

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



July 2019

President's Message

By Art Prangley

OK, this time I mean it.. Apologies to all who could not share their fish reports last month as I ran out of time during the dinner meeting. At our next meeting in July, we look forward to hearing where people have been out fishing lately. I know there are some good stories to be heard.

We had some great items donated at last month's meeting for the auction. Thank you.

Now, having said that, we need more! In the "Auction Corner" article later in this newsletter, we'll give you a sneak preview of some of the items we have collected but we can always use more.

My list of asks: (A repeat, I know)

Make a donation!

What can you contribute to the auction: Gently used fly fishing gear, a gift- certificate, something creative, money. Every member should donate something.

Bring your donation(s) to the next two meetings so we can get it in the catalog.

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Next Club Meeting:

July 10 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:

July 18 - 7:00 pm
Santiago Canyon College
Club Members are Welcome

President's Message Continued:

Tell us what you would like to see in the auction-something new? Fly rod, reel, etc.

Make sure you've got Wednesday, September 11th on your calendar!

Bring a friend to the Auction.

At our meeting in July we have Kesley Gallagher, a local fly fishing celebrity, speaking about her passion for fly fishing the flats. Kesley has travelled the world and competed in saltwater tournaments building her skills and stories. Her talk is focused on "An introduction to Flats Fishing". Please join us.

I look forward to seeing you out on, or in, the water this summer.

Regards, Art

This Month's Meeting

Kesley Gallagher: Tarpon Don't Eat Wooly Buggers! Introduction to Flats Fishing



Newcomers are often intimidated by the very thought of flats fishing. The endless idyllic expanses of crystal clear, warm Caribbean waters are often offset by images of constant wind, spooky fish and long casts. Our July presentation will convince you that it's worth a try! (Continued on Next Page)

You will soon think of it as streamer fishing in paradise. Common destinations are Florida, the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico and the Bahamas, and for the more adventurous there is Christmas Island, The Seychelles and Venezuela. Your 6 or 7 weight streamer rod might land your first bonefish. If you're ready to trade a drift boat trip in Montana for a panga in Mexico, don't miss this excellent presentation.

Local fly fishing celebrity Kesley Gallagher will cover flats basics such as gear, what to wear, where to go to get started, and give a basic overview of how to fish from a flats boat with a guide. The program will discuss specific fish species such as redfish, bonefish, permit, and tarpon and how to fish for them. It is intended for novice and intermediate anglers but will delve into more advanced techniques such as casting with wind and situational awareness from a technical perspective. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Kesley Gallagher has been fly fishing since she was 10 years old. She has traveled to such places as Labrador for trophy brook trout, the Bahamas and Hawaii for bonefish, Louisiana for trophy redfish, Belize and the Mexican Yucatan for permit, Costa Rica for trophy tarpon, and throughout the United States. Kesley has 10 IGFA records on fly thus far and enjoys competing in tournaments such as the Ladies Tarpon Fly Tournament in Islamorada, Florida, which she won in 2018. Kesley has frequently presented on introduction to fly fishing for women as well as her fly-fishing journeys. However, in 2019, she will be touring the Southern California fly fishing clubs and presenting on an introduction to flats fishing for redfish, bonefish, permit, and permit. Kesley is currently a Rio Products Ambassador, Cal Trout Ambassador, Simms Pro, and works for Amgen in Thousand Oaks, CA.



Auction Corner - July 2019

Auction Time! Auction Time!

We're getting close to Auction Time. Two more months! **Wednesday, September 11th**.

We still need more donations from both our membership and our sponsors but it's starting to shape up and we think we'll have a good assortment of trips, new equipment, recycled rods, reels, and flies, accessories, gifts and such to generate interest among you all.

Here's a sneak preview of some of the items to be included in our auction:

- His and Her Kayaks (gently used 9-10' Yellow kayaks)
- Framed John Williams Original Watercolors (2)
- New Orvis Recon 10'-3 Weight Nymphing Rods (2)
- 2 for 1 offers from lodges (ex. Healing Waters, No See um Lodge, and others)
- Bill Blackstone Flies mounted in a display case
- Fly Boxes filled with flies from our expert fly-tiers
- New Galvin Fly Reel
- Float tube, flippers and pump
- A day out on the water from our local fishing guides and friends
- Lots of great fishing accessories to add to your arsenal
- Books, books, and more books!
- Gently used rods and reels that offer incredible bargains
- Some unique non-fishing items-gift certificates, cutting boards, artwork that are always of interest

There's still time to bring in more to add to our auction catalog. Let any of us know if there are items or other ideas that you would like to donate.

