

SANTA LUCIA Fly Fishers



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Mike Powers, Editor

Time to renew your \$35 dues for 2019!

Thoughts and Observations from Your Ex-President One Year Later – Lew Leichter



The biggest challenge our sport and club faces is the diminishing number of volunteer hours, this caused by the demands of our busy society. I believe that anyone that fly fishes has a responsibility to help preserve our sport and our resource. Helping includes not only using our check books but participating and helping our club as well as other like minded organizations and our “boots on the ground” efforts. How many of us have discretionary time or funds that we use for trips to far flung destinations but don’t make any effort to support in time or money the local environment , sport and organizations from which we benefit.

The benefit of being in a club and participating in the activities compared to all the information that is now available on the internet is the benefit of personal interaction. The internet can show you how to do it but can not give you feedback on your skills or answer your questions. Also one of the best parts of belonging is interacting with people who share our love of the sport and the environment. Few things in fly fishing give me more pleasure than in helping someone discover and learn about our sport. You will find many members of our club are incredibly giving of their time and knowledge. You just need to ask.

Our club offers 1) Fishing opportunities: numerous fresh water outings & local ocean surf fishing outings throughout the year. 2) Learning opportunities: spring casting clinics (private lessons available, see later in newsletter), monthly fly tying, rod building and beginning fly fishing class. 3) There are also opportunities that we could get involved in to support our sport other than donating money: Trout in the Classroom, Casting for Recovery, Project Healing waters, conservation efforts on local streams & creeks will become more available to us in the coming years.

I hope to see you on the water.
Happy holidays to all.

Election of Directors and Officers

We will hold our annual elections in December. If interested it is not too late to volunteer.

Next SLFF Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 6:30pm

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

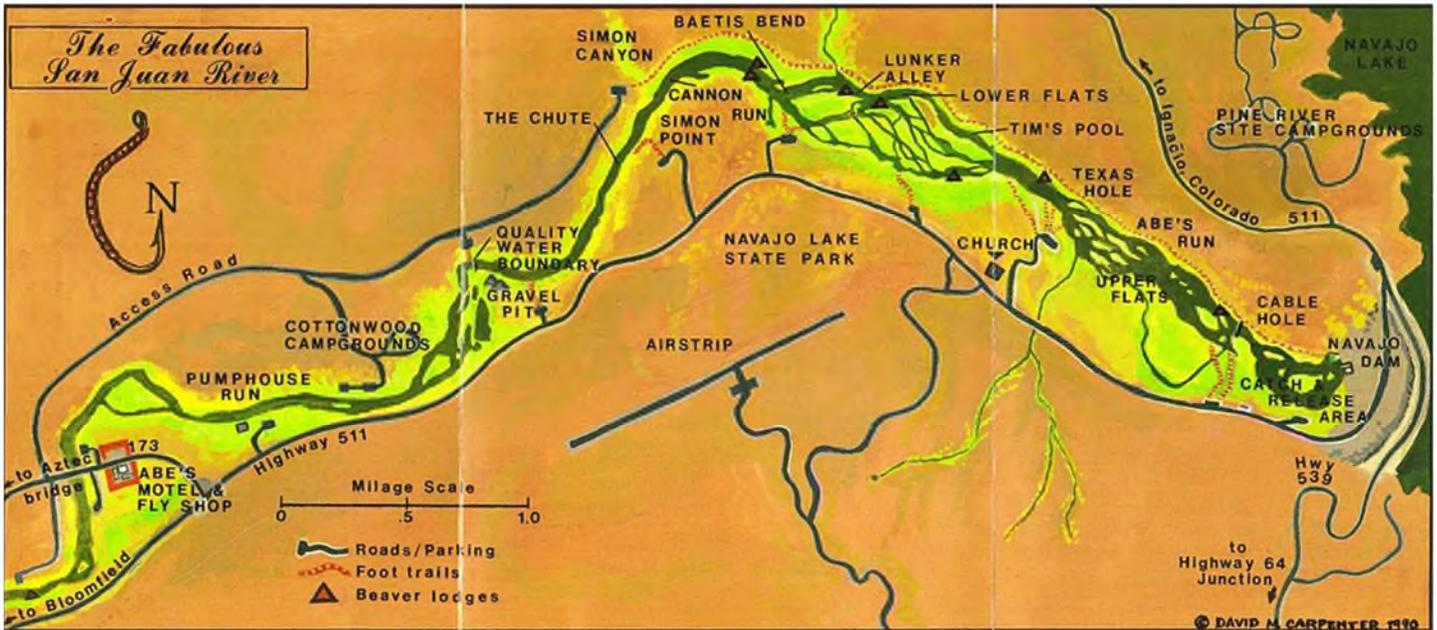
Mark Shelton – 8th Annual Year-in-Review Slide Show

One of the best things about our club is the great people we get to spend time with. We get together to tie flies, learn new fly fishing skills, travel far and wide, eat and drink together, and of course, fly fish in all kinds of places. Each year since 2010 we've done a year-end program of member's trips. I show the slides and club members and I tell a little about our year's fly-fishing adventures (and misadventures - cameras lost, rods broken, flat tires, boats broken down, parking tickets....you get the picture). But hey, if you're gonna get out there, stuff happens!

2018 was a big year for new and veteran SLFF members and new fishing locations. Come enjoy your slides from Alaska, the Bahamas, the Pacific Ocean, local lakes and ponds, rivers in California, Colorado and elsewhere. I always enjoy seeing and hearing about where fellow clubbers have travelled, and as a result, I've had some great fishing and travel to places that were vetted by people I know. It's kind of like going to a fly-fishing show for free.

Come join us in December and enjoy our interactive fly-fishing travelogue. A good time is guaranteed!





