

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



March 2018

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Club Meeting:

March 14, 2018

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:

March 19, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Montesilla Mobile Home Park

15601 South B St., Tustin, CA

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message **by Art Prangley**

Wow, there is a lot going on! Having just returned from the Board of Directors meeting, I am amazed at all of the activity and opportunities for our club members to participate.

We touched on it at the recent club meeting, but I wanted to call out the effort underway to improve our "Cyber Presence" or in other terms our FFCOC website and eventually our "Social Media" footprint. Why is this important! Well, if it works well; the website can offer our members easy and quick access to information, resources, and the ability to connect with others, the site will be attractive to new and potential members, and finally our website will demonstrate our commitment to the sport of fly fishing, making our cause of interest to sponsors and potential donors. All of this helps our club grow and remain vibrant! We need your help. Please take 10 minutes to log on and complete the survey!

FFCOC Club Website Survey

The "On the River Classes and Clinic" just was announced and this is an "outstanding" way to learn about fly fishing and to go out and give it a try. Thanks to Doug and Joe for pulling this together. It's also a great way for our members to get involved and mentor the next generation of fly fishers.

The Fly Tying workshops just finished up and went very well. Stay tuned as there is talk of another session later this year. Thanks to Brian for taking the lead. There were even rumblings of a potential Rod Building class.

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Outings are firming up, but there are plenty of space for new ones. A member recently offered up an idea for more local outings and that could be a great opportunity for more of you to get engaged.

That is just a snapshot of activities planned and under consideration. Watch for more information, check out the website, connect with other members and join us at the next club meeting on Wednesday, March 14th. I look forward to seeing you then.

Warm regards,

Art

Honorary Life Members - Recent Addition

The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County recently bestowed the title and benefits of “Honorary Life Member” to **Richard Fanning**.

Rich has been active in our club for quite a while and has held almost every board position. His contribution goes way beyond the board positions he’s held. Rich has led courses in fly tying and rod building, mentored new members, put together outings and activities, provided key leadership on new initiatives, like Casting in the Park and in general become one of the “go to” people in the club. His generosity and willingness to jump in when needed has always been appreciated.

Rich, this honor is well deserved and maybe a little overdue.

Congratulations! Fly Fishers Club of Orange County, Board of Directors





Fly Fishing The Eastern Sierra Backcountry with Seth Blackamore

We have had the pleasure of hosting some truly dynamic and knowledgeable speakers that have taken us across the United States, Europe, Canada, Argentina, the Yucatan, and other exotic places, sharing with us their passion of fly fishing and what these faraway places hold for us as fly anglers.

This month it's time to come home - back to California and the Eastern High Sierra. This is our home waters... many we have explored and fished, many still wait for our arrival. As we travel north on US 395, approximately five hours from Orange County, we can find dozens of side roads that wind far up into canyons that all lead to countless surprises and magnificent viewpoints. These roads take us to many trails that lead farther into the mountains and valleys that hold pristine waters, waiting for us as fly anglers to fish or just explore their natural beauty.

Unlike most high mountain destinations, the Eastern Sierra is readily accessible by most vehicles or four wheel drive vehicles. Eleven highways cross the Sierra, making it very easy to fish our favorite roadside waters. But what about those backcountry destinations that many of us have only dreamed about and never seen? With a little effort and the right understanding about what these areas have to offer, they can open a whole new world to the fly angler.

Our guest speaker this month is Seth Blackamore. Seth is an avid fly fisherman, author, and photographer based out of Bishop, CA. Seth has twenty plus years of fly fishing experience, and spends most of his summers exploring the beautiful Sierra fishing many of its backcountry waters. In 2016 Seth co-authored 'Fishin Trails 2' with Jared Smith, a fishing and hiking guide for the Eastern Sierra backcountry.

Seth joins us to share his passion and knowledge of fly fishing the Eastern Sierra backcountry. He will discuss area information, what to expect, how to prepare, backcountry fishing tips and techniques, trout species identification, why catch-n-release, fly gear recommendations, photography tips.... and more. He may even share with us his favorite secret backcountry water.

