



## TIGHT LINES

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### Save-the-Dates

50th Anniversary  
Founded 1975

- **April 10, 2025** – SLFF Monthly Meeting, speaker Tim Frahm
  - **May 8, 2025** – SLFF Monthly Meeting, speaker Audrey Taub
  - **June 12, 2025** – SLFF Monthly Meeting, speaker Phil Rowley
  - **July 10, 2025** – SLFF Monthly Meeting, speaker *You, the members!*
  - **September 7, 2025** – SLFF Fall Social
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- **April 24, 2025** – Newsletter material deadline for May newsletter

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## In This Month's Newsletter

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Fly Fisher of the Year  
Manzanita Lake Update  
Declassified

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 saltwater surf, and freshwater rivers and lakes.

## President's Message

*By Eric Tinglof*



Santa Rita Ranch

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I just fished out at Santa Rita Ranch with the Club. It's been a year since I got my float tube ready for this local adventure. Just thirty minutes from my house in Los Osos, I am at the gate. Immediately, I am in another space. Everything that you love about the Central Coast natural beauty, is right here. The scenery is spectacular with its gently rolling hills dotted with oak groves and interesting rock outcroppings

Once again, when I finally feel comfortable that I have everything on board my float tube, I take that first push off the bank. When I take rod in hand and send out my first cast, my world slows way down.

What an incredible treasure it is to have access to this fishery in our backyard. Again, we are truly thankful for our continued partnership with the Land Conservancy.

If you haven't been to the SRR lake yet, there is plenty of information on our website. Signups for tickets are still available for the April dates under the "Events" tab.

In other exciting news, Fort Hunter Liggett has developed a mussel screening program for boats which allows you to use your inflatable watercraft on the base bass ponds. For more information see <https://fthunter.isportsman.net/>.

You must still purchase a Fishing Permit, but vetting is no longer required. You need to make an appointment to have your boat inspected.

Several members have taken advantage of this new opportunity and have reported spectacular results.

## Welcome New SLFF Member! Lily Bryan



Hi, my name is Lily! I'm moving to the area for a nursing job and have been fly fishing for many years. I'm always looking to learn more and improve my skills, and I'd love to connect with others and explore the fishing opportunities here!



# Annual Banquet at The Madonna Inn

By Eric Tinglof

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the resounding success of our annual fundraising banquet. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and support were incredible. We had 87 attendees at our event held at The Madonna Inn. This was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Club. Members Diane Whitehouse and Robert Masaoka each shared remembrances about the founding days of our Club.

The afternoon was a fantastic display of our club's camaraderie and passion for fly fishing. There was lots of energy and good conversations with friends old and new. Keynote speaker Lance Gray presented ways to fish three Northern California waters: The Feather River, Lake Almanor and Manzanita Lake in Lassen NP. I, for one, picked up several good tips for an upcoming trip to Manzanita Lake in early June.

Thanks to your contributions, we raised significant funds that will directly support our club's activities throughout the year. Many thanks to all members who donated items for the silent auction and our many guide partners as well who support our Club with discounted trips. A special thanks to Mark Shelton for taking the time to sort and organize donated flies in boxes and Steve Soenke for volunteering once again to handle member donated items.

We truly appreciate every one of you who made the banquet such a memorable event. The Board of Directors all pitched in to help. Nancy Jensen and Nancy Sabo were tremendous, helping with the business end of the silent auction at the closure of the event. And, then there's Glynis. She has spearheaded this event for three straight years. She did a bang-up job, as always! Thanks, love.



Diane Whitehouse remembering the founding days of our Club



Lance Gray presenting a tour of Northern California Waters

# Fly Fisher of The Year Award 2024 Goes to Glynis Tinglof

By Eric Tinglof

At the start of each year, the Board of Directors nominates and votes on one member to be our Club's Fly Fisher of The Year for the previous year. What are the criteria for this coveted award? I would say that this individual best exemplifies the mission of the Club by actively fishing with fellow members and by actively carrying out and helping to improve the operations of the Club.

