

ON THE FLY

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
FLY FISHERS CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY

50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR MEMBERS!



July 2017 Newsletter

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Website: www.ffcoc.org

Club Meeting:

July 12, 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:

July 17, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Montesilla Mobile Home Park

15601 South B St., Tustin, CA

Club Members are Welcome

President's Message

Well FFCOC club members we are half way through the year. We pretty much made up for the drought with all the rain we have had this year. But we still aren't completely out so don't go wasting water. Be environmentally conscious every day. Also, check your fishery before arriving to make sure the water flows are conducive to fishing. Many fisheries are running very high water flows and it may not be fun to fish in your favorite watering hole. Check this website out for current water flows in California: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/current/?type=flow>

Have you ever wondered what our **By Laws and Policies** are? Well if you are, here is the link to download a copy. http://www.ffcoc.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=510287. This is also the location where you can download the **Streamkeeper Guidelines** if you were ever interested on hosting a club trip. Another document you can find here that might be of interest to you, is a procedure on "**How to Add Photos To Our Website**". We would love to see your pictures.

This month's speaker is Al Quattrocchi aka "Al Q". Al is a local Saltwater Guide and is going to speak to us about, "Fly Fishing the Surf". I know I am looking forward to see what he has to say. I have tried Surf Fishing twice. And yes I did catch "a" fish on one of those outings. This was a nice morning trip. So come on out, bring a friend and learn a thing or two on how we can use that big lake to the west of us for our Fly Fishing Fix.

I just want to remind you of a few major events coming up on our calendars. A very important one is our annual auction schedule for **Monday September 9**. We are already receiving some donations from past sponsor and new sponsors: Guided

Trips, Lodging and Fly Fishing Equipment. If you are interested in a particular piece of equipment, let Art Prangley know and he might be able to get it in our auction. This way you can save money and our club earns some funds. See, it is a win, win situation! For more info contact Art Prangley at 714-270-7090 or artp@sbcglobal.net.

Next on my reminder list, is our upcoming Casting Clinic that we open up to the public. This is schedule for **Saturday August 26** at Miles Square Park. Save the Date. If you are interested in volunteering your time or participating in this annual event, please contact Art Prangley at 714-270-7090 or artp@sbcglobal.net .

We also have On the Water Training coming up on **October 14 and the 28th** (Classroom setting) taught by Joe Libeu. So if you have someone interested in Fly Fishing and wants to learn some basics and lingo let them know about this upcoming event. The on the water portion is scheduled for **November 18-19** at the Lower Owens. Save this date and more details will be coming soon.

Last but not least, The PRESIDENT's OUTING. This is scheduled for October 20 -22. This is a fun social event held at the Kern River. Most of us stay at the Sequoia Lodge for the entire weekend. Yes you can fish but the main event is Saturday night where we share a scrumptious potluck barbecue. The Club provides the main course which typically includes some big fat juicy steaks, sumptuous chicken and of course some fish (From the Ocean - calm down). Well that's if Scot and Jim going Saltwater Fishing and score a big catch. In any case we will definitely have steak or chicken. Then everyone else brings some side dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July Meeting so we can start planning who wants to bring what and who is coming. More details to come in the coming months so Save the date! Hope to see you there.

Tightlines,

Melinda C. Burns

FYI:

Your tired old Newsletter Editor is switching from the tired old PC he has been using for years to a new Apple iMac in the hope it will turn him back into a teenager!

Although my last significant experience with a Macintosh was way back when, it's slo..owly coming back to me.

So excuse me if this edition has a few snafoos!

As always, if you have suggestions or comments regarding this newsletter, please let me know and I'll do my best to accomodate your ideas!

Thanks, Richard Fanning, Chief Editor and Czar of the Newsletter



California Surf Fishing with Al Quattrocchi

Did you know that you don't have to make a four or five hour drive to find great fly fishing in southern California? In fact, we have the largest saltwater pond right outside the door in our own back yard? The Pacific coast of California is an amazing and mysterious ecosystem that beckons to be explored with fly rod in hand. And we are going to see and learn all about it this month with a true expert.

Al Quattrocchi has been fishing the surf on three coasts of America for more than forty years. His presentation, which could be titled "Fly Fishing the Surf in Ten Basic Steps," will demystify this challenging environment and invite you, as well as show you, how to explore our largest fly fishing resource totally on your own.

