

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



November 2019

President's Message

By Art Prangley

November and we're coasting towards the holidays.

We have a club meeting coming up in November. November 13th to be exact.

Three reasons to attend:

Our speaker, Jon Baiocchi, owner and head guide of Baiocchi's Guide Service in Northern California and an expert in the fine art of the dry fly. Jon will talk about the lessons and tricks he's learned while fishing and guiding since 1972.

We're having a mini silent auction with some great items left over from September. Denis is pricing them to move.

And finally, it's time for the membership to vote on the new board for 2020. I'll be sending out an email with the proposed slate for your consideration but you have to be at the meeting to vote.

On a fishing note, I just returned from the President's Outing on the Kern River. We had a wonderful turnout and a lot of fun. Contrary to public opinion, there were fish to be caught. Looking forward to next year's party.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Warm regards, Art

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Next Club Meeting:

November 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:

November 21 - 7:00 pm

Santiago Canyon College

Room 206

Club Members are Welcome

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA with JOHN BAIOCCHI



MASTERING THE DRY FLY WITH JOHN BRIOCHE

For many of us, dry fly fishing is the pinnacle of the sport. Who can resist the slow seductive rise of a hungry brown trout or the explosive surface action of feeding rainbows? However, in the heat of the moment when the hatch is on, wild casting and poor technique can send those feeding fish back to the depths of the stream. The dry fly game has its own rules – careful observation, accuracy and fly selection all play their part. It's a tantalizing blend of frustration and elation. Luckily expert help is close at hand. Welcome back our November presenter, John Baiocchi, owner and head guide of Baiocchi's Guide Service and an expert in the fine art of the dry fly.

Master fly angler Jon Baiocchi has been fly fishing and tying flies since 1972, and is a California licensed fly fishing guide (#2847), published author, educator, innovative tier, and an award winning public speaker giving fly fishing presentations to clubs and expos across the state of California, and the west coast. Born in San Jose, Ca in 1965, his Dad moved the entire family to Paradise, Ca in 1967 to be closer to prime fly fishing venues, and to raise his family in the spectacular conifer forests of Northern California. After finishing high school, Jon opted out of college to pursue a career as a professional snowboarder, competing at a national level, starring in feature movies, and working with manufacturers in their research and development programs. After his career ended in 1993, Jon focused entirely on fly fishing, and honing the intricate details of his home waters.

Jon now owns and operates Baiocchi's Troutfitters guide service in Northern California where he has been guiding for the last 21 years. He has a reputation as a very hard working guide that's been trained by some of fly fishing's best known anglers, both past and present. His enthusiasm for the sport is contagious, and combined with his simple approach to teaching gives students the skills needed to be successful on all types of water. Moved by all things flora and fauna his passion for such is never ending. Sharing the knowledge with others is of the greatest importance to him now, and to watch others progress with their skills, and reach the next level in fly fishing fulfills his life. It's the legacy his father left him, and a cherished tradition that Jon will continue in his honor.

Jon will be tying flies before the presentation. More information on Jon and his Guide Service can be found at: <http://baiocchistroutfitters.com/>

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
Nov 21-23	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Jim Wright	714 679-6638

2020 Outings

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Feb 8-9	On the Water Training Lower Owens	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
Feb tbd	Jess Ranch Lakes Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 16-18	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Eric Kramer	805 984-7202
Apr 1-3	San Juan River, New Mexico	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
April 4-5	Buckley Ponds, Bishop, CA	Tom Niedzialek	714 738-5540
April 19-24	Green River	Tom Sakai	714 357-1199
Jun 5-7	Fish Creek, CA	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 10-13	Hot Creek Ranch, CA	John Williams	951-236-0862
July 17-20	Cottonwood Lakes Backpacking	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
Sept 21-25	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 28 - Oct 3	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 30-Oct 2	Bridgeport, CA	Paul Nakamura	310-915-0124
October	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Dennis Higginson	714 544-9908
November	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Jim Wright	714 679-6638

Note: the above is an initial draft. Dates may change and outings may be removed or added. Contact the streamkeeper for the latest information.

Pyramid Lake Outing

November 21,22,&23 2019

In what has become an annual event, this year's Pyramid Lake outing will be November 21,22,&23rd. We will be fishing a new location on the lake where the crowds are expected to be lighter. The location is further up the lake at Monument Rock. We will still be fishing from ladders.



