

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



**March 2020**

## President's Message

**Why you should join the Fly Fishers Club  
of Orange County:**

**Great Leadership**

**Great Membership**

**Great Meetings**

**Great Speakers**

**Great Learning Opportunities**

**Great Club Sponsored Fly Fishing Trips**

**You Can Meet Other Outdoor Minded People**

**You Can Participate in Fly Fishing Trips**

**You Can Learn to Fly Cast**

**You Can Learn to Tie Your Own Flies**

**You Can Become a Skilled Fly Fisher**

**And, you will have a great time doing it!**

**Monthly Meetings at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim  
See the Meeting Info - left column.**

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**Website:** [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org)

### Next Club Meeting:

**March 11, 2020**

**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:

**March 19 - 7:00 pm**

**Santiago Canyon College**

**Room 206**

**Club Members are Welcome**

## This Month's Meeting

### Big Trips for Big Fish Eric Kramer

Eric started fly fishing because sometimes and some places it is the most efficient way to catch fish, which is why he fishes. He likes to find large fish and a lot of them.

Eric will talk about his trips to Patagonia and Russia to chase large fish of various species. He will explain why and how to fish Jurassic Lake, home of the world's largest rainbows, and Las Pampas Lodge, home of the world's largest brook trout. Both in Patagonia, Argentina. He will also present details about fishing on Ozernaya and Two Yurt rivers in Kanchatka.

Eric has been a member of FFCOC since 2006, the same year he retired from 37 years of teaching. Eric and his wife moved to Oxnard in 2010 and also joined SESPE Flyfishers in Ventura. He is the Trout in the Classroom chairman for the Sespe Club.

Join us for a photo tour of some of the best places in the world to fly fish!





## **Membership**

# **FFCOC Membership Drive and Participation Raffle 2020**

### **Rules for Membership Drive and Participation Raffle**

**You will receive a raffle ticket based on how you participate in our club's activities.**

- 1. One ticket for each General Membership Meeting you attend.**
- 2. Five tickets if you participate in an Outing**
- 3. Ten Tickets if you offer to be a New Stream-Keeper this year. (If you are already one. this does not apply to you).**
- 4. Ten Tickets if you participate in planning or volunteering at any club event. (This does not apply to BOD Members.)**
- 5. Five tickets if you participate in any classes offered by the club.**
- 6. Ten tickets if you volunteer in any SWCFFI Sanctioned event.**
- 7. Twenty tickets if you join the BOD for 2021**
- 8. Twenty tickets if you recruit any new club member.**
- 9. Ten tickets if you recruit a past club member that has not been a member for 3 years.**
- 10. Five tickets every time you greet a visitor or new member. (I will give them a note paper and pen to keep track who welcomes them. And it must be more than just HI, I am "SO and SO". Find out a little about them.**

**I think that covers just about everything you can participate in.**

**Prizes will be awarded at the December 2020 meeting.**

**Melinda Burns**

# **New Members**

**Please welcome our newest members!**

## **February:**

- J. Cavanaugh
- Maria Rivas
- Michael Wilber
- Bill Whittenburg
- James Ferguson
- Steve Hooper

## **January:**

- Mike Wolivar
- Joe Fiedler
- Tom Philp
- Paul Lepore
- Sharon Muro
- Howard Sawada
- Tia Morris

## **Membership Renewal Reminder**

We just wanted to remind those who have not renewed the membership for 2020 your 2019 membership has expired on 12/31/19. We are currently working on the new 2020 Club Directory and would like to include you in it. You can renew online or bring your renewal form in at the next meeting. The cut off to make the 2020 Club Directory is 2/29/2020. Our goal for membership is 175 membership. We are currently at 84 paid memberships with approximately 106 memberships from 2019 that need to be renewed. If we can get everyone to renew, we will meet our goal.

As you can see from the previous announcement, we are doing well with bringing in new memberships due to the On the Water Clinic Classes.

