

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



**August 2018**

## President's Message - Art Prangley

### AUCTION-"Crunch Time"

Two requests: **Donate something and be there on September 12th for the auction!**

As you know from my previous rants and pleadings, the auction is our engine of funding for the year. I'm asking each of you to donate something to the cause. Something can be fly fishing related or maybe a dinner for two at a nice restaurant, movie gift cards, a nice bottle of wine or spirits. All donations help and are appreciated. Secondly, join us on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September for the auction. It is always a lot of fun, the more the merrier it's said. Bring a friend!

For donations, bring them to the next meeting or send me, or Jimmy Edwards a note. Our contact info is in the directory.

On a related note, our annual casting clinic is scheduled for Saturday, September 8th and is open to the public. It's great for those looking into fly fishing or new to the sport. It's also a great way to get new members. How is it related you ask? Well, those new to fly fishing need equipment and that can be a daunting task to start out. There are many great bargains at our auction for new and gently used equipment. Perfect timing! Spread the word. More information can be found on our website: [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org)

Hope your summers are going well and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, August 8th.

Best Regards, Art

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**Website:** [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org)

#### **Club Meeting:**

August, 8 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:**

August 20, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Montesilla Mobile Home Park

15601 South B St., Tustin, CA

Club Members are Welcome

## **Michael T. Williams - "Trout in the Clouds"**

Alpine Lakes and streams can be truly rewarding. Most of the time you can fish these waters by yourself without seeing another angler for the entire day. These pristine waters are usually surrounded by beautiful forests and the sounds of silence that are only disturbed by an occasional chirping bird or scampering chipmunk. The wild fish here are mostly smaller than your normal roadside fishery, but these fish make up for their smaller size in their beauty and aggressiveness at taking a fly. With a little effort, wilderness fishing can be very enjoyable and provide the angler with many great memories.



[www.mtwilliamsflyfish.com](http://www.mtwilliamsflyfish.com)

Our guest speaker this month is Michael T. Williams from Springfield, Oregon. Mike is a licensed fishing guide in Oregon. He is also a photographer, journalist, accomplished fly tier and rod builder. Mike has been tying flies for many years and is the originator of the world famous "Percolator" - a fly of many guises. His photography has made him a charter member of the Photo Zone Gallery, and as a photo-journalist he is a member of the Northwest Outdoor Writers Association.

Mike is a wilderness traveler and mountain river fly fisher who enjoys the challenge of wilderness fly fishing. His presentation will take us to selected wilderness areas of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming in search of Alpine Trout.

Please join Michael T. Williams for "Trout in the Clouds" - a portrayal of high altitude fly fishing and trekking adventures.

See you there.... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

## 2018 Meeting Dates and Speakers

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKER</u></b>	<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>
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	"Advanced Nymphing Techniques"
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"
12-5-18	1st Wed		HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**\*NOTE:** All programs will be located in the Pavilion except for 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!



# Photo Contest UPDATE

We have received several photos from Club Members and want to thank all submitters for their responses. THANKS! Based on the latest schedule for getting the new website up and running we are able to extend the deadline for the photo contest to August 30, 2018. So, keep those photos coming. You can submit photos you would like to enter to either Doug Jones at [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com) or Art Prangle at [artp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artp@sbcglobal.net).

We are still looking for Club Members who would be interested in being the **PHOTO ALBUM EDITOR** after the new website is up and running. We expect to have the new website on line by the end of 2018 but it would be great to get a Photo Album Editor on board now to be involved with the final development of the website and associated training. Please contact Doug at the email address above if you have any interest in the position.

*PS – wouldn't this newsletter article be a lot more appealing if it included several nice photos? That's why we would like someone to step up and volunteer to get involved.*

The original **Photo Contest +** newsletter article is below for reference.

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This is an amazing chance as a FFCOC Member to have your favorite fly fishing photo highlighted on the Club's new website which is under development. We are looking for a **GRAND PRIZE WINNING PHOTO** taken by a Member that can be predominantly displayed on our website. We are also looking for several other winners who's photos can be part of a scrolling slide show to keep site visitors mesmerized with the fish we catch as well as other club activities. All entries must be received by ~~June 15~~ **August 30**, 2018, following the Contest Procedures and Guidelines presented below.

