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50th Anniversary
Founded 1975

- **October 9, 2025** – SLFF Monthly Meeting, speaker Scott Sugimoto
- **October 14-17, 2025** – Fall Western Sierra Outing
- **October 23, 2025** – State of the SLO Creek Watershed
- **November 13, 2025** – SLFF Monthly Meeting, speaker Skip and Carol Morris
- **December 4** - Deadline for sending in member photos; slideshow
- **December 11** - SLFF Meeting with Member slideshow & Potluck
- **October 25, 2025** – Newsletter material deadline for November newsletter

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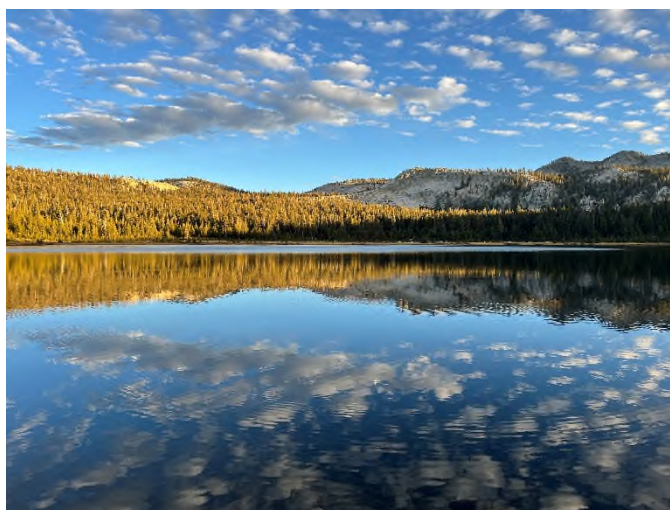
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The Santa Lucia Fly Fishers fly fishing club was established in 1975 to give local area fly fishers of San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, Santa Maria, and northern Santa Barbara, CA, of all skill levels participation in a club to learn, share, and experience the challenges of our sport in saltwater surf, and freshwater rivers and lakes.

President's Message

By Eric Tinglof



Thank you so much for joining us at our Fall Social at the Octagon Barn complex in September. We hope you had a wonderful time seeing fishing friends, exchanging stories about trips and maybe even planning trips together in the future. We were sad that several members and spouses could not join us due to illness and hope everyone recovered well.

Thank you to members Marcy Osterkamp for generously donating the Dave Scadden boat for the special raffle and Rick Hill for donating wine from his Labyrinth Wines. A big thank you as well to the board members and their guests that helped with setting up for this event AND for all the people who answered the call to help clean up. Such a huge help. THANK YOU!!!!

The board is actively discussing how we can make the 2026 Fall Social even better. If you have any suggestions, we are all ears. Contact Eric Tinglof at: etinglof19@gmail.com or Glynis Tinglof at: slff4trout@gmail.com

As a continuation of our partnership with the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, our Board of Directors agreed to allow the LCSLO to use funds (that were previously contributed by SLFF and earmarked for Santa Rita Ranch Lake improvements) to purchase a water temperature monitoring system for the lake. The hope is that data collected at varying depths and locations around the lake will aid in the study of the overall health of this local gem.

I am looking forward to finally fishing again later this month on the Kings River outing. Details are described in this newsletter. We already have a dozen eager anglers looking to wade into this spectacular wilderness area. Come join us as well!

SLFF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 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.

Introducing Scott Sugimoto, our guest speaker

Lew Leichter

I know many of you have already had the opportunity to fish with Scott and what I hear is what a very good guide he is and fun to fish with. I've fished with Scott on numerous occasions both with Sylvia and my grandson Shane and I second the comments. I also want to recognize that Scott has been a very generous supporter of our club's silent auction. Hope to see a big turnout at the meeting. Here is info about Scott and his program:

I wish I could say that I grew up fly fishing and traveled to all the great places that you only dream about, but I did not. I grew up using Pautzke salmon eggs (green lid) on the Kings River, cut anchovies at the San Luis Reservoir, and worms for bass at local ponds. My fly-fishing journey began approximately 11 years ago when I moved to Redding, CA. I am excited to speak at the St. Lucia Fly Fishers Club on October 9th sharing my years of expertise and knowledge. Please join me to learn about different techniques, equipment, some laughs, etc. that I have learned throughout my lifetime... Ok for only 11 years. I can't wait to see you.



