

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

February, 2011

Club Meeting:

Monday, February 07, 2011
6:00 pm - Wet Fly
7:00 pm - Dinner
Dinner and Program - \$25 Cash
Program Only - \$10 Cash
\$2 Fee for Credit Cards
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA

Board Meeting:

January 17, 2011
7:00 pm
First Baptist Church*

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The Bitterroot: A River for All Seasons with Phil Romans

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with Phil Romans

Many people believe that The Bitterroot Valley in western Montana is second to none in its beauty and easy accessibility, and the river with that name is a major attraction for fly fishers. At our February meeting, we are going to learn a little of the history of this area and why it may be a good idea to explore the Bitterroot River and discover its many nuances as it flows from Painted Rocks Dam (The West Fork), and Sula (The East Fork) to become the "Root". Including these two rivers, there is a total of 140 miles of water. We will learn about the hatches from season to season and the advantages this river has over many others, most noticeably the access and the fact that the Bitterroot is wadeable (excluding runoff) throughout the entire year.

Our guide for this journey is Phil Romans, a former member and president of Wilderness Fly Fishers. But don't think that living for a while in southern California has limited Phil's knowledge of his favorite watershed. Phil has been a fly fishing guide on the Bitterroot River for 16 years and has been spending time there even longer. And for the last decade, he has been a

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permanent resident of Hamilton, Montana.

Phil was born in Massachusetts and began fishing at the tender age of six. That was after filling two metal "Prince Albert" boxes with worms from the horse manure pile in the back yard on a farm in Nova Scotia where he spent many summers. Often he and his dad headed to the local creek on his grandfather's farm to fill their wicker creel with brook trout. He barely made it through high school because he went fishing more often than he went to school. He was given a pass at the age of 17½ to go into the Air Force in 1962.

After surviving a plane crash in Viet Nam, Phil began to take the gift of life a little more seriously. But he still went fishing. In fact, the only time Phil did not fish in his 66 years was during his time in the service. After completing college in Los Angeles, Phil became a teacher, principal and an administrator in the downtown office of the Los Angeles Unified School District, overseeing the Behavioral Support Office with a caseload of 82,000 kids. He learned the importance of an education and spent most of his working life with kids

who had difficulties dealing with school.

During this time, Phil was introduced to fly fishing in Montana on such rivers as the Henry's Fork, the Madison, Slough Creek and other rivers in Yellowstone Park. He spent all of his summers there and all the rest of his free time fishing wherever he could. He has been very active in the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), Cal Trout and Trout Unlimited (TU). He held many offices, including the 1982 Presidency of Wilderness Fly Fishers. Phil retired from LAUSD in 2002 and decided to devote as much of his time as possible to full time fly fishing.

Phil has been an independent guide on the Bitterroot River since 1994 and was instrumental in starting a new fishing club, *Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot*. He was president of the organization for its first two years, with the club currently comprised of more than 110 members.

He and his wife Dorreen (who will be with Phil at our meeting) began the *Bitterroot River Cleanup* in 2004, which still goes on each year in September. For their work on behalf of the Bitterroot River, Phil and Dorreen were awarded the Lew Jewett Award from the FFF for their conservation efforts. For five years,

Phil ran the "Bitterroot Buggers," a class for kids from nine to fifteen years-of-age to teach the arts and skills of fly fishing, and still teaches a yearly adult class in May for beginner and intermediate fly fishers. He runs day clinics each year on casting, rowing rivers, fly tying, streamside courtesy and other subjects related to fly fishing. Phil is very active in the Bitterroot Chapter of Trout Unlimited and, with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and TU, is currently working on a safe passage through a diversion dam on the Bitterroot.

One of his favorite Bitterroot accomplishments is having caught fish each month of the year on dry flies and, most recently, catching two nice cut-throat trout on January 1st using hoppers.

If you missed last month's speaker, please do not miss February's speaker, Phil Romans. Phil is a very good speaker and another guru on Montana's great fishery. I hope to see you there... and remember to pursue your fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

President's Message

By Richard Fanning

The new year is off and running! Water conditions on western streams and lakes promise to be good with all of the rain we've had so far. It's a good time to review your fishing and travel plans for the year.