If you are interested in photography and want to get involved with club activities, we are in search of a **PHOTO ALBUM EDITOR** to help the Club's Website Committee add initial photos to the website and monitor and edit photos added by Club members after the website is up and running. Please contact Doug Jones at [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com) if you might be interested or would like more information about this opportunity.

## **Contest Procedures and Rules -**

See the nerxt page.

## Photo Contest Procedures and Rules

1. Only Club Members can participate.
2. Digitized photos only (videos may be requested for addition to the website after it is up and running). Photos submitted should be full mega pixel resolution.
3. A maximum of ten photos per Member can be submitted for the contest.
4. Photos should embrace the Clubs Mission Statement (See Below)
5. No stock photos or photos from outside sources are allowed. Photos must be taken by or of club members with no copyright or restrictions regarding the Club's use thereof.
6. The Club may resize, crop, enhance or otherwise modify photos as we see fit to incorporate them into the website.
7. Email photos you would like to enter to [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com). The photos will be uploaded to the Club website where they can be reviewed by the contest judges. Photos will only be accepted if you provide the following information:
  - Your name
  - Date of photo(s)
  - Name of person who took the photo(s)
  - Location
  - Type of event - personal trip, Club outing, non-fishing club event, etc.

## FFCOC Mission Statement

*"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, and*
- *Contributing it's resources in order to make fly fishing enjoyable and available to all who are interested*

*Since then the club has been working hard to meet its goals by sponsoring clinics and workshops, hosting noteworthy speakers, participating in conservation projects, and contributing its resources to various conservation organizations such as the Fly Fishers International (FFI), Trout Unlimited (TU), Cal Trout, and the Nature Conservancy, as well as numerous other conservation activities directly beneficial to fly fishing."*

The Website Committee would like to thank you in advance for your participation in the contest.

Douglas Jones

Website Committee Chair

## Silver Creek Project



The Silver Creek Project has been removing brook trout from a Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery stream, and has been a collaboration over the years with SWC, CalTrout, Trout Unlimited, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) are listed on the endangered species list. Brook trout out compete LCT when feeding, are prolific spawners, and prey upon LCT young. Typically in a full summer we will remove 6,000-8,000 brook trout. The ratio has been about 450 brook trout to one LCT. This year CDFW's schedule won't allow them to be up there for the whole season. They will be on Silver Creek for one week in September and a week in October, focusing on removing spawning brook trout. We don't want to lose any of the hard work we have done up on Silver Creek.

When we started this project we knew it was going to take about ten years. This will be the sixth year. Dawne Emery (the DFW Fisheries Biologist for Region 6) and I are going up for two weekends in August to do some E-fishing and remove brook trout. The weekends are August 17-19 and 24-26. This will be a weekend effort so 2-3 days of working. We will do some work on Friday afternoon 2-3 hours, all day Saturday 8am-4pm, and half a day on Sunday 8am-noon. We will camp out at the campground at the end of the dirt road species (elevation is 8,500 feet). We will be E-fishing in the meadow area above the campground. Dawne and I will be running the shockers. We will need 4-5 netters, a person on the live car (capture bucket), a person or two to process brook trout, and a data person. We can have from 7-9 people helping out.

Contact Melinda Burns for more information and contacts.

<b>2018 FFCOC Outings and Events Schedule</b>
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<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 17-20	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	



# Women Fly Fishing Trip

Women Fly Fishing Trip

August 17 -20, 2018 4 days 3 nights

Fish Lake Crowley on Saturday with Ernie Gulley Team

Fish various rivers in Eastern Sierra your choice

Limit 8 Approximate

Price \$ \$300 per person plus Food

**(TWO OPENINGS LEFT)**

Enjoy a fun filled weekend fly fishing with other women in the club. Be mentored by your sister on the fly. Maybe you want to learn how to tie a few flies in the evening, or just relax by the fireplace with a glass of wine or beer or in my case a double shot of Sprite. Get to know some of the other women in the club and how they got started or just catch up with those we haven't seen in a while. But rest assured, Ernie and his team will do their best to make sure we are on to some big fish like the one in the picture on this flyer. We may even get a 20+ count day.

