



TIGHT LINES

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Save-the-Dates

- **April 9, 2026** – SLFF Monthly Meeting
- **May 14, 2026** – SLFF Monthly Meeting
- **June 11, 2026** – SLFF Monthly Meeting
- **July 9, 2026** – SLFF Monthly Meeting
- **Sept. 13, 2026** –SLFF Fall Social

- **April 24, 2026** – Newsletter material deadline for May 2026 newsletter

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New members Zoe Glick and Luis Martinez getting ready to fly fish for the first time at Santa Rita Ranch.

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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



Hunting carp on Lake San Antonio

I finally got out to fish last month, and all the places were local. I have been wanting to try carp fishing since Covid and finally got my chance at Lake San Antonio. Local guide Dagur spoke about chasing this species at the annual banquet. That spurred me on to finally do something like this, slightly out of my comfort zone. And, what an adventure it was. I joined members Chris Rhoades and Aaron Floyd for the day, targeting these interesting fish in the flats. Have you ever been on the water with someone and it seems like they can see all the fish beneath the surface, but you can't? That's how my day went, with my prescription sunglasses just not doing the job required. I wanted to believe that there were shadows out there, representing big honking carp, but I just could not really see them well. So, if I couldn't see them, fat chance I was going to be able to cast to them and drop the fly on their nose. I wasn't lucky enough to catch one, but I know I will someday.

Next up was a visit with Glynis to Fort Hunter Liggett. We wanted to not just rush back and forth from Los Osos to the Fort in a day, so we booked a room at the Hacienda Lodge on the base. A bit rustic, a bit run down but a very cool historic experience, designed by Julia Morgan, to boot. It was great meeting Randy early the first day for the required FHL mussel inspection of our float tubes, check into the iSportsman app, fish a full day on Del Venturi pond and then drive 10 minutes back to our room. A good night's sleep brought us out again on the pond early the next day with no fuss. The mussel inspection is good for three days. Glynis, as always, slayed both bass and bluegill, with her stash of special flies. I did okay too, but I specifically took time out to stop and sit on my float tube, looking out at the surrounding green hills, the silent but powerful oaks and the many varied species of birds that flew by to greet us. As always, I was reminded constantly of the true beauty of this County.

Lastly, I accompanied new members Zoe Glick and Luis Martinez to Santa Rita Ranch. They just joined the Club in February and after we spent some time going over basic equipment, they went and signed up for a day on the Ranch. Gotta love that enthusiasm! In my professional job, I love the teaching moments, so this was no different. I found it very rewarding to see them successfully launch their watercrafts on to the lake and paddle away on a splendid morning, with big smiles and the excitement that comes with our sport.

SLFF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING
Thursday, April 9, 2026
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.

Member Programs

Kearsarge Lakes -Eric Tinglof



I have backpacked to the Kearsarge Lakes in the Eastern Sierra for over 50 years. It is still one of my favorite wilderness destinations. It is certainly a challenge to carry a pack up and over Kearsarge Pass, but once you get to the Lakes, you are surrounded with classic Sierra beauty. And, the endless catching of smallish brook trout with a dry fly on the surface never gets old.

Campeche Baby Tarpon- Don Wheeler



In January 2024, Jerry James and I did a semi-DIY fishing trip to Campeche on the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico. We were targeting juvenile tarpon in the mangroves. While this was considered the off - season, we enjoyed an amazingly fun trip: catching baby tarpon, eating great regional food and exploring colonial Campeche and Merida.

South Island, New Zealand Steven Hanover



I will be speaking on his trip to the South Island of New Zealand in November, 2025. This was fishing primarily the Southland area of South Island. One week guided wade fishing rivers and then a couple of days on my own and with a Kiwi friend. Learning how to fish in the somewhat challenging conditions of South Island New Zealand for large Brown and Rainbow trout.

Annual Banquet and 2025 Fly Fisher of the Year Award Eric Tinglof

For those who joined us for the annual banquet at the Madonna Inn, you were able to enjoy a truly nice event. Many members came away with great raffle prizes and picked up good deals on sweet guide trips and cool gear. This is our biggest fund-raising event of the year, and it was a smashing success.

