



TIGHT LINES

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Save-the-Dates

- **March 1** - Fly Tying Session - IHOP
- **March 4** - Casting Clinic #2
- **March 11** - Club Banquet - Madonna Inn SLO
- **March 15-16** - Eagle Canyon Lake/ Lower Sac Outing
- **March 31 - April 2** - SWC Fly Fishing Show
- **April 13** - SLFF Meeting IHOP
- **September 8,9,10** - Kern River
- **October 13,14,15** - Western Sierra

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Yosemite National Park

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Western Sierra Trout Fishing Announcement

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 Eric Tinglof



It is nice to see so many members and guests signed up for the Club Banquet on March 11th at the Madonna Inn. The Board of Directors has been busy arranging the guided trips and gear purchases for the silent auction. Glynis is doing a wonderful job again of organizing all the banquet details. It's going to be great!

If you think you have purchased banquet or raffle tickets on the website and you want to verify that you are signed up, you can always log back into the website and visit the "Members" drop down menu. Click on "My Account". Click on "Orders" on the left-hand side. Your 2023 dues payment and your banquet/raffle ticket purchases will be shown. If you have any questions about the Banquet, please contact Glynis Tinglof @ (805) 234 - 6299.

Our partnership with The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo with the Santa Rita Ranch lake is textbook perfect. Everyone is benefitting with this energy. You can benefit yourself, by signing up for a six person only per day float tube or shore fish adventure, within 1 hour of your home. On the website, go to the "Events" drop down menu and sign up now for a space in March. If full, watch for openings going forward. Believe me, you will not be disappointed.

On a personal note, when I had my knee surgery in September, I was told to expect a 4 to 6 month recovery. That is a long time, but it is now over. Finally, when I ask for fish stories at the start of each monthly meeting, I will be able to add something real, something current. Some new connection, on the water.

2023 Program Schedule

By Lew Leichter

DATE	IP (IN PERSON) Z (ZOOM)	SPEAKER	PROGRAM
JAN 12	Z	JEFF PUTNAM	SPEY
FEB 9	Z	MARK ROCKWELL	KLAMATH DAMS REMOVAL
MARCH 11 BANQUET	IP	GREG VINCI	HWY 395 TOUR
APR 13	IP	MARK PINTO	CENTRAL VALLEY RIVERS
MAY 11	IP	MICHAEL SCHWEIT	OFF SHORE
JUNE 8	Z	BRIAN O'KEEFE	TBD
JULY 13	Z	MIKE JAMES	SOUTHERN UTAH
AUG 10	IP	LANCE GRAY	FISH BIG RIVERS
SEPTEMBER			PICNIC
OCT 12	IP	BILL FERRERO	MOKELUMNE RIVER
NOV 9	IP	GARY BULLA	BAJA
DEC 14		MEMBER SLIDE SHOW	

Welcome to the SLFF Club!
New Members



Dan Himsworth
Emily Fuller
Luke Fuller
Deb Cox
Kathleen Jolly

MEMBER PROFILE

DEVIN HERNANDEZ



Hello, my name is Devin Hernandez. I am 12 years old and I am in middle school. I am interested in fly fishing because I love fishing for trout locally and in the sierras. I also like to go to the beach and surf fish with my dad. I love being outdoors, camping and hunting.

Not too long ago, I shot my first buck and years ago I shot my first turkey. Ever since I was little, I loved the outdoors and this is why I decided to want to learn to fly fish.

Some of my hobbies include playing video games, archery, running, watching TV, and going outside into the wilderness. I look forward to fly fishing with my grandpa in the Santa Lucia Fly Fishing Club.

MEMBER PROFILE

MORGAN & GABE FULLER



Morgan has been hunting and fishing most of his life and his son, Gabe, caught the outdoorsy bug too. They're both new to fly fishing and were introduced to the sport & club by Bob Bayer, Morgan's father-in-law.

Morgan & Gabe live in Templeton and spend a lot of time fishing at Nacimiento and get to Catalina as often as they can to dive and fish.



Club Fly Casting Clinic Reminder

For March 4th

By Bernard Pieters

Check your club emails one or two days before this event for a last minute casting weather update !

Where: Laguna Lake Park ,San Luis Obispo (by the restrooms).

Sign in / Gear up: 8:15 to 8:50 am.

