On The Fly

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



APRIL 2022

Hot Off The Press!!

Please see your newsletter for these latest event announcements!

1. Casting Contest.

Saturday, April 16. Irvine Regional Park. Members and the Public are welcome. See Page 7.

2. Beginning Fly Tying Class.

Wednesday Evening, April 27. Lake Forest Family Building. See Page 8.

3. 2nd Annual FFCOC Picnic

Save the Date; Saturday, August 6. Irvine Regional Park. See Page 9.

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President's Message

President's Message by Larry Behm

What did you think of our new venue? We had almost 50 people meet in-person for our March meeting and they listened to Scott Leon share some great stories about places few of us have been able to fish.

The April meeting will be great too with Alice Owsley speaking about fishing in Yellowstone. Plan on joining us 7:00pm at Los Cab Sports Club on April 13.

Would you like to learn how to tie your own flies? Or would you like to help teach? Look for beginner classes



to start in April. Don Tayenaka is organizing the classes, watch the calendar on the website. If you are new to fly fishing, why should you learn how to tie? I believe it is a great way to learn which fly to fish. As you learn how to make flies, it becomes easier to recognize what a fly is supposed to represent to the fish. So, it becomes easier to choose the best fly for the fishing situation you face.

Rod building classes are planned to start in late July, watch for announcements next month.

Time to start thinking about the annual auction. The auction will be very big this year with all the stuff we already received from a number of estates and former members. If you have items to donate to the auction please bring them to one of the meetings before July.

Would you like to help sort and label items for the auction? If you have time to help prepare items, please call me immediately. We have a lot of work to do this year.

With trout season opening this month, I hope all of you have trips booked to get out and wet your lines!

Larry Behm - 949.235.4466

FFCOC New Meeting Venue; Los Caballeros Sports Village



Our monthly Club General Meetings are now 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. (See map below for location). Get your car and phone navigator applications ready!

We will be meeting in the Terrace Room. Enter lobby, then upstairs to the Terrace Room. (See photo below)

Our meeting format has changed, the Happy Hour

format (no served dinner); later start time (7 pm), Wet Fly socialization with snacks/appetizers, cash bar,

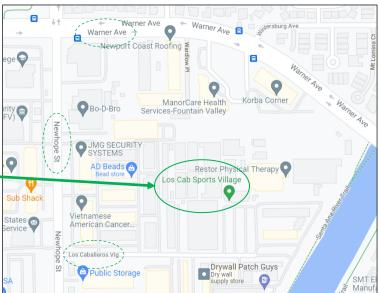
and some Club announcements, followed by our guest speaker presentation at 8 pm.

Meeting Fee: \$10.

Los Cab Sports Village:

South of Warner Ave.

Enter Los Caballeros Vlg off of Newhope St. Proceed approx. 1/4 mile to parking lot.





Proceed to the Terrace Room:

Enter Lobby.

Proceed Upstairs (at the right-side of the Reception Desk) to the Terrace Room (right turn at the top of the stairs).

This Month's Speaker

Our Guest Speaker- Wednesday, April 13





STALKING TROUT IN YELLOWSTONE

with ALICE OWSLEY

Yellowstone National Park is 3,472 square miles and home to 2,500 miles of running water home to over a dozen distinct species of fish. Alice Owsley's presentation, "Stalking Trout in Yellowstone Country" will help you plan your next trip to our nation's first national park. She will present technical fly fishing information and discuss tips that will help the seasoned visitor find new destinations and the first time angler to Yellowstone find success. Alice is a year-round resident of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, so expect an enjoyable presentation of the beauty above and below the water's surface.

From battling big tuna in the ocean to tiny trout in mountain streams, there is not much Alice Owsley hasn't done with a fly rod in her hand. She has been a guide in Yellowstone, Montana and Idaho since 2001. Alice Owsley is one of West Yellowstone's most experienced and knowledgeable fly fishing guides. She brings her passion for fly fishing to every trip, not only creating memorable experiences for her clients, but also building their angling skills with a sense of fun and adventure.

