

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



June 2017

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Website:

<http://www.ffcoc.org>

NOTE:

This June meeting will
be in the Phoenix Club's
Loreley Room!

President's Message

Greeting Fellow FFCOC Club Members. Well we are about to reach the half year mark for 2017. Have you done any fishing? Don't forget to share your experiences with us. You can do that at the club or you can write an article about your trip and submit it to our newsletter editor, Richard Fanning. This is always a great way to initiate a new club trip. We are always looking for new places to explore. So, share with us some of your favorite locations and guides. Don't forget, if you bid and won one of the trips in our auction, we need a trip article from you. The donators have asked us to send them a copy of the newsletter when this is done. This is pretty important if we want them to continue to donate to our club.

This month's speaker is Gary Borger, who is one of the world's foremost fly fisherman and fly fishing educators. He has been fishing since the year I was born... Yup, that long ago. He is a freelance writer and photographer and has produced well over 17 videos in the skills of Fly Fishing. Gary was also a consultant on the movie

Club Meeting:

June 7, 2017

Phoenix Club

1340 S. Sanderson, Anaheim, CA

6:00 pm - Wet Flies Social Hour

7:00 pm - Dinner and Program

Dinner & Program - \$35.00 Cash

Program Only - \$12.00 Cash

\$1 Fee for Credit Cards

Board Meeting:

June 12, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Montesilla Mobile Home Park

15601 South B St., Tustin, CA

7:00 pm

Club Members are Welcome

that we all know and love, “A River Runs Through IT. He has a list of other achievements that won’t fit in my President’s message, so I will let you look him up. Here is a link to his website. <http://www.garyborger.com>. I know I am looking forward to his presentation.

Now please be aware that this meeting will not be held in our normal building the Pavilion. June’s meeting will be held in the Lorelie Room which is located adjacent to the bar next to the main ballroom. Seating will be limited as it is smaller venue so come early to get a seat. We believe it will be a well-attended meeting because of Gary Borger. We may have lots of extra visitors from other clubs. Although we posted it as a club member only meeting, not everyone will have seen this posting.

On another note, as you know we are attempting to recruit new BOD members. We are concerned that there has been little to no interest. So, the Board thought that maybe many of our members felt it was to be intimidating and time consuming. So, we would like to invite you all to our August BOD meeting which we will hold at 5 pm right before our August 9th Club Meeting. We have several members that are stepping down from their positions at the end of this year, as they have been on the board for many years and need a break. The more volunteers we have, we can spread out the responsibilities. Not all volunteers need to attend the BOD meetings, so if that is a concern please talk to one of the current BOD members and we can let you know what other volunteer positions are needed.

Next month our speaker will be Al Quattrocchi and his presentation will be on “Fly Fishing the Surf”. So, if you ever wondered how to fly fish the surf, mark your calendars for July 12, 2017.

One last note, the President’s Outing is coming up in October 20 -22 and will be held in Kernville, CA. Most of us stay at the Sequoia Lodge and from what I heard there are still some rooms available. They usually reserve all the rooms for our club but at some point, we will have to release the rooms if no one reserves them. If you haven’t been to a President’s Outing, check out some photos on our website from the 2012 President’s Outing:

http://www.ffcoc.org/content.aspx?page_id=187&club_id=510287.

The club supplies the main course and club members bring the rest. Fish during the day if you like or just relax by the river’s edge. Come Saturday night, it time to party with a good ole fashion barbecue with good friends and great food and sometimes some doosies of fish tales.

