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Save-the-Dates

- 12/9/2021: Don Chartrand/
Creek Lands and
Daniel Bohlman/
Land Conservancy
- 1/13/2022: Jimmie Morales
"Western Sierra"
- 3/12/2022: Annual Banquet-
Madonna Inn

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Crossing Mono Pass to finally go fishing, Eastern Sierra

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The Santa Lucia Fly Fishers fly fishing club was established in 1975 to give local area fly fishers of San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, Santa Maria and northern Santa Barbara, CA, of all skill levels, participation in a club to learn, share and experience the challenges of our sport in salt water surf, and fresh water rivers and lakes.

President's Message

By

Mark Shelton

"And this is no small thing, for in all its history angling has brought delight and pleasure to many and harm to no one" - Roderick L. Haig-Brown



2021 has been quite an interesting year and it's been my pleasure and honor to serve as your President. I've really enjoyed working closely with our excellent officers, board, committee chairs, volunteers, and all the members who've attended club outings and events. Though meeting via Zoom lacks the personal interaction we get at in-person meetings, we've had excellent presentations by top authorities in Western fly fishing. Thanks to our program chairs, Lew Leichter and Diane Whitehouse for lining up these speakers. We'll continue to have some Zoom meetings in 2022 as we can get great programs at a reasonable price, since we don't have to cover speaker's travel and lodging expenses.

A few club members deserve special notice at year's end. Thanks to Eric Tinglof for the outstanding newsletters he produces for us each month. Bernard Pieters and his team of FFI-certified casting instructors continue to offer professional casting instruction to our members each year. Our Webmaster, Robert Benassi works with Carson DiCicco and our board to keep a solid web presence for our club. Librarian Steve Soenke maintains and curates our excellent collection

of fly-fishing books and media. Robert Hartzell handles our finances with speed and skill. Long-time Secretary Sheri Bryant handles most of our mail, some of our money, and keeps our roster current as members come and go. I'll have more to say about Sheri at our meeting.

I've decided to step down as President at the end of this year to spend more time with my growing family (4 granddaughters now), take a few major trips (Wyoming in April, Russia in May, Canada in June, maybe Alaska in September), and give someone else a shot at club leadership. I'll stay active in the club and look forward to the future outings, BBQs, banquets, auctions, and service functions our club provides. Thank you all for your support! I'll present our slate of 2022 officers (selected by your Board) and Board members (elected by the membership) at the beginning of the meeting. With our incoming club leadership and member involvement, the Santa Lucia Fly Fishers is in good hands.

Our December meeting program is going to feature 2 local speakers, Don Chartrand, Executive Director of Creeklands, and David Bohlman, Deputy Director of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County.

A Suggestion from Lew Leichter

This is a very good free weekly newsletter. If you're not getting it currently I recommend it.

Here is link to subscribe: <https://midcurrent.com/>



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In today's issue there is an article titled "False Casting is a Waste of Time". While it goes to an extreme my observation is that many of us spend too much time trying to hook fish in the air versus in the water.

NEXT SLFF MEETING

December 9th, 2021 at 6:30PM via Zoom
See separate email for log-in instructions
(it will be sent one week in advance of the meeting)

December 9th THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING OFFERING ZOOM AS WELL AS A MEETING IN PERSON AT IHOP. ZOOM INVITE WILL BE SENT ABOUT A WEEK IN ADVANCE. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.

Don Chartrand of Creeklands and Daniel Bohlman of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo

“Current Local Issues and Opportunities”

At Creek Lands Conservation, Don Chartrand connects his proven ability to build teams that take on big challenges to his passion for California's natural heritage. As a pioneer in the field of human and social resilience, he has helped government agencies, military personnel, first responders, corporations, universities, and nonprofits to become more resilient. After a career in healthcare technology, his personal resilience journey led him into the protection of California's natural resources. Don aims to build and share deeper understanding about the environmental realities of California's Central Coast, because he believes that communities that are well-adapted to nature are more resilient in every way. Don is a Certified Chaparral Naturalist and is active with numerous environmental organizations. He is a serial entrepreneur, a lifelong California resident, a waterman, and a relentless student of nature. Don's wife Kim is an integrative healthcare practitioner. They enjoy hiking beloved trails, rowing or kayaking the coast, exploring coastal watersheds, identifying and cultivating California native plants, and sharing locally-sourced meals with friends and family.



