

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY
OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



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IMPORTANT!!

Our November 9 Meeting Location will again be at Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa. The Meeting Fee is **FREE!!** The Meeting Venue directions may be found in your newsletter. Our December Meeting will be a virtual Zoom Meeting with Gary Borger presenting.

Upcoming Events:

November 5-6. On The River Training Outing. Lower Owens River, Bishop, CA. (Registered Participants Only)

Check the website Events Calendar and join in the activities of YOUR Club!!

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President's Message

President's Message by Larry Behm

Now is the time to ask, What can my Club do for me
AND what can I do for my Club?

I paraphrase Cicero (and JFK) because this is a challenging time for your Club. Events of the last two years have been vexations for the Club. Several Clubs in SoCal have closed, yet others have thrived. We have been treading water. The difference is membership participation.



Your Club can teach you how to be a better angler, introduce you to new fishing buddies, or new fishing spots. It can help to better your community by encouraging conservation and educating the next generation to love fish like we do. It can help to build your resumé.

If you love flyfishing, it is time to step forward and volunteer to help the Club. Volunteering is not hard, we teach the job as you go. It is a chance to meet more people and learn more about fishing. Most volunteers spend only 2-3 hours/month but make a tremendous difference in the Club.

Your Club needs four types of help:

- **Membership Chair** - Lead the Club in making it easy for people to join the Club, keep track of progress and welcome new members.
- **Conservation** - Lead the effort to leverage our Club as a resource for worthy conservation efforts.
- **Succession Planning for President** - Learn by stair steps how to be President of the Club. Start as 2nd VP running the casting events, then move to 1st VP and run the auction. Then lead the Club for a year as President.
- **Venue Search Committee** - Help us identify and screen possible venues for our monthly meetings.

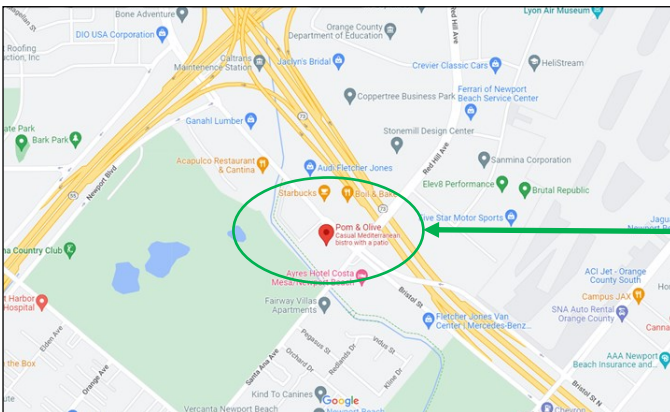
Where are your skills and interests? How can you help? You will get back more than you give!

Call me.

Larry Behm

The next FFCOC Board Meeting is Thursday, November 17 at 7pm. The Zoom Meeting info may be found on the FFCOC website. Club Members are always welcome to attend.

FFCOC Meeting Venue for October and November



IMPORTANT!!!

The October and November General Meetings will be held at the Pom & Olive Restaurant in Costa Mesa.

December's meeting will be virtual via Zoom.

Pom & Olive is located at 1400 Bristol Street, Building C in Costa Mesa. (See map below)

There is no change in our meeting format; the Happy Hour format (no served dinner). You may of course arrive early and have your dinner at Pom @ Olive before the start of the Club Social hour! Our start time at 7 pm; Wet Fly socialization with appetizers provided by Pom & Olive, cash bar, and some Club announcements. Our guest speaker presentation will start at 8 pm.

Come and join us! Guests are always welcome!!

Meeting Fee: No Charge!! The Club has been moving you around lately. Thank you for your patience until a "permanent" venue is found!!

