

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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

October 2014

Club Meeting:

October 8th, 2014

Phoenix Club
1340 S. Sanderson
Anaheim, CA

6:00 pm - Wet Fly
7:00 pm - Dinner
Dinner and Program - \$30 Cash
Program Only - \$10 Cash
\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

Location TBA

October 15th, 2014

7:00 pm

All Club Members Welcomed

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<http://www.ffcoc.org>



Learning from Steelhead Fly Fishing Tactics

with John Sherman

While many people consider steelhead fly fishers a group of somewhat strange masochists (steelhead being the fish of a thousand casts, the weather often cold, etc.), we all should admit that tactics developed by steelheaders have helped everyone who is going to a trout stream. These tactics include the recent success of spey casting techniques (which are not just for two-handed rods but also for eight and nine foot, single-handed rods), but nymphing strategies as well and how to search for and locate fish. No one knows this better than John Sherman who, in addition to traveling regularly in California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii representing Simms fly fishing gear and Hatch Outdoors sales (especially their fine reels), has fished **a lot** for steelhead in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

John has presented to our clubs before and, because of his highly professional photography skills and his wonderful storytelling abilities, has impressed everyone in SoCal. This month will be no exception, with John being the perfect guide for this topic -- we will see and learn about all the wonderful opportunities to fish up and down the left side of the country and how to increase our fishing skills for different species.

John Sherman

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John was born and raised in Visalia, California where, at eight years of age and hanging around Buz's, the local fly shop, he learned how to fly fish. In 1999, John graduated from California State University Chico with a degree in Business Administration and Marketing. But fly fishing was his passion, so after graduation, he spent two months fishing for steelhead in British Columbia. (Didn't want to rush that getting down to work routine.)

While attending Chico State, John worked at the Powell Fly Shop and guided on the Feather and Sacramento Rivers for steelhead and salmon. Since then, John has fished the West Coast from Alaska to the Baja Peninsula for everything from steelhead, to salmon, stripers, black bass, trout and numerous blue water species. He has also hosted numerous trips around the globe, including taking fly fishers to such exotic locales as Australia, Russia, Iceland, Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas, Belize, Argentina and Indonesia. John is also a very accomplished outdoor photographer who has had his work published in magazines such as *Field & Stream*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *The Drake*, *California Fly Fisher*, *Northwest* and *Southwest Fly Fishing*. He has been documenting his expeditions with a camera since the age of 10.

A few years ago, John teamed up with Captain Mike Costello to produce the first and only fly fishing book dedicated to the California Delta, **Fly Fishing the California Delta**, which has been a top selling book since 2010. John lives in Discovery Bay, on the San Joaquin Sacramento River Delta with his wife Natih, daughter Kalum, son Kasix and dog Portis.

To see more about John and his many photo skills, go to www.johnghsberman.com

See you there.... And remember to pursue your fly fishing dreams!

Andy Frumento

Dennis Harper

Enters the SWCIFFF Inter Club Rod Building Challenge

The club would like to recognize and thank Dennis Harper for submitting his beautiful rod to a very noteworthy event. The rod was submitted to be judged in the SWCIFFF Inter Club Rod Building Challenge benefiting Casting for Recover.



This is not the first time Dennis has built a rod for CFR and as usual CFR was very impressive with Dennis' craftsmanship. Don't forget to wish him luck in the Challenge. The rod was presented to the CFR at the Fly Fishing Faire and they were ecstatic to receive such a beautifully crafted rod. Some lucky lady will be the proud owner of the elegant rod plus receive the necessary support from Casting for Recovery's next retreat. If you know of someone that has suffered or is suffering from Cancer and is able to participate in the 2015 retreat, please contact Bonnie Anderson at CfRsocal@SBCGlobal.net or [click here](#) for an application.



President's Message

Sorry this article will be so brief, but I have to get ready to go fishing. I'm sitting in my rental cabin writing this article in Lyman Utah. The first half of the Southern Utah outing is done and we are in the second week and having success beckoning fish to our offerings.

There is always a need to develop new talent that will sit on our board of directors. We currently have a wonderful and talented board but the progression goes on and no one lasts forever. If you have a desire to get involved please contact me or any other board member to express your interest.

Tight Lines,

John Williams

President



Well club it is that time of the year again. Time to renew your membership for the 2015 club year. As an incentive to renew early, I am holding another membership raffle drive for renewals only. This is how it will work. If you renew at the October meeting you will receive five raffle tickets. If you renew your membership at the November you will receive three raffle tickets and if you renew at the December meeting you will receive two raffle ticket. Online renewal is not available at this time. If you mail in your renewal, you will receive one ticket. Winning ticket will take home a lovely handcrafted gifts from several of our artistic club members.

