

SANTA LUCIA Fly Fishers

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| San Luis Obispo County |

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Save-the-Dates

50th Anniversary
Founded 1975

- **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
- **August 14, 2025** – SLFF Monthly Meeting, speaker Brian O'Keefe
- **May 25, 2025** – Newsletter material deadline for June newsletter

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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 saltwater surf, and freshwater rivers and lakes.

President's Message

By Eric Tinglof



Druid Arch, Needles District, Canyonlands
National Park

When we look outside of California for other amazing places to visit in the Western States of the US, I have repeatedly been drawn to the desert beauty of Southern Utah. The “Mighty Five” National Parks in Utah each have their own magnificence (and crowds) but I could not wait to get back this spring to Canyonlands NP. Canyonlands is the least visited of the five, so it offers the solace and serenity that many of us crave. Moab is the centerpiece of this regional area, which is anything but calm, but offers access to all sorts of adventures.

Canyonlands consists of three distinct districts. The first District, Island in The Sky, like Arches NP and Dead Horse Point State Park, are all relatively close to Moab. Therefore, they feel the pressure of the crowds year-round. The second District, the Maze (of Aron Ralston fame in the movie 127 hours) is the least visited and very remote. Finally, there is The Needles District, with its unfathomable geological formations that seem almost cartoonlike.

This was my third time visiting The Needles District and I wanted to backpack in and spend a few nights at Chesler Park. Reasonably reachable on a long day hike, camping overnight in Dark Sky Country amplifies the experience of this magical part of our country. The only issue is lack of water. Sure, I could clog up my water filter in a greenish pool at the end of Elephant Canyon, but I didn't want to go that route. So, we brought all our water with us: 7 liters per person to be exact, for three days and two nights. That's a lot of extra weight to carry on the way in, but so what. The ability of carrying everything that you need on your back while stepping into the wilderness, is to me, beyond compare.

You may wonder why I am bringing this trip up when it has nothing to do with fly fishing, but we are all more than just anglers. A real appreciation of the wonders of nature is where we all started.

Welcome New SLFF Members! John & Lydia Lawson

John and Lydia Lawson first met 25 years ago fishing at Alisal Guest Ranch. As a long-time spin fisherman, John was intrigued by Lydia's fly fishing skills and was instantly "hooked". While they only have been getting out a couple times a year, either bass fishing on lakes or a special guide trip down a river, John's up-coming retirement from Cal Poly has gotten the couple dreaming about fly fishing much more often. John is retiring from being a professor in architectural and structural engineering while Lydia has been a CPR and lifeguarding instructor. Both John and Lydia volunteer for the Land Conservancy's wildlife camera projects, in addition to John's love of mountain biking and Lydia's love of horseback riding.



Member Profile

Don Nott

Hello fellow club members. Although I've been in the club a couple of years now, I've never submitted my background for inclusion in our newsletter, so here goes.

I grew up in, and spent most of my life living in Alhambra, a suburb of LA. In a small family of four, we would escape to the Eastern Sierras every summer for two weeks, tent camping in the June Lake Loop or at one of the many campgrounds on Tioga Pass. We spent most of our time fishing, spin fishing that is. My first try at fly fishing was on Robinson Creek near Bridgeport when I was about ten years old. I landed a fat rainbow, but it seemed like a lot of work so I didn't try it again for many years.

I later attended and graduated from Cal Poly and fell in love with the Central Coast. I knew then that when retirement came, I'd move to the San Luis Obispo area. But not yet....

Jump forward twenty-five years, I was invited to join a childhood friend and his buddies on a fishing trip, a fly fishing trip to the East Walker River. Needless to say I had a blast and haven't looked back at my spinning gear at all. His friends became my friends as well, and we have traveled the West fishing in No Cal, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. My favorite river is the Owyhee.

Jump forward ten years, I retired from IBM, sold my LA home and moved to Shell Beach. It's here where I spend my days walking behind my twelve year old chocolate lab Keiki (she has me well trained), hiking and bike riding. And at nights, it's where I research places to travel to and places to fish. Let's go!!!



SLFF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 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.

Beavers and Why They Matter

Beavers create critical wetland habitat with vast, wide-ranging benefits to wildlife and humans, as recognized by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's new Beaver Restoration Program. Beavers can help restore our wetlands, creating waterways that are wetter, more resilient to floods, droughts and wildfire. Learn about the beavers in SLO County and how they are creating a wetter, more resilient Central Coast.

Audrey Taub is the Executive Director of the San Luis Obispo Beaver Brigade, a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in February of 2020. Audrey grew up on the banks of the Hudson River in NY State. In 2005, she moved to San Luis Obispo County where she lives with her husband and 3 children. In 2020, she founded the SLO Beaver Brigade after a discussion with friends about what we each could do to contribute to climate regeneration. Supporting the beavers in our county was our answer to that question.



2025 Speaker Program Schedule Low Leichter and Mark Shelton

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
SEP 7	FALL SOCIAL		
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 Woolly 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 - Woolly Bugger olive size 10 to 12

Late evening - Woolly 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 ...



For sale: a hoist so you can store your inflated pontoon boat overhead in your garage

Price \$50.

