

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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Next Club Meeting:

November 7, 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

Next Board Meeting:

November 15, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Sizzler, Fullerton

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message - by Art Prangley

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about 2019.

At our next club meeting on November 7th, we've got a great speaker with Rick Hafele joining us to let us know a little more about what happens under the water's surface. In addition, it's time to conduct some club business by electing your 2019 board of directors. And if that's not enough to entice you, Melinda has a special silent auction planned. SO, PLEASE JOIN US on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH at 6PM.

As far as the board of directors goes, we've made a few changes to make it more attractive, shall we say. First, starting in January, the board meeting will now be on the Thursday, the week after the regular club meeting. So, in January, that is Thursday, January 17th at 7pm. Locations are fluid and will be announced on the website. Secondly, we've created a new committee, called the Auction Committee. This committee will be staffed with seasoned club members who have participated in many past auctions. In the past, we've relied on the 1st VP to do this and probably scared a few people away from the board. Now, with the auction committee in place, we've let the 1st VP off the hook for leading the charge. Other changes in committees and duties are being considered, all in the spirit of encouraging more fishing, developing skills, community outreach, conservation and fostering a healthy club that we are all proud to be a member of. We've got openings on the board so please reach out if you'd like to join.

Look forward to seeing you on November 7th! Art

Warm regards and good fishing,

Art

UNDERSTANDING EMERGERS – RICK HAFELE

In November we are delighted to welcome back Oregon author, fly tier and entomologist Rick Hafele with a brand-new program on the tricky topic of emergers. When they won't take a dry fly, nymph or streamer, you can bet that an emerger will do the trick. It sounds easy enough, but it is probably the least understood of the standard techniques we use. Rick's program will cover fly choice, presentation and hooking techniques.

Rick Hafele has been called many things, among them "the bug man." He caught his first trout on a fly at the age of 12 on a spring creek in Missouri, which is when he got hooked – and not just figuratively. Trout streams were few and far between, however, near the small farm town in Illinois he called home, so bluegills and bass provided his early fly-fishing education. In 1969 Rick left Illinois and flew west to attend college in Bellingham, Washington, to see for himself what all the hoopla was over salmon and trout and, oh yes, attend college as well. Since then he has traveled throughout the West and beyond fishing for wild native trout, and collecting and studying the insects upon which they feed.

Rick's love of bugs led to a Master of Science degree in aquatic entomology from Oregon State University in 1979, and he worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 30 years, specializing in water quality assessment and the study aquatic insects. In the course of both his professional work and his fly fishing, Rick has spent more than 40 years observing aquatic insects and fish communities in creeks, streams, rivers, and lakes.

Rick has written articles for scientific journals, and penned the *Aquatic Entomology* column for American Angler magazine for over 30 years. Books to his credit include *An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations* (with Scott Roederer, Johnson Books, 1995), *The Complete Book of Western Hatches* (with Dave Hughes, Amato Pub., 1981), *Western Mayfly Hatches* (with Dave Hughes, Amato Pub. 2005), *Nymph Fishing Rivers and Streams* (Stackpole Books, 2006), and most recently *Tactics for Trout* and *Seasons for Trout* (with Dave Hughes and Skip Morris, Stackpole Books, 2014).

Rick has also instructed in eight fly fishing DVDs starting with the 1983 Scientific Angler release of *Anatomy of a Trout Stream*. His most recent DVD, *Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries*, was released by Laughing River Productions in October, 2011. Other DVDs include *Nymph Fishing Basics* and *Advanced Nymph Fishing*, and the four-volume set titled *Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers*.

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**Rick Hafele and his
gorgeous fly boxes**



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.

FFCOC Meetings Calendar - 2019

| <u>CLUB</u> <u>MEETINGS</u> <u>WEDNESDAYS</u> | <u>SPEAKER</u> | <u>TOPIC</u> | <u>BOARD</u> <u>MEETINGS</u> <u>THURSDAYS</u> |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1-9-19 | Landon Mayer | "Successful Seasons - All year" | 1-17-19 |
| 2-13-19 | Jim Cox | "Western Rivers - Smallmouth - John Day" | 2-21-19 |
| 3-13-19 | Joe Libeu | "Golden Dorado" | 3-21-19 |
| 4-10-19 | Kirk Johnson | "The Feather Thief" | 4-18-19 |
| 5-8-19 | Devin Oleson | "European Nymphing" | 5-16-19 |
| 6-12-19 | Dave Hughes | "TBA" | 6-20-19 |
| 7-10-19 | Kelly Gallagher | "Intro to Flats Fishing" | 7-18-19 |
| 8-14-19 | Dave Williams | "Northwest Salmon From The Beach" | 8-22-19 |
| 9-11-19 | FFCOC | FFCOC AUCTION | 9-19-19 |
| 10-9-19 | David Gregory | "Yosemite" | 10-17-19 |
| 11-13-19 | John Baiocchi | "Northern California" | 11-21-19 |
| 12-11-19 | | HOLIDAY PROGRAM | 12-19-19 |

NOTE: Club Meetings are held at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. In the Pavillion except for the Auction in September which is held in the Ballroom unless otherwise notified.

The Board Meeting location is tbd for now.

Telluride Fishing Trip Sept 11-13, 2018 - by Alan Ross

Alan reports that he and Mark Spowart enjoyed a two-for-one three-day fishing trip to Telluride, Colorado from September 11-13:

We stayed at the Peaks Resort and used Telluride Outside for our guides. Overall, we had a good time although the fishing was slower than expected because of the severe water shortages in Colorado this year. Our first day of fishing was at the San Miguel river where we waded for the day and had good success (approximately 25 fish), a tasty lunch, and beautiful scenery. The river flow was a little bit low but we did get fish consistently in the 10"-12" range.