Melinda Burns . ☺

Membership Chair

Membership Corner

Please join me in welcoming our 2014 new members:

Join Date:	Name:
10/4	Steve Swanson
8/11	Robert Boyhan
8/11	Jim Jacqua
5/7	Richard N Martin
5/7	Terry Barger
5/7	Chris Huey
4/19	Michael Flynn
4/9	Craig Douglas
4/9	Jim Smith
4/1	Don Dickey
3/12	Joyce Carrico
3/12	John Mc Lellan
3/12	Brian Mulligan
3/12	Steve Schneider
3/10	Joel & Patti Parker
2/18	Theodore O'Hirok
2/12	Donald Bell
2/5	Mary Barsaleau
1/8	Gedmimnas Novikas
1/8	Rian Rische

Please add these names to your roster. If you would like their contact info, please see me and I will give you a print out to add to your club directory. Or you can go online and obtain their contact info from our website:

ffcoc.org



The What: An inter-club rod building challenge between SWCFFF affiliated, sponsored by the **Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club**, to benefit the Southern California “Casting for Recovery” chapter.

The Why: To supply the So. Cal. CFR with enough rods and rod tubes to cover all the retreat participants. If a CFR chapter does not have all the necessary equipment to cover the retreats they need to get the equipment from the national headquarters. This requires the local chapter to use funds that would be better served on other expenses. This challenge is a start to get the So. Cal. CFR outfitted with their own supplies.

The Who: The challenge is open to any SWCFFF club and their members.

The When: The deadline to get the rods in will be the weekend of the 2014 SWCFFF Fly Fishing Faire in September.

The How: Simple..... you build a rod, donate it to the challenge, and your build is entered in the judging for the “Best of Show” plaque for you and your club.

The Goal: To supply at least 20 rods and rod tubes to our local “Casting for Recovery” chapter.

The Rules:

#1 Build a 9', 5 wt., 4 piece rod, supply a rod tube and donate it for the challenge.

#2 Build the rod to a CFR theme. There must be a bit of pink somewhere on the build.

The Judging: Two categories and all rods will be entered in both.

1. Craftsmanship: Based on basic rod building fundamentals. Fit and Finish is the #1 judging criteria.
2. Best of Show: This will be the best rod in the challenge. This is a category where all the extras will come into play.

Awards: Bragging rights. The SSFFC will supply a plaque to the winning club and individual builder. The real winner will be the Southern California “Casting for Recovery” chapter and all the future retreat participants.



Note: The SSFFC was able to get a good discount on 20 Batson blanks from Bill Batson. We will pass those savings on to you at our cost + shipping= \$35 per blank. Remaining rod components and tubes are on the builder and club depending on how you work things out. For blanks or if there are any questions please e-mail: Pete Emmel p_emmel5@hotmail.com



Auction Update—October 2014

Auction 2014

Thanks For Your Part in Making It A Success...
And There's More!

Thanks to everyone that participated in the September 10 Annual FFCOC Auction it was a great success. A lot of great purchases were made, there was great camaraderie, and we had a lot of fun. The club achieved its financial goals so we will be able to support ongoing and new programs such as Trout In The Classroom and various conservation projects as well as ongoing meetings and activities.

I would like to extend a special thanks everyone for the enthusiastic help received in the planning and implementation of the auction. The annual auction is an ongoing process that grows and evolves each year. Thanks to all of the prior auction chairs, this has become a successful tradition for the FFCOC.

Participants in this year's auction got a lot of great deals on equipment, accessories, trips, lodging, and other fun stuff, and several items are still available. Many of these will be made available as silent auction items during the October 8, 2014 regularly scheduled club meeting. Examples include: **SIMMS Discount Purchase Certificate**, **Green River 2 for 1** offer from Trout Creek Flies, **ECHO Edge 9ft 5wt 4-piece rod**, discount purchase certificates for reels, discounted trips to **Patagonia** and **Alaska**, and more. In addition, we will have a progressive raffle to win an **ECHO 3 9ft 5wt 4-piece rod valued at \$349.99**. Don't miss out; make sure to attend the October 8th meeting.

Douglas Jones
1st VP and 2014 Auction Chair

Fly Tying Classes are BACK !!!

Our Fly Tying classes will be beginning on Thursday October 9th followed by October 16, 23 and 30, and November 6 and 13, 2014. Classes will be held at the REI/Tustin store, located at 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, California 92782 (714 505 -0205). This store is in the Tustin Marketplace off the 5 freeway at Jamboree. Class starts at 6:00 pm and will end around 8:30 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to add another level to your fly fishing experience. The FFCOC will supply all the material and hooks that you will need. Please bring your tying vice and tools. You will also receive a written recipe for each of the flies that our instructors teach you. If you have an interest in these classes, please send me an e-mail at flytyer10@aol.com. As a FFCOC club member, there will be no charge for these classes. See all you tyers on October 9, 2014.

Cheryl Moore
Flytyer10@aol.com – 949 831-2826

Kern River Outing 2014

Our annual Kern River Outing is in just two weeks. Because this is what I would call a “free fish trip” (No guides or lodging provided, you provide your own) there is no limit to attendees.

