

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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Club Meeting:

Monday, April 11, 2011
6:00 pm - Wet Fly
7:00 pm - Dinner
Dinner and Program - \$25 Cash
Program Only - \$10 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards
Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA

Board Meeting:

April 18, 2011
7:00 pm
Cross Roads Church*

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Fly Fishing Alberta – The Bow River & Beyond with Jim McLennan

A true mecca for fly fishing is the western Canadian province of Alberta. Not only is it filled with natural beauty of the majestic Rocky Mountains, sweeping forests and serpentine crystal rivers and streams, but those rivers and streams are filled with powerful, wild fish that will devour man-made flies. The most famous river in the region is the Bow, but in addition to it, you can find dozens of other high-quality streams, including the Crowsnest, the Oldman and many others that are “off the radar screen” of most fly fishers.

Our guide on this journey is Jim McLennan, an Alberta native and one of the first fly fishing guides on the Bow, as well as a former co-

owner of Country Pleasures, Calgary's first fly fishing store. It was Jim who introduced such people as Lefty Kreh, A.J. McClane and Earnest Schwiebert to the beauty and excitement of the Bow.

Jim has written four books, starting with **Blue Ribbon Bow** in 1987, then **Trout Streams of Alberta** published in 1996, **Fly Fishing Western Trout Streams** in 2003 and his latest, **Water Marks** which came out in 2008. This latest book is a collection of his best magazine stories between 1981 and 2007 and has been highly praised by reviewers and readers alike. Jim's name appears on the masthead of four outdoor magazines, *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Fusion*, *The Canadian Fly Fisher* and *Outdoor Canada*. His writing and photographs appear frequently in magazines around the world, including the literary icon, *Gray's Sporting Journal*.

Jim lives with his wife Lynda in Longview, Alberta where he splits time between fishing, hunting, writing and playing music. Lynda, an accomplished fly fisher and fly fishing instructor in her own right, will be with Jim during their SoCal visit, and, in fact, is conducting an all-women's' fly fishing clinic at the Pasadena Casting Pond on Saturday, April 16th. There is more information about the clinic inside this newsletter.

For more information about Jim, Lynda and all they do, please go to: www.mclennanflyfishing.com
Please join Jim McLennan as he takes us down the Bow River and beyond.... and remember to pursue your fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

President's Message

"If You Don't Have Habitat, You Don't Have Wildlife"

By Richard Fanning

I listen to NPR (specifically KPCC) a lot these days. It has fair and honest reporting on all kinds of topics. One topic a few weeks included a segment about the book, "War In The Woods" by John Nores, a veteran California Game Warden. This book exposes the extent and devastation caused by illegal marijuana growers in California. This is a \$14 billion a year business employing up to 5000 people, just in California!

We should be concerned as citizens who respect the law. But there are some special reasons we should be concerned as fly fishers and lovers of the outdoors. First, there is the danger of going too far off the beaten trail. The book discusses how the gardeners of these "grows" are usually heavily armed and very motivated to protect their product. This poses significant risk to us as we pursue a favorite stream.

Second, these growers have no respect for the habitat they operate in. Their crop needs water so their gardens are always near sources of water. They frequently and illegally dam up streams and pollute them with fertilizers and insecticides, destroying the habitat and killing native species.

The Department of Fish and Game is the agency responsible for protecting our wildlife. Thus they have become the primary agency combating these illegal grows. Unfortunately the DF&G is way understaffed and game warden are way underpaid in comparison to other law enforcement personnel. They often operate alone many miles from help in very dangerous situations. Don't think this is just a problem in Northern California. It's a problem in all of our forests. For example, marijuana grows have been found in the San Bernardino National Forest.

The book references a good video, "Endangered Species, California Fish & Game Wardens." I highly recommend it. It's sponsored by many organizations including The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers and the Sierra Club. You can order a copy from Snow Goose Productions. (www.jamesswan.com/snowgoose/wardendoc.html)

The bottom line: We need to be respectful and thankful for the job our Game Wardens do. I think there is an opportunity for FFCOC to help. If you have ideas how, please speak up

Be well, fish on!

**FFCOC MOVES GENERAL MEETING
TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR 2012**

At the March 7, 2011 general meeting, it was decided by the Membership and Board members to change the FFCOC General Meeting from Monday to Wednesday night, starting in January 2012.