The club will again be offering a full slate of activities for members this year. The January club meeting was a big success with the talk by Mike Lawson. His years of fishing, guiding and lodge operations were apparent in his lecture. His presentation of the major insects and flies to match should help all of us to pick effective patterns when fishing western waters.

Our slate of speakers continues this month with Phil Romans speaking about the Bitterroot River. Joannie and I had a chance to fish this river a couple of years ago. Our guide was a friend I had worked with a number of years ago. It's a beautiful river. Highly recommended, but do your homework on when to go and how to fish it.

Our slate of trips is getting started in January with a trip to the West Fork of the San Gabriel. As of the time of the board meeting we have 11 relatively new fly fishers and 8 experienced club members signed up. The goal of this trip is for more the experienced fly fishers to share their knowledge on the water. We can use additional help so call Melinda Burns if you can help.

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We are planning a new round of Fly Tying Classes. You will find an article in this newsletter describing beginner, intermediate and advanced classes. Your feedback is needed so we can gauge interest and adjust the plan to match.

Last year we transitioned to our new web site. In spite of a few surprises, it's working well and offers the base to establish a very helpful tool for club members. We are planning on adding Forums to the web site to allow members to coordinate trips and communicate trip results. We have a great amount of knowledge about fishing locations and how to fish them. The goal of the forums is to facilitate sharing with others. To make it work well we need your inputs and suggestions. More information will be in future newsletters.

Be well, fish on!

Richard Fanning

2011 Speakers List

By Andy Frumento

Date	Day	Speaker	Topic
February 7, 2011	1st Monday	Phil Romans	"The Bitterroot"
March 7, 2011	1st Monday	Landon Mayer	"Sight Fishing For Trout"
April 11, 2011	2nd Monday	Jim McLennan	"Fly Fishing Alberta"
May 9, 2011	2nd Monday	Marlon Rampy	"Southern Oregon"
June 6, 2011	1st Monday	Kirk Deeter	"The State of the Industry"
July 11, 2011	2nd Monday	Charles Jardine	"Soft Hackles: Legend & Living"
August 8, 2011	2nd Monday	Al Quattrocchi	"Calico On The Rocks"
September 12, 2011	1st Monday		FFCOC AUCTION
October 10, 2011	2nd Monday	Tom Pero	"The Magic Language Of Flyfishing"
November 7, 2011	1st Monday	Peter Piconi	"Cajun Redfish"
December 12, 2011	2nd Monday	Christmas... TBA	

Fly Fishing Show **Free Admission and Parking** **for Participating Club Members**

By Richard Fanning

The club plans on staffing a booth at The Fly Fishing Show In Pasadena on February 19 & 20, 2011. Our goal is to advertise the club and seek new members.

The shows are both good ways to find out what is happening in fly fishing, see or buy new equipment and learn about fly fishing destinations. They offer classes and opportunities to meet other fly fishers. Participation is highly recommended.

The club needs members to help in our booths. If you staff one of the booths for ½ day, the club will pay for your admission and parking.

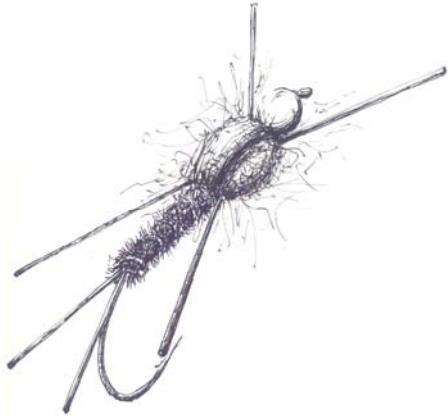
Please contact Richard Fanning to sign up or sign up at upcoming club meetings

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

Again I find myself with a decision of what to throw to those big trout that seem to evade me on occasion. This was a recommendation from a friend who has caught several in the size range twenty and above. This is an Orvis pattern.

