

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



February 2019

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Next Club Meeting:

February 13, 2019

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:

February 21, 2019 - 7:00 pm

Sizzler, Fullerton

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message - by Art Prangle

The rain that we had these last few days was really nice (for the most part). What's even better is all of the snow that was generated in the high country that will feed our favorite streams, rivers and lakes this spring and hopefully on into summer. Fingers crossed for more.

Getting ready for the upcoming "On the River Training" weekend in Bishop was a great reason to clean up the fishing closet. Now I've got some room for stuff I'll probably get at the Fly/Buy, sponsored by the Southwest Council of Fly Fishing International on Saturday, February 2nd. Check it out if you are around and not off fishing.

Outings for the year are taking shape. Look at the website for more details and contact the "Streamkeeper" to get signed up. As we get more local support we'll add some beach, lake and other outings. The calendar on the website is also a great place to see "what's coming".

Casting in the Park will start up again and once dates get finalized, we'll get out a notice. This is a great way to work on your casting prowess. New or experienced casters can all learn at these events. Stay tuned.

So, we're off to the races for 2019. Let's make it a great year and fish more.

Our next club meeting is on Wednesday, February 13th at the Phoenix Club. We hope to see you there!

Warm regards and good fishing,

Fly Fishing Oregon's Wild and Scenic John Day River - Jim Cox

In February we welcome Jim Cox of Western Rivers Conservancy whose famous slogan "Sometimes to save a river you have to buy it" sums up their success in protecting tens of thousands of acres on western streams. Their current conservation priorities include land acquisitions on California's lower Klamath River, the Salmon River in Idaho, the John Day River in Oregon, the Gunnison River in Colorado and the Hood River in Oregon. For lovers of smallmouth bass, trout and steelhead, the program is living proof that diligent conservation leads to spectacular fishing. Said to be the strongest fighters in their weight class, smallmouth bass make the John Day a perfect destination.

Jim Cox, Director of Angling and Donor Relations for Western Rivers Conservancy, will make a presentation entitled "Fly Fishing Oregon's Wild and Scenic John Day River." Since 1988 Western Rivers Conservancy has protected lands on more than 60 rivers in eight western states.

The program will provide a few short updates WRC's current conservation projects, with a major focus on fly fishing Oregon's Wild and Scenic John Day River, the second longest free-flowing river in the West, for its world-class smallmouth bass fishery and its excellent run of wild summer steelhead. WRC was instrumental in helping create Cottonwood Canyon State Park on the John Day, the second largest state park in Oregon, and has purchased another major ranch on the John Day in an effort to protect Thirty Mile Creek, a major cold-water sanctuary for wild steelhead and new public access point.

Jim joined Western Rivers Conservancy as Director of Angling and Donor Relations in 2011. He has spent more than 30 working professionally in the nonprofit sector. Jim is a past steering committee co-chair of the Nonprofit Association of Oregon and is an active member of the Northwest Planned Giving Roundtable. He is a member of numerous conservation organizations including Trout Unlimited, Flyfishers Club of Oregon, FFI, the Native Fish Society, and The Freshwater Trust among others.

Jim holds a Bachelor of Theatre Degree from Willamette University. Jim lives in Portland, Oregon. In his free time, you can find him fly fishing for trout and steelhead on the wild rivers of the West.

In every corner of the American West a stream cries out for protection, because it is habitat for endangered fish and wildlife, because it is the scenic centerpiece of a community, or because it is a favorite haunt of boaters, anglers and hikers. Western Rivers Conservancy answers those calls for help with one of the strongest tools for river protection: land acquisition.

For more info go to: www.westernrivers.org



2019 FFCOC Meetings

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

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.

2019 FFCOC Outings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Jan 5-6	On the Water Training, Lower Owens	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
Feb 16	Jess Ranch Lakes, Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 11-13	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
Mar 31 - Apr 3	San Juan River, New Mexico	Brian Mayer	714 619-7090
May 6-9	Lee's Ferry, Arizona	Melinda Burns	951-734-6005
May 31 - Jun 2	Fish Creek, CA	Brian Mayer	714 619-7090
Jul 12 - Jul 15	Hot Creek Ranch, CA	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 16-20	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 23-26	Circleville, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Oct 18-20	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Art Prangley	714 270-7090
Oct 6-12	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Nov 18-20	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865

Float Tude Outing To Jess Ranch Lakes

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper

Our first outing of the year will be at Jess Ranch Lakes located in Apple Valley approximately one hour drive from Orange County (depending on traffic).