Group formation: 8:50 to 9:00 am.

Casting time: 9:00 to 11:00 am.

What to bring: 5-8 wt rod / fl line with 7-9 ft leader + Yarn.

The casting clinics are conducted by our club's IFFF Certified Casting Instructors Team: Sally, Debby, Todd, Bod, and Bernard. The Programs are geared to each individual's ability, from beginner to advanced +.

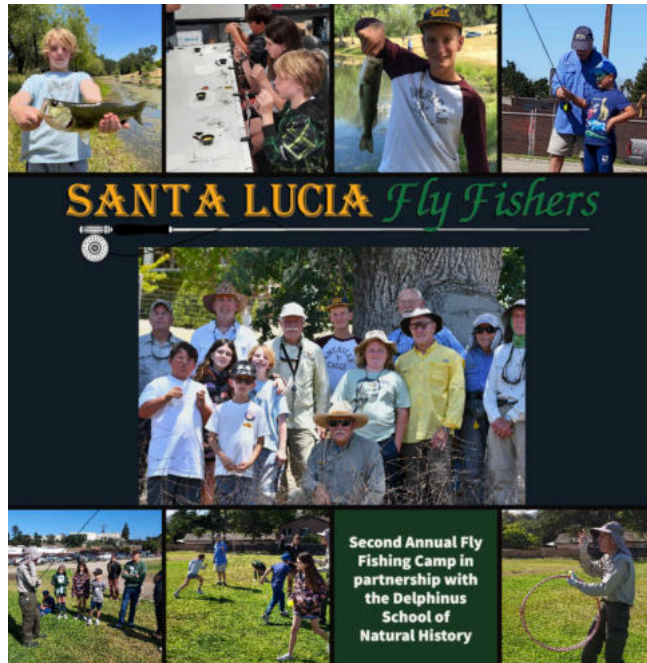
Note: Members can participate in this event only if they have renewed their membership and have a CONFIRMED A SPOT FOR THIS CASTING CLINIC (March 4th).

You can call or email me to ask if there are any cancellations.

If you have to cancel, call or email me ASAP so I can put someone else in your spot!

See you at the casting clinic,
The Casting Team

KIDS FLY FISHING CAMP!



Our 3rd annual kids camp will run from JUNE 12 to JUNE 14. It has been changed to a 3-day fly fishing only camp this year. Please help us spread the word to family, friends and others who have youngsters that want to try their hand at our sport.

Sign up with John Sanders here:

<https://www.delphinusschool.org/sign-up>

BASIC FLY FISHING CAMP, JUNE 12-14, 2023

MON-WED: 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

ENROLLMENT FEE: \$400.00

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE: 10

STUDENTS: AGES 10+

Three-day basic fly fishing experience hosted by the Santa Lucia Fly Fishing Club. The class will include a 2-day **Introduction to Freshwater Insects** (entomology), **Freshwater Fishes** (ichthyology), **Basic Fly Tying**, **Fly Casting Techniques**, and **Watershed Ecology** at the Creek Lands Conservation Offices in Arroyo Grande. On the last day, students will be transported to a private ranch near Lake Nacimiento where they will be paired with a mentor **for a catch and Release fly fishing experience**, using flies they've tied themselves or ones supplied by their mentor.

****All fly fishing gear will be supplied by Delphinus School of Natural History; transportation cost included in the enrollment fee.**

WELCOME BACK TO FLY TYING

MARCH 2023



Because March 2000 was the last time we tied flies together, this first meeting will be a refresher class on techniques that will be used in tying flies during the coming year.

Handouts:

- Fly Tyer's Guide to hooks
- Bead Sizing Chart
- Lead Wire to Hook Sizing Chart

Demonstrations of:

- Thread control
- Where to start and stop thread on the hook
- Tying a half hitch
- Adding weight to a fly by using beads and lead wire
- Making wings and tails from a variety of materials
- Making a parachute post
- Spinning deer hair
- Using peacock hurl
- Working with marabou feathers
- Spinning dubbing with a dubbing tool
- Making a dubbing noodle
- Stacking animal hair
- Making wings from hackle feathers

Important Information:

- When: March 1st, 2023
- Where: IHOP at 212 Madonna Road in SLO
- Time: 6:30 PM
- Cost: No cost for this session

Fly Tiers Should Bring:

- Equipment: Vice and tying tools
- Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 of any color
- Notes: Pen and Paper to take notes

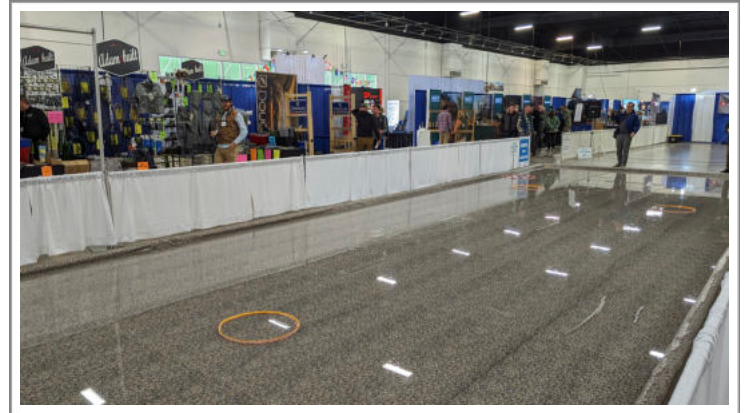
Have Questions??

- Email Jim: Lynda.and.jim@comcast.net
- Or call: 805-235-3738

Come win a free raffle prize of fly tying material!

Pleasanton Fly Fishing Trade Show

By Kevin Shaw



Every year I see the announcement for the fly fishing show in Pleasanton and think “maybe I’ll run up there this year....” I’ve never managed to get there before, but this year I stopped in on the way home from Reno.

As outdoor recreation trade shows go, it’s not a big event, but fits comfortably in one hall. There were displays by many of the big name companies in the fly fishing business, as well as smaller manufacturers, travel companies, guides, fly-tyers, watercraft, clothing, non-profits and a few hard-to-categorize vendors or exhibitors.

One impression from the show is that there are a lot of smaller participants in the sport that don’t have a big presence in advertising or even social media, so a show like this is a way for them to get some visibility. I’d guess that maybe a third of the exhibitors were companies or groups that I had never heard of before.

Another impression is that a show like this seems like an ideal time and place to try out a rod. Any shop you visit will have only a few manufacturers, but here you could cast all types of rods by the big name companies as well as rods from some small builders as well. Or you could just watch (and silently critique) those testing out the rods in the “casting pond.”

I picked-up several brochures for lodges and travel companies, bought a few flies and got out of the wind & weather for a couple hours. If you’re in the neighborhood, visiting a trade show like this is a nice way to plan for the upcoming season.

2023 Club Outings Schedule

(See further information next page)

Date	Event	Contact Email	Contact Name
January-April TBD	Monthly Surf Perch Outings/Clinics	klb1048@gmail.com lsleichter@hotmail.com donaldgwheeler@gmail.com	Ken Baldwin Lew Leichter Don Wheeler
January-February TBD	Salinas River Striper Fishing	klb1048@gmail.com lsleichter@hotmail.com	Ken Baldwin Lew Leichter
January 24 - 26	Salinas River Striper Fishing	lsleichter@hotmail.com	Lew Leichter
March 15 - 16	Eagle Canyon/Lower Sacramento River	klb1048@gmail.com	Ken Baldwin
Feb. 11/ March 4	Casting Clinics	bpieters84@gmail.com	Bernard Pieters
March - May TBD	Local Lakes/Clinic	lsleichter@hotmail.com	Lew Leichter
April 15-16	Pyramid Lake (not club sponsored)	http://www.pyramidlakeflyfishing.com/shore-ladder-outings/	Contact Rob Anderson directly
May TBD	Baum Lake/Fall River/Hat Creek	rbayer319@gmail.com	Rob Bayer
June 12-14	Kids Fishing Clinic	lsleichter@hotmail.com	Lew Leichter
June 18-24	Manzanita Lake	bpieters84@gmail.com	Bernard Pieters
June 25-July 1	Lake Almanor	lsleichter@hotmail.com	Lew Leichter
July TBD	Halibut Fishing/Avila	bpieters84@gmail.com	Bernard Pieters
July 30 - August 4	San Juan River NM	lynda.and.jim@comcast.net	Jim Snodgrass
September 8 - 10	Upper/Lower Kern River	klb1048@gmail.com lsleichter@hotmail.com	Ken Baldwin Lew Leichter
October 13, 14, 15	Western Sierra Trout Fishing	garybtd@aol.com	Gary Brennan
October TBD	Tenkara Clinic	klb1048@gmail.com	Ken Baldwin
November TBD	O'Neil Forebay Striper Fishing	rbayer319@gmail.com	Rob Bayer
December 31	Surf Perch Fishing Location TBD	klb1048@gmail.com lsleichter@hotmail.com donaldgwheeler@gmail.com	Ken Baldwin Lew Leichter Don Wheeler

