

TIGHT LINES

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Save-the-Dates

- March 9 Annual Banquet @ Madonna Inn
- March 2 & 16 Casting Clinic @ Laguna Lake Park
- April 11 SLFF Club Meeting
- September 7 Fall Social

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Yosemite National Park

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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 Eric Tinglof

It is nice to see so many members and guests signed up for the Club Banquet on March 9th 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 2024 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 two casting clinics will be held in March. We are very fortunate to have FFI certified casting instructors as members of our Club. Deb Cox, Sally Stoner, Todd Tose, Bob Hurd and Bernard Pieters will all be volunteering their time to help Club members tune up their skills. A big thank you to all of them!

Our club is as strong as ever with over 160 members. If you decided not to renew your membership after many different messages from our Club, this will be your last newsletter

Welcome to the SLFF Club! New Members



Richard Ivie

Doug Riddell



NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Richard Ivie

My name is Richard Ivie. I live in Paso Robles and have been married to my lovely wife for 32 years. My brother, Craig, and I took a few lessons and headed off to Alaska last year and I became hooked on this type of fishing.

Every month we try to get out for a few days and enjoy. I would consider myself an intermediate fly fisherman at best. I look forward to the many opportunities and good times the Santa Lucia Fly Fishers has to offer.



SLFF Newsletter Editor - Open Position 2025

The club is looking for an enthusiastic member to become the next Newsletter Editor! The position will be for the next calendar year, 2025.

Are you interested in contributing to the club and have some (even a little) computer experience?

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for:

- Gathering club news, articles, and photos to publish each month. These are sent to the editor via email from other club members and the Board of Directors. <u>No need to create them yourself!</u>
- Read over the articles and edit for content and grammatical errors.
- Place articles in the newsletter template and adjust for font, text size, margins, etc.
- Send it to the Board President for final approval. The President will then publish the final newsletter via Mailchimp.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

The newsletter is already set up on a template that will be passed along to the next editor. All that's needed is a word document program (Word or Pages) and internet access.

The current newsletter editor will be available for whoever takes the position with consulting, side-by-side tutoring, etc., for as long as necessary.

Time commitment - approximately 2-3 hours per month.

Contact Eric Tinglof if you're interested. <u>etinglof19@gmail.com</u>





Thank you letter to Santa Lucia Fly Fishers

50 Gl annen on the Flyn we spent a dayfly fishing in 5.D. Bay + I cought a spotty sea bass I I have also joined the san Diego Fly fishors + will be attending a casting clinic this weekend, with my rod + ree (thank you so much! Tight wres! Nicky bryman Mendl

Dear fly Fishing Friends,

Your kindness is greatly appreciated! Jama brast charler survivor and Fattended the recent 50 GI casting or recovery in sund CA. Stuas an impactful + protornal experience for me. thank you so much for the gift of the Reddington Rod + Reet set I I am looking forward to using it ! I have joined the

2024 Speaker Program Schedule By Lew Leichter

We're increasing the number of in person speakers and are emphasizing programs on California fishing opportunities, most of which you can reach in a one day drive.

DATE	IP (IN PERSON)	NAME	PROGRAM
	Z (ZOOM)		
JAN 11	Z	BRANDON WORTHINGTON	STATE OF JEFFERSON FISHING
			Fishing No CA & So Oregon
FEB 8	IP	JIM COX	WESTERN RIVERS CONSERVANCY
			Update From One Of Our Favorite Non Profits
MARCH 9 BANQUET	IP	DOUG RODERICKS	SIERRA DRIFTERS
			Fishing Eastern Sierra Still Waters
APR 11	IP	FRANK BURR	GOLDEN TROUT WILDERNESS
MAY 9	IP	MICHAEL SCHWEIT	OFFSHORE
JUNE 13	IP	LCSLO CLC MBNEP	RECOGNIZING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL NON PROFITS
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JULY 11	IP	SCOTT MCDONALD	KINGS RIVER
AUG 8	IP	DAN JOHNSON	TROUT UNLIMITED UPDATE
SEPT			PICNIC
OCT 10	Z	ANDREW HARRIS	CONFLUENCE OUTFITTERS PROGRAM TBD
NOV 14	IP	DAN LACOUNT	FISHING TRUCKEE AREA
DEC 12		ANNUAL MEETING &	
		MEMBER SLIDE SHOW	

MARCH 2024

SLFF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Saturday, March 9, 2024 Annual Banquet - Madonna Inn

GUEST SPEAKER: Doug Rodericks from Sierra Drift Outfitters

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS!