Member Profile

Aaron Floyd

My dad introduced me to fishing as a toddler. I spent my early years in the Fresno Area, and it was just a short drive to the many local lakes and streams the Sierras had to offer. From these early trips, my love of fishing grew, and the weekend trips could never come soon enough. Countless weekends of my youth were spent with my dad, fishing with bait and lures in Bass, Shaver, and Huntington Lakes. My obsession with fishing soon eclipsed my dad's and in middle school, friends and I would fish in any body of water we could get close enough to cast to- canals, valley reservoirs, park ponds, the lower San Joaquin River through Fresno, and any other sketchy local mud hole that we could ride our bikes to.

The variety of fish species we targeted expanded beyond trout to include pan fish, catfish, and the all mighty largemouth bass! If I couldn't fish during this period of my life, I was loitering in the tackle stores, reading about knots or new techniques, or if I was really lucky, watching Roland Martin or Jimmy Houston on television.

My trajectory of acquiring a bass boat and perfecting a Southern drawl all changed when I was sixteen and my dad took me out for my first day of fly fishing. This was before "The Movie" and fly fishing was an exotic and mystical experience that captivated me with that first rise on a caddis fly.

The sport has opened up some of the most exciting (and also frustrating) experiences of my life, including travel to some incredible destinations, and it continues to be the foundation for some of my closest friendships. It's taken me on trips to Baja and mainland Mexico, the Virgin Islands, Alaska, the Florida Keys, Canada, Hawaii, Panama, Bolivia, Mongolia, and all of the Western states.

Along the way, fly fishing has seamlessly integrated into so many other parts of my life. I have merged days of fishing into family trips to the beach, ski trips to Mammoth, rock climbing adventures in Yosemite, business trips to Texas, and even hauled my fly rod on the 215+ mile John Muir Trail backpacking trip with my wife.

Fly fishing has also been a way to (try) to preserve my sanity. Like most, work can at times feel like it is physically tearing you apart. Fishing has been the consistent outlet to get outdoors, get out of cell range, and focus on casting and fishing. I still have some dream destinations and key fish on my list with GTs, Atlantic Salmon, and a permit being among the top. I'll be taking my daughter to Turneffe Flats, Belize next June so maybe (just maybe) a permit could become a reality.

I've immensely enjoyed meeting people passionate about fly fishing and making it happen on the Central Coast. "Fish Where You Live!" Thanks for welcoming me to the club.



Member Presentations

Lew Leichter and Mark Shelton

For those of you that didn't attend our July 10th meeting you missed out on the reintroduction of our own members doing short programs on one their favorite fishing venues or trips. The meeting was cool with lots of questions and answers after each presentation. Members used a PowerPoint or a series of slides and each program was about 15 minutes.

We plan to schedule two of these next year and have selected our April 9th and October 8th meetings so we need six of you to raise your hands. At this time all we need is your name and the subject of your program.

Contact Mark Shelton or me to get on the list and thanks for participating.

Lew & Mark

Updating Contact Information on the Santa Lucia Fly Fishers website.

It is very easy to update addresses, email addresses and change passwords on the website. Log into the website with your username and password. Go into the "Members" dropdown under the SLFF logo and select "My Account". In "Account Details" on the left hand side of the page you can change your email address or reset your password. In the "Address" section you can change your home address. Then press the green "SAVE CHANGES" button at the bottom of each page and you are done.

2025 Speaker Program Schedule Low Leichter and Mark Shelton

DATE	IP (IN PERSON) Z (ZOOM)	PRESENTER	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 FISHING WORK
DEC 11	IP		ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBER SLIDE SHOW

Western Sierra Trout Outing - October 14-17

Eric Tinglof

We are pleased to announce our fourth annual Western Sierra trout outing centered on the dates of October 14th through 17th. If you want to come sooner or later, that is great. A group dinner is planned for Thursday night October 16th.

We will be fishing the South Fork of the Kings River again this year. The trout tend to be on the smaller side but that is what you usually expect with walking and wading small streams. The terrain can be rough at times, but access to fishing is generally available to all. And, what a magnificent backdrop: Kings Canyon National Park, Roads End and the General Grant big redwood grove make for an exhilarating trip to be sure.

If you are not in the mood for camping, the Cedar Grove Lodge offers rooms, but everything is starting to book up. Some members have already been able to make room reservations at the Lodge.

<https://www.visitsequoia.com/stay/lodging/cedar-grove-lodge/>

We have now secured five (5) campsites at the Sentinel Campground near the Lodge. This is the same cluster that worked so well last year.

If you are interested in joining this outing, please let me know ASAP.

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O' Neill Forebay Striper Trip

December 7-8, tentative (high winds postpones).

Leader: Mark Shelton (459-7863; mshelton@calpoly.edu)

What: Fishing for mostly schoolie, some larger striped bass, with the occasional largemouth or smallmouth bass thrown in. The O' Neill lake record striper is 59 lbs., so you never know!

