

# ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

**50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!**



## September 2017 Newsletter

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### Club Meeting:

September 13, 2017

Phoenix Club

1340 Sanderson Anaheim, CA

6:00 pm - Wet Flies Social  
Hour

7:00 pm - Dinner and Program

Dinner & Program - \$35.00

Program Only - \$12.00

### Board Meeting:

September 18, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Montesilla Mobile Home Park

15601 South B St., Tustin, CA

Club Members are Welcome

## This Month's Meeting

It's here! The event you all have been waiting for!

## FFCOC Auction 2017

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Phoenix Club,  
Anaheim, CA, Main Ballroom

**Festivities start at 6:00PM**

Thanks to all for the support we've gotten this year in putting together the 2017 auction. Many wonderful, unique, and special donations have been made by our members and our community of fly fishing businesses. As you will see when the catalog comes to you before the auction, there are items for everyone. We've got trips, rods, reels, an amazing assortment of flies and fly tying items, accessories, clothing, books and many other items. We've got artwork and handmade items from our membership.

## **Now, the exciting part, the auction!**

We look forward to having you join us for this important, fun and special evening. The auction starts at 6pm with the Live Auction and grand prize drawing wrapping up around 9pm.

There are many ways to participate:

**Silent Auctions:** We'll have a lot to choose from and to bid

on from the opening bell until we close the auction tables. The winning bidder can pay up at the close of the auction. We're adding a new option to many of these items to take them Off the Table early and buy them outright. Look for the special tags on the bid sheets.

**Live Auction:** This year we have an outstanding list of items that will offered during the Live Auction. This is always an exciting process and there are truly some wonderful products, tips, and activities to be won.

**Buy it Now:** We've expanded our buy it now section and there are some great deals to be had here. Make sure to take a look through this section for outstanding values.

And don't forget the **Bucket Raffle**. This year we have a twist on the age old tradition by not only having some really neat items and things in our buckets, but also an end of the evening "Grand Prize". For buyers of \$20 of bucket tickets, a ticket will be placed in the grand prize drawing. You must stick around for the drawing but it will be worth it!

Please remember that our auction is open to non-members as well, so invite your friends.

Can't wait to see you there on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be a memorable and fun evening

2017 Meeting Dates and Speakers
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1-11-17	2nd Wed	Pat Jaeger	"Tenkara and How It Helps Your Fly Fishing"
2-8-17	2nd Wed	Beau McFadyean	"The Missouri and Big Horn Rivers"
3-8-17	2nd Wed	Joe Contaldi	"Fishing High Sierra Waters"
4-12-17	2nd Wed	Spencer Higa	"Fly Fishing Utah's Provo River"
5-10-17	2nd Wed	Amdrew Harris	"Five Rivers in Five Days"
6-7-17	1st Wed	Gary Borger	"The Angler as Predator"
7-12-17	2nd Wed	Al Quattrocchi	"Fly Fishing the Surf"
8-9-17	2nd Wed	Peter Koga and Zino Nakasugi	"Fly Fishing Hawaii"
9-13-17	2nd Wed		FFCOC Annual Auction
10-11-17	2nd Wed	George Daniel	"Streamers"
11-8-17	2nd Wed	Ernie Gulley	"What Trout Eat"
12-13-17	2nd Wed		HOLIDAY PROGRAM!

**Buy Local!**  
**Support Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store!**



We have the good fortune of having a well stocked and easily accessed Fly Fishing Store in our area. In a continuing effort to provide good service and support the needs of the local fly fishing community, Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store has created a rebate program for club members. Bob Marriott's will rebate 2% of the purchase price of goods you buy to Fly Fishers Club of Orange County. In addition they will set up a rebate account in your name and rebate another 5% in store credit to you for use as partial payment on future purchases! Very generous, indeed!

See the back last page in this Newsletter for the address and phone number.

Thanks to Kevin Bell, General Manager at Marriott's, for including us in this program!