Doug Rodricks grew up in sunny southern California and would spend many summers vacationing in Yosemite National Park with his family since before he could crawl. The sights, sounds, and smells of the outdoors were instilled in him at a young age, as he experienced the beauty of the high country. His interest in trout fishing started at the age of 9, when he witnessed an angler reeling up a trout out of the Merced River. To this day, he still remembers the sun's bright glare reflecting off that fish's iridescent scales. It was this magical and captivating scene that would spawn his passion for fishing. The following year, he hooked his first trout in the gin clear waters of that same river.

Doug took up fly fishing at the age of 18 and would practice fly casting after school every evening. He vacationed in Idaho and West Yellowstone one summer, where he experienced drift boat fly fishing for the first time. In 2001, he met Tom Loe in the eastern sierra where he continued the path to learning the most exciting way of catching trout.

His patience, outgoing personality, and teaching techniques have served him well in guiding clients to some of the best fishing areas in the Eastern Sierra. He has a knack for working with beginners and youngsters and finds it very rewarding to watch them catch their first fish on a fly rod. Doug's knowledge of the area and fly fishing techniques have also challenged and rewarded some of the most experienced fly fisherman. Many of our clients claim an outing with Doug is like fishing with a friend they have known for years. Doug has appeared numerous times on the pages and covers of Western Outdoor News, with his clients displaying their trophy catches accompanied by their smiles.

By learning from his mentor and friend, Tom Loe, Doug soon found himself taking over as the owner of Sierra Drifters Guide Service, where he continues to innovate and provide the best service and instruction to Sierra Drifter's repeat and fast growing customer base. Doug is a USCG licensed captain and provides trips on some of California's best trout lakes.

Doug also guides on the best rivers and creeks in the area for catching large trout. Nymphing and streamer fishing are the primary techniques Doug uses during these outings, but when the fish come to the surface to feed, he will switch over to dry fly fishing to catch these beautiful fish. In the winter months Doug rides his clients out to the best fishing spots by snowmobile where you can fish to rainbow trout ranging from 19 - 25" in length."

CLUB FLY CASTING CLINIC

March 2 and 16

REMINDER!

By Bernard Pieters



CHECK YOUR CLUB EMAILS ... One or two days before this event for a last minute 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

Note: Members can PARTICIPATE in this event only if you have a CONFIRMED SPOT for this casting clinic.

If you have to cancel, call or email Bernard ASAP so I can put someone else in your spot ! (805) 489-3085 <u>bpieters84@gmail.com</u>

> See you at the casting clinic! The Casting Team

MARCH 2024

ANNUAL BANQUET INVITATION

Saturday, March 9, 2024 12:00-3:30PM

Madonna Inn - San Luis Obispo



Please plan to join us for our Annual Banquet and Fundraiser.

Our Guest Speaker: Doug Rodricks from Sierra Drift Outfitters. His presentation will be on "Fishing the Eastern Sierra Still Waters".

Lunch will be served; your choices are below. **Cost is \$35 per person**. There will be a no host bar, raffle and silent auction. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. If you can't attend please help support your club by purchasing some raffle tickets. You may win some great prizes and need not be present to win. Guide trips, auction items, and raffle prizes are coming in from generous donors. As you know from past banquets, the prizes are awesome. You won't be disappointed!

Payment includes lunch, tax, tip and speaker. You can prepay for your meal(s) and/or raffle tickets on our website <u>https://www.santaluciaflyfishers.com</u> or by sending your payment with the registration form below to:

Santa Lucia Fly Fishers P. O. Box 166 San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

We are still receiving a number of payments by check to our P.O. Box which creates additional work for us, so please use the website.

In either case, we need to receive your reservation information and payment no later than February 28, 2024, either online through our club website, or delivered to the club P.O. Box.

Your prepaid tickets will be held at the door. Lunch tickets cannot be sold at the door.

