

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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## Club Meeting:

Monday, June 6th, 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:

June 13th, 2011  
7:00 pm  
Cross Roads Church\*

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<http://www.ffcoc.org>

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location addresses.



## The State of the Fly Fishing Industry with Kirk Deeter

If anyone wants to know how fly fishing is really doing, how it compares to other self-participating sports, where it's going, where it's been, how many people are in it and what we should be worried or happy about, the person to ask is Kirk Deeter. Kirk is an editor-at-large for *Field & Stream* and co-host of that magazine's "Fly Talk" weblog at [fieldandstream.com](http://fieldandstream.com). Kirk is also the editor-in-chief of *Angling Trade* (the industry magazine covering fly fishing in America), and a senior editor of *The Flyfish Journal*. He is the author of four books, including the recent *The Little Red Book of Fly Fishing* (co-authored with the late *Denver Post* outdoors editor Charlie Meyers).

Kirk will tell us how specialty fly shops are doing, how the “big box” stores and internet mail-order houses are affecting the sport, how manufacturers (and which ones) are surviving and which are not and how overseas production of equipment is helping or hurting. Also, Kirk will show us how he tests all kinds of gear, including rain jackets, waders and wading shoes. In short, we will learn many of the truly important elements of fly fishing. We will also see fantastic pictures from a number of his amazing travels and adventures.

Kirk has won top “Excellence in Craft” honors for magazine feature writing from the Outdoor Writer’s Association of America in four of the past five years, and his essay “Carp Crazy” (illustrated by Ralph Steadman) was listed in *America’s Best Sports Writing*.

He is known for his gonzo outdoor story angles, from chasing mako sharks to dorado fishing in the Amazon headwaters of Bolivia to scuba diving (a.k.a “Going Deep”) with northern pike, bass, and trout. His stories and travels have taken him from the tip of Tierra del Fuego in Argentina, to remote Eskimo villages in Alaska. His work has also appeared in *Trout*, *Big Sky Journal*, *5280*, *Garden & Gun*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *Fly Fisherman*, *SaltWater Sportsman*, and other places.

Kirk was born in Ohio but raised in Wisconsin. He attended the University of Michigan, from which he earned a B.A. degree in English. He has always been a fisherman and learned how to fish from his father and grandfather. But he didn’t take up fly fishing until he was 18 and attending college. Why did he decide to take up fly fishing? He was dating a girl whose family all fly fished and owned a cabin on a river. Being a baitcaster, Kirk could understand why someone would want a cabin on a lake, but on a river? However, in order to become closer to his girlfriend and her family, Kirk decided to take up the sport and he not only achieved his goal of fitting in with them, he fell in love with fly fishing and today understands why a cabin on a river is a good thing. By the way, he married that girl (Sarah) and now lives in Colorado with her and their son Paul.

Andy

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## **President’s Message**

### **“A lot of Good Things are Happening!”**

By Richard Fanning, President

A higher level of energy is evident at our club meetings and events. So much so that several people including members and guests have mentioned it. I feel it too. Participation in recent months has been higher than the last couple of years. We’re seeing an increase in new members too. This is a great sign and bodes well for the future of our club and the sport.

The Speaker Consortium has kicked into high gear! Recent speakers have been exceptional! Good fly fishing content, great photography and delivery. Our Programs Chairperson, Andy Frumento, is really smiling after these meetings.

It’s great to see so many new faces at our club meetings. New members bring new ideas, new interests and new energy to the club. We’ve had a reputation for being difficult for new members to feel welcome at our meetings. But, we’re improving. We’re seeing more guests returning to subsequent meetings and later joining the club.

The Trip to the West Fork of the San Gabriel introduced a number of people to fly fishing. Melinda and John Burns and the mentors made this trip a success. Much thanks to Larry Carroll for making the cabin avail-

able. We need to continue opportunities like this for those interested in improving their skills. Jim Edwards' Fish Creek trip coming up soon will be another opportunity to learn basic skills in a great environment. It's fun and satisfying to organize trips like these. We'd like to see another trip like this in the Fall – who wants to be streamkeeper?