Don Chartrand

Daniel hails from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin where he spent his childhood tromping about the local woods returning only at last light, pockets brimming with the day's treasures. Searching for a respite to the long Midwestern winters, he arrived in California in 1996 and immediately felt at home.

Daniel held careers as a professional Cyclist, climbing instructor, kayak guide and naturalist before deciding to pursue studies in biology. He holds a degree in Ecology and Systematic Biology from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a concentration in Botany. Following his studies he worked for The Nature Conservancy and The California Department of Fish & Games before coming to work for The Land Conservancy. His choice to work for the Land Conservancy was directed by his passion for San Luis Obispo's diverse and amazing landscapes, and his desire to preserve and maintain these landscapes via direct action. In November 2012, he was promoted to serve as the Conservation Director for the organization.

When he's not saving land, Daniel can be found riding waves, fly fishing, playing banjo, and hiking with his wife, son, and dog.



Daniel Bohlman

O'Neill Forebay Report- Great weather, good fellowship, few fish

By

Mark Shelton

Well, the weather and fishing conditions seemed ideal; no wind, moderately warm air, and fairly clear water. Unfortunately, for the 8 Santa Lucia Fly Fishers who ventured north to the O'Neill Forebay for the annual fall striper trip, the fish were tough to find. Some of us managed a fish or 2 up to about 21" and real fighters these stripers are, but it took lots of casts and persistent searching via depthfinders to locate any biters.



Mark with typical schoolie striper caught on Haskin's San Luis Smelt pattern



Mark Shelton, Rick Saval, Eric Tinglof, Art Chapman, Don Maruska & Bob Bayer at Woolgrower's Basque restaurant

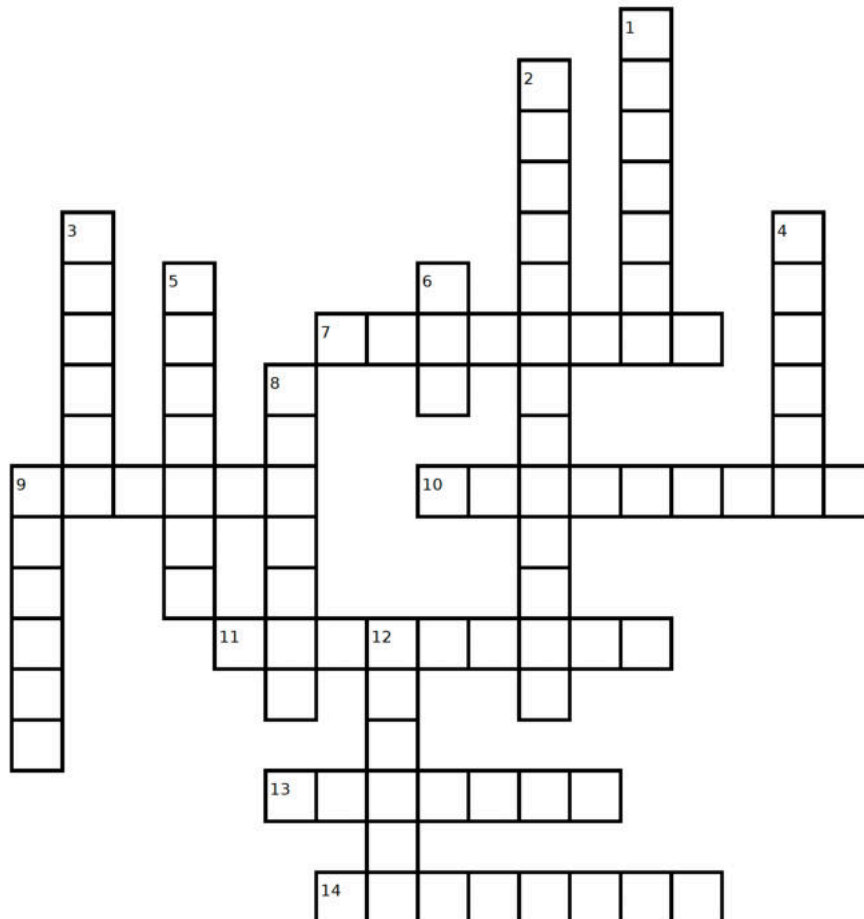
On a September scouting trip to O'Neill, Bob Bayer and I found a heavy algal bloom throughout the lake, along with loads of aquatic weeds, making fishing very difficult in all but a couple of deep channels. High winds threatened to swamp my little boat at one point. Still, we managed to land 15 fish using streamers and fast-sink tip lines.