2023 CLUB OUTINGS: Further Information

Comments: Dates and locations (TBD) for surf fishing will be determined by time and weather conditions. Notifications will be sent out by e-blast.

The TBD dates regarding the specific locations will be determined by response of members wishing to participate in the outings. We will update you by email and notices in the club newsletter.

Channel Island fishing trips (standard and fly fishing) can be scheduled through Peter Van Hest at petervanhest@yahoo.co

Pyramid Lake Information

In the absence of a club member organizing a SLFF sponsored fly fishing trip to Pyramid Lake this year, for those who want to still go, I have information regarding a Public Outings shore/ladder fishing trip sponsored by Rob Anderson, the primary guide for Pyramid Lake.

The event is scheduled for **April 15-16, 2023** and costs \$295/person for two days of fishing. I recommend those who are interested to check out his web site: Rob Anderson Website for all of the details.

Since the club is a non-participant in this outing, you will have to deal directly with Rob Anderson via his website, regarding scheduling and payment for the trip.

If there are any questions that I can assist with, please contact me at klbio48@gmail.com

Ken Baldwin



Pyramid Lake, NV

MANZANITA LAKE OUTING

JUNE 18th - 24th

By Bernard Pieters

This majestic place with its snow covered alpine peaks and natural beauty, wild trout and quality fishing, bring us back year after year. It also attracts a lot of non-fishers, and because of this THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF CAMPSITES on the weekend and around the time of the club outing!

If you are interested, I urge you to RESERVE YOUR CAMPSITE NOW.

WHERE : Manzanita Lake: Lassen N-Park (north entrance). Take highway 44 east out of Redding.

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

RESERVATIONS: [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call 1-877-444-6777
Most members are camping in LOOP C . I am in site C-5

For those new to the lake: If you want to try to step up your still-water knowledge to a higher level, then Manzanita is the place to be!

Here is a fair assessment of what you can expect during your stay. In spite of the overall good fishing the lake is known for, it can also be challenging. Keep in mind that the 14" - 18" wild trout are catch and release, 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 the fish. Was it the fly ? The weather? Or was it simply trial and error? When you do figure it out, it can pay off BIG TIME . What some of us really like about Manzanita is it's one of the rare still-water beauties that can teach us a lesson and can challenge us to rise to the occasion to become a better still-water fly fisher!

The fishing is primarily done in 4 to 8 ft of water with long 12 - 17 ft 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 3:30 and 7pm. 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 start 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 with a lot of violent strikes from mostly brown trout . This is a great way to end your fishing day. A floating device is the best way to go, however there are many good spots around this 80 acre lake which can be fished productively from shore.

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TACKLE : 4 - 6 wt rod / floating line or hover line. 1 ips.

LEADERS : For Dry Flies 12 to 17 ft (including 3 ft 5 - 6x fluorocarbon tippet)
in low light hours 12 to 15 ft 5 - 4x fluorocarbon tippet

For Nymphs 12 to 16 ft 5x fluoro (In low light hours 12 - 14ft 5 - 4 x fluoro) .

For Woolly buggers 12 to 16 ft 5 to 4x fluoro (after 8:15pm 10 to 12ft 3 to 4 x fluoro).

DRY FLIES : Parachute Adams, female Adams, Callibaetis, cripples, duns, emergers all in size 14 to 18 .
Black Ants size 12 -14 .

NYMPHS : Callibaetis / Gold Ribbed Hare's ear and flashbacks /Birds Nest/Pheasant tail, all in size 14-18.
Damsels, olive size 12-14. Chironomids in black or red size 14-18.

STREAMERS : Wooly Bugger (olive) during the day size 8-12
Wooly Bugger (black or dark brown) for late evening size 6-8.

