

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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**Auction, Auction, Auction !!!!!!!**

**Be there in person or online:**

**Wednesday, September 8th**

**Fun begins at 6PM-Phoenix Club**

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### Check out:

Have we mentioned the Auction?

Public Casting Clinic September 11th

On the River Training coming up

Fish Tales– Members have been fishing!

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## President's Message

Welcome to September, and with it comes the season of Fall! My favorite time of the year to fish!!

First, I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to [Melinda Burns](#) and volunteers for our August Club Picnic at Irvine Regional Park! It was great event, very well planned and executed! The venue was great, there was plenty of food, the casting challenge course was fun, the fly tiers challenge showcased our member's creativity and talents, but most importantly, the Picnic provided great opportunity for some fellowship. I'm already looking forward to the 2nd Annual Club Picnic in 2022!!



Next, our Club has two significant events this month; our Club **Annual Auction**, our largest fundraiser of the year, will be held on September 8 at the Phoenix Club, and our Club Casting Clinic (Open to the Public) will be held 3 days later on September 11 at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley.

A big **THANK YOU** to [Larry Behm](#) and team for the Auction planning and readiness! We have well over 200 items available for bid. The Auction Catalog is now viewable on-line for planning your bidding strategies! There will be three parts to the Auction this year;

- 1.) The online silent auction will be on our Auction Website (Auctria). Bidding starts on August 27, and concludes on September 7.
- 2.) A silent, in-person auction will be September 8, 6:00pm at the Phoenix Club Ballroom.
- 3.) A live auction for the big ticket items starts at 7:45pm, September 8, in the Phoenix Club Ballroom.

With the added challenge of a dynamic nationwide surge in Covid-19 Delta variant infections, some guidelines for those attending the Auction in-person will be issued. Compliance to California Department of Public Health and the Orange County Health Care Agency guidelines will be adhered to. Your health and safety is of utmost importance! Bottom line: let's have a healthy, safe, and FUN auction experience!!

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## President's Message (Con't)

Right on the heels of the Auction, will be our **Club Casting Clinic** (Open to the Public) at Mile Square Park on September 11. Another big **THANK YOU** goes to [Ken Lindt](#) for the planning of this event. This is a great event that offers quality casting instruction to those who have an interest, or are new to our beloved sport of fly fishing. We also get a nice BBQ lunch to end the day and share a story or two with our casting guests! This event requires a host of volunteers for a fun and successful event. Ken has sent out a call for volunteers in an email to all members on August 18. There are opportunities for ALL volunteers. Please volunteer if available! Thank you!!

Finally, as a shameless plug for my upcoming Club Outings, I am still holding a couple of Kitchenette Rooms for the September Bridgeport outing. A last call will be going out shortly for additional participants to fill these spots. Also, the President's Outing is coming up in October. I still have available rooms for this event as well. Expect a Club email blast as well to fill these vacancies! Check your calendars and sign up. First come, first served.

Now, go out and fish! Write up and submit your Fish Tale! Your Fish Tales are always greatly appreciated and can earn you some \$\$\$! Keep them coming!!

See you at the Auction!!

Terry

## AUCTION UPDATE

### It's Time !!!!

Are you looking for a great deal on a guide trip or a new boat? Check out the 2021 Auction catalog at [charityauction.bid/FFCOC2021Auction](http://charityauction.bid/FFCOC2021Auction)

How will this year's auction be run?

**First thing is to check your registration on Auctria and get your BIDDER NUMBER.** Using the same email that you used last year, sign-in on the Auctria website or app and go to [My Account](#) If everything is accurate, you are ready to bid. Note your bidder number.

Second, review our catalog for the items you want to bid on.

There are three types of items:

- A) Online items will be bid on from **Aug 27 - Sept 7**. Online items are flagged at the top of the detailed description, "Bidding Starts in xx days". These items must be picked up at the Phoenix Club on Wednesday, Sept. 8. The winning bid will be charged the bid amount automatically.
- B) Silent Auction items will be bid on Sept. 8 at the Phoenix Club from 6-8pm. These items are noted at the bottom of the detailed descriptions with "SILENT Auction! " Items will be on tables with bidding sheets. Just put your BIDDER NUMBER in the appropriate bid line. Winners will be notified automatically and may pick up their item at the cashier's table.
- C) Live Auction items will be bid on Sept. 8 at 7:45pm at the Phoenix Club and online via Zoom. These items are noted with "LIVE Auction!" at the bottom of the detailed description. If you want to bid online, you will need to place bids using the Auctria app. You will need another screen watch the Zoom call to see the live action.