The Pyramid Lake trip was another success. Just look at the photo of John Burns and his whopper and you figure that out quickly. The recent Tejon Lake trip was another success. There's a lot going on and not much room to write about all of it.

Van Lloyd and the team did a great job of organizing and implementing the Casting Clinic. Oversight by Joe Libeu and Kathy Kim was very valuable. We introduced fly casting to about 70 people. Some of whom have begun coming to club meetings. This clinic was oriented towards people with little or no experience. Now we're starting discussion about a casting activity for club members who have some experience but want to improve to the next level.

The recently completed Rod Building Class was another success for the club and I enjoyed teaching it. Each time I learn something from the teaching the class and integrate it into the next delivery. Catching a fish on a rod you built and a fly you tied is rewarding.

Cheryl Moore and her staff of teachers did a fine job at the recently completed Fly Tying Classes. The room at REI worked very well and there was a lot of positive feedback from the students. There has been talk about another multi-week class later this year but it's not for sure yet.

Why am I going thru all of this? Well, the energy I mentioned above is direct result of the activities we offer. Thanks to all who made these activities a success. Let's keep it up!

Be well, fish on!  
Richard

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### 2011 Speakers List

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	

## Thank You Rich Umbarger for Years of Service.

I had spoken with Rick Umbarger about the Outings Chairperson position. He is resigning from the board after many years of quality contributions to the club. His current job at Wells Fargo makes it difficult for him to participate on meetings on Monday nights. He says he has confidence in Lyman and will be available to help by phone if needed.

The club's By-Laws allow the Board to fill a vacancy by a majority (vote) of the remaining board members. We will confirm Lyman as Outings Director by vote at the next Board Meeting.

Be well, Fish on!,  
Richard



# 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	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	Dillon, Montana	Richard Fanning	714-671-1370
July 30 - August 6			
August 19 - 21	Monache Meadows	Marvin Crocker	949-351-4700
September 23 - 24	Women's only Casting Clinic	Melinda Burns	951-451-9920
October (tbd)	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

Outings Chairpersons, Lyman Kennedy, have released the initial draft outings plan for 2011. Please refer to the website <http://www.ffcoc.org> for more detailed information on the outings

## BASS, BLUEGILL, CRAPPIE and CATFISH on a Fly



Twelve members, (11 guys and one gal) made the trip to Tejon Ranch to try our hand at fly fishing for largemouth bass. Most of us arrived Friday evening and camped on the ranch. We were up early at first light, making the short drive to the lake. Various watercraft were used to access the lake including pontoon boats, float tubes, canoe and even a double pontoon boat used by the Fannings. Several guys walked around the lake fishing from shore. The lake was small enough that you could easily navigate around the lake in a float tube, and we found that float tubes were ideal for fishing amongst the submerged trees and bushes that snagged anything sticking out from your vessel. Once on the water, we started catching fish right away. As we made our way around the lake, we looked for any

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## **WRAP UPS**

### **A FLY TYING CLASS & ROD BUILDING CLASS IN REVIEW**



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for a very successful round of "2011 FFCOC Fly Tying Classes." I had some fun filled and very entertaining times during these classes. I appreciate the dedication and budding talent that the first time tyers showed and the continued interest of the more experienced tyers.

At some future date, I would like to put together another round of fly tying classes. To this end, I would like to have some feedback on what you enjoyed about the classes and what you thought could be done better or more effectively. Your comments will be taken seriously and incorporated into the next round of lessons. What did you think about our meeting place and what that store had to offer. If I can't get back to you right away, please know that I will be out of town for the next two weeks. I sure hope to see all of you again in the Community Room at REI/Tustin.

If you have some thoughts on what you got out of the tying classes or just an amusing antidote, we would really like to hear what they are. ~ Cheryl Moore

First I would like to thank all the FFCOC members that were involved in teaching these classes. The teachers were all wonderful for devoting their time and effort to make the classes a success.

My feedback is that I would like to see a nominal cost for this class. I understand that FFCOC pays for all the fly tying materials. I would like to see a fee that would allow fly tying material kits to be put together and given to each student at the classes to take home and tie 10 flies.

