

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



November 2020

**Next FFCOC Meeting:
Wednesday, Novembver 11th at 7pm via ZOOM.**

Welcome to "On The Fly", the
monthly newsletter of the Fly
Fishers Club of Orange County.

If you have ideas or suggestions on
how we can make the Newsletter
more useful to you and the rest of
the membership, please send your
suggestions or comments to:
rkfanning@aol.com

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FFCOC Website: www.ffcoc.org

President's Message

The sports news:

The Dodgers won the World Series!

The FFCOC news:

Now is a trying time for most of us:

The virus has greatly reduced our fishing options.

And now fire is destroying houses and hillsides.

It's difficult to think about fishing while dealing with these life threatening events. So, I wish good outcomes for all of you, your families and friends.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next club (ZOOM) meeting on November 11th to hear from Gary Bulla, one of our local guys."

Random thought : The cost of tying your flies is never cheaper than store bought but when it fools the fish oh so satisfying.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our future FFCOC meetings.

Denis

FFCOC is Taking Steps to Protect Club Members from COVID-19

Monthly Club Meetings - We will resume regular monthly Club Meetings when government agencies advise us that social distancing and stay at home recommendations are no longer necessary in our area for the general public as well as people in high-risk categories due to age considerations.

Club Outings – All Club Outings and similar activities like training and workshops will be cancelled or delayed until government agencies advise us that social distancing and stay at home recommendations are no longer necessary in our area for the general public as well as people in high-risk categories due to age considerations. In addition, government recommendations at the locations of activities outside of our local will be considered.

Club Communications – It is important to the Board that any concerns or questions that you may have relating to Club functions are addressed. Please reach out to any of our Board members if you have questions or concerns. We will update Club Members via email, the newsletter and the website of any changes in our planned activities.

Alternative Fly Fishing Activities – A lot of us have time available due to social distancing and stay at home recommendations. This is a great time to work on fly tying, practice casting, if you have a safe place to do so, and, most importantly, go through you fly fishing supplies and look for items you would like to contribute to this year's annual auction.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our monthly meetings and other Club functions as soon as we get the green light from the various government agencies. Mean while, please be careful and stay healthy.

Please join me in Welcoming our Newest Members:

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| • Ron Gregg | Oct 2020 |
| • John Dongara | Sept. 2020 |
| • Todd Gomez | Sept. 2020 |
| • Paul Cruz | Sept. 2020 |

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!



Don't waste time, renew on-line!

Enter into my 2021 Membership Drive by renewing before

December 31, 2020

and be entered into a special early bird membership renewal
drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate for Marriott's.

Don't want to renew online, click here to download a renewal form.

Click here for the FFCOC General Waiver and Release Agreement.

(This is needed in order to participate on club outings and special club events.)

Mail your renewal forms, fees and waivers to:

FFCOC

PO Box 23005

Santa Ana, CA

92711-3005

If you should have any questions regarding membership, please feel free to give me a call
at 951-415-9920 or email me at membership@ffcoc.org

Tightlines, Melinda Burns

Club Meetings

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
<u>MEETINGS</u>		
<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>		
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	Cancelled	
May 13	Chis King (via ZOOM)	"Fishing the Pit, McCloud & Lower Sacramento"
June 10	Jimmy Cheers (via ZOOM)	"Big Browns on the South Holston"
July 8	Chris Leonard (via ZOOM)	"The Magnificent Eastern Sierra"
August 12		Cancelled
September 9	(via ZOOM)	ANNUAL FUND RAISING AUCTION
October 14	Maury Hatch (via ZOOM)	"Fishing the California Delta"
November 11	Gary Bulla (via ZOOM)	"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.



FFCOC Meeting November 11

A JOURNEY TO THE AMAZON WITH GARY BULLA

Over the years Gary Bulla has explored unique and pristine fly fishing waters and shared his fishing knowledge with us. These include fly fishing the California surf, kayak fly fishing expeditions to the islands of Southern Baja, mothership trips to Belize for tarpon and bonefish, and guiding anglers with his trained family of captains on the Sea of Cortez in Baja Sur, Mexico.

In the last four years he has also hosted trips to Amazonia. His November presentation "Angling the Amazon" will take us through the capital city of Manaus in central Brazil and onto a mothership traveling the waters of the largest river system on the planet. He will cover two incredible tributaries of the central Amazon which he visited on separate expeditions, the Rio Negro and the Uyetama Reserve. His first trip was exploratory on an old wooden mothership. Through intense experimentation he and Michael Williams of Nomadic Waters helped train the native guides on fly fishing strategies that led them to become believers in the power of the fly in the jungle waters.

Gary will share his discoveries, including a brief geological history of the area, the warmth of the native Amazonians, the stunning biodiversity of the diverse habitats in the jungle's ecosystems, the rhythm and camaraderie of life on a mothership, and the tackle and techniques for wrestling the dazzling variety of fish in the vast Amazon forest. As you will discover, Brazil should definitely be on every fly fisher's bucket list.

Please join him for a colorful trip through a very biodiverse and mysterious part of the world.