Best,

Auction Committee

2019 Meeting and Speaker Calendar

<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	"Wet Flies and How to Fish Them"
7-10-19	Kelly Gallagher	"Intro to Flats Fishing"
8-14-19	Sam Sedillo	"Trout Unlimited: California Restoration Efforts and a Little Fishing on the Truckee"
9-11-19	FFCOC	FFCOC AUCTION
10-9-19	David Gregory	"Yosemite"
11-13-19	John Baiocchi	"Northern California"
12-11-19		HOLIDAY PROGRAM

NOTES: 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.

Board Meetings are held at Saddleback Community College, Room 206 for now.

2019 Outings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Feb 17 & 23	Jess Ranch Lakes, Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 11-13	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 30	Santa Ana River Mouth	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
Mar 31 - Apr 3	San Juan River, New Mexico	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 6	Fishing In Town (FIT) Santa Ana River Mouth	Tom Niedzialek	714 738-5540
May 6-9	Lee's Ferry, Arizona	Melinda Burns	951-734-6005
May 31 - Jun 2	Fish Creek, CA	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 12-15	Hot Creek Ranch, CA	John Williams	951-236-086
July 13-14	Golden Trout at Cottonwood Lakes	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
Sept 15-20	Colter's Hell or Yellowstone National Park	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
Sept 16-20	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 23-26	Circleville, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
 Sept 29 - Oct 3	Bridgeport	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
Oct 6-12	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Oct 18-20	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Art Prangley	714 270-7090

NEW!

Fish Creek Outing Trip Report

Brian Mayer, Streamkeeper

Nine club members joined in the annual adventure to Fish Creek Campground in the southern part of Sequoia National Forest the first weekend of June.

The adventure began with many rocks still on the road west of Kennedy Meadows to the Fish Creek campground. Fortunately, one lane had been cleared by the time we were arriving.

Water conditions this year were a challenge. The heavy snow fall made for a late melt, so we had heavy flows with some murky water in areas. Fish Creek was flowing well at the campground meadow and nearly out of its banks. The banks were soggy and soft for most of the campground meadow stretch with water into the brush in areas. South Fork of Kern River was flowing strongly and just overflowing its banks at the bridge.

The Forest Service workers had just arrived on Wednesday, so the faucet water was not running in the campground. All the road gates were closed at the Blackrock Ranger station which cut off access to “Rattlesnake” meadow and the trail head to Casa Viejo meadow as well as Sherman Pass road to the west.

Weather was excellent. Daytime temperatures were in the 70’s and at night, temperatures went down to the mid 30’s. There were afternoon thunderstorms building from both the west and east side of the mountains with great sound effects, but we only receive a few light sprinkles. Later at night, the skies would clear and you could see countless stars.

The “newbies” on this trip were Melinda Burns, Larry Behm and Bill Sidenfaden. Some of the regulars were missing, and we hope to see them return next year. Regular attendees Ron Raygoza, Andrew Sprowl, Charlie Beers, Roger Beers, Kenny Holmes and Brian Mayer shared their knowledge and experience with the “newbies”.

We enjoyed the traditional Saturday morning pancake and bacon. After breakfast, the group split up into several parties. For the morning, fish were found working the open Troy meadow where water was spilling over the banks into the bushes surrounding the creek. Fish were also caught working both upstream and downstream from the campground. Jackass Creek upstream from the campground produced some nice fish as well. In the afternoon, the groups swapped areas and found fish although it was a more challenging. Charlie, Roger and Kenny worked way upstream in Troy Meadow into the tree line finding a number of nice sized fish in pocket water.

Saturday evening, we all gathered to share a campfire, pot luck dinner and trade stories.

