

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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Changes afoot!

**Read Terry's message about
our new meeting location for
2022.**

**Next meeting: November 10th
Phoenix Club-Anaheim**

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President's Message

President's Message by Terry Roznos



Vegas Baby! I write this month's message from the road again. Janna and I have just completed our October fishing outing; up Highway 395 to Reno (fishing along the way), due East to Dutch John, UT, to fish the Green River in Flaming Gorge, then a short trip to the Heber Valley (UT) to fish the Provo and Weber Rivers, then on to home with an overnight stop in Las Vegas (photo).

While out on the road, and thanks to remote meeting capabilities (Zoom), your 2022 Venue Selection Team and Board of Directors, with great dedication and diligence, have selected our General Meeting Venue for 2022.



Our last meeting at the Phoenix Club will be on December 8, as they will be moving to a new location in Brea. Beginning **January 12, 2022**, our monthly Club General Meeting will be hosted by the **Los Caballeros Sports Village** in Fountain Valley (approximately a half-mile east of Mile Square Park). Los Cab is located at 17272 Newhope St. in Fountain Valley. We will be meeting in the Terrace Room.

The contracts for the first six months are now in work and should be complete by our November Meeting. The Venue Selection Team (Terry Roznos, Larry Behm, Gill Realon, Tom Sakai, and Brian Mayer) evaluated more than 25 venue candidates to host our meetings. Early in the venue selection process, it was clear from the bids received, that the costs of our standard dinner meeting format were going to be higher than what we have been paying at the Phoenix Club and we had to rethink the evening layout and expectations. A change in meeting format was then considered, the Happy Hour format; later start (7 pm), snacks/appetizers, cash bar, followed by our guest speaker presentation at 8 pm. Revised bids from our candidate venues were solicited. Los Cab was the clear standout of the bids received.

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President's Message (Con't)

With the new format and costs, we also had to rethink how we paid for this. To encourage participation at our General Meetings, a low meeting fee of \$10 per adult member or visitor is planned! Historically, pre-Covid meetings, the combination of meeting fee and annual dues generally paid the cost of the Phoenix Club venue, dinner, and speaker fee. After thoughtful financial analysis, an annual dues increase to \$60 for 2022 membership, in combination with the \$10 meeting fee, will result in a similar (pre-Covid) budgeted breakeven cost for presenting our monthly General Meetings at the Los Caballeros Sports Village.

The Board of Directors has now formally approved the 2022 Venue (Los Cab), a Happy Hour meeting format (no dinner, but with Cash Bar and snacks/appetizers), a \$10 Meeting Fee, and \$60 Annual Dues (effective 10/29). Those who have already renewed their 2022 membership at \$45; good for you, retroactive payment will not be required (except for Board Member renewals). I applaud the Venue Selection Team and the Board for their diligence and dedication in working the plan for our new meeting venue for 2022. Now it's time to execute the plan! We believe this is a good plan; it's sound financially, it encourages attendance at our monthly meetings, and it continues to provide value for your \$\$\$\$. Change can be unsettling, but as always, we encourage member comments, questions, and concerns as this is your Club! We, the Board, work for you!!

Lastly, as if a Venue and fee structure change isn't enough, and in light of the continually evolving Covid environment, the Club Policy for Covid Guidance is presented here in your newsletter, with link on our website. The Club Policy is fully compliant with the latest Orange County Health Officer's Orders (issued 10/12/2021).

Now, go out there and fish and share your stories with your fellow members in the newsletter (Fish Tales) or at a meeting!!! See you there!

Terry

FFCOC November Speaker- Wednesday, November 10th



FISHING THE LEGENDARY HENRY'S FORK IDAHO

with

KARLIE ROLAND

The *Henry's Fork* of the Snake River in Idaho is rightly known as one of America's Blue Ribbon trout fisheries. Located in Southeastern Idaho, it is about 127 miles long and is also known as the North Fork of the Snake River. Jim Klug of Yellow Dog Adventures describes it well. "People go to Henry's Fork because of its hallowed waters. It's legendary – known as a technical river with big fish, and famous for its hatches. If you're a trout fisherman, you need to make the pilgrimage to the Henry's Fork.