How: Float tubes, pontoon boats, kayaks, wading, power boats all work. Stripping streamers like clousers, Lee Haskin's San Luis Smelt, zonkers, deceivers, and flashtail whistlers on I-lines or sink-tip/full-sink lines works best. Topwater action can occasionally be good in low light (poppers, gurglers, etc.). Rod/line size 6-8 is best, but lighter and heavier gear works. Stripers aren't leader shy, so 6 or so feet of 12-15 lb. mono leader is good. I use fluoro, but doubt it matters. The forebay ranger station opens at sunrise, usually about 6:30 a.m. in fall. Wind can be bad, so I'll watch the wind info line and keep in touch with interested folks. There are flats on the west and south end of O'Neill that are easily waded and can hold quite a few stripers. The nearby big lake (San Luis Reservoir) is good for power boats and is another option.

Where: Just west of I-5 by Santa Nella, 3 hours north of SLO.

Lodging: Some folks like to camp at the lake (Medeiros area is popular); most stay in Motel 6 very near the forebay (I've found it surprisingly clean in previous stays). Motel 6 Santa Nella/Los Banos: 28821 Gonzaga Rd., 3 miles west of I-5. Ph. (209) 827-8700.

When: I'll head up Sunday and fish that afternoon and Monday, returning home that eve.

Sunday Dinner: Our club tradition is to meet for dinner the first night at the **Woolgrower's Restaurant** in Los Banos – **6:00 p.m.** This is a family style, Basque joint that is a unique and fun place. It's almost worth the trip to eat here.



First Call

Soaring Eagle/San Juan River Outing

August 2026

If you like great fishing with knowledgeable guides; if you enjoy tasty food and comfortable accommodations; and if you like to catch big fish....the Soaring Eagle Lodge on the San Juan River in New Mexico is the place for you.

Eric Tinglof will be leading an outing of Santa Lucia Fly Fisher members and guests, to the Soaring Eagle Lodge from **August 10 through 15, 2026**. The trip is four days of fishing with accomplished guides and five nights of food and lodging. This is the first call for sign-ups on this trip, and a deposit is not due until January 2026, but anyone interested in fishing the San Juan River should speak up and reserve one of the seven available cabins.

The total cost **per person** is approximately \$3,500 (double occupancy) divided between;

Food and lodging	\$1,450
Transportation costs	650
Guides, guide tips & fishing license	1,400

Call **Eric Tinglof (417-861-0264)** or **email him (etinglof19@gmail.com)** to place your name on the list for the 2026 Soaring Eagle/San Juan River outing.





STATE OF THE SLO CREEK WATERSHED

A Creek Lands Conservation Event

Location: The Octagon Barn

Date: October 23rd

Time: 4:30 - 8 pm

Celebrate the restoration efforts underway on SLO Creek!

Join us for an engaging evening focused on the new **SLO Creek Resiliency and Rewilding Action Plan**, a roadmap for restoring SLO Creek developed by Creek Lands Conservation and partners!

You'll have the opportunity to meet the partners, enjoy a presentation and panel discussion including current and future conservation efforts on SLO Creek, and stay for a community celebration featuring a food truck, drinks, and live music. Come get involved in protecting your local creek!

FOOD



BEER & WINE



LIVE MUSIC



MEET THE EXPERTS

Come Learn About:



Event Agenda

4:30-5:00

Happy Half-Hour
beer, wine, light appetizers

5:00-5:45

Introducing:

SLO Creek Resiliency & Rewilding

5:45-6:00

Panel + Q&A

6:00-8:00

PARTY!

Live music, silent auction, food truck, beer and wine

**\$25
Entry!**

Includes one
free drink ticket!





Mark your calendars for the 2026 Bishop Trout Rodeo!

The Bishop Trout Rodeo is returning on Saturday, February 7, 2026!

As a former participant in the Trout Rodeo, we're excited to invite you to join us again in 2026. So, if you're already thinking you might need a little getaway after the holidays — mark this on your calendar.

When: Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We'll meet at Bishop Tri-County Fairgrounds in the morning, then head to your favorite fishing spots. After the tournament, join us for dinner, raffles, and awards starting at 6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Can't wait to see you again!

Keep an eye out for updates and news.