If you have never done this trip before you are missing out on a chance to catch what may be the biggest trout of you life. The lake's native Lahontan Cutthroats average 3-5 pounds, with many fish pushing 10 pounds or more. In the past a fish 10 pounds or bigger was considered a trophy. Now thanks to the introduction of the longer living Pilot Peak strain that is much longer living fish over 20 pounds are being caught! If you are new to fly fishing the techniques are simple and easy to learn. We normally fish from ladders placed in the water at the proper distance from shore. There usually is nothing around you, but water. There is nothing to interfere with a back cast and nothing on the bottom to snag. You do not need to be a long distance caster as fish are sometimes hooked right at your feet.

Equipment that is appropriate for both kinds of fishing is usually two rods. [A 6-7 weight rod with floating line for indicator fishing and a 8-9 weight rod for streamer fishing \(a Rio DC 24ft. 250 gr. line is perfect\)](#). I will provide a more extensive list of what to bring that includes equipment, lines, flies, leaders, tippet and clothing in an upcoming e-mail.

Daytime temperature will likely be around 50 degrees F. This is a very variable temperature as we have experienced 30-75 degree temperatures in past years.

You make your own travel arrangements to Reno, fly or drive. It is best to arrive by Wednesday as we start fishing EARLY on Thursday. Please let me know that you have arrived safely, Jim Wright (714-679-6638). Rob will be providing breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday, breakfast on Saturday, as well as step ladders to fish from. Cost of the trip is \$275 per person for 3 days of fishing. I will e-mail a list of all attendees so you can communicate as to carpools, car rentals and lodging. E-mail me (jrwright1@earthlink.net) with any questions or to sign up. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the Meetings in December, January, and February.

THE OUTING WILL BE LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLE!!!

Trip Reports

FFCOC Bridgeport Trip Report

September 30 to October 2, 2019

by Terry Roznos

The inaugural Club outing to Bridgeport is now complete with fishing days on Sep 30 to Oct 2. The trip was designed to allow for “free planning” of the fishing days; location selection, with hired guide service, or on your own. Our trip planner was Paul Nakamura, who was unable to attend the outing due to obligations at home. Paul did some advance scouting of lodging options and selected the Willow Springs Motel and RV Park approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport. Kitchenette rooms and RV sites were available for our stay. Six Club members made this year’s trip to Bridgeport; Linda and Chuck Visnic, Larry Behm, Ron Raygoza, Janna and Terry Roznos.

Daytime conditions were clear and sunny, but temperatures at night were cold; as low as 18 deg. Made for leisurely starts to the fishing day. When you think Bridgeport, the East Walker River is at the top of the fishing list. Due to “fishing luck”, a couple of days before the arrival of our members, a Southwest wind event pushed algae from the Reservoir to the dam resulting in a green East Walker River filled with macerated algae and near zero visibility. Fishing was difficult. We all fished the East Walker at least one day with little success. We left the big ones for next year!

Fortunately, the Bridgeport area offers outstanding fishing opportunities. Fish were taken at the West Walker, Green Creek, Wolf Creek, and the Tuolumne River (Dana Fork). Wolf Creek is home to native Lahontan Cutthroat. A sample of trip photos is offered here in the newsletter for a taste of the trip; a complete set of photos may be found on the Club Website Photo Gallery. In summary, all attendees had an enjoyable trip and are ready to sign up again next year. Thank you to Paul Nakamura for the trip planning and reservations; all we had to do was show up! Finally, in another example of “fishing luck”, the current edition of Western Outdoor News (Oct 25) reports that the East Walker River is “at ideal flow right now and some anglers reporting 20-plus fish per day”. Sign me up for next year!!!

See the photos on the next page!

FFCOC Bridgeport Trip Photos



FFCOC Colorado Trip

Colorado - October 6-12, 2019

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper

Fishing in Colorado was great, catching varied from day to day and place to place. We encountered freezing early morning temperatures (8 to 10 degrees riverside on some days, and low 20's other days), warming to 55 degrees mid day which made dressing for temperature very difficult. Also challenging was drastically changing river flows day to day which made for good fishing one day and poor fishing the next day. Our trip started in Granby Colorado where the group stayed at Carl's cabin and enjoyed Greg's cooking in his cast iron pan. While there we drifted Colorado River and waded Williams Fork which was undergoing some construction to improve habitat causing a good part of river to be unavailable for fishing. Our plans were modified when we encountered an approaching storm front that would have made driving over pass dangerous. So we left Granby earlier than planned and drove to Monument, where we spent a day lounging at Mark's place, reading, eating, and playing ping pong and pool. Mark and Liz were wonderful hosts, feeding and entertaining us and allowing us to take over there home. Due to bad weather we lost one day of fishing, and the last day we all spent wading the South Platte River, including Dream Stream and Deckers. Overall the trip was very rewarding and enjoyable, made even better by the opportunity to hang out with the gang at Carl's and Mark's.



