

TIGHT LINES

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Save-the-Dates

- May 9 SLFF Club Meeting
- June 10 12 4th Annual Kids Fishing Camp
- June 23-29 Manzanita Lake Outing
- **September 7** Fall Social @ Octagon Barn

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Truckee River In April

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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



Are you a member of Fly Fishers International (FFI)? If not, you might want to consider joining. Our Club is an affiliate of the Southwest Council of the FFI (SWCFFI), which spans the region of Southern California and Nevada. Dedicated to education, conservation and fellowship, our missions are closely aligned. They have an excellent learning center on their website, covering topics such as fly tying, conservation, fly casting and fly fishing skills. Together with other organizations, like Trout Unlimited and Cal Trout, FFI continues to do their part in the promotion of our sport.

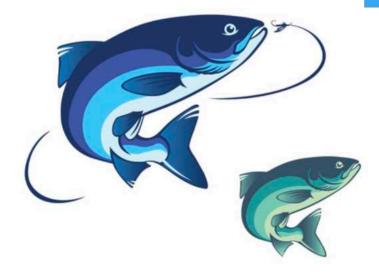
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We are going to hold our Fall Social this year at the Octagon Barn complex in San Luis Obispo on **Saturday, September 7**th from roughly noon until 3:00 PM. This will be in a different area from the Milking Parlor, where our monthly meetings are held. There will be seating outdoors and indoors, whatever your pleasure. Music, food truck, general fun with your fellow Club members. Please save the date!

I am writing this message from the road, on our way to visit the great National Parks of Southern Utah. We have returned, time and again, over the last 30 years to explore Zion, Bryce, Grand Staircase Escalante and Capital Reef. I can't say enough about the sheer beauty of these areas. Truly, national treasures. And, now, I know we can fish here as well. Very much looking forward to fishing with Mike James, the Quiet Fly Fisher in Loa, Utah, for two more days at the end of our trip. I am dreaming of tiger trout, once more.

Welcome to the SLFF Club! New Members

Stephen Wilcox Jeff Martin





NEW MEMBER PROFILE Sara Rianda



I'm originally from Hollister, a couple hours north of SLO, but I've had the fortune of calling San Luis Obispo home for many years. I originally attended Cal Poly majoring in Business Administration. Following college, I made my way to San Francisco to start my career at BlackRock in investment management.

I was originally introduced to Fly Fishing in 2017 when I was living in San Francisco. My grandfather used to fly fish and he mentioned the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club. I showed up to the casting ponds one day with very little knowledge of fly fishing and was greeted by extremely welcoming members, who eagerly shared the basics. I spent hours at a time at the ponds figuring out the concept of casting and soaking up every bit of info and advice the gentlemen so kindly shared, for several months. One trip on the Bighorn River in Montana, shortly after, was all it took and I was hooked (no pun intended)!

Since I've moved back to SLO, I haven't been fishing quite as much as I'd like, but I make it a goal to go on a couple trips each year-typically Northern California and/or an out of state trip. McCloud is one of my favorites rivers thus far! I'm very fascinated with the challenge, art, science and overall intricacy of fly fishing, not to mention the beautiful, secluded places it can take you, all in good company. Spending time outside is a passion of mine, whether it be hiking, fishing, camping, or backpacking. When not working or being active outside, I'm likely charcoal drawing (sarariandartwork.com), enjoying live music or volunteering with local organizations.

I'm very much looking forward to being part of the local fly fishing community and the chance to continue learning and improving my skillset. Some may consider my skill level intermediate but I view myself as a beginner. I would love to better understand how to set up the rod for multiple flies/streamers, improve my knots, better understand how to read the water, and maybe one day get into fly tying! I have a whole fly tying setup that was passed down from my mom's uncle but I haven't even attempted to start that endeavor.

Thanks for reading and I look forward to meeting you if I haven't already!

Cheers, Sara

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. No need to create them yourself!
- 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. etinglof19@gmail.com

4th Annual Kids Fishing Camp

June 10 - 12

By Lew Leichter



Our 4th annual kids camp is coming up on June 10, 11 & 12. Stand by, as I'll be asking for volunteers once we know how many kids are participating.

Having dealt with short attention spans in the past, we're changing the schedule as follows:

Day 1: at Creeklands - Introduction to Fly Fishing power point, Knot tying, Fly tying, and casting.

Day 2: at Cuesta Park - An on-stream entomology day.

Day 3: at Paso del Rio Ranch. The best news is we will again be able to take them fishing at the ranch.

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
JULY 11	IP	SCOTT MCDONALD	KINGS RIVER
AUG 8	IP	DAN JOHNSON	TROUT UNLIMITED UPDATE
SEPT 7			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	

SLFF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING Thursday, May 9, 2024

The Milking Parlor at the Historic Octagon Barn 4400 Octagon Way, San Luis Obispo (And via Zoom)

Doors open @ 5:45 pm. General Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Log-in instructions will be sent ahead of the meeting, for Zoom.