Local guide Dagur started the main presentation by detailing his experiences fishing his native land of Iceland. He showed pictures of this raw, beautiful country that captures the imagination beyond the angling opportunities. He then transitioned to his new adopted homeland, the Central Coast. He has professionally guided our area for many years now, targeting carp in Lake Antonio, leopard sharks in the bays, rock fish in the tidal pools, and surf perch and stripers wherever structure invites these species to the surf. Do you want someone to take you out fishing locally? His contact information is found in this newsletter in our guide partner's section. Lew Leichter and Bernard Pieters also shared some memories of the Club after their many years of dedicated involvement. We are truly grateful for their help in guiding the Club over the years.

Remember, those in attendance all promised Bernard that we would try our best to attend the monthly meetings in person!

Many thanks to those hard-working individuals who made this possible. Lew and Bob Bayer for gear purchases. Mark Shelton for organizing fly boxes. Steve Soenke for gathering member donations (thank you members for donating!). The Board of Directors for set up and take down. And, of course, Glynis, who always does more than her fair share and is still tying up details from the event.

Finally, the 2025 Fly Fisher of the Year was awarded to....ME. I am very grateful to have received this trophy. I love leading this Club.



What a wonderful group of people



Eric Tinglof receives the 2025 Fly Fisher of the Year award from Lew Leichter



Dagur Gudmundsson provides an excellent presentation on Icelandic as well as local Central Coast angling opportunities

Santa Margarita Lake Outing

Saturday April 4th

I'm planning to go fishing on April 4 at Santa Margarita Lake and I'd like to announce it as a SLFF event:

- Meet at White Oak ramp at 0800
- Boats, floats/wade with waders OK- no body contact lake
- Contact Tom Fitzhugh, 310 935 9423, tfitzhugh2@gmail.com



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.

Fort Hunter Liggett Annual Youth Fishing Derby

April 25th

Eric Tinglof

FHL is holding their annual youth fishing derby on April 25th for ages 2 through 17. The derby is open to military families as well as anyone else in the Coastal Counties. They have been hosting this event for over 15 years, offering a day of free food, fishing access to the Del Venturi Reservoir and prizes for different age groups. FHL stocks the reservoir with trout immediately before the day of the derby.

Along with Trout Unlimited, our Club is now a proud sponsor of this worthy event.



Fly Tying Demos Casting Lessons
Garage Sale Raffles Food Fun

FlyBuy

2026

Is Coming!

April 11, 2026
Long Beach Casting Club


FLY FISHERS
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Southwest Council

The FlyBuy Is Coming! Come Catch the Fun!

Join us for the Southwest Council’s FlyBuy on Saturday, April 11th, 2026, at the Long Beach Casting Club! This fun event features talented fly tiers showcasing their skills, a large garage sale, various vendors, tasty food, raffles, and more. Casting lessons, demonstrations, and games will also be available throughout the day.

Location:

Long Beach Casting Club, 5201 E. 7th Street, Long Beach, CA

Hours:

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM | Garage sale begins at 10:00 AM

Admission:

- Adults: \$20.00 (includes lunch and a soft drink)
- Kids 16 and under get in free.

Introducing our 2026 Meetings Programs

Lew Leichter & Mark Shelton

We're pleased to introduce you to our 2026 meetings programs and speakers

The goal continues to be in-person speakers on topics of local interest to members. Like most other things, in-person speakers have become more expensive. As a way to offset this, and in response to positive feedback we received, we'll have 2 meetings this coming year featuring club member presentations. We have 6 members who will share a neat experience or fishing trip 3 at each meeting.

We're bringing back two of our favorite speakers via zoom Phil Rowley & Jeff Currier.

The rest of the programs will feature 2 destination speakers and programs of local interest.

Hope to see more of you at our 2026 meetings.