Finally, we are concerned about everyone's health and safety during this continuing and changing pandemic. We would like to minimize your risk while still enabling a face-to-face auction in a few weeks. A face mask, covering your nose and mouth, are required for entry into the Ballroom. We ask that everyone keep the mask on, unless seated and eating.

If you are not fully vaccinated, do not attend the auction in-person. You may use the auction website to bid on the online items.

Many of our members are in the at-risk category, either because of age or medical condition. Please show your care and concern for their well-being by following the above guidelines. Let's have a great auction, that is COVID safe! If you are new to the FFCOC annual auction, sign up at [Auctria Website](#) If you need the Auctria app for bidding click for your phone: [iOS app](#) or [Android app](#)

## Public Casting Clinic

# Free Fly Casting Clinic

Sponsor: *Fly Fishers Club of Orange County*

Saturday, September 11 - Mile Square Regional Park



Did you ever have an interest in flyfishing...but there never was an opportunity to try it? Or maybe you're just starting your fly fishing journey and need of some serious casting instruction? **This is your ticket to learning the sport!** We have recruited the top casting instructors from Orange County and Long Beach. Bring your own rod or use one of our demo rods kindly loaned to us by a major rod manufacturer. **The clinic is open to anyone interested...and is free!** You just have to register in advance. Learn all the essentials about the equipment, casting techniques and fishing. The event concludes with a **Free BBQ lunch starting at noon...**and maybe a fish story or two. **Space is limited by Park Rules.** Secure your spot and register **NOW!!** (see below)



### Mile Square Regional Park

16801 Euclid St. Fountain Valley



**When:** Saturday, September 11  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Mile Square Regional Park  
At South Pond

Park Entrance on Euclid St. Pass thru entry gate. Look behind ranger station for our banner.

**Cost:** Free Casting Clinic.  
There is a \$5 Parking Fee; charged at Park Entry.

The Casting Clinic concludes with a free BBQ lunch and talks by some experts.  
All participants are welcome!

For Registration or Event Info, please contact:

Ken Lindt, [CastingClinic@FFCOC.org](mailto:CastingClinic@FFCOC.org), or call 714-936-3486



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## On the River Training

### FREE FLY FISHING CLASSES

*ON THE RIVER TRAINING 2021*

#### **Save the dates:**

##### Classroom Training

- Saturday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:00am -12:00 noon
- Saturday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am -12:00 noon

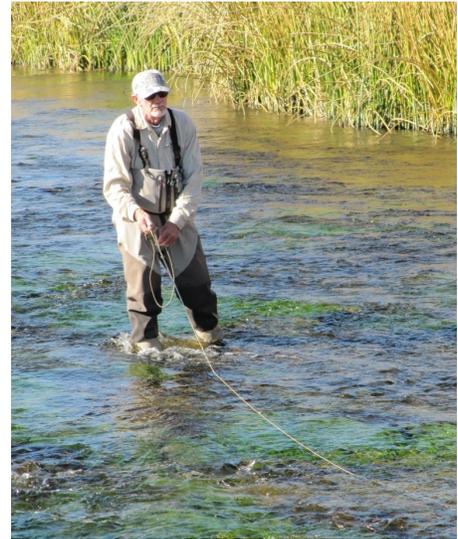
##### On-The Water Clinic

- Saturday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

The Fly Fishing Club of Orange County's On The River Training program is a perfect way for new, and less-experienced, fly fishers to learn the art of fly fishing. The program introduces you to the fundamentals of fly fishing including the equipment, techniques and science of catching fish. The program is a great introduction to a sport you can enjoy for the rest of your life.

Joe Libeu, a member of the FFCOC is a Fly Fishers International Certified Master Caster Instructor and professional guide. He developed and instructs Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens River. Several experienced Club members assist Joe providing hands-on training during the on the river clinics.

The program includes everything needed to plan and prepare for a successful fly-fishing trip. Classroom training subjects include equipment, insect life cycles and how flies imitate them, how trout behave, clues as to what fish eat, stream care and etiquette, reading the water, nymph rigging and much more.



