he already has shown us in his previous positions as 1st VP, 2nd VP ; what he is capable of doing. He jumped into the 2nd VP position with two feet and has been a valuable asset to our team of Board of Directors. Please join me in welcoming Art Prangley as our new leader.
WELCOME ART !

Each year the BOD does it's best to offer you the club member as many opportunities as we possibly can. These can be anywhere from our monthly club outings, Fly Tying classes, Casting Clinics and more. Each year holds new opportunities for you to experience and to share with your new found friends in the club.

In order to maintain interest in our club we need to hear from our club members. So I am including a link to a survey that I respectfully request that you complete. This will enable to see how you think we are doing and what you would like to see offered that we haven't offered yet. This is totally anonymous.

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Here is the survey link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YftDb4tN5EyZl2CEJLuvuoxOn9nvFpJCqSk6f8I1vMLUQkYySUtYSIRBUURIV1Y4RUdENEUwWkJDWi4u>

Calling all potential volunteers! Are you interested in helping in a committee to ease the burden of some of the responsibilities some of us on the board deal with in planning an event. This is not a Board position but a committee member that will work with others to plan an event for the club.

I know I keep asking for volunteers, but that is what this club runs on.

I want to thank all the club members who have volunteered their time this year and all the years in the past. It is because of you all that we have such a great club.

See you on the water or the general club meetings,

Melinda C. Burns, President

Getting ready to launch on the San Juan River (2011). (More info on this year's trip - page 11!)



CHRISTMAS WITH BOB MARRIOTT'S

Our Christmas program this year will be a night you do not want to miss. As usual it will be a night full of holiday cheer, and a time to celebrate with our members all of the splendor that the Christmas season bestows on us. I always look forward to this time of the year as we share with family and friends the warmth of the season and what the New Year has planned for us.

This year Steve Jensen and the Marriott team will highlight our Christmas program. They will take us around the world to the Bahamas, Cuba, and Slovenia, and share with us the great fishing and beauty these exotic places can provide for the fly fishing angler. If you do not know Steve Jensen, he has enjoyed several business/fly-fishing ventures in the past and is presently with Keine's Fly Shop in Sacramento, Rainbow River Lodge, and Iliamna River Lodge in Alaska, as well as Bob Marriott's Fly-fishing Store in Fullerton, CA. Steve was instrumental with the addition of Wild On The Fly Adventure Travel Services, located in the Bob Marriott store. This service offers customers an opportunity to experience some of the best fly-fishing lodges in the world.

Steve is going to take us on a fly-fishing journey to three destinations and some of the best accommodations you can expect to enjoy as you seek out that 'fish of a lifetime'. But wait that's not all—Art Prangle and some of his elves are also providing us with a special auction for the evening. What a great way to purchase an early Christmas gift for yourself or for a friend!

Please join our friends from Marriott's, Art and his elves, and our fellow members and guests as we celebrate the Holiday Season.

Happy Holidays!
Andy Frumento



Special Auction in Memory of *Charlene Hanson*

I know, just when you thought.."didn't we just have the auction?"

It's back. BUT, it's a [Special Auction!](#)

Our dear friend, Charlene Hanson, was a bit of a collector and she amassed a collection of books, prints and various fishing memorabilia throughout her time. Carol-Jean, her sister, was good enough to go through these treasures and set aside some to donate to the club's auction. There are very nice things here.

We've decided to hold this special "silent" auction at the December 13th meeting to offer these items and to [donate all of the proceeds](#) to two meaningful charities in the name of the club and Charlene. The two charities are "[Casting for Recovery](#)" and "[Healing Waters](#)". Both do really important work and relate well to our passion, fly fishing.