Small largemouth bass

Since new member, Don Maruska and I had lots of time to speculate about why the stripers weren't biting we hung on to the theory that the full moon of the previous nights had allowed the stripers to feed all night (they are mostly nocturnal feeders) and thus were full during our fishing days. Even the bait/gear guys we talked with were getting skunked, so something was really putting the fish down. I've been reading about the lack of anchovies in SF bay and threadfin shad in the Delta this year. Long-time, serious fly fishers in these watersheds have been complaining that this is the worst striper season they've ever seen. Since O'Neill (and it's larger sister, San Luis Reservoir) are fed by the California Aquaduct and Delta-Mendota canals, which supply bay and Delta water (and bait and game fish), it may be a lack of forage fish that has suppressed stripers throughout the system. A good rain season that "flushes" the Delta ecosystem might restore baitfish and gamefish populations fairly quickly. I sure hope so.

Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. Hex hatch
2. Fort Hunter Liggett
3. San Juan River dam
4. stripping
5. Avila Bay species
6. baby trout
8. Madonna Inn
9. wooly
12. popular nymph fly

Across:

7. O'Neill Forebav
9. Fly tying tool
10. a Lassen NP lake
11. SLO school of natural history
13. Japanese technique
14. a fly fishing person's favorite time of day

(Answers on page 22 of this newsletter)

Tenkara Clinic Outing Report

By

Ken Baldwin

On the weekend of October 15 Jim Snodgrass, Jim Davis, Ken Baldwin, and Eric Jacobson travelled to Bishop for a tenkara clinic given by Pat Yeager. Tenkara is the Japanese style of stream fishing using a long retractable rod with a fixed length of line tied to the tip of the rod, and a few simple generic fly patterns. The attractiveness in fishing tenkara style lies in its simplicity both in the equipment and by its execution.

Pat Yeager, a fly-fishing guide with the Trout Fitter Fly Shop in Mammoth, has been teaching tenkara fishing for a number of years having learned the technique from some of the best Japanese tenkara fishermen. Two years ago Pat gave an introductory clinic on tenkara fishing to a group of our members, and since then there has been an interest in having Pat give a clinic on advanced tenkara fishing techniques.

On Saturday we met Pat at the Pleasant Valley Camp grounds located at the start of the special regulations section of the lower Owens River. He reviewed the basics of tenkara fly-fishing including the proper technique in extending and retracting the segmented rod, the knots for fixing the line to the the rod, and how to rig for nymph and dry fly presentations. When the didactic session ended, Pat took us to a section of the river where he demonstrated the casting and line management using the tenkara rod. The remainder of the time was spent fishing with individual help and direction given by Pat.

On Sunday Pat demonstrated more advanced techniques including reading the water flows to determine the currents above and below the surface and how to adjust the line rigging to maximize the chance of catching fish. His instructions were rewarded with an increase in the number of fish we caught and by the end of the clinic we all felt more confident in fishing using the tenkara rod.

For those members interested in learning more about tenkara fishing, Pat is scheduled to give an in person presentation on this technique at the February 10, 2022 membership meeting.



Whale Rock Reservoir Fishing

By

Lew Leichter

Recently some of us were introduced/re-introduced to Whale Rock by local guide Dagur Gudmundsson.

<https://www.dagurflyfishing.com/>

It is conveniently located in Cayucos and offers bank fishing only primarily for bass. Since most fishing is in shallower water an I line or floating line works best and weed guards are recommended. Dagur has other local venues that he guides and you should visit his website for more info.

A few of us will be joining him to check out the mouth of the Salinas for stripers and will report back.