Our November presenter Karlie Roland is one of the most requested guides on this famous stretch of water. She will guide us through the seasons and hatches of a river that has become a favorite of many destination anglers in Southern California. Often touted as "technical" water, Karlie will unlock the secrets she has learned in her many years of guiding. For the dry fly fisherman, the river offers outstanding hatches through gentle

This Month's Speaker (cont'd)

flowing ranch land, timber covered canyons and spring creek like sections, with tributaries that are spectacular fisheries in their own right.

Karlie grew up with a fly rod in one hand and a camera in the other. She spent her summers in Last Chance, Idaho, where her family has fished the Henry's Fork for multiple generations. Over the years, Karlie has traveled from the Rockies to the Pacific Northwest to Patagonia as part of her ongoing search for trout, salmon and steelhead. A tireless advocate for fisheries conservation and watershed protection, a passionate angler and educator, and a guide with extensive experience leading fly-fishing schools and hosted travel, she now works for TroutHunter on the river that started it all - the Henry's Fork.

Karlie is on the Hardy Rods & Reels pro staff. Here is a link to a video she did for the Fly-Fishing Film Tour when she moved to the Henry's Fork: <https://flyfilmtour.com/trailers/where-it-all-started/>

Karlie's Instagram page: Karlie Roland (@karlieroland) Instagram photos and videos



AUCTION UPDATE

Do you need a new reel or net? Maybe fly tying materials?

You get one more chance at our fall auction. We didn't sell everything last month at the in-person auction, so you can bid on over 50 items that we still have. After this, we will donate any unsold items to the FFI auction.

Bidding online starts next week! Check out the online catalog and see what we have..

[FFCOC Online Fall Auction \(auctria.com\)](http://auctria.com)

Bid on Online items directly from the catalog **starting Saturday 10/30**. Use the same email you used last year to log in. If you are new, register to get your BIDDER NUMBER.

Bidding ends on Sunday, 11/7, 7:00pm!

Larry Behm

Volunteering

FFCOC BOD is in need of fresh volunteers!!

Hello club members. As I (Melinda Burns) will be retiring from the board after 14 years of volunteering, our BOD will be looking for new volunteers to fill the following positions:

- v Membership
- v TIC Coordinator (Trout in the classroom)
- v FFI Liaison
- v Scholarship Chairman

Being on the board for the last 14 years has afforded me the opportunity to give back to a club who welcomed myself and Honey Burns with open arms. When we joined the club back in 2007 I had no experience in Fly Fishing, to that matter I had no experience in fishing either. But the club embraced us as new members and novices to the sport. Since then, I have built friendships and mentorships that will last forever. All my knowledge and skills about fly fishing has come from my fellow club members and FFI, all whom I consider close friends. I have enjoyed the many club outings and events the club has sponsored. I have been able to participate in the planning and continued growth of this fabulous club and it is my hope that new and experienced club members will take this opportunity to step up and participate in the future of our club as I have over the years.

Interesting enough, the club gave me the opportunity to engage with other fly fisherman through Fly Fishers International, which is another non-profit organization that supplies and supports fly fishing clubs and new fly fisherman. Through this organization I met so many talented and famous fly fisherman eager to share their knowledge and experiences of fly fishing. This opportunity alone is enough to join the board.

There is no better way to learn about fly fishing than getting involved. Maybe you are not ready to be on the board. That's ok, the BOD is always looking for people to volunteer for events. Start there.

I will always be at your disposal to ask questions on how I might have done something. Please consider in helping the club to grow.

Tightlines,

Melinda Burns

News

Club News:

Updated Mentor Program: Stay tuned. Doug Jones and Joe Libeu are resurrecting the Mentor program we tried out just before the COVID outbreak. First outing planned for February. More information to follow.

In Other News:

Larry Behm writes:

Article about the state of Brown trout in MT. I was there in May and saw firsthand the first fish kill, they now have data to show that Browns are declining rapidly and fishing in future years may not be the same. I thought many members would like to understand what is happening in one of the destination locations for a lot of trips.