Alice was born in Salem, Ohio. At the tender age of 8, she picked up her first fly rod and learned to pursue trout on the area's spring creeks. Alice spent much of her youth chasing trout in Ohio and Virginia before moving to Asheville, North Carolina, to study at *Warren Wilson College*. While still a student, Alice landed her first job in the fly fishing industry at a local fly shop. After graduating, she headed to the *Rocky Mountain West* in pursuit of any fish that would take a fly. She worked a season in Alaska helping clients catch giant rainbows (while dodging mosquitos and brown bears), then returned to the lower 48 in 2002 to guide on the world-class waters of *Greater Yellowstone*. Since 2014, Alice has

This Month's Speaker (Con't)

also traveled to fly fishing events around the country to share her knowledge and experience fishing in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Through all her travels, no place or fish held her interest like the many species of trout that inhabit the waters in the Greater Yellowstone. She loves to explore her backyard, especially during Montana's short summer months. You can often find her camping and floating Western rivers, scouting alpine streams and lakes, venturing into the Yellowstone backcountry, or searching for varied species of fish such as grayling, Yellowstone cutthroat, and pike.

Though Greater Yellowstone is her home, Alice is always thinking about her next fishing adventure near or far. She is no stranger to Idaho's *Clearwater River* steelhead or Montana's *Missouri River* carp. She has also fished for tarpon, bonefish, permit and other saltwater species throughout the Bahamas, Florida Keys, Belize, and Mexico. Since 2021, Alice has hosted clients on guided trips to the Louisiana coast - one of the nation's premier destinations for redfish.

Under Alice's instruction, clients can look forward to learning new fly fishing techniques and strengthening their angling skills. Alice is an award-winning caster who enjoys teaching clients tricks with the fly rod like *reach casts*, *tuck casts* and how to properly present a fly when Montana's afternoon winds begin to blow.

Alice has spent her winters since 2002 as a snow coach and cross-country ski guide in Yellowstone National Park. Over her years guiding Yellowstone in both summer and winter, she has accumulated a wealth of knowledge about the park's history, unique geology, and animal habits. Although she has yet to see Steamboat Geyser in a rare full eruption, she can tell you the eruption intervals of Great Fountain Geyser and what time of year to look for rare orchids in the park. If you want to know about the birds along the riverbanks, Alice is also an experienced birder with a lengthy list of species. Her naturalist background adds even greater detail to her clients' fishing adventures.

Alice believes in setting a positive example by protecting the resources we all rely on. She is an active member of the *Trout Unlimited Business Program*, which works to protect wild trout streams in Montana and across the nation. She also guides fishing experiences for combat veterans with *Warriors and Quiet Waters*, and volunteers as a guide with *Casting for Recovery*—an organization that provides fly fishing retreats for women with breast cancer. Alice is a current steering committee member for the *Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana's Guiding for the Future* program. She is also a member of the *Simms Pro Team*, an R.L. Winston Field Advisor, a *Scientific Anglers Ambassador*, and member of the *Clackacraft Pro Staff*.

Alice is owner of Riverside Anglers outfitter/guide service in West Yellowstone, Montana, additional info may be found at the website: www.riversideanglers.com

Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

<u>February</u> <u>March</u>

Luis Caballero (San Clemente) Andrew McGuire (Orange)

Andrew Gordon (Mission Viejo)

David McClure (Lake Forest)

Membership Renewal Reminder:

Just another friendly reminder for those who have not renewed their Club membership for 2022, your 2021 membership expired on 12/31/21. There a three ways you can renew your membership:

- 1. At our **April Club Meeting** at Los Cab!!
- 2. You can download and print a Membership Application, fill it out, and return it with your payment via the US Postal Service. A Membership Application is available on the Club website. Use the following link: https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/docs.ashx?id=910542
- 3. You can renew your Club Membership on-line using our Club website. Personal check or Credit Card payment is accepted. Just follow the instructions on the website. For on-line membership renewal, use the following link:
 - https://ffcoc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=60&club_id=510287

If you don't remember if you have renewed for 2022, you can wait for the barrage of emails, or you can contact our Membership Director, Cherie Dalton, at membership@ffcoc.org to verify your Membership status. Thank you!!