On Sunday, groups fished the same areas and continued to have success. Most of us packed up and headed home by early afternoon, but a few stayed overnight on Sunday to enjoy a full day to fish. (See the Photos on the Next Page)

Fish Creek Continued



Picture from Ron Raygoza. Some challenge driving into the campground.



Nice Golden caught by Larry Behm.



Great underwater picture from Larry Behm of an eager Golden Trout.



Melinda - Golden caught on Fish Creek in the campground.



Colorful Golden caught by Ray Raygoza.



Larry Behm found this fresh bear marking reminding us all that this is a wilderness area!

Golden Trout Wilderness

Larry Behm, Streamkeeper (Backpacking Trip)

July, 12-15, 2019

Fishing season in the Cottonwood drainage opens on July 1. The snow levels this year have provided lots of water and it appears the snow level will be conducive to fishing by July 1.

Fishing the Cottonwood area is not about catching the biggest fish; 12-14" will be a big one. It is about stealth and beauty. These fish are wary of predators, and you will have to use all of your skills to catch one. When you do, they are unique and a sight to behold!

This trip is a backpacking trip. We will be sleeping for two nights at an elevation of about 10,000'.

We will park cars at the Horseshoe Meadows trailhead and hike in about 4 miles. Our destination will depend on the permits we receive upon arrive. If we are guaranteed a pass to Mulkey Meadow but may get luck and win one for the Cottonwood Lakes area. With the altitude and terrain, it should take about 3 hours of hiking to reach a suitable basecamp site. You will have to camp overnight in bear country, bear canisters are required and can be rented at Lone Pine - Inyo Ranger Station. We will set camp and then hike to different lakes or streams for fishing opportunities.

We will need a wilderness permit, so I need a head count by July 1 to allow time for permitting.

Please contact Larry Behm, 949-235-4466 or larry.behm@cox.net to discuss the timing details and to get a packing list for the trip.

Colter's Hell or Yellowstone Park

September 15-20, 2019

Larry Behm, Streamkeeper

Mid-September in Yellowstone National Park (YNP) is my favorite time. The animals are getting ready for winter, the days are warm, and the nights are crisp. Snow occasionally decorates your morning view. This trip will target the Lamar Valley and Meadows area. This is the high, eastern side of YNP, the last area to ice-out. I always encounter plenty of bison, deer, and moose; occasional wolf and bear; and lots of fish in this area.

Most of the waters in YNP have been rehabilitated to carry only native fish: the Yellowstone Cutthroat and some Rainbows. The fish have a short “growing” season, so they test anything that looks like food. The bugs are big, and hatches can be heavy, making dry flies the most common choice. Some of the water I would like to visit include, Slough Creek, Soda Butte Creek, Cache Creek, Lamar River, and of course the Yellowstone River.

This trip will require camping and walking. The lodges in YNP are booked out a year ahead of time. Lodging outside the perimeter of the park is more available but makes for a much longer drive to fishing water. My plan is to find a campsite near fishing water and use it as a base. Each day we will drive to a new stream, hike upstream, explore the fishing opportunities and return to base for dinner.

My initial plan is not to use guides or horses. However, I’m very willing to adjust to the group’s interests. The base costs are limited to your transportation and meals. If everyone wants to add guides or horses, I will let you know the prices.

I need a head count by August 1. I will need to know by June if you want guides or horses. Contact Larry Behm, 949-235-4466 or larry.behm@cox.net for information or to be put on the roster.



FFCOC 2019 Outings to South Central Utah

John Williams, Streamkeeper

Loa Utah Trip 5 days September 16-20

Circleville Anglers 4 days September 23-26

Still Openings for Loa

See Next Pages



I drove past some great fishing in Utah for many years heading up the 15 freeway not knowing what this area had to offer and driving by headed to Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Tiger trout & Splake, fish I had never experienced, Brown trout, Rainbows were my targets with some occasional Brookies, lets not forget the Cutthroats. That has all changed,



Two Openings Available for Loa Trip!