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**What is included:**

One-day guided trip on Saturday August 18th, 3 nights' accommodations in John DeLoof's Condo that sleeps up to 8 people. The condo is located in the City of Mammoth. Lot of fun and women bonding.

**Tentative Itinerary**

Arrive on Friday August 17

Dinner at Condo – Menu to be determined

Saturday August 18, Guided Boat trip on Lake Crowley with Ernie Gulley and Friends

Dinner at Condo – Menu to be Determined or we can go out for dinner.

Sunday August 19th – Fish the Eastern Sierras, either fish alone or with others, your choice.

Dinner at Condo – Menu to be determined

Monday August 20th – Depart for home

**Cost details:**

\$480 Full Day for two people per boat on Lake Crowley Guided fishing

\$165 A night for accommodations

This cost will be split 8 ways if we get a full roster, otherwise it will be split based on participants that actually go on this outing.

Additional details to follow once you sign up.

Streamkeeper:

Melinda C. Burns

951-415-9920

Mel11755@pacbell.net



## Hot Creek Ranch 2018

The annual outing to Hot Creek Ranch was a big success with full cabins and great fishing in a beautiful setting. The weather was warm as expected and the fish were rising in many of the twists and bends of the river. There was an incredible hopper hatch in the afternoon along most of the river. I had planned on using a hopper pattern as an indicator. I rigged up the hopper which was mostly yellow and a trailing black beetle. In spite of the hopper color I hooked fish on both flies! The evening hatches were prolific and many stayed out until dark, racking up additional catches and releases.





**Hot Creek Ranch 2018**  
**Great Turn Out and Good Fishing in a Beautiful Location!**





## **Teton Valley Lodge - July 2018**

### **Doug Jones and Richard Fanning**

Teton Valley Lodge made a generous donation of a to last year's FFCOC auction. Doug Jones and I (Richard Fanning) were seated near each other at the auction and we were bidding against each other. At some point Doug asked who I was going with. I said I didn't know so we agreed to go together.

We just completed the trip and overall had a great time both on the water and at the Lodge.

Teton Valley Lodge is located west of the Teton Mountains near the town of Driggs, Idaho. It's reached from OC by flying to Salt Lake City, then to Idaho Falls or Jackson Hole. Then a van ride to the lodge. Unfortunately we had a 5 hour delay at OC Airport so it was a long day. But we made it there in time for dinner!

Started by Alma Kunz in 1919, the lodge has a colorful history as the first fishing lodge west of the Mississippi, attracting fishermen from the East Coast and then eventually from across the country. In the 1970s, young guides Randy Berry and John Pehrson were able to take over the operation from Alma... and now it's Randy's sons Matt and Brian who are in charge.

The lodging at Teton Valley Losdge is historical cabins which are well appointed and comfortable with modern conveniences.

Our stay included 4 nights of lodging, meals and 3 days of guided fishing. The meals were excellent and were served in a dining hall with a great view east to the Teton Mountains. There were 29 people for dinner the frist night with a little smaller group on subsequent nights.

The lodge has the ability to put out va dizen or more dift boats with guides each day. During our stay we fished to Teton River, Henry's Fork of the Snake River and thje South Fork of the Snake River. We had three different guides and each was peffessional, helpful and knowledgable.







Fishing the Teton River



Bullwinkle and Friends were there too!



Doug with a Nice Rainbow on the Teton River



Rich hiding most of this fish



All three guides did a great job!



Rich felt like this after a long day fishing!