Our second day was poor. We paid an extra \$100 to drive two hours to wade the Lower Dolores River where fishing was supposed to be "very technical". That is another way of saying don't expect to get many fish but you may catch a whopper if you are lucky. We were also told this is one of the most dangerous areas for rattle snakes and had to be very careful where we walked when we were crossing fields. Unfortunately, we were not lucky because the river's flow rate was low and there were very few spots that fish could hide safely. Neither of us caught a fish or even had a good strike. The area was also very geologically beautiful but not worth the extra drive time considering the fishing prospects.

The last day we fished and waded on a private section of the Upper Dolores and did much better. Although the river flow rate was also below average, we saw several good size fish in a few pools and landed a total of about 10 fish all day. I think our largest fish measured from 13" to 14" inches.

Our stay at the Peaks Resort was great and we enjoyed easy access to the gondola that took us over the mountain directly into Telluride where we enjoyed some fabulous pizza at Brown Dog Pizza restaurant. Mark and I feel this is a must see if you enjoy good pizza. The town is a delight and is definitely an added benefit to coming to this area for fishing.

Overall, I would give this area an A for beauty but a B for fishing. We would recommend that you consider giving it a try but be sure that the snowpack for the year was at least average so that flow rates are acceptable.



Additional photos from Alan Ross



Women's Outing Report - by Melinda Burns

On the weekend of August 17th, 3 lady fisherman set off on a journey to Lake Crowley. However, before that they had to resolve some very important problems as they had reserved 3 guides and unfortunately 4 of our ladies had to cancel out due to work place conflicts or illness. Oh my what to do. How can we remediate this problem; the guides were all depending on guiding 2 fisherman. So what do you do when you don't want to disappoint a guide and cancel out on them at the last moment. You open it up to MEN. Thank you guys for coming to my rescue. John, Terry and Lyman offered to fill those open spaces.

Once on our way on the Lake, we had a great day. Joyce, Janna and I did pretty good. It started off a little slow but then picked up. Joyce caught her first fish all by herself. Yes she has fished before but has always had someone helping her cast the line out or bringing the fish in. This time she did it herself and was so proud of herself. She loved the feel of the tug on the line and watching the fish swim this way and that way and still keeping him on the line. It is a great first feeling. Here are some photos of our catches.

To see more photos of our trips, check out our website for more....

https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=187&club_id=510287



- 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

Again a trip to Labrador is fixed on my mind. The head guide says they have an abundance of Golden Stoneflies so what am I to do but make a durable stonefly that can handle a 10 pound Brookies or Landlocked Salmon. I didn't like the appearance of rubber legs so decided on Goose Biots. I will use a previously disclosed in a newsletter adult stonefly as the adult for surface action.

Willie's Golden Stonefly



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| Hook: | #4 Nymph Hook |
| Thread: | UTC 140 Black |
| Eyes: | Medium Bead Chain Eyes Black |
| Tail & Legs: | Golden Orange Goose Biots |
| Body Wrap: | Stretch Magic Bead & Jewelry Cord <u>from Michael's</u> |
| Dubbing: | Ice Dub Rusty Brown |
| Thorax Cover: | Mottled Turkey Feather Lt. Brown |
| Cement: | Super Glue Gel |

Debarb the hook and place in vice. Add a light smear superglue on the entire shank of the hook and wrap the thread from the eye to the bend and back up to the eye. Wrap the thread one eye space behind the eye. Cut a pairs of eyes from the bead chain and place on top of the shank and secure with several wraps of thread both around and underneath the eyes while the super glue is still wet. Now run the thread back to the bend and tie in two goose biots one on either side of the shank to form the tails. From the spool of Stretch Magic cur a piece nine inches long and with a lighter heat a middle section five inches long but not the ends and rapidly stretch the material to eleven inches and hold until cool and cut in half, this is enough material to make two stoneflies.

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Willie's Golden Stonefly (continued)

Tie in one piece of the stretch magic by the small end with the large end facing rearward at the bend just ahead of the biot tie in location. Dub a carrot shaped body toward the eyes and stop behind the eyes. Wrap the stretch magic material first with more pressure while wrapping and less as you move forward to form a tapered body to the eyes and make several wraps of thread to secure the cord. Run your thread back two wraps of cord and make three to four wraps of thread to form a base of thread, at this point tie in two goose biots one on either side to form the rear legs. Prepare your turkey feather with Dave's Flexament on the underside of the feather and let dry. Cut a section of the turkey feather approximately 5/32" wide from the base of the feather and pull it free. Place a smear of super glue on the top of the rear tie in point of the legs. Tie the butt end of the feather in with the rest of the feather laying back to the rear at the same place you tied in the rear legs. With your bodkin, lay it on top of the turkey feather 1/8" behind the tie in point and fold the feather over and forward to form the first section of thorax cover and tie down behind the eyes. Do the same procedure again to form another thorax cover slightly forward of the first and tied off behind the eyes. Lay any remaining turkey feather forward between the eyes. Wrap over and between the eyes to secure any remaining turkey feather and cut off any excess. Make a smear of super glue on your thread about three inches long and wrap over and between the eyes and tie off behind the eyes with a whip finish. One you have done a couple they are fast and durable.

Tight Lines all,
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 club meetings.

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