We had several good candidates to choose from this year. Ultimately, we chose Glynis Tinglof.

At our annual banquet in March at The Madonna Inn, Glynis was presented with her trophy to commemorate her achievement. Congratulations on a job very well done in service to our Club!



**SLFF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2025**  
**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.**

Our speakers this month will be Tim Frahm and Zack Crum from TU. They will be speaking on "TU (Trout Unlimited) Central Coast Steelhead". We'll have more information for you in an email blast.





## 2025 Speaker Program Schedule

### By Lew Leichter

DATE	IP (IN PERSON) Z (ZOOM)	NAME	PROGRAM
JAN 9	IP	JOE GARZA	YUBA
FEB 13		STEVE SCHALLA	GOLDEN TROUT
MAR 22	BANQUET	LANCE GRAY	NO CAL WATERS TOUR
			FEATHER RIVER, ALMANOR & MANZANITA
APR 10	IP	TIM FRAHM	TU CENTRAL COAST STEELHEAD
MAY 8	IP	AUDREY TAUB	BEAVERS AND WHY THEY MATTER
JUNE 12	ZOOM	PHIL ROWLEY	STILLWATER MISTAKES
JULY 10	IP	MEMBERS	MEMORABLE MEMBER TRIPS
AUG 14	ZOOM	BRIAN O'KEEFE	FLATS FISHING BAHAMAS, BELIZE, MEXICO
			CUBA
	PICNIC		
OCT 9	IP	SCOTT SUGIMOTO	LOWER SAC FISHING TECHNIQUES
NOV 13	ZOOM	SKIP & CAROL MORRIS	MAKE SOFT HACKLE AND WET FLY
DEC 11	IP	ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER SLIDE SHOW	

# MANZANITA LAKE OUTING UPDATE June 22 to 27

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.

## IMPORTANT UPDATES:

For the moment, there are still campsites available with only two consequence days open. You can book for a maximum of 5 days in the park!

The snowpack is less than the two previous years, this can give more vegetation growth and better fishing over the weed beds at outing time.

For those new to the lake, or if you want to try to step up your still-water knowledge to a higher level, then Manzanita is the place to be. We have a few members in the outing with 25 to 30 years of Manzanita experience who can help you to become more productive. We also have available a daily short open meeting around 5 pm in camp site C1, where we all can talk about our fishing day, discuss and plan some changes in fishing tactics to be more productive the next day if needed!

Lance Gray, our banquet speaker, did a great job by giving as part of his program a lot of good info about Manzanita lake. Hopefully this has convinced you to come to the outing!

WHERE : Manzanita Lake, Lassen National Park (north entrance). Take Hwy CA 44 east out of Redding.

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

RESERVATIONS: [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call 1-877-444-6777.

In general, from Monday to Friday are the days to fish the lake, with almost no people around you engaging in other watersports. On the weekends there can be too many people canoeing the lake to have a productive enjoyable fishing day.

The fishing is primarily done in 4 to 8 ft of water over submerged weed-beds. With the lower snowpack, the water can warm up a bit faster, providing more food for the fish. The chance of good dry fly activity on wind still days becomes better and better as the days progress into late June.

Most of us begin to fish around mid-morning and stop by mid-afternoon. In general, fishing is slow between 3:30 and 7:00 pm. 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 still have a good shot of great fishing in the evening. The lake comes back to life when the sun is of the water around 7:30. 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 well. At the same time, 8 to 9:30 pm, stripping a dark medium size wooly-or seal bugger can be very productive, translating to many 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, but there are many good spots around this 80 acre lake which can be fished productively from shore.

**TACKLE:** 4 to 6 wt 9 to 9-1/2 ft rod. Floating line for dry fly fishing

Hover line = 1 ips for nymphing and leeches. Camo intermediate line 1-1/2 to 2 ips can be used in deeper spots during the day, or for stripping Wooly Buggers at dark.

