

# SANTA LUCIA Fly Fishers



## Tight Lines

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San Luis Obispo, CA

Mike Powers, Editor

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER - Art Chapman April 2018



*"What I've realized over the years is that I have some pretty good friends."*

*Anthony Kiedis*

I hope you feel as I do that our annual banquet is an opportunity to see old friends and perhaps to start a new friendship that will lead to trips together with a fly rod in hand. This is what we strive for in keeping this club alive. We want to make it a place where old and new friends get together to celebrate the sport we love.

As I write this we are just beginning to sort out all the little details that follow a big event. More importantly, I need to thank all of you who helped make the banquet so successful, starting with all of the members, spouses, relatives and friends who attended. Thank you for coming and for buying raffle tickets and silent auction offerings. Your generosity will help keep the club afloat for the remainder of the year.

As I mentioned at the banquet, an event like this takes a lot of planning and preparation. Our Board members worked tirelessly for many months to make sure all of the details were handled so it appears effortless. First, Sheri and Ron Bryant coordinated with Madonna Inn to prepare for the event. The work for next year starts as soon as this year's event concludes. Then, Sheri organized check-in and check-out and Ron organized our purchases, so you could check out efficiently. Robert Hartzell and Mike Powers pitched in to help Sheri.

Rich Chubon and Lew Leichter spent months working with businesses and manufacturers to find donated equipment or gear we could purchase at a discount that would bring income to the club. Members very generously donated gear, wine, artwork, and certificates for goods and services. Larry Dellard coordinated taking in those items.

Bob Bayer handles all of the special order items. If you won the right to buy gear at wholesale prices, he will be contacting you for final payment. We have to turn in one coordinated order, so Bob needs all payments before he submits the orders.

The fly tying group tied up some of their best patterns and offered them for sale. Lew coordinated the guide trips. Guides are chosen carefully from the experience of our members. Bernard Pieters, Jim Snodgrass, and Tom Nickelson jumped in to help during the raffle and silent auction.

Whew, it's a lot. We owe them all our profound gratitude. Next time you see them, please tell them how much you appreciate their effort on your behalf.

## SAVE THE DATES

Apr 5: Fly tying. Contact Jim Snodgrass (see below)

Apr 12:

5:00 Board meeting ... at the ***new meeting location***.

6:30 Monthly meeting. Ernie Gulley, speaker, on What Do Trout Eat. ***New Meeting Location: International House of Pancakes (IHoP) in SLO!!!***



Apr 15-20: San Juan River Outing, Soaring River Lodge. Contact Lew Leichter

May 5, 9am - noon:

Water Craft Demonstration Event, White Oak Boat Launch, Santa Margarita Lake.  
Contact Rich Chubon

May 3: Fly tying. Contact Jim Snodgrass

May 7-10 Baum Lake Outing. Contact Bob Bayer

May 10:

5:00 Board meeting ... at the ***new meeting location***.

6:30 Monthly meeting. Wayne Kotow, Executive Director, Coastal Conservation Association of California, speaker

# Next SLFF Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 6:30pm

International House of Pancakes (IHoP), 212 Madonna Rd, SLO

## What Do Trout Eat? — Ernie Gulley



One of the most important questions that anglers ask themselves and try to answer every time he or she ventures onto the water is, “What are the trout eating this very minute?” This can be a tough question because trout often have many different food items from which to choose. In fertile waters, the choices are almost limitless. Chironomids, scuds, fry, leeches, damsels, snails and mayflies are just a few of the tasty morsels trout love to eat. And each food item has different stages in its life cycle that it can be going through, e.g., egg, larva, pupa, adult or fry. How and when do we first observe and then conduct quick and reliable research in order to choose the correct fly or flies that

imitate what the trout are eating at that moment?

Our April presentation will focus on this important subject. And we will see how each of these individual trout food items can be broken down, and why trout choose them. We will become familiar with many of these life cycles, the time of year they are most prominent and which food items trout in our waters love to key on most of the time. And we’ll learn the importance of understanding how these food items actually move in the water. Most individual food items move in different ways through the water column and this is often a key when trying to mimic how to fish your fly and make it look just like the real food the trout are seeking. We will even see short videos of many of the food items that will show how they move.



Our guide for these very informative and valuable facets of our sport is one of our favorite presenters, SoCal’s own Ernie Gulley. Ernie has been at our club a number of times and always is popular and appreciated for his knowledge and being able to present topics in a way that invariably help us become better fly fishers. Ernie will improve our fishing by showing what foods are in large abundance during which months of the season and what are the actual choices trout have and, most important, how and why they choose to eat what, when.