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (May) edition are due to the Editor by <u>Friday, April 29</u>, to meet publication deadlines. All submittals are gratefully accepted; Board Member announcements, Club News, Fish Tales, Fly of the Month, Outing Streamkeepers, or just general commentary from you (our readers)! Please send your inputs to Janna Roznos at <u>jkroznos@verizon.net</u> or <u>jkroznos@gmail.com</u> Thank you!! ...Editor

Club News - Fly Casting Contest

Free Public Fly-Casting Contests Sat. April 16th

One Contest for Beginning/Advancing Casters

A Second Challenge for More Advanced Casters



Has something about fly fishing has piqued your interest? Or have you been chafing at the bit to get your fly rod out of the closet and cast again? Perfect! Get out of your Saturday morning lounge chair and join us! Sharpen your skills for the summer fishing season...pick up a few tips...hear some fishing lies...and be on your way!

This one-of-a-kind Fly-Casting Contest is open **to our members and to the public** and to fly casters of all skill levels, ages and walks-of-life (we are indiscriminate). **One contest for Beginners/Advancing casters and another for Advanced casters.** Bring your own rod if you have one. If not, we have all the equipment you will need.

The cost is FREE! Prizes worth up to \$ Millions available to the winners (who says you get what you pay for!) If you are just starting your fly fishing journey, you can pick up some essential information about casting, equipment, casting techniques and fishing locations... and maybe a fish story or two (whether a slight untruth, falsehood, fib or outright lie... we do not discriminate!).

Irvine Regional Park

1 Irvine Park Rd, Orange, CA 92869
(after entering park turn right
and stay right until reaching
Parking Lot P. Lot O is ok too.
From there, walk straight out to open



When: Saturday, April 16 9:00 to 10:30 AM

Where: Irvine Regional Park
1 Irvine Park Rd, Orange, CA

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

The Casting Clinic concludes at 9:30 am. A few knowledgeable casters will remain after the event for questions!



No Registration Required. If you have any questions, text: Ken Lindt 714-936-3486



Club News - Beginner Fly Tying Class!!

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Beginner Fly Tying Class for FFCOC Members!

When: Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Where: Lake Forest Family Building

23161 Lake Center Dr Lake Forest CA 92630

All materials, vises, and tools will be provided for students to use. If you have your own vise and tools, feel free to bring them to the class. No experience is necessary to join.

Contact: Don Tayenaka 949-292-8325

dontayenaka@me.com













Club News





Save the Date!

2nd Annual FFCOC Picnic

When: Saturday, August 6, 2022

11 am to 3 pm

Where: Irvine Regional Park

Deer Den Group Area

Food, Games, Prizes, Fellowship!

More Details to Come!!

FFCOC Marine Studies Scholarship

March 14, 2022

Dear Larry,

Please accept my deepest gratitude for your annual \$3,000 gift toward the 2022-2023 Fly Fisher's Club of Orange County Scholarship and the additional \$3,000 gift for a second awardee this academic year. Your generous, ongoing support of the CSU and its students is absolutely critical to our continued progress. Simply put, we could not do this vital work without you and all of our visionary donors and friends.

The CSU is rightly recognized as one of America's greatest drivers of socioeconomic ascent. Thanks to your support, we will continue to advance access and success for students from all backgrounds as we help drive California to its brightest future.

With gratitude,

Larry Salinas President, CSU Foundation The FFCOC is pleased to announce the award of a second Marine Studies Scholarship (\$3,000 ea) for the current 2022 school year. The Scholarship recipients are Shannon Tarby and Emma Siegfried. Both scholarship recipients are MS Candidates at CSULB with a degree plan in Biological Sciences. A second scholarship was made possible due to a surplus in the FFCOC Operations budget performance for 2021. The attached letter of gratitude was received from Larry Salinas, President, CSU Foundation; the administrator of the FFCOC Marine Studies Scholarship award process.

Club News - Fish Tales

Mentor Outing (Lower Owens). Feb 2022



What a great day at the Lower Owens.