Some of us will be meeting on Friday night for dinner at Cheyenne’s Restaurant which is across the street from the Sequoia Lodge. There will be Czech Nymphing class being held on Saturday morning being taught by Guy Jeans. There is a \$75.00 fee for this class but normally is \$150. Then Saturday evening we will meet in the barbeque area of the Sequoia Lodge around 5 pm. The cost is \$10 plus a dish to share. As this is somewhat of a potluck. We are lucky to have Jim Edwards and Scot Lewis to be our barbeque chefs. The \$10 will go to purchasing steaks and chicken. There will be a potluck sign up sheet at the next meeting or you can email me with your choice of share dish to bring. The club will provide the papergoods.

Please RSVP for the following activities:

- Czech Nymphing Class
- Cheyenne Dinner
- Saturday Night Barbecue

Those who have signed up should have received several emails with updates and additional details for each event.

I look forward to seeing you on the water.

Melinda Burns

Streamkeeper



Support our local Fly Shops

For those of you who don’t know, we have two local fly shops who have been very generous through out the years. They have donated items to our club and they provide discounts for some of our auction items. Next time you are in one of these shops be sure to say thank you for their continued support of FFCOC.



Bob Marriott's Flyfishing Store

2700 W. Orangethorpe Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92833

Store Hours;

Mon—Sat: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sun: Closed

Phone: 714-525-1827

Email: info@bobmarriotts.com

His & Her Fly Fishing

SHOP

His & Hers Fly Fishing Shop

1566 Old Newport Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Store Hours:

Mon—Fri 10:00 am—6:30 pm

Sat: 9 am—6pm

Sun: Closed

Phone: 949-548-9449

Email: hisher1666@aol.com

SPEAKER'S LIST – 2014

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1/8/14	Pat Jaegar	"Floating the Lower Owens"
2/12/14	Tim Holschlag	"Trophy Smallmouth Fishing"
3/12/14	Beau McFadyean	"The Big Horn River"
4/9/14	Conway Bowman	"Fly Fishing for Largemouth Bass and Carp"
5/7/14	Brant Oswald	"Spring Creek Tactics Make a Better Trout Angler"
6/11/14	Kirk Deeter	"The Mother of All Trout—Brown Trout Around the World"
7/9/14	George Daniel	"Nymphing Dynamics"
8/13/14	Dave Parker	"Entomology—Know Your Bugs"
9/10/14	No Speaker	<u>"AUCTION" in Grand Ballroom</u>
10/8/14	John Sherman	"Fly Fishing for Steelhead in the Rivers of CA and the NW"
11/2/14	Gary Bulla	"Surf Fishing Southern California"
12/10/14	Peter Koga	"Size Matters"

2014 OUTINGS PLAN

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Streamkeeper</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
2/22	Surf	Jim Edwards	714-337-5899	jimmywt1957@yahoo.com
3/22	Double Haul Ball	Shane Chung	949-633-6973	sschung@hotmail.com
3/30—4/2	Pyramid Lake	Jim Wright	714-679-6638	jrwright1@earthlink.net
4/12	One Surf Fly	Shane Chung	949-633-6973	sschung@hotmail.com
4/12-16	San Juan River	Lyman Kennedy	714-742-5865	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
4/26-27	Mammoth Opener	Lyman Kennedy	714-742-5865	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
5/17-18	Kelsey Bass Ranch	Lyman Kennedy	714-742-5865	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
6/6-8	Fish Creek	Lyman Kennedy	714-742-5865	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
6/13-15	Mammoth Mentor	Dave Long	714-336-6398	davidmlong@earthlink.net
	Outing/Pine Glen	Lyman Kennedy	714-742-5865	lkennedyjr@earthlink.net
7/7-11	Golden Trout Pack Trip	John Williams	951-236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
7/11-14	Hot Creek	John Williams	951-236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
8/15-18	Women's Outing	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920	mel11755@pacbell.net
9/18-21	Fly Fishing Faire	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920	mel11755@pacbell.net
9/15-19	Southern Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
9/22-26	Southern Utah	John Williams	951-236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
10/4/14	President's Barbecue	John Williams	951-236-0862	troutbum2@earthlink.net
10/17-19	Kern River	Melinda Burns	951-415-9920	mel11755@pacbell.net

Fly Fishers Club of Orange County

The **PURPOSE** of the Fly Fishers Club of Orange County is to:

- 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 meetings.

<p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>President John Williams president@ffcoc.org</p> <p>1st Vice President Doug Jones 1stvpresident@ffcoc.org</p> <p>2nd Vice President Jim Edwards</p> <p>Past President Melinda Burns</p>	<p>Treasurer Brian Mayer</p> <p>Secretary Alan Ross secretary@ffcoc.org</p> <p>Outings Lyman Kennedy</p> <p>Newsletter Melinda Burns (temporary)</p> <p>Website Victor Raphael newsletter@ffcoc.org</p>	<p>Conservation/ FFF Liaison John Burns</p> <p>Historian Marvin Crocker</p> <p>Raffle Coordinator Charlene Hanson</p> <p>Trout in the Classroom James Wright Melinda Burns</p> <p>Membership Melinda Burns membership@ffcoc.org</p>	<p>Programs Andy Frumento</p> <p>Casting Van Lloyd</p> <p>Fly Tying Cheryl Moore</p> <p>Member at Large Richard Fanning</p> <p>Member at Large Denis Higginson</p>
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