## On the River Training (Con't)

The on the river clinic is held on the Lower Owens River near Bishop. Many of the items discussed in the classroom setting are covered in the field. In addition, the on the river clinic includes reading the stream, entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The program includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

The On The River Training program is focused on helping new FFCOC members learn the basics of fly fishing and will be in follow up to our annual *Casting Clinic* scheduled for Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Participation in the On The River Training program is limited. New Club members that sign up at the September *Casting Clinic* will be given preference. Other Club members are welcome to participate again if space allows.

Joe Libeu is conducting the On The River Training program and Doug Jones is the coordinator. If you would like more information about this program, you can contact Joe Libeu at fishlgf@ix.netcom.com or (310) 749-6771, or Doug Jones at dougjones.oc@gmail.com or (714) 697-2222.

Remember, the On The River Training program is only open to FFCOC members. If you are not a club member you can join at our web site [www.ffcoc.org](http://www.ffcoc.org) or contact Melinda Burns, the Club's Membership Chair at [membership@FFCOC.org](mailto:membership@FFCOC.org).

### SIGN UP NOW

You can sign up for the On The River Training, either as a participant or volunteer, by contacting Doug Jones at [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com) or (714) 697-2222.

*If you would like information regarding the September Casting Clinic, which is open to the public, you should contact Ken Lindt at [castingclinic@ffcoc.org](mailto:castingclinic@ffcoc.org) or 714-936-3486.*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are an accomplished fly fisher and know the Lower Owens River, you would be a great candidate to work with Joe and provide instruction at the On The River Training program. Please contact Doug Jones if you can help. We will need eight to ten members to help with the training.

## 2021 Speakers

### MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Landon Mayer	Mastering the Short Game	1/13/21
February	Tony Reinhardt	Advanced Drift Boat Techniques	2/10/21
March	Heather Dyer	Conservation in San Bernardino NF	3/10/21
April	Jason Randall	When All Else Fails - Tactics for Catching Trout on Slow Days	4/14/21
May	Skip Morris	Make Dry Fly and Emergers work	5/12/21
June	Ernie Gulley	Choronomids on Lake Crowley	6/9/21
July	Dave Smith	Euro Nymphing	7/14/21
August	Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	8/14/21
September	Auction	Live & Online	9/8/21
October	Lino Jubilado	Catching Carp in the LA River	10/13/21
November	Karlie Rowland	Fishing Henry's Fork, Idaho	11/10/21
December	TBD		12/8/21

## 2021 Outings Updates

**New Outings Chair:** Don Tayenaka has joined the board recently taking over from Lyman Kennedy.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Streamkeeper</b>	<b>Phone</b>
March 16-18	Pyramid Lake <b>(Cancelled)</b>	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
March 28-April 1	San Juan River <b>(Cancelled)</b>	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
June 14-18	Lee's Ferry, AZ	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920
July 9-12	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951-236-0862
August 1-6	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
Sept. 20-24	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
Sept 24-28	Bridgeport, CA	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
October 8—10	President's Outing/Kern	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790

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

## 2022 Outings

### Sneak Preview: More info to follow!

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
March 13 -15	Pyramid Lake	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
April 2-9	San Juan River	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
May	Crowley Lake / Still water clinic Ernie Gulley		
June			
July 15-28	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams.	951-236-0862
August			
September 26-30.	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
September	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
October	President's Outing / Kern.		
November			
December			

Note: Lots of fee space for more outing. Check with Don Tayenaka to see if you can help develop more outings for the club... Editor

## Bridgeport Outing 2021



**Dates: September 24 - 28**

**Location: Willow Springs Motel and RV Park, Bridgeport**

**"Last Call! Two Kitchenette Rooms Still Available!"**

Lodging at the Willow Springs Motel and RV Park has now been secured. The plan is to arrive in Bridgeport on Friday, September 24. Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area, then return home on Tuesday, September 28.

There are numerous great fishing opportunities in the area, including stream fishing the East Walker River, West Walker River, Virginia Creek, Buckeye Creek, Robinson Creek, and more. Stillwater fishing by boat, float tube or from the shore on Bridgeport Reservoir, Upper or Lower Twin Lakes, or float tubing on the Virginia Lakes. Ken's Sporting Goods in town is generally the source of fishing knowledge in the area; buy some flies and a t-shirt or two, and the advice gets better!! You can also check their website for a Fish Report, but best to stop in to get the latest! You can also secure a Fishing Guide at Ken's as well; gets you access to some private waters if desired.