## 2020 Meeting and Speaker Calendar

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
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MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS

January 8	Pat Jaeger	"Keeping it Simple"
February 12	James Garrettson	"Reading a River and Taos Area"
March 11	Eric Kramer	"Kamchatka and Argentina - Out There!"
April 8	Buhler Brothers	"Streamer Fishing for Big Fish in So Calif"
May 13	Chris King	"Fishing the Pit, McCloud & Lower Sacramento"
June 10	Jimmy Cheers	"Big Browns on the South Holston"
July 8	Chris Leonard	"The Magnificent Eastern Sierra"
August 15		CLUB PICNIC
September 9		ANNUAL FUND RAISING AUCTION
October 14	Maury Hatch	"Fishing the California Delta"
November 11	Gary Bulla	"Fishing the Amazon"
December 9	John Williams	"Adventure North"

**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 Santiago Canyon College, Room 206.



## 2020 Outings and Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Feb 8-9	On the River Trainning Lower Owens	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
Feb 22	Jess Ranch Lakes Float Tubing	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
Mar 16-18	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Eric Kramer	805 984-7202
Mar 21&28	Thin Blue Line Class	Larry Behm	949 235-4466
Mar 31-Apr 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
Oct 16-18	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Dennis Higginson	714 544-9908
Nov 10-12	Pyramid Lake, Nevada	Jim Wright	714 679-6638

**Note: Dates may change and outings may be removed or added. Contact the streamkeeper for the latest information.**

# **Thin Blue Line Fishing Class**

## **March 21 and March 28**

**Want to test your hunting skills? Can you find places off the beaten trail where trout may be silently sipping down their bugs unmolested by throngs of fisherman? I'm talking about finding those Thin Blue Lines on a map that hold wild trout. These streams are not too far off the road, yet remote enough where few people venture. The fish are measured in terms other than size. While occasional large ones surprise you, these fish are wild, wily, vividly colored, and often fight as hard as their much larger brothers from the big rivers. And the scenery is always beautiful.**

**This class will be offered on two successive Saturdays, March 21 and March 28. The first session will be an indoor class covering how to identify fishy terrain on a map before you enter the woods, how to relate GPS and topographic maps to each other, how to estimate time to hike to your destination, and a few fishing tricks needed for these types of streams. The second session on the 28<sup>th</sup> will be an outdoors practice session at Caspers Wilderness Park. In this session we will apply the classroom skills to match terrain features on a map and on the ground, and to practice plotting a cross-country course to reach targets not on paved trails.**

**The cost of the class is \$5 to cover printing of maps and protractors, please bring it to the first session. You will need to bring your own compass and whistle. Our class space is limited to 15 people. Please sign up with Larry Behm at [Larry.Behm@cox.net](mailto:Larry.Behm@cox.net) or 949-235-4466**

# **San Juan River, NM Outing**

**March 31 to April 3, 2020**

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 fishing on weekdays when all the kids should be in school and we won't have to compete with the local weekend fishers. Plan to arrive by Tuesday, March 31. The general plan is to fish Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 1 to 3. 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. 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 an Anasazi settlement to explore. Durango, Colorado is a short drive away as well with many attractions.

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 dinner at the local Chinese restaurant and to Bloomfield (short 30 minute drive) for bar-b-que restaurant. The restaurant at Fisheads requires reservations 24 hours in advance for dinner.

For more information, please contact stream keeper Brian Mayer, (562) 619-9169 or [bdmayer@hotmail.com](mailto:bdmayer@hotmail.com)

If you plan to attend the trip, please call or send Brian Mayer an email so we have contacts for everyone.



# **Fishing the Buckley Ponds**

**April 4-5, 2020 By Tom Niedzialek**

Did you know that in addition to having a great trout fishery, the Owens Valley also has a prolific bass fishery? Well the Owens River from Bishop south to Lone Pine has a warm water fishery that most people are not aware of. While hunting ducks along the Lower Owens River I have personally seen bass and bluegill and while drift fishing for trout I have occasionally caught bass as an incidental catch.



Just outside the Bishop City limits is an area known as the Buckley Ponds. They are a collective group of 4 or 5 ponds and are known for their bass fishing. I have been to them but never actually fished them, although I have seen conventional fisherman catch bass in them. I am planning an exploratory trip from April 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to check them out. Please plan on joining me if you are interested. In addition if you are not interested in fishing for bass, you can still fish for trout in the Owens River, so come on up and fish with the club any way!

The plan is to fish the ponds on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will meet at the Denny's in Bishop Saturday morning at 6:30 am. to have breakfast and then travel to the ponds. For those who wish to drive straight to the ponds they are about 10 minutes out of bishop and the directions are as follows:

1. From the intersection of Main (Hwy. 395) and Line Streets in Bishop turn east on Line St. and drive approximately 2.9 miles to River Rd. (a graded dirt road located just past the cemetery on your right).
2. Turn right (south) on River Road and travel approximately 0.6 miles to a fork in River Road. Take the right hand fork for approximately 0.2 miles. Turn right (heading west) following the well-travelled dirt road. Proceed a few hundred yards to the next road junction and turn left (you should now be heading south).
3. The first of the ponds should be about 0.2 miles ahead. The rest of the ponds follow in quick succession.
4. To return to Bishop either go back the way you came or continue heading south until you come to Warm Springs Road. At Warm Springs Road turn right (east) and head back to Bishop (about 3 miles).