Click here to see a copy of the article: [//FFCOC.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=889299](http://FFCOC.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=889299)

2021-2022 Fly Fisher Club of Orange County Marine Studies Scholarship Awardee

We are proud to announce the winner of our 2021-2022 Fly Fisher Club of Orange County Marine Studies Scholarship is being awarded to Shannon Tarby of CSULB. To view Shannon's application for our scholarship, [click here](#)

Here is a brief bio for Shannon. She is currently a student at CSU Long Beach with a major in Biological Sciences. Here is one of her answers to our scholarship questions:

Growing up I was always passionate about the environment and when I arrived at the University of California Riverside (UCR), I chose to major in Environmental Science. At UCR, my introductory classes exposed me to material from physics, chemistry, and biology. My favorite classes were always in the discipline of biology and I was also interested in chemistry. I chose to study biological sciences because it has the potential to better our world. Specifically, I am studying the effects of weathered microplastics which is an important field of study due to the growing plastic pollution issue. Additionally, pursuing a M.S. in Biology would help me achieve my career goal of being a full time researcher in governmental agency laboratories. During my two years as an undergraduate research assistant I developed an interest in research and wish to continue doing work related to research well into my career.

Here is another answer from her application.

2. Briefly describe your commitment to community services in the fisheries biology field.

I have been committed to community services in the fisheries biology field since my time as an undergraduate student at University of California Riverside. During my time at UCR I became involved with volunteering at Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps in Azusa, California. There I helped perform duties such as assessing fish populations in streams of San Bernardino National Forest and San Gabriel National Forest to monitor over-fishing, assess stream water quality monitoring through periodic turbidity, pH and total coliform of measurements, and help with community outreach education to provide information on National Forest conservation. Additionally, we would also perform periodic stream clean ups to prevent polluted areas from affecting fish populations. Since volunteering at FRVC I have been dedicated to research about toxicology and how it effects fisheries. My thesis focuses on how secondary microplastics with a sorbate can effect larval zebrafish health, growth, and behavior. This research will have profound impacts on our understanding of the threats that microplastics can pose on fisheries. Microplastics have become increasingly abundant in waterways across the country and they have also come into constant contact with many different species of fish. To further continue my commitment to community services in the fisheries biology field I am organizing a monthly beach clean-up in the downtown Long Beach area. The goal of that project is to help create cleaner beaches and to prevent re-entry of trash into waterways.

Please join me in congratulating Shannon on winning our scholarship.

Tightlines,
Scholarship Committee

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	9/8/21
October	Lino Jubilado	Catching Carp in the LA River	10/13/21
November	Karlie Roland	Fishing Henry's Fork, Idaho	11/10/21
December	TBD		12/8/21

December Meeting



Dear FFCOC Club Member

We Are fortunate to be able to come together monthly and share our love of Fly Fishing. Yet there are families out there amongst us that struggle day to day to feed their family and to make ends meet. We have this opportunity this holiday season to give back to our community. Let's share the "Joy and Happiness" of this season by providing toys for the children of the less fortunate. Remember these children are the future of our country and our communities.

Please join me by bringing an unwrapped toy to the December 8th club meeting

I will then take these donations to a local Fire Department on behalf of our club.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Melinda and John Burns

2022 Outings

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 free space for more outings. Check with Don Tayenaka to see if you can help develop more outings for the club... Editor

OUTINGS

**Fly Fishers of Orange County
Pyramid Lake Ladder Fishing Trip
W/Rob Anderson and Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide
Service
March 13 - 15, 2022**

***A CHANCE TO CATCH A TROUT OF YOUR LIFE
TIME!!!***



Dates – Fishing 3 full days - Sunday March 13th – Tuesday the 15th. Arrive Saturday March 12, depart Wednesday March 16th.

Guide Assistance – Provided by Rob Anderson and 2 guides from Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing

Guide Service (PLFFGS). Website: www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com. Phone: 775-742-1754

Cost – \$ 480.00 based on 10 participants with 3 guides, but maybe higher or lower if we do not get 10 commitments (12 Max). This includes light breakfast, hot lunch & drinks on fishing days and guide assistance

Lodging Plans – Hotel in Sparks, NV – Western Village Inn & Casino. Cost is TBD

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OUTINGS (Pyramid Con't)

We are working to secure a block of rooms and secure best price. Option, to stay at Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe, NV. Info forthcoming, but you will make your own reservations.