There are three lakes on the premises, however we will be fishing on Lake One. It is a small easily navigated lake that is stocked with trout and bass, all catch and release. If you have all needed equipment, it is a great place to learn and improve your float tubing skills.

The cost to fish the lake is \$40 to fish all day. The ticket office opens at 7:00 and you have to be off the lake by 4:00 pm.

This is a Float Tubing Only lake. You are required to wear chest waders and a safety vest.

A five or 6 weight rod will do nicely, and you will need assorted flies such as midges and streamers. Barbless hooks are required.

February can be very chilly so you will need to wear layers and fleece under garments. If interested you can sign up at January meeting or contact me:

Phone 714 742-5865 or e-mail at lkennedyjr@earthlink.net.

Please go to [Jess Ranch Lakes](#) and read about Jess Lake and their rules for usage and safety.



San Juan River, NM Outing

March 31 - April 3, 2019 - Brian Mayer, Streamkeeper

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 the Fisheads San Juan River Lodge [(505) 634-0463:

<http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com/>],

and the Abe's Motel just across the street [(505) 632-2194,

<http://sanjuanriver.com/>].

Both have very reasonable rates and can arrange guides. There are other accommodations as well. If making reservations at Fisheads, please let them know you are part of the FFCOC group. Contact Brian Mayer for full details.

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, March 31. 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. Lodging and guiding service has changed this year. Check both Fisheads and Abe's websites for details.

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 stream keeper 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.



Lee's Ferry Outing 2019

May 6 - 9, 2019



The Colorado River is described as “The World’s Largest Spring Creek” that boasts 15.5 miles of clear running tailwater fishery flowing from Lake Powell.

Come join Honey Burns and I along with 12 other lucky club members as we fish one of the waters of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World. This trip will consist of 3 nights lodging at the Cliff Dwellers (2 Adults per room) and 3 days of guided fishing (Drift or Wet Wading). I have reserved Rooms 24-30 along with, each room has two beds. But if you want the room to yourself then you pay the full price. Each room is \$96.21.

We also have the following guides reserved: Jeff English, Skip Dixon, Natalie Jensen, Tyson Warren, Dale Gauthier, and Kevin Campbell. Guides are \$525 for 2 fisherman.

This cost of this trip is approximately \$979.92 per person. This does not include tips for the guides, meals or transportation.

Sign ups are now being taken. You can sign the Outings Sheet at the next meeting or you can call or me to place you on the list, [951.415.9920](tel:951.415.9920) mel11755@pacbell.net. In order to hold your spot, please send a deposit of \$200. You can email a check to our PO Box or you can pay online.

For a sample of the intinerary, click [Lee's Ferry 2019](#) on this link .

To see photos of past trips to Lee's Ferry, click on this link [Lee's Ferry Club Outing 2017](#).