From January 2012 to November 2012 (10 months) the General Meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month. November and December meetings for 2012 will be on the first Wednesday of the month. Specific dates will be printed in our future newsletter.

Thank you for your support of this important change.

2011 Speakers List

By Andy Frumento

Date	Day	Speaker	Topic
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 Rumpy	"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	

Huntington Beach Surf Outing Report,

March 19, 2011

by Jim Edwards

It was a typical March afternoon, meaning overcast, windy with a front moving in. We were rigged up and on the water about 3:30 and spread out along the beach from Talbert channel on north. About 15 people showed up, including surf Guru Frank Selby, who happened to have the right fly to snare the only fish caught, a very nice halibut of about 20 inches. In all the excitement I've forgotten who caught it, but I do know that it was caught it on a chartreuse/white Clouser. Fishing continued until about 5:30, when the casting, wading and wind took it's toll and most called it a day. Rich Fanning and I went back out for about an hour for no fish. But we got some casting practice anyway!!



LAGUNA NIGUEL LAKE OUTING REPORT

Unfortunately due to bad weather , the original date for the outing had to be pushed back for one week and apparently that affected the plans of most of the people signed up for the outing. Out of the eighteen people signed up, only myself and Carl Thompson showed up at the lake. Even though the lake was somewhat crowded, the weather was beautiful and the fishing was very good. Carl and I both used the still water fishing method with

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2011 Outings Plan

By Rick Umbarger

Date	Location	Streamkeeper	Phone #
February 26	Laguna Niguel Park Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714-742-5865
March 19	Saltwater Surf Fishing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
April 23	Casting Clinic	Van Lloyd	949-307-6873
April 16 - 18	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright Rob Anderson (Guide)	714-679-6638 775-742-1754
May 14 - 15	East Walker River	Rick Umbarger Rob Anderson (Guide)	714-222-9963 775-742-1754
May 14	Tejon Ranch Little Lake	Lyman Kennedy	714-742-5865
June 24 - 26	Fish Creek	Jim Edwards	714-337-5899
July 15-18	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	909-598-7905
July 23-30 July 30 - August 6	Dillon, Montana	Richard Fanning	714-671-1370
August 19 * 21	Monache Meadows	Marvin Crocker	949-351-4700
September 17 or 24 (tbd)	Women's only Casting Clinic	Melinda Burns	951-451-9920
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 5 - 9	Trinity River Steelheading	Audrey Williams	714-427-5977

Trout in the Classroom

BOLSA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL

Sat 5 March 2011

Did you have fun today? *Heck, yeah! I liked going in the water w/the weighters (sic) b/c it felt weird, I felt like everything we learned in class was used today.* -Delijah M., student

Give a kid a pair of waders and a seine net and take her to a healthy trout stream, and you'll have a child dreaming of trout and mayflies the rest of her life! I'm an educator and a fly fisherman, and I believe that engaging young people in hands-on field science is the best way to ensure a well-educated and committed population that will fight to conserve our natural world. I refer back often to the comments I've collected over 11 years from students who've joined me on field trips because they validate that no matter how much the cost, *it's worth it*. Authentic real-world investigations such as the Trout in the Classroom project always drive the curriculum home: The joy on my students' faces reminds me why I teach.

On Saturday 5 March, we took a total of 46 youth--mostly high school science students from Bolsa Grande High School in Garden Grove--first to the Prado Wetlands Project near Corona for a presentation by Mr. Scott Nygren. Scott is a water quality expert, and his specialization is the artificial wetlands that naturally purify water from the Santa Ana River as it passes through this remarkable ecosystem. The students learned that cattails and

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Continued from page 4 Trout in the Classroom report.

bull rushes can biodegrade endocrine disruptors like the compounds found in birth control pills. These compounds are eliminated in urine, pass unaltered through secondary water treatment, and eventually are discharged into waterways, where they can negatively affect the reproductive cycles of amphibians. We were introduced to mule fat bushes, which provide shelter for the endangered Bell's Vireo, whose number of nesting pairs at Prado has increased from only 20 in the 1980s to over 500 today. We handled remnants of the invasive *Arundo donax* giant reed, and learned how it spreads by its underground rhizomes, and how the grass was intentionally introduced to the Santa Ana riparian habitat by well-meaning Army Corps of Engineers to stabilize the river banks...Whoops! Students picked up trash, including a vintage narrow-profile tire that must have been unearthed and washed downstream by the huge December floods.