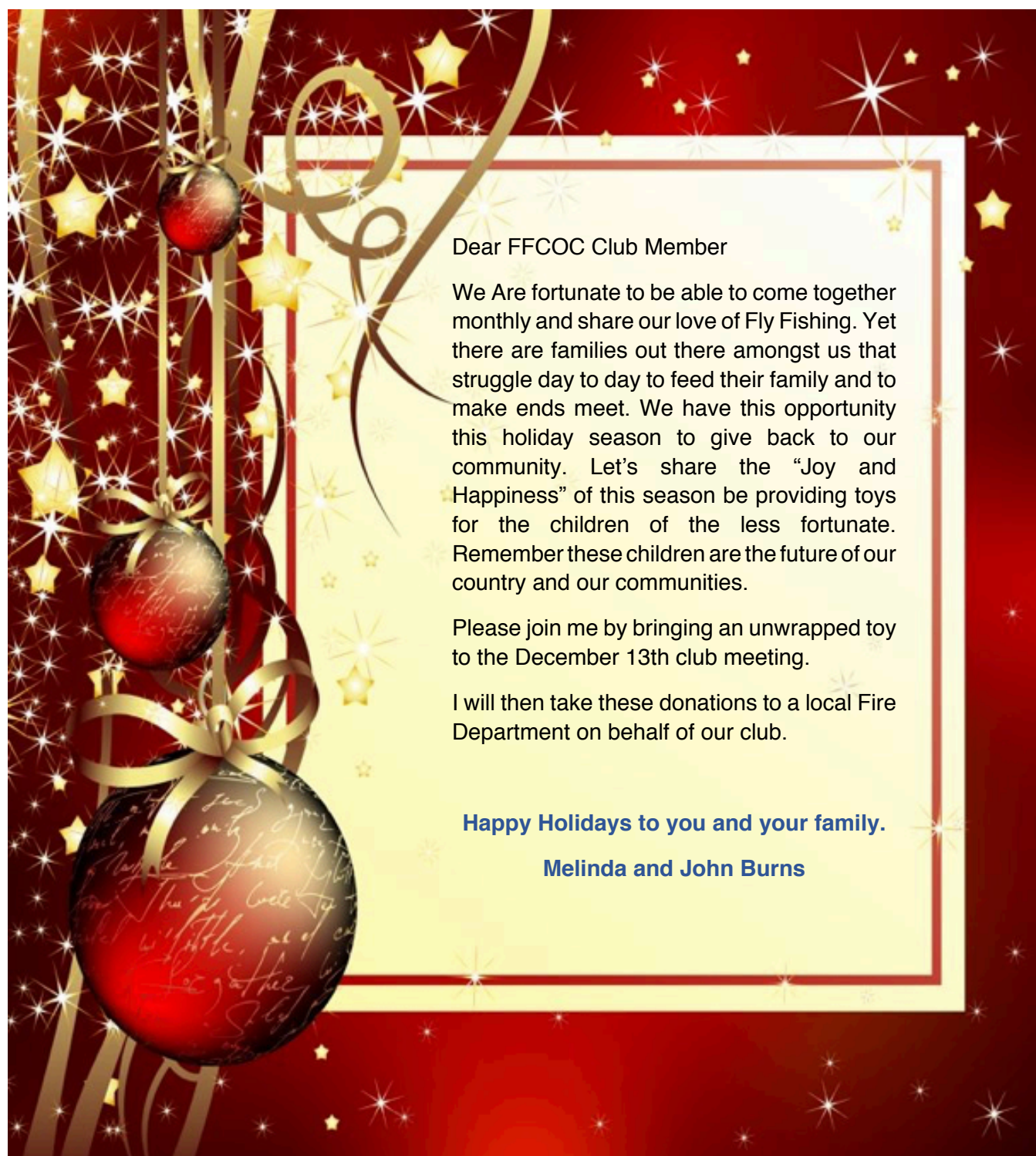
Please join us for our December meeting and support our special auction for some great causes.

Happy Holidays!

Thank you,

Art Prangley, 2017 Auction Chair





Dear FFCOC Club Member

We Are fortunate to be able to come together monthly and share our love of Fly Fishing. Yet there are families out there amongst us that struggle day to day to feed their family and to make ends meet. We have this opportunity this holiday season to give back to our community. Let's share the "Joy and Happiness" of this season by providing toys for the children of the less fortunate. Remember these children are the future of our country and our communities.

Please join me by bringing an unwrapped toy to the December 13th club meeting.

I will then take these donations to a local Fire Department on behalf of our club.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Melinda and John Burns

2017 Meeting Dates and Speakers
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<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	Amdrew Harris	"Five Rivers in Five Days"
6-7-17	1st Wed	Gary Borger	"The Angler as 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 Annual Auction
10-11-17	2nd Wed	George Daniel	"Streamers"
11-8-17	2nd Wed	Ernie Gulley	"What Trout Eat"
12-13-17	2nd Wed	Steve Jensen	"Christmas with Bob Marriott's" and a "Special Auction"