Generally, members disperse to their desired fishing locations in the morning. Then after a day's fishing, return back to the Willow Springs Motel to rendezvous and discuss the day's fishing successes (or not), and plans for the next day. The evening group campfire, hosted by our Willow Springs staff, provides a great opportunity for telling the day's fish stories.

Willow Springs Motel and RV Park, approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport, is our home base for the outing. Standard single rooms (queen bed), Kitchenette rooms (one queen and one double bed) for those who wish to buddy up, and 30A full hook-up RV sites are available for your lodging choices. Standard Single Rooms are \$95/night, Kitchenette Rooms are \$130/night, and RV Spaces are \$45/night.

Sounds like an Outing for you? Please contact me with your questions, or with your reservation request. Thank you!!!

### **Contact Info:**

Terry Roznos  
(562) 322-4790 (cell)  
[taroynos@verizon.net](mailto:taroynos@verizon.net)



# President's Outing 2021

## President's Outing 2021



**Dates: October 8th - 10th**

**Location: Kernville - Sequoia Lodge**

**"Urgent! Rooms still available. Must be reserved by Sep 8, or if unused, returned to Sequoia Lodge."**

Lodging at the Sequoia Lodge on the Kern River has now been secured for the 2021 President's Outing. This annual tradition is a great event to gather for fun, fishing, telling of stories, and to spend some time with your fellow Club members. The dates this year are Friday, October 8th to

Sunday, October 10th; check your calendars! The days are open to whatever activities you would like to pursue (fishing the Kern River would be a good one!). The evenings will feature gatherings at the Sequoia Lodge compound for dinner and socialization (more on that later).

The Sequoia Lodge features Single Queen (SQ), Single King (SK), and Double Queen (2Q) rooms. The Club has paid the first night deposit for the block of rooms reserved. Single night lodging rates for the Sequoia Lodge are as follows:

Room Type	Rate	Tax (6%)	Total
SQ	\$135.00	\$8.10	\$143.10
SK	\$145.00	\$8.70	\$153.70
2Q	\$149.00	\$8.94	\$157.94

You may now contact your President (me) with your specific room request. I will then send you written confirmation of your request with room assignment. When your lodging request is confirmed, please send your reservation deposit to our Treasurer, Tom Sakai.

Our group reservation is subject to a 30 day Cancellation Policy. Should this outing be canceled, your deposit will be returned. At a future date (end of August), all confirmed attendees will be asked to contact the Sequoia Lodge directly to provide your personal credit card info for payment of balance due on checkout.

Please contact me with your questions, or with your reservation request. Thank you!!!

Contact Info:

Terry Roznos

(562) 322-4790 (cell)

[taroznos@verizon.net](mailto:taroznos@verizon.net)

Reservation Deposit Info:

Checks payable to: FFCOC

Mail to: FFCOC/ Treasurer Tom Sakai

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

## Fish Tales

### Freeze or Fish: Craig Weismann

A group of 4 set out to fish The Nushagak River in Alaska on a self-guided row, row, row your own boat and set up your own camp, fish all day, cook for yourself and fend for yourself when it comes to fighting off the mosquitos. A true all American wilderness adventure and experience.

Paul Lepore and I along with 2 of our friends looked forward to fishing this awesome Salmon filled river. We had heard it was another record Sockeye year in the Bristol Bay drainage area and the Kings had shown up in decent numbers too. Well the Nushagak (Nush) was blown out with wind blowing at 25 knots plus and rain on the day of our flyout. Too dangerous for landing a floatplane on the postage stamp area of the upper river. So Plan B was devised. Land on a lake and portage to the headwater of the Stuyahok River. Little did we know that it was blowing harder and raining more during our flight to the Stuyahok.. In addition, because of the wind and driving waves, the area of the outlet of the lake to start the river, a sand berm, had developed and blocked the flow of the river. We were unable to load our gear and float the boats to get started. The other option was to carry all of our gear, the boats, cooking gear, tents, cots, and food an unknown distance to get the boats to navigable water. Not really an option. After some four-letter words and kicking the dirt with our wadding boots, a decision was made to dig out the berm area to allow water to flow into the river. Good thing I brought my trusty camping shovel. Also known as a latrine spade. We used the shovel and 3 gallon buckets to get the water flowing. After 2 hours of hard labor, enough water was filling the river for us to float our boats. Oh, did I say this was a river, well maybe more of a creek at this location. The River was only wide enough for our boats, not our oars to push the boats down the river. Oh, did I also tell you that it was raining and windy and COLD, low 40's. So we did what Lewis and Clark did, we pulled our boats down river. I know, Lewis and Clark pulled their boats up river, but hey it's my story and at this point I felt like Lewis and Clark on the new frontier. After 4 miles of this dragging of boats in knee to hip high water we finally got to an area that opened up so we could paddle our boats. Oh, did I tell you it was raining and cold with wind blowing? Plus the water was 43 degrees and we were just in it for 3 hours. Needless to say, hypothermia was showing itself in yours truly. I needed warm dry clothes, a tent, a sleeping bag and hot food and now! But the terrain and rivers edge was not cooperating. It was all bushes and open uneven tundra everywhere you looked. It looked bleak. Then a miracle appeared. We found a terrific large gravel bar and we made camp. After unloading the boats and setting up camp I started to get warm again, well sort of. We all got some hot food, tents set up and crawled into our sleeping bags and 2 layers of warm clothes for a much-deserved rest