At the Seven Oaks area, as we waited for our trout to become acclimated to additions of stream water added to their tank, we played in the snow--most of my students have never seen snow, so the day was full of new experiences for them! Mr. Steven Nakawatase, a FFCOC member, helped me teach students how to use seine nets, and students captured, identified, and released three golden stonefly nymphs, many mayfly nymphs, several cased caddis, and a magnificently ugly crane fly larva! We concluded that based on finding the stonefly nymphs, the water in the upper Santa Ana River is free of pollution, cold and highly oxygenated--perfect for out trout fry! Angelina Q., a senior, said in her written reflection, "I had fun today! My favorite part was when we got to release the trout and play in the snow...releasing the trout turned out to be a sentimental experience for me. I experienced the 'wilderness' today!"

Using the Santa Ana River as a release site makes sense: My students know the Santa Ana only as that dried-up, channelized, shopping cart-filled streambed that runs under the Orange Crush, not far from our school. *Oh, it's so pretty up here...I can't believe this is the same river that's back at home...*

I'm an educator. For me, success isn't measured by a standardized test score, or by the size of a paycheck; it's measured by the breadth of my students' smiles, and the depth of their learning. Thank you, FFCOC, for providing the support to make this trip happen for such a large group of deserving kids! You can bet that all trout have 46 new political allies!

THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS (SWC FFF)

An Evening With Joan Wulff



Photo courtesy of Royal Wulff Products website.

The SWC FFF is hosting the legendary Joan Wulff for an evening devoted to all things fly-fishing. Joan and her husband, Ted Rogowski, will fly from New York to Los Angeles where she will speak, answer questions, mingle with guests and talk fly-casting, fly-fishing, conservation and other aspects of the sport and her life.

When: Saturday, October 15, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Olympic Collection
11301 W Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Dinner: \$75 (\$750 for a table of 10)

Fund Raising: The dinner will benefit the work of the Southwest Council FFF. Funds will be raised through sponsorships, a raffle, auction and silent auction. One of the auction "items" is expected to be a private brunch with Joan on Sun., Oct. 16.

Sponsors: The Winston Rod Co. is donating a Special Joan Wulff edition rod for raffle. Other sponsor opportunities are available to help defray the cost of dinner, transportation and hotel accommodations.

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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. Join Lynda Saturday, April 16, for a day full of great information, learning and fun. Become an independent fly fisher.

Topics covered:

- *Fly Fishing Equipment and how to choose it*
- *Fly Casting tips and tricks*
- *Trout Food, including the 3 bugs you need to know about*
- *Reading Water - Where are the fish?*
- *Fishing techniques for dry flies, nymphs and streamers*

Fee:

\$60 (includes a catered lunch)

Location:

For directions to The Pasadena Casting Clubhouse and Pool visit www.pasadenacastingclub.org

To register for this event please contact:

Leigh Ann Swanson at (310)741---7645

or

lacraven22@hotmail.com

Space is limited

Please call today.

*Along with her husband Jim, **Lynda McLennan** operates McLennan Fly Fishing, a business dedicated to fly-fishing instruction. Lynda McLennan has fly-fished in her home province of Alberta since 1976 and has taught fly fishing since 1985. Though her home waters are in southern Alberta, she has fished many places in Western Canada and the U.S. and has twice sampled the trout streams of New Zealand. A natural teacher, with a university degree in the field of Education, Lynda credits much of her passion for fly fishing to the people from whom she has learned, including Joan Wulff, Lefty Kreh, Mel Krieger, and Ernest Schwiebert.*

*Find out more about **Lynda McLennan** by visiting www.mclennanflyfishing.com*

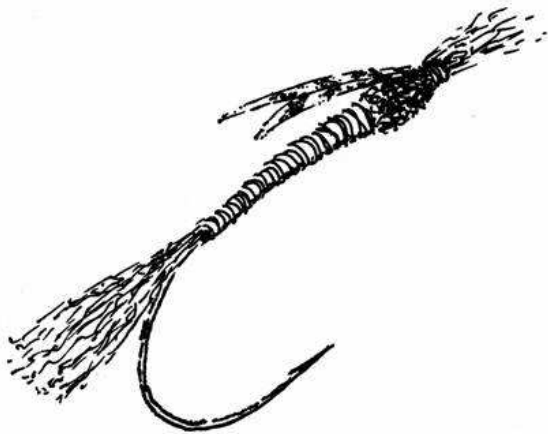
FLIES THAT KEEP ON GIVING

by John Williams

Dry fly fishing can be very rewarding and when the regulations require you to only use dries I try to ferret out the very best. For many years I have been fishing Hot Creek Ranch near Mammoth California and while tying with friends someone mentioned that this fly worked well on said ranch so here it is. I'm sorry I don't have the name but fish don't read labels either.

