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President's Message – Rich Chubon



“In every species of fish I’ve angled for, it is the ones that got away that thrill me the most, the ones that keep fresh in my memory. So I say it is good to lose fish. If we didn’t, much of the thrill of angling would be gone” - Ray Bergman

NEW MEMBERS - Lets all welcome our new members Troy Etter, Max DeArmendi, George McClure, and Rich Michels. Hope to see you at our next meeting or maybe on the water.

ANNUAL BANQUET



This year’s Banquet proved to be an exceptional event. So sorry if you missed it, but our members and guests in attendance were treated one of the best programs ever. Our speaker, Jon Baiocchi’s narrative on “Fly Fishing the Northern Sierras” was very informative, filled with of wonderful photos, and made you feel like you needed to visit all those beautiful places soon!

My thanks to the members who donated items for our silent auction, to our hard working Board members without whom there would be no Banquet, to the generosity of our industry partners and guides and to all members who attended many of whom purchased items. These are the ingredients which make our Banquet one of the high points each year.

FLY FISHER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Art Chapman, this year’s Fly Fisher of the year! Wow, look at the size of the fish in his trophy!

APRIL PROGRAM - Our guest speaker will be Gary Bulla. Gary’s program will feature fly fishing opportunities in Baja. Check out his web site for a taste of what to expect. <https://garybulla.com/>

DUES - This is your last chance to renew your membership. Its only \$35, so send your check now!

SAVE THE DATES

- Apr 4 Fly Tying Contact Jim Snodgrass; Odd Fellows Hall, SLO
- Apr 11:
5:00 Board meeting ... at IHOP SLO.
6:30 Monthly meeting
- Apr 27: Santa Margarita Lake Stillwater Bass Outing, see article below.
- May 2 Ranch Ponds Outing; see article below.
- May 2 Fly Tying Contact Jim Snodgrass; Odd Fellows Hall, SLO
- May 4 Riptide Rendezvous; see article below.
- May 7-9 Baum Lake outing; contact Bob Bayer at 805-434-7905, rbayer319@gmail.com
- May 9:
5:00 Board meeting ... at IHOP SLO.
6:30 Monthly meeting



Crowley Lake Streamer Fishing Class - Rich Chubon

Chris Wharton is offering a one, day streamer fishing class on Crowley Lake. The Class will be held on Wednesday July 24th. Here are some specifics:

Instructor - Chris Wharton

Equipment required: Float tube or pontoon boat, a 6 wt. fly rod, rigged with floating fly line, a 4-5 full sink line and/or a sinking shooting head line.

Other equipment recommended: A second 6 wt. rod or spare spool allowing for fly line changes as needed, an electric trolling motor (if you have one for a pontoon boat)

Sign up requirements & costs: A minimum of 4 participants and maximum of 7. Class fees are \$100 per person.

Other

The class will meet with Chris at the Crowley Lake campground on Tuesday afternoon July 23rd for rigging instructions and discussion of techniques.



Class will launch and navigate to McGee Creek area. Chris will arrange to tow float tubes and or pontoon boats to this area because of the distance. You will be fishing for Brown, Cutthroat and Rainbow trout using bait fish imitation streamers (Sacramento perch, see photo at left). You will need to pack your own lunch and water



because of the distance traveled from the launch point. Crowley Lake fish usually range from 16 to 20 inches in length. They hit streamer flies with authority and provide quite exciting runs.

For more information or questions contact Rich Chubon at 805-782-9193 or at richorjudy@sbcglobal.net

Next SLFF Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30pm

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

Gary Bulla – Fly Fishing Baja and the Amazon



Gary Bulla's presentation will take anglers through the fishing season in Baja Mexico. The diversity of fish in Baja waters means anglers can revisit Baja at other times of the year and have very different quarry. Panga fishing from large outboard skiffs close to deep water can produce rod bending fish that test your knot tying. And they could be any one of at least ten varieties!

It can also mean sight casting to rooster fish or dorado on the surface, a sport sure to provide a large dose of adrenalin. Nights are spent at a comfortable hotel eating sushi and fresh fish off the BBQ, tying flies, sampling tequila, learning knots and comparing stories of big fish caught and wildlife like whales, dolphins, and turtles seen.