I think it would also have been helpful to have a list of materials and instruction on how to tie each fly. I know some of the instructor did this, some didn't. I will admit I am anal, but this helps me.

But again, the club and those who taught did a great job. ~ Bob Bess

I have a lot to say about this. Bear with me.

I know all the "teachers" and kudos to them all. They handled the "students" well and with as much intensity that I know they all have for fly tying. I think that there needs to be a first class "weeding out" to put each individual into the appropriate area with the right instructor to get the most out of the sharing of skills. It seemed to take a while to get everyone into the right skill level. This should be stated up front so no one gets offended. The instructors collectively should make this decision after the first meeting.

I thought the venue was fine, but any centrally located venue would work just as well. I do think that this was better than meeting at a private residence as has been done in the past,

I think that there should be a "pattern" sheet detailing the materials and assembly process, especially for the "beginners". Maybe with the more advanced tiers, if not supplied, it should be mentioned that notes should be taken and time given to take those notes. It seemed to move along pretty fast in the intermediate instruction, and note taking took a back seat to tying and trying to keep up. There are many tying manuals, so maybe a popular reference to a manual would be sufficient.

From the intermediate arena, it seemed we jumped around a lot. I suggest that if the classes become regular, that one session is devoted to nymphs, one to dries, one to a specific geographical locale, etc. I think that some continuity in the class with a specific type of fly pattern(s) would help.

I noticed that the instructors generally had a pattern setup baggie with all the items needed for the pattern. Instead of charging a fee, maybe we could make small baggies with enough materials to

# 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.

**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.

## *Another 2011 Auction Update Mark September 12, 2011 on your calendars*

**THANKS** to all of the FFCOC members who have already donated items to this year's FFCOC auction! On May 25<sup>th</sup> an auction update was sent to all members with email addresses in the FFCOC database. Auction planning and preparation are off to a great start. In addition to generous donations from several FFCOC members, numerous equipment manufacturers, suppliers, lodges and outfitters have offered us great discounts for their products.

A partial list companies making donations and links to their internet sites was included in the May 25<sup>th</sup> email and an update will be available at the June 6 monthly meeting at the Phoenix Club. Remember, most of the vendors require that the club purchase their discounted items before the auction (by the end of June). The Club wants to purchase the items **YOU** want to see at the auction. Therefore **YOU** need to check out the internet sites for these companies and tell us what items the Club should buy **NOW** so they will be here in time for the auction. Many of the donations are discounts for **Trips and Lodges**. Go on line **NOW** and check these out so you have plenty of time to figure out how they fit into your fishing plans for next year.

Some of the new and used items already donated by club members include: flies, float tubes, rods, reels, clothing items with FFCOC logo, handmade wooden fishing net, quilts, vacation beach house rental, Montana cabin rental, hand crafted wood work items, rod socks, and paintings. Based on auctions of prior years, we anticipate that this list will grow both in number and types of items.

Please contact Doug Jones, this year's auction chair, if you have items to donate or would like to help with preparing for the auction or at the event. He can be reached by phone at (714) 998-7304 or (714) 697-2222 or by email at [doug-j@HYPERLINK](mailto:doug-j@HYPERLINK)  
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## FISH CREEK MENTOR OUTING JUNE 24, 25 and 26

We're going to the Southern Sierras for a Mentor outing to Fish Creek, to fish for the not-too-elusive Golden trout. This is easy fishing and a great way to get your feet wet (so to speak). Camping is the order of the day, as the closest motel is about 40 miles away! I'm providing breakfast and dinner on Saturday (no guarantee on food quality) and a good time will be had by all. You can call me at (714) 337-5899 or email me at [jimmywt1957@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmywt1957@yahoo.com) for further info. Sign up today as there are only 3 spots left. And you'll get to meet (and feed) Balloo the Wonder Dog!!