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In addition if you stop at the Chamber of Commerce in Bishop (located across the street from Schats Bakery) you can request an “Eastern Sierra Warm Water Fishing” map for free and it will have directions on getting to the Buckley Ponds. Please plan on providing your own lodging and meals, as most of us know there are plenty of motels and restaurants in Bishop. Depending on everyone’s desires we can all meet up for other meals during the weekend; however you will probably want to bring a lunch to the ponds.

The Buckley ponds are about 5 to 15 acres in size each (my estimation). They are probably best suited to float tubing. Shore access is somewhat limited due to shoreline brush but is available in spots. Since I have never fished them before and since this is a bit of an exploratory trip I can’t recommend any specific flies for the bass. I will probably bring an assortment of streamers, poppers and other standard bass flies and see what happens. I will also bring an 8 and a 6 weight rod equipped with both floating and sinking lines for each. In the event the bass just flat out are not cooperating on Saturday I will also pack my standard Lower Owens trout gear for Sunday. If you are interested in attending this adventure please email at [niedzialek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:niedzialek@sbcglobal.net) so that I will know how many are attending and how many folks to look for on Saturday morning at Dennys. I am looking forward to seeing you on the water in Bishop.

Tom Niedzialek

# Fish Creek Outing

June 5 to June 7, 2020, Brian Mayer, Streamkeeper

Sign-ups are open for the trip to Fish Creek. This year, it will be the first weekend in June.

This is a camping outing to the Southern Sierra's Kern River Plateau area close to Kennedy Meadows. The area is in the mountains due west of Ridgecrest and about a 5 hour drive from OC. The camp ground provides cold water and out houses only, but you will need to bring plenty of drinking water. Nights can be very cold since we are at 8,000 feet in altitude. Most people will be camping in tents; however, small camping trailers and motor homes are allowed.

We will be fishing for small golden trout in small water creeks, so bring your small rods (3 weights and less). This is primarily dry fly fishing in sizes 18 to 24 parachute Adams, Humpys, ants and beetles. If you don't have small rods, this trip can be fished with the standard 5 weight rod. A 5 weight rod will also work for fishing the South Fork Kern River which is close by. The fish are generally very eager, so this is an excellent trip for the novice and experienced fisher-person as well. We will provide novices with advice and mentoring with an experienced fly fisher.

If interested, contact Brian Mayer, [bdmayer@hotmail.com](mailto:bdmayer@hotmail.com), (562-619-9169).





# Loa Utah Outings, 2020

John Williams, Streamkeeper



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

**\*September 21-25, 2020 Loa, Utah**

**Quiet Fly Fisher**

**Fully Booked**

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**\*September 28-October 2, 2020 Loa, Utah**

**Quiet Fly Fisher \$ 1,000 Total 5 days guided contracted**

**Two fishermen per guide**

**Deposit**

**Check#**

1 John Williams

\$200

Cash

2 Reserved

3 Jim Dey

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**Three openings available! First come, first served!**

**A five-day stay no shorter, determined the prices above.**

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## Announcements



### Our APP Is Here!



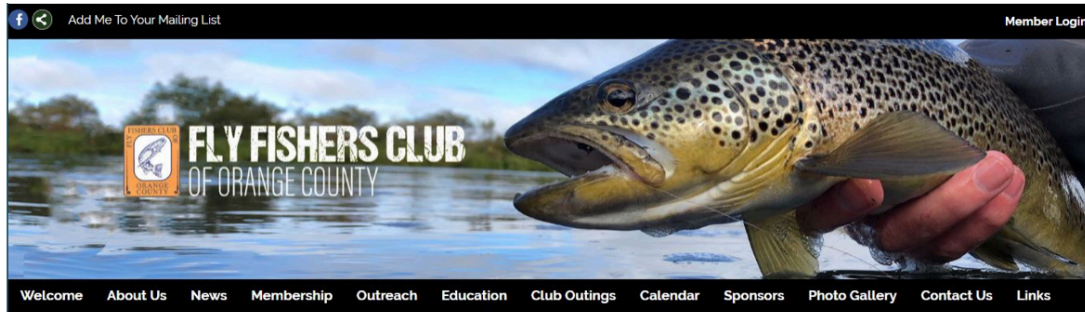
The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County's APP for your mobile device is now available! The APP is available for Apple and Android phones and tablets. The APP is only available to Club Members and there is no charge to Members. You will need your log-in credentials for the website to log into the app. Use "Fly Fishers Club of OC" to search for the APP; you will not find it under FFCOC. Doug Jones will be available at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting to answer questions you may have about the APP so bring your phone or tablet to the meeting.