FFCOC 2019 Outings to South Central Utah



Deposit \$200 **Non Refundable** to hold your spot forwarded to the guide.
Max number of guests per trip 6

September 16-20 2019, Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa, Utah

\$ 1,000 Total - 5 days guided fishing contracted

Two fishermen per guide

- 1 John Williams
- 2 Jim Wright
- 3 Richard Fanning
- 4 Joannie Fanning
- 5
- 6

Two Openings Available! for Loa

The prices above were determined by a five-day stay no shorter.

September 23-26 2019, Circle Valley Anglers, Circleville, Utah

\$780 Total - 4 days guided fishing contracted

- 1 John Williams
- 2 Daniel Sims
- 3 Doug Jones
- 4 Duane Dotts
- 5 Richard Fanning
- 6 Joannie Fanning

The prices above were determined by a four-day stay no shorter.

Loa I met Mike James of the Quiet Fly Fisher in 2007 through the Internet and he opened up my love affair with one of the best-kept secrets in my fly-fishing world. There are streams and lake and many more places to fish than we have time to fish in one trip, every year mike shows me some new water and I marvel at the numbers of great places to fish. For the past six years our club has been fishing the Southern Utah area as a group limited to six fishermen or women staying in the Mill Cabins in Lyman Utah or near by towns and fishing with Mike James in Loa as our head guide. Mike employs several other guides, which are well versed in the area.

Circleville Emmett Doane is the owner of Circleville Anglers located in Circleville Utah a place you might drive by and not know where the fishing was wonderful but they know and are happy to share the experience with you. The opportunity to fish the Severe River, Streams and Lakes is another location I fish when in the area with Emmett.

These guide services are quite professional and friendly, I wouldn't use them unless they were, and several of our club members have used both of the guides both with the club and solo and can give you recommendations. If you have questions please feel free to call my cell phone 951-236-0862 and I should be able to answer any of your questions and if not the guide numbers are listed below.

Stream Keeper: John Williams contact me if you have interest, my cell 951-236-0862 You must be a club member with a signed liability release signed prior to any of our club trips. The prices were negotiated as a group and for the duration of the advertised dates. Deposits are sent to me and I forward them on to the guides. I do recommend both guide locations but have spent more time with Mike James only because I met him years before I met Emmett.

Loa Utah Trip 5 days September 16-20 Cost \$1000 a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot.

Circleville Anglers 4 days September 23-26 Cost \$780 a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot.

Preparation for Fishing Southern Utah

By John Williams

Where We Are Going:

Loa Utah Home to the **Quiet Fly Fisher** and is located in a beautiful valley at 7064" elevation, which hosts a few small towns like Loa, Lyman, Bicknell and Torrey. This is farming and livestock country and is surrounded by mountain ranges of which we will be fishing. There are National Parks near by that offer spectacular scenery, Bryce Canyon to the South West and Capitol Reef to the East, Fish Lake National Forest to the North West along with Boulder Mountain with an elevation of 11,317 which provides many fishing locations, and spectacular views.

Circleville Utah is home to **Circleville Anglers** and is located at 6600' elevation and in farming/ cattle country in a valley and home to the Sevier River and tributaries along with many lakes and streams in the near by mountains. Its location is closer to Bryce Canyon and north of Panquitch.

Guide Contact Information:

Our head guide in **Loa, Utah** is **Mike James** owner of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** their address is 200 N. Main Street Loa, Utah 84747 Contact Phone Number is 435-616-2319.

Our head guide in Circleville in **Emmett Doane** owner **Circle Valley Anglers** their address is 350 S. Hwy 89 Circleville, Utah 84723 Contact Phone number is 435-577-2168.

Weather & Clothing:

We will be lodging at approx. 7,000' elevation. Nights are cold and days are warm usually, I have experienced rain, snow, hail, and hot and cold days. Bring clothing you can put on in layers that wick moisture, nothing more uncomfortable than moisture under your clothing, which either keeps you hot and sweaty or cold and sweaty. Bring a lightweight rain jacket. Most days you will be wearing your waders but on hot day I wet wade with light shirt nylon pants and my wading boots on, don't forget the neoprene booties if wet wading. Be flexible, bring both cold and warm weather gear and adjust as needed. Weather at high altitude can change rapidly be prepared. The weather will not stop your guide from fishing unless it is dangerous and or access is limited. They will advise if there is a problem. Mother nature sets the parameters we must always be aware of our surroundings and climate.