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### 5TH ANNUAL RUSH CREEK CLEAN-UP JUNE 25TH, 2011 8:00AM

SPONSORED BY SILVER LAKE RESORT  
&  
SOUTHWEST COUNCIL FEDERATION OF FLY  
FISHERS

JUNE 25TH 8:00AM TILL NOON

Meet at Silver Lake boat ramp for sign up at 8:00. Bring gloves, hat, and (waders if you have them). Trash bags will be provided. Bar-B-Que Lunch provided by Silver Lake Resort after clean-up. Contact Michael if you are interested in camping at lake. The Council has reserved some camp sites

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**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.

The club has reserved two tables of 10. Eleven seats have already been paid for by club members. If you would like to be a part of one of these tables please reserve one soon. There is no guarantee the club will be able to reserve another table close to the front of the stage. All other reservations will be seated with the general tables since tickets have been made available to the general fly fishing public now. A sign up list will be available at the club meeting. You can also email [Brian Mayers](#) or [myself](#) with any questions.

Marvin Crocker

## Women Only Casting Clinic Outing

Let your wives, sisters, girlfriends and daughters know about this one. Our one and only female Federation of Fly Fisher Certified Caster, **Kathy Kim** will be instructing us on the basics. She will be going through the proper rigging of our rods, leader and tippet. Once we learn how to rig our rods properly, we will move on to reading the waters, entomology and then applying all of this on the San Joaquin River. You will even have a chance to tie your own fly. Now wouldn't that be fun to catch a fish on a fly you tied for the first time. So make sure all your female family and friends are aware of this great opportunity. ( You must be a member of the club to attend all club outings.). More info will be given as the date draws closer.

Date: Fri – Sun, September 23 -25, 2011

Location: Mammoth Lakes

River To Fish: San Joaquin River

Note: We will be renting a condo so we can all stay at the same location and split the cost. However, if you choose to get your own place that is fine as well.

To reserve your spot, please contact: Stream-keeper: Melinda Burns

Cell phone: 951-415-9920 or Email:  
[mel11755@pacbell.net](mailto:mel11755@pacbell.net)

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tie several flies, maybe even with the instructions included. My experience is that in a class setting, you muddle your way through tying the pattern with the instructor, which is always a mess because you are learning 'on the fly' so to speak. I think that you should tie each pattern at least twice in the class, with the opportunity to go home and tie a few more without having to go to Marriott's and spend a bunch to get all the materials. I now have a bulging fly tying box with stuff I will probably never use so I could try tying "that fly" again, even if I might never use it again.

There should be a "stash" of basic threads, tools, etc. especially for the beginners that don't have anything or are lacking. It seemed that someone was always walking around asking for thread, or hooks, or something. Maybe the club could assemble a "kit" with some of the basics and make it centrally located to use as needed, instead of interrupting a group in the middle of tying. This was a success as I see it and I hope that it will continue ( and that I will never be asked to be an instructor!). ~ Scot Lewis

*I'll say that it was a great experience, and I cannot wait for round 2. I feel that classes like these, given by caring and passionate fly peeps, is such a boon to the sport of fly fishing. Not everyone can afford to take a \$100.00 class so this is a really attractive alternative. I for one, just acquired my first tying vise and materials and am very excited to begin my tying career! It wouldn't have been possible w/o this class to give me the confidence and the know-how. Thank you Cheryl, and thank you to all of the generous teachers. ~ Greg Madrigal*

I thoroughly enjoyed my class and my instructor. The meeting venue was perfect. We had many people peeking in to see what we were doing. We also had REI employees just as curious. A couple expressed an interest in taking a class. Maybe we can offer a class to the public? This could generate more membership as well as generate interest in the sport. ~ Melinda Burns

The rod building class offered by FFCOC was ABSOLUTELY AWESOME!!! Not only was it challenging, but exciting at the same time. Rich was very thorough, explaining things in detail and making it interesting to learn all the aspects of building a fly rod. His great student instruction booklet along with the power point presentation made it easy to follow and a great resource for future fly rod build projects I might undertake. Great job Rich!! ~ Chris Haggard

I just finished my second rod building class with Richard Fanning. Last year I built a 7.5 foot, 2 weight rod using a TFO blank and components purchased at Bob Marriott's. The experience was very rewarding from a personal standpoint knowing I could build a nice rod. It was also rewarding to meet and work closely with other FFCOC members who were in the class.

