

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



October 2018

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Club Meeting:

October 10, 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:

October 15, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Location tbd

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message - by Art Prangley

Phew! The auction and the casting clinic are over!

Those are our big activities for the year and to have them come in the same week was an extra challenge. What were we thinking? I'll have to talk to the president about that..

A big thanks is due to all that participated in both events. We had a good turnout at the casting clinic, all new to us, and had a lot of fun. For the auction, we had a large turnout and a successful auction to help raise funds for the club. A special thanks to Melinda Burns who really jumped in to help drive more donations, orchestrate, and complete the auction. A big task.

So, now that our big events are passed, there is still some time left before the holidays to fish!

We've got the President's Outing coming up in October. The trips to Utah are finishing up. What's next?

Well, there is fishing to be had that is not that far away. San Gabriel, Deep Creek, the beaches, LA River, local lakes all come to mind. They're 1 day trips. All we need are some members to step up and lead a group. We introduced the concept of Fishing in Town (FiT) a while back. All we need is someone to say "I'll put something together" and get out the word. I will gladly send out an email to the membership announcing something, or some get together. Anyone interested in leading a small bunch of excited fly fishers, let me know and we can promote it.

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Remember the upcoming Fly Fishing Faire on October 20, 21st in Glendale. That should be a great way see what's going on in our favorite sport.

Look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting, Wednesday October 10th.

Warm regards and good fishing, Art!

President's Outing - Kern River

October 19-21^s

Once again, we're holding the President's Outing at the Sequoia Lodge, on the Kern River this coming October. It's a tradition and a great way to gather for fun, fishing, telling of stories, and to spend time outside.

The dates this year are Friday, October 19th, through to Sunday, October 21st. I'll be hosting a Pizza dinner at the Sequoia Lodge on Friday evening for all those that can attend and on Saturday evening, we'll have the big BBQ/ Pot Luck dinner. The days are open to whatever floats your boats, so to speak. There are some great fishing opportunities around and flows seem reasonable, so fishing could be great.

The Sequoia Lodge is sold out at this point but there are other options nearby in Kernville.

If you are interested, or already have your reservations, please let me know so I can make sure we have enough food for all. Please RSVP to me at artp@sbcglobal.net.

Best regards, Art



FLY FISHING PHOTOGRAPHY WITH BRIAN O'KEEFE

Fly fishing and photography make the perfect match. Scenic habitat and handsome subjects combine to create memories that can make us smile long after the trip is over and the bags are unpacked. Gone are the days of sending film out to be processed, duplicates made and mailed to fishing buddies. Now through Face book and Instagram we can document every second of the hook-up, the fight and the release of fish as we are wading the stream. Quality photography, once limited to the professional lugging around a huge SLR and a bagful of lenses, is now within the reach of anyone with an Iphone or point and shoot camera. Brian O'Keefe was the guy with the big camera bag and is now an advocate for lighter gear you can take anywhere. His program will show how you can get the most out of every opportunity by following a few basic rules. Learn to take photos that go beyond the grip and grin. Stop boring your friends with underexposed, badly composed photos that have them reaching for the "delete" button. Brian's program is a collection of tips for improving the quality of your photographs no matter what kind of camera you have. Besides helpful information the example photographs are from Alaska, Montana, Chile, Cuba and Iceland. A fun fly fishing travelogue wrapped around a lesson in photography.

Let's just take a closer look at our friend Brian. He has been a serious fly fisher all his life, developing a love for the sport while spending summers in Montana with his grandparents. There he was taught the art of fly casting and fishing by a Montana dry fly purist, his grandfather, Fred Johnson. Brian began fishing the world right out of high school. After his two-year solo trip through New Zealand, Australia and a trek into the Himalayan Mountains, he began guiding in the Northwest and Alaska for trout, salmon and steelhead. At age 30, Brian began his career as a fly fishing tackle rep and angling/ outdoor photographer. He is also an accomplished fly casting instructor, earning the title of Master Certified Fly Casting Instructor from the Fly Fishing Federation. Brian has also placed in, and won many fly casting competitions. His photographs have appeared in: Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Fly Fisherman, Fly Rod & Reel, Fly Fishing Salt Waters, NW Flyfishing, Fish Alaska, Fish & Fly Magazine, Outside Magazine, Men's Journal and many others.