Pom & Olive Restaurant:

1400 Bristol Street, Building C
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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 - Santa Ana Elks Lodge	09/14/22
October	Al Q	A Saltwater Check List	10/12/22
November	Beckie Clarke	Fly Fishing as a Platform for Change	11/09/22
December	Gary Borger	Topic TBA (Zoom Presentation)	12/14/22

2023 Speakers

MONTHLY SPEAKER PROGRAM

January	Chris King	Northern California Fishing	01/11/23
February	Gary Bulla	Baja Adventures	02/08/23
March	TBA	TBA	03/08/23
April	Landon Mayer	Guide Flies: Learn How to Fish Signature Patterns for Tough Trout	04/12/23
May	Marlon Rampy	The Amazing Redband Trout	05/10/23
June	George Daniel	TBA - New Book by Then	06/08/23
July	Alex Cady	Bass in Southern California	07/12/23
August	Club Picnic	Irvine Regional Park	(Tentative) - 08/12/23
September	Club Auction	Live - TBA 2023 Venue	09/13/23
October	Kelsey Gallagher	Trout - Chasing All the Species	10/11/23
November	Rick Ferrante	Horse Packing in the Sierra Nevada	11/08/23
December	TBA	TBA	12/13/23

Fly Fishing as a Platform for Change

**By
Beckie Clarke**



Every piece of water we fish, even our most familiar home waters, changes us a little. Often our expectations don't match reality, or our memories play tricks on us. Some new destinations become favorite places to return to while others fall into the "never again" file. For our November presenter, Beckie Clarke, these destinations have molded her outlook on life. Beckie's program will take us on a voyage of discovery to the countries that have shaped her career and brought her to the present day.

In her words: "Everyone is fishing for something, and my program shares all aspects of what life as a gypsy angler looks like in different seasons and how we can flow with it all and use it as a platform for something bigger than ourselves."

While there will be enough detail to satisfy the "techie anglers", the bigger picture promises to be so much more than dry discussions of technique. Beckie will introduce the tips and concepts that have helped introduce young people into our sport.

Beckie was born and raised in British Columbia, Canada. Fly fishing runs deep in her roots and her childhood was spent fishing the rivers, lakes, and coastal waters of BC with her dad and 2 older brothers.

A career in the outdoors was inevitable and she laid her education and career path to be the foundation for her dreams. She studied Adventure Tourism Business Management at College of the Rockies and then headed north to the steelhead rich waters of Smithers, BC where she continued her education at Northwest Community College immersing in Wilderness Guiding Training with a major in Fly Fishing. The dry fly fishery of Fernie, BC captured her heart and for 17 years she was integrated in the Elk Valley fly fishing industry. Working for local fly shops and guiding for several years before starting 2 of her own

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This Month's Speaker

companies at once. A flyfishing operation and a property management company alongside each other which allowed her to fish in the summer and ski powder in the winter. A true entrepreneur Beckie put everything she had into her own companies. She taught fly fishing, fly tying and entomology classes at the College of the Rockies, started a local woman's flyfishing club, taught kids to fly fish and would donate her time raising money for local charities.

After hosting saltwater trips to the Bahamas, Beckie was looking for a new destination and discovered Fly Fish Guanaja; a saltwater flyfishing lodge in Guanaja, Honduras. The owner Steve Brown, a Colorado fly fishing guide and her ended up falling in love and joined forces. They host international flyfishing trips, both run Fly Fish Guanaja and their non-profit organization Fish For Change. After their 3rd baby, Beckie sold Fernie Fly Fishing and now focuses on Fly Fish Guanaja and Fish For Change while residing in Colorado. A journey through fly fishing in many seasons of life, Beckie is excited to share how she has shifted to using fly fishing as a platform for change.

Website info:

<http://www.flyfishguanaja.com>

<https://www.fishforchange.org/>

[Fish for Change | Facebook](#)



Club News

Membership

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

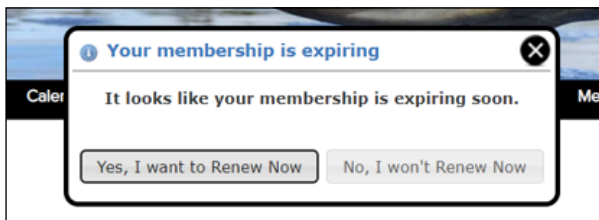
September

Brian Bell (Upland)
Michael Delarosa (Garden Grove)
Kimberly Hyun Kim (Fullerton)
David Merrill (Huntington Beach)
Tina Montemer (Huntington Beach)
Jason Williams (Huntington Beach)
Phillip Williams (Irvine)
John Evans (Diamond Bar)

October

Kevin Leal (San Clemente)
Barbara Finlayson-Pitts (Fawnskin)
Satoshi Kamada (Irvine)
Joshua Lin (Mission Viejo)

Time to Renew Your Membership!