This year I built a 10 foot, 4 weight rod. I purchased the entire kit from Hook and Hackle. I want try to do the Czech Nymph fishing method with this rod. Again, I experienced the same satisfaction as the first year with a great group of guys. Last year we had Linda, but no ladies this year.

If any FFCOC members have ever thought of building a fly rod, they should not hesitate to take Richard's class. Richard really has the means and methods of building a fly rod dialed in. The rod building instruction manual he has developed, and you will receive, is excellent. I highly recommend this class. ~ Gary Jaacks





kind of structure, submerged boats, trees, bushes, rocks and casted our flies in close to the structure. The fish seemed to still be in the shallows although a few bass were also caught out in deeper water. The hot fly for the day seemed to be a brown woolly bugger although a damsel fly nymph worked well for some. Largemouth bass were caught in sizes from 6 inches to 15 inches; we caught bluegill in various sizes including some that were described as "slabs". We caught crappie, and even several large catfish on our fly rods. Greg had the biggest fish of the weekend with a 10# catfish on a woolly bugger. The bluegill hit our flies so aggressively that many of us were convinced that we had a nice bass on our line only to discover that it was a blue gill that would turn its body sideways to put a nice bend in our rods. The weather was very pleasant, so that a few members of our group decided to go swimming, Brian, Sam and Jeremy although they all went in the water fully clothed. We all had a great time and everyone caught multiple fish, even our first timers so Tejon Ranch is going to become an annual event for our club. ~ Lyman Kennedy (streamkeeper)

The best part of the day came when I was trolling in a back area of the lake close to shore and against some partially submerged branches. I thought I snagged the tree, but the tree seemed to move. I knew this fish was big, but he was snagged on the branch so I wasn't sure. Then, after much maneuvering, I freed him up and moved him (Yeah, he moved ME) to the middle away from any trees. This fish put a hurt on me I swear I will never forget. Fought him for 15-20 minutes and couldn't move him. It was a stalemate. My rod was doubled over and my hand was aching. Actually, it still hurts as I type! I could not believe how he could just move wherever and take line whenever he wanted to during the fight. After 10 min, we saw a tail thru the murky water and it was HUGE. ~ Greg Mandrigal

Joannie and I had a great time on the Tejon Ranch outing. The lake was scenic and nicely sited in the lower foothills and felt quite remote in spite of its proximity to the San Joaquin Valley. The lake is of modest size but quite adequate for a club group. The fishing from our pontoon boat was easy going and relaxing. We both caught bass and bluegills. Our normal trout rods and lines worked well. However, a sinking line might have improved our catching. We'd recommend planning an overnight stay after fishing next time. ~ Rich Fanning



Fly team Al Quattrocchi, Shane Chung, Bill Mathews, Michelle and Conway Bowman, Jim Soloman, Jeff Priest and Gary Bulla who put this program together, and Great Job.



The officers came for the coffee, and "to check our fishing licenses". Actually the two officers are So. Cal Fly Fishing fly shop regulars coming over to see the event and give Peter Perconi a hard time. Hands cuffs somehow got mixed into the conversation though?

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## 2011 Golden Trout Project

You can register on-line for all of the trips at:  
[www.californiagoldentrout.org](http://www.californiagoldentrout.org)

### **Mulkey Meadow Fence Maintenance**

July 5-8 (Tuesday – Friday) Volunteers: **6 volunteers needed.**

### **Monache Meadow Fence Maintenance**

July 8-10 (Saturday and Sunday) Volunteers: **12 person limit**

### **Bullfrog Crossing Repair**

September 19 -23 (Monday – Friday) Volunteers: **6 volunteers needed.**

### **Monache Meadow Fence Maintenance**

October 8-10 (Saturday and Sunday) Volunteers: **12 person limit.**

For more information on the restoration and what volunteers need to bring; please refer to the website:

<http://www.californiagoldentrout.org>

~ Howard

Howard E. Kern

Volunteer Project Coordinator

California Golden Trout Restoration Project

[www.californiagoldentrout.org](http://www.californiagoldentrout.org)