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## Fish Tales(Con't)

The next day started better with no rain, just wind and cold. We fished and caught a few Grayling and a couple of Rainbow Trout. We cooked them up for dinner and made a short day of it.

The 3rd day things finally started to settle into a true wilderness experience. The skies were blue, the sun was out and the Sockeye showed up in great numbers. The reels where screaming and fish were being caught and lost. We made our way down approximately 45 miles of river over a course of 8 days. We stayed 1 night or 3 in each campsite we found depending on the fishing in the area. If you ever got a sore shoulder from casting to the Salmon you could dry fly fish all day for Grayling. They are truly the most pesky, opportunistic fish I have ever seen. They will eat anything that floats on the river. At least they did for us. Each night ended around the fire cooking a few fish and enjoying a coldwater river totty.

Like all fishing trips, and this one was no different, they end up being fun and adventurous. We have short term memories of the hard parts of life and long memories of the fun and excitement we experience. This trip will be one that will be remembered for a long time.



## Fish Tales(Con't)

### Fly fishing Kings Canyon National Park: Young Kwon

For some reason, National Parks in California are left out by many fly fishers. Kings Canyon is one of them. It's a well-kept secret and a fly fishing paradise. About a 10-mile section between Boyden Cavern to Cedar Grove along HWY 180 is accessible easier than the 20 mile section of upper Kern River, but sees way less fishers. Kings Canyon is the deepest canyon in the country and offers an unbeatable scenery. There are a number of runs, pools, and pocket waters that hold good sized, healthy trout that challenges your skills. Once hooked, they run like a torpedo and usually jump in the air a few times before surrendering into a net. There are also many trails to mountain creeks and lakes where catching fish is one of the easiest things to do. I fly fish Kings Canyon a couple of times, almost every year, and have never returned home without excitement. I usually avoid mid-summer when many visit the area and weather is very hot. However, the water level had already been low in July this year, I decided to check the area out in early August. The campgrounds were full, but no fishers were seen in the river, even when I was fishing on Saturday and Sunday. The water was a bit warm, about high 50's or low 60's, making morning the best time to test luck. As usual, there were fish at the head of almost every good size run. Trout were craving dry flies and many were 10-14 inches. It could not be more satisfying than to cast a 14-16 size elk hair caddis standing in the middle of crystal clear water and land ~ 15 Kings Canyon rainbow trout of impeccable beauty for ~ 5 hours over two days. Kings Canyon is certainly one of my routine fishing destinations in June through October when HWY 180 is open and water level is appropriate.



## Fish Tales(Con't)

### Montana: Don Tayenaka

Summer in Montana Fly fishing is some of the finest in the country. Have you tried? Well, I've been taking groups out to Fort Smith, MT. on the Big Horn River for almost 20 years. Big Fish, little fish, mostly Big and Healthy on the drift or dry. PMD, Caddis, or Hoppers. You can't go wrong with Montana. Recently tried a trip in October on the Big Horn River, caught a freak snowstorm but fishing was excellent, don't believe me, here are some pictures. Check out the Club auction for great deals in Montana.