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

Total Meals @ \$35	\$
Raffle Tickets @ \$5	\$

SLFF ANNUAL BANQUET RAFFLE MARCH 9, 2024

Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo

You'll really want to be at this year's banquet. Here is a preview:

Just for attending you'll be entered in a raffle for a \$100 gift card from The Fly Shop in Redding.

Our silent auction will feature:

- 15 donated guide trips featuring our usual great supporting guides plus a couple new supporters (see below)
- Your choice of 2 of Dave Scadden's most popular pontoon boats
- A great selection of gear
- 15 preloaded fly boxes at incredible prices plus other member donations
- A special order table where you can select the specific item you want from selected supporters and we will purchase it for you

In addition we'll have our banquet raffle with more great gear. You can purchase tickets on line. <u>https://www.santaluciaflyfishers.com/</u> (SIGN IN, go to MEMBERS then SHOP to select your tickets) Even if you can't attend you can win and this is a great way to support our club.

		MINIMUM
GUIDE TRIP DESCRIPTION	<u>RETAIL</u>	BID
George Durand Full Fall River	600	425
Beryl Rea Half East Sierras	400	300
Pat Jaeger Full Owens Hot Creek	525	425
Scott Sugimoto Full Lower Sac	550	425
Scott Sugimoto Full Lower Sac	550	425
Brian Clemens Full Yuba Feather (you pay lunch or shuttle)	600	425
Mark Antaramian 2 Days Price of One Almanor	1000	750
Dagur Gudmundsson Full Carp San Antonio	400	300
Dagur Gudmundsson Half Fish the Surf	300	225
Soaring Eagle 4 Nights Lodging & Meals for 2	2430	1900
Mark Pinto Full Delta	550	425
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Mike James Half Day Southern Utah	325	225
Lance Gray Full Lower Sac	550	425
Doug Rodricks Sierra Drifters half Crowley NEW	450	325

SLFF Tight Lines Newsletter

SANTA LUCIA FLY FISHERS MEMBER DONATIONS REQUEST

Thank you for considering making a donation to our fundraising banquet on March 9th. Your donations make a significant contribution to our fund-raising efforts. They and your dues allow us to have entertaining speakers and programs at our meetings and the other special events we enjoy so much.

We need donations of all types. What items do you have that you haven't used in the past year or didn't work for you at all? Do you have Gear? Services? Flies? Jewelry? Art?, Books, Gift certificates, etc.? If so PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT. This is a way to support our club in a way that doesn't require a time commitment. By making a donation you will be entered into a special drawing during the banquet.

Please complete the bid sheet below and return it to Steve Soenke (soenkearchca@att.net) 1802 Pinecove Drive, SLO by February 28th.

Leave the Item # blank, we will assign one. Give us a description of the item you are donating (include a picture if appropriate); your name; an approximate retail value (if known); and your suggestion for a minimum bid if you chose. We will set the bid increment.

It would be easier for us if your donated items could be dropped off at Steve's home at the address above, prior to the banquet. If you are unable to drop the items off, you can bring them to the banquet as long as we have the bid sheet in advance.

Questions? Please call Steve @ 805 - 550 - 1715

	SANTA LUCIA FLY FISHERS SILENT AUCTION
Item #	
Description:	
Donated by:	
Retail Value:	
Minimum Bid	·

2024 SLFF Club Fishing Outings

Date	Event	Contact Email	Contact Name
January-September TBD	Monthly Surf Perch Outings	klb1048@gmail.com Isleichter@hotmail.com jerryjames1@mac.com < <u>donaldgwheeler@gmai</u> I.com>	Ken Baldwin Lew Leichter Don Wheeler Jerry James
February TBD	Salinas River Striper trip.	lsleichter@hotmail.com	Lew Leichter
March 2 & 16	Casting Clinic	bpieters84@gmail.com	Bernard Pieters
May TBD	Baum Lake	rbayer319@gmail.com	Robert Bayer
May-July TBD	Lake San Antonio Carp fishing	donaldgwheeler@gmail. com	Don Wheeler
June 10 -12	Children's Fishing Camp	lsleichter@hotmail.com	Lew Leichter
June 23-29	Manzanita Lake	bpieters84@gmail.com	Bernard Pieters
August 3	Halibut Fishing/Avila	bpieters84@gmail.com	Bernard Pieters
August 4-9	San Juan River NM	lynda.and.jim@comcast .net	Jim Snodgrass
October TBD	Stanislaus River	garybtd@aol.com	Gary Brennan
October 5-12	Lake Almanor/Eagle Lake	klb1048@gmail.com <u>lsleichter@hotmail.com</u>	Ken Baldwin Lew Leichter
November/December TBD	O'Neil Forebay Striper Fishing	mshelton@calpoly.edu	Mark Shelton