2026 Speaker Program Schedule Lew Leichter and Mark Shelton

<u>2026 DATES</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</u>
8-Jan	ZOOM	KARLIE LOFTICE	My Fishing Life
12-Feb	IN PERSON	CRAIG DEMARK	Ondemark Lodge Montana
BANQUET 7-Mar	IN PERSON	DAGUR GUDMONDSON	Fly Fishing Iceland & the Central Coast (quite a contrast!)
9-Apr	IN PERSON	MEMBER PROGRAMS	JEric Tinglof (Kearsarge Lakes) Don Wheeler (Surf Fishing) Steve Hanover (So. Island, New Zealand)
14-May	IN PERSON	MEMBER PROGRAMS	Mark & Marcy Osterkamp (Our trip to Iceland) Aaron Floyd (Fishing Bolivia) Dan Watson (Reading from a book he wrote about a trip to Baja)
11-Jun	ZOOM	JEFF CURRIER	Fly Fishing through mid-life crisis
9-Jul	IN PERSON	RACHAEL BEST - LCSLO	Protecting habitat & conservation efforts in North SLO County
13-Aug	IN PERSON	ZACH CRUM CA DEPT FISH & WILDLIFE	Protecting habitat in North SLO County
13-Sept	IN PERSON		FALL SOCIAL
8 Oct	ZOOM	PHIL ROWLEY	Fly Fishing Canadian Lakes
12-Nov	ZOOM	PHIL HILBRUNER	Lake View Outfitters - Kenai River Stream Watch
10-Dec	IN PERSON	MEMBER SLIDESHOW	

The Conservation Corner

Steelhead In Our Small Coastal Streams

by Don Baldwin

Steelhead season has come to a close on the Central Coast, yet March and April are peak spawning times in many of our local streams. After spending 1 to 4 years in the ocean, adult steelhead return to coastal streams to spawn. The female will find suitable habitat, usually the tail out of a pool or in a riffle, to excavate a pot where she will deposit her eggs while the male fertilizes the eggs. The female then moves upstream and continues to excavate the streambed, covering the fertilized eggs and creating another pot to continue laying eggs. The nest she builds is called a redd. Once this spawning process is complete and the adult steelhead are spawned out (kelts), they will outmigrate back to the ocean. Now the eggs are in the interstitial spaces, or the space between the gravel particles, in the tailspill of the redd. The pot of the redd will create a hydraulic current that pulls the water through the tailspill gravels delivering oxygen to the eggs. This is why it is important to reduce the amount of fine sediment entering streams so not to suffocate the eggs. In about 3 to 8 weeks the eggs will hatch into alevins, a small fish with a giant yolk sac attached to them. Alevin's will stay in the gravels for another 4 to 8 weeks until they absorb their yolk sac and emerge from the gravels as fry where they move to the shallow stream edges to feed on small invertebrates while taking refuge behind small rocks. April through May, sometimes into June is a good time to search the calmer stream edges for feeding fry in our local coastal streams.

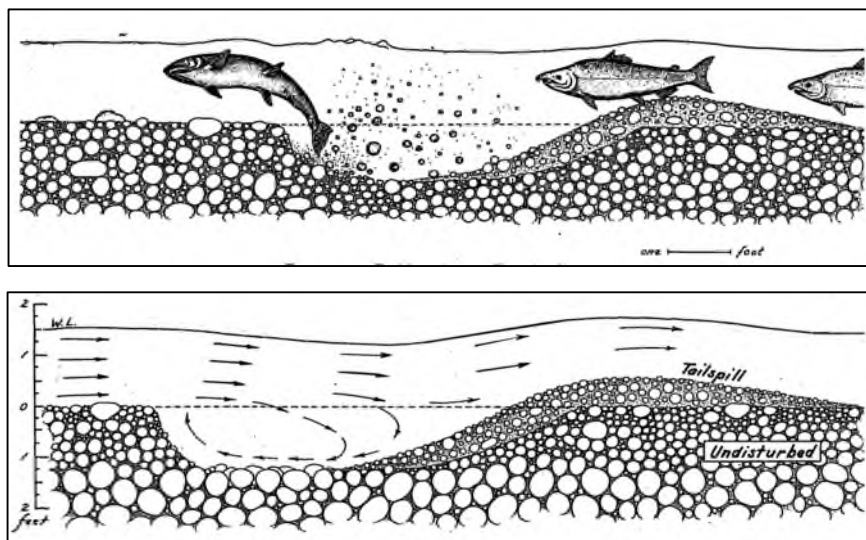


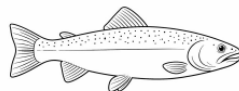
Figure 1. Redd diagrams from Clifford J. Burner (1951) USFWS Fishery Bulletin 61