Lodging:

There are many options in the region of Loa, Utah both in town and adjoining hamlets like Lyman and Bicknell. I would suggest The Mill Cabins 1500 S. HWY 24 Lyman, Utah as a wonderful place with individual cabins that can sleep two and are very reasonably priced. In Loa the Snuggle Inn is pricy but luxurious by small town standards. In Bicknell the Sunglow Motel and Restaurant is comfortable and reasonably priced. In Circleville, Utah the picking are fewer. Circle Valley Anglers has a house with sleeping for three and a full kitchen and living area. The other option is across the street the Butch Cassidy Inn and Motel. They have comfortable rooms and a café and are reasonably priced that sleep two. Lodging in these areas can be limited so make your lodging reservation early; I do not take responsibility for making anyone's lodging reservations due to last minute cancelations and family emergencies.

Physical Demands:

Where we are lodging at 7,000' elevation we can be fishing and hiking at as high as 11,000'. If you have problems at altitude let the guide and streamkeeper know in advance of our trip. Most fishing locations involve some hiking and wading. I would suggest arriving a couple of days early to acclimate to 7,000' not hiking hard and drinking plenty of water, it easy to dehydrate in higher elevations, the guide has water and soft drinks along in their vehicles so ask for the water.

Gear:

Rods & Lines, the entire trip can be done with a 9-foot 5-weight rod and a floating line. I bring along for fun an 11' switch rod 5 wt. and a 6'6" 5 wt. rod as well but by no means buy additional rods just for this trip; one rod is all you need.

Waders, good pair of breathable waders is required in most situations.

Boots, wading boots are part of the package. No restrictions on felt as yet.

Wading Staff, Many of us find having a wading staff necessary for stability in slippery or rocky situations, or just find a long stick, don't fall, the rocks are hard.

Terminal Tackle, I use a 9 foot 5x leader and have along 3,4,5,6x tippet. I as well bring an assortment of lead free shot to use as needed if nymphing.

Flies, We will be fishing many lakes and a few streams and possibly a couple of rivers. I carry dries, nymphs and streamers but the guide will provide you with flies. If the guide suggests a fly or gives you a fly use it with the full understanding you will catch fish, they are quite experienced on these waters. If you are like me I bring many more flies than I will ever use. I have hoppers, caddis, mayflies, and damselflies in adult and nymph stages. I find a callibaetis mayfly nymph very useful in the lakes. Bring what you own and the fly shop offers all the working patterns you will be using if you want to purchase some.

First Aid Kit: I carry a basic first aid kit in my tote bag for simple emergencies, minor cuts and abrasions, headaches and back pain.

Transportation:

From Southern California near the Ontario airport it is a 9 1/2-hour drive including gas stops and a lunch stop to Loa, Utah. To Circleville it is 8 1/2 – 9 hour drive including stops. Sharing a ride is more fun to get to know your friend or partner better and listen to each other experiences along the way. When in Loa the guides provide the transportation to and from the days fishing locations. When in Circleville you provide your own transportation to and from the fishing locations following the guide. Salt Lake City is approximately 3 hours away from Loa and 3 3/4 hours from Circleville and is serviced by many airlines and rental car companies.

Float Tubing:

There will be opportunities to float tube in the area if you so desire. The Quiet Fly Fisher in Loa can provide you with a float tube if they are guiding you. If you wish the comfort of your own float tube please feel free to bring yours.

Food:

In Utah many of their dinning locations close on Sunday, it is best to call ahead or ask you guide where and what is open, most areas have a couple options on Sunday but it is best to inquire. Guides provide lunch during the days guiding. Many of us BBQ at the Mill Cabins for dinner, to curb the costs of eating out every meal, the grocery in the town of Loa is open Mon.- Sat. Breakfast is your choice of eating at a local restaurant or at your lodging, the guide provides lunch the days you are fishing.

Libations:

You are responsible for any liquor you wish to purchase either bought from the local Liquor store in Bicknell or for beer (3.2) in some of the gas stations, or bring from home. BYOB.

Costs and Payment:

Both of the guides require a Non-refundable \$200 deposit to secure your reservation and the final payment is due upon completion of your final day.