Does this pesky dialog box appear every time you log into the FFCOC website? Instead of clicking **CLOSE**, go ahead and click on the **Yes, I want to Renew Now** button, and follow the instructions to renew your FFCOC Membership for 2023!! Credit Card and Check payment options are available. Although it hasn't been

discussed at the Board, your Membership and Newsletter staff are confident they can convince the Board to approve a fabulous prize to be randomly awarded to a lucky recipient from those who renew their membership before December 31. Stay tuned on the fabulous award announcement; but go ahead and renew your membership!!

President's Outing - October 21-23

We had 25 people attend a fun weekend of fishing, food and friends. The weather was spectacular. The water was great. The fish - well it is the Kern - they were snotty like usual. The highest count that I heard was six on Thursday and again on Saturday. We were wet wading on Friday, but waders were order of the day on Saturday as wind and clouds dropped the temperature.

The food was great. Once again Scot Lewis did a great job on brisket and chicken. The other shared dishes ranged from crab dip, to meatballs, to salads, and even trout shaped cookies.

The Sequoia Lodge did a nice job hosting us and the new owners have carried on the traditions that keep bringing the Club back. See you same time next year.

Thank you!
Larry

Club News

New Venue Search Team



We need members to join a team to search for a new venue. For the second time in two years, our meeting venue was sold and we were kicked out! We need to have a committee search for, and evaluate possible locations for our monthly meetings. Would you like to help? I estimate that the committee would work for 2-3 months to find the right location. It would require several phone/zoom calls to establish a plan of action, then each member will be expected to make several calls and visits to screen down to a short list. The entire committee will visit candidate locations that are on the short list. The process will end with the securing of an agreement.

No previous experience is required, just a willingness to give the Club some of your time, and comfort contacting sales people at potential venues.

Larry Behm

Stream Keepers Wanted



Are you interested in a fly-fishing trip – someplace you've gone before or maybe someplace you've always wanted to go?

A great way to meet people and hone your fly-fishing skills, and ultimately have fun is participating in a FFCOC fly fishing trip, and one of the ways of doing this is being a Stream Keeper.

Every trip sponsored by FFCOC, and included in the FFCOC Outings calendar, has a Stream Keeper whether it's a multi-day trip or just a morning of fly-fishing at the surf.

Does this sound a bit too daunting? It's not. The FFCOC has a procedure specifically for Stream Keepers in the Members Only section of the FFCOC website, look in Document Folder Steamkeeper ([Documents - Fly Fishers Club of Orange County \(clubexpress.com\)](http://clubexpress.com)). Contact your Outings Director, Don Tayenaka, and there are many former and current Stream Keepers that will answer any, and all questions. This is a great way to get involved in your Club, meet other Club members, and mostly enjoy fly-fishing!

Newsletter

Newsletter inputs for the next (December) edition are due to the Editor by **Sunday, November 27**, 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 either address below. Thank you!!

jkroznos@verizon.net or jkroznos@gmail.com

Our 7 Week Travel Trailer Fishing Adventure

We just completed a seven week, 4,000+ mile, fly fishing trip through six western states. Our first stop was in Redding, CA to float the lower Sacramento River. We met up with Jim and Cheryl Moore on their annual travels to the Metolius in Central Oregon. We fished out of The Fly Shop with the Kennedy Brothers. The Lower Sac is a great fishery; and we caught some beautiful, healthy, fat rainbow trout. The salmon were beginning to show on the Lower Sac with the steelhead following; eager to eat an egg from the salmon. We landed a total of four steelhead, our first ever!

From there, we fished the Yuba River outside of Oroville with Brian Clemens of NOR CAL Fly Guides; a 2021 FFCOC auction purchase. The Yuba River was a difficult fishery, with crystal clear water and finicky trout, but we managed to land our fair share. We had a great float and ate wild grapes straight off the vine along the river's edge. Due to weather (thunder and lightning) we were unable to fish the Feather River, so we will be back.

From California we drove to Bend/Sisters in Oregon where we fished two days with Mary Ann Dozer of Fly Fishing Pursuits – the first day wading on the Fall River, where my 'Gwendolyn gnat' was the go to fly of the day, and the second day floating on the Deschutes – both great times and wonderful fishing. Great fishing both days using dries and tight line nymphing.