Gary Bulla (Continued)



2020 Outings

<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
April 4-5	Buckley Ponds, Bishop, CA, Cancelled	Tom Niedzialek	714 738-5540
April 19-24	Green River, Cancelled	Tom Sakai	714 357-1199
Jun 5-7	Fish Creek, CA Cancelled	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
Aug 2-5	San Juan River, Cancelled	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
Sept 21-25	Loa, Utah week, Sold Out	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 28-Oct 3	Loa, Utahweek 2, Cancelled	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 30-Oct 2	Bridgeport, CA - On Hold, Forest Closed	Paul Nakamura	310-915-0124
Oct 16-18	President's Outing, Kernville, Cancelled	Dennis Higginson	714 544-9908
Nov 10-12	Pyramid Lake, Nevada Cancelled	Jim Wright	714 679-6638

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

Announcements



FFCOC Fly Tying Classes

Hello FFCOC Club Members,

I hope this email finds everyone safe and healthy. It has been a long and hard tough 5 months. We have all been on a roller coaster ride. With that being said, i know the virtual fly tying classes were a welcomed option to sitting at home and watching another TV show. So I am looking for fly tyers who would be interested in teaching one or more than one of their favorite flies.

I will work with each fly tyer to determine the best way to film/record their session for the club. Please contact me at 951-415-9920 or membership@ffcoc.org if you are interested in volunteering your time for this event.

In the mean time, don't forget there is always [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/), where you can find a plethora of fly tying videos from the famous fly fisherman to the not so famous fly fisherman. Other clubs are also hosting virtual fly tying classes so check out the other clubs website as well.

I hope to hear from some of you Fly Tyers so we can get this back on track. If you have already done a class and would like to do another one, please let me know.

Tightlines my friends,

Melinda Burns
Membership Chair
951-415-9920
membership@ffcoc.org

Fly Fishers International (FFI) Report

by Melinda Burns

To view the most current quarterly report for Southwest Council Fly Fishers International, [Click here](#) to see what they have going on and opportunities you may be interested in.

Some of you are already aware of who FFI is but for those unfamiliar with this organization, here is an brief explanation:

“Fly Fishers International is an international 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Livingston, Montana. Since 1964, Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world. They represent all aspects of fly fishing, from the art of fly tying and casting to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats, which is essential to the sport. Today, the organization's mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. They focus on conservation, education, and a sense of community.”

There are two types of memberships:, Individual and Club:

Membership benefits for individuals:

- Preservation of diverse fisheries and their essential wetland habitats that support opportunities to fly fish.
- Enduring opportunities to fly fish for all fish in all waters.
- Access to the FFI Learning Center for educational materials to expand your knowledge and enjoyment of the fly fishing experience.
- Receive all FFI publications, magazine, newsletters, news releases, social media posts, etc.
- Community forums to share, learn and develop new friendships in fly tying, casting and fly fishing.
- Participation in FFI governance and leadership.
- Play a personal role in preservation of the fly fishing legacy.
- Enjoy the satisfaction of supporting the FFI mission.

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Additional FFI membership benefits:

FFI Partners with AJG Affinity Program to Bring Benefits to Members

Flyfisher Magazine

The Loop - The Journal of Fly Casting Professionals

Tying Times

Membership card

Decals

Knowledge that YOU are making a difference for the sport's future

Our partners provide FFI members various discounts on fly fishing goods and services. Some of the benefits are available to all members and some to specialty groups within FFI, i.e. Certified Instructors.

We are an affiliate club. Now you probably ask, so how does that benefit you and the club?

The club is offered affordable insurance programs which include:

Directors and Officers Liability

General Liability

Umbrella Coverage

Hired or non-owned automobile liability coverage.

A Learning Center that includes:

Casting

Conservation

Fly Fishing Skills

Fly Tying

FFI provides grants for conservation and education project to councils, clubs and other organizations that furthering the mission of the organization.

FFI also recognizes our members, through the Awards Program, for their work in conservation and education.

Additional Benefits are:

FFI HW staff support

Access to Equipment Loan Program

Club Mapped and Listed on FFI Website

Access to Speakers Bureau portal

Access to Newsletter Content

Access to Club Leader Report portal

Flyfisher magazine

FFI E-News

FFI ClubWire Newsletter

Local Club list given to all new FFI Members

FFI Calendar & Social Media posting of your events



So, some of you know who the Fly Fishers International is and some of you don't. So, let me tell you a little about them and how they support our club and our individual fly fishing experiences.

First of all, let me provide you with Nationals Website: <https://flyfishersinternational.org/> This was previously know as the Federation of Fly Fishers or FFI. New name new mission.

FFI Mission: *To Ensure the Legacy of Fly Fishing for all fish in All waters continues by focusing Conservation, Education and a Sense of Community.*

We as a club are members of the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International or SWCFFI for short. Here is their website: <https://www.swcffi.org/> .

SWCFFI Mission: *Promoting Fly Fishing in Southern California and Southern Nevada through Education, Conservation and Fellowship.*

So Who is FFI?

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspect of fly fishing –from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on conservation, education and a sense of community.