I am relatively new to fly fishing, and my mentor Lyman was ever so informative and supportive in helping me expand my wonder for this magnificent sport.

We had a good day and caught lots of fish.

Thank you Lyman and thanks FFCOC.

Keith

Fish Tale by: Keith Desroche

Wanted! Your Fish Tales!!

Have you been fishing lately?? Please share your story with our membership! Our readers enjoy your fishing exploits!!

Your tales don't need to be novels, or even short stories. A paragraph or two would suffice. Photos are great (as the old saying goes, "they are worth a thousand words")! Don't worry about the formatting or arranging. Just send what you've got! Your newsletter staff will handle the polishing!! Your Fish Tales are always greatly appreciated!

Please send your Fish Tale submittals to your Newsletter Editor, Janna Roznos at: jkroznos@verizon.net or jkroznos@gmail.com.

Thank you!

2022 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Ernie Gulley	Stillwater Bugs and Tactics - What Do Trout Eat	01/12/22
February	Peter Stitcher	How to Match the Hatch in 2 Minutes	02/09/22
March	Scott Leon	Off-Shore Fly Fishing Adventures	03/09/22
April	Alice Owsley	Stalking Trout in Yellowstone	04/13/22
May	Charles Jardine	Beyond The Chalk	05/11/22
June	Michael Schweit	Local Saltwater Opportunities - Channel Islands and Beyond	06/08/22
July	Heather Hodson	DIY Fishing the West - 30 Days On the Road	07/13/22
August	Club Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	08/06/22
September	Club Auction	Live	09/14/22
October	Al Q	A Saltwater Check List	10/12/22
November	Beckie Clarke	Colorado River Fishing	11/09/22
December	ТВА		12/14/22

2022 Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper	Phone
February 19-20	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
March 13-15	Pyramid Lake, NV	Paul Nakamura	310-487-3367
April 2-3	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones	714-697-2222
April 2-9	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562-619-9169
May 14	Crowley Lake/Float Tube Clinic (Ernie Gulley)	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920
June 3	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
July 15-18	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams	951-236-0862
July 16	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
July 22-24	Golden Trout Hunting - Mulkey Meadows	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
August 6	Club Picnic		
August 12	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
September 2-6	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos	562-322-4790
September 26-30	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862
October TBA	President's Outing/Kern River	Larry Behm	949-235-4466
November			
December			

Note: Contact Don Tayenaka with your Club Outing proposal, or for guidance on creating a Club Outing. Let's go fishing as a group!!!

OUTINGS (Crowley Lake/Float Tube Clinic)



Photo courtesy of Don Tayenaka

Float Tube Fly Fishing on Lake Crowley with Ernie Gulley

When: May 14th, 2022

Cost: \$200 per person

Location: Lake Crowley

Minimum 4 Anglers and maximum of 8

FLOAT TUBE CLINICS – ERNIE GULLEY

This is an on the water clinic. Fishing out of a float tube in stillwater can be very intimidating, let me show you all of the ins and outs of being successful fishing from a float tube. I will teach you proper setup for your float tube before you even go into the water. How to properly set up and anchor your float tube or water craft to be successful in keeping your fly at the proper depths at all times. How to properly position your water craft depending on what food times you are trying to present. How to read the water conditions, structure, habitat weather! How to use different fly lines, floating, hover, clear intermediate and sinking lines and how to find the fish at each level of the water column.

To reserve your spot for this clinic, contact Melinda Burns (streamkeeper) at mel11755@pacbell.net or text 951-415-9920. Remember this is limited to 8 anglers and Honey Burns and I are already 2 so there are only 6 openings left. Hope you can join us.

OUTINGS (Hot Creek Ranch)

HOT CREEK RANCH 2022

July 15-18



The cost of this trip this year is \$487.00 per person

Monies need to be to our Treasurer

Tom Sakai

By 6/1/2022

Send Check Made out to: FFCOC

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

Trip starts: Hot Creek Ranch July 15, 2022

Check in time is 4:00 P.M. Friday. NOT BEFORE!

Trip ends: July 18, 2022. You must be out of the cabin by <u>10:00 a.m.</u> and may fish the rest of the day.