FFCOC Colorado Trip

October 6-12, 2019

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper

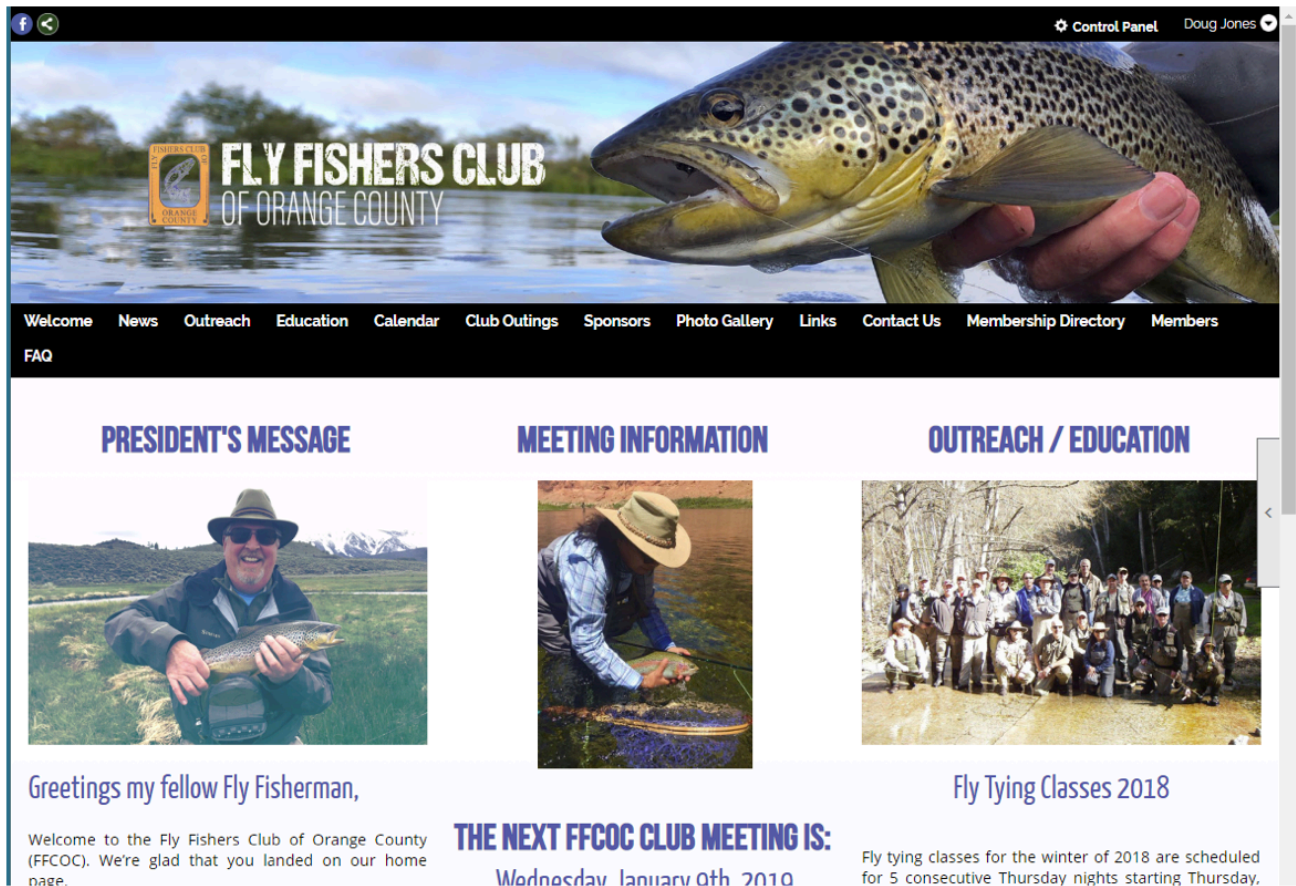


The dates for our Colorado trip are October 6-12, just in time for pursuing those fall spawning brown trout. The trip starts in Kremmling Colorado, about two hour drive from Denver. Participants can fly into Denver on Sunday October 6 and rent a car for the drive to Kremmling and then back to Monument for the second half of our trip. In Kremmling we will be staying at the Allington and participants need to make their own reservations there. While in Kremmling we will be doing a float trip on the Colorado River one day, and we will be wading the Williams Fork River on the alternate day. On Wednesday the group will be driving back to Monument where participants will need to obtain reservation at one of the local motels. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening, Mark and his wife Liz will be hosting dinner at their home. On Thursday and Friday we will drive to one of 3 destinations on the South Platte River including Cheesman Canyon, Deckers or the Dream Stream, where we will be doing wade fishing. Mark has already reserved guides for all of the areas mentioned including Bob Dye, Pat Dorsey and Landon Meyer. A deposit of \$500 is due April 1st and \$530 is due on August 1st to cover the guide fees. The deposit is refundable up until August 1st unless we can make arrangements with Blue Quill. More details will be coming later. If you are interested please contact me at lkennedyjr@earthlink.net or at 714 742-5865. The trip is limited to 12 people so get your name on the list right away before it fills up.