**LEADERS:** A longer leader is more productive than one too short.

Note: Generally, use a leader length that you can comfortably cast that turns the fly over! Ten foot is ok, 11-12 ft (tippet included) or more is better for during the day. Use 4 to 5x fluorocarbon for nymphing, 5 to 7 x fluoro for dry fly.

When the sun is off the water (evening) use a 10 ft leader for dries 4 to 5 x

For stripping WB at dark use 9 ft tippet including 3X!

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

**NYMPHS:** Callibaetis/gold ribbed Hare's ear, and flashbacks/Birdsnest/Pheasant tail/Prince nymphs 14 to 16. Damsels olive 12 to 14  
Chironomids - Zebra/Tiger in black or red, size 18 to 20.

**STREAMERS and LEECHES:**

Daytime - Wooly Bugger olive size 10 to 12

Late evening - Wooly or Seal Bugger dark brown or black size 8 to 10.

A fishing license is REQUIRED, as is a life jacket if you use a boat of any sort.

We plan to have a dinner get-together Wednesday from 6 to 6:45 pm in C1?

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me before May 15th at 805-489-3085

Let me know before May 15th if you are coming. I'll be on a fishing trip after that date, and most of the time will be hard to reach!

I'll be arriving at Manzanita on Monday June 23rd. in loop C, site C1

I hope to see you at Manzanita!

## *Declassified ...*

My two Scadden boats are for sale,

The first one is a 6' Outlaw Escape: Price \$450



The second one is an 8' Outlaw Renegade: Price \$550



Each boat comes with two oars, one replacement seat, one strip apron, two saddle bags, one anchor, two rod holders, one net holder and one set of fins.

Each boat is also equipped with a Helix 5 fish finder by Hummingbird with battery and charger; a transom and a Minn Kota Riptide 45-pound thrust electric motor. The fish finders and the outboard motors will be sold separately for a reasonable price.

This opportunity will allow you to have better access to prime fishing spots.

If interested, please contact me by cell phone or email.

Pierre Labrecque  
233 Elaine Way, Pismo Beach, CA 93449  
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## 2025 TENTATIVE OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL
January - September Dates TBD	Surf Perch outings SLO County	Don Wheeler	<a href="mailto:donaldgwheeler@gamil.com">donaldgwheeler@gamil.com</a>
	Surf Perch outings SB County	Ken Baldwin	<a href="mailto:klb1048@gmail.com">klb1048@gmail.com</a>
February 1 & 8 (make up Feb 22)	Casting Clinic	Bernard Pieters	<a href="mailto:bpieters84@gmail.com">bpieters84@gmail.com</a>
March - June Dates TBD	Santa Rita Ranch	Bob Bayer	<a href="mailto:rbayer319@gmail.com">rbayer319@gmail.com</a>
		Don Wheeler	<a href="mailto:donaldgwheeler@gmail.com">donaldgwheeler@gmail.com</a>
		Andy Harrison	<a href="mailto:aharrison99@att.net">aharrison99@att.net</a>
May Date TBD	Kid's Camp	Lew Leichter	<a href="mailto:lsleichter@hotmail.com">lsleichter@hotmail.com</a>
June 22 - 26	Manzanita Lake	Bernard Pieters	<a href="mailto:bpieters84@gmail.com">bpieters84@gmail.com</a>
June 22 - June 28	Lake Almanor	Lew Leichter	<a href="mailto:lsleichter@hotmail.com">lsleichter@hotmail.com</a>
July 7-July 12	San Juan River	Jlm Snodgrass	<a href="mailto:lynda.and.jim@comcast.net">lynda.and.jim@comcast.net</a>
August Date TBD	Avila Bay Halibut outing	Bernard Pieters	<a href="mailto:bpieters84@gmail.com">bpieters84@gmail.com</a>
September Date TBD	Easten Sierra	LEADER NEEDED	
October Date TBD	Western Sierras	Eric Tinglof	<a href="mailto:ETinglof19@gmail.com">ETinglof19@gmail.com</a>
November/December Date TBD	O'Neil Forebay Striper fishing	Mark Shelton	<a href="mailto:mshelton@calpoly.edu">mshelton@calpoly.edu</a>
Other Possible Outings	Kern River	LEADER NEEDED	
	Yuba & Feather River	LEADER NEEDED	