Al (known to almost everyone as Al "Q") was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. There, early in his childhood, he developed his love for saltwater fishing while living in Sheepshead Bay, once home to the largest commercial fishing fleet operating in the U.S. As a teenager he spent his formative saltwater fishing years on party boats, piers, bridges, beaches and jetties in and around Sheepshead Bay as well as Breezy Point, Rockaway and Jamaica Bay. After moving to California in the late seventies to attend college, Al was inspired to switch from plugs to the fly rod. Here he began his fly fishing journey after years of reading articles written by saltwater fly fishing luminaries such as Joe Brooks, Lefty Kreh, Frank Woolner, Bob Popovics, Lou Tabory and our own Nick Curcione.

Al lectures and presents programs to many fly fishing clubs and fly shops in southern California. He founded the "One Surf Fly," an event which he created to help promote his favorite sport along the SoCal coast. Al also created the "Double Haul Ball," which is a free,

educational and collaborative effort put forth by local fly fishing friends and Federation of Fly Fishers certified casters and is held once a year at the historic Long Beach Casting Club. Al and good friend Conway Bowman (of “Bowman Bluewater” and “Fly Fishing the World” fame) both host the Carp Throwdown at Lake Henshaw, San Diego each June. This Orvis sponsored event is mainly a sight-fishing tournament for carp-enthusiasts and has been widely recognized across the country. The tournament is timed around the hopper hatch so anglers can experience dry fly sight-fishing for cruising carp.

Al’s articles and fly patterns have been published in *Fly Fishing in Saltwaters*, *Fly Tye*, *California Fly Fisher* and *Saltwater Fly Fishing* magazines. He is currently on the pro tying staffs for Umpqua, Tuffleye and Enrico Puglisi. His *Beach Bug* pattern is one of the best selling SoCal surf flies in Umpqua’s Surf Fly Series. Al’s other commercial Umpqua patterns include *Qs Corbina Candy*, *Qs Thin Lizzie* and the *Qs Ghost Whisper*.

As an avid fly angler, fly tier, artist and photographer, Al continues to draw inspiration from the sea. He hopes to expand his passion and love of saltwater fly fishing through teaching and mentoring one angler at a time through “The Fly Zone,” a comprehensive program he and his friend (and Wilderness Fly Fisher member) Jim Solomon created to help anglers learn to be better fly casters.

Al resides in Westchester, California with his wife Janet and daughter Quinn. He is a creative director at Tornado Creative, the award-winning design agency located in the historic Helms Bakery in Culver City.

Al’s fishing blog can be found at: <https://alquattrochi.wordpress.com>

Please join Al “Q” as he takes us up and down our Pacific coast for California’s surf fishing. 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	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!

Auction 2017 - 3 Things!

1. Sneak Preview: More being added daily!

3 Nights, 2 Days Guided Fishing at the Teton Valley Lodge.

Hand Wrapped "Sushi" Rod made by our infamous Jimmy Edwards.

Super seats for 2 at a Lakers Game to be named.

Hand tied flies from our master fly tyers.

Rods, Reels, Lines, Packs-New and gently used.

2 Days Guided rafting and Lodging on the Mohaka River-New Zealand

Mike Stidham-Framed, numbered Artists Proofs (4)

2 for 1 Guided fishing in Southern Utah

Bighorn, Williamson, Owens. Some great destinations.

Sierra Net

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These are just a few of the great items we have lined up for this year's auctions.

2. Bring in your donations to our next meeting (July 12). Jimmy Edwards and I will be collecting donations at our next club meeting. Please put a tag on them so we don't get them all confused.

3. Volunteers to help out on Auction evening, September 13. We'll need all the help we can get to help set up and run the auction. I'll bring a sign-up sheet to our next meeting.

Until next month, Thank You,

Art Prangley, 2017 Auction Chair

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>STREAMKEEPER</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
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 15-21	Colorado	Lyman Kennedy	714 742-5865
October 20-22	President's Outing, Kernville, CA	Melinda Burns	951 415-9920
November	TBD		
December	TBD		

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.

UPDATED!



Fly Fishers Club of Orange County Hits The Trail



Five Days of Backcountry Fishing in the High Sierras

July 10-14, 2017

Cost \$1,224

\$200 non refundable deposit is required to hold your spot.