Here are a few highlights of the APP:

- All user information available on our webpage is available on the APP. Just touch the globe icon in upper menu bar and you will see the same menu items you see on the webpage (we will be changing the font to make it easier to read).
- Your member profile is available on the upper menu bar.
- You can select different channels on using the "Channels" icon on the lower menu bar. You should use "All Active Members" as your default choice. If you choose "Member Opt In" or other channels you will be limited to others who have opted in when you use certain features such as the Directory.
- You can use the "Meets" and "Chat" icons on the lower menu bar to connect with others who have opted in to the same channel you are using. We are looking into more training information on how to use these features.
- You no longer need to carry around a copy of the Club's Directory in your hip pocket when you are fishing! The Club Directory is available on the lower menu bar of the APP (if you have cellular coverage). A great feature is that once you find the number you want to call you can touch it to initiate a call.
- The "Events" icon connects you with the Club Calendar.

The APP needs a few tweaks but we are launching it now. Please get in touch with Doug Jones at [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

# HELP WANTED!



## **Are you...**

Looking for a new opportunity or perhaps a challenge?

Looking for a way to get to know more about our Club and meet more members?

Looking for a way to give back to the Club?

## **Then...**

Consider helping us with our website.

Our Club's website has been a tool for our Club for many years by providing information for our members, managing Club records, and most importantly, community outreach including attracting new members. Our website in conjunction with our Facebook page has been our most successful method of providing information about Club events such as the Casting Clinic, the Annual Auction, the On The River Training program, and meeting/speaker schedules to Club members as well as non-club members. Almost all new members are signing up through the website - - hardly anyone uses paper anymore.

Many years ago Mike Kosmides built our first website. After several years Melinda Burns created a new website to improve its functionality and managed it through 2017. Melinda worked hard to bring us into the computer age (we weren't always willing participants). We are grateful that she did as the website has become such a valuable tool for communications and it makes our Club more relevant. In 2017 Jim Wright assisted Melinda with the website. In 2018 the Club decided to update the website based on changes in the ClubExpress platform on which our website is based. To accomplish this we created a Website Committee including Melinda Burns, Jim Wright, Rich Fanning, Art Prangle, Tom Sakai, Dawn Martin, Vern Martin and Doug Jones as the Chair of the Committee. The entire Club helped by completing surveys and providing comments to the Committee. Although updating websites is an ongoing process, the Committee has accomplished many goals including updating the website's "look and feel" and functionality, improving content, training, maintain a calendar of Club events and getting more Club members to familiar with and using the website.

We are seeking a Club volunteer who would like to actively participate in the ongoing evolution and improvement of the website. Doug would maintain the lead for the website during 2020 with the goal that the volunteer would take over the lead role in 2021 or sooner. If you are interesting in a challenging and rewarding opportunity please get in touch with Doug at [websitemanager@FFCOC.org](mailto:websitemanager@FFCOC.org), Melinda, or any of the Committee members listed above.





## **Reminder:**

**The Peter Koga award is available for nominations this year.**



**As announced last August, we have created a special award, in honor of Peter Koga, that recognizes a club member's contribution and involvement that evokes the spirit and commitment that Peter had shown. The board has created this award, starting in 2020, to recognize outstanding efforts that a current member makes to contribute to our club's success.**

**We have posted a [Peter Koga Award-Nomination Form](#) on our website: You can find under the "About Us" Tab, under "Awards"**

**Please print the form, fill it out and give to any member of the nominating committee.**

**Nominating committee: Art Prangle, Denis Higginson, John Williams, Jimmy Edwards, Dan Iwata**

### **Peter Koga Biography:**

**Peter was a true ambassador to the Club and to sports fishing. A certified Federation of Fly Fisher caster, he was an expert in both saltwater and freshwater. He was a pioneer in introducing Spey casting to Southern California and his fly tying skills and speaking engagements were well received nationwide. He performed his tying skills as an invited guest at Fly Fishing Shows throughout the Pacific Southwest, Colorado and New Jersey.**