Please join Seth Blackamore as he takes us on a fly fishing trip into the backcountry of the Eastern High Sierra. See you there... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

2018 Meeting Dates and Speakers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
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.**

AUCTION NEWS - It's Never Too Early to Donate!

FFCOC's 2018 Auction is a few months away but it's not too early to donate. Besides, it's "Spring Cleaning" time and surely you have some lightly used items that someone else would like to have.

Although we are a fishing club, we do a lot of other things too. So, you don't have to limit your auction items to fishing related things. Here are some ideas, I'm sure you can come up with others:

Skills you might share.

Dinner at a restaurant with you, your honey and the winning couple.

Theater tickets

Travel gear you no longer need

Car wash coupons you buy and donate

A train ride to LA Union Station, Uber to the ACE Hotel, screening at the theater and return

Movie tickets to see "Casablanca" when Fathom Events shows it at a local theater

A service related to the business you own or work for

A gift basket containing some theam'd items, new or used!

Private lesson(s). Could be fishing related. Or, something else of interest

A ride in your Model T

A stay at your second residence

Electric Boat cruise in Newport Bay with you, your significant other and the winning couple

There must be a bunch more - use your creativity!

Yes, many of these will cost you money. You could just donate the money but items like those above could be a lot more fun and appealing at the auction!

2018 FFCOC Membership dues are due!

Back by popular demand!!!

Once last chance to pay your 2018 dues so all your information will be included in the 2018 Directory.

If you have any questions we will bring the notebooks to the March 14th meeting. In these notebooks we have all the people who have paid their dues and have Insurance waivers on file. Remember, if you want to go on any outings, both forms need to be completed so we can keep them on file.

Tight lines,

Vern Martin-Membership

2018 FFCOC Rod Building Class In The Works!

Dennis Harper and Richard Fanning are collaborating to create and teach a Rod Building Class for FFCOC members. We've met once and have a draft of the approach with some details yet to be ironed out. For this class we are expecting to provide the rod blank and other parts and equipment. Students would be charged for the parts and materials they use.

We expect the class to be for 6 to 8 students. If there is sufficient interest we might hold a second session. If you have suggestions or questions please let us know. We'll try to accomodate your needs.

The date hasn't been set yet but we are focusing on holding the class on one or more Saturday mornings, most likely at Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store.

Stay tuned for more information,

Richard Fanning and Dennis Harper

How about Braided Leaders? A Class is in the Planning Stage!

Twisting for more fun!

You tie flies and build rods to add more fun factors on your fly fishing experience. How far can you go with your own gears and style? Before the modern materials and equipment, fly fishers used to get everything from Mother Nature. The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County offers a new class on making braided leaders made of horse hairs and threads. They are surprisingly easy to make and fun to catch fish. You can make leaders for your own designs in length, color, and taper. Horse hair leaders are 100% natural and you even feel good cutting them off in the river at the end of a fishing day. You will be amazed how gently you can present a dry fly using a thread leader. Thread leaders do not coil at all nor drag your flies as monofilament leaders do. The class will be on two days (most likely on Saturdays), 2-3 hours each. What are required for you to attend the class? Your hands! Yes, that's all you are expected to bring with you. The club will provide materials and tools needed to make braided leaders. Dates, time, and location are still in exploration, but they will be revealed at the general meeting on March 14. Interested? Sign up either by dropping off an email to Young Kwon. (youngjik.kwon@gmail.com)

or pencil in your name on the sign up paper at the meeting.



2018 Outings and Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>
January 11,18,25	Fly Tying at Marriott's	
February 1, 8	Fly Tying at Marrioitt's	
March 12-14	Pyramid Lake, NV	Jim Wright 714 679-6638
March 17	Big Corona, Newport Beach, CA	Art Pranglely 714 270-7090
April 9-11	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer 562-619-9169
May	TBD	
June 1-3	Fish Creek, Sierras, CA	Brian Mayer 562-619-9169
June 11-15	Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa, UT	John Williams 951-236-0862
July 13-16	Hot Creek Ranch, Mammoth, CA	John Williams 951-236-0862
August 17-19	Women's Outing, Lake Crowley, CA	Melinda Burns 951-415-9920
September 19-22	Circleville Anglers, Circleville, UT	John Williams 951-236-0862
September 24-28	Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa, UT	John Williams 951-236-0862
October 19-21	President's Outing, Kernville, CA (Friday night, leaving on Sunday)	Art Pranglely 714 270-7090
November	TBD	
December	TBD	