More photos on the next page!



President's Outing - Kern River - Sequoia Lodge

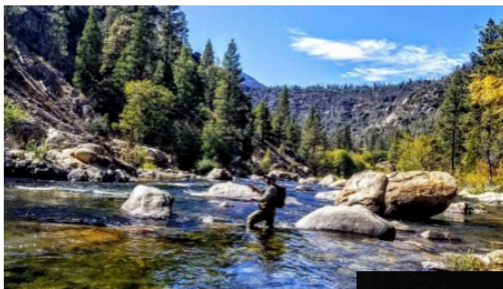
October 18-20

I wanted to start off with a picture of a fish, a nice fish just to prove that fish can be caught in the Kern River during the President's Outing. It's still a tough river and quite a few of us were skunked but many people also caught quite a few fish.. They're selective as to who they allow the privilege... ☺ This one went to Young Jik Kwon.



Over the weekend of October 18-20 we held the annual President's Outing at the lovely Sequoia Lodge on the Kern River. We had a great time and the event was really well attended, hosting about 30 people for our Saturday night feast. And yes, thanks to all that members brought, we had enough food. It was great to have Bill and Joyce Blackstone join us for the weekend as well as many of our regulars. We had new(ish) members come too. Overall, a great crowd, lots of time to catch up, go fishing, debate the issues and enjoy great food.

A special thanks to Scot Lewis for his signature Brisket (and smoked Chickens), as well as all who brought food and libations.



Thanks for making it a special weekend, Art

PS: Eric wins the most "road worn" hat contest and Andrew, the most "excited" catch.



FFCOC 2020 Outings to South Central Utah



Deposit \$200 **Non Refundable** to hold your spot forwarded to the guide.

Maximum of 6 guests per each trip. The following does not include transportation to/from Utah, fishing gear, lodging and/or meals. Guides provide transportation to/from fishing venues and the fly shop. Contact John Williams to sign up.

[Trip-1: September 21-25, 2020](#)

Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa Utah - Two fisher persons per guide.

\$1,000 total per person for 5 days guided fishing (\$200 per day per person.)

Current Participants:

- 1 John Williams
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

[Trip-2: September 28-October 2, 2020](#)

Quiet Fly Fisher, Loa Utah - Two fisher persons per guide.

\$1,000 total per person for 5 days guided fishing (\$200 per day per person.)

Current Participants:

- 1 John Williams
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

(A five-day stay no shorter determined the prices above.)

Announcements

Free Fly Fishing Classes and Program

Sign up NOW!

The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is offering free fly fishing classes and on the river training for its members in January and February 2020. This program is a continuation of the FFCOC's On The River Classes and Clinic training that has been a great successes providing club members introductory classroom and on the river training. Joe Libeu, a FFI Certified Master Caster Instructor, professional guide, developer and instructor for Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens river, and member of our Club will provide six hours of classroom training and two days of on the river training to participants. Numerous experienced Club members will assist by Joe providing hands assistance during the on the river clinics.

Save the dates:

Classroom Training – Santiago Canyon College - Orange CA

- Saturday January 25 - 8:30am -12:30pm
- Saturday February 1 - 8:30am -12:30pm



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The program includes everything needed to plan/prepare for and experience a successful fly fishing trip. Classroom training will be held in on the Santiago Canyon College campus in Orange where subjects will include: equipment, insects including their life cycles and how flies imitate them, how trout behave, clues as to what fish eat, stream care and etiquette, reading the water, rigging and much more. The On The River Clinic will be held on the Lower Owens River near Bishop. Many of the items discussed in the classroom setting are covered in the field. In addition, the On The River Clinic will include: reading the stream, insects including in-stream entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The second day on the river includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

The training is focused on helping new club members learn the basics of fly fishing and is in follow up to our annual *Casting Clinic* held in September. Participation in the On The River Classes and Clinic is limited. New club members that signed up last September after the *Casting Clinic* will be given preference. All club members are welcome if we can accommodate them.