By Richard Fanning



## 2017 Outings and Events Schedule

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OUTING/EVENT</b>	<b>STREAMKEEPER</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
January 7	Fishing Newport Peninsula	Art Prangley	714 270-7090
Cancelled	Surf Fishing	Jim Edwards	714 337-5899
February 25-26	On the Water Training, Bishop, CA	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
March 11	Casting in the Park # 1	Art Prangley	art@sbcglobal.net
March 13-15	Pyramid Lake, NV	Jim Wright	714 679-6638
April 3-5	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
May 22-26	Lee's Ferry, AZ	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
May 27	Casting in the Park # 2 (Flaws and Fixes, FFCOC Members Only)	Richard Fanning	714 476-3027
June 2-4	Fish Creek, Sierras	Brian Mayer	562 619-9169
July 10-14	Back Country by Horseback	John Williams	951 236-0862
July 14-17	Hot Creek Ranch, Mammoth	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 9	Casting Clinic, Mile Square Park (Reservations open to the public)	Art Prangley	art@sbcglobal.net
September 21-23	Circleville, UT	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 26-29	Loa, UT	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 2-6	Loa, UT	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 14/28	On the River Classroom	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
November 18/19	On Thec Water Clinic	Doug Jones	714 697-2222
October 15-21	Colorado	Carl Thompson	714 524-6959
October 20-22	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	TBD		
December	TBD		

## ***President's Outing October 20-22, 2017***

The President's Outing is open to all Club members. Traditionally it is held near the end of the year and is a celebration of all of the Club's events and activities held during the year. It's a time to talk to old friends and make new friends. As has been the tradition for many years, the outing will be held on the Kern River near Kernville.

For 2017 the outing will be Friday evening, October 20 thru Sunday October 22. You can attend all or part of the event. Please sign up by the October meeting so we can plan food accordingly. You can contact me if you have any further questions: (951)-415-9920 or [mel11755@pacbell.net](mailto:mel11755@pacbell.net)

**Lodging:** I just spoke with Debbie (7/25/17) at the Sequoia Lodge and all rooms have been booked, however Debbie has other options close by if you are interested. Please contact her at 1-(760)-376-2535. They are located at 16123 Sierra Way, Kernville, CA. <http://sequoialodge.net/>

There are a number of other places to stay or camp in and near Kernville.

**Meals:** The club will provide the customary Saturday evening BBQ dinner and get together starting a 6 p.m. at the Sequoia Lodge. All who sign up are welcome. We ask that you provide a dish to share. The club will provide all the paper goods. So, don't worry about bringing your own plates and silverware. However, feel free to bring your favorite Wine Glass. (alcohol not provided by club)

A Friday evening dinner is in planning. In the past, we have frequented the restaurant across the street but I am thinking of changing this up a little. So, stay tuned.

**Fishing:** There are many miles of fishing possibilities on the Kern River. Information on gear and flies will be sent to those who register.

**Fly Shop and Guiding:** Kern River Fly Shop (760) 376-2040, 11301 Kernville Road, Kernville, CA 93238. In addition, there are several online fishing reports, maps of fishing locations, etc.

You can contact me if you have any further questions: (951)-415-9920 or [mel11755@pacbell.net](mailto:mel11755@pacbell.net): A sign-up sheet for this event will be provided at the next general meeting or you can call or email with your reservation request.

You can contact me if you have any further questions; 951-415-9920 or [mel11755@pacbell.net](mailto:mel11755@pacbell.net)

Hope to see you there!

Melinda Burns

## NEW - Colorado Trip October 15-21, 2017



We are planning our second club trip to Colorado . The dates are October are October 15 to 21 , just in time for pursuing those fall spawning brown trout. The trip starts in Monument Colorado, about one hour south of Denver. There is a local motel there for accomodations and we meet at the home of Mark Spowart and his lovely wife, Liz for our evening get togethers and meals for the first three nights. Initially we will be wade fishing various sections of the South Platte River, including Cheesman Canyon, Deckers, Elevenmile Canyon and the Dream Stream. Everyone who has ever fished there is anxious to go back again for the wonderful fishing as well as the scenery. Mark has already booked the best guides for us including Pat Dorsey, Bob Dye and others.