The SLFF May 9, 2024 club meeting raffle will feature new, and perhaps ten year old, fly lines.



Tucker, deciding on which fly line to use.

I thought it would be fun to change to a very local easily accessible venue. My good friend, Michael Schweit, has been planning & organizing offshore trips for a number of years for many of the clubs and members in the FFI Southwest Council. Please check out all his info below and hope to see you there. Lew

FLY FISHING IN LOCAL SALTWATER

with MICHAEL SCHWEIT

(See Bio and Program Info, next page)



If you're tired of long drives to the Sierra or Kernville, the Pacific Ocean might become your next fly rod destination. The Channel Islands and Catalina abound with calico bass, yellowtail, white sea bass and barracuda and are a short boat ride from Oxnard or the South Bay. If you haven't seen the backing on your fly reel lately, this could be the program for you.



Michael Schweit, known to many of you as the ex-President of the Southwest Council of FFI, has been fly fishing these waters for 30 years. His local charters have been a training ground for trout fishermen eager to expand their species portfolio. His program will cover the gear you will need, the clothing, footwear and even a guide to avoiding sea sickness. This program is especially geared to those that have NEVER used a fly rod in the ocean and will answer ALL of your questions.

Born in the San Fernando Valley, Michael's angling career began early:

"I started fishing with my father at around the age of 6. As he was somewhat frugal (cheap), we would go to what we now call "Pay-to-Play" venues like Sportsmen Lodge (right on Ventura Boulevard in the heart of the San Fernando Valley) and as they charged you for any fish you caught, he would crimp our barbs. We said "Oops" a lot to the fish manager when fish got off our line.

After the draw of those first tugs, I got my dad to teach me how to cast and soon after, we were off to the Kern River. I caught my first river trout there and promptly "released" him into the water in my attempt to place him on the stringer. Catch and release from the start.

My father, and later my mother, loved saltwater fishing and once I was old enough, I started fishing the barges that used to be anchored off our coast. From there, I graduated to half day boats, then full day and finally multi-day trips out of San Diego. I caught my first albacore at 12 and never looked back."

He learned to fly fish from Neal Taylor who ran a teaching program at UCLA, paid his dues catching trout on the Owens and Hot Creek and joined Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers. At a meeting, he asked visiting speaker, Lefty Kreh, if you could catch albacore on the fly. When Lefty told him "You can catch anything on a fly", new horizons opened. In 2011 he set the IGFA world record for a fly caught white sea bass and has landed albacore, yellowfin and dorado on the charters he runs out of San Diego.

A dedicated adventurer, Michael has tested his salt skills in Baja, Ascension Bay, Xcalak and the Bahamas. His preference for DIY (unguided) flats fishing has sharpened his stalking and casting skills. Well known for what his friends call his "flyangelism," Michael organizes Special Events for the Southwest Council and is devoted to introducing newcomers to the sport.



THE RETURN OF CALIFORNIA FLY FISHER MAGAZINE!

For those of us who have missed CFF here is some good news from Lance Gray:

"The big news that came out of the Pleasanton show is that *California Fly Fisher* is back. The first new issue is going to be available in July. I am so excited. The new publisher has asked me to continue my duties in the Foraging Angler Column and provide articles as I always have done. I look forward to the next chapter of this great magazine."

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 <donaldgwheeler@gmai l.com></donaldgwheeler@gmai 	Ken Baldwin Lew Leichter Don Wheeler Jerry James
February TBD	Salinas River Striper trip.	Isleichter@hotmail.com	Lew Leichter
March 2 & 16	Casting Clinic	bpieters84@gmail.com	Bernard Pieters
May-July TBD	Lake San Antonio Carp fishing	donaldgwheeler@gmail. com	Don Wheeler
June 10 -12	Children's Fishing Camp	Isleichter@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 18-21	Western Sierra	garybtd@aol.com	Gary Brennan
October 5-12	Lake Almanor/Eagle Lake	klb1048@gmail.com lsleichter@hotmail.com	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

Some club members are staying at Grace

Lake Resort:

Mt Lassen Volcanic National

Park Lodging .

(gracelakeresort.com)

Pets are permitted in some of the cabins.

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!

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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 to 15 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 to 12 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-olive 12 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.

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!

^{**} A fishing license and life jacket are REQUIRED.



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





Pictured above: Asher de Callier with his prize trout.

"When we teach a person to fly fish, we just created a conservationist." Lee Wulff

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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 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.

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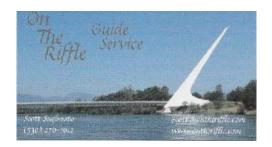
SLFF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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







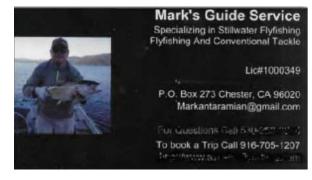
















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