Pyramid Lake Outing

March 12 - 14 2018

In what has become an annual event, this year's Pyramid Lake outing will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12th 13th and 14th. In an attempt to miss the bulk of the weekend crowd which usually clears out by Sunday afternoon we again will fish during the week, those of you who went last year know this worked out well for the most part. If fishing is off the charts all bets are off as the number of people will triple during a hot bite!

If you have never done this trip before you are missing out on a chance to catch what may be the biggest trout of your life. The lake's native Lahontan Cutthroats *average* 3-5 pounds, with many fish pushing 10 pounds or more. **In the past a fish 10 pounds or bigger was considered a trophy. Now thanks to the introduction of the longer living Pilot Peak strain that is much longer living fish over 20 pounds are being caught!** If you are new to fly fishing the techniques are simple and easy to learn. We normally fish from ladders placed in the water at the proper distance from shore. There usually is nothing around you, but water. There is nothing to interfere with a back cast and nothing on the bottom to snag. You do not need to be a long distance caster as fish are sometimes hooked right at your feet.

Equipment that is appropriate for both kinds of fishing is usually two rods. **A 6-7 weight rod with floating line for indicator fishing and a 8-9 weight rod for streamer fishing** (a Rio DC 24ft. 250 gr. line is perfect). I will provide a more extensive list of what to bring that includes equipment, lines, flies, leaders, tippet and clothing in an upcoming e-mail.

Daytime temperature will likely be around 50 degrees F. This is a very variable temperature as we have experienced 30-75 degree temperatures in past years

You make your own travel arrangements to Reno, fly or drive. It is best to arrive by Sunday as we start fishing EARLY on Monday. Please let me know that you have arrived safely, Jim Wright (714-679-6638). Rob will be providing breakfast and lunch on Monday and Tuesday breakfast on Wednesday, as well as step ladders to fish from. Cost of the trip is \$250 per person for 3 days of fishing. I will e-mail a list of all attendees so you can communicate as to carpools, car rentals and lodging. E-mail me (jrwright1@earthlink.net) with any questions or to sign up. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the Meetings in December, January, and February.

OUTING WILL BE LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLE!!! I am not yet sure of the final cost this year.

Saltwater Beach Outing

March 17th, 2018



“Never say never”

We’re going to give it another go at the beach. From a personal perspective, fly fishing from the beach is a challenge but I am determined to learn how to do this and catch some fish. For those interested in joining me on this adventure, I’m targeting mid tide (low to high) at Big Corona Beach in Corona Del Mar to see if we can scare up some fish. The local tide charts show this as a good fish activity day, so fingers are crossed.

Logistics: Let’s meet in the main parking lot at 7am to get suited up. The kiosk/meters do accept credit cards. I’m guessing we’ll fish till about lunch. You can find the location on Google maps to chart your route. More information can be found here: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=652

What to Bring:

Waders with wading belt is mandatory

Fly Rod, Reel, Line: 6-8wt rod, reel with a sealed drag is preferable, line (sink tip or shooting head), stripping basket, 10-12# leader.

Flies: Pink, chartreuse, maybe blue, brown or rust colored clouser type. Sand crabs (if around). Check out His and Her Fly Fishing in Newport Beach for a great selection.

Hat (must), Sunglasses, Lotion

And, of course, your **2018 CA Fishing License**

Please RSVP to me, Art Prangley (artp@sbcglobal.net) or 714-270-7090 and I will send you a great article on Fly Fishing in SW from the Long Beach Casting Club.

FFCOC On the River Classes and Clinic - Sign Up Now!