When I find out I will share the name with you.

Hook: Dry Fly #18 – 22



Thread: 8/0 Black

Tail: White Antron

Forward Wing: White Antron

Abdomen: Grizzly Quill Debarred

Thorax: Fine Waterproof Dubbing

Rear Wing: Grizzly feather Tip

Start your thread at the eye and then trap a piece of White Antron yarn laying it on top of the hook and letting it extend a 1/2 the hook gape beyond the bend and letting the front extend beyond the eye, you will cut it off later. Wrap the thread to the bend and tie in the Grizzly Quill tip first. Run the thread forward to the thorax region and then wrap the grizzly quill forward to the spot two head spaces behind the eye. Dub the thorax with WATERPROOF Black Dubbing. Tie in the grizzly tip letting the tip extend 2/3 down the shank to the rear. Whip finish a head and hook the big one.

I have not yet tried this fly but I have it on good authority that it works. I'll be trying it this year.
Tight Lines,
John

FLY TYING CLASSES

Fly Fishing Club of Orange County - 2011

For the beginners class 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.

For the intermediate and advanced class, there is going to be a series of flies I'm calling "Flies You Don't Want To Pay \$2 For." There are about a dozen of these flies. They tend to be small (usually between a size 16 and size 22) and are very easy and quick to tie. The flies in this series tend to be some of the most effective flies because they simulate the natural insect found in the fish diet.

There will also be a three fly set up that is a natural for the Kern River. The flies are a size 22 PMD emerger, a size 16 Caddis Nymph and a size 14 Stimulator.

Among the other flies that we are looking at tying is the M&M Caddis, a Kern River Royal Flush, a POP fly (Pheasant Tail - Ostrich - Peacock) that works anywhere, a Bead Head Pheasant Tail Flashback, a Shop Vac, a size 22 Trico (the dry fly variety) and some woven flies. If we get through these flies, we might look at some saltwater Deceivers and Clousers.



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AWARDS / RAFFLE:

Saturday Morning, May 21st from 10am - 12 pm at Peter Piconi's So Cal Fly Shop.
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Pyramid Lake NV April 15th to 18th



In what has become an annual event, this year's Pyramid Lake outing will be Friday-Monday, April 15th & 18th. After consulting with Rob Anderson from the Reno Fly Shop (now closed) we decided to make it a Sunday-Monday outing in an attempt to miss the bulk of the weekend crowd which usually clears out by Sunday afternoon.

If you have never done this trip before you are missing out on a chance to catch what may be the biggest trout of your life. The lake's native Lahontan Cutthroats *average* 3-5 pounds, with many fish pushing 10 pounds or more. If you are new to fly fishing the techniques are simple and easy to learn. We normally fish from ladders placed in the water at the proper distance from shore. There usually is nothing around you, but water. There is nothing to interfere with a back cast and nothing on the bottom to snag. You do not need to be a long distance caster as fish are sometimes hooked right at your feet.

Equipment that is appropriate for both kinds of fishing is usually two rods. A 5-6 weight rod with floating line for indicator fishing and a 7-8 weight rod for streamer fishing (a Rio DC 24ft. 250 to 300gr. line is perfect). I will provide a more extensive list of what to bring that includes equipment, lines, flies, leaders, tippet and clothing in an upcoming e-mail.

Daytime temperature will likely be around 50 degrees F. This is a very variable temperature as we have experienced 30-75 degree temperatures in past years. I am expecting (hoping for!) good weather as Punxsutawney Phil has predicted an early spring this year!

You make your own travel arrangements to Reno, fly or drive. It is best to arrive by Saturday (Friday if fishing on Saturday) to check in with our guide/host **Rob Anderson (775-742-1754) AND myself Jim Wright (714-679-6638)**. I will be staying at the **Silver Legacy Resort (1-800-687-8733)** in downtown Reno. Others have stayed the **Atlantis Casino (800-723-6500)**. Rob will be providing breakfast and lunch on Sunday and Monday, as well as step ladders to fish from. Cost of the trip is \$160 per person for both days of fishing. If you would like to join Rob and myself for a half day of guided fishing on Saturday the cost is a \$50 donation paid directly to the Club through me. I will e-mail a list of all attendees so you can communicate as to carpools, car rentals and lodging.