What you are responsible for - Your Transportation, Hotel, Meals (other than breakfast and lunch on fishing days at the lake) Guide tips, Fishing Permit (from Piute Indian Tribe).

Fishing Gear – Rods/Reels: 9' - 8 or 9 wt. or 11' Switch Rod with floating line for indicator fishing and/or fast sinking or shooting head line for stripping. Tackle – Flies, adjustable indicators, 10-15# leader/tippets. PLFFGS will provide the ladders and flies.

More Info -

- Deposit of **\$240.00** due ASAP after signing up.
- Final payment of **\$240.00** due no later than January 15, 2022. Make checks payable to the 'Paul Nakamura', and send to 12136 Marshall St., Culver City, CA 90230.
- Contact Paul Nakamura for details and to get on the Trip List. pnaka1946@gmail.com or 310-487-3367
- Zoom meeting will be planned with Rob to get you acquainted with fly fishing Pyramid Lake. Tentative date will be in November after we get a club distribution developed.
- Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent those who have signed up for the Trip.

Fish Tales

Bridgeport Trip Report: Terry Roznos



The 3rd annual Club outing to Bridgeport is now complete with fishing days on Sep 25, 26 and 27. The trip was designed to allow for “free planning” by each angler for each of the three fishing days; including fishing location, with hired guide service, or on your own.

Making the trip this year were (clockwise in photo): Kiernan McGowan, Melinda Burns, John Burns, Janna Roznos, Terry Roznos, Dennis Chandler, Barbara Chandler, Loring Davies (not pictured).

Fishing was difficult this year due to the low run-off season resulting in low flows in the local streams and rivers. Bridgeport Reservoir was extremely low leaving the dock at the marina high and dry. This year’s hearty anglers made some significant daily drives (and hikes) in their quest for trout. Local waters fished included: Buckeye Creek, Robinson Creek, Virginia Creek, Virginia Lake, Rush Creek, Owens River (Big Springs), Lee Vining Creek and the Tuolumne River (Lyell and Dana Forks) in Yosemite. All anglers were able to land trout in these challenging skinny water conditions; a victory!! Fishing is not always about the quantities, but in the thrill of the hunt, the beauty of the surroundings, and in the company that you’re with! As always, we met as a group on our final evening for a group dinner in a local restaurant. This year we made the walk across the street to the Virginia Creek Settlement Restaurant (pictured); a true gem in the area!

Home base was the Willow Springs Motel and RV Park, approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport. Sleeper rooms and RV sites were available for our stay. Under the order of a National Forest Service fire restriction, each evening featured a group campfire (propane fired) hosted by our Willow Springs staff; complete with s’mores and a selection of wines to cut the chill off our cool evenings. The campfire provided a great opportunity for the group to gather and discuss the day’s fishing successes (or not), with plans for the next day. This year we had 3 RVs make the trip, a new record! Perhaps this outing can grow as an RV outing for our RV members in future years!?! May we have a nice wet winter to refresh and replenish our streams, rivers and lakes!

The 2022 date for the Bridgeport Outing is not yet set, but looking at early September (Labor Day Weekend). Stay tuned...

Fish Tales(Con't)

Southern Utah, Loa: John Williams

Pictured are just a few of the fish caught while on our club trip to Loa Utah. By Saturday the 18 of Sept. we had all gathered at the Mill Cabins in Lyman Utah. The anticipations was heavy, Andy Frumento wanted to hit the water immediately so we fished a public lake with some good results. We were told by Mike James our head guide to fish that lake again just before dark and it produced quite well using a white streamer. The week produced some nice fish and we all had a wonderful time. The group consisted of Brian Mayer, Andy Frumento, Len Scarpace and myself John Williams. The weather cooperated most of the week with very slight showers one day. Many more fish pictures were taken but all have not been shared yet so here are the highlights. **Next years dates are set for September 26-30 2022 for a group size of 6, if you want to go call me 951-236-0862 John Williams. A \$200 non-refundable deposit is required which is sent to me and forwarded to the guide.** The guide service we use is The Quiet Fly fisher 200 N. Main St. Loa Utah. Mike James is the owner with quite a background of fishing the area. **We book a group rate for five days** though several of our members have used Mike or his guides privately as their fishing guide. The guides provide lunch, flies and are very experienced. Please if you have questions call my number above.



