THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

ON THE FLY

**50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!** 

## February 2021

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WEDNESDAY, February 10th

ZOOM, kicks off at 7:00PM Details on the web:

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### **President's Message**

#### President's Message by Terry Roznos

Welcome to February!! We're one month closer to the end of Covid restrictions, and to the return of normalcy! Aren't we all looking forward to that day! Fishing is one of the most Covid compliant activities, as we are often hundreds of yards from the nearest fisher; how's that for social distancing. Go out and fish, if you safely can; it's good for the mind and soul!



Our Board is diligently planning the full gambit of Club activities for when the light goes green and group activities may safely resume; Casting in the Park, Fly Tying, Group Outings, Casting Clinic, and Club Picnic.

On that note, the Sequoia Lodge in Kernville has now been secured for our 2021 President's Outing on October 8 and 9; with departure on October 10. You may now contact your President (me) with your specific room request.

You will all also be hearing of an initiative to create a "Best of" page for our Club website. This will be a compilation of favorite member educational fly fishing sources; books, websites, YouTube channels, podcasts, etc. This new "Best of" page will be a compilation of favorite information resources by members, for members. Be thinking of your favorite resources and be ready to contribute for your fellow members!

Lastly, have you been fishing lately? Tell your fish tale at our next meeting, or provide a write-up to our Newsletter Editor (Art Prangley) with a photo or two! All those that provide a fish tale will have their name placed in the fish bowl for drawing at the end of our next meeting for a \$25 Bob Marriott's gift certificate!

I am looking forward to seeing you (virtually) at our February 10th meeting. Our speaker will be Tony Reinhardt who will present "Advanced Float Fishing Strategies". Tony is an outfitter in Western Montana and fishes the Bitterroot River, Blackfoot River, Clark Fork River, Rock Creek, and the Missouri River. The better half and I love Montana fishing (thanks Joe Libeu!). Looking forward to the presentation!! See you then!

### **February Speaker**





# **Advanced Float Fishing Strategies**

### with Tony Reinhardt

Tony Reinhardt's presentation will focus on advanced float fishing strategies and is designed to offer insights into fishing that will help both the first timer and the experienced angler be more efficient and relaxed when fishing from a drift boat.

All the key aspects of a successful float fishing trip will be covered, from casting angles, line management, hooking and fighting fish and teamwork. Advanced tips will also be covered to help anglers take their float fishing to the next level.

There are procedures to follow when you are floating, no matter whether you are in the front, middle or back of the boat. It is a team sport with the goal of catching trout.

Tony grew up in Council Bluffs, lowa where his father taught him to hunt and fish on the family farm. As a teenager, Tony was looking for different ways to catch bass and pan fish throughout the Midwest. He picked up a fly rod and has never been the same. He got his first taste of trout fishing while attending college in Oklahoma and driving on weekends to the productive tail waters of Arkansas -- the White, the Little Red and the Norfolk.

After his freshman year of college he spent the summer fishing and traveling with his grandfather in Alaska. They had an Airstream camper and a canoe, spending most days exploring fishing opportunities. It was a life changing experience, leading him to trade his "full ride" tuition scholarship in Oklahoma for a tiny apartment in Missoula, MT.

Tony started working at Missoula's *Grizzly Hackle Fly Shop* in '97 while earning a degree in English from the University of Montana. He was hired as a "shop rat" and by the following summer he was promoted to Outfitting Manager and started his guiding career.

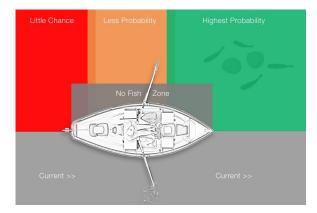
In 2001, a guest ranch was being developed in southwest Montana, and Tony was hired as a staff guide for the initial year. When not guiding for the ranch, his mandate was to go fishing and learn as much as possible about **all** the rivers of Montana. At the end of that year, Tony returned to Missoula. While he had witnessed some great fishing all across Big Sky Country, he felt that the

rivers around Missoula offered the best overall angling experience in the state, and

Tony rejoined the *Grizzly Hackle* as a full time guide in 2002.