Gary will share his discoveries with the club, including tackle and techniques for the dazzling variety of fish south of the border. As you will see, Baja should definitely be on every fly fisher's bucket list.

And speaking of bucket lists, Gary will take us to his newest affordable destination in the heart of the Amazon of northern Brazil, where he and his crew caught many varieties of fish, including peacock bass on the fly and other strange creatures of the largest water system in the world. This mothership trip is an amazing adventure not to be missed! There are over two thousand species of fish there! He will share some of the incredible beauty, people and fish with us also.

Before he discovered Baja Gary Bulla grew up on the beaches and waters of the Southern California coast. He found salt-water fly fishing combined his long-time love for the ocean and his passion for fly fishing with the convenience of having big fish right at his back door. He quickly realized that there was not a great deal of information out there about catching salt-water species on the fly and began to use his knowledge of tides and tidal life to not only chase down surf perch, but also corbina, halibut, and sea bass. It seemed that there was a fishery right along the shores of Southern California that would provide great recreation, with some awesome challenges for the fly fishers of the area who were having to commit to a long weekend in the Eastern Sierras or elsewhere to cast a line.

Then in 1989, and for 18 years afterwards, he began accompanying his wife Theresa, a teacher, on trips with her middle school children to camp at Baja's Magdalena Island to experience the gray whales and their young. He brought a fly rod and he was astounded at the incredible variety of fish that were available in the waters of Baja. Thus began more years of experimentation that have led to his being one of the most active fly fishing guides for Baja waters and one of the more knowledgeable salt-water fly-fishers. His trips are single occupancy and totally catered for groups of 7 to 11 anglers between April and September during the fly fishing season for Baja. He has a highly trained family of captains he has fished with since 1991. All of the boats have been adapted for fly fishing.

SALMON FLY



The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30. Terry Croxton will demonstrate how to tie a Salmon Fly. Terry received this fly from Mike at Four Seasons Sporting goods with the recommendation to use it on the Upper Rogue River in Oregon this season.

An adult salmon fly (*Pteronarcys californica*), is a species of giant stonefly common in higher-velocity streams and rivers. Salmon flies are found across western North America from California to British Columbia and throughout the Rocky Mountains. On the Yellowstone River and southwest Montana where the Parks' Salmon fly originated, adult salmon flies typically emerge in late June through July. Trout aggressively feed on adults that fall in the water.

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring your own thread...hot orange 6/0 and your bottle of super glue. The following are the material that will be used for the Salmon Fly:

MATERIALS:

Thread	-	Hot orange 6/0
Hook	-	Size 6 streamer hook
Tail	-	Pheasant
Body	-	Foam sandwich - orange/brown
Wings	-	Elk Hair
Flash	-	Gold krystal flash in back wing
Legs	-	Still rubber leg material
Thorax	-	Brown dry fly hackle

Classified Information

Complete ECHO Switch Rod Outfit \$450

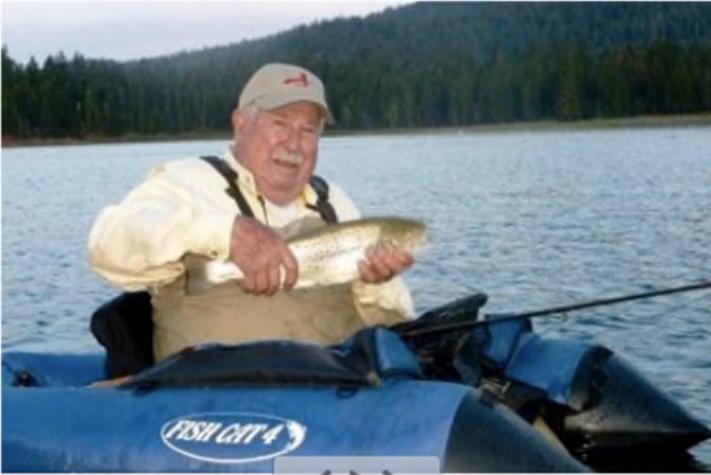


- ECHO Switch Rod 10' 10" 6 weight
- Waterworks Lamson Velocity Reel matched to rod (like current GURU 3.5)
- Rio Switch line 6/7 F
- Rio Skagit Short Shooting Head
- Rio Shooting line
- 4 each Rio Mow tips

Only used a couple times. Like new condition. Retail new about \$900

CONTACT Lew Leichter 805 934-2476 lsleichter@hotmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA STILLWATER OUTING SATURDAY APRIL 27th 9 AM UNTIL ???? – *Lew Leichter*



This will be our combination Water Craft Demonstration Event and hopefully getting in some still water bass fishing. We had to cancel this event last year because of scheduling conflicts. There is no bass tournament on the lake this weekend.