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1-10-18	2nd Wed	Charles Jardine	"Streams of Consciousness"
* 2-7-18	1st Wed	Wandy Taylor	"How Technology Has Changed Fly Fishing"
3-14-18	2nd Wed	Seth Blackamore	"Fly Fishing The Eastern Sierra Backcountry"
4-11-18	2nd Wed	Jason Randall	TBA
5-09-18	2nd Wed	Marlon Rampy	"Redband Trout"
6-13-18	2nd Wed	Ed Engle	"25 Ways To Elevate Your Trout Game"
* 7-11-18	2nd Wed	Glenn Ueda	"Corbina on So Cal Beaches"
8-8-18	2nd Wed	Mike Williams	"Trout in the Clouds"
* 9-12-18	2nd Wed	FFCOC	FFCOC AUCTION
10-10-18	2nd Wed	Brian O'Keefe	"Fly Fishing Photography"
11-7-18	1st Wed	Rick Hafele	"Understanding Emergers"
12-5-17	1st Wed		HOLIDAY PROGRAM

***NOTE: All programs will be located in the Pavilion except for February, July, & September which will be in the Main Ball Room.**

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS!!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS NOW:

It's that time of year again! We have started processing Membership Dues for 2018. Please pay your dues as soon as possible so we can enter them in the database. Remember, if your dues are not paid in time your information will not be published in the Membership Directory for 2018. Thank you all for supporting our Club.

FFCOC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

At this time we have (2) people that have signed up new Members to our Club. My records show John Burns and Eric Kramer have each brought in (1) Member. You still have time to win prizes by signing up new Members for this year. The prizes are a John Williams Water Color, lightly used G-Loomis reel and a lightly used Orvis 4 piece 6WT Saltwater Fly Rod. Because we only have (2) participants at this time, we will have a drawing during the Dec 2017 Meeting. Anyone that has brought in a new Member this year will qualify to win prizes. If I have missed anyone who has signed up a Member this year, please let me know.

Yours truly,

Vern Martin, Membership

California Waterfowl Association

Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California

Saturday, February 10, 2018



Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves. Be prepared to help clean up as much of the 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.

This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information call Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.

Loung Tam of Tenkara Tenuki and Chris will have a clinic on fishing tenkara rods after lunch. Please join Loung and Chris after lunch. Rods provided. Clinic is free.

There is a raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away!

2018 Outings and Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER/CONTACT</u>
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Here is what we have so far. More to come!

January	TBD	
February	TBD	
March (date tbd)	Beach Outing. date to be determined	
April 9, 10, 11	San Juan River, New Mexico	Brian Mayer 562 619-9169
May	TBD	
June 1-3	Fish Creek, Sierras	Brian Mayer 562 619-9169
June 6-9	Circleville, Utah - Circleville Anglers	John Williams 951 236-0862
June 11-15	Loa, Utah - Quiet Fly Fisher	John Williams 951 236-0862
July 13-16	Hot Creek Ranch, Mammoth	John Williams 951 236-0862
August 17-19	Women's Outing, Lake Crowley	Melinda Burns 951 415-9920
September 19-22	Circleville, Utah - Circleville Anglers	John Williams 951 236-0862
September 24-28	Loa, Utah - Quiet Fly Fisher	John Williams 951 236-0862
October 20-22	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Art Prangley 714 270-7090
November	TBD	
December	TBD	

San Juan River, NM Outing

April 8 to 12, 2018

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 Northwest 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:

Fisheads San Juan River Lodge (505) 634-0463, <http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/>],

and 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.

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 8. 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 Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169 or bdmayer@hotmail.com

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





Trip Report: Colorado Rocky Mountain High

No, not that kind of high. It's the high of fishing four Gold Medal streams in five days, great guides, catching lots of fish and hanging around with good FFCOC friends. That's a very special high!!

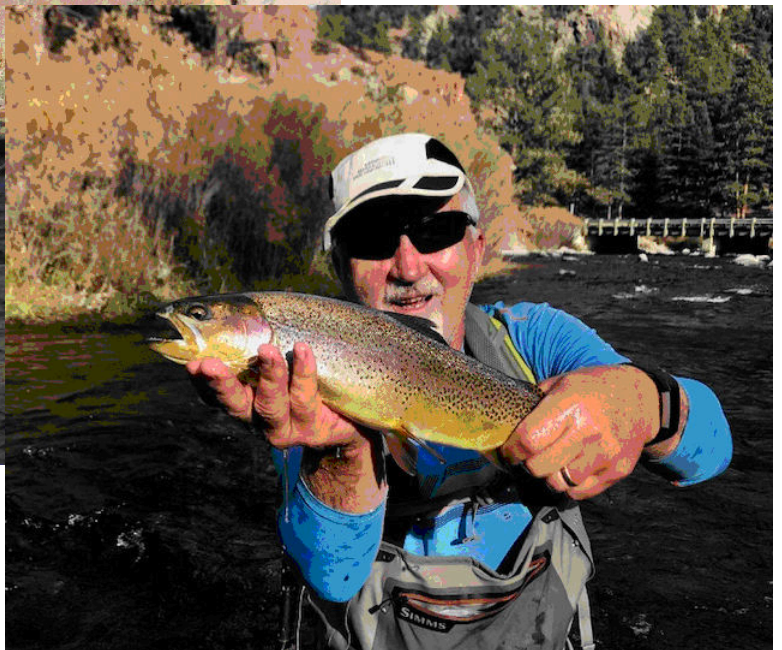
We started our Colorado adventure near Colorado Springs fishing the South Platte River. We hit two rather popular spots including the "Bucket List" Cheesman Canyon. George Gush pulled out the largest fish of this portion of the trip with a 20" native rainbow right under the famous "Floating Rock." Check out the colors (next page). Good job George.