Tipping:

It is customary to tip the guide daily; I tip \$50 per day of guiding at the end of the day. Tipping is not based on your ability or the number of fish caught, but for good service and the ability of the guide to lead you doing everything in their ability to make the experience enjoyable. Fish are a bonus. I have negotiated quite reasonable rates for the group of six and feel a percentage tip is quite unfair to the guide considering the extreme road conditions, locations and wear and tear on their vehicles. These extreme road conditions keep most of your competition for fish away.

Fishing License:

Utah state fishing license can be obtained on line prior to your trip, which is the easiest. Licenses can be purchased in Loa at the local market Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Yearly licenses last from the date you purchase them for a complete calendar year. In Circleville Utah you can purchase your license from the fly shop.

Emergency Services:

Bicknell near Loa has a clinic available for minor emergencies.

Panquitch is the closet emergency services to Circleville.

Bridgeport

September 29 - October 3

We are putting together a club trip to the Bridgeport area. These are our preliminary plans. As we firm up details we will provide updated plans in future Club Newsletters or through email. The trip will be from Sunday, September 29th, fishing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and returning home on Thursday, October 3rd.

The trip will be one that allows “free planning” on where you want to fish and whether you want to hire a guide or fish on your own. There are numerous great fishing opportunities in that area, including stream fishing the East Walker, West Walker and Robinson Creek. Also, fishing by boat, float tube or from the shore on Bridgeport Reservoir, Upper or Lower Twin Lakes or float tubing on the Virginia Lakes.

We will provide you with a list of guides in the area and contact information for boat rentals. You will need to make your own reservations ahead of the start of the trip.

We are researching lodging options and will let you know where we would like to stay as a group. Once we do this and have names of participants we will reserve the rooms for the group. We are also researching restaurants and will provide these details when available.

We believe the Bridgeport area offers wonderful and varied fishing opportunities for the club and hope you will join us in the inaugural trip, which we plan to limit to a lucky dozen. If you have any questions or suggestions on the trip or you want to signup, please feel free to contact one of us. Hope to see you up there!

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President's Outing

October 18th - 20th

Kernville - Sequoia Lodge

Once again, we're holding the 2019 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 18th through to Sunday, October 20th. 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 still has rooms and I have held a couple as well. Please call them to make a reservation and if not available, give me a call. Sequoia Lodge can be reached at 760-376-2535.

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



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.

Trip Reports

Lees Ferry Trip Report May 2019

By Melinda Burns

Monday May 6th – Friday May 10th

Participants:

**John and Melinda Burns
(Streamkeepers)**

Jimmy and Cheryl Moore

Ronney Sakoda

Mark Whelan

**Cody and Christoph Engle (New
Members)**

**Dennis Chandler (New Member – 1st Club
Trip)** Not in this photo unfortunately.



For those of you who have never fished this 15-mile section of the Colorado River below Lake Powell, you need to add this to your Fly Fishing Bucket list. Fishing is spectacular, from wade fishing along those long seams where the river twists and turns around one cliff to another. To drifting a streamer from the boat or trying out that new fool proof dead drift they like to practice there. The fish are beautiful and great fighters. They promise to give you a fight. They aren't going to be reeled in easily.

Now when the fishing is a little slow, take the time to put your rod down during the lull and look skyward and just imagine what it might have been like to roam this plateau only to come upon this treacherous drop to a magnificent river. What was it like to be an Indian living in this region of Arizona? From a desert land to this beautiful pristine water filled with fish. These cliffs have been carved by the wind and water, creating a beautiful canvas of color and structure. When you are not fishing, you can find hiking trails, bird watching, and hieroglyphics left from the Indians indigenous to this region.



Some of the fish we caught. Next trip is planned for May of 2021. Mark your calendars now.

To view additional photos from our trip, [Click here](http://www.fishclubexpress.com/portal.asp?club_id=510287&module_id=349658) or cut and paste the following URL.