Don Tayenaka



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## Fish Tales(Con't)



### The Canyon: Ric Romero

1200-foot-high sheer cliff walls, 45-degree clear cool water, big horn sheep, wild horses, osprey and unfortunately 117-degree temperatures...those are just some of the indelible memories of Marble Canyon near Lee's Ferry. This was my first outing there and my first drift boat experience. Melinda and John Burns put together a very organized fish trip that provided us with a different guide for each of the three days fishing, and, three nights of delicious home cooked meals. But what you really want to hear about is the fishing. The first day was an ok day hauling in rainbows in a variety of sizes. But the next two days the fishing exploded as my fishing buddy and I caught 15 to 20 fish a day each. Perhaps it was the different guides and their different approaches to rigging and fly choices, or that the guides just knew the best spots. Either way it was a fantastic outing for me, and I will definitely go back. But when the temperature is not 117 degrees.

## Fish Tales(Con't)

### Colorado Golf: Denis Higginson

It started off as a golf lesson. A pro teaches a style of golf swing I adhere to and wanted to get the real info on. He gives lessons near Vail in the summer so I booked.

I thought to combine with fishing having never fished in Colorado and I remembered the Fish Tale from a member talking about the great fish at Rawhide Ranch booked through Blue Quill Angler ( Pat Dorsey's service and shop). So I booked two days of float on the Colorado and one day on Rawhide ranch.

I drove to Colorado because I just had to take too much \$\$\$ stuff. Arrived in Eagle and went fishing at the confluence of Gore Creek and the Eagle. Started fishing Euro style for the second time had no luck with a standard pt. Thought this is a heavily fished spot so changed to a Blue Frenchie and started catching best one a 15 inch brown. I guess they don't see that fly often.

Next day started to get ready to fish and found out I am an idiot left my wading staff behind at the Gore. Several shops and a new wading staff later went to the recommended location and drew a blank.

Next day golf lesson. Best day golfing in years and worth the trip and cost.

Next day drove down to Silverthorne and fished the Blue tried to fish wet wading without putting on the Neoprene socks. One hour later I took two ice blocks attached to my legs out of the water to stop the hypothermia and had lunch. Went back in after and scratched a couple of smalls.

Next day drove about an hour out town following the guide to the Colorado. A great guide we fished every method of fly fishing except Euro. Caught many fish the largest being 16 inches. He put in approx. 11 hours on the oars. Worked his tail off. We had a great time.

Following day we started at 6:30 in the morning did the same kind of fishing changing from indicator to streamer to dry depending on the stretch of water ahead of us. Same type of results pulled into the take out early went into town for lunch with the idea of fishing until dark thirty or latter using mouse patterns but he got a notice of flash flood warnings and we didn't want to take the chance. Still a great day of fishing with Grey Lincoln hire him if you go.

Last day of the trip off to the Rawhide Ranch it is suppose to be full of large fish. The guide PJ said normal flow is 250 cfs and 3 fish per angler is a good day as these fish are hard to land. Got there and the flow was reported to be 450cfs. Well I paid my money and I was taking my chances. A spectacular day. I hooked somewhere up to 20 fish landed 8 or 9. The smallest was about 17 inches and the largest was estimated at 26 inches and about 7 pounds. That fish along with several in the 23 to 25 inch size kicked my ass. To get that fish across the river so the guide could land it as I could no longer turn the handle on the reel (my wrist ached so much) I had to walk backwards dragging the fish across. Fortunately it was the last of a great day because I don't believe I could of landed a 12 inch fish after the day I had. The river is extra cost but so worth it go if you can.

Il need to do more than 12 ounce wrist curls to take on another day like that.

Good days and fishing to all in the future.

Denis Higginson

P.S It was my honor to have served as your President last year. Thanks for the support and memories of the membership.

## Fish Tales(Con't)

### San Juan River: Brian Mayer

Four intrepid Club members, Brian Mayer, Bob Bess, Andrew Sprowl and Ron Gregg, braved the summer snow blizzards of northern Arizona and New Mexico to fish the San Juan River. Ha, ha - it was actually relatively mild with low 100's while travelling across, and only mid-80's at the River.

The San Juan River was crystal clear for this year's trip. Water temperatures were still in the low 40's. Flows had been lowered to 375-400 CFS, but there was still plenty of water (we did not bottom out anywhere). You could see fish everywhere include in the deepest sections of Texas Hole.

On the first day, we had a partly cloudy conditions which was great. It remained cooler and the fish seem to be more active. There were the always present midge hatches and some baetis. We began the day throwing the jig flies in Texas Hole, but switched to traditional midges and strike indicators fairly quickly. We had been expecting more bug hatches and possible terrestrial dry fly opportunities in August, but this never really happened.