Tightlines,

Our Mission

The Fly Fishers Club of Orange County was founded in 1966 to further the sport of Fly Fishing and to provide a meeting function for area residents interested in the sport. In addition to being a way to meet others who enjoy the sport, there were three goals in mind when the club was founded:

Educating the Public

Conserving the fisheries

Contributing its resources in order to make fly fishing enjoyable and available to all who are interested

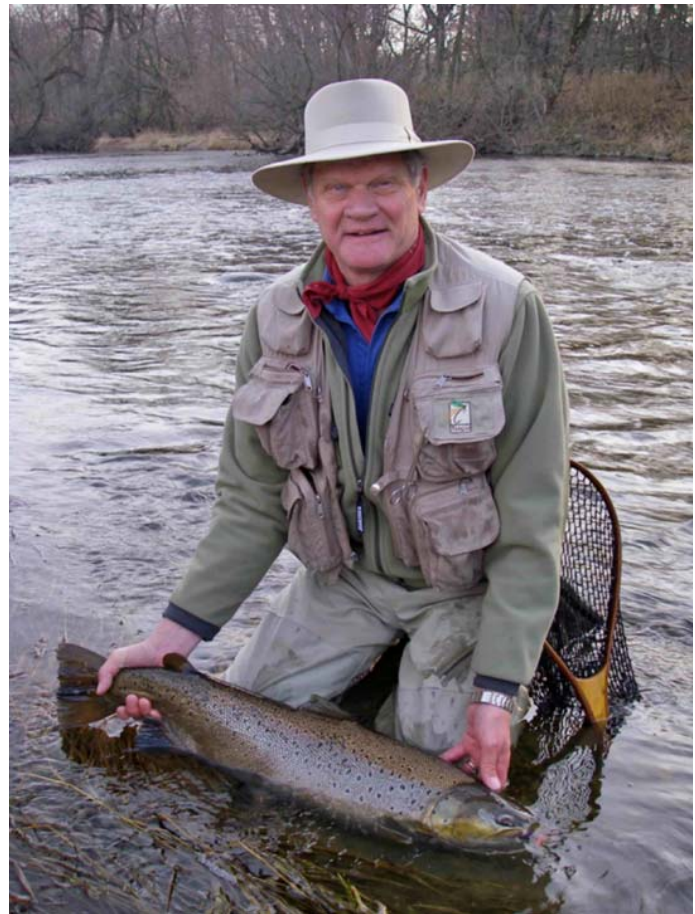
Gary Borger: “The Angler As Predator”

Every fly fisher is to some degree a predator – at least to the fish – and fish react to us with fear, as they would to any predator. As a *de facto* predator, we need to recognize and utilize those skills that minimize fishes' ability to detect us. In the club's June presentation, our good friend and highly respected fishing expert Gary Borger will use an informative and light-hearted approach to cover the readily applicable skills that help anglers develop needed predatory skills that will help achieve success on any stream or lake.

And this means understanding the way fish perceive us, both visually and acoustically. And since light and sound behave differently in air and water, the fly fisher needs to recognize the differences between the way a predator and the prey react to such sensory input.

No one is better suited to lead us on this journey than our brilliant presenter. Gary Borger holds a BS (1966), and an MS (1968) from Penn State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1971). He is Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of Wisconsin Campus in Wausau where he taught for 28 years. During his career, he was presented with the Teacher of the Year Award on two different occasions and his achievements have been recognized in “Who's Who in Science and Engineering” and “Outstanding People of the 20th Century.”

He has been a fly fisher since 1955, and, since 1972, has taught classes and lectured internationally on all aspects of fly fishing for trout and salmon. Gary has written ten best-selling books on fly fishing: “Nymphing,” “Naturals,” “The Borger Color System,” “Designing Trout Flies,” “Presentation,” “Fishing the Film,” “Reading Waters,” “Long Flies,” “The Angler as Predator,” and “Fly Gear.” Gary pioneered fly fishing video instruction with his release of



“Nymphing” in 1982. Since then he has appeared in four videos for the 3M Company and, in cooperation with the Federation of Fly Fishers, produced the environmental video “Where The Trout Are.” His video production company has produced an additional 21 internationally acclaimed videos.

Gary was also a consultant on Robert Redford’s movie “A River Runs Through It.” He is a recipient of the Ross Allen Merigold Complete Angler Memorial Award, the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award, the Joan and Lee Wulff Conservation Award, the Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award and the Lifetime Achievement in Fly Casting Instruction Award from the Federation of Fly Fishers. In recognition of this work (and many other awards and achievements), Gary received the first Lew Jewett Memorial Life Membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers in 1979. Gary is currently working on a 20-book series, titled **Fly Fishing**, and is working with Hardy of England to promote their excellent rods and reels.