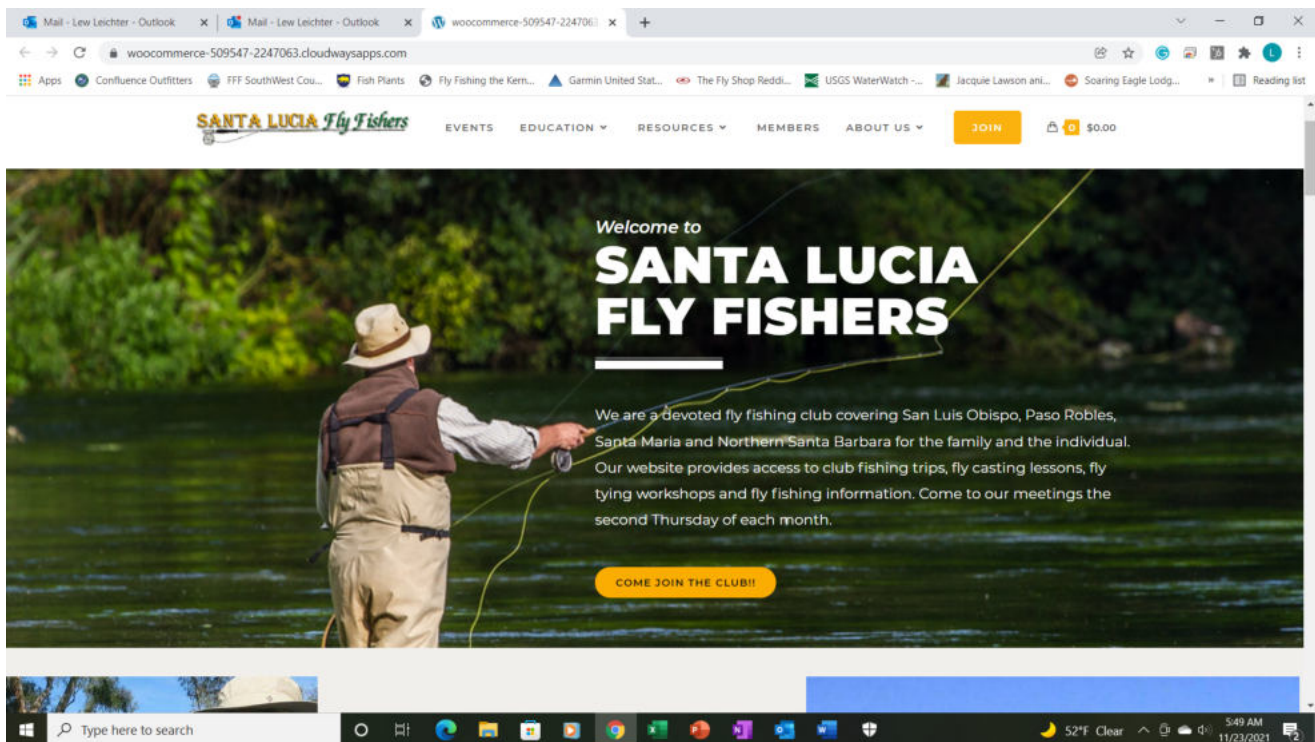
New Club Website Development News

By

Lew Leichter and Rick Sample

Our brand-new Santa Lucia Fly Fishers website will launch soon. New features will eventually include an on-line store with the ability to pay your dues and purchase banquet meals and raffle tickets. There will be new ways to share ideas, tips, trips (including photos) so we can all communicate with one another even better.”

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EBLAST WITH MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH DATE.





Impress your friends and associates, surprise your significant other, and look good on the river. Have your favorite fishing shirt embodied with the Santa Lucia Fly Fishers logo as shown above. R & T Embroidery in Grover Beach will embroider our logo onto your shirt for about \$10. Take your shirt to:

R & T Embroidery
197 S. 10th ST Suite A
Grover Beach, CA 93433
tel: 805-481-4511
randtembroidery.com
open: Mon-Fri 9am till 5pm

There should be no setup charge (SLFF provided the logo in suitable format when the hats were done) and **as an added incentive send a copy of your receipt to SLFF treasurer at roberthartzell@aol.com and the club will reimburse you.**