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“All of the massive exposures of rock strata are sedimentary in origin, having been laid down as water deposits, or solidified from arid sand dunes. Geologists say that the rocks visible about Lee’s Ferry were formed during the Paleozoic and Mesozoic eras about 250 to 150 million years ago. For example, the highway into Lee’s Ferry runs across the Kaibab limestone formation that is 225 million years old, a period of time that is almost beyond human comprehension. “ An excerpt from Lee’s Ferry Desert River Crossing by W. L. Rusho



I thought it would be fun to show you how gas prices have changed in the last two years since we have been here.



Loa Utah Trip Report May 13-14 2019

By Alan Ross

I just got back from a few days of great fishing with Mike James of the Quiet Fly Fisher (LOA Utah). We had some great midge action with a spectacular hatch that yielded over 30 jumping rainbows in the 12-15 inch range in a beautiful reservoir. The next day we used streamers and were quite successful with brook trout and rainbows. On the way out we stopped at a section of the Fremont River and fished a small stream with some dries and nymphs. Most of the fish were small but I got extremely lucky and landed a 19" brown as we were about to leave. What a great way to end a few days. I highly recommend you consider the Quiet Fly Fisher and Mike next year for some early season fun! (Editor's Note: the Summer and Fall fishing can be really good too!)

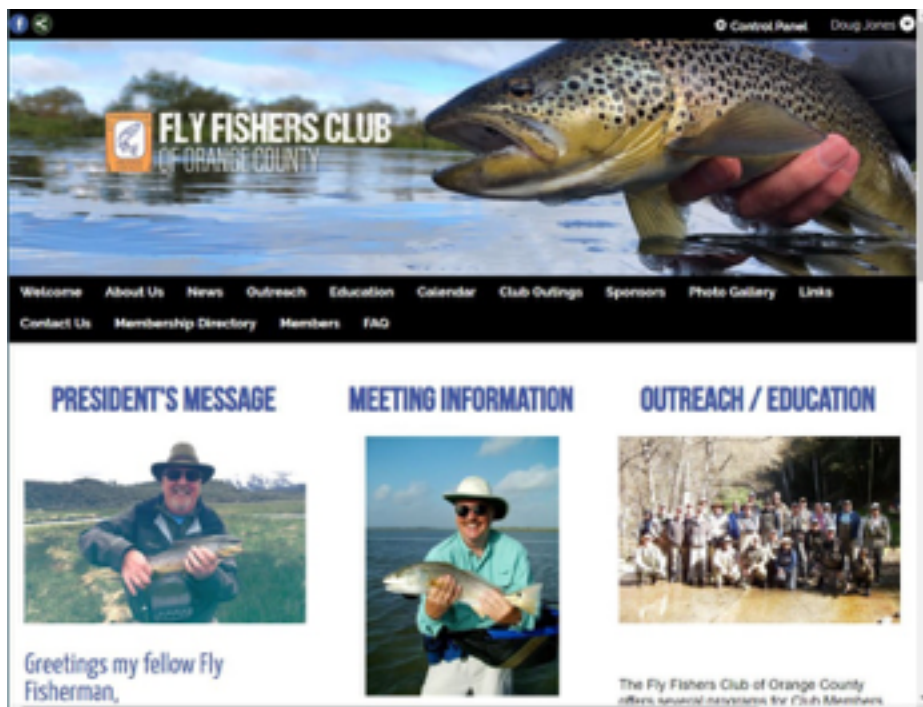


Website News

www.ffcoc.org

The revamped website has been up and running for a few months and we are getting numerous complements regarding its look and content. Thanks to all who helped with the revamping and especially to the members that are visiting the site. There is more work to be done and it is being tackled by the Website Committee. Updating and upgrading will be an ongoing project. The next big deal associated with the website will be the development of the FFCOC App so the site can be easily accessed on your phones and tablets. The FFCOC App is scheduled to be available by mid-summer.

We are always looking for new content – especially **PHOTOS!**



A few Club Members have had problems with the web page like the inability to log on and difficulty renewing their membership on line. If you have any questions or problems please send a message to websitemanager@FFCOC.org and a member of the Website Committee will get back to you promptly. Also, please let us know if you have questions about or suggestions for the website.