The next two days of guided floats were crystal clear skies and lots of sunshine. Not sure if it was the warmer temperatures or all the sunshine, but the fish seemed to be a little less active on these days. Still, plenty of fish were caught and released with some really nice photo opportunities.

Andrew and Brian got the opportunity to Euro Nymph on the third day from the Guide boat. It worked very well and we ended up floating all the way down past the bridge to the City take out - an extra 5 miles trip ! Marcus definitely earned his tip this day!

The fourth day, we fished on our own. Catching while wade fishing was not nearly as much as before, even the morning in Texas Hole did not produce many fish to hand. In the afternoon, Andrew found luck using his Euro Nymphing rig.

On our way out on Friday morning, we spent a couple of hours catching fish in Crusher Hole with Andrew giving us lessons on Euro Nymphing.

The only disappointing part of the trip was lack of places to eat. New Mexico was hard hit by the Covid pandemic and many places closed or are only working on limited hours. Fishead's Backcast Cafe at the Lodge is open for breakfast and dinner is by prior reservation. Abe's Restaurant is closed, the Sportsman's Grill is only open Friday/Saturday (sometimes), and a lot of places in Bloomfield and Aztec were either closed or take out only (yes, our favorite Chinese restaurant is still open, but take out only). We did try the local Pizza place in Aztec - Never going there again! We did find a good meal at a steak house in Farmington, but it was a 40-minute drive to get there.

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## Fish Tales(Con't)

I am really looking forward to returning in April 2022 for our traditional spring trip and hoping that the dining choices are better.



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## Fish Tales(Con't)

### Cody Wyoming Early August; Tom Sakai

Steve Watanabe and I spent a short five days in Cody. We flew into Bozeman (good flight schedule and rental car availability) and drove the 3 ½ hours to Cody. We met up with our guide Tyson Probst with North Fork Anglers on Monday and floated the “in town” stretch of the Lower Shoshone River, a tail water that comes out of Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Beautiful float and the fish were willing. Best fishing was in a couple of stretches where we got out of the raft and waded.

Day two Tyson convinced us to make the drive with him to Thermopolis, a small town 80 miles south of Cody that is his alternate base. We floated a stretch of the Bighorn River, below Boysen Reservoir. Fishing was sporadic but what quality! We each caught 6-8 of these. Been some time since I've seen such consistent quality.

Days three and four we fished on our own, fishing small streams in the Cody area. The first day we fished a stream that I did well at with my son last year. That stream did not disappoint. I was mostly fishing a bead head attractor below a small stimulator or hopper and caught fish like this on the bead head.

Fishing was off the next day (most of the streams were blown out due to thunderstorms) but we changed areas mid day and caught some of these. Steve was fishing a small stimulator and found a hatch going off.

Day 5 we turned into tourists, visiting the Buffalo Bill Museum, an awesome 5 museum complex with exhibits showing the natural history of the area, Plains Indian culture, the cowboy era featuring William Cody, as well as Western art and gun museums. Very worthwhile to sacrifice a fishing day for that.



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We're already starting to plan next year's trip, with a couple more days on the Bighorn.



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### **FISHING THE GREY REEF AND MIRACLE MILE NORTH PLATT RIVER WYOMING :**

#### **Doug Jones**

In the first week in August Club Members John Williams and Greg Cooke and our good friend Duane Dotts invited me to join them on a trip to the North Platt in Wyoming to fish the Grey Reef and Miracle Mile sections. After a stop in Denver and landing in Casper, we were picked up by the Ugly Bug Fly Shop and driven to the Crazy Rainbow Lodge.

I hadn't fished this area before and was excited to make the trip. We caught plenty of fish and had great accommodations, good food, and lots of fun. The fish were primarily Rainbows with the largest being in the 24-inch range, some Browns, a few White Fish and a couple of Cutthroats.



Fishing conditions were not ideal due to electroshocking the week before our arrival, off color water and the absence of hoppers we were hoping to see. With the results we had (in both size and numbers), I can't imagine how good the fishing will be the next time I go and have ideal conditions.



Our first day of fishing in the Grey Reef section where we floated area knows as Chalk Bluff to Red Butte Ranch. The flows were about 2400 CFS. Fish were caught but the numbers weren't what we were hoping for due to discolored water, lack of hoppers and general fishing luck.