(805) 405-9635 Cell

# Membership Welcomes

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to the club. Make sure to look out for them at our next meeting and introduce yourself to them to welcome them into our fly fishing family. This is a full list of those who have joined our club since January 1st 2011

John	Jensen
Jeremy	Harris
Tom	Cychner
Michael	Ryan
Steve	Nakawatase
Justin	Sargenti
Harvey	Gronwald
Chris	Haggard
Loring	Davies
William	Caton III
Donald	Jacobs
Chris	Rae
Denis	Higginson
Donald	Jacobs
Ron	Bushman
Chris	Rae
Steven	Watanabe
Bri	Buchko
Ronald	Raygoza
Jimmy	Pickett
Christina	Nicosia
Daniel	Causey
Dennis	Richards
Anne	Gundersen



# 2011 One Fly Competition

By John Williams



Let's start off by saying I have not done well at surf fishing because I haven't taken the time to learn how, where and why the fish are where they are, my fault. With some encouragement from Shane Chung I was asked a few years ago to donate a painting to a worth while cause, The One Fly surf fishing competition held in different area's of our coast. They pick a worth while conservation group that protects the costal waterways and bays which in turn helps us all and the proceeds go to that cause. What caught my fancy was that everyone brings a fly which is numbered for identification then tossed into a bag, Entrant then blindly selects a fly from the bag and they are required to fish only that fly the entire competition for the allotted time. Prizes are given for the first fish, most fish and largest fish and the person who tied the fly is rewarded as well. Raffle prizes are donated by fly shops, individuals, and just about anyone with an interest in helping a worthwhile cause. At the end of the allotted time the group collects somewhere and sells raffle tickets to anyone who is interested in some diverse and fantastic prizes. This year the One Fly donated two thousand dollars to the San Diego Coast Keepers who protect the bays beaches, and watershed for people and wildlife.

And now the rest of the story; I met Shane at his house and we had a smooth ride to our motel where we checked in, we then headed to the So Cal Fly Fishing Outfitters run by Peter Piconi to set up the raffle prizes and prepare for tomorrows drawings and awards ceremony in the shops anti room. We then went to the San Diego fly shop where I met John the owner and the meet and greet with Shane and Al Quattrocchi tying flies and sharing stories with a warm group of salty dogs who obviously have done this a few times before and enjoy each others company. After an two hour group get together dinned was at the local burger shop with a beer thrown in to settle the nerves and wash down the burger. 4 a.m. the wake up call from Tom Baudette, Shane had forgotten to bring his cell phone and a prize so he made a run back to his house last night and didn't get in until 1:30, no I did not wait up. Shower throw on the required garb and head to the beach where setting up was as if they knew what they were doing it went like clockwork. By now after a cup of Night Watch coffee I need FOOD! Shane was too busy to think so I grabbed a couple of burrito's for us to get the day off to a smooth start. By 5:30 a.m. the crowd was checking in and the group was briefed and everyone headed to a stretch of beach that looked good from the jetty to lifeguard station 16 about half mile. 60 fly fishers rearing to hit the water and all lined up for the one long blast of the air horn. I chose to be one of the spotters who measured and verified the catch, a fun job in a crowd of very excited and hard working fishermen trying to score as much as possible in two and a half hours allotted. Now turn in everyone's score card and tabulate the results. We then headed to So Cal Fly Fishing Outfitters where the Golden State Fly Casters had hot dogs, brauts and sodas for sale to help their club raise a few bucks. We gathered to hear the results of the catch and winning along with a chance to have your number drawn for some very fine prizes. One of the prizes was a day trip with Conway Bowman and Shane (*editor*:The lucky guy who bought the ticket after me won!) was close but as I didn't win much other than a wonderful time with a bunch of like minded fly fishers who did something nice to help our costal waters. I'll do it again because I had a great time as I know you would as well. I'd like to thank the One Surf

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## 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

Cross Roads Church of Irvine/  
Tustin:  
2472 Walnut Avenue  
Tustin, CA

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