We asked Gary how he got started in fly fishing, and he sent us this very personal memoir:

Fly Fishing is an arcane sport, and all who enter have their own reasons and entrance methodologies. Some “inherit” it from their parents or grandparents, others from relatives or friends, perhaps members of a club. My reasons were rather simple. I read about fly fishing in my father’s outdoor magazines, and the idea of it totally captivated my young imagination. Though no one else in my family fished, let alone fly fished, I was, none-the-less, determined to make fly fishing my own. I asked my parents for a fly tying kit as the present for my 11th Christmas. They obliged, and I began assembling the most extraordinarily ugly flies ever seen. The next spring I cobbled together some fly gear and began fishing my crudely tied imitations. The first trout was a 10-inch stocked rainbow, caught on a Coachman wet fly a few weeks before my 12th birthday. That catch firmly cemented fly fishing to the core of my being, where it has ruled ever since.

If you want to discover more about Gary and his amazing career and read some of his columns, go to: GaryBorger.com

As of this writing, our June presentation is scheduled to meet in the Loreley Room, which is the room adjacent to the Phoenix Club bar and restaurant. This room is small with limited seating, so we have asked our membership to come early to secure a good seat for this popular speaker.

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

Andy Frumento

2017 Meeting Dates and Speakers

<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	Andrew 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 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

**NOTE: ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PAVILION EXCEPT:
JUNE – LORELEY ROOM
SEPTEMBER – MAIN BALLROOM**

Announcements

Auction 2017

Update of the Month

This month's update is a request for all of the club members to think about what they may donate to the auction to make this year truly special. I know, they are all special, but this year is really special!

We're working hard to get great trips and donations from many suppliers but what truly makes the auction our own, is the great donations we get from club members. Items like gently used fishing gear, useful books and such, that would be great for a beginner, or to add to the arsenal of fishing equipment of another member. Also items that are made by our members, like hand tied flies, pens, and other very creative items.

And finally, items that are donated such as event tickets, libations, rentals, special dinners and many others. These are great ways for the club to raise money during the auction and for each of you to maybe contribute as well as being a potential buyer. And remember, as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, these donations can be tax deductible.

Please let me know if you would like to donate something and I can make up a flyer for it. Any questions, please give me a call.

Until next month,
Thank you,

Art Prangley, 2017 Auction Chair
714-270-7090

Membership Drive

FFCOC Membership Drive

At this time we have (2) people that have signed up Members to our Club. My records show John Burns and Eric Kramer have both brought in (1) Member. You still have time to win prizes by signing up new Members for this year. The prizes are a John Williams Water Color, lightly used G-Loomis reel and a lightly used Orvis 4 piece 6WT Saltwater Fly Rod. Because we only have (2) participants at this time, we will have a drawing during the Dec 2017 Meeting. Anyone that has brought in a new Member this year will qualify to win prizes. If I have missed anyone who has signed up a Member this year, please let me know.

Thanks,

Vern Martin, Membership

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTING/EVENT</u>	<u>STREAM-KEEPER</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
January 7	Fishing Newport Peninsula	Art Prangly	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	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 and John Burns	951 415-9920
May 27	Casting in the Park 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 Horseback Trip, June Lake Loop	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, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
September 26-29	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 2-6	Loa, Utah	John Williams	951 236-0862
October 15-21	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
October 20-22	President's Outing - Kernville	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	TBD		
December	TBD		

Casting in the Park

For FFCOC Members

May 27, 2017, 9 am - 1 pm

Irvine Regional Park

“Flaws and Fixes”



The First Session of “Casting in the Park”, held in March, was the first such program in recent FFCOC history and deemed quite successful in two ways. First, the club members who participated got help aimed at improving their casting and second, our team of budding casting instructors got a chance to enhance their teaching skills.