Joe Libeu is conducting the On The River Classes and Clinic and Doug Jones is helping him with the logistics. If you would like more information about this program you can contact Joe Libeu at fishlqf@ix.netcom.com or (310) 749-6771, or Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com or (714) 697-2222.

Remember, the On The River Classes and Clinic program is only open to FFCOC members. If you are not a club member you can join at our web site www.ffcoc.org or contact Vern Martin, the Club's Membership Chair at vmartin8591@sbcglobal.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are an accomplished fly fisher and know the Lower Owens River, you would be a great candidate to work with Joe and provide instruction at the On The River Classes and Clinic program. Please contact Doug Jones if you can help. We will need 6 to 8 members to help with the training.

SIGN UP NOW

Fly Tying

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

I have shown you this before and feel it is worthwhile fly to share again. I have added two more legs and tie at least six flies when working on changes or alterations to one of my patterns. I have left off the antennae and feel they are unnecessary. Labrador is the location for the unveiling to the disappointment of the Salmon and Brookies. Program to follow to show how effective we as humans can out smart a fish with the brain the size of a pea.

Willie's Altered Stonefly



A major predator amongst invertebrates lurks in moving waters and can be golden or black. When I show people who are new to fly fishing insects in the water I take along a two-way magnifying box. Using it you can see from the bottom or top and it has a waterproof chamber in between. In it I place mayfly nymphs, scuds, midge nymphs & one stonefly nymph. It is a horror show! The stonefly eats them all! It has a size advantage and is voracious.

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Hook: Firehole 811 size 4 Competition Barbless

Thread: Uni-thread 70 Rusty Brown

Eyes: 1/8" Black Dumbbell Eyes or Medium Bead Chain for eyes

Tails: Dark Brown Goose Biots

Abdomen: Premade Abdomen, Steps To Follow

Dubbing: Coarse Rabbit Fur Natural

Legs: Medium Brown Round Rubber

Thorax Cover: Mottled Turkey Feather backside coated with Dave's Flexament

Cement: Gel Super Glue

Needle: Needlepoint Needle (Purchase at Jo-Ann's or Michael's)

Tail Section:

1. Place the needle in your vice level to the desk.
2. Tie in two dark brown goose biots near the tip.
3. Dub your thread with a long noodle of hares fur dubbing.
4. Make loose wraps of thread approximately 1 1/4" long on the needle away from the point.
5. Smear a moderate amount of Silicone on the thread base you just made and wrap your dubbed thread tapering from the point to the 1 1/4" point and make a quick whip finish on the hook where you just ended.
6. Quickly slide the tail section off the needle or you have a stuck tail section on your needle.

I make several of these and bend them slightly to curve and make a more realistic abdomen, set these on a piece of waxed paper to dry.

Completing the fly:

1. Slide the hook down the cavity in the center of the abdomen and piercing outward approximately 1/2 way down the abdomen and place the hook in your vice. (I turn my vice head upside down to better let me create this fly.)
2. Push the abdomen toward the bend and smear some super glue on the shank of the hook under the abdomen and slightly forward of the mid point of the shank.
3. Start your thread just ahead of the abdomen and run the thread backward toward the bend trapping the abdomen and securing it with several wraps of thread.
4. Dub the area just ahead of the abdomen then place your legs on either side of the thorax as pictured.
5. Place a drop of super glue on the threads you just tied the legs in with on top of the thread not touching the legs.

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6. Gather your turkey feather that you have previously coated the concave side with Dave's Flexament.
7. Split a section of the feather 3/16" wide with your bodkin and cut it free from the feather.
8. Tie it in at the leg tie in point with the tapered end to the rear.
9. With your bodkin place it on the feather and fold it forward to form the anterior thorax cover and tie it down in the same place you did the legs.
10. Dub the section from the last dubbed area to just behind the eyes.
11. Place a drop of super glue on the back of the dubbing on top and fold the turkey feather back to form another thorax cover as before but forward of the first one and secure with a couple of wraps of thread.
12. Fold the remainder of turkey feather over and between the eyes and secure with a couple of wraps of thread.
13. Fold the remaining amount of turkey feather back over and between the eyes and secure with a couple of wraps of thread.
14. Trim off excess feather just behind the tie in point.
15. Smear 1/2" of your thread with super glue and make a few wraps and then whip finish and cut your thread free.
16. Sit back and admire your work, this is not an easy one but when you have done a few they become much easier.

Tight Lines, 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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