## Fishing in Town (FIT)



The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (FFCOC)

Presents

### Fishing in Town (**FiT**): Impromptu Fly Fishing Opportunity in Local Waters

Wish to fish more but cannot because of lacking time, money, and/or experience? The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County (FFCOC) proudly launches a new program called Fishing in Town (**FiT**) for fly fishers at all levels. **FiT** is a multi-dimensional channel for local fly fishing opportunities that invite whoever interested and willing to join with no or little preparation, arrangement, or commitment. **FiT** probably does not offer braggable fishing trips to blue-ribbon fisheries for trophy fish, but let you enjoy catching beautiful local/wild fish on a day or two in beautiful scenery with companionship of colleague fly fishers. Simply check the Club's webpage, Facebook, or email announcement and join the one **FiT**'ing you. You are also welcome to host a **FiT** trip to your secret, favorite local water, simply by 1) posting an announcement (using the template downloaded from the Club webpage is encouraged), 2) enjoy the fishing with the Club members, and 3) post few photos of the trip on the Club webpage. Everyone, any local destination, and all kind of fish **FiT**'s!



**See the next page for the 1st FiT Outing Announcement!**

## **- Casting -**

### **A Critical Fly Fishing Skill**

### **Casting in the Park**

**The July 7th class at Irvine park was a Hot, Hot, Hot!** Hot casting, hot instruction and hot temperature! With about 6 students and 6 teachers we were able to make some good progress by alternating 15 minute periods between casting and resting in the shade!

**Next Session of Casting in the Park:**  
**November (date TBD)**

### **Annual Casting Clinic: Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, Mile Square Park**

We've set the date for our annual FFCOC Casting Clinic which is open to the public and to those that are just starting out with Fly Fishing. It's a great event and our way of introducing our club to potential new members. Please reach out to friends and others who may want to try it out. Any interested can register at [ffcoccasting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ffcoccasting@sbcglobal.net). We've got rods so participants don't need to buy equipment for this and we end up with a world famous BBQ.

Help us make it successful.

Thanks!



Image courtesy of, John Williams.



## **FLIES THAT KEEP ON GIVING**

By John Williams (Uncle Willie)

Beatles are an appetizer for trout, “one is just not quite enough”. Some years back I met a guide Andy Fisher of North Fork Anglers in Cody Wyoming, A fantastic guide. He shared an easy pattern that was quite effective. He gave me a few shell casings which he sharpened the inside rim of to cut foam.

### **“38 Special Beatle”**



Pardon the color imbalance, it is all Black

Hook: Firehole 718 Size 16 or similar dry hook

Thread: UTC Black 70

Super Glue: Gorilla Super Glue Gel or similar

Underbody: Peacock Herl

Head, Thorax, and Abdomen: 2mm closed cell foam Black

Legs: Wapsi RRS100 Round Rubber Small Black

Take you 38 casing and sharpen the inside rim with a small file or sharp knife. crimp it  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way to form the desired shape. Place you foam on a hard surface and place the 38 casing with the open sharpened end on the foam and press firmly or tap if needed to cut your body form. Start your thread at the eye and run slightly down into the bend. Smear a light coat of super glue on the thread from the bend to 2mm sort of the eye, now tie in two peacock herl after the butts have been trimmed and aligned by the butts and wrap forward to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  forward point. Place a slight drop of super glue in this area and set the body form with  $\frac{2}{3}$  toward the rear and the front just even with the eye of the hook. Tie in legs on either side of the narrow are and cut to your desired length. Smear a  $\frac{1}{4}$ ” area of your thread and take a few wraps around the narrow area and whip finish. You have just created a Beatle, if you wish a indicator on top slice a 2mm piece of foam 2mm wide and cut to length and tie in on top of your tie off point, trim to desired exposure.



## 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.

### Board of Directors and Activity Leaders:

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Art Prangley

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Bri Buchko

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Casting Clinic  
TBD

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**Fly Tying:** Brian Mayer

**Fly Fishers International Liason:** Jim Wright

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## Support Our Local Fly Shops



### Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store

2700 W. Orangethorpe Ave.  
Fullerton, CA 92833

Open Mon.-Sat. 9 am to 6 pm

Closed Sunday

Phone: 714 525-1827

email: info@bobmarriotts.com



### His and Her Fly Fishing

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Newport Beach, CA 92663

Open: Mon.- Fri. 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday 9am - 6 pm

Phone: 949 548-9449

email: hisher1666@aol.com