

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



December 2018

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Next Club Meeting:

December 5, 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:

December 10, 2018 - 7:00 pm

Sizzler, Fullerton

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message - by Art Prangley

It's almost a wrap for the year.

But there are still a few fishing days left. The beach may be calling....

As we close the year out, I want to thank all that participated in our club activities. This year we hosted a few Casting in the Park Sessions, had some great outings around the Southwest, hosted our public Casting Clinic, heard from many great speakers, welcomed new members, hit the numbers with the auction, and redesigned the website. Not bad!

We recently formalized the board for next year and they will get busy trying to make 2019 an even more active year.

I hope you can join us for next month's meeting on December 5th. Rumor has it that our speaker will be talking about the area around Cottonwood Lakes in the Sierra. A place I'm looking forward to trying out. Melinda and John Burns are also gathering up toys and gifts for holiday donations, a very worthy cause, so please bring a gift. Come join the celebration as we close the year.

Best wishes to you and your families for happy and healthy holidays.

Warm regards and good fishing,

Art

COTTONWOOD LAKES AND THE GOLDEN TROUT

Steve Schalla



If you live in California, you probably have explored the Sierra Nevada Mountains numerous times. It's a formidable range rising to over 14,000 feet with numerous streams flowing towards the east or the west from the Sierra Crest. An exception to this flow is the Kern River which flows in a southerly direction along a fault line within the midst of these mountains. This exception allowed the possibility of a new species of trout to develop within this mountain range, our California Golden Trout.

There are actually three subspecies of the Golden Trout, all within the Kern River watershed. The trout developed over a 70,000 year period yet were almost decimated by the late 1980's through our fish introduction practices.

Cottonwood Lakes played a major role in providing Golden Trout throughout the region and the world. Within this program, we will look at the region from a historical view and discuss how Cottonwood Lakes has impacted our freshwater fisheries. This region was also instrumental in how we perceive our natural resources. This is the region that helped to bring the Wilderness Act into effect and allowed us to re-examine how we approach some of our natural resource areas.

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Our guest speaker for December is Steve Schalla. Steve is originally from Santa Barbara, where he attended UC Santa Barbara and then transferred to UC Berkeley to study forestry. After leaving UC Berkeley Steve started several reforestation nurseries that provided tree seedlings to Oregon, Washington and the northwest.

While in the Northwest he spent many hours fly fishing the Umpqua and Lewis rivers. He returned to Santa Barbara, where his passion for fly fishing became more serious, and he started a website called 'Fly Fishing the Sierra' (www.flyfishingthesierra.com) in 2002. Currently he is developing fishing maps to cover the Sierra Nevada.

Steve's program will cover not only the Cottonwood Lakes, but all of the Kern River watershed from which the Golden Trout developed. His presentation takes a naturalist view of fly fishing with geologic and hydrology aspects thrown in. There will also be a special holiday raffle that you do not want to miss.

Please join Steve Schalla as he takes us to Cottonwood Lakes and the Golden Trout. See you there... and remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

Andy Frumento

Board of Directors-Election 2019

The membership has voted in a new Board of Directors for the calendar 2019 year.

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As a reminder, board meetings will be held on the week following the regularly scheduled club meeting on Thursdays, starting at 7PM. All members are welcome. Meeting dates and location can be found on the “Club Calendar” at www.ffcoc.org

A note of thanks to all who have served on the board! Your help and participation are what makes this a great club. Thank you.

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 | Steve Shalla | "Cottonwood Lakes and Golden Trout" |



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

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| 2019 FFCOC Meetings Calendar |
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| <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.

Presidents Outing Report

2018 Recap & 2019 Planning

We had a nice and relaxing weekend on the Kern River for the President's Outing this past October. Great food, fun and lively conversations, and beautiful scenery. Who could ask for more? Well, fish would be nice, but hey it was a fun weekend after all. Thanks to our chef, Scott Lewis, and to all that brought great food and drink.

The Kern River lived up to its "difficult" designation once again, with Karen netting a nice one, but the rest of giving it the good try. There's always next year.

[Speaking of next year.](#) Dates are set for Friday, October 18th to Sunday, October 20th, 2019. We will be gathering at the Sequoia Lodge once again.

Please [make your reservations NOW](#) to make sure you have a room and that we fill out the lodge.

The Sequoia Lodge can be reached directly at 760-376-2535. Tell them you are from the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County.

Don't miss this. It is one of the rare large gatherings we do and great chance to get to know your club members and to check out a local fishing destination. (I know I'm stretching it a little with "local").

Art

**Improve Your Casting Skills
with FFCOC's
Casting in the Park**

Next Session:

**December 1, 2018. 9 am - 11am
Irvine Regional Park**



Image courtesy of, John Williams.

This next session of FFCOC's Casting in the Park will be an opportunity to get help on the casting issues that are bugging you.

Call or Email Richard Fanning for more information (714 476-3027) rkfanning@aol.com

FLIES THAT KEEP ON GOING

By John Williams

I have been quite fortunate to have met and been tutored by many great tiers. One that passed away recently was Bob Moyer who always was showing me patterns he and friends of his either invented or shared. This one Bob Moyer and his friend Morris developed. I was becoming a regular at Hot Creek Ranch and he said it worked wonders there. It not only does quite well on Hot Creek but in every state I have fished it. The last time I shared this fly it was a drawing some years back. This version is headed to Labrador.

M&M CADDIS

Note: I rotated it so you could see underside a bit.

Hook: Firehole #14 Barbless Hook

Thread: Veevus 16/0 Black

Body: Peacock Herl From Feathers Eye

Under Wing: Antron White Yarn or Zelon

Over Wing: Mallard Flank Feather Died Wood Duck or Wood Duck

Hackle: Grizzly Hackle

Cement: Super Glue Gel Formula



Smear super glue from two eye spaces behind the eye to the bend and start your thread behind the eye and run it down to the bend. Select three peacock herl from the eye of a feather and remove about 1" of the brittle ends and tie in at the bend by the tips, then wrap forward to 2/3 forward position and back to the bend, now concentric wrap the thread forward to the 2/3 point. You have now wrapped the herl into super glue and added some security to the herl with the thread. Cut a piece a couple of inches long of Antron yarn and tie in with one end hanging to the rear of the bend and the other tied in at the 2/3 forward position and flood back the end that is forward over the rear piece to double the yarn and secure with a few wraps of thread. Select a wood Duck feather and remove all the fuzzes and errant fibers from the base, now stroke the fibers toward the tip narrowing the feather and causing it to pucker down the middle. Place the feather on top of the hook shank at the 2/3 forward point and tie down leaving much of the feather hanging to the rear. This should form a tent wing over the yarn but not extending to far on either side and secure with several wraps of thread. Select a hackle feather and strip a few fibers from either side of the base to tie in but now place a smear of super glue from the 2/3 point forward to just behind the eye and now wrap the hackle into the superglue forward and tie off behind the eye. Whip finish and cut the excess hackle free and add fish. Truly one of my go to patterns for a long time. Pretty simple and effective to tie.

All the best,

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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