From Oregon we went to the Yakima River in central Washington and floated the Yakima River for two days, another great fishery to visit. We landed some more great rainbows! We fished out of Red's Fly Shop. We have yet to see a brown trout on our travels!

From Washington we drove to Missoula MT, where we fished with the Montana Trout Outfitters. Tony Reinhart, the owner, was a FFCOC speaker. We fished the Clark Fork River – a beautiful float and lots of healthy fish, too. We also fished the Bitterroot River which tested our casting abilities. The fish are easily spooked due to the water clarity and low flows, so most of the fishing was sitting down during the drift; however, we did get quite a bit of dry fly fishing in on the Bitterroot – finally all that casting practice paid off with being able to land that dry fly right smack dab in front of the fish for the take!

We then fished in Yellowstone National Park – the Firehole River, the Gibbon River, and the Madison River (both inside and outside the Park). We fished out of Blue Ribbon Flies; Patrick Daigle was our guide. Patrick is not only a great guide, but also a great photographer. You'll see many of his photos in the weekly Blue Ribbon Flies newsletter. It was exciting to finally get our first opportunity to fish within the park, besides the trout we caught, and we saw quite a few bison roaming along the road. No moose sightings this time. I (Janna) caught my fish of a lifetime, a big brown, on the Madison outside the park in an undercut bank, shin deep in water!

Then we were off to Idaho, and where we fished the Henry's Fork for two days – an interesting fishery filled with plenty of white fish and trout. Our outfitter was the Trout Hunter. Karlie Roland had come to speak to our Club last December. Again, many quality rainbows were landed in our two days of floating. Another great stop!!

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Club News - Fish Tales

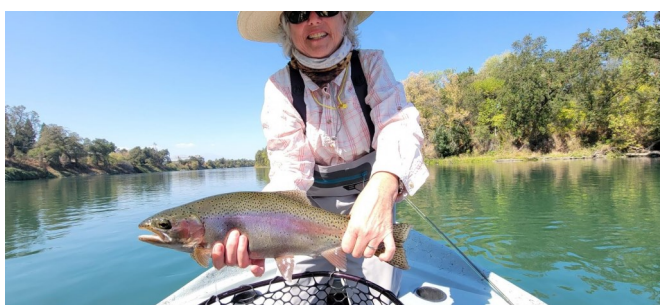
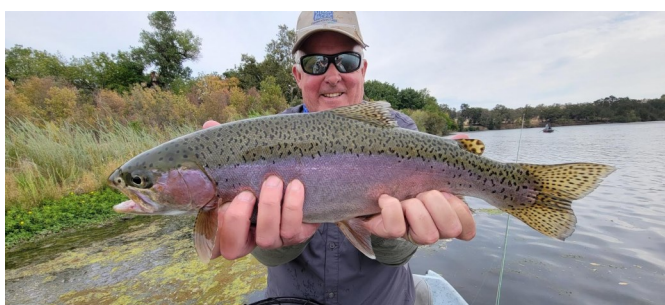
After a layover in Utah to visit family, we continued on to Pyramid Lake outside of Reno, Nevada. We fished with Joe Contaldi of Pyramid Lake Anglers, who not only provides the plush shore ladders with cushion seats, but also served a delicious hot breakfast and lunch. Joe's bacon would rival a 5-star Michelin chef! We were too early in the season for shore fishing, it was hit or miss when we made the reservations (the lake was still in transition when we arrived and the fish were still deep), so the second day we fished from a boat with Glenn Lemon, another guide from Pyramid Lake Fishing Guides. Out on the boat, we made up for our lack luster day before with a number of quality fish landed (about the same number were lost). We enjoyed both the experience of shore and boat fishing without the "famous" Pyramid Lake weather; it was mid 70's with blue skies and NO WIND.

All and all a great seven week fly fishing trip. We are already making plans to go out again next fall.

Fish Tale by: Janna and Terry Roznos

And now the photos...