You must be a club member to attend.

You will need a signed release form on file for this trip.

If you have previously attended a club outing and your form is on file you are set.

Check with our Membership Chairperson to see if it is on file. Thank you.

OUTINGS (Hot Creek Ranch)

You Must Be A Club Member To Attend

<u>Persons</u>	
Ron & Sabrina Gregg	
Jim Moore	
Cheryl Moore	
Don Tayenaka	
Gary Giuliano	
Bri Buchko	
Karen Villancourt	
Marsha Watel	
Chris Nicosia	
Don Bell	
John Williams	
Scot Lewis	
Jim Edwards	
Andrew Sprowl	
Joe Villa	
Debbie Blair/Villa	
Jacob Villa	
Julie Korak	
George Peters	
Bill Sidenfaden	
Ken Lindt	
Larry Roberts	

Waiting List:

- 1 Dennis Richards
- 2 Bob? with Dale Fairchild
- 3 Joe Hernandez & daughter
- 4

OUTINGS (Hot Creek Ranch)

Food For BBQ:

Steaks 26

Salad 2 bags

Dressing two bottles

Charcoal 1 bag

Lighter Fluid 1

Potatoes 26

Butter 1 tub

Sour Cream 1 tub

Garlic Bread 2 loaves

Canada Steak Shaker

Worchester Sauce 1 bottle

Aluminum Foil 1 roll

OUTINGS

Golden Trout Hunting - Mulkey Meadows

Horseshoe Meadows Trailhead July 22-24, 2022



Join me for a beautiful hike in the Golden Trout wilderness to hunt for fish.

Fishing the Cottonwood area is not about catching the biggest fish; 10" will be a big one! It is about stealth and beauty. These fish are wary of predators, and you will have to use all of your skills to catch one. When you do, they are unique and a sight to behold!

This trip is a backpacking trip. We will be tent sleeping for two nights at an elevation of about 10,000'. You will have to carrying your gear for 4 miles with only 70% of the oxygen you are used to! You will struggle with the elevation and pack weight if you don't prepare.

Your gear list is pretty easy. Because you have to carry everything, we keep it light and and simple. A light rod with standard dry flies and couple of nymphs is all you need. I love to use a 3 wt fiber-



glass rod in the high mountains. I can feel every wiggle of the fish on the line while I hide behind bushes or rocks and catch them more by feel than sight. These fish have a short season to eat, so they will usually hit at any reasonable fly, as long as they don't see you. It is truly hunting and stalking fish in these waters.

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OUTINGS (Mulkey Meadows - Con't)

We have 8 slots open still for this trip. Contact Larry Behm, 949-235-4466 or lbehm@iCloud.com to sign up.

Itinerary:

<u>Friday 7/22</u>, we will park cars and meet at the Horseshoe Meadows trailhead and spend the night camping to acclimate to the altitude.

Saturday, 7/23, we will hike in about 4 miles to Mulkey Meadows. With the altitude and terrain,

it should take about 3 hours of hiking to reach a suitable basecamp site. We will set camp and then hike to different streams for fishing opportunities.

<u>Sunday</u>, 7/24, we fish in the AM and hike back to cars in PM, then drive home.

You will have to camp overnight in bear country, and you will need to prepare your own food.

Costs: \$10 to help cover the permit fees

There are NO guides on this trip. We learn from each other. You are responsible for all of your own gear and protective clothing. There is no cell coverage in the area. I will carry a satellite communicator for emergencies.

We will try to ride share to reduce our carbon footprint while enjoying on the best areas of the Sierra.

Join me on a short trip to a wonderful place!



Mulkey Creek. Photo courtesy of Nativetroutaddict

OUTINGS

FFCOC Bridgeport Outing 2022

September 2-6



Dates: September 2-6. Arrive on a Friday (9/2), and Depart on a Tuesday (9/6). Three full days of fishing the Bridgeport area (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday)! This is Labor Day Weekend, and we have lodging secured!!

Waters: 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 on Bridgeport Reservoir, Kirman Lake, Lundy Lake, the Upper or Lower Twin Lakes, or on the Virginia Lakes. Private waters are also available for a fee (Sceirine Ranch, Nevada).