Brian has traveled to some of the wildest and most remote angling destinations in the world, including: Bikini Atoll, the Seychelles, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tonga and Kashmir. He has also traveled to more accessible locations, such as: the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Chile, England, New Zealand, Argentina, Christmas Island and more. In many of these locations he again chose to venture off the beaten path, hiking, floating, sea-kayaking or taking a Zodiac into the backcountry. Inside our borders, Brian has specialized in fly fishing the Northern Rockies, the Northwest and Alaska. A camera goes on every trip to record the action. Brian lives in Bend, Oregon and plans on continuing his adventures and photography, his work with Todd Moen and publishing his beloved Catch magazine. He has recently joined the team at Eleven Experience that represents seven premier lodge destinations worldwide. The accompanying photos (next 3 pages) are taken at one of Eleven's properties using an Iphone.







Join us at the Fly Fishing Faire
Glendale Civic Auditorium in Glendale, CA
October 20-21, 2018

Everyone is
INVITED!

Learn to Fly Fish, Tie Your Own Flies, Cast & More

**Fresh Water to Salt Water-
Anywhere that fish call home!**

**Lessons for all Levels will be Available
Registration for Classes and
Pre-Event Ticket Sales open On-line
August 20th, 6:00 A.M.**



www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE for all information and updates



**Our Fly Fishing Faire is for every
level of angler, from complete
beginner to the expert**

**NO EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR
INTRODUCTORY CLASSES**

**Free seminars on where and how to
catch more fish**

Watch renowned fly tyers

Great deals on new merchandise from vendors

Enjoy and collect artwork from artists

Take classes in tying, casting and fishing!

**\$15.00 for both days, \$20.00 for family
of up to 4 people. Under 16 FREE!**

**pre-event ticket sales opens
August 20th, 6 AM www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE**

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	"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.

2018 FFCOC 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 17-20	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	

Casting Clinic 2018

We just wrapped up our annual “Open to the Public” Casting Clinic on Saturday, September 8th. We had a great time and really enjoyed introducing the sport of fly fishing to many newcomers. We had about 15 people join us, all new to the club. It was also special because we had 4 teenagers and that brought a new energy and enthusiasm to the mix.

Thanks to all that helped. Dawn and Vern handled the sign in and membership info, Melinda gave a great demo on fly tying (Lyman would be proud), Ken brought the gear and signs, our cadre of instructors; John, Doug, Van, Larry, Lee, Rich, led by Joe, and our chefs, Andy, Jim, Jimmy and Brian.

These clinics are really energizing to all that participate. It is so rewarding to see people get started out in a new adventure and to help them “get it” as they learn. I’m so glad we do these.

Thanks,
Art



Fishing Cody Wyoming and Missoula Montana - Tom Sakai

Spent two weeks in September fishing around Cody Wyoming and Missoula Montana with my cousin and FFCOC member Steve Watanabe. We flew into Missoula on September 1, rented a SUV, and drove to Cody the next day. We met our guide for the first day, Blair from North Fork Anglers for a walk and wade trip on the South Fork of the Shoshone River. During the day we did see some fresh grizzly scat; glad our guide had bear spray! Fish were somewhat elusive, but we caught our share of quality fish.



The second day, Colin from North Fork took us on a drift boat trip on the North Fork of the Shoshone. I highly recommend this trip and timing. The big rainbows and cutthroats were in the midst of their migration back to Shoshone Reservoir from the high country. Drift boat is the only way to fish this run due to mostly private land on the lower river. We had a great time with great quality.



We usually used a Hopper/Dropper setup, with at times a Chubby Chernobyl as the hopper. The dropper that worked best was a North Fork Special (Prince nymph stonefly variant) although we also used pheasant tails which worked well.