The next session of the “Casting in the Park” series is now scheduled for May 27th at Irvine Regional Park. This session will be an opportunity to identify elements of your casting that can be improved and to learn ways to do so. You are welcome to participate whether or not you attended the first session.

Once again we will benefit from Joe Libeu leading the casting program. Several club members who are “Casting Instructors in Training” will work with you to identify aspects of your casting that could be improved and offer suggestion on how make improvements.

We have room for 20 participants. To sign up or get your questions answered please contact Richard Fanning: at rkfanning@aol.com or 714 476-3027.



Fish Creek Outing – June 2 to 4, 2017

Sign-ups are open for the trip to Fish Creek. This year, it will be the first weekend in June.

This is a camping outing to the Southern Sierra's Kern River Plateau area close to Kennedy Meadows. The camp ground provides cold water and out houses only. Most people will be camping in tents; however, small camping trailers and motor homes are allowed. We will be fishing for small golden trout in small water creeks, so bring your small rods (3 weights and less). The fish are generally very eager, so this is an excellent trip for the novice and experience fisher-person as well.

If interested, contact Brian Mayer bdmayer@hotmail.com, (562-619-9169).



UPDATED!



Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Hits The Trail



Five Days of Backcountry Fishing

July 10-14, 2017

Cost: \$1,224

**\$200 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot,
Make Checks to “Frontier Pack Train” and send to John Williams**

Stream Keeper: John Williams 951-236-0862

19859 Calle Cadiz Walnut, Ca. 9178

Bring gear in nylon duffels - sleeping bag and pads separate

- Liquor should be labeled and checked in separately

We will be traveling to 9,000' elevation the first day and eventually to 11,000' elevation. Please come a day or two ahead of the trip to acclimate to at least 7,000'. Drink plenty of water and limit the alcohol intake prior to the trip; Altitude sickness can ruin a trip.

- **Fishing equipment:**

4-6 weight Rod and Reel with floating line.

7 to 9 foot leaders 5x bring 4,5,6 and 7 X tippet

Split shot BB and smaller

Flies:

- Parachute Adams #14-18
- Stimulator in orange #12-16
- Caddis #16-18
- Hopper #10-14
- Griffith Gnat #16-22
- Klinkhammer #16-18
- Glo Bug #16 Orange
- Wooly Bugger #8-12 Black & Olive
- Bring what you own already; there are many flies that work well in the high altitude backcountry of the Sierra's.
- The above list of flies has worked well for me in the past.
- If you have any questions or concerns please call John Williams 951-236-0862

suggest bringing saddle bags or backpacks unless pocket size.

- No alcoholic beverages served or included in trip fee but you can BYOB but the weight counts against your 40lbs limit.
- Transportation provided for return to June Lake for trips terminating at other road heads.
- Trips will terminate at 4:00 p.m. the last day.
- FRONTIER does **not** treat the water. Bring your own filter pump or purification tablets.
- Frontier furnishes stock, packer, cook, food, and camping equipment. Private tents for couples or singles will be reserved by request. All trips are outfitted with chairs, solar showers and privy.

Other Details

The Pack Station can Supply Bear Boxes \$5.00 each per day.Box Size 16" x 16" x 24"

Wilderness Permit \$5.00 per person additional

Personal Checklist

- Sleeping bag/foam pad or air mattress
- Flashlight/extra batteries
- Coffee mug
- Broad brimmed hat (must have string to keep from blowing off)
- Camera, extra SD card and extra batteries
- Rain pants & coat or slicker
- Riding boots & camp shoes
- Insect repellent
- Sun Screen and Chap Stick
- Polarized Sunglasses
- Bathing suit
- Hat protector from rain
- Heavy Jacket
- Canteen
- Personal hygiene kit (including towel)

Please use biodegradable soap and shampoo.

Itinerary:

***Day One:** Meet at the Pack Station in June Lake at 7:00 a.m., when breakfast will be served. We will partner you up with a horse to match your ability and then ride into the beautiful Ansel Adams Wilderness. Our lunch and fishing stop will be beside Crest Creek, where there will be plenty of Spawning Rainbow from Gem Lake. We will then continue to our first camp at Clark Lakes. There will be plenty of time to fish that evening for Brookies in the four nearby lakes.