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper.

Website Update

The efforts of the Website Committee with help from the Club Express web designers is paying off with the updating of Club's website nearing completion. In addition to a new look, the web site has new features, increased functionality, is easier to navigate and more interactive with other media and devices.



Public and Club Member access to the site has continued through the updating process and you may have seen the site's evolution in progress. The look and feel of the site is essentially complete but updating of content will be a continuing process. Our near-term focus will be to (1) make sure everything on the site is current and (2) training of Website Committee members and Club Members to maximize use of the site. Training of Website Committee members will commence December 18th with initial focus on the fundamentals followed by targeted training focusing on specialty areas such as calendar management and photograph management.

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Website Update (Continued)

Training of Club Members will start during the January 9th Club meeting where we will have an informal “Computer Corner” set up with a Website Committee Member demonstrating features of the site during the Wet Fly hour from 6 to 7 p.m. This will include subjects like Member log-in, resetting passwords, understanding menus and finding information. Examples of future “Computer Corner” subjects include interfacing with social media, uploading photographs, and use of the APP for tablets and smartphones.

Remember the website will always be a work in progress with the need for periodic updating of scheduling and other content such as newsletter items, photographs, new features offered by Club Express, etc. Thanks for your patience during the website updating process.

Your ideas and improvements are welcome,

Looking forward to a great new website!

Doug Jones

FFCOC MEMBERS IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2019

There are two ways to renew your membership. The first one is to pay at our meeting. The second method is to go to our website. From our home page scroll down and click on the first blue bar "Member signup/ Information". This will take you to steps 1 of 6 steps to complete your membership renewal.

For those of you who paid at our December 5th meeting, you will get a pop up message that states you have not paid your dues for 2019. PLEASE DO NOT WORRY. YOU ARE PAID UP AND YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS THE PAPERWORK COMES ACROSS MY DESK.

Thank you,
Vern Martin,
Membership

Auction Corner

It's never too early to be thinking about the Auction. Put it in your calendar. Wednesday, September 11th, Doors open at 5PM. This year, we have a team helping to drive a successful auction:

Melinda Burns

Art Prangle

Denis Higginson

Rich Fanning

Dawn Martin

Doug Jones

Jimmy Edwards

Start thinking about what you would like to contribute and what you'd like to see us have available. Contact any of us to make suggestions.



SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2019

What: Southwest Council FlyBuy 2019 Fly Tying Show and Fundraiser

**Where: Long Beach Casting Club - 5201 E. 7th, Long Beach, CA
9:00 to 4:00**

Activities: Over 20 of SoCal's best Fly Tiers; Raffles; Silent Auctions; Flies for Sale; Used-Equipment Sale; Casting Lessons for all levels and Casting Games

Admission: \$13 for members; \$18 for others (memberships available at the door) - admission includes lunch! Kids 14 and under free!

Website: swcffi.org/flybuy

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL, Fly Fishers International TO HOST ‘FLYBUY 2019’ FEB. 2

LONG BEACH – FlyBuy 2019 – part fishing tackle garage sale, part fly-fishing carnival and all fun – is slated for the Long Beach Casting Club on Feb. 2, announced the sponsoring Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International.

The casting club, 4901 East 7th St., will feature day-long fly tying, kids’ fly tying, fly casting instruction, a garage sale, silent auction and raffles from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FlyBuy 2019 benefits the Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International. Admission is \$13 for members, \$18 for others, with memberships available at the door. Lunch is included.

“Donate any useable fly-fishing item or accessory with an original value of more than \$40 to the garage sale and you will get free admission,” said Bill OKelly, President of the Council.

Rods, reels, lines, clothes, vests or accessories not sold will be donated to Project Healing Waters, a veterans’ service and rehabilitation organization or Casting For Recovery, a national organization for breast cancer survivors.

For fly-fishing newcomers or experienced anglers who want to tune up their game, both FFI Certified and Master Casting Instructors will offer personalized lessons for \$1.00 a minute (20 minutes minimum) at the casting club’s pond. Instructors will be available for traditional single-hand or Spey casting lessons, added Eric Callow, Casting Director.