Contact Lew Leichter, lsleichter@hotmail.com or 805 452-0497

2025 TENTATIVE OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL
January - September Dates TBD	Surf Perch outings SLO County	Don Wheeler	donaldgwheeler@gamil.com
	Surf Perch outings SB County	Ken Baldwin	klb1048@gmail.com
February 1 & 8 (make up Feb 22)	Casting Clinic	Bernard Pieters	bpieters84@gmail.com
March - June Dates TBD	Santa Rita Ranch	Bob Bayer	rbayer319@gmail.com
		Don Wheeler	donaldgwheeler@gmail.com
		Andy Harrison	aharrison99@att.net
May Date TBD	Kid's Camp	Lew Leichter	lsleichter@hotmail.com
June 22 - 26	Manzanita Lake	Bernard Pieters	bpieters84@gmail.com
June 22 - June 28	Lake Almanor	Lew Leichter	lsleichter@hotmail.com
July 7-July 12	San Juan River	Jlm Snodgrass	lynda.and.jim@comcast.net
August Date TBD	Avila Bay Halibut outing	Bernard Pieters	bpieters84@gmail.com
September Date TBD	Easten Sierra	LEADER NEEDED	
October 14-16	Kings River	Eric Tinglof	ETinglof19@gmail.com
November/December Date TBD	O'Neil Forebay Striper fishing	Mark Shelton	mshelton@calpoly.edu
Other Possible Outings	Kern River	LEADER NEEDED	
	Yuba & Feather River	LEADER NEEDED	



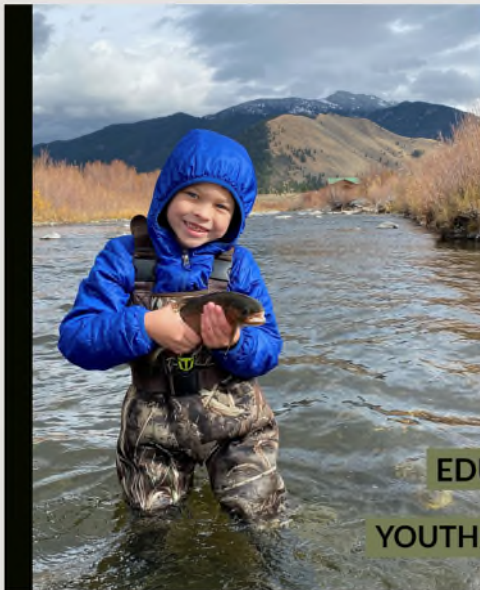
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

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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THOSE WHO FISH BECOME
CONSERVATIONISTS.
THOSE WHO FLY FISH
GO THAT EXTRA STEP.
KEEP 'EM WET. LET 'EM GO.

PARTNER WITH US.
DONATE TODAY!

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Pictured above: Asher de Callier with his prize trout.

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<https://www.swcffi.org/donate>

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

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<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.

Bernard Pieters	Arroyo Grande 489-3085 bpieters84@gmail.com
Bob Hurd	Arroyo Grande 550-9071 rbrthurd@gmail.com
Todd Tose	Grover Beach 904-5288. trtflyfisher@charter.net
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SLFF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

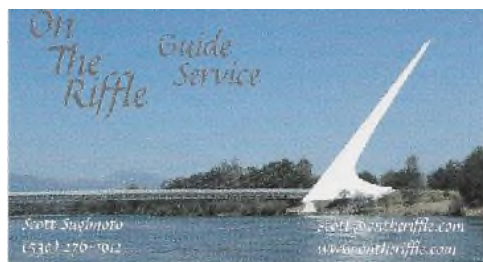
An individual regular membership is \$45.00 per year for 12 months (January through December).

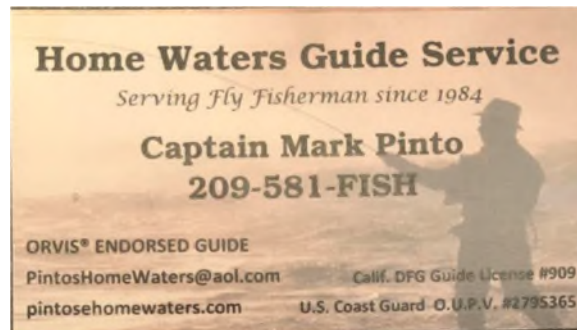
Enrollment after July 1st is \$30.00 for the remainder of the year.

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

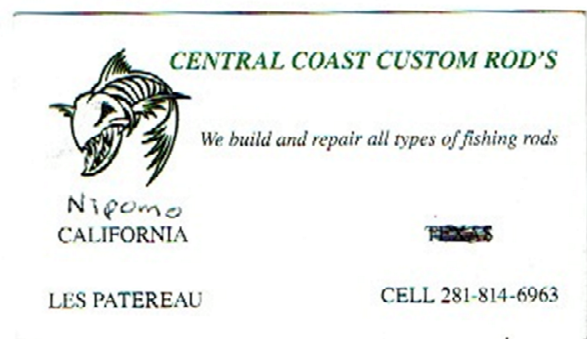
**MEMBERSHIP FEES CAN BE PAID ONLINE
New Members or Membership Renewal**

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