2019 Return to the San Juan for our 5th annual outing – Lew Leichter

After checking out other times of the year it seems like our April outing works out the best so the dates are set, arrive Sunday 4/14 and depart Friday 4/19. Options at that time of year include drifting the section from the Texas Hole down to the Quality Water Boundry (mainly rainbows), drifting the section below the Soaring Eagle Lodge (mainly browns), fishing Navajo Lake for bass and pike (a neat change of pace) and if the flows permit wade fishing the Catch & Release area below the dam (my personal favorite).

Our standard trip includes 5 days room and board with 4 days of guided fishing. The cost is about \$1,700. You can fly to Durango CO from SLO or SB for about \$500 and then it's about an hour's drive to the Lodge. Another option if you want to camp is the Archulata campground near the lodge; then you can arrange to have some or all your meals at the lodge and fish with our guides. You can also make changes to your schedule just note that changes need to be made by 2 so we don't mess up the room or guide scheduling.

Registration and deposit will be due in January. I'm starting an early interest sign up list as the lodge and guides want to know about how many to expect as they save the river front cabins for us and we get first shot at the top guides. Let me know and I'll add you to the list and keep you updated.

Lew (lsleichter@hotmail.com) 805 934-2476

SLFF donates to conservation groups - Robert Hartzell

Each year our Club donates to organizations which support conservation and advocacy goals in line with our own. Organizations selected in 2018 were: California Trout, Casting for Recovery, Central Coast Salmon Enhancement, Lake Almanor Fishing Association, Land Conservancy of SLO County, Morro Bay Estuary Program, Natural Resources Defense Council, Project Healing Waters, Trout Unlimited, and Western Rivers Conservancy.

The amount donated by SLFF this year was \$2600. The donated funds go toward specific programs in some cases or to the organizations general fund. Congratulations all.

Fly Fishing the Surf Outings 2019 - Lew Leichter



In the past we've attempted to schedule outings in advance only to find that conditions are less than ideal or fish are nowhere to be found. So in 2019 we've enlisted some members (Don Wheeler & Andy Malavos - Morro Bay north; Bernard Pieters - Oceano to Avila and Lew Leichter - Lompoc to Oxnard) who will keep an eye on things and when conditions look safe and favorable, we'll be notified and will send out an eblast on short notice announcing the time and

place. We hope to have more outings this way and we almost always have members there that will help you if you need help. Also remember the club has 2 surf outfits, including stripping baskets you can borrow.

SAVE THE DATES

Dec 6: Fly tying. Contact Jim Snodgrass

Dec 13:
5:00 Board meeting ... at IHOP SLO.
6:30 Monthly meeting

Jan 3: Fly tying. Contact Jim Snodgrass

Jan 10:
5:00 Board meeting ... at IHOP SLO.
6:30 Monthly meeting



Coming Events

Upcoming fly fishing shows: Interested in trying and/or buying gear or learning about new destinations? These are the places to go. We usually have some experienced member shoppers that will be glad to show you around: 1/18 to 1/20 the ISE show in Sacramento and 2/22 to 2/24 Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton

MAR 23, 2019 BANQUET AND BANQUET SPEAKER: Mark your calendar. Looks like we'll have another neat banquet. All who attended enjoyed Jon Biaoocchi's program at our 2/18 meeting so we've invited John back. He is preparing a special program for us. It won't be a lot of technical stuff or a bunch of pictures of old folks grinning and holding their fish. Here is a link to Jon's website: <http://www.baiocchistroutfitters.com/>

Tabou Daddy

The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, December 6th at 6:30. Terry Croxton will demonstrate the Tabou Daddy.

The Tabou Daddy is a Steve Schweitzer fly from the globalflyfisher.com site.

The Tabou Daddy is a light weight castable imitation of a small crayfish. It has been very effective for Terry at the Little Truckee river outlet into Boca Lake Reservoir. The large brown trout at that spot just love it.



Materials:

The materials are quite simple, four to be exact, plus a hook. Those Tabou Daddy materials are as follows:

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| Thread | - Black or brown thread in 6/0 or 8/0 |
| Weighted Wire | - 035 lead wire (laid on the top of the hook so hook point rides up). |
| Hook | - 2X or 3X, size 12, streamer hook |
| Body | - Under wrap rusty brown ice dubbing |
| Eyes | - .012" monofilament |
| Legs | - Long hackled feather from pelt |
| Claws (tail) | - Chick-a-bou spade feather |

Note: All feathers come from a grizzly dyed chick-a-bou pelt of the desired color

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring black or brown thread in 6/0 or 8/0.

Web Site:

<https://globalflyfisher.com/patterns/tabou-daddy>

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

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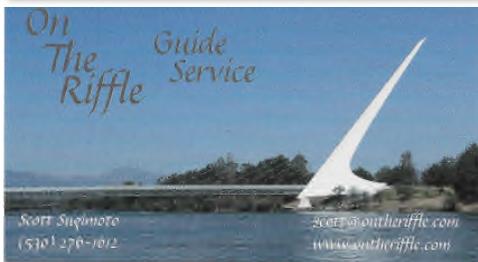


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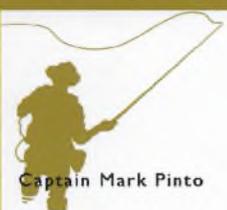


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An individual regular membership is \$35.00 per year
For 12 months (January through December).
Enrollment after July 1st is \$20.00 for the remainder of the
year.

To join, please download the Membership Form from our
Website:

<http://www.santaluciaflyfishers.com/membership-3>

Send completed form with a check for dues to:
Santa Lucia Fly Fishers

**Come wet a line with us! Thank you for supporting those
who help support our chapter.**