Twenty Incher



Hook: #10 Nymph Hook (standard Length)
Thread: 6/0 Tan
Bead: 1/8" Gold Tungsten
Tail & Legs: Small Brown Round Rubber legs
Rib: Amber Medium wire
Abdomen: Peacock Herl
Thorax: Sparkle Hares Ear Dubbing
Wing case: Turkey Feather

Slide the bead on the hook small side hole first. Start the thread at the eye and trap the Amber rib wire as you run the thread to the top of the bend. Tie in a piece of Rubber Leg material at the bend and fold in half and secure with a few wraps of thread. Tie in three strands of peacock Herl and wrap forward to the 1/2 point forward. Counter wrap the wire over the peacock to trap and form a rib. Tie in the Turkey feather piece and let it lie to the rear for now. Tie in the legs a piece on either side of the shank at the 2/3 forward point. Dab the Thorax with Sparkle hares ear dubbing. Fold the Turkey feather piece over the dubbed thorax and tin in just behind the bead. Whip finish and apply head cement to the wing case and just behind the bead at the tie off point.

Head to the dark deep water your afraid to loose a fly in.

Tight Lines,
John

FLY TYING CLASSES – Fly Fishing Club of Orange County - 2011

The Fly Fishing Club of Orange County is offering to its members a variety of fly tying classes. Are you tired of going to the fly shop to purchase flies every time you go fishing? Do you ever want to buy a “special” fly that works miracles on rivers only to find that fly shops don’t offer that fly. Do you want to add another level to your fly fishing experiences? Do you need help in demystifying our local fly shops?

The FFCOC is putting together fly tying classes that will meet your fly tying needs. If enough members are interested, the club will offer beginning, intermediate and/or advanced fly tying classes. These classes will be one night a week and will run approximately six weeks. For the beginning classes we have a limited number of vices available for use during the class, but if you can borrow/buy a vice, you will be able to practice your tying at home. The FFCOC will furnish all of the tying materials. You will learn how to handle various feathers, hair, synthetics and hackles as well as learning how to spot good/bad materials. Proportions, size and color will also be on the agenda. You will be learning approximately one fly a night. This will give you the opportunity to tie the same fly several times. The classes will run from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We are currently working on hosting these classes at the new REI store in the Tustin Ranch Market, off the 5 Freeway at Jamboree. Each class will be limited to six students. If there is enough interest, two of our tyers have offered to teach the beginning class. For those of you who have fly tying experience, an intermediate/advanced class will be offered.

If you are interested in taking the FFCOC fly tying class, please send an e-mail to Melinda Burns at mell1755@pacbell.net or just put your name on the sign-up sheet at the February club meeting. Please indicate whether you are interested in the beginning or intermediate/advanced class. There will be no charge for these classes.

2011 Outings Plan

By Rick Umbarger

Outings Chairperson, Rick Umbarger, has released the initial draft outings plan for 2011.

Date	Location	Streamkeeper	Phone #
January 29	San Gabriel River	Melinda Burns	
February 26	Laguna Niguel Park Lake	Lyman Kennedy	
March 5 or 19 (tbd)	Saltwater Surf Fishing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
April 23	Casting Clinic	Van Lloyd	
April 16	Pyramid Lake	Rick Umbarger	714 222-9963
May	East Walker River	Rick Umbarger	714 222-9963
June	Monanche Meadows	Curt Clark	714 639-9927
June	Fish Creek	Bryan Mayer	562 619-9169
July 15-18	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	909 598-7905
July 23-30	Dillon, Montana	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370
July 30 - August 6			
September	Green River, Utah	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
October	Kings Canyon Camping	Rick Umbarger	714 222-9963
November 4-6	President's Outing	Richard Fanning	714 671-1370
December	Happy Holidays!		