The second part of our trip takes us northwest to Kremmling, where we will be staying at the Allington Inn and Suites. Our plans are to spend two days in that area with a float trip on the Colorado River and a day wade fishing on the Williams Fork. Then we pack our bags and get back in our cars to head home.

Last year most of us flew into Denver and then rented cars with usually 4 to a car to share expenses, for the remainder of our trip. A few decided to drive to Denver.

More details will be coming later regarding expenses etc. If you are interested please contact me at [carlbud@gmail.com](mailto:carlbud@gmail.com) or at 714 524-6959. The trip is limited to 12 people so get your name on the list right away before it fills up. Carl Thompson, streamkeeper.



# On The River Classes and Clinic 2017

## **Save the dates:**

### Classroom Training:

Saturday Oct. 14 – 8:30am -12:30pm

Saturday Oct. 28 - 8:30am -12:30pm

### On-The Water Clinic:

Saturday Nov. 18 - 8 am to 4 pm



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, insects including in-stream entomology, casting, mending, setting depth of flies using indicators, and numerous demonstrations. The second day on the river includes fishing one-on-one with one of the more experienced club members.

Based on prior year's success we are conducting the On The River Classes and Clinic program again in 2017 on the dates listed above.

During the past two years the FFCOC's On The River Classes and Clinic training programs have been great successes providing almost 40 club members introductory classroom and on the river training. Joe Libeu, a FFF Certified Master Caster Instructor, professional guide, developer and instructor for Advanced Nymphing Clinics on the Owens river and member of our Club has provided six hours of classroom training and a two days of on the river training to these participants. Numerous experienced Club members have assisted Joe providing hands 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 included equipment, insects including their 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.



The training 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Participation in the On The River Classes and Clinic is limited. New Club members that sign up as a result of the September *Casting Clinic* will be given preference. Prior participants are welcome to participate again if space allows.

Joe Libeu is conducting the On The River Classes and Clinic and Doug Jones is helping him with the logistics. If you would like more information about this program you can contact:

Doug Jones at [dougjones.oc@gmail.com](mailto:dougjones.oc@gmail.com) or (714) 697-2222.

Joe Libeu at [fishlfg@ix.netcom.com](mailto:fishlfg@ix.netcom.com) or (310) 749-6771  
or

Remember, the On The River Classes and Clinic program is only open to FFCOC members.



### Big Horn Fishing Trip Report by Alan Ross

We just got back from 3 days of wonderful fishing at the Montana Fly Fishers & Leaning Tree Lodge in Fort Smith, Montana. Mark Spowart and I had a great time nymphing with a double rig (sow bugs and trico emergers) and throwing streamers during three days of dramatically different weather conditions. The first day was hot and got into the mid 90's, the second day was very windy, cloudy and barely got to 70, and the last day was clear and in the lower 80's. As a result of the weather variability and the changing water flow rates, we waded most of the time with nymphs and used streamers between each wading section and before our final takeout point. Each of us caught numerous fish and even landed several browns and rainbows in the 18-20 inch range. Streamer fishing was challenging, fun and successful since neither of us has had much experience using this technique. Lodging accommodations were excellent and the food and hospitality were amazing. We highly recommend Montana Fly Fishers if you decide to try this river in the future. On our way back to Denver we also visited the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (about 45 miles from Fort Smith) and learned some very interesting facts about the Indian and soldier perspectives about that famous battle. This is well worth an extra half-day if you can afford the time. Please feel free to call me or Mark if you have any questions about the trip.





## **FFCOC Annual Fall Casting Clinic and Lunch Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 8:00AM to 1:00PM**

For those new to fly fishing or wanting to learn more about this fun and exciting way to enjoy our great outdoors.. Join us!

FFCOC Expert casters and fly fisherman will be hosting a casting clinic at Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley to demonstrate and coach attendees in basic fly casts, tips for intermediates, ways to improve your casting... which will improve your fishing!