New this year! We will have tiers available to teach kids to tie their first fly. And children under 14 get in FREE, including lunch!

Twenty of Southern California’s best fly tiers – including national and international award-winners – will be on hand to demonstrate their fresh and saltwater fish-catching fly patterns and techniques. Fly patterns will range from Eastern Sierra trout, bass bugs to surf fishing, local ocean breakwaters, and offshore big game.

FlyBuy 2019 will also feature both a silent auction and raffle during the day-long event.

Information: (818) 6019702; email specialprojects@swcffi.org or visit www.swcffi.org/events/fly-buy-2019



Calendar of Events

Month	Day	Date	Event	Time
January	Saturday	19 th	Club Management - Riverside	10am - 2pm
February	Saturday	2 nd	Fly Buy - Long Beach	9am - 4pm
March	Thurs - Sun	6 -10 th	Fred Hall Show	Varies
April	Saturday	20 th	SWCFFI Quarterly Meeting	10am - 2pm
May	Saturday	4 th	Rip Tide Rendezvous	9am - 4pm
July	Saturday	20 th	SWCFFI Quarterly Meeting	10am - 2pm
October	Fri - Sun	4-6 th	Fly Fishing Faire - Burbank	10am - 5pm
October	Saturday	19 th	SWCFFI Quarterly Meeting	10am - 2pm

Casting for Recovery Events

May	Fri - Sun	3-5 th	CFR Retreat - Lake Arrowhead
October	Fri - Sun	4-6 th	CFR Retreat- Wonder Valley outside of Fresno

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



Image courtesy of, John Williams.

We are in the planning stage for the 2019 version of FFCOC's "Casting in the Park".

Current thoughts are to have a session about every 3 months. Stay tuned for more details in a future version of "On The Fly", FFCOC's Monthly Newsletter.

Contact Richard Fanning for the latest information:

(714 476-3027) rkfanning@aol.com

Fly Tying

I have a love affair going on with a very productive fly but that doesn't mean I can't play with some of its features. I had a friend Jeff Hensley many years ago show me a fly he invented and I have caught many fish on his pattern and on my versions as well. Here is another version soon to get baptized in Montana and Utah. Sorry, the photo looks tanner than in real life.

Altered Wonder Nymph

Hook: Daiichi 1150 #8-16
(Pictured #8 but can be scaled to your liking.)
Bead: 2.8mm Tungsten Black size to hook.
Thread: UTC 70 Black
Rib: Medium Copper
Tail / Abdomen: Olive Brown Marabou
Flash Back: UTC Medium Opal Tinsel
Thorax Cover: Pheasant Tail fibers
Thorax: Peacock Herl
Legs: Partridge feather
Cement: Super Glue Gel Control



Place bead on hook small hole first. Start your thread behind the eye. Tie in the copper rib behind the bead and trap with your thread down the shank into the middle of the bend. Tie in the Marabou in the mid bend area and let the tips extend a shank's length to the rear. Tie in the flash back tinsel in the same place and fold to the rear. Smear a slight amount of super glue on the shank of the hook then wrap the marabou forward to the thorax area and tie off and cut any left over from the front of the hook. Fold the tinsel forward and over the center of the abdomen and tie off at the thorax. Rib the thorax to act as a securing agent for the tinsel that also gives the impression of segments. Tie in ten-pheasant tail fibers by the butts and secure with several wraps of thread. Remove a single Partridge feather and cut the stem 1/4" from the tip, this will form a "V" gap you need to decide how many legs you want on either side and pull the excess fibers downward out of the way. Place this section of legs on top of the thorax and secure with a couple of soft wraps of thread. Pull the pheasant tail fibers over the back to form the thorax cover and secure with a couple of soft wraps of thread. You can now adjust the legs by pulling on the stem of the Partridge feather. Take several wraps of thread to secure the cover then smear a slight amount of super glue on your thread and make a few more wraps of thread behind the bead. Whip finish and you have a fly worthy of any nice fish. This is a wonderful fly to use as dropper below a hopper or Cricket, also good still water fly.

Tight lines friends,
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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2700 W. Orangethorpe Ave.
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