Laguna Niguel Outting February 26th 2011

LAGUNA NIGUEL OUTING is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th. The lake has been stocking regularly to date and there have been some very large trout to 16 pounds caught there this season. The cost to fish the lake is \$20; the cost to launch a float tube with fishing permit is \$35. Boat rentals are \$10 an hour or \$25 for five hours. Fishing Laguna Niguel Lake is a good opportunity to hone your streamer or midging skills for Crowley or other still waters. If you are a novice and want to try still water fishing, there are experienced club fishermen who will help you out. There will be a sign up sheet with information at the February meeting. If you have questions you can call **Lyman Kennedy at 714 742-5865** or **email at: lkennedyjr@earthlink.net**.

Surf Fishing March 5th or 19th (TBD) 2011

Jim Edwards has agreed to host a club outing to fish the local surf in March (date tbd). Participants are to meet the group at 8am within Huntington State Beach. To get there, enter the state beach at Magnolia and Pacific Coast Highway. Then go south in the parking lot until you are parallel to the Brookhurst and PCH intersection. We will meet there, gear up and hit the surf.

Be sure to dress warm and bring your waders, boots and a good wind/water proof jacket to put on when you get there. Fishing equipment should include 7 to 10 wt rods, a stripping basket and a sinking shooting head on running line of an integrated sinking line of appropriate weight for the rod you are using.

Flys that typically work well include:

Olive/white Clouser, Tan/white Clouser, Chartruse/white Clousers size 1 to 4

Sand crab patterns, size 2 and 4

Gracie's Shrimp

Call **Jim Edwards** for more information or to let him know you plan on attending. He can be reached at **714 337-5899**.

**The Beaverhead, Ruby, Jefferson, Big Hole,
and Madison Rivers
and Clark Canyon Reservoir
July 23 – July 30, 2011
July 30 – August 6
Fish the rivers of Southwestern Montana**

This will be the fourth time for this trip. Past participants have had a great time, excellent fishing and good food. This time we will be going a little later in the season. There has been great fishing this time of year for the past 2 years. We are reducing the group size due to availability of lodging at the Big Trout Ranch and are adding a second week to accommodate the same number of people as before.

4 guided days fishing with a partner, including flies

2 days open for fishing at Big Trout Ranch, an unguided fishing location of your choice, local sightseeing or just relaxing (additional guided days available at extra cost)

7 nights lodging and meals

Group size of 6 to 8 depending on sleeping requirements

Choice of Week 1 (July 23 thru July 30) or Week

2 (July 30 thru August 6) based on availability

Not included: Transportation, Fishing License, Tips, Admission Fees, etc.

This trip is being planned to accommodate 6 to 8 participants each week at \$1650 per person. There also may be some limited availability for non-fishing attendees at a cost to cover lodging and food.

For more information or to sign up, contact
Richard Fanning,

714 671-1370, or rkfanning@aol.com

There will be a sign up sheet at upcoming FFCOC meetings.

Tentatively all spots are filled. A waiting list will be made available for signup at the February 7th meeting.

**Mentor Outting
Saturday, Jan 29, 2011
West Fork San Gabriel River
7:30am – 4:00 pm
Lunch: Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided by the club.**

Notes: We will be meeting at the “Jack in the Box ” located at 126 Azusa Ave in Azusa, CA at 7:30 am. We will then caravan up the hill to the West Fork parking lot. We will then shuttle members in groups (carpool)up the service road to the Pasadena Bait Club House. Larry Carroll of the Pasadena Bait Club has volunteered to escort us on the service road so we do not have to hike up the river and which in turn will provide us with more on the river time. (Please be sure to thank him for taking out time to help our club with our outing.)

There we will go over basics of this particular river and mentees will be paired up with a mentor. Groups will then be dispersed out on the river to experience fly fishing this wonderful little river. We will then reconvene at the Pasadena Bait Club House at 12:00 pm for lunch and to share our experiences, recommendations and bragging rights. We will then go back out on the river for a couple more hours of fishing. Meet back at the Club House at 3:30 pm to be shuttled back to the parking lot.

Before leaving this outing, I will ask you to fill out a questionnaire to provide the club with feedback on this outing.

Bring:

2011 Fishing License

Fly Rod/Reel/Flies/Waders/Wading Staff (If you do not have any equipment, please call me to make arrangements for loaner equipment and gear)

Layered Clothing , be prepared for rain.