Monache Meadow August 19 - 21, 2011

Monache Meadow is a beautiful Sierra Nevada meadow at the 8000 foot level. The South Fork of the Kern River runs thru the meadow and there are fishing opportunities for both Golden and Brown Trout. Again this year the club is planning a trek there. This is a camping outing with nearest gas or hotel over two hours away. The fishing is mainly dry fly fishing in a open meadow or up river through a lightly forested area allowing easy access and casting. Experience has shown that fishing can be at its best early in the season and the plan is to make the trip as soon as the snow melts and the road is opened. The date for the trip is tentatively set for the weekend of June 4-7; it will be a Friday- Monday trip assuming good weather and the gate being open. Access to the Meadow is over a mild jeep trail, it requires a 4-wheel drive vehicle with moderate ground clearance. We're looking for club members willing to drive and take a couple of others with them. This is an excellent outing for beginners as it is not uncommon to have 30-fish days. This year the fishing should be excellent early season due to the amount of snow.

Those interested should contact the stream keeper Curt Clark at CURTCLARK9@YAHOO.COM or 714- 639-9927.

Marvin Cocker at 949-351-4700

My GPS track says the campsite is at
N36 14.266 OR GOOGLE EARTH 36 DEG 14' 18"
W118 11.205 OR GOOGLE EARTH 118 DEG 11' 13"

Here is a web site with good directions, map & GPS lat/lon way points for Monache Meadows.

<http://www.ucltd.com/MonacheTrail.pdf>

If you decide to go please email me and indicate whether you need a ride or can give one.

**Curtis W Clark
Marvin Crocker**



TEJON RANCH LITTLE LAKE SATURDAY MAY 14TH 2011

Little Tejon Lake is located on sprawling Tejon Ranch just over the grapevine (all the way down the other side) and is home to medium sized largemouth bass and bluegill. While the lake can be fished from shore, it fishes best from the water in a float tube, pontoon boat, kayak or canoe. The best fishing is usually early and late, so fishing until dark can be productive. There will be a porta-potty at the lake but otherwise you will need to be self contained

Equipment: While there are many bass specific fly rods, leaders and flies, you can get by with your equipment for trout, especially if you fish stillwaters. A 5 or 6 weight rod will handle all but the largest bass bugs, and for those flies, a 7 or 8 weight rod is necessary. If the bass are in the shallows, you can use a floating line, a sink-tip line or full sinking line from type I to type III. If the bass are out in deeper water you will need type III or heavier and on those occasions when bass are hiding out in deep water 20-30 feet, you will need 250-350 grain shooting head line (usually in the warmer months). A sink -tip line can be used to get flies down deeper than a floating line and can add diving/rising action to a bug

Leaders: Leader length is generally tapered 6 to 10 feet for floating presentations and straight or tapered 3 to 6 feet for sinking/sink-tip presentations. Leader/tippet size generally runs from 8-15 #.

Flies: You will want a couple surface oriented flies such as poppers (concave head that "pops" when twitched) or sliders (beveled head that "dives" when twitched) made from eight soft foam, a hard body, or deer hair. Go with the smaller sizes for this lake (size 6-10) since the bluegill surface bite is often as prevalent as the bass bite. Most of fishing will be subsurface and standard clousers and woolly buggers work well as do leech patterns (the Hale-Bobb Leech is a favorite here), and anything that looks like a worm (sizes 10-14). The Hornburg (size 12) seems to work well in the shallows. The more traditional black, purple, olive, and brown/cinnamon colors work well. Bass also frequently like bright colors such as chartreuse or orange. Having weed guards on a few flies can be handy when fishing weeds or trees/logs. Please consider debarbing hooks as lake is catch and release only

Strategy: Unlike trout which cruise around the lake looking for food, bass generally stake out a location and ambush their prey. Look for any structure you can find such as trees, stick ups (dead trees), drop-offs, rip-rap, weeds, fallen logs and rocks. This time of year (May) there are 3 easily identifiable areas with trees in the water: 1. right end of the dam which is to the left of our launch area, 2. far right corner of the lake viewed from launch area and 3. cove to the right of the launch. There are a few stick-ups in the right corner. Drop offs are subtle. The dam has rip-rap but falls off sharply. The shore where we launch has weeds. There are minimal rocks and logs at this lake.