Ernie was actually born in southern California, and started fishing with his Dad as soon as he could walk. However, at age seven, Ernie and his family moved to New Orleans where he learned how to fish Lake Pontchartrain for speckled trout and other saltwater species. Later he moved back to SoCal and began fishing Lake Crowley, Bridgeport Reservoir and many lakes in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. (Ernie currently resides in Riverside with his wife Shannon and their two children, Logan, age 13 and Aidan, age 10.)

In 1997, Ernie's curiosity about fly fishing began and a true love affair was born. This love affair blossomed and he never looked back. Ernie was mentored by Bob Slamal, one of Ernie's legends in the fly fishing industry, and he also joined many local fly fishing clubs to learn as much as he could about fly fishing. In 2007, Ernie won the "Double Haul in the Fall" tournament at Lake Crowley, now his home waters for guiding; this is where he has won both individual and team division titles.

Ernie is currently a professional fly fishing guide in southern California and the eastern Sierra and is known as one of the Sierra's premier stillwater guides. Even when he is finished guiding for the day, you will find him back out on the water until sunset, always exploring, testing, observing, analyzing and putting in the extra time and effort to master his craft. His philosophy is simple: you can always learn something new every time you are on the water.

Ernie is a "Pro Ambassador" for the Hardy Fly Fishing Company and the Cortland Line Company, among others. He takes great pride in sharing his knowledge of fly fishing and his great passion is teaching stillwater fly fishing tactics. You can learn more about Ernie and his guiding by going to:

[www.erniegulley.com](http://www.erniegulley.com) Facebook (Ernie Gulley) (Ernie Gulley Fly Fishing Guide Service) and Instagram (Ernie Gulley Fly Fishing)

## Water Craft Demonstration Event - Rich Chubon



We had to cancel this event last year because of scheduling conflicts. This year our Club will be sponsoring a water craft demonstration day. There is a variety water craft suitable for fly fishing. The event is geared for Club members who want to learn more about the different types of inflatable and other utility water craft which can be deployed on your fishing outings. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions about the various equipment options as well as to try out some of these water craft. The event will be held at:

**Place- White Oak Boat Ramp**

**Date - Saturday, May 5, 2018**

**Time - 9AM - Noon**

This has been a very popular event in the past. So, if you are planning on attending please pre-register with an email to me at [richorjudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richorjudy@sbcglobal.net). You should also bring waders and wading shoes, if you plan to try out some of the water craft. This is a great opportunity to explore these water craft fishing options, as well as maybe catch a few bass!

## Banquet Photos! — Rich Chubon



**Fly Fisherman of the Year: Jim Snodgrass**



**In Appreciation of 10 Years as Club President: Lew Leichter**



I want to share with you the picture of the very cool fly box that was given to me at the banquet. The Green River drainage in Wyoming is my number one go to trout fly fishing destination.

Thanks to all of you for a fun and rewarding 10 years as your Prez.

*Lew*

# SANTA LUCIA FLY FISHERS 2018 OUTINGS & EVENTS

Rich Chubon

ARCH/APRIL - **TBD**  
APRIL 15-20

\*\*\*HUNTER LIGGETT BASS OUTING - Andy Harrison [aharrison99@att.net](mailto:aharrison99@att.net)  
SAN JUAN RIVER, NEW MEXICO SOARING EAGLE LODGE - Lew Leichter  
[lsleichter@hotmail.com](mailto:lsleichter@hotmail.com)

MAY 5

SANTA MARGARITA - WATER CRAFT DEMO & BASS FISHING - Rich Chubon

MAY 8-12

BAUM LAKE - Bob Bayer [rbayer319@gmail.com](mailto:rbayer319@gmail.com)

MAY 27-27

KELSY BASS RANCH - Lew Leichter [lsleichter@hotmail.com](mailto:lsleichter@hotmail.com)

JUNE 17-23

MANZANITA LAKE - Bernard Pieters [bpieters84@gmail.com](mailto:bpieters84@gmail.com)

JUNE 24-29

LAKE ALMANOR -

JUNE 26

LANCE GRAY'S TOUR of ALMANOR

JULY 14

AVILA BAY- HALIBUT OUTING - Bernard Pieters [bpieters84@gmail.com](mailto:bpieters84@gmail.com)

JULY 22-28

SAN JUAN RIVER, NEW MEXICO SOARING EAGLE LODGE - Lew Leichter  
[lsleichter@hotmail.com](mailto:lsleichter@hotmail.com)

