

SANTA LUCIA Fly Fishers



Tight Lines

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San Luis Obispo, CA

Mike Powers, Editor

President's Message – Rich Chubon



I look into my fly box and think about all the elements I should consider in choosing the perfect fly: water temperature, what stage of development the bugs are in, what the fish are eating right now. Then I remember what a guide told me: "Ninety percent of what a trout eats is brown and fuzzy and about five eighths of an inch long" - Alison Moir

As the incoming President I am looking forward to 2019 and the club activities and programs that will unfold during the year. Our club has a rich history of providing excellent programs and fishing opportunities for our members. With the support and contributing efforts of our board and other individual members, my goal as President is to see that history continue.

Board Member Changes

Our board membership has changed. Larry Dellard has left the board. He has relocated and is now living in Tehachapi. Mark Shelton (a former board member), Charlotte Kelley, and Terry Croxton are new board members joining the board. I want to thank Mark, Charlotte, and Terry for stepping up and agreeing to serve on the board. I look forward to the contributions you will make. In addition, Bob Bayer, Mike Powers, Lew Leichter, Bernard Pieters, Sheri Bryant, Robert Hartzel, and Art Chapman will continue to serve on the board. Art has also agreed to serve as Vice President. Mike will continue as our club's newsletter editor, while Sheri will continue to serve as Secretary and Robert will continue as our club's Treasurer. You folks do a fantastic job and deserve a lot of credit for our club's success. I am thankful for your continued involvement and I look forward to working with you. I would also like to thank Jim Snodgrass for continuing to lead our fly tying group, Robert Benassi for continuing on as our webmaster and Steve Soenke for continuing as our club librarian. That's our lineup for 2019 and with their support it looks to be a great year.

2019 Outings

Our 2019 schedule of Outings is starting to take shape. We will be offering some new fishing venues as well as our traditional sites. The Outings schedule will be updated as we finalize dates and outing coordinators. The updated Outing dates will be posted on our website www.santaluciaflyfishers.com and announced in our newsletter. If you would like to help with one of the outings, please let me know. These outings are a great way to meet fellow club members and share fishing experiences.

Monthly Speakers

You should also know that we have some great speaker programs lined up. Lew Leichter has worked his magic and used his contacts to line up speakers who will both entertain and educate us (see below!). This will start in January, when Lance Gray presents his new program on “Streamer Fishing”.

Annual Banquet

This year’s Annual Banquet will be held on March 23rd and feature Jon Baiocchi’s program “Fly Fishing the Northern Sierras”. We will be mailing out tickets soon. So circle this date on your calendar and be sure to attend this great event. It’s our annual fund raiser which includes a fantastic silent auction and raffle.

Dues

I would be remiss in my duties as President if I didn’t remind members that your dues are due. They are only \$35, which is a bargain, considering all the activities offered by our club. Mail in your dues to Santa Lucia Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 166, San Luis Obispo CA 93406.

That’s it for now. Next month, a little bit about me and my fly fishing background.

SAVE THE DATES

Jan 3: No fly tying this month. Contact Jim Snodgrass for future sessions

Jan 10:

5:00 Board meeting ... at IHOP SLO.

6:30 Monthly meeting

Feb 7: Fly tying. Contact Jim Snodgrass

Feb 14:

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 Baiocchi’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/>

Next SLFF Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:30pm

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

Lance Gray – Streamer Fishing



Lance and Kirsten have more than 50 years combined experience in fly fishing. Lance started fly fishing with his father and brother Lincoln at age 7. In his teens, he began tying flies commercially for shops all around Northern California. At 17, he went to work at Powell's in Chico, working in the fly shop and building rods. He guided for Powell's, conducted fly-tying and fly-fishing schools, and traveled.

In 1993, Lance and Kirsten started Saltwater Innovations, a company that manufactured and distributed products for saltwater fly fishing. Lance's Crystal Popper, Gray's Billfish Fly, the KO Charlie line and the Raghead Crabs are all Saltwater Innovations products. Kirsten worked behind the scenes, handling the day-to-day operation running the manufacturing floor of the company.

In 2003 they launched Lance Gray & Company, a full-service outfitter offering guided trips, fly-fishing schools, workshops and a travel agency. Lance conducts presentations at fly clubs and outdoor shows and supports local groups like Cub Scouts and 4H. He's a signature tier for Solitude Fly Company, pro staff member for Sage and Rio and is a featured writer, with articles published in Angling Trade Magazine, California Fly Fisher, Fly Fishermen, Sierra Fisherman and Northwest Fly Fishing.

Kirsten is a fantastic photographer who's had images published in periodicals and on websites throughout the outdoor industry.

Streamer fishing is a forgotten art, even though people like Joe Brooks and Kelley Gallop have perfected the technique of fishing streamers for big fish. Learning these secrets will produce more fish and generate a greater understanding of fly-fishing.

Many anglers know how to high stick a nymph or drift a Royal Wulff in pocket water, but fishing with streamers is much more. Streamer fishing is a collective technique incorporating all others; the technique uses dead drift, swing and stripping tactics that are intermingled to anger big fish into striking. It's a true art that once mastered - provides another effective tool for any intermediate angler.