**Peter served the Club as a Board Member at Large in the 80's and as its President in 1993. Through Peter's leadership, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Club's current 501c(3) Non Profit status. He helped implement the Club's Trout in the Classroom Program which has reached thousands of students as part of the County of Orange Outdoor Education Curriculum. Peter was a key member of the committee that worked with Bill Blackstone to create and fund The Bill Blackstone Foundation and was instrumental in developing the relationship with Humboldt State to create a scholarship opportunity for future students. Many will also remember Peter's involvement and attendance at various outings and activities for the club.**

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### **The Peter Koga Award:**

**This award will be given to an individual that demonstrates a level of commitment and contribution to our club, reminiscent of Peter, maybe over years and in different ways.**

**Criteria for selection include:**

- A record of leading activity in multiple club projects**
- Notable supporter and advocate of the club and the sport of fly fishing**
- Demonstrated willingness to aid and get involved when needed**
- Current club member**

**Nominations will be made by a current member, with 2 additional sponsors, to the award committee. The committee will accept nominations until **November 1<sup>st</sup> of 2020**.**

**The award will be presented at the January club meeting and will include a Certificate and a Fly Fishing Reel engraved with “**FFCOC Peter Koga Award**”.**

**Our club recognizes multi-year outstanding contribution through our Lifetime Membership and the Lifetime Membership Award is our highest recognition. The Peter Koga award is an additional award meant to recognize individuals that make a difference in many ways, maybe over years, but with a level of enthusiasm and participation that is broadly recognized in supporting and advancing our club.**

# CONTINUING EDUCATION Fishing Opportunities and Skills Development



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One of our club's principle missions is to encourage people to go out and fly fish. A big part of that is to have the programs and opportunities to build skills across our membership, especially to those just getting started.

Joe Libeu, life member of our club and a Federation of Fly Fishers Master Casting Instructor and all around tireless ambassador for fly fishing, made a suggestion at our recent Board of Director's Meeting. His proposal was to create more of a structure around mentor outings, skills workshops, casting, fishing different types of waters, and such. It's still in the formative stages but the idea won over the Board pretty quickly.

Places like the Owens River, San Joaquin, stillwaters and spring creeks were ideas for possible outings. What would make these outings different than our normal club outings is that we would limit the number of participants seeking mentoring (first come, first serve on-line registration) and have mentors join for the first half day and then the mentors would go out and fish on their own.

For skills building, we are thinking of creating more opportunities for casting workshops including sessions on intermediate, double-haul, fishing casts and sinking lines casting.

Mentors and instructors will be a critical component of the program's success. We have a list of club instructors for our Casting In The Park sessions and would welcome others to join, but we will also need outing mentors. Let me know if you would like to be a part of the mentor corps ([artp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:artp@sbcglobal.net)).

More information to follow and your feedback will help flush this out details of the Continuing Education Program over the coming months. Please let us know what you think.

We are going to announce our first mentor offering in a separate email for a March 20-22 trip to the Lower Owens. Stay tuned. Registration is not open yet but details will follow shortly.

Best regards,

Art Prangley

## **Auction Corner**

**It's never too early to start talking Auction. Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Club Auction, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9. Please mark your calendars accordingly!**

**We're sure that Santa Claus was very kind to our membership this year. What to do with your old equipment? Why, donate it to the Auction, of course!**

**Spring is right around the corner; and time for some Spring cleaning. We all have stuff in the back of our closets that we no longer use. Give your unused gear a new life with a donation to the Auction!**

**Are there items you'd like to see offered at the Auction this year? A favorite lodge, guide service, equipment manufacturer, winery, or distillery perhaps (just getting your thought process engaged)! Let us know what you'd like to see!! Your Auction team will put your requests into motion.**

**A team of wise Auctioneers are reviewing our Auction solicitation list in preparation for the formal letters to go out to our sponsors in support of this year's Auction. As a reminder, our 2019 Sponsors are listed on our Club website; please support them as they have supported this Club. Without our sponsor's generous contributions, our Club financial goals cannot be realized.**

**Once again we thank you for your input and participation in the 2020 Club Auction; a gift of used gear, suggested sponsors for 2020, and \$\$\$ spent on Auction night!**

**Please contact our Auction Coordinator for 2020, Terry Roznos, [taronos@verizon.net](mailto:taronos@verizon.net), (562) 322-4790 (cell).**