He has spent as much time on the rivers of western Montana, averaging more than 150 guide days a season. In 2010 Tony started his own outfitting business, *Montana Trout Outfitters*. During day off you are likely to find him exploring some of the lesser known waters in the area or testing new fly designs for his clients. In addition, Tony serves as a travel advisor for *Wild on the Fly Fishing Adventure Travel* and ties flies commercially for area fly shops.

You can learn more about Tony Reinhardt/ *Montana Trout Outfitters* and sign-up for his newsletter at: **www.mttroutguides.com** 







# 2021 Speakers

### MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Landon Mayer	Mastering the Short Game	1/13/21
February	Tony Rheinhardt	Advanced Drift Boat Techniques	2/10/21
March	Heather Dyer	Conservation in San Bernardino NF	3/10/21
April	Jason Randall	When All Else Fails - Tactics for Catching Trout on Slow Days	4/14/21
Мау	Peter Stitcher	Fly Box Organization Made Easy	5/12/21
June	Buhler Brothers (F	Ryan and Rob) Streamer Fishing for	
		Big Fish in So Cal	6/9/21
July	Dave Smith	Euro Nymphing Local Waters	7/7/21
August	Picnic		8/11/21
September	Auction		9/8/21
October	Charles Jardine	UK Fishing	10/13/21
November	Karlie Rowland	Fishing Henry's Fork, Idaho	11/10/21
December	TBD		12/8/21

# Fly Fishers International, Southwest Council News

The Southwest Council is hosting a Saltwater Saturday Series, via ZOOM with local speakers. Check out their website for additional information. <u>www.swcffi.org</u>

FFI/ Southwest Council Newsletter; Read the latest here:

Southwest Council of FFI | JANUARY 2021 E-News 📇 (mailchi.mp)

# Columbia Sportswear Co.

New Year, New Columbia Employee Store Invitation!

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is invited to shop at the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store from January 29th - February 21st!

### Columbia's Employee Store Details:

- Columbia employee pricing: 40-50% OFF current season merchandise.
  - o End of Season Sale: Up to an additional 30% off select items store-wide
- Guests must show invitation for entry 4 guests included per visit.

Military can visit year round with valid Military ID – 4 guests included. (all branches, family/ dependents, veterans, retired, etc.

Check out the details on our website FFCOC.org under Members Tab/ "Documents" "Special Offers" Columbia-JanFeb-2021 Offer. Must be signed in to view.

# **Club Award**

FFCOC awards first ever Peter Koga award for outstanding level of commitment and contribution to our club and the sport of fly fishing. Our first recipient is the very deserving Melinda Burns. John Williams nominated Melinda and 14 other club members seconded it.

Congratulations Melinda and thank you.



# 2021 Outings Updates

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
March 16-18	Pyramid Lake (Cancelled)	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
March 28-April 1	San Juan River <mark>(Cancelled)</mark>	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
June 14-18	Lee's Ferry, AZ	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920
July 9-12	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept. 20-24	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
October 8—10	President's Outing/Kern	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790

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

## Notice regarding upcoming outings and COVID:

Important Announcement re Trip Cancellations by FFCOC President, Terry Roznos

Fellow Members, With the continuing rise in COVID cases and uncertainty as we go into the first quarter of 2021, we've made the decision to cancel, as official club outings, the Pyramid Lake trip and the San Juan River trip. Both of these trips are scheduled for March.

There still may be a desire for some to go fishing to these locations as planned. Please contact Paul Nakamura (Pyramid) or Brian Mayer (San Juan) if you're interested in participating. The Pyramid Lake and San Juan River trips will not be club sponsored outings.

Please contact me with your questions, or contact Paul Nakamura or Brian Mayer with your interest in Pyramid Lake or the San Juan River fishing.

Sincerely,

Terry Roznos

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Brian Mayer 562-619-9169 bdmayer@hotmail.com

## 2021 LEE'S FERRY CLUB OUTING:

### (TENATIVE PENDING PANDEMIC ORDERS)

Date: Monday – Friday June 14 -18<sup>th</sup>, 2021
Location: HC-67 Box 30 Marble Canyon, AZ 86036 928-355-2261
Fishing License: Don't forget to purchase your Arizona Fishing License.
<u>Click here</u> to purchase yours online or cut and paste this link: <u>https://www.azgfd.com/license/</u>

#### Meals

Dinner : I am planning on cooking dinners for Tuesday and Thursday in a crock pot.