As the young of the year (YOY) mature into juveniles, or parr, they develop distinctive vertical markings or parr marks, that help them blend into their surroundings. Juvenile steelhead may spend 1 to 3 years in freshwater feeding and growing before undergoing a transformation known as smoltification. They lose their parr marks, their bodies turn silver with black edges on their tail fin, and their internal systems adapt for life in saltwater. As smolts, they migrate downstream and out to the ocean to feed on marine nutrients, grow large and build the strength needed to return to our coastal streams in 1 to 4 years to start the process over again.

This pair of adult steelhead were observed in one of our small coastal streams on March 18, 2026. The larger female was approximately 28 inches while the male was approximately 24 inches in length. They were unable to continue migrating upstream to high quality spawning habitat due to the box culvert creating a temporal fish barrier. The deep pool below the waterfall was deep enough for the fish to get the speed needed to jump the concrete waterfall but they could not continue upstream through the culvert due to the wide laminar, shallow (1-inch deep) flow. These fish had to settle for suboptimal habitat to spawn in the tail out of the pool below the falls. The below right photo shows the redd with a large pot and a long tailspill, in 30 to 90 days hopefully there will be thousands of fry emerging from the gravels.



Despite their adaptability, South-Central Coast steelhead face increasing threats. Urban development, water diversions, passage barriers, dams, drought, altered stream flows, and changing ocean conditions have reduced and fragmented their habitat. Conservation efforts are working to restore habitats, improve fish passage, and enhance instream flows. The survival of these fish depends not only on large-scale environmental policies but also on local awareness and stewardship. Not only is the steelhead life cycle a biological process, but it is also a reflection of the health of our watersheds. Protecting these fish means preserving the ecosystems that support countless other species, including humans. Recovery of steelhead populations means fishing opportunities for future generations. By understanding and sharing the story of the South-Central Coast steelhead, we take an important step toward ensuring that future generations will continue to witness this amazing journey from ocean to streams and back again.



What a Day

Tom Butler

These are the types of days that lead to exaggeration, embellishment, the unnecessary desire to quantify, and self-congratulation. All understandable given the fact that we are human, and especially fisherman who occupy an interesting subset of the species. That's ok, we prefer to let our passion for fishing justify our emotional perspectives on the matter. It's not uncommon on these rare days to declare: *Best day ever*, *Biggest fish*, or phrases like – *That's as good as it gets*.

Jeff and I recently had one of these days in the heart of the Mississippi River Delta in Louisiana. I am certain we shared all of the above statements about the day. Probably the best description is to simply and profoundly say, "We had a great day." This may allow for some wiggle room and let many types of angling qualify. We've all had a variety of days that we would legitimately consider to be great. Maybe it was standard sized trout on a technical small dry fly. An entire day with non-stop action and solid numbers of fish in hand. Or maybe it was a day where one truly big fish put an exclamation mark on the experience. I like this, not only does this expand the definition of a great day, it also allows us to have many amazing days in our fishing memory bank.

For two guys from the Central Coast of California this was an excursion that required some serious advanced planning. At some point the logistics catch up with all of us resulting in the dreaded travel woes. It was Christmas vacation and the first blunder was the rental car company ran out of rental cars. Go figure. We did our best to describe to the rental car employee that a reservation means we are paying for **you**, to have a car ready for **us**. Hence reservation, this went straight over the individuals head as they repeated the fact that they had no cars available. Simultaneously, our guide sent us a text that he had serious trouble with his outboard motor and that we would be fishing with another guide. Fortunately, the guide was responsible and made arrangements for us to fish with another guide who ended up being excellent.