## Trip Reports

### The Annual Owens River Clean Up - A Big Success!

Wow! Over 100 volunteers showed up last Saturday for the sixth consecutive Owens River Annual Clean Up. Seems like the constant pestering on social media paid off for event organizer Chris Leonard. The weather last Saturday was gloriously sunny which no doubt helped inspire people to show up to give the Owens River its annual cleansing. As always, the morning started with volunteers gathering at the Pleasant Valley Campground for coffee and pastries. Leonard thanked everyone for showing up. Jessica Strickland of Trout Unlimited and Eric Huber of Caltrout were both present with literature for interested volunteers on what their respective non-profit organizations do for our treasured fisheries. After hearing a warm-hearted “thank you” from Chris, volunteers split up to divide and conquer different parts of the river. Attendees returned at noon with enough trash to fill a six-foot-tall dumpster about two-thirds full. “It’s too bad this needs to be done,” Leonard commented, “but it’s great to see the community rally together every February to get er done!” Volunteers came from all over the state. There were several local residents present as well. A few went home with some cool free raffle swag including a fly-fishing rod and reel, tenkara rod, fly-fishing tools, literature, gift certificates, and clothing. All in all, it was a great success!

Chris Leonard would like to personally thank the following supporters of this year’s event: Back Alley Bar and Grill, California Deer Association, California Waterfowl Association, Caltrout, Ducks Unlimited, Eastern Sierra Fish Reports, Erick Schat’s Bakery, Great Basin Bakery, Golden Trout Lanyards, Inyo Recycling and Waste Management, KIBS Radio, Kittredge Sports, KMMT-KRHV Radio, Orvis, Preferred Septic and Disposal, Rhino Nets, Rio, Redington, and Sage, Scientific Anglers, Sierra Brite Dot, Sierra Mountain Trout, Snowbee, Silver Lake Resort, Southwest Council, Fly Fishers International, Tenkara Tanuki, Trout Scout, Trout Unlimited, and Virginia Lakes Resort.

Next year’s event will be Saturday, February 13, 2021 – always the Saturday following the Super Bowl. People interested in making monetary donations for lunch or donations for the raffle – or any inquiries in general - can call Chris at 818.288.3271.



(See more photos, next page.)







# Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams



You have heard of Meals On Wheels, this is just that for trout. I have tied many foam hoppers before and decided to make it look more like a flailing hopper on the water by adding more legs that will move independent of the hopper and hopefully entice the strike. This one is pretty easy to tie.

## Leggy Hopper



<b>Hook:</b>	Firehole 811 Competition Size 10 Barbless
<b>Thread:</b>	Uni 6/0 Rust Brown
<b>Glue:</b>	Gel Super Glue
<b>Body:</b>	2 pieces of 2mm foam spray glued together color of your choice
<b>Wing:</b>	Turkey Feather back coated with flexament
<b>Legs:</b>	Buggy Nymph Legs color Hares Ear Tan from Hairline

First step is to coat the back of a turkey feather with flexament. Secondly with 3M Super 77 spray glue two sheets of 2mm foam one side only, let set a few minutes then join the two-glued surfaces together, once toughing you can't move them. Let them completely dry approx. ½ hour, for both the foam and the turkey feather. Cut a strip of the sandwiched foam 3/16" wide from she sheet. Cut a 3/16" wide section of the turkey feather keeping the ribs of the feather intact from the stem outward. Coat the shank of the hook with a smear of super glue and start your thread at the ¾ point forward of the shank and wrap backward to the bend Place the foam with the butt end at the ¾ point forward and secure the foam with several wraps of thread loosely at first then more strongly so as not to make the foam roll around the shank, wrap from the bend to the ¾ point.

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Smear a slight amount of super glue on the tied down section of the foam and fold the foam over and forward and secure with a few wraps of thread at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  point. Make a few loose wraps back to the bend and back forward to give the body some segmentation. Add a small smear of super glue at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  point. Tie in the Turkey feather by the butt at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  point and cut it off just extending beyond the body. I gather three legs of the Buggy Nymph legs and tie them in on either side of the body half way down the side at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  point. I gather another set of three legs and tie them in at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  point

Just cutting off the forward pieces and leaving the rear legs, so now you have six rear legs and three forward legs. Smear a slight amount of super glue on the foam that is laying forward in just the first  $\frac{1}{8}$  in section and fold the foam back to the rear forming the head. Smear super glue on  $\frac{3}{8}$ " of your thread and make several wraps to secure the foam and it also coats the tie in point of the legs. Make a loose whip finish and cut your thread. This fly will support a dropper if so desired.

Have Fun,  
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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