OUTINGS (Bridgeport - Con't)

Fishing: Independent fishing. Members disperse to their desired fishing locations in the morning (as singles, or buddy up). Guided fishing is also available; Ken's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport has a list of recommended local guides for hire to put you on fish! Then after a day's fishing, the group will rendezvous at the evening campfire at our host Lodge to discuss the day's fishing, and plans for the next day.

Lodging: Willow Springs Motel and RV Park (<u>Willow Springs Resort – Bridgeport, California – Come Play and Stay in Bridgeport, California</u>), approximately 5 miles south of Bridgeport off Hwy 395, 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 share a room, and 30A full hook-up RV sites are available for your lodging choices.



Standard Single Rooms are \$130/night. The Standard Room includes: One queen bed, Private Bathroom, Wifi and Satellite TV, Heating and Air Conditioning, Mini refrigerator, Microwave, and Coffee maker.



Kitchenette Rooms are \$180/night. Kitchenette Rooms include: One queen bed, One double bed, Private Bathroom, Wifi and Satellite TV, Heating and Air Conditioning, Coffee maker and Toaster, Microwave, Mini refrigerator, Stove top range, and Silverware/dinnerware/cookware.



RV sites are \$50/night. RV Sites have Full Hook Ups; 30A Electrical, Water, and Sewer connections.

A Block Room reservation has been made by your Streamkeeper; 2 Standard Rooms and 2 Kitchenettes are currently now available. Please contact your Streamkeeper for room availability and assignment. RV site reservations are made by using the Online Booking System at the Willow Springs Resort link provided above.

Remember, this is a Labor Day Weekend event, and as such, all rooms and RV sites are expected to fill up. Reserve early to secure your spot!

Responsibilities: Outing attendees are responsible for transportation, lodging and meals. Lodging fees are paid to the Club. First night deposit shall be paid at time of reservation, with the remaining balance due 60 days prior to the outing (21 day cancellation notice for full refund). RV sites require payment in full at time of reservation (21 day cancellation notice also applies). Convenient dining (breakfast, lunch or dinner) is available across the street at Virginia Creek Settlement (this is a gem of a restaurant), or in town. Bring your favorite trout fishing gear!

OUTINGS (Bridgeport - Con't)

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

Streamkeeper Contact Info:

Terry Roznos (562) 322-4790 (cell)

taroznos@verizon.net













OUTINGS

Fly Fishing Southern Utah

September 26-30, 2022

Stream Keeper John Williams 951-236-0862









The area of Southern Utah we are going has four mountains that surround it and has numerous lakes and streams.

I have fished the area in the spring, summer, and fall; I have found the most productive time is in the fall

Where We Are Going:

Loa Utah Home of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** and is located in a beautiful valley at 7064" elevation, which hosts a few small towns like Loa, Lyman, Bicknell and Torrey. This is farming and livestock country and is surrounded by mountain ranges of which we will be fishing. There are National Parks near by that offer spectacular scenery, Bryce Canyon to the South West and Capitol Reef to the East, Fish Lake National Forest to the North West along with Boulder Mountain with an elevation of 11,317 which provides many fishing locations, and spectacular views.

Guide Contact Information:

Our head guide in **Loa, Utah is Mike James** owner of the **Quiet Fly Fisher** their address is 200 N. Main Street Loa, Utah 84747 Contact Phone Number is 435-616-2319.

Weather & Clothing:

We will be lodging at approx. 7,000' elevation. Nights are cold and days are warm usually, I have experienced rain, snow, hail, and hot and cold days. Bring clothing you can put on in layers that wick moisture, nothing more uncomfortable than moisture under your clothing, which either keeps you hot and sweaty or cold and sweaty. Bring a lightweight rain jacket. Most days you will be wearing your waders but on hot day I wet wade with light shirt nylon pants and my wading boots

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OUTINGS (Loa, UT - Con't)

on, don't forget the neoprene booties if wet wading. Be flexible, bring both cold and warm weather gear and adjust as needed. Weather at high altitude can change rapidly be prepared. The weather will not stop your guide from fishing unless it is dangerous and or access is limited. They will advise if there is a problem. Mother nature sets the parameters we must always be aware of our surroundings and climate.