****CA fishing license and life jacket is REQUIRED.**

We plan again to have a daily short get together fish report at 5pm in site C5. We will talk about what was working, or not working, and if necessary come up with an adjusted fishing plan for the next day (very beneficial for the new to the lake).

A dinner get together can be arranged for Wednesday 6 to 6:45 in site C5.

I hope to see you at Manzanita.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Bernard Pieters 805-489-3085.

Kern River Outing

September 8, 9 and 10

By Lew Leichter



Club outing weekend to the Kern River Sept 8 9 & 10

The motels around Kernville tend to fill up fast that time of year so if you're planning to go you might want to make your reservation now. There are multiple motel options on the Kern.

I've arranged with Guy Jeans to do a half day clinic. This is a beginners clinic and with some time on the Kern. The workshop is at 8AM on Saturday morning. The cost is \$150 each and we need a minimum of 5 sign ups and a \$75 deposit sent to me now that I will forward. If interested let me know and I'll send you the additional information. (Two sign ups so far.)

Other options include fishing the wild trout section above the Johnsondale bridge, water conditions permitting going up the grade for small stream fishing, fishing the 20 mile section between Kernville and the bridge and fishing for bass below the lake at Democrat Flat. Due to the river flow down there you will definitely want a pontoon boat, kayak etc. something with oars when you want to head back upstream.

I've booked a room at Sequoia Lodge and we'll plan a get together after fishing on Saturday. Another less expensive nice option we've discovered is the Barewood Inn just down the road in Wofford Heights.

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

Questions you can contact me at lsleichter@hotmail.com or (805) 452-0497

Lew

ANNOUNCEMENT!!

WESTERN SIERRA WILD TROUT FISHING



Because last year's 'Trout Camp' outing to Mono Hot Springs was so enjoyable, we've decided to return to the Western Sierras again this year. We'll be heading to the South Fork of the Kings River in the area of Cedar Grove, **Oct 13, 14 and 15.**

We'll not have hired guides on this trip, but will be guided by the advice of SLFF Western Sierra veterans Kevin Shaw, Mark Shelton and Alex Beattie. For a thorough description of the fishing environment near Cedar Grove, see Kevin's recent posting on the SLFF website "Forum".

More detailed info about this trip will be forthcoming as it gets closer. For now, mark you calendars. All club members are invited.

Gary Brennan garybtd@aol.com

Back by Popular Demand

FLY FISHING

At the Bart Hall Show

SoCal's Largest Outdoor
Adventure Show

Speakers | Vendors | Guides |
Demonstrations | Lessons | Raffles

Long Beach Convention Center
March 31-April 02

For vendor opportunities/info
specialprojects@swcffi.org



Bart Hall Shows



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL

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

If you would like to sign up for the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International's (SWCFFI) monthly newsletter, click here:
<http://eepurl.com/dEL97L>

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.

Bernard Pieters Arroyo Grande 489-3085 bpieters84@gmail.com

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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 \$10.75 each.



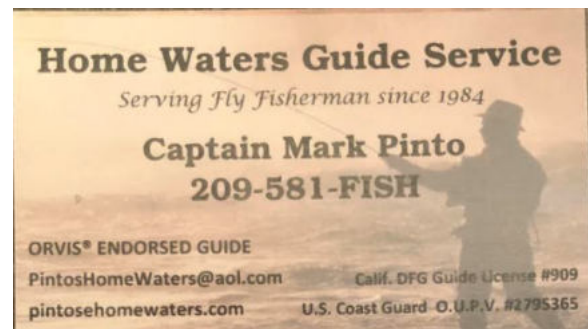
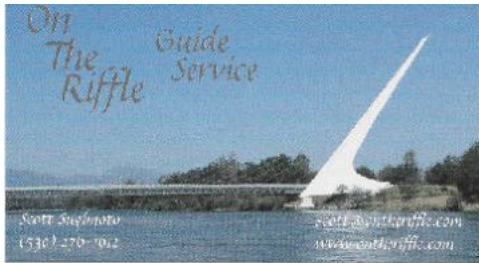
SLFF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

An individual regular membership is \$45.00 per year for 12 months (January through December).

Enrollment after July 1st is \$30.00 for the remainder of the year.

**To join, please visit our website:
santaluciaflyfishers.com**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES CAN BE PAID ONLINE
New Members or Membership Renewal**



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