Using streamer techniques and landing big fish is what this program is all about.

2019 Programs – Lew Leichter

We have a nice lineup of programs in the coming year. Some of our favorite speakers return, we have some programs of local interest, and some new speakers. NOTE WE HAVE OPENINGS IN JUNE AND OCTOBER; IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION PLEASE CONTACT ME.

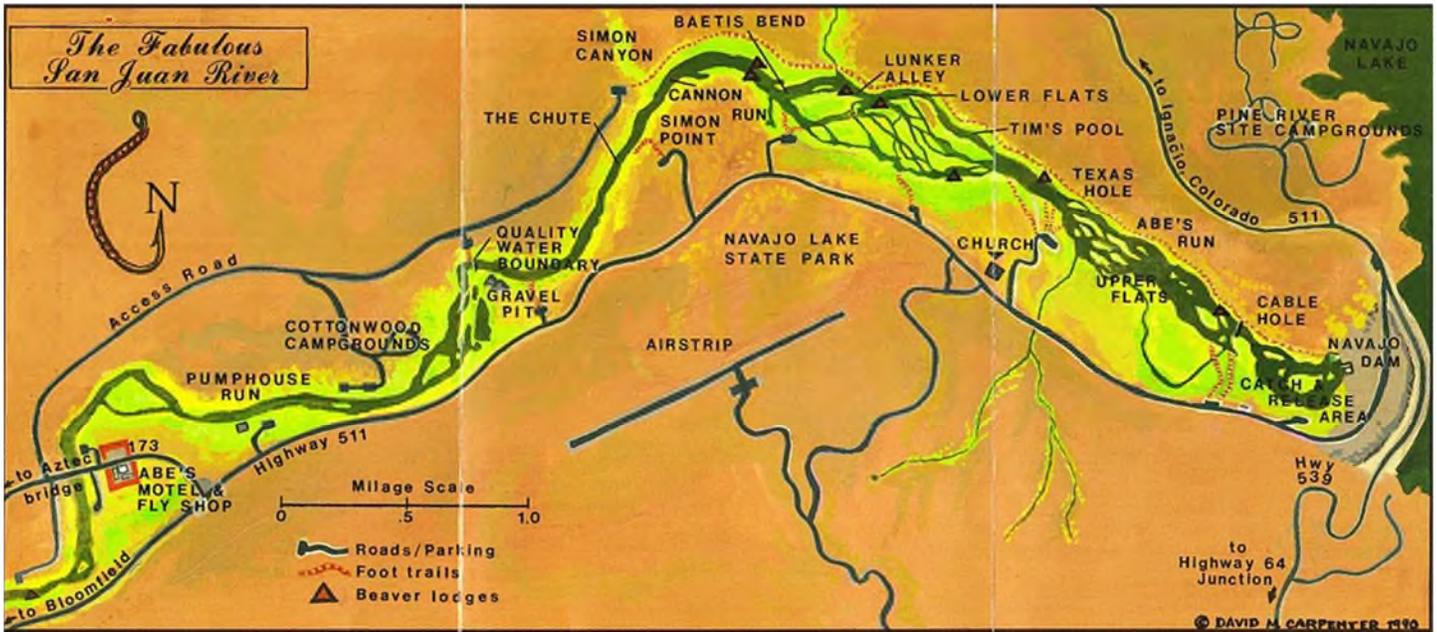
	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Jan	Lance Gray	Streamer fishing
Feb	Don Chartrand Exec Dir Creeklands (formerly CCSE)	Introduce Creeklands
Mar	NO MEETING, BANQUET Jon Baiocchi	Fly Fishing the Northern Sierras
Apr	Gary Bulla	A Baja program
May	Steve Day Golden Trout Wilderness Outfitters	
June	?	
July	Anthony Carruesco	Lost Coast steelhead & Alaska trip
Aug	NO MEETING PICNIC	
Sept	Ann Kitajima Morro Bay National Estuary Program	New local restoration projects
Oct	?	
Nov	Scott Sugimoto	TBD
Dec	Mark Shelton	Member slide show

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.



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

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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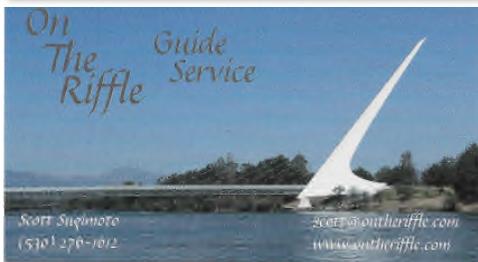


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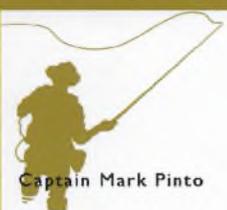


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An individual regular membership is \$35.00 per year
For 12 months (January through December).
Enrollment after July 1st is \$20.00 for the remainder of the
year.

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:
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**Come wet a line with us! Thank you for supporting those
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