Lower Sacramento River



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Deschutes River (Oregon)



Yakima River (Washington)



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Clark Fork River (Montana)



Bitterroot River (Montana)



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Madison River (Montana)



"Fish of a Lifetime"



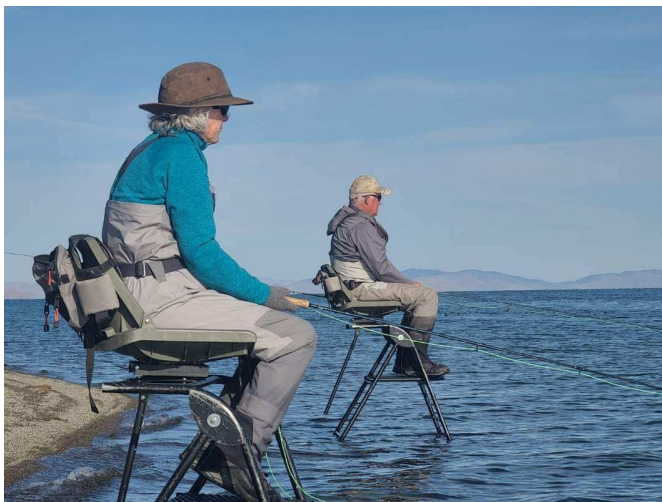
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Club News - Fish Tales

Henry's Fork (Idaho)



Pyramid Lake (Nevada)



Club News - Fish Tales

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 Outings

Date	Destination	Streamkeeper
February 19-20	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones
March 13-15	Pyramid Lake, NV	Paul Nakamura
April 2-3	Owens (Mentor)	Doug Jones
April 2-9	San Juan River, NM	Brian Mayer
May 14	Crowley Lake/Float Tube Clinic (Ernie Gulley)	Melinda Burns
June 3	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm
July 15-18	Hot Creek Ranch	John Williams
July 16	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm
July 22-24	Golden Trout Hunting - Mulkey Meadows	Larry Behm
August 6	Club Picnic	Terry Roznos
August 12	Surf Fishing-OC Beach TBD	Larry Behm
September 2-6	Bridgeport	Terry Roznos
September 26-30	Loa, Utah	John Williams
October 1 and 8	On-the-River Training (Classroom Sessions)	Doug Jones
October 21-23	President's Outing/Kern River	Larry Behm
November 5-6	On-the-River Clinic (Lower Owens)	Doug Jones
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!!!

Streamkeeper contact info (email and phone number) may be found in the Club Directory.

2023 Outings

Date

Destination

Streamkeeper

The 2023 Outing List is in Work. See your next (December) newsletter for 2023 Outings List. Confirmed Outings for 2023 follow...

2023 Outings - Pyramid Lake

Pyramid Ladder Fly Fishing W/Rob Anderson and Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing Guide Service March 12-March 14, 2023



Come Out & Experience a Truly Unique Adventure!!!

Dates – Fishing 3 full days, March 12 – March 14, Sunday - Tuesday. Arrive Saturday March 11, depart Wednesday March 15

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 – \$ 510.00 based on 10 participants with 3 guides, but maybe higher or lower if we do not have 10 commitments. This includes light breakfast, hot lunch & drinks on fishing days and guide assistance

Lodging Plans – Hotel in Sparks, NV – Western Village Inn & Casino, 800-648-1170. We won't book enough rooms to secure a block of rooms. Please call them directly ASAP, to get best prices as they will go up. Option, stay at Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe, NV, 775-476-0400. Call them to get availability and pricing.

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 or fast sinking or shooting head line for stripping. Tackle – Flies, adjustable indicators, 10-15# leader/tippets. Check their website for latest info. PLFFGS will provide the ladders.

More Info -

Deposit of \$255.00 due no later than January 15, 2023. Final payment of \$255.00 due no later than February 15, 2023.

Make checks payable to the 'Paul Nakamura', and send to 12136 Marshall St. Culver City, 90230 or you can use Zelle or Venmo. Please contact Paul for account info

Contact Paul for details/info 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 February after we get a club distribution developed.

Pre-Trip Meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip and more details will be sent to members who have signed up for the Trip.

2023 Outings - Hot Creek Ranch



The outing is full for 2023 by adding the entire waiting list from 2022. If you wish to add your name to the 2023 waiting list please text John Williams at 951-236-0862 and if an opening happens and you are on the list you will be contacted, if not you will be automatically added to the 2024 openings.