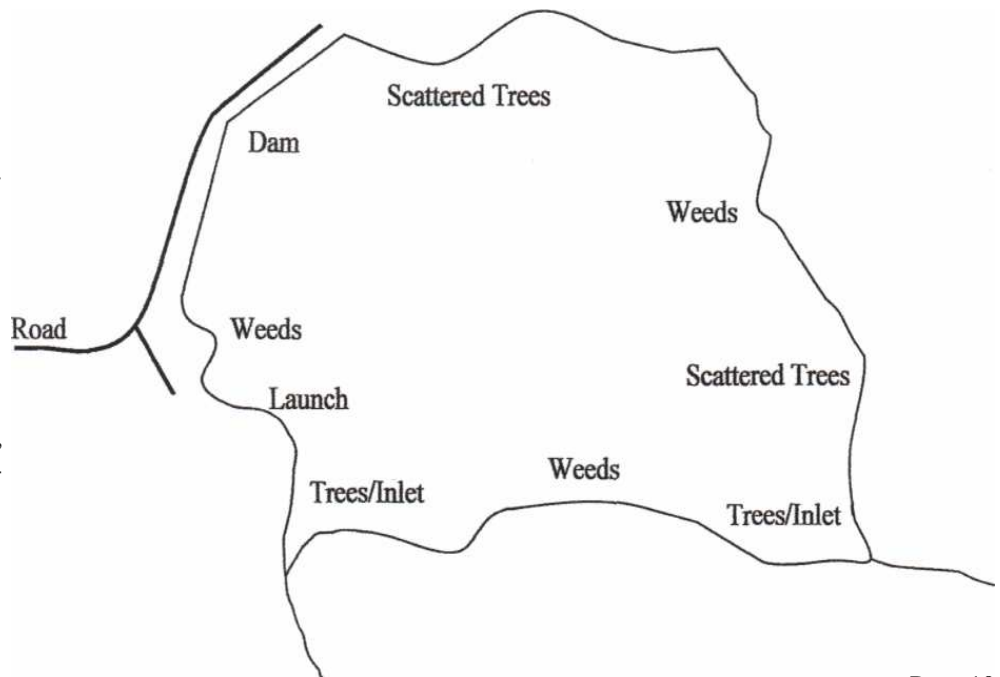
Early/late in the day: Throw your surface bug in any of the above spots and let it sit. And then let it sit some more. When you can't stand it anymore, give it a twitch and wait. Repeat.

Midday: Hopefully the bass have moved in close to start spawning. If so during midday, the best approach is to position yourself slightly offshore and cast back to shore in the shallower areas with a very slow retrieve (floating, sink-tip or full sink lines all work). Work your way around the shore. Generally the slower the better as bass don't like to chase things but rather they ambush them. For bluegills since they love structure, try close to the trees.

Suggested Items to Bring: Chair, Small table, Water bottles, extra water, drinks/cooler, Food for lunch and dinner if staying later, Sunscreen, Hat/sun gloves, Sunscreen, Rods: 5, 6 or 7 (8) for bass and 4 or 5 for bluegill, Lines: Floating, Intermediate, Sink Tip, Full sink (type 3-5) and/or shooting head 25-350 grain, Leaders/Tippet (8-15#), Split shot, Spiders Float tube/Pontoon Boat/ Kayak, Canoe..

Flies: Poppers/sliders in size 6-10, Leech pattern in size 10-14 (Hale-Bopp Leech, Mo-Hair, Marabou) in black, purple, olive, Small clousers (including chartreuse), Woolly buggers, Worm type flies, Small bait fish type flies, Hornburgs, Spiders

Streamkeeper: Lyman Kennedy
714 742-5865



Overlake Fly Fishing Club offers float trips in Alaska on the Alagnak River (This outing is approved by R. Fanning)