Bring your lunch in a pack of some sort.

Plenty of Water

Insect repellent

Hat

Sunscreen

Camera

If you should have any question, please call or email
Melinda Burns (Streamkeeper) at
mel11755@pacbell.net or 951-415-9920

**FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Deliver at Club meeting or Mail to:

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County
P.O. Box 23005, Santa Ana, CA 92711-3005
Attention: Membership Committee

Please Print

Regular Member(s) *(age 16 and over)* **Fee \$35.00**

Name: _____

Associate Member *(Spouse and/or children age 15 and under, membership paid by Regular Member)* **:No Fee**

Spouse: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

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Junior Members *(age 15 and under, membership paid by applicant listed below)* **:Fee \$35.00**

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Life Member :No Fee

Name: _____

Honorary Member :No Fee

Name: _____

Member: New _____ Renewal _____ If there are No Changes since last year mark here: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____
(optional)

May we e-mail your Newsletter? No____ Yes____

email address _____

How did you learn of the Club? (New members): Website____ , Club Newsletter____ , Member____ ,

Brochure____ , Federation of Fly Fishers____ , Newspaper____

Membership Fees:

Active Membership Regular or Junior Member \$35.00

Dues for applicants elected to membership after October 1 shall be considered paid for the following membership year.

Attached is my total remittance of \$_____ which covers dues of \$35.00 for the current year plus donations listed below. If I am elected to membership in the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County, I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Constitution and Bylaws of the Club. *Make check payable to FFCOC or insert Visa/Mastercard (only) info below.*

By paying your dues and becoming a member of the FFCOC, you are authorizing the Club to provide your contact information from our Member Directory to those speakers and vendors who make donations to our club.

Initial here:

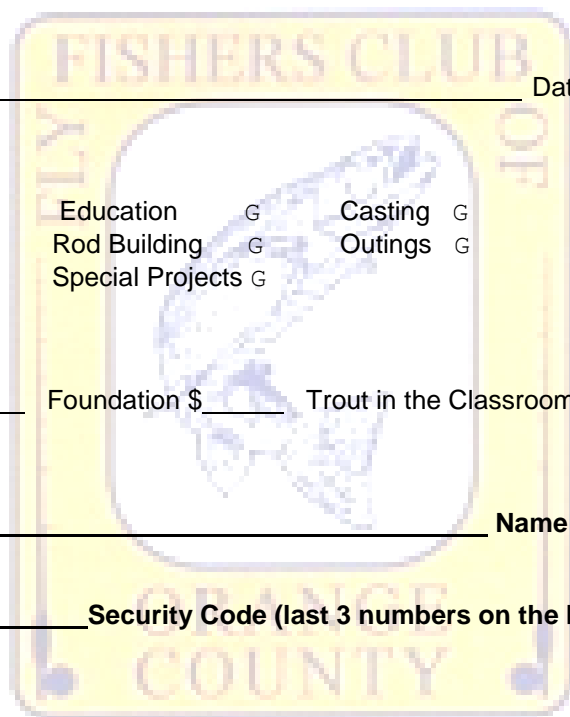
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Interested in: Conservation G Education G Casting G Casting Instruction G
 Fly Tying G Rod Building G Outings G Mentor Program G
 Stream Keeper G Special Projects G

Donations: Conservation \$_____ Foundation \$_____ Trout in the Classroom \$_____ Wounded Warrior \$_____

Visa/Mastercard Card Number: _____ **Name on Card** _____

Expiration. Date: _____ **Security Code (last 3 numbers on the back of card)** _____



Membership/Treasurer Only

Application Received: _____ Total Received: \$ _____ Processed CC: _____

Entered in Database: _____ Mug/Name tag/Patch: _____

Free FLY CASTING CLINIC

Presented by

Fly Fishing Club of Orange County

April 23, 2011

Mile Square Park, Shelter 1, Fountain Valley CA

What? Free *Fly Casting Instruction* – *The Basics of Fly Casting* taught by *Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Fly Casting Instructors* and others, with benefits for ALL levels of fishing experience.
Free *Knot Tying Demonstration* – Learn the basics of assembling fly casting lines
Free Barbecue Lunch
Open to the general public - Get to know other fly fishing enthusiasts