Southwest Council FFI– News & Events



November 4-6 is this year's Virtual Expo. Mark your calendars and join us for the fly fishing event of the year: Hands-on workshops, presentations from experts, fly tying, conservation, casting, break-out rooms, social gatherings, entertaining activities, fly fishing film competition and more...

FFI has some of the best instructors in the world. They are coming to you online to provide some great learning opportunities through seminars and workshops. Topics covered include:

- Casting
- Tying
- Fly Fishing Skills
- Conservation & More

Registration is now open! Go to link below for Workshops, Seminars & Demonstrations, and more information. The Online Auction opens soon!

Come Join Us for the Fly Fishing Event of the Year!!

[Virtual Expo \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](https://flyfishersinternational.org)

THE DOUBLE HAUL BALL

\$25 admission
includes lunch!

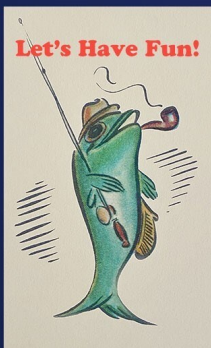
Kids under 16 yrs
get in FREE

FLY TYING | FLY CASTING | SEMINARS | GEAR | TUTORIALS

Long Beach Casting Club

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, 12/10/22, 9am to 4pm

for directions please visit: longbeachcastingclub.org



The Double Haul Ball is an educational all day event designed to promote and teach the basics of saltwater fly fishing.

*Net proceeds from this event will be donated to Youth Programs:
**Southwest Council FFI Youth Program
& The MayFly Project.***



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Southwest Council FFI – News & Events (Double Hall Ball)

DOUBLE HAUL BALL SCHEDULE

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB - Saturday, December 10th, 2022, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE – there are two panels for most time slots as we have a lot of information to give. Many panel topics will repeat so you should be able to see everything.

Panel 1

9:15-10 a.m.

BAJA ON FOOT - guide Jeff Solis

Moderator – John Whitaker

Panel 1A

9:15 – 10 a.m.

OUTFITTING YOUR KAYAK

Hobie Pro / Jim Salazar

Moderator - Kevin Green

Panel 2

10:15-11am

FLY FISHING THE BEACH

Paul Cronin

Lee Baermann

Kesley Gallagher

Lino Jubilado

Mike Peters

Moderator - Al Q

Panel 2A

10:15-11 a.m.

BAJA ADVENTURES - Gary Bulla

Moderator – Marshall Bissett

Panel 3

11:15-12 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S GUIDE CORNER

Conway Bowman

Vaughn Podmore

Bill Matthews

Moderator - Scott Leon

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Panel 3A

11:15 – 12 p.m.

FLY FISHING THE BEACH

Tyler Vanosdell

Jon Nakano

Michelle Bowman

Casey Cloud

Moderator - Al Q

LUNCH - 12pm -1pm

Panel 4

1-1:45 p.m.

FISH DEMO with Chef Colin Sako (Izakaya by Katsu-ya)

Panel 4A

1-1:45 p.m.

LOCAL 6 PACK ISLAND CHARTERS

Michael Schweit

Moderator – Marshall Bissett

Panel 5

2-2:45 p.m.

OUTFITTING YOUR KAYAK

Jim Salazar / Hobie Pro

Moderator - Kevin Green

Panel 5A

2-2:45 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S GUIDE CORNER

Conway Bowman

Alex Cady

Dustin Sergeant

Moderator - Scott Leon

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Panel 6

3-3:45 p.m.

TAKING PICS WITH YOUR SMART PHONE

Al Q

Panel 6A

1-4pm

WHY KNOT? Knots, leaders & loops

Colin Waters

FLY CASTING INSTRUCTION/DEMOS AT POND 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

Double Haulin' at the Double Haul Ball - John Van Derhoof

Master Certified Casting Instructor John Van Derhoof will walk folks through the “Hows and Whys” of the Double Haul. Considered a rite of passage by most fly anglers, learning the Double Haul can be an important addition to an individual’s ability to fish especially while casting heavier rods/lines, fishing requiring long casts and in adverse conditions. John will talk about shooting line, the Single and Double Haul, the correct timing of the cast and how to teach oneself how to perform it.

10:30 a.m.