The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is offering free fly fishing classes and on the river training for its members in March 2018. This program is a continuation of the FFCOC's **On The River Classes and Clinic** training that has been a great success providing club members introductory classroom and on the river training. Joe Libeu, a FFI Certified Master Casting Instructor, professional guide, developer and instructor for Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens river, and member of our Club will provide six hours of classroom training and two days of on the river training to participants. Several experienced Club members will assist Joe by providing hands assistance during the on the river clinics.

- Classroom Training – Tustin
Saturday March 10, 8:30 am -12:30 pm
Saturday March 17, 8:30 am -12:30 pm
- On-The River Clinic – Lower Owens River
Saturday March 24, 8 am to 4 pm
Sunday March 25, 8 am to noon



The program includes everything needed to plan/prepare for and experience a successful fly fishing trip. Classroom training will be held in Tustin where subjects will include equipment, insects including their life cycles and how flies imitate them, how trout behave, clues as to what fish eat, stream care and etiquette, reading the water, rigging and much more. The on the river clinic will be held on the Lower Owens River near Bishop. Many of the items discussed in the classroom setting are covered in the field. In addition, the on the river clinic will include reading the stream, insects including in-stream entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The second day on the river includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

The training is focused on helping new club members learn the basics of fly fishing and is in follow up to our annual *Casting Clinic* held last September. Participation in the On The River Classes and Clinic is limited. New club members that signed up last September after the *Casting Clinic* will be given preference. All club members are welcome if we can accommodate them. There will be a \$10 fee to cover the cost of binders and reproduction of course materials. Participants and volunteers will be responsible for their transportation, lodging and meals in the Bishop area.

Joe Libeu is conducting the On The River Classes and Clinic and Doug Jones is helping him with the logistics. If you would like more information about this program you can contact Joe Libeu at fishlglf@ix.netcom.com or (310) 749-6771, or Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com or (714) 697-2222. Remember, the On The River Classes and Clinic program is only open to FFCOC members. If you are not a club member you can join at our web site www.ffcoc.org or contact Vern Martin, the Club's Membership Chair at vmartin8591@sbcglobal.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are an accomplished fly fisher and know the Lower Owens River, you would be a great candidate to work with Joe and provide instruction at the On The River Classes and Clinic program. Please contact Doug Jones if you can help. We will need 6 to 8 members to help with the training.

You can sign up for the On The River Classes and Clinic, either as a participant or volunteer, by contacting Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com or (714) 697-2222.

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.



- 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, John Williams.

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.

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

"Double Haul", completed November 25

Casting in the Park "Double Haul" was well attended and attendees gained an important additional casting skill.



Casting in the Park, Double Haul
Some of the Participants and Instructors

Next, April 14, 2018, Irvine Regional Park
"Strategies for Casting on Windy Days"

Flies That Keep On Giving

By "Pappy" John Williams

Recently we lost a wonderful fly tier and long time friend to our club Bob Moyer, he helped me and many in this club learn how to tie better. During his long history in our club he shared what he knew about the sport freely and I was fortunate enough to be one of the benefactors of his generosity. I would like to share a fly he gave me and I had tied many for myself because they worked very well, Thank You Bob.



Hook: Size 2-8 Streamer Hook
Weight: 12 wraps of .025 Lead
Thread: Black 3/0
Tail: Golden Pheasant Crest Feather
Body: Orange Floss
Body Stripe: Peacock Herl
Wing: White Marabou
Cheek: Bright Yellow Marabou
Beard: Ginger Hackle Fibers



Start lead wraps on the shank of the hook and center after you have made twelve wraps. Start the thread behind the eye and run it back down to the bend trapping the lead with several wraps of thread. Tie in two Tails backsides (Dull Side) facing each other and let to protrude $\frac{1}{2}$ of the shank length. Tie in the floss at the bend and run your thread back to an eye's space behind the eye of the hook. Wrap the floss body material forward and tie off an eye's space behind the eye of the hook. Tie in two peacock herl fibers on either side of the flanks where the floss ended and letting it extend to the tail. Tie in the wing of white marabou on top letting it extend to the tail. Tie in a yellow marabou cheek on either side of the fly angling it upward slightly. Tie in a beard of ginger hackle fibers to about $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the body. Create a tapered head with the thread and whip finish and head cement.

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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