This year our Club will be sponsoring a water craft demonstration day. There is a variety of water craft suitable for fly fishing (kick boats, pontoon boats, prams, canoes, etc.). 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 watercraft.

The event will be held at the White Oak Boat Ramp on Santa Margarita Lake. We'll have some burgers & dogs, etc. for lunch and ask you to put in a couple \$\$ to cover the cost. This has been a very popular event in the past. So, if you are planning on attending and want to get fed you need to RSVP (see below).

You should bring waders and wading shoes, if you plan to try out some of the watercraft and YOUR OWN OUTFIT if you plan to fish. This is a great opportunity to explore these water craft fishing options, as well as maybe catch a few bass!

WE NEED YOU TO RSVP TO LSLEICHTER@HOTMAIL.COM OR 805 934-2476. WHEN YOU RSVP WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU WILL BRING YOUR OWN WATERCRAFT AND IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SHARE (IF YOU ARE PLEASE BRING FINS, PFDS ETC.) OR IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE AND WANT TO TEST DRIVE SOME LET US KNOW.

Ranch Ponds - More Still Water Fishing - May 2 (Thursday) - Robert Hartzell

An opportunity to fish a couple of ranch ponds in southern Monterey County. We will meet near Bradley in the morning, travel to the ponds and fish through early PM. Ponds can be fished from the banks but more successfully with float tubes. The ponds were scouted last year and quite productive. Total number of participants will be limited.

Contact Robert at: roberthartzell@aol.com, 650-722-1186 for time and location.

Baum Lake Outing - May 7-9 - Bob Bayer

If interested, contact Bob Bayer at 805-434-7905, rbayer319@gmail.com

Manzanita Lake Outing - June 16th to 22nd – Bernard Pieters

This majestic place with its snow-covered alpine peaks and natural beauty, wild trout and quality fishing brings us back year after year

The place also attracts a lot of non-fishers, and because of this, there is a shortage of camp sites available especially in the week-end and around the time of the club outing. If you are interested: I urge you to RESERVE YOUR SITE NOW

Last month we had our still-water workshop, now is maybe a good time from what you have learn to bring into practice. For those new to the lake: if you are after catching a lot of fish with streamers, this is maybe not a good lake to choose! But if you want to step-up your your fishing skills to become a better still-water fisher then this lake (outing) is a great choice.

Here is a fair assessment of what you can expect during your stay. In spite of the overall good fishing the lake is knew for the lake can also be challenging :keep in mind these 14 to 18+ inch trout are catch and release, wild, and at times highly educated as to what they will eat. Speaking from my own experience, many of us have encountered situations when we individually tried to figure out what was going on with these trout: was it the fly, the weather, or simply trial and error? When you do figure it out, it can pay off BIG TIME.

What some of us really like about Manzanita: this is one of the rare still-water beauties that can teach us a lesson and challenge us to rise up to the occasion. It awakens the best in us to succeed and so we become a better still-water fisher

Fishing is primarily done in 4 to 8 ft of water with long 12 to 17 ft leaders (there are exceptions with shorter leaders) over submerged weed-beds. Most of us begin to fish mid-morning and stop by mid-afternoon. In general the fishing is slow between 3 and 7 pm; this will give you ample time to have dinner and be ready for the evening fishing. If the fishing gods were not on your side during the day, you have still a good shot at great fishing in the evening. The lake comes back to life when the sun is going off the water around 7:30 pm. The dry-fly activity starts at that time with improving results later in the evening until dark. During this low light period the fish are much less picky and easier to fool, what was for some hard to achieve during the day is now working great. At the same time 8 to 9:30 pm stripping a dark medium-size seal or wooly-bugger can be very productive in strikes but catching is something else! This is a great way to end your fishing day content. A floating device is the best way to go, however there are many good spots around the lakes which can be fished productively from shore.