Dates and locations (TBD) for numerous outings will be determined once a date is finalized.

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. Ideas for additional outings are appreciated.





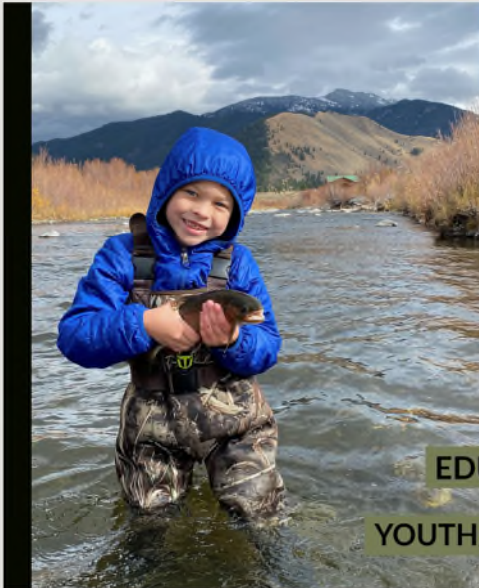
## FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

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

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*Pictured above: Asher de Callier with his prize trout.*

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or send a check to: Southwest Council  
PO Box 52, South Pasadena, CA 91031

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.

<b>Bernard Pieters</b>	Arroyo Grande 489-3085 <a href="mailto:bpieters84@gmail.com">bpieters84@gmail.com</a>
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## SLFF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

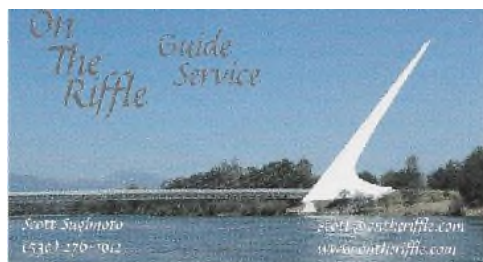
**An individual regular membership is \$45.00 per year for 12 months (January through December).**

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

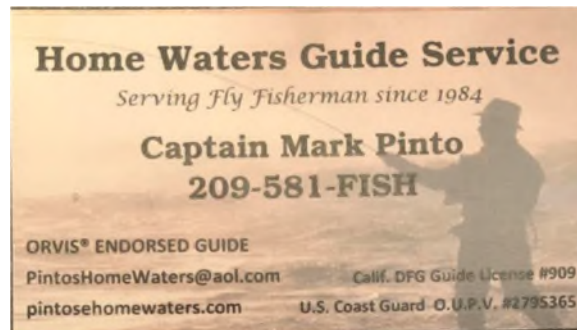
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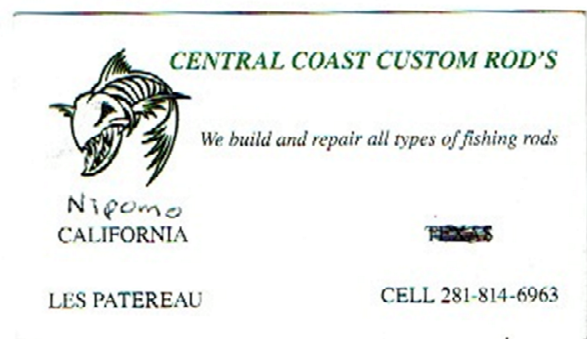
# GUIDE SERVICES:







## LOCAL SERVICES:



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