It was a fun couple of days. Challenging fishing but everyone netted 8-12 fish a day. We had dinners each evening at the Spowart's where we could tell the tales of our fishing conquests.

On Wednesday we headed North, not too far from many of the famous Colorado ski resorts to hit the Colorado and Williams Fork rivers. The float down the Colorado definitely yielded the most fish with guys netting between 30-40 fish per day. The Williams Fork was a more challenging wade trip, but thanks to great guides, everyone caught fish and gained some valuable fishing lessons.

The weather was great all week but we got hit with a snowstorm on the travel day back home. Some of us had late flights and decided to brave the cold. It was a slow day as the fish were trying to figure out what hit them. All in all a great trip. Check out the pics on the next page.

Carl Thompson



- Casting -

A Critical Fly Fishing Skill

As the means for presenting the fly to the target fish, casting is one of the key skills to master to improve your fly fishing success. Casting in the Park is new this year. It's an opportunity for club members to improve their casting skills with the help of a team of casting instructors being trained by Master Casting Instructor, Joe Libeu.



Image courtesy of club member and artist, John Williams.

Casting in the Park

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We are holding three sessions at Irvine Regional Park this year. Both with good turnout and significant results:

"Basic Casting Skills", completed March 11

"Flaws and Fixes", completed May 27

Our third session, "Double Haul", is now scheduled for November 25, 9 am, at Irvine Regional Park. It's not too late to sign up if you haven't already done so.. Do so by e-mailing Richard Fanning at rkfanning@aol.com.

A special "Thank You!" to all who have made these sessions a success! Especially, Joe Libeau, FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor!

"Double Haul" - November 25, 9am, Irvine Regional Park!

Flies That Keep On Giving

By "Pappy" John Williams

Good friends and flies are worth keeping, A good friend shared this fly with me several years ago and it has proven to be a good friend, simple and easy to tie and oh so effective. Ants get swept into the water and they become a treat for fish.



Hook:	Orvis Tactical Barbless #8 or similar
Thread:	UTC 140 Black
Eyes:	Medium Bead Chain Black
Tail:	Black Goose Biots
Thorax:	D Rib Black
Legs:	Black Goose Biots
Wing Case:	Pheasant Tail Fibers Black
Thorax:	Black Ice Dub
Head Cement:	Gel Control Super Glue

Start your thread two-eye spaces behind the eye. Smear a slight amount of super glue on the section of the hook you just started the thread. Place a pair of bead chain eyes on the glue and secure with wraps and figure eight so the eyes are perpendicular with the shank. Run the thread to well into the bend and tie in two biots, one on either side of the hook shank to form the tails. Tie in the “D” rib material on the far side at the base of the tails and then run your thread forward forming a slight taped with it to the half waypoint and wrap the “D” rib forward forming the abdomen and tie off and trim excess. Tie in two biots to form the rear legs on either side of the hook. Pull 12 – 15 pheasant tail fibers from the stem with the tips aligned, trim off the butt ends clean and keep aligned, tie in on top of the hook shank leaving the tip to the rear. Dub this section and fold over the pheasant fibers to form the first wing case section. Tie in the next set of legs forward of the dubbing and dub just ahead of this set of legs and fold the pheasant fibers forward keeping them on top of the hook shank. Dub again ahead of the tie in of the wing case and fold over the pheasant fibers forward beyond the eyes making four wraps of thread to secure them ahead of the eyes, now fold them back to just behind the eyes and secure with a few wraps of thread and on the final few wraps of thread smear super glue on the thread and whip finish, this will make this fly quite durable.

O.K. my grandchildren call me “Pappy” and I love it.
Take Care, John Williams

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 club meetings.

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