The Overlake Fly Fishing Club is trying to finalize their plans for 3 trips to Alaska this year. We've got two trips in June to the Alagnak and one trip to the Kanektok in August. The August trip is almost full, but we still have a couple of openings on all of the trips. These are club sponsored trips being offered by the Overlake Fly Fishing Club at a lower cost than is normally done, since they are being done by club members, at cost. No profits go to the club or the people doing the floats. We will have two Past Presidents, and one vice president doing the guiding and rowing (Joe and John Kristoff, and Dick Lange). The first trip in June on the Alagnak is a little longer (12 days on the water) than the second, and therefore we can lower the price on the second trip. Here are the costs of the trips, and the dates. If you ever wanted to go to a river where you have a good chance at catching a 10 pound rainbow and a 15 pound lake trout on a fly, the Alagnak is the trip you want to go on. If you want to go on a trip where the silvers are abundant, and the rainbow fishing is great - especially for the Leopard Rainbows, then the Kanektok River is the trip for you

The price for club members is the number after the C... If you wanted to go as a club member, you will need to send a membership application and the cost of membership to the OFFC. If you are interested in going as a club member, contact Dick Lange (akflyfisher) immediately and he can help set you up.

If you have any interest in joining John, Joe and Dick this year, please let us know as soon as you can. If we keep our costs down, we might be able to bring the Kanektok trip in under \$3000, and we will refund any money that is left after our trip expenses are covered.

This year is going to be another great year for the Alagnak, with a near record run of spawning salmon, and a really cold winter - the fish entered the fall fat, and had a lot to eat with all the eggs and flesh floating down the river this winter. With a cold winter - ice will come off the lake late, which means the fingerlings will not have started

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HOT CREEK RANCH OUTING

JULY 15-17, 2011

BY JOHN WILLIAMS



Hot Creek is a classic spring creek, Cold water seeps from eleven different fissure springs that make up the stream. Wild rainbow's and brown's are the main attraction that has drawn celebrities, statesmen and a group fly fisherman who love to fish the dry fly to trout with PhD's. Bring your best casting and a variety of small caddis, mayflies, midges, leave the stand over the fish method at home, they will teach you something if you listen to them. As Jim Edwards will show you, lying on your belly can be most effective at getting a close look at them and possibly catching a nice one.

- Hot Creek is a private ranch and we are paying guests, please abide by all the ranch rules or you will be asked to leave.
- Check in time is 4:00 p.m. on July 15 and not before!
- Check out time is 12 noon on July 17, you must be out of the cabin by noon but you may fish the ranch the rest of the day if you so choose. It is customary to leave a \$5 tip per person staying in the cabin for the cleaning staff.
- Dry fly fishing only, Catch and Release using barbless flies, No Wading.
- California fishing license required.
- The ranch has 9 housekeeping cabins with complete kitchens that contain microwave, stove/oven, pots and pans, silverware, dishes, and BBQ grill outside. Bring your own food Friday night, Satur-

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their run before we get their, so the fish will be very aggressive when it comes to finding food - and flies. The Kanektok had a bad storm roar thru last August, and even though the water went up a foot, it did relatively little damage to the spawning beds. The river had some great silver runs 3 years ago, so they are expecting a large number of silvers coming back this year. Joe's fly, the Silver Slayer, is one of the best silver flies we have ever fished with. The last four days on the river will be aimed at the silvers, while the first 8 days will be aimed at the Kanektok River's Leopard Rainbows, and its huge run of Arctic Char that will be in the river - from the confluence of the Klak, on down. They aggressively go for egg flies. Come on up and join us this year. It's a trip you won't forget. We'll fish till we drop, eat well, and we won't have to lie about the size of our fish. We'll take pictures and leave footprints and be dazzled by the beauty of our surroundings and the fish we will catch as we float quietly down the river, in search of wild rainbows...

June 7-18 Alagnak - \$2500 C - 2000 Rainbows and Grayling

June 18-26 Alagnak - \$2000 C - 1800 Rainbows and Grayling

Aug 19-29 The Silver River - the Kanektok - \$3000 Rainbows, Silvers, Grayling and Char.

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day breakfast and lunch, Sunday all meals, Monday breakfast and lunch.