AUGUST - **TBD**

ANNUAL MEMBERS BBQ

SEPTEMBER - **TBD**

SEA JAY SALT WATER TRIP - Andy Malovos [akmalovos@yohoo.com](mailto:akmalovos@yohoo.com)

OCTOBER - **TBD**

RIPTIDE RENDEZVOUS SURF FISHING EVENT

OCTOBER 20-21

CALIFORNIA FLY FISHING SHOW - Southwest Council, Glendale  
Auditorium

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

\*\*\*\*PYRAMID LAKE - Rich Chubon [richorjudy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richorjudy@sbcglobal.net)

NOVEMBER - TBD

O'NEILL FOREBAY STRIPERS - Mark Shelton [mshelton@calpoly.edu](mailto:mshelton@calpoly.edu)

## COMMENTS:

\*Dates and locations of monthly surf perch outings during 2018 will be determined by tide and weather conditions. Notifications will be sent out by e blast

\*\*Casting clinics dates are planned for March and April this year; weather conditions may result in date changes; clinics will be held at Laguna Lake in SLO

\*\*\*Hunter Liggett outings dates will be announced by e-blast dependent on water conditions & pond areas open to fishing

\*\*\*\*Pyramid Lake dates will be dependent on fishing reports

Other outings possibilities include:

Upper Klamath River steelhead trip in late fall or early winter

Eastern Sierra outing - E. Walker, Hot Creek, Owens - late May or October

Depending on member interest other workshops offered may include:

"Fly Fishing 101" – hands on work shop for new fly fishers

A fly rod building and repair work shop

Beginning entomology for fly fishers

# THE MAJOR WOODY FLY



The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, April 5th at 6:30. Jim Snodgrass will demonstrate how to tie the Major Woody Fly. This fly gets its name from all the wood duck materials used in the tying process. It is a great dry attractor pattern for all kinds of mayflies and is an all-purpose pattern that can be fished almost any way imaginable, and will still catch fish.

Jim watched a Major Woody fly tying demonstration by Tim Flagler on U-Tube; tied his own Major Woody flies, and is now ready to demonstrate how you too can tie a Major Woody. According to Tim Flagler, "You can dead drift it, swing it, twitch it or even dust it up with desiccant and use it as a dry or cripple,"

Jim was interested in the Major Woody fly because summer is fast approaching when the fish will be attracted to dry flies. In addition, the fly is made of natural a material which attracts the fish. The Major Woody is an easy fly to tie, will catch fish, and is definitely a fly to have in your fly box.

Come to this month's fly tying session and tie a new fly with your friends at the Santa Lucia Fly Fishers!

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring your own thread...wood duck, 140-denier or 70-denier thread. The following are the material that will be used for the Major Woody Fly.

## MATERIALS:

Thread	-	Wood duck, 140-denier or 70-denier
Hook	-	3X-Heavy nymph hook, Size 12-16
Rib	-	Gold wire rib, small
Tail	-	Wood-duck feather
Abdomen	-	Wood-duck rabbit-fur dubbing
Wing	-	Wood-duck feather
Thorax	-	Wood-duck rabbit-fur dubbing
Head	-	Tying thread
Adhesive	-	UV-cure resin

Join us at the Fly Fishing Faire  
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**Lessons for all Levels will be Available  
Registration for Classes and  
Pre-Event Ticket Sales open On-line  
August 20th, 6:00 A.M.**



[www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE](http://www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE) for all information and updates



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**August 20th, 6 AM [www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE](http://www.SWCFFI.ORG/FAIRE)**

## PRIVATE CASTING LESSONS AVAILABLE

While our six IFFF certified casting instructors generously put on a series of free casting clinics for our club members each spring we wanted you to know they are available for private casting lessons throughout the year. If interested please contact them directly for additional information.

**Bernard Pieters** Arroyo Grande 489-3085 [bpieters84@gmail.com](mailto:bpieters84@gmail.com)

**Eric Sherar** Atascadero 423-0170 [esherar1@gmail.com](mailto:esherar1@gmail.com)

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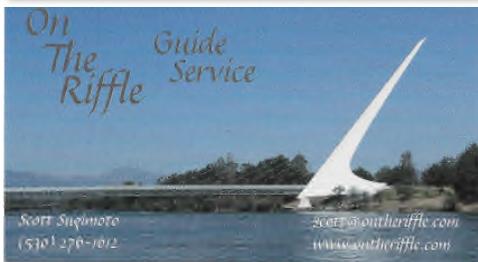


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For 12 months (January through December).  
Enrollment after July 1<sup>st</sup> is \$20.00 for the remainder of the  
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Send completed form with a check for dues to:  
Santa Lucia Fly Fishers

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