On the second and third days we fished the Miracle Mile. This is the section of river that was shocked the prior week for a fish count. The flow was about 800cfs. The Miracle Mile was more productive than in the Grey Reef area and plenty of fish were caught. The fish were typically in 18-to-22-inch range with outliers on both ends of the scale. On the fourth day we were planning on fishing the

Grey Reef area but late afternoon and overnight rain had muddied up the river, so we fished the Miracle Mile again. Having found some hot spots during the first two days on the Miracle Mile we split the float on the third day and had great success and caught plenty of big trout.

On our fifth and final day on fishing we floated a higher section of Grey Reef than on the first day. Fishing was much more productive than our first day on the Grey Reef but our day was cut short in early afternoon due to a thunder storm. Although the day was short, I had my greatest number of fish on the last day.

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The Ugly Bug Fly Shop provided guides. Dustin was with us for all five days and Troy and others handled the second boat. We appreciated their professionalism as well as their knowledge of the areas we fished. Any of us would be glad to fish with them again. We stayed at the Crazy Rainbow Lodge on the river. It was a very nice 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2+ kitchen building on the river with great views. Plenty of food was available for breakfast on our own and they prepared a great meal for us every night after fishing. Ugly Bug maintains a small fly shop adjacent to the Lodge so we could stock up without going into Casper.



**SAVE THE DATE:  
Saturday - November 13, 2021  
Southwest Council's FALL Flybuy 2021  
Fly Tying, Casting, Garage Sale and much more!**

**Where:**

- Long Beach Casting Club
- 5201 E. 7th
- Long Beach, CA

**TIME:**

- 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Activities:**

- Over 20 of SoCal's best Fly Tiers
- Raffles
- Silent Auctions
- Flies for Sale
- Used-Equipment Sale
- Casting Lessons for all levels and Casting Games

Join us for the **FIRST** fly fishing event in SoCal since the reopening of social gatherings! With over a year since the last FlyBuy, our Garage Sale is going to EPIC and overflowing. We have lots of things planned and details will be following in the coming months.

**MARK** your calendar and plan on joining us in Long Beach!

Website: [swcffi.org/flybuy](http://swcffi.org/flybuy) [Fly Buy \(swcffi.org\)](http://Fly Buy (swcffi.org))

## Flies That Keep On Giving!

By John Williams

Just finished a trip to the North Platt River near Casper Wyoming. I always have a fly box with me and the guides humored me and let me use some of my creations. Here is one that one of the guides requested a sample so he could tie some because it kicked ass.

### Willies Sparkle Caddis



<b>Hook:</b>	Orvis Heavyweight 1P19 #12
<b>Thread:</b>	UTC Black 70
<b>Eyes:</b>	Black Bead Chain Small
<b>Dubbing:</b>	Master Bright Golden Olive or Ice Dub
<b>Over Abdomen:</b>	Stretch Magic 1mm Bead & Jewelry Cord Available at Michael's
<b>Thorax:</b>	Peacock Herl
<b>Thorax Cover:</b>	Pheasant tail fibers
<b>Legs:</b>	Feather Tips
<b>Cement:</b>	Super Glue Gel Formula
<b>Thorax Embellishment:</b>	UV CURE Clear

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Place a slight smear of super glue on the shank and start your thread one eye space behind the eye. Place a pair of bead chain eyes at the one eye space behind the eye and secure with several wraps of thread. Tie in the stretch magic cord and secure behind the eyes and stretch it as you secure it into the bend with several wraps of thread. Dub the Abdomen all the way up to the bead. Now wrap the stretch magic forward to behind the eyes and secure with several wraps of thread Tie in several pheasant tail fibers by the butts and leave to the rear for now at a place two eye spaces behind the eyes. Wrap the thorax with peacock hurls and secure behind the eyes. Place feather tips on top of the thorax and split them to either side as you pull over and between the feather tips, this forms the thorax cover and splits the legs to either side. Secure the thorax cover with several wraps of thread. Smear a slight amount of super glue on the thread and whip finish. Add UV cure to the thorax keeping it away from the legs and set with a UV light.

This fly has now proven itself a keeper.

Tight Lines All,

John

## FFCOC Leadership

### Mission:

Encourage Angling with Artificial Flies (Fly Fishing)

Encourage Education and Fisheries Conservation, including Habitat and Watershed Conservation

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

Encourage Youth to Follow Sound Conservation Practices

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

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

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