- We will have a BBQ steak dinner on Saturday evening at 4:59 p.m. this will give us time for dinner and still time to catch the evening hatch or grab a cigar on the porch. Everyone is invited who is staying on the ranch and Kevin and his wife "the ranch managers" are our guests for dinner. Please be on time we will not hold you wait for you! Please bring your own silverware, plate, knife, fork, beverage of choice from your own cabin and remember to return it where you go it after dinner.
- Hot Creek Ranch website is www.hotcreekranch.com there is helpful information on the site.
- Productive flies on the ranch are: M&M caddis #18-20 tan, #10-14 hoppers, Parachute Adams #16-20, Brooks sprout midge #18-24, Black beetle #16, Red & black ant #18, Griffith gnat #20-22, CDC caddis #18, PMD #18-22, There is a fly shop on the ranch that is well equipped with flies, shirts terminal tackle, floatant.
- Equipment: 4-6 weight rods, afternoons tend to be windy, 9-15' leaders with 6x tippet works well.
- This is a demanding fishery that requires drag free drifts on a stream with many seams in the current. A helpful suggestion, practice you're casting and mending on moving water prior to this outing. There are many nice fish and I want you to catch your share.
- If you should have any question about this outing or any fly fishing related item please feel free to call me, John Williams at 951-236-0862 my cell phone.
- While at the ranch, please ask if you are having trouble catching fish, I or someone experienced will help you.

• Thank you for your compliance with the ranch rules



**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

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 sight-seeing 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

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. For more information or to sign up, contact **Richard Fanning**, 714 671-1370, or rkfanning@aol.com

Tentatively all spots are filled. A waiting list will be made available for signup.

**President's Outing Reservations
Time to Make Reservations Nov 4 - 5**

By Richard Fanning

The President's Outing is traditionally near the end of the year and is a celebration of all of the Club's event and activities held during the year. It's a time to talk to old friends and make new friends. There is good food and maybe something to wet your whistle.

Besides all of this there is fishing on the Kern River. The 2011 version of this trip will be the first weekend in November. The non-fishing events including a club sponsored dinner on Saturday night will be centered at the Sequoia Lodge in Kernville. Most of the participants on this trip will be staying Friday night (Nov 4) and Saturday night (Nov 5) at the Sequoia Lodge. So far members have reserved 8 rooms. More rooms are available but it is on a first-come first-served basis. My suggestion is to make your room reservations now to ensure you get one, and, please let me know too.. Here is the contact information:

Sequoia Lodge
16123 Sierra Way
Kernville, CA 93238
760 376-2535 , www.sequoialodge.net

Continued from page 5 Joan Wulff dinner event.

Background: Joan Wulff is one of the world's most famous fly fishers. From 1937 as an 11-year old tournament caster in Patterson, New Jersey to 1960, she won numerous International and National tournament casting titles. In 1951, she captured the Fisherman's Distance event while vying against an all-male line-up. Joan cast a fly 161-feet in one competition. Joan is the co-founder and chief instructor of the Wulff School of Fly Fishing in Lew Beach, New York. She has appeared in many fishing films and authored Joan Wulff's Fly Casting Techniques; Fly Fishing: Expert Advice from a Woman's Perspective and Fly Casting Accuracy. Her DVD, **Joan Wulff's Dynamics of Fly Casting**, is one of the most respected and the highest selling casting DVD ever produced.

Through promotion of catch and release, she has helped sport fishing be accepted as environmentally-sustainable. Both Joan and her late, legendary husband, Lee Wulff, have had a positive impact on fly-fishing.

SWC FFF: The Southwest Council Federation of Fly Fishers is composed of 23 individual clubs in Southern California and Southern Nevada. Funds from the dinner will be used to fund Trout in the Classroom, casting and fly tying programs and ongoing support for local clubs.

Tickets: The Southwest Council is expecting to host as many as 500 guests for this sit-down and presentation. In order to obtain preferred seats, FFCOC has committed to purchasing two tables of ten guests each. A signup sheet will be available at our regular meeting on April 11th. A deposit of \$37.50 is due to hold your spot. The FFCOC Board will allot seating choices based upon when you signup and pay the deposit. Make checks payable to FFCOC.

Marvin Crocker

Continued from page 3 Laguna Niguel Outing

indicator suspending two midge flies off of the bottom. The fish started biting early in the morning and the bite continued off and on throughout the day. The hot fly was a size 16 midge fly with black body and black bead head or dubbed head. The fish seemed to almost always go for the bottom fly suspended about four inches off the bottom. You had to be very attentive because often the takes were very subtle and easily missed. The largest fish will be the ones that have the softest takes, and in fact when I had one grab, it was so slow and soft, I almost didn't set the hook. But luckily I did because it turned out to be a 26 inch rainbow, much to large for my net. Carl had the hot stick for the day because he must have landed 20 fish. If you enjoy still water fishing, you should get out there and give it a try. Fishing is usually good through March and sometimes into April.

Lyman Kennedy, Streamkeeper

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.

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Tustin:
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