Fish Tales(Loa Con't)



Fish Tales(Loa Con't)

Looked like a great party! (Ed)



Fish Tales(Con't)

Pyramid Lake: Eric Kramer

I was planning on attending the Presidents Outing in Kernville , but since it was cancelled I went to Reno where I met Sam Snyder who was up there for a Tim McGraw concert.

We fished Pyramid on Sat., he from his pontoon boat at Warrior Beach and me off the rocks at Pelican Bay. He caught 2 and I never even saw a fish. On Sunday we had booked a trip with Hans Grotewald of Sierra Drifters Guide Service. We went to the far northeast part of the lake and fished bait balls in 80 feet of water. No indicators here!! We drop shotted with 100 feet of flouro on 7 weight fly rods. jiggging chui chub imitation streamers. We caught fish at various depths, depending on where the bait was. We caught 46 fish, 23 each, not one under five pounds, more Pilots than Summits. I caught a 14,12, two 11 and 2 10s. Sam caught an 11 and 10. I had a double of a 12 and a 10.. Then Sam went home and I went to Eagle Lake for the first time. My friend Bill Goodwin and I trolled flies and grubs for two days, landing 12 fish out of numerous hits, keeping only four to eat. The fish were mostly 17-18 inches with the largest being 23 and weighing 3.8 pounds. Redist meat I have ever seen in my 65 years of trout fishing, and also the best eating. Eagle has good flyfishing by boat, tube, or shore.



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 [Fly Buy \(swcffi.org\)](https://swcffi.org)



November 5-7

Registration is NOW OPEN!

ENHANCE YOUR FLY FISHING SKILLS

Fly Fishers International has opened registration for the inaugural FFI Virtual Expo 2021 taking place from November 5-7. Fly fishing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to learn from some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport during this one-of-a-kind event focused on education and fun. The Virtual Expo can be enjoyed right from home and will feature over 150 interactive, hands-on workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women in fly fishing, travel, and much more. There are offerings for every skill level and all things fly fishing. Similar to fly fishing shows, there will be vendors, break-out rooms, social gatherings, and entertaining activities.

These days \$25 hardly covers lunch and a few flies—forget about gas money and beverages. But \$25 will get you access to over 100 free fly fishing workshops, presentations, and demonstrations when you register for the FFI Virtual Expo. This inaugural online-only event takes places November 5-7, 2021, and features over 150 opportunities to immerse yourself in every aspect of fly fishing.

Registration is limited to 1,500 participants— \$25 for members and \$60 for non-members which includes a \$35 FFI membership. Some workshops require an additional fee and have limited space; others are taking place before the Virtual Expo begins. Don't miss out!

REGISTER NOW at flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities

Flies That Keep On Giving!

By John Williams

Off color water can be quite hard to fish, give the fish every chance to see your fly. Aquatic worms are a good choice and this pattern has proved it's self. This is an easy one.

Atomic Worm



Hook:	Orvis Tactical Barbless 1P13 #10 or to your liking
Bead:	2.4 mm Tungsten Black
Thread:	UTC 140 Fluorescent Pink
Worm Body:	Hareline Pearl Core Braid Red
Cement:	Gel Super Glue

Place the bead on the hook, either big hole or small hole first it doesn't matter. Place hook and bead in vice. Just forward of the center point of the hook place a slight drop of super glue and slide the bead to the just forward point and trap with thread wraps on either side of the bead and leaving the thread to the rear of the bead.

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Flies That Keep On Giving! -continued

Singe the braid end with a flame and let cool before placing the singed end to the rear approximately 2 times the length of the hook. Tie the braid down behind the bead and move your thread forward to in front of the bead. Tie down the braid in front of the bead with a few wraps of thread. Smear a little super glue on your thread and whip finish at the base of the front tie in point and cut your thread. Cut the braid to approximately 1.5 times the length of the hook and singe the end with a flame.

This is a dirty water solution to catching fish.

Tight Lines,

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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