Monday we will meet for dinner in the restaurant at 6pm. My meals will include a dinner salad and bread rolls. If you would like to bring a dish to share, let me know. I will supply all the paper goods. You just need to bring your own drink.

Pot Roast

Chicken Enchilada Casserole

**Beef Soup** 

Lunches: Will be provided by Lee's Ferry Anglers.

Breakfast: You can go to the restaurant of have coffee and pastries and fruit at the Burns Room

Recommended Flies: Flies change everyday but the most current fly is a size 18 midge with flashy colors like red or green.

Ginger colored scuds work as well as red san juan worms. Wooly Buggers worked well last time when we were trolling or stripping.

Snacks: Feel free to bring your favorite snack on the boats. We will be drifting as well as wading.

## WHAT TO BRING

### Lees Ferry requires that you bring the following items, most of which can be purchased at our fly shop:

Water

9-foot 5X leader

Arizona fishing license

Proper clothing

Waders

#### Lees Ferry provides the following:

8 hours upriver Lunch (let us know if you have special dietary needs) Flies (charged for flies lost at the end of day) Rod (if necessary)

Specially outfitted power-driven riverboats and fuel



Professional fly fishing guide (U.S. Coast Guard Captain licensed)

### Lees Ferry suggests the following:

Fly Rod (5-weight, 9-foot) 5X, 6X, or 7X tippet Waders (we rent them) Polarized sunglasses Western tailwater flies Camera Sunscreen

Rain gear

# CLIFF DWELLERS LODGE

Rooms are very comfortable, clean and spacious.

Rooms have two queen Beds

Each room has a coffee maker, mini fridge, little table/chair and TV.

Internet access is very spotty so don't plan on getting good coverage. Last time we were there my Verizon worked pretty good, John's AT&T not so good.

## SUGGESTED ITINERARY:

Monday: Arrival Day June 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Dinner at Cliff Dwellers Restaurant @ 6 pm Meet and Greet

Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>,2021

6:30 am Coffee and pastries will be available in Burns Room # 27

7:30 am meet at boat docks

4:00 pm return to boat docks

6:00 Dinner at the Burns Room

7:00 Fish Tales and sharing

#### Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:30 am Coffee and pastries will be available in Burns Room # 27

7:30 am meet at boat docks

4:00 pm return to boat docks

6:00 Dinner at the Burns Room

7:00 Fish Tales and sharing

### Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:30 am Coffee and pastries will be available in Burns Room # 27

7:30 am meet at boat docks

4:00 pm return to boat docks

6:00 Dinner at the Burns Room

7:00 Fish Tales and sharing

### Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Depart at your leisure. See you back I California. Don't forget to send any photos you take to Melinda so she can put together a slideshow for each of us and to share with the club.

# EMERGENCY INFO:

#### Please supply me with a list of emergency contact numbers.

Emergency Hospital: Banner Page Hospital 501 N Navajo Dr. Page, AZ 86040

928-645-2424

Canyonlands Urgent Care 410 N. Navajo Dr Page, AZ 86040 928-645-1700

Now Get Packing and lets have us some fun!



# HOT CREEK RANCH 2021



The cost of this trip this year is \$422 per person

# Monies need to be to our treasurer

Tom Sakai

# By 6/1/2021

# Send Check Made out to: F.F.C.O.C.

P.O. Box 23005 Santa Ana, Ca. 92711-3005

Trip starts Hot Creek Ranch July 9, 2021

## Check in time is 4:00 P.M. Friday NOT BEFORE!

Trip ends July 12, 2021 you must be out of the cabin by 10:00 a.m. and may fish the rest of the day.

Note: The trip is currently booked full but John Williams is keeping a waiting list and there are typically cancellations so let John know if you are interested and he will add you to the list. John can be reached at <u>troutbum2@earthlink.net</u>

You must be a club member to attend.

You will need a signed release form on file for this trip.

If you have previously attended a club outing and your form is on file you are set.

Check with Melinda Burns our Membership Chairperson to see if it is on file. Thank you

If for some reason this trip is canceled your money will be returned



# FFCOC 2021 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 20-24 2021 Loa, Utah

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

# **Preparation for Fishing Southern Utah**

By John Williams

### Where We Are Going:

**Loa Utah** Home of 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.

## **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.

## 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 (435) 491-0426 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. 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. I recommend you book you're lodging early, as lodging will be harder to fine closer to the trip dates. Many travelers hit the road after school is in session and before winter.