A 501c3 non-profit organization, FFI is driven by three fundamental pillars: Conservation, Education, and Community. Together, these pillars provide the foundation for our vision of the future of fly fishing — a future in which anglers have access to prime waters and fish can thrive in healthy, protected habitats; in which learning never stops and artistry is not forgotten; and that recognizes the true value of camaraderie. If we want this legacy to be experienced by future generations, we have to work to make that happen.

We are an affiliate club. Now you ask, what does that mean? Well as an affiliate club we are privy to many benefits and programs that they offer. Too many to list so [Click here](#) for more information.

Now you can also belong as an individual can also reap these benefits by joining today. Again the benefits and opportunities are too numerous to list here, so [click here](#) for additional information on benefits and opportunities as an individual FFI Member.



The Southwest Council is inviting all anglers to participate in the Trout Rodeo, February 20, 2021 in Bishop, California.

If you are a club newsletter editor, we are asking you to place the following into your editions between now and the event -

- 1) Event banner with URL - click [here](#)
- 2) Event banner that requires you to link to our URL - www.swcffi.org/Rodeo - click [here](#)
- 3) Event rules - click [here](#)

Suggested copy - Join fellow anglers for this first of it's kind Trout Rodeo in Bishop, California, February 20, 2021. This event will allow fly and conventional anglers to compete to see who can catch-and-release the most "inches" of fish in one day. We are creating this to be as Covid-safe as possible and more details will follow in that regard.

If you have any question regarding the event, please do not hesitate to respond to this email or call Michael Schweit, Special Projects Director 818.6019702.

You may also share this email with anyone you think might be interested.





Copy for newsletter or email blast

Bill O'Kelly was an avid angler and like so many of us, he had planned on doing different types of fishing throughout his life. His equipment ranges from light fresh to salt, single handed to Spey and everything in between.

On November 01, 2020, starting at 4 p.m. and going active every 5 minutes and continuing for one week, you can bid on as many of these items as you like and eBay will let us list. Keep an eye on the SWC eBay site as there will be more coming as items are sold.

All net proceeds will be going to the O'Kelly family so please remember, and in Bill's famous words at many a FlyBuy, this is a fundraiser!

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PDF of items that will be up for auction - [click here](#)

TO FIND US / THE AUCTION SITE ON EBAY:

1. Go to the search: [CLICK HERE](#)
2. Type **#swcfff** in the search box & then the "search" button
3. Just a "heads up" that the search will not be successful until 4pm on November 1st.

If you have any question regarding the event, please do not hesitate to respond to this email or call Michael Schweit, Special Projects Director 818.6019702.

You may also share this email with anyone you think might be interested.

Help Wanted

The Southwest Council is looking to fill the following Board of Director positions:

1st Vice President: The First Vice President will perform the duties of the President in the President's temporary absence and in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the First Vice President shall assume that office.

Vice President of Education: The Vice President for Education shall be responsible for development of educational programs at the Council level; coordinate requests for assistance in development of educational programs from individuals or groups; have control of implementation of directives and police as outlined and funded by the Council Board.

Recording Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the membership, the Board, and the Executive Board.

The 2 year positions are open to members of Fly Fishers International.

If you have questions or are interested in any of the positions, contact Susi Wright at:

secretary@swcffi.org

Responses should be received no later than Friday, November 20th, 2020.

The proposed slate of 2021 Southwest Council Board of Directors is as follows:

SWC Board Position	2020	2021
President	Steve Schalla	Leigh-Ann Swanson
VP	Leigh-Ann Swanson	Vacant
Corresponding Secretary	Susi Wright	Susi Wright
Recording Secretary	Susi Wright	Vacant
Casting For Recovery	Carole Ontiveros	Carole Ontiveros
Casting For Recovery	Teresa Adams	Teresa Adams
Casting Lead	Eric Callow	Eric Callow
Conservation	Debbie Sharpton	Debbie Sharpton
Education	Leigh-Ann Swanson	Vacant
Fly Tying Lead	Steven Fernandez	Steven Fernandez
Project Healing Waters	Carole Katz	Carole Katz
Membership	Melinda Burns	Melinda Burns
Fundraising	Vacant	Steve Schalla
Communication	Cece Rubin	Cece Rubin
Treasurer	Jill Field-Duerr	Jill Field-Duerr
Trout in the Classroom	Rich Bollinger	Rich Bollinger
Webmaster	Greg LaPolla	Greg LaPolla
Youth Program	Carl Crawford	Carl Crawford
Women's Programs	Karen Hall	Cat White
Social Media	Analiza del Rosario	Jordan Dokolas
Volunteer Coordinator	Connie Bullock	Annette Pounds
Special Projects	Michael Schweit	Michael Schweit

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.

Board of Directors and Activity Leaders:

President
Denis Higginson

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Van Lloyd

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Outings: Lyman Kennedy

Website/Social Media: Doug Jones

Conservation: Larry Behm

Raffle: Vern Martin

Membership: Melinda Burns
membership@ffcoc.org

Trout in the Classroom: Melinda Burns

Fly Tying: Brian Mayer

Fly Fishers International Liason:
Melinda Burns

Member At Large: Jim Edwards

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