Days 3-5 were spent wade fishing the local creeks and rivers. We fished the North Fork of the Tongue River, the Clark Fork of the Yellowstone, and a local creek. We caught our share and more:



On September 8 we made the return trip to Missoula and met up with two more friends. On Sunday we fished the Lower Clark Fork River, downstream of Missoula, with guides from Blackfoot River Outfitters. Both guides, Evan Youngblood and Kurt Long. Part of our catch for the day:



The next day we floated the Upper Blackfoot River. Spectacular scenery and good fishing.



Both days we fished hopper/dropper, although dropper outfished the dry fly probably 3 to 1. The dropper was usually a pheasant tail.

Following those days we were on our own, fishing Upper Rock Creek for three days as well as one day at the East Fork of the Bitterroot:



We got into a few hatches, usually fishing a hopper or a parachute adams, purple haze, or klinkhammer in blue wing olive sizes (generally 18-20) as well as bead head pheasant tails and blue wing olive emergers. Couldn't see much of the insects emerging; perhaps what they call a pseudo (super small blue wing olive). Weather throughout the trip was good except for a few hours late in the trip at Rock Creek. All in all, a great trip. Looking forward to returning to both locations next year.

- Casting -

A Critical Fly Fishing Skill

Casting in the Park

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



Image courtesy of, John Williams.

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

Next in a series of flies intended for Brook Trout, Pike, Lake Trout and Salmon is an experiment of mine, it looks real fishy and it should work. I'm calling it **Twinkle Toes**.



Long shank hook in heavy wire, Wire Bite & Owner SSW #2

Main Shank hook everything is tied to: #2 Bass Hook but any stout shank will do

Thread: Gel Spun 200 Green

Trailer Hook: Owner SSW Cutting Point #2

Connection Wire for Trailer Hook: RIO Wire Bite 30#

Eyes: Real Eyes Plus 5/32" Gold/Chartreuse

Tail: White Marabou

Main Body: Cascade Crest Mirror Wrap

Upper Wing: Fluorescent Orange Buck Tail

Front Dark Head: Olive Deer Hair

Cement: Super Glue Gel Formula

A rotary vice is very helpful for this fly. Debarb the trailer hook. Place the bass hook in the vice and tie in the barbell eyes three eye gaps behind the eye. Make a smear of super glue on the shank from three eye spaces behind the eye and almost to the bend. Cut a piece of wire bite 6" long and thread it through the eye of the hook from the rear upper

eye then under the shank and back out the upper rear of the eye, this forms a loop the keeps the trailer hook straight in line with the main shank of the forward hook shank. Now tie it in by the wire letting the trailer hook extend one hook length beyond the main shank of the forward hook and take several wraps of thread securing it to the forward hook. Bring the tread to the rear of the forward hook. Tie in two plentiful white marabou feathers one on either side of the forward hook letting them extend to the bend of the rear hook. Place a smear of super glue on the forward hook shank from the base of the marabou to just behind the eyes. With your thread at the base of the marabou tie into the super glue one end of the Cascade Mirror Wrap and wrap forward to just short of the eyes and trim off excess. Cut a small bunch of Orange bucktail and tie it in where you finished the previous wrap. Cut a small bunch of green Rabbit fur and tie in on the top and another small bunch on the bottom. Trim off any forward pointing deer hair and smear $\frac{1}{4}$ " of your thread and whip finish the head. A very easy fly to tie, vary the colors to suit you. Now cut the shank of the forward hook just behind the tie in point of the materials with dikes or heavy wire cutters.

Tighter lines,

John



Purchases at Bob Marriott's for 2017 has given the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \$726.76 (2% of pre tax purchases) that will be posted in store credit for the club to use towards raffle prizes and the like. Thanks to all of our members for supporting Bob Marriott's in such a robust fashion!

Purchases of regularly priced items at Bob Marriott's reward the customer with a 5% rebate and an additional 2% to FFCOC when they mention that they are members. A win for all of us!

Best regards,

Kevin Bell

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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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