When? *Saturday April 23rd starting promptly at 8:00 a.m. ending at noon*

Where? *Mile Square Park* – Shelter 1 at the South Pond
Directions from southbound Interstate 405 - Exit Warner Avenue and travel east to Euclid Street (about 1¾ mile), turn left on Euclid Street, turn left into first park entrance (there is a \$5.00 parking fee). Shelter 1 is at the pond just past this entrance.
Directions from northbound Interstate 405 - Exit Euclid Street and turn left at signal traveling north on Euclid past Warner Avenue (about 1 mile) , turn left into first park entrance (there is a \$5.00 parking fee). Shelter 1 is at the pond just past this entrance.

What should you bring?
Fly fishing rod, reel, line and leader if you have it (a limited number of fly rods will be available for public use); sun screen and hat; and sun glasses or other eye protection.

How do I RSVP?

Although the casting clinic is free and open to the general public **you must RSVP to attend**. *No children will be allowed without direct adult supervision*. To RSVP or for more information contact FFCOC member **Van Lloyd** at vlloyd@earthlink.net or call (949) 307-6873. It is important to sign up as soon as possible because space is limited.

What is the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County?

The *Fly Fishers Club of Orange County* was founded in 1966 to further the sport of fly fishing and to provide a meeting function for area residents interested in the sport. When founded there were three goals in mind that the club wanted to achieve.

Educating the public

Conserving the fisheries, and

Contributing its resources in order to make fly fishing enjoyable and available to everyone.

Learn about us at <http://www.ffcoc.org>

Women's Fly Fishing School

Saturday April 16, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pasadena Casting Clubhouse Pond

Freedom on the River

with Lynda McLennan

Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn with international fly fishing expert Lynda McLennan. This school is designed for women who are beginners or women who would like to review or improve their fly fishing skills. For more information go to the FFCOC web site <http://www.ffcoc.org>. Enroll early—space is limited.



More Fishing Waters Found in Southern Utah

By John Williams

For years I have traveled from Southern California, north to Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, in search of secluded streams a plenty. I wish I had known they were fourteen hours closer. A few years ago I was searching the internet and came across Boulder Mountain as a place to fish in Southern Utah. After researching guides in the area, I hired Mike James of The Quiet Fly Fisher to get my feet wet. Mike is a guide with great skills, great fishing knowledge, but definitely a rough ride to his office (Boulder Mountain); something has to keep out the crowds. Offroading is fun but not with my truck on those roads.

Earlier this year I gave Mike James another call when my son-in-law Donovan suggested he wanted to learn fly fishing. I gave Donovan an initial lesson on a local stream to start him on the correct direction casting. When talking to Mike, I told of my son-in-law's lack of experience and booked two days of guiding for him and me. Mike suggested it was a good idea to start him on some of the lakes that were fishing well. Mike's charge was to get Donovan into some fish and not worry about me. We started near the summit at 11,000 feet and hit a lake with only a short walk down to its clear waters. Mike rigged Donovan's rod using a floating line and a bead head Printz nymph. Donovan's limited casting ability didn't hinder him at all as he lit up with the landing of his first grayling. We saw allot of water the first day and we both caught rainbows, cutthroat, brown's, brookie's and grayling mostly with the same bead head nymph. I told Donovan over dinner, it was a great day, better than most days fishing, and we might not do any better tomorrow. I didn't want his expectations to be over inflated.

Day two started with another great breakfast at the Country Café in downtown Loa. Let's get this straight now, Loa is a small town surrounded by many small towns. The nice thing about small towns is the out of the way eateries and great home cooking served by friendly people. Did I forget to tell you the pies are superb if you have room after dinner?