## **Physical Demands:**

Where we are lodging at 6000' to 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 L.A. Southern California is a 91/2-hour drive including gas stops and a lunch stop to Loa, Utah. Sharing a ride is more fun to get to know you 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. Salt Lake City is approximately 3 hours away from Loa 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:**

The guide requires 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 store Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Yearly licenses last from the date you purchase them for a complete calendar year.



**Update:** Due to Covid-19, as you can imagine many school curricular activities have been suspended. One of them is Trout in the Classroom. As you have read in the article below, this is done in a classroom environment. And as we all know, there are very few schools who are having on site classes. So the Department of Fish and Game has given me permission to setup a tank at my home for the Winter session. I will be hosting a live feed of the aquarium with the eggs – the frys. I will do short videos to share with the Teachers or I may announce when I may be doing certain things. I will work with those teachers who contact me to perform the activities live and recorded for the students to view. I look forward to sharing my experiences with these future adults to they can continue to be great stewards of all our resources

If you know of a teacher that may be interested in learning more about TIC, please have them contact me at 951-415-9920 or email at <u>mel11755@pacbell.net</u>. In order for a teacher to participate in the program they are required to go through a training session to handle the eggs. But in this case, I will be handling the eggs/fish.

T.I.C. cont.....

Also, If you would like to be involved the trout releases we do with the school, let me know and I will add you to my team list. We work with several schools and you can assist in all or just a few of the releases.

Hope to hear from some on your new club members.

Melinda Burns

Tíghtlínes,

*Melínda C. Burns Membership Chair/TIC Chair/FFI Liaison* 

### **Fish Tales**

### 3" Trophy

### By Larry Behm

Brian Mayer and I went fishing on the East Fork San Gabriel River on Tuesday, Jan 19. We knew there would be wind, but we didn't appreciate how strong the Santa Ana event would be. Our little outing turned into a day of casting challenges.

We probably should have turned around at the parking lot, when shortly after arriving a pair of tennis shoes blew past us! But we had driven all the way up the hill, we might as well go see if the wind down at the river was better than up on the ridge line.

The river flow was low, as expected for this time year, and clear. We spent our time prospecting the deeper holes with dry-dropper rigs. There was an alluring hole every 75 feet or so. We leap-frogged our way up stream for about 3 hours, thinking that we would catch a fish at the next hole. At every cast we learned new ways to push the line forward against 30-35 mph headwinds. The wind was strong enough to bend my 5wt rod, just standing still.

EMPRE SPACE. STORIES NEEDED!

## Flies that keep on giving!

# **By John Williams**

Fish eat everything including loose eggs from reds, in fact that is how many species of fish survive by holding just down stream from spawners. I do not fish the reds but down stream from the reds is fair game. This fly has great results.

### **Clown Egg**



Hook:	Owner SSW Bait Hook Size 6
Thread:	UTC 70 Red
Yarn:	Egg Yarn; Orange, Cerise, Oregon Cheese, Flesh
Cement:	Gel Super Glue

Place the hook in the vice. At the center point of the shank smear a slight amount of super glue and start your thread and make several wraps to make a firm base. Cut a 11/4" piece of each color of yarn three or four to you're liking and lay them together side by side. Lay them on top of the shank where you have made the thread base and make several wraps of thread to secure them in the center of the yarn. Move the thread to the base and make three wraps at the base of the yarn and lift the yarn and whip finish the thread on the shank. Smear an ever so slight amount of super glue to the thread and remove from vice and let dry. After the glue is dry pick up the fly and hold by the hook and coax the yarn tightly to straight up and pinch with your thumb and fore finger and trim in an arch around your finger tips. Let go of the yarn and trim any wild fibers. The yarn with fluff to a near ball shape. Easy to tie and quite effective. I have tied this with as many as four colors and they work.

Tight Lines Friends,

John

### **FFCOC Leadership**

### Mission:

Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

Disseminate to the public the Results of the Club's Efforts

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

To **ACHIEVE** this the Club conducts various meetings, events and outings as documented in this newsletter.

**MEMBERSHIP** is open to all. If interested, contact one of the board members or come to one of the club meetings.

### **Board of Directors and Activity Leaders**

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Newport Beach, CA 92663

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Saturday 9am - 6 pm

Phone: 949 548-9449

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