***Day Two:** After breakfast, we will take a day ride to Thousand Island Lake and the headwaters of the San Joaquin River. There, you will fish for Rainbow/Golden hybrids. Our emphasis is on catch-and-release. After dinner, we will be fishing the Clark Lakes.

***Day Three:** We will break camp in the morning and travel to Algers Lakes, stopping along the way to fish beautiful Rush Creek, known for both Brookies and Rainbows. At our base camp, you will have the best opportunity for catching large Golden Trout. We will spend the balance of the day fishing near camp.

***Day Four:** The group will have the whole day to fish Algers Lakes and find your favorite spot. You can expect to catch Golden's from 10-16 inches.

***Day Five:** Fish in the morning. After having lunch at the camp, we will return to the Pack Station, arriving at 4:00 p.m.

What to Expect:

- Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Frontier Pack Train in June Lake.
- Breakfast is served the first day while gear is packed on the mules. The last meal furnished is lunch on the last day.
- Dunnage limit is **40 lbs. per person**. This includes sleeping bags, fishing gear, liquor.
- Frontier provides a saddle bag for trail essentials. We do not

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 lkennedyjr@earthlink.net or at 714 742-5865. The trip is limited to 12 people so get your name on the list right away before it fills up. Lyman Kennedy, streamkeeper.

Trip Reports

2017 San Juan River Trip Report

This year, eight hardy members of the Club went on the trip to Fishead's San Juan River Lodge in early April: Jana and Terry Roznos, Lyman Kennedy, Tom Bristol, Paul Nakamura, Richard Wall, Eric Kramer, and Brian Mayer. River conditions have improved again over last year. Most of the areas of silting from previous years have recovered. Plenty of fish were to be found both on guided float trips and wade fishing, but not nearly the numbers as previous years. As always, small midges and red worms worked best (size 18 to 22). A new fly worked very well – ZigJig. This is a lead head jig simulating a sculpin. Several color patterns were used depending on time of day and sunshine. These seem to work both in moving water and in pools. This was a very popular fly for several of the guides. There were a few reports of fish 20 inches and larger, including a couple of 22 inch fish. A good time seemed to be had by all and many stories were swapped at dinner meal gatherings.

Stream Keeper, Brian Mayer



Gathering at Fishead's Back Cast Café for the traditional first night's dinner. The regulars plus some new friends joining the outing. Welcome to all !



Eric Kramer wearing his fishing camouflaje !



Jana and Terry Roznos stuck in the morning rush hour at Texas Hole !



Tom Bristol being carefully watched by the Guide Dog.



Who is this masked man ? – Paul



Best Guide on the River – the one in the black and white fur coat !



Early morning on the second day – snow and sleet the entire night before, but it warmed up quickly when the sun came out

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams AKA "Uncle Willie"

Good friends and flies are worth keeping, A good friend shared this fly with me several years ago and it has proven to be a good friend, simple and easy to tie and oh so effective. Ants get swept into the water and they become a treat for fish.

Sinking Ant



Hook:	Daiichi 1120 #14 or #16
Thread:	UTC 70 Black
Tungsten Bead:	2.4mm - 3/32 Black
Red Bead:	Michael's Craft Bead Bright Red
Legs:	Centipede Legs Speckled Tan or Black
Cement:	Super Glue

Slide both beads on the hook and place in vice. Start the thread behind the forward bead and slide the rear bead down the shank and smear super glue on the shank and slide the rear bead into position and wrap thread from the forward bead building a dam behind the forward bead and keep moving the thread rearward to build a dam on the front and rear of the rear bead jumping the thread over the rear bead. Bring the thread just forward of center and place a leg on either side and tie in. Coat your thread with a smear of super glue and wrap over the tie in point of the legs and cut thread close. This fly makes a great dropper below a hopper.

Your welcome, 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 meetings.

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