Casting Problems and Their Solutions - Michael Maloney

If you've ever encountered a problem with your casting, whether it's with a 1 weight fly rod fishing for small golden trout or a 15 weight fly rod chasing small marlin, Michael can help you with your casting. Whether you're using a small floating line or a 750 grain sinking line let Michael help you. If you're having trouble casting in the wind, Michael will simplify it for you. The best thing about Michael is that he not only helps you with your problems, but teaches you how to recognize them and help remedy them when you're by yourself. Michael has been fly fishing for over 65 years and teaching actively for over 50 years. Flip Pallot called him "a true teacher of teachers". Don't miss this opportunity to spend some time with Mr. Common Sense

11:30 a.m.

Shooting Head - Bob Middo

Master Certified Casting Instructor for both single and two hand rods, Bob Middo will discuss and demonstrate how to cast a shooting head for surf and boat angling. Bob has spent many years certifying Master Single Hand Instructors and Two hand instructors. He has also been a member of the CBOGE – Casting Board of Governors for the FFI.

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1:30 p.m.

Loop Control - Joe Libeu

Joe Libeu a FFI Master Casting Instructor and CBOGE will cover what a loop should look like, how to achieve different loop sizes and faults and fixes for loop errors.

2:30 p.m.

Quick Cast - Jim Solomon

Many anglers have not properly prepared for that first “quick cast” to a flats fish. Jim, a Master Casting Instructor, will be discussing and demonstrating how to prepare for that first cast to a flat’s fish either while wading or from a boat.

Individual casting lessons will be available throughout the day. These lessons will be given by Certified Casting Instructors from the Southwest Council and are available for 1.00/minute with a 20 minute minimum lesson and they come with a MONEY BACK GUARANTEE! If you do not improve your casting or learn something new, just ask us for a full refund.

FLY TYING Demonstrations and Patterns 9-4pm

Steve Fernandez

Gary Scott

Lino Jubilado

Paul Cronin

Vaughn Podmore

Dave Valadez

Mike Centofani

Jim Solomon

Kevin Green

John Hansen

Lee Baerman

Southwest Council FFI – News & Events (Double Hall Ball)

EDUCATIONAL TABLES 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

RIPTIDE RENDEZVOUS – A Surf Fishing Event - John Loo

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL YOUTH PROGRAM - Carl Crawford

THE MAYFLY PROJECT

Jane Miller / Analiza Del Rosario

THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF FLYFISHING

Jason Scott



Southwest Council FFI – News & Events

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Renewal by Jim Burns (Oct 20, 2022)



VIRGINIA LAKES: Actually a basin of lakes, their clear waters can hold elusive trout. (Credit: Jim Burns)

On the East Walker River a few days back, fishing with a bunch of longtime and new TU friends, I waited as a downstream drift effortlessly moved my tippet toward me, big Caddis on top, zebra midge below. Moving water takes on its own life when you wait. Cast. Wait. Cast. Wait, attention so focused, an electric spark of attentiveness.

Three days of fishing had yielded only meager results: Day One, skunk; Day Two, two brownies so small they both went through the holes in my net; now the last day was upon us. Late morning on one of the Virginia Lakes yielded spectacular scenes of granite majesty, made us think about geologic time, not human digital.

A lone cutty with beautiful red cheeks held so close to that lake bank, I grabbed my cell to take a shot, then, wondering what I was doing, raced to get my rod, cast the fly back in the water. No dice. The whole morning was like that, cruising fish, with no takers. My fishing bud, Rick, got so frustrated he slapped his rod tip in the water at a cruising fish, who didn't even acknowledge the impact, so he tried again on trout's next pass with the same result. He'd caught four-pounders at this very spot. He was generous enough to share it with me.

Late afternoon brought me back to the West Walker, as low, hot sun baked me to sweat and glare made me double blink. Enchanted by the music of singing water, no waders, yet I couldn't help but submerge my boots on slippery rocks, just to satisfy that trout fever.

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Don't slip; set each foot down like balancing on a bowling ball; watch the bank-side scrub brush try to grab that airborne fly for its own.



CALIFORNIA FALL COLOR: A stand or group of aspen trees is considered a singular organism with the main life force underground in the extensive root system, according to the National Forest Foundation. (Credit: Jim Burns)

The guy in the town fly shop told us the “football trout,” rainbows who gorge themselves on plentiful bugs below the dam and into the Miracle Mile, were all gone. Too hot. He, himself, also thought about becoming a goner and moving out to North Dakota, tired of fire and endless drought.