We plan to have a daily get together around 5 pm in campsite C1; we will talk about what was working and not working, and if necessary come up with an adjusted fishing plan for it. A dinner get-together can be arranged for Thursday 6 pm to 6:45+.

WHERE: Manzanita Lake, Lassen National Park north entrance. Take highway 44 east out of Redding.

WHEN: Sunday June 16 to Friday 22th (some of us include Saturday).

ACCOMMODATIONS: Camping near the lake (no hook ups). Motels are in Shingletown, about 14 miles toward Redding.

RESERVATIONS: Recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777; Most members are camping in loop C: Christine and I are in C1

TACKLE : 4 - 6 wt, floating line/hover line.

LEADERS : for dry flies 12 to 17ft (including 5-6x fluorocarbon tippet); for nymph 11 to 16ft.

DRY FLIES . Parachute Adams, Female Adams, or Callibaetis; cripples, duns, emergers, all in size 14-18.

Black Ants size 12 / 14.

NYMPHS : Pheasant tail, Gold Ribbed Hare's ear, and flashbacks, Callibaetis, Birds Nest, all in size 14-18.

Damsels olive size 12 -14 / Zebra midge (dark) and chironomids in red size 14 -18 .

STREMERs : small woolly buggie (olive) size 8 -10 during the day, mid-size woolly buggies or zonkers (dark, size 6 -8 for late evening.

CA fishing licence *required*.

CONTACT: For any help call or e-mail Bernard Pieters at 489 3085 or bpieters84@gmail.com

RIPTIDE RENDEZVOUS INFO – Lew Leichter

BELOW IS THE LINK AND ALL THE INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW AND REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. IF YOU WANT TO GO LET ME KNOW (lsleichter@hotmail.com) AND WE'LL ARRANGE TO CAR POOL FROM ORCUTT. WE NEED TO GET THERE BY 6:30 TO WADER UP AND CHECK IN SO WE'LL AIM TO LEAVE AROUND 5 AM

On Saturday, May 04, 2019, the Southwest Council, in partnership with Coastal Conservation Association California, will hold its annual **["Riptide Rendezvous"](#)**, a surf fishing contest for anyone that can throw a line.

Where: Rincon Beach Park in Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County

Divisions: **Conventional** and **Fly-fishing!** Prizes awarded in each division for first fish, biggest fish, and most points (1 point / inch).

Time: Check-in begins at 6:00a. On-site fly and lure exchange starts at 7:15a. Lines-in will be 8:15a, and fishing will end 2 hours later. Awards, food, and the raffle follow at 10:45a.

Rules: The main one...you only get to use one fly or lure that you pick at random from a bag!

What to bring: Your fishing gear, a fishing license, and one fly or lure (must match your division, and be surf-related) to donate to the bag.

Cost: \$10.00

Food: Lunch can be pre-ordered for \$15.00 per person. Featuring empanadas from Buena Onda in Santa Barbara!

Goodies: Loads of raffles items! You can buy your tickets at the event, and yes - we do take credit cards!

ALL PROFITS WILL BENEFIT CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS OF THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL AND COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION CALIFORNIA!

Advance registration is required due to a limited number of fishing slots. To register, read all the rules, and find out more about the event, visit the website: <https://www.swcffi.org/riptide>.

See you there!

Guide trips still available from Auction - Lew Leichter

Lance Gray full day on Feather or Lower Sac (Jan. May, Sept, Oct) Regular \$425 Price \$300

Chris Wharton full day on Pyramid, Davis, Frenchmans Lake Regular \$400 Price \$300

Mark Antarmian 2 days on Lake Almanor Regular \$900 Price \$700

Soaring Eagle on the San Juan 3 nights, 2 days of guided fishing Regular \$1,980 Price \$1,580

Interested, contact Lew 805 934-2476

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.

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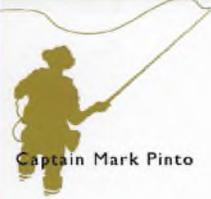
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For 12 months (January through December).
Enrollment after July 1st is \$20.00 for the remainder of the
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To join, please download the Membership Form from our
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<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
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