All of us at the Southwest Council,



2025 TENTATIVE OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL
January - September Dates TBD	Surf Perch outings SLO County	Don Wheeler	donaldgwheeler@gmail.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	Jim Snodgrass	lynda.and.jim@comcast.net
August Date TBD	Avila Bay Halibut outing	Bernard Pieters	bpieters84@gmail.com
October 14-16	Kings River	Eric Tinglof	ETinglof19@gmail.com
November/December Date TBD	O'Neil Forebay Striper fishing	Mark Shelton	mshelton@calpoly.edu
November/December Date TBD	Hot Creek (Mammoth Lakes) and Lower Owens River (Bishop)	Don Nott	donnott@yahoo.com
November/December Date TBD	Lower Kings River (Sanger, day trip)	Don Nott	donnott@yahoo.com
December Date TBD	Hot Creek (Mammoth Lakes) and Lower Owens River (Bishop)	LEADER NEEDED	
Other Possible Outings	Kern River	LEADER NEEDED	
	Yuba & Feather River	LEADER NEEDED	



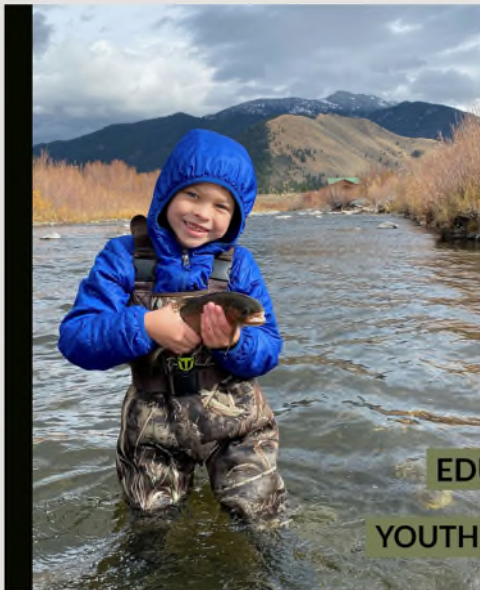
FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

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 FLY FISH
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PARTNER WITH US.
DONATE TODAY!

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Pictured above: Asher de Callier with his prize trout.

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

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

or send a check to: Southwest Council
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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

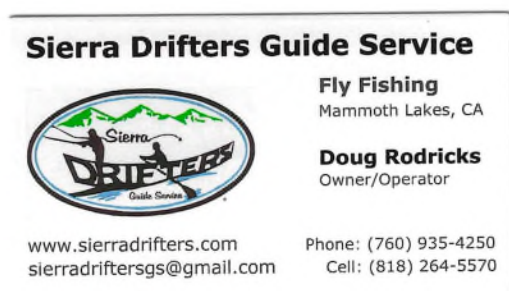
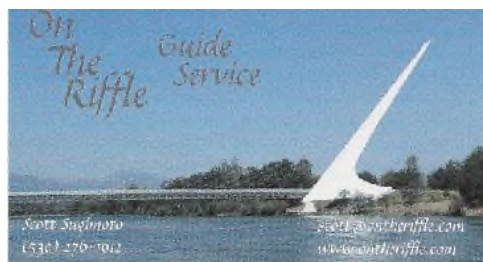
An individual regular membership is \$45.00 per year for 12 months (January through December).

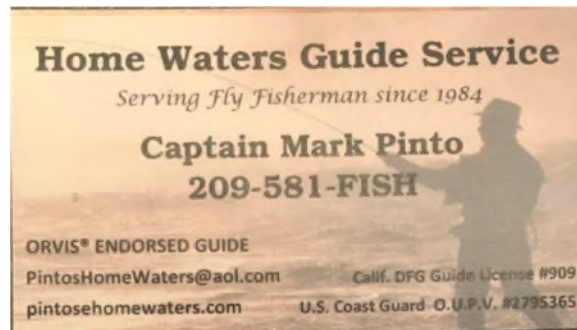
Enrollment after July 1st is \$30.00 for the remainder of the year.

**To join, please visit our website:
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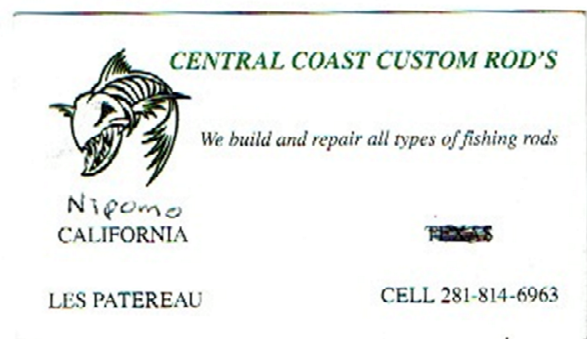
**MEMBERSHIP FEES CAN BE PAID ONLINE
New Members or Membership Renewal**

GUIDE SERVICES:





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