Lodging:

There are many options in the region of Loa, Utah both in town and adjoining hamlets like Lyman and Bicknell. I would suggest The Mill Cabins 1500 S. HWY 24 Lyman, Utah (435) 491-0426 as a wonderful place with individual cabins that can sleep two and are very reasonably priced, **Bruce & Dana Chappell** are the owners. In Loa the Snuggle Inn is pricy but luxurious by small town standards. In Bicknell the Sunglow Motel and Restaurant is comfortable and reasonably priced. Lodging in these areas can be limited so make your lodging reservation early; I do not take responsibility for making anyone's lodging reservations due to last minute cancelations and family emergencies. I recommend you book you're lodging early, as lodging will be harder to fine closer to the trip dates. Many travelers hit the road after school is in session and before winter.

Physical Demands:

Where we are lodging at 6500' to 7,000' elevation we can be fishing and hiking at as high as 11,000'. If you have problems at altitude let the guide and streamkeeper know in advance of our trip. Most fishing locations involve some hiking and wading. I would suggest arriving a couple of days early to acclimate to 7,000' not hiking hard and drinking plenty of water, it easy to dehydrate in higher elevations, the guide has water and soft drinks along in their vehicles so ask for the water.

Gear:

Rods & Lines, the entire trip can be done with a 9-foot 5-weight rod and a floating line and a sinking line, one rod is all you need.

Waders, good pair of breathable waders is required in most situations.

Boots, wading boots are part of the package. No restrictions on felt as yet.

Wading Staff, Many of us find having a wading staff necessary for stability in slippery or rocky situations, or just find a long stick, don't fall, the rocks are unforgiving.

Terminal Tackle, I use a 9 foot 5x leader and have along 2,3,4,5,6x tippet. I as well bring an assortment of lead free shot to use as needed if nymphing.

Flies, We will be fishing many lakes and a few streams and possibly a couple of rivers. I carry dries, nymphs and streamers but the guide will provide you with flies. If the guide suggests a fly or gives you a fly use it with the full understanding you will catch fish, they are quite experienced on these waters. If you are like me I bring many more flies than I will ever use. I have hoppers, caddis, mayflies, and damselflies in adult and nymph stages. I find a callibaetis mayfly nymph very useful in the lakes. Bring what you own and the fly shop offers all the working patterns you will be using if you want to purchase some.

First Aid Kit: I carry a basic first aid kit in my tote bag for simple emergencies, minor cuts and abrasions.

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OUTINGS (Loa, UT - Con't)

Transportation:

From L.A. Southern California is a 9 1/2-hour drive including gas stops and a lunch stop to Loa, Utah. Sharing a ride is more fun to get to know you friend or partner better and listen to each other experiences along the way. When in Loa the guides provide the transportation to and from the days fishing locations. Salt Lake City is approximately 3 hours away from Loa and is serviced by many airlines and rental car companies.

Float Tubing:

There will be opportunities to float tube in the area if you so desire. The Quiet Fly Fisher in Loa can provide you with a float tube if they are guiding you. If you wish the comfort of your own float tube please feel free to bring yours.

Food:

In Utah many of their dinning locations close on Sunday, it is best to call ahead or ask you guide where and what is open, most areas have a couple options on Sunday but it is best to inquire. Guides provide lunch during the days guiding. Many of us BBQ at the Mill Cabins for dinner, to curb the costs of eating out every meal, the grocery in the town of Loa is open Mon.- Sat. Breakfast is your choice of eating at a local restaurant or at your lodging, the guide provides lunch the days you are fishing.

Libations:

You are responsible for any liquor you wish to purchase either bought from the local Liquor store in Bicknell or for beer (3.2) in some of the gas stations, or bring from home. BYOB.

Costs and Payment:

A deposit of \$200 Non Refundable is sent to John Williams 19429 Kamden Court, Sedro Woolley Washington 98284 to hold your spot then forwarded to the guide. The total cost of the trip is \$1,125 for five days of guiding. The staff of the Quiet Fly Fisher of Loa Utah will guide us.