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

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

MANZANITA LAKE OUTING

JUNE 23 - 29

By 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. 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 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 hookups), and cabins. Motels are in Shingletown,- 14 miles toward Redding.

RESERVATIONS: recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777. Reservations can be made six months in advance. Most club members are camping in loop C. I have reserved site C-1 for myself

FOR THOSE NEW TO THE LAKE: Do you want to step up your still-water knowledge? Manzanita is the lake to go to!

Here is a fair assessment of what you can expect during your stay. Despite the overall good fishing the lake is known for, it can also be challenging. Keep in mind that the 14" to 18 "wild trout are catch and release, and at times, highly educated about what they will eat.

Speaking from my own experience of fishing this lake for twenty-five years, many of us have encountered situations when we individually tried to figure out what was going on with this fish. Was it the fly, the cast, the leader, the retrieve, the weather? Or was it simple trial and error? When you do figure it out, IT CAN PAY OFF BIG TIME.

What I and some of us like about the lake, it's one of the rare still-water beauties that can teach us a lesson. It can challenge us to rise to the occasion, step up our fishing knowledge, and become better still-water fly fishers!

SEE MORE INFO - NEXT PAGE

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 around mid-morning and stop by mid-afternoon. In general, the fishing is slow between 3:30 and 7 pm. This will give you ample time to have dinner, and be ready for the evening fishing. If fishing the 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-sized seal or wooly-bugger can be very productive, with a lot of breathtaking violent strikes from mostly brown trout. This is a great way to end your fishing day and to dream of the next fishing morning.

A float tube or pontoon boat is the best way to go, however, many good spots around this 80-acre lake can be fished productively from the shore.

TACKLE:	4 to 6 wt rod / floating line / and hover line 1 ips.		
LEADERS:	For dry flies 12 to 17 ft including 3 ft 6x fluoro tippet. In low light hours :10 to13 ft incl 3 ft 4 to 5 x mono or fluoro tippet. For nymphs: 12 to15 ft incl 3 to 4 ft 4 to 6 x fluoro tippet. In low light hours 10 to 12ft incl 3 to 4 ft 4 to 5 x fluoro or mono tip.		
	For w-buggers and wiggle tails 12 to 15 ft incl 3 to 5 ft 4 to 5x fluoro tippet Low light after 8:00 pm: 9 to12 ft incl 3 to 4 ft 3 x mono or fluoro tippet.		
DRY FLIES:	Parachute Adams, Female Adams, Callibaetis - cripples, duns, all in size 14 to 18. Black Ants size 12-14.		
NYMPHS :	Callibaetis / Cold Ribbed Hare's ear and flashbacks / Birds Nest / Pheasant Tail, all in size 14 to 18. Damsels-olive12 to 14. Chironomids in black or red 14 to 18.		
STREAMERS:	Small W- Buggers (olive), Wiggle tail (olive) sizes 8 -10. In low light hours: W- B or Seal Buggers (black or brown) sizes 6 to 8.		

** A fishing license and life jacket are REQUIRED.

We plan to have a short, daily get-together fish report at 5 pm in loop C. I am in site C-1. At the get-together, we will talk about what was working, or not working, during our fishing day. If necessary, we will come up with an adjusted fishing plan. A dinner get-together can be arranged for Wednesday from 6 to 6:45 pm.

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

See you at Manzanita!





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





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

PRIVATE CASTING LESSONS AVAILABLE

While our six 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 <u>bpieters84@gmail.com</u>
Bob Hurd	Arroyo Grande 550-9071 <u>rbrthurd@gmail.com</u>
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Sally Stoner	Halcyon 550-9509 fishsal44@gmail.com
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