Mike picked us up at the motel and we headed in a totally different direction than the previous day which puzzled me, but I kept my thoughts to myself. Our first stop was an impoundment and didn't look like a place I would choose on my own. We geared up as Mike told us about the large brown trout's travel patterns. He said the fish cruise up and down in low light conditions so he took Donovan down the lake to have a look see. I headed in the opposite direction and found a point that looked promising. I cast seventy feet out and began to strip line in.

To my amazement, three 20+ inch fish cruised within twenty feet of my location. I stripped line in an effort to get the fly in front of them but only managed to spook them.

Mike and Donovan returned and Mike suggested it was getting to light to hook them so we headed to a stream about a half hour away. We arrived at the small stream and caught cutthroat using a small hopper pattern. Mike encouraged us to stop for lunch so we grabbed a burger at a local restaurant then headed back to Boulder Mountain. This time we headed up a different road than before. The mountain has several ways up and close to eighty lakes. We stopped at the trail head to get our gear sorted out. Mike suggested we pack light, bring enough water, and a snack. I pared down from my vest and used just a lanyard and one fly box full of an assortment of dries and nymphs. Mike and my son-in-law are in their thirties. I, on the other hand have seen sixty pass by a few years ago and could lose a few pounds. I thought Mike and Donovan had conspired to kill me with a strenuous hike after lunch and wish now that I had skipped the burger and fries. Wow, I made it after several stops to gasp for air and slow down my pounding heart!

The first small lake we stopped at held tiger trout which are spectacular because of the markings on their backs and their orange colored bellies. We caught several fish each and Mike suggested we head to another lake where the fish are larger. I knew this was again another attempt on my life, but it turned out to be a relatively easy hike compared to the ball buster I survived earlier. This second lake was pristine and primeval because it looked as if it had never been visited by man. The over grown trees and weeded bottom appeared to magically hold rising fish of much greater size. The dark green open water pockets were only available by a long roll cast because of the foliage and a damsel fly offering to these Wiley beauties. After an hour of pure catch and release pleasure and magnificent tiger trout, Mike suggested we head down the mountain before it got dark because we had a good strenuous hike before us. I asked for just one more cast as we all do, and it yielded yet another finish to a perfect day I will remember for the rest of my life. We made it back to the truck where we all drowned our thirst with plenty of water.

Mike had been bragging about a restaurant called Café Diablo in Torrey the entire trip. I suggested he join us for a dinner there on us. I don't tout restaurants often but this is not just another home town eatery. It has a south western menu of superb quality that is worth a nine hour drive. We all ordered a different dish so that we could sample each others' and all were quite savory. I definitely will be back again to fish this mountain and enjoy this guide with a quiet manner and so many diverse locations to choose from. Mike James (The Quiet Fly Fisher) has cut my driving to a minimum and increased the pleasure of being with a person of his caliber.

Location: Loa, Wayne County, South West Utah, along State Route 24.

When: Season runs from April 1st through November 15th. The availability of good fishing water depends of the weather. Loa sits at 7,000 foot elevation and the top of Boulder Mountain is 11,300 approximately. The fishing can be slow in the valley and great on the mountain or just the reverse, contact Mike James.

From Los Angeles, California: 579.0 miles, 9 hours.

From Salt Lake City, Utah: 193.9 miles, 3.4 hours

From Denver, Colorado: 464.6 miles, 7 hours

Nonresident license: \$32/7 day, Nonresident \$70/annual

Guide: Mike James is the owner of The Quiet Fly Fisher located in Loa, Utah.

To contact Mike James: www.quietflyfisher.com phone 435-616-2319

Country Café, Loa Utah 435-836-2047 good home cooking with friendly people.

Café Diablo, Torrey Utah 435-425-3070

superb southwestern menu, nice atmosphere with a friendly staff, worth a trip by it's self. Very reasonable prices for what you get. Torrey is about a twelve minute drive from Loa.

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

The **PURPOSE** of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is to:

- 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 meetings.

Meeting Locations:

Phoenix Club:
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA

First Baptist Church of Irvine/
Tustin:
2472 Walnut Avenue
Tustin, CA

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