Make checks payable to "Frontier Pack Train" and send to John Williams

Streamkeeper: John Williams, 951-236-0862

19859 Calle Cadiz, Walnut, CA

Lee's Ferry Outing 2017



Wow what a fabulous club outing this was. Everyone was on to fish from day one. The weather was spectacular as well as the scenery as you can see from the photos above. If you don't have this on your bucket list you are going to miss out.

Most of the fishing was done wading from the shore with anything from streamers to dry droppers to just plain old nymphing. We had 11 miles of beautiful crystal-clear water to fish for the beautiful Lee's Ferry Rainbows. These fish would jump and leap into the air and fight like the dickens. It was so much fun to bring them in. I learned a few more technique to keeping them on the line after losing several for utilizing bad techniques. Did I tell you that the guides there are AWESOME!

Each day started with breakfast at the Restaurant or coffee and Danish at the Burns Room. We met the guides at 7:30 am at Lee's Ferry Boat Launch and at 7:30:01 am we were on the boat and on our way to some spectacular fishing. Lees Ferry Anglers provided lunch for us so the guides would motor to a very scenic location each day where we would sit and relax, eat, ask questions and take photos of the scenery. After lunch, it was off to a new spot to catch some more Lee's Ferry Bows.

Our day ended at 4:00 pm on the water but that wasn't the end of day for us. There was plenty of scenery to explore and take photos of. At 6:00 pm we would meet out front of the Burns Room where Melinda (Me) had prepared a lovely Crock Pot Dinner with a salad. We would sit on the porch and eat and share out stories for the day whilst we watch the sunset on the beautiful horizon in front of us. Card games and star gazing was part of the evening adventures. Then the weary fisherman went off to bed to dream of their next day catches.

- Casting -

A Critical Fly Fishing Skill

As the means for presenting the fly to the target fish, casting is one of the key skills to master to improve your fly fishing success.

FFCOC now has two parts to its casting program:



Image courtesy of club member and artist, John Williams.

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:

March 11, 2017, "Basic Casting Skills"

Emphasis on basic casting skills.

May 27, 2017, "Flaws and Fixes"

Recommendations for improving observed casting flaws.

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

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

Annual Fall Casting Clinic

Open to the Public

September 9, 2017

Mile Square Regional Park,
16801 Euclid St., Fountain Valley, CA

This clinic, held in the Fall each year is open to club members and the public and is an opportunity for people from local communities to dabble in fly fishing/casting or to get some advice on how to improve if they already have some casting experience.

We do this as a community outreach program, in part, with the hope that some of the attendees will like what they see and subsequently join the club.

Once again we will need Club Members to volunteer to help run this clinic. There will be more information in next month's Newsletter.

Flies That Keep On Giving

By John Williams

While in Southern Utah in 2016 some of us fished with a green nymph that was enticing many fish to the net. I could copy the nymph directly but that is not always my style, I like to reimagine many flies and that is the artist in me. I always tie six to twelve to try out a new pattern but stealing some of the thunder of this other fly think it is a winner already. Could be a Caddis?

Southern Utah Candy

Hook:	Daiichi 1150 #12
Bead:	Copper 2.4mm Tungsten
Thread:	UTC 70 Black
Rib:	Veevus Holographic Tinsel Lime Green Large
Abdomen:	Ice Dub Olive
Thorax:	Peacock Hurl
Wings:	White Biots
Legs:	Pheasant Body Feather
Head Cement:	Superglue



Place the bead on the hook small end first. Smear a slight amount of super glue on the shank of the hook into the bend and start the thread behind the bead and run down into the bend. Tie in the holographic tinsel and leave to the rear. Dub the abdomen with the ice dub leaving a gap behind the bead. Coat the side of tinsel to touch the dubbing with a smear of superglue and palmer forward leaving a slight gap between wraps to allow the ice dub to protrude. Wrap the thorax with two peacock hurls. Tie in two white biots on either side of the peacock behind the bead. Preen the pheasant body feather rearward and cut out the tip and tie in by the stem and wrap to form the legs and tie off. Smear your thread with a slight amount of superglue and make three to four wraps and make an two turn whip finish. See you in Utah friends.

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.

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