Tipping:

It is customary to tip the guide daily; I tip \$50 per day of guiding at the end of the day. Tipping is not based on your ability or the number of fish caught, but for good service and the ability of the guide to lead you doing everything in their ability to make the experience enjoyable. Fish are a bonus. I have negotiated quite reasonable rates for the group of six and feel a percentage tip is quite unfair to the guide considering the extreme road conditions, locations and wear and tear on their vehicles. These extreme road conditions keep most of your competition for fish away.

OUTINGS (Loa, UT - Con't)

Fishing License:

Utah state fishing license can be obtained on line prior to your trip, which is the easiest. Licenses can be purchased in Loa at the local store Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Yearly licenses last from the date you purchase them for a complete calendar year.

Emergency Services:

Bicknell near Lyman has a clinic available for minor emergencies.

John Williams Cell 951-236-0862 Streamkeeper

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Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California - Saturday, April 23, 2022



Meet at 8AM at the Pleasant Valley Campground @ the metal footbridge

- Bring gloves.
- Bring family and friends!
- The more people, the cleaner the river!

TIMELINE:

- 8:00am: Coffee and baked goods provided for all volunteers.
- 12-noon: Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM at the Pleasant Valley Campground near the dumpster.

GOODIES & RAFFLES!

- There is a free raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away!
- If you'd like to donate swag for the raffle, please contact organizer Chris Leonard @ 818.288.3271.

DESCRIPTION:

- This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue-ribbon moving water fishery. The Annual Owens River Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022. This is the 8th consecutive year of this much welcomed event.
- What makes this day work so well is the congregation of good-hearted volunteers who travel from near and far to partake in a morning of heautification of the Owens Piver near Pishon.
 - of beautification of the Owens River near Bishop, California.
- It is a great event, and everyone is welcome!



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What is Fly Buy?

Part fishing tackle garage sale, part fly-fishing carnival and all fun.

INFORMATION:

- Fly Buy (swcffi.org)
- When: May 21, 2022
- Time: 9:00 am 5:00 pm (Garage Sale open for business at 10 am)
- Where: Long Beach Casting Club 5201 E 7th St, Long Beach, CA 90804

ADMISSION:

- ADULTS: \$20.00. Includes lunch/drink
- UNDER 16 and VETS: Free
- NEW TO FLY FISHING: 15.00. Includes lunch and a FREE fly casting lesson to get you started
- BRING/DONATE a new or lightly used item of 40.00 retail value and get in FREE!

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ACTIVITIES:

- Fly Tying Demonstrations all day
- Raffles
- Silent Auctions
- Flies for Sale
- Used-Equipment Sale
- Casting Lessons and Games
- Vendors
- Women and Youth Activities
- THE LARGEST FLY FISHING GARAGE SALE ON THE WEST COAST!



Flies That Keep On Giving!

By John Williams

Hot Creek is our July outing and I am getting ready by practicing my casting and tying flies that get the job done. Many are quite easy to tie. Lets start with a Midge Emerger. Get on your glasses NOW.

Quick and Easy Midge Emerger



Hook: Firehole 316 size 18 or 20 Barbless

Thread: UTC 70 Black

Tail: Three Wood duck Fibers

Thorax Back and Wing: White CDC Puff

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Head Cement: Gel Formula Super Glue

Start your thread mid way down the shank of the hook toward the bend and slightly down into the bend. Tie in three wood duck fibers curving back and up. Build up a slightly tapered abdomen up the hook with your thread. Tie in the CDC puff midway on the shank by the butt leaving what you want for a wing toward the rear. Tie in one peacock barbule and make several wraps to form a thorax. Fold over the CDC puff and secure with a few wraps of thread both behind and in front of the puff to make it stand as shown. Smear an ever so slight amount of super glue on 1/8" of your thread and whip finish behind the tie in point of the wing.

Admire your work and know this fly has magical powers over selective fish.

Hot Creek be warned, Barbless flies only.

Tight Lines All, John

FFCOC Leadership

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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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