2021 Club Outings Updated Schedule

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION	CONTACT
January – December:	Monthly Surf Perch Fishing	e-blasts will be sent out alerting members when	Lew Leichter (lleichter@hotmail.com)
February TDB:	Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show	https://flyfishingshow.com/	
February TDB:	Eagle Canyon/Lower Sacramento Fishing	pleasanton-ca https:// www.confluenceoutfitters.com	
TBD:	Casting Clinics		Bernard Pieters bpieters84@gmail.com
March TDB:	Annual Banquet/Madonna Inn		
March/April TBD:	Hunter Liggett Bass Fishing	https://fthunter.isportsman.net	Andy Harrison aharrison99@att.net
March/April:	Jay Brown Bass Fishing		Robert Hartzell (roberthartzell@aol.com)
April 12-17:	San Juan River NM-New Mexico Soaring Eagle Lodge	https://soaringeaglelodge.net	
April TBD:	Santa Margarita Lake Bass Fishing		Art Chapman artsee9660@gmail.com
April TBD:	Rip Tide Rendezvous	https://www.swcffi.org/riptide	
May TBD:	Baum Lake Fishing Trip		Bob Bayer (rbayer319@gmail.com)
May 30-31:	Kelsey Bass Ranch	http://kelseybassranch.net	Kaweah Fly Fishers club outing
June TBD:	Davis Lake:	http:// www.baiocchistroutfitters.com	
June 14-21:	Manzanita Lake		Bernard Pieters (bpieters84@gmail.com)
June 21-28:	Lake Almanor		
July TBD:	Avila Bay Halibut Outing		Bernard Pieters (bpieters84@gmail.com)
August 7	Casting Clinic – Laguna Lake park		Bernard Pieters (bpieters84@gmail.com)
October 16-17:	Pat Jaeger Tenkara Workshops - Bishop	http://www.jaeger-flyfishing.com	Ken Baldwin (klb1048@gmail.com)
November 21-22	O'Neill Forebay Stripers		Mark Shelton (mshelton@calpoly.edu)

2022 Program Schedule

By

Lew Leichter

		NAME	PROGRAM
	IP IN PERSON		
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13-Jan	IP	JIMMIE MORALES	WESTERN SIERRAS
10-Feb	IP	PAT JAEGER	TENKARA
12-Mar	IP	CHESLEY GALLAGHER	BANQUET
14-Apr	Z	MARLON RAMPY	WILLIAMSON OREGON
12-May	Z	MIKE JAMES	SOUTHERN UTAH
9-Jun	Z	MARK ANTARAMIAN & JOE GARZA	ALMANOR
14-Jul	Z	PHIL ROWLEY	STILLWATER HABITS
11-Aug	Z	JIM ANDRAS	KLAMATH SO UMPQUA
SEPT		PICNIC	
13-Oct		SPEAKER NEEDED	
10-Nov	IP	SCOTT SUGIMOTO	TBD
8-Dec	IP	MEMBER SLIDE SHOW	

Southwest Council Fly Fishers International Announcements



Fly Fishers International (FFI) is dedicated, through education and conservation, to preserving the fly fishing experience. Conservation of our public waters and connected upland's is essential to our enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of fishes and their habitats and also the health of natural systems.

"When you teach a person to fly fish you have just created a conservationist"
- Lee Wulff

JOIN FFI TODAY

PRIVATE CASTING LESSONS AVAILABLE

While our five FFI 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 also available for private casting lessons throughout the year.

If interested, please contact them directly for additional information.

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SUPPORT FFI AND YOUR LOCAL FISHING OUTFITTERS

Do you want the SLFF Club logo embroidered on any garment? **Contact R & T Embroidery...**
current cost \$7.75 each.



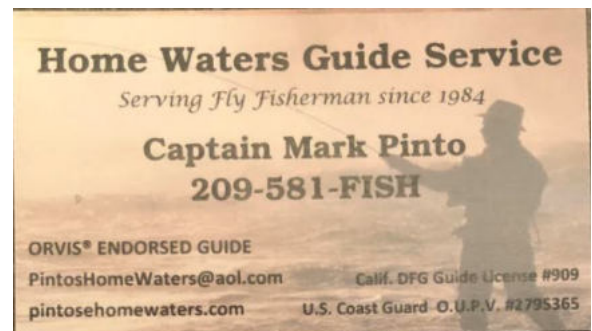
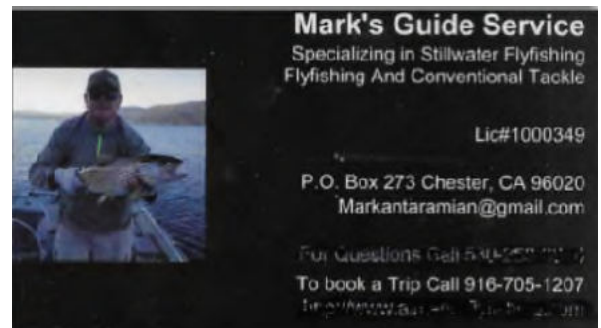
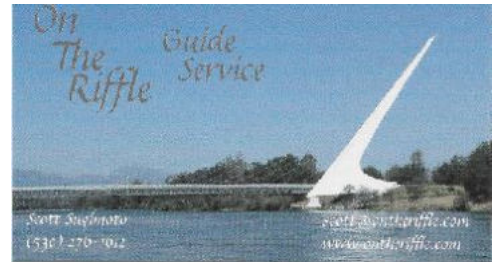
SLFF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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 here:

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

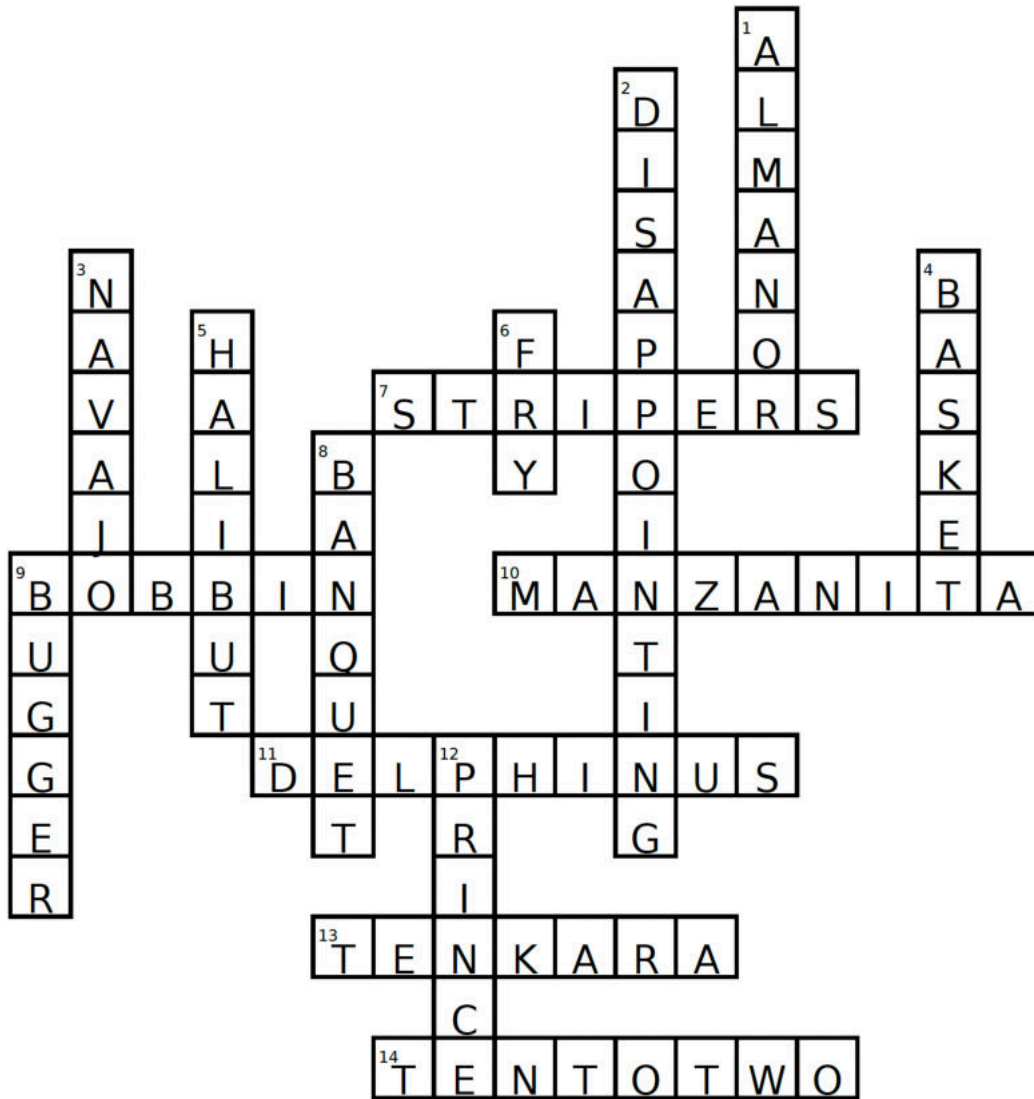


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We are always open to interesting and informative content!



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