We'll also have a BBQ lunch after the sessions so you can neighbor with other FFCOC members and avid fly fisherman. Share info on the great spots to go fish, ideas on the best gear to get started with, learn more about our club.

What to bring? If you have a favorite fly rod, reel, line and leader.. Bring it. If not, the club has equipment for you to use. Bring sunscreen, hat and eye protection (sunglasses or glasses).

Where: Mile Square Park – Shelter 1 at the South Pond

Directions from southbound Interstate 405 - Exit Warner Avenue and travel east to Euclid Street (about 13/4 mile), turn left on Euclid Street, turn left into first park entrance (there is a \$5.00 parking fee). Shelter 1 is at the pond just past this entrance.

Directions from northbound Interstate 405 - Exit Euclid Street and turn left at signal traveling north on Euclid past Warner Avenue (about 1 mile) , turn left into first park entrance (there is a \$5.00 parking fee). Shelter 1 is at the pond just past this entrance.

Although the casting clinic is free, you must RSVP to attend. Please RSVP to Art Prangley: [FFCOCcast-ing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:FFCOCcast-ing@sbcglobal.net) or call 714-270-7090 as these clinics do fill up and we're limited to how many we can accommodate.

### **Casting in the Park**

Casting in the Park is new this year. It's an opportunity for club members to improve their casting skills with the help of a team of casting instructors being trained by Master Casting Instructor, Joe Libeu.

We've held two sessions at Irvine Regional Park so far this year. Both with good turnout and significant results.

A special "Thank You!" to all who have made these sessions a success! Especially, Joe Libeau, FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor!

Upcomming, (date tbd), "The Double Haul"

### Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

I'm an avid follower of Davie McPhail's; when you can understand what he is saying he is one of the best tiers I have ever witnessed. I have had many idol tiers like Bill Blackstone, Bob Moyer, Dave Boyer and one of my past students Cheryl Moore, there are many more. I still dub with wet fingers with saliva on them, for you Cheryl. Flies I commonly use and see tied wonderfully get me to the bench and I tie several to keep my boxes full, this is one such fly. The one pictured is a #12 but can be tied from 12-18.



#### Emerging Caddis Pupa

<b>Hook:</b>	Knappek G #12 Czech Nymph Hook
<b>Thread:</b>	UTC 70 Black
<b>Rib:</b>	Veevus Medium Pearl Tinsel
<b>Colored Pen:</b>	Permanent Brown
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Hare's Ear Plus Dubbin Tan #7
<b>Antennae:</b>	Pheasant Tail Fibers
<b>Legs:</b>	Dark Deer Hair
<b>Thorax:</b>	Semi-Seal Brown Dubbing
<b>Cement:</b>	Super Glue Gel Control

Start your thread at the eye and wrap deep into the bend of the hook while also tying in the rib/ tinsel and leave to the rear for now. Dub the abdomen into a carrot shape getting larger as you move forward and stop at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  point forward. Mark the tinsel on the inside before you rib the abdomen making five to six ribs as you move forward and tie off just in front of the thorax. Lay several deer hair fibers on the top and sides and tie in with a few wraps of thread. Tie in two pheasant tail fibers as antennae and let them extend to the rear twice the shank length and leave them split apart while on the top of the fly. Dub the semi-seal dubbing to form the thorax. Make the eard with your thread and coat about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the thread with super glue and whip finish, this make for a quite durable fly. Cut your thread free. The antennae can be coaxed to bend by rubbing you finger nail against them from the side you wish them to bend, be careful they can break. This fly can also be weighted with a tungsten bead before you start tying but all my flies have different places on my rig and I do prefer a few to ride higher in the water Colum. You will note that at some angles the ribs are pearl and at others brown, nice trick Davie.

All The Best, 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.

### Board of Directors and Activity Leaders:

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**Fly Tying:** Doug Jones

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## Support Our Local Fly Shops



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Closed Sunday

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Saturday 9am - 6 pm

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