Fishing photos are at the heart of what we do. They inspire other members to take new adventures and make our website appealing to other site visitors. You have probably seen the scrolling photos that appear at the top of the MEETING INFORMATION column on the WELCOME page. Getting tired of seeing our fearless president's picture twice on the Welcome page? You can help remedy this by submitting your favorite fishing pictures to Art Prangly at President@FFCOC.org and he will create a new set of photos that appear here.

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Women's Programs featuring
Wendy Gunn of Lee Ferry Anglers and other
expert Anglers

pre-event ticket sales opens
August 11th, 6 AM www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE

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	6am - 4pm
July	Saturday	20 th	SWCFFI Quarterly Meeting	10am - 2pm
October	Fri - Sun	5-6 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

FFCOC's Annual Fall Casting Clinic and Picnic

September 7 - Mile Square Park

This Casting Clinic, held at Mile Square Park, is an opportunity for friends and interested folks to learn about Fly Fishing and perhaps join FFCOC.

The date has been set for our FFCOC Annual Casting Clinic; Saturday, September 7, at Mile Square Regional Park, Shelter #1. The Clinic begins at 8:00 AM. Please mark your calendars now!

This annual event is open to the public for those who have an interest, or are just starting out on their fly fishing journey. This is a great event and our way of introducing the Club to potential new members. Please reach out to friends and others who may want to give it a try. We've got the rods, so participants don't need to buy any equipment. There is no charge for the event, but there is a \$5 Parking Fee charged to enter the park. The event concludes with a BBQ lunch and allows us to connect further with the participants to fuel their enthusiasm in fly fishing, and of course in our Club. Anyone interested can now register at CastingClinic@FFCOC.org.

Second V.P. Terry Roznos will be the organizer of this year's event and will be looking for the Club member volunteers needed to make this a successful event. The Casting Operations will be orchestrated by our newest Club Life Member, outstanding instructor and Master Caster, Joe Libeu. The event planning has begun. Please be prepared to volunteer your talents when asked to do so to help make our Annual Casting Clinic a successful event! Thanks!!



Casting in the Park Sessions for FFCOC Members

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



Image courtesy of, John Williams.

Next Session - July 13, 2019

The next session of FFCOC's "Casting in the Park" is scheduled for July 13th and will be held at Irvine Regional Park. This is open to the first 12 FFCOC members who sign up and is a good way to improve your casting. Or, if you are new to fly fishing, get started with fly casting.

This is open to the first 12 FFCOC members who sign up. Contact Richard Fanning or Art Prangle if you have questions or want to sign up:

(714 476-3027) rkfanning@aol.com

Fly Tying

Flies That Keep On Giving By John Williams

These little stoneflies are around always and become fish food when swept off rocks or vegetation. This is one of my versions.

Stoned Purple



Hook: Daiichi 1160 #12
Bead: 2.4mm Tungsten Black
Thread: Veevus 10/0 Black
Tail, Legs, Abdomen: Cascade Crest Silicone Micro Mini Legs Purple/ Blue Flake
Dubbing: Fine Black
Husk: Turkey Feather
Glue: Gel Super Glue

Prep Work: Coat the underside of the turkey feather with flexament and let dry before cutting piece for husk.

Place bead on hook, small hole first and place hook in vice. Start your thread at the bead and wrap to the back of the shank just above the barb. Tie in two tails one on either side of the hook and secure with several wraps of thread. Tie in the same material as the tail behind the bead and secure all the way back to the tails. Dub the entire fly from the tails to the bead tapering the body smaller at the anterior and more at the bead. Wrap the body material forward to just behind the bead and secure and cut off excess. From the turkey feather remove a section 3/16" wide and trim the butt straight across. Place the feather dull side up at the 1/3 back position from the bead and secure with several wraps of thread. With your bodkin to determine the fold of the husk place the tip across the feather and fold it forward to form the first husk. Tie in the legs on either side of the husk.

Make another fold in the feather ahead of the first where the legs are attached and secure with a few wraps of thread. Real stoneflies have three husks but they can't count so I put only two. Cut the feather leaving a piece that resembles additional husk and secure with a few thread wraps. Smear 1/2" of your thread with a slight amount of super glue and take a few wraps around the husk and leg attachment area. Cut your thread free and adjust the length of the legs to your liking. Go fishing.

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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