In a watery burst, what draws so many of us to fishing happened to me: a flash of majesty and a solid hungry grab. A 12-

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inch or so football-shaped trout gleamed silver in that brutally reflective water, hooked and reluctantly riding the current toward me.

“Net!” I pleaded to another fishing bud, Bob, as I guided the trout in current to the bank. Bob was right there and then — just like that — the rainbow fatty was off my barbless hook and swimming freely away.

Over in a minute, what had consumed three days of my life, just like that.

Relief.

No matter what, the skunk needs to go.

Fly fishing is certainly about catching trout, but maybe more about renewal, is it not? It’s about connecting with nature in a special way, a hunting way, a caring way that yanks us from our cocooned lives and into the present moment, maybe, into that geologic time where we can see more clearly that we are small, but our impact on nature is increasingly outsized, like that caldera spewing lava some 700,000 years ago, altogether changing the landscape that was.

As a mostly solo fly fisher, usually that burst of calm knowing called renewal comes from water, fish, weather, skill, lack of skill, patience, flashes of angry frustration and a rhythm removed from my urban life. My spiritual battery turns out to be blessedly rechargeable.



SIZE DOES MATTER: And this little Brown slipped through a hole in my net! (Credit: Jim Burns)

Yet on this trip, renewal came from group experience, new and old friends. Collectively, we laughed, got bored, got pissed, got frustrated, learned new things, forgot the old. We hiked in, we ate out, we wondered where in the hell the trout were, caught them on occasion, and tipped our hats to their elusive, wily nature. Everything, just right. We marveled together at the majesty of the Sierra, but I think secretly we marveled at how wonderful it is to be human in a time when honesty, generosity and compassion illuminate our best outcome, our path forward through the dark.

See you on the river, Jim Burns

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Reference: Jim Burns Blog may be found at: [lariverflyfishing – Fishing for carp, waiting for steelhead](http://lariverflyfishing.com)

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Flies That Keep On Giving!

M&M Leech

By Janna Roznos

Since we have now gotten into still water (float tube) fly fishing, I thought it would be good to tie some still water flies. This particular fly, the M&M Leech is a pattern of Phil Rowley. Hopefully, the trout will like it as much as I liked tying it. This one worked good for us on Gull Lake (June Lake Loop).



Material:

Hook: TMC 2487 #12

Thread: Uni 6/0 Tan

Tail: Black Marabou

Body: Flashabou Magnum 1/32" clear

Rib: Krystal Flash – Red

Hackle: Black Ostrich Herl

Bead: 3/32 Tungsten Gold

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Instructions:

1. Lay down a thread base over the hook shank to about the bend of the hook.
2. For the tail, preen a 'bunch' of feathers from a marabou feather, and then strip off, trim the butt ends. Tail should be approximately as long as the hook shank, starting at the bead tie the tail on the hook shank and then spiral the thread to the mid-point of the hook shank.
3. Tie in a single stand of Krystal flash (red) on the middle of the hook shank with one end of the flash pointing to the tail and the other end pointing to the bead. Once secure then wrap the one end of the Krystal flash (red) back so now both ends of the flash are on either side of the tail. Tie in. Trim the Krystal flash (red) to match the length of the tail.
4. Tie in another length of Krystal flash (red) along the side of the hook shank. Make a nice smooth foundation forward to the bead and then move the thread to the back of the fly.
5. Tie in the Flashabou Magnum 1/32" (clear) at the tail, then move the thread forward to the bead.
6. Wrap the Flashabou Magnum 1/32" (clear) in overlapping wraps over the thread body, completely covering the thread, towards the bead and tie off. Trim excess.
7. Strip on herl from an ostrich feather, trimming the butt end. Tie in the ostrich herl right behind the bead. Palmer it (open wraps) from the bead back toward the tail. Make sure there is space between the wraps so the Flashabou Magnum 1/32" (clear) is visible.
8. Use the Krystal Flash (red) to tie off the ostrich herl at the tail (but don't trim the excess ostrich herl just yet!) and then rap the Krystal Flash (red) forward as a rib (open spiral wraps) up to the bead and tie off and trim. Trim the ostrich herl now as well.
9. Tie off behind the bead and whip finish and trim the tying thread.

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