However, without a rental car we had to stay in a hotel in New Orleans and absorb the cost, instead of making it to our cabin in Delacroix in the bayou. We finally found someone with the rental car company that said they would have a car ready for us at 5:30 am the next morning. Jeff and I had to double time it in the morning to acquire the vehicle, quickly check-in and drop our stuff off in the cabin, and make the drive to Hopedale Marina to meet our guide at 7:30.

Phew! We barely made it, literally meeting Captain Will Depass at the dock at 7:30. We were fortified with delicious leftover pumpkin bread from my wife Sarah, breakfast sandwiches from the marina store, and a six pack of ice cold Modelo for the day. Things were looking up.

We both shared later that evening that we had a good feeling about the day the moment we jumped onto the boat. Will was easy going and all of us made a quick connection. The 18 foot skiff was

immaculate and well outfitted. All of this resulted in a sense of confidence in the upcoming fishing. As we idled away from the marina and launch area Will said, "Let's make a run out into the gulf and see if we can find the bulls." Jeff and I both eagerly replied, "That sounds great." We had planned this trip in the winter specifically to target bull redfish on the fly. This region of Louisiana has a solid reputation for big redfish and we had picked this area for that reason. Will provided a further definition of making a run, "It will take us approximately one hour to get to the fishing area." This included navigating the canals, creeks, marsh ponds, and a large expanse of the gulf in a thick fog. It was evident that he knew the area like the back of his hand and was super adept at using the electronics. There was no wind and the water was sheet glass. However, with the damp fog, and 40 mph speed, we were all dripping wet in our rain gear when Will brought the boat down off plane and announced "Let's get ready to fish."

Jeff and I looked at each other for a moment and then I said, "I'll jump up there." Referring to the elevated casting platform and fishing first. This was probably a good thing because Jeff is a highly competent caster and I felt that I needed to air a couple of casts out and knock off the rust. We were fishing stout 10 weight rods with quality reels that offered a strong and smooth drag, attached to the leader was a black and purple streamer with chartreuse lead eyes. This fly is a redfish staple and incredibly effective.

All of us were actively scanning the area for fish when Will spotted a small pod of five to eight black drum. They looked huge and we were certain that many of them went over 40 pounds. We wanted to catch them badly, and both Jeff and I had multiple shots at small schools of black drum throughout the morning with no success. Will shared that these fish are difficult, spooky, and might be beginning the spawn. Their minds were certainly on something other than the flies we presented them with.

We were in the Gulf of Mexico in the Chandeleur Sound. The water was very clear and shallow. There were a few low lying islands in the area that provided structure and also tidal currents that delivered baitfish, shrimp, and crabs to the fish. Will spotted another pod of black drum and I made a cast just in front of the group, this time a fish broke immediately from the group and ate the streamer without any hesitation. We were tight to the first fish of the day and all three of us were excited. Will quickly identified that we had a redfish that had been attempting to integrate with the black drum. High fives all around with a 15 pound fish in the net. To foreshadow the day this would be the smallest fish landed. I told you, we had a day!

As the morning continued Will slid the boat under the end of one of the islands and started poling a long flat roughly two feet deep. Will saw a single cruising redfish at a long distance. He expertly glided the skiff on a perfect line to intercept the fish. Jeff made an accurate cast at a considerable distance. The fish subtly changed course and accelerated onto the fly. Just like that, Jeff was hooked up to a solid fish. This was a clinical example of strong guiding and angling skill. It was pretty cool to watch all of that unfold, one of the quintessential fly fishing moments that everyone hopes to experience – sight fishing for a single cruising fish. As we transitioned to mid-day both of us caught a couple more single cruisers on the flat. Challenging and so much fun.

Will repositioned us to the front corner of an island where there was just a subtle tidal push coming in from the gulf. He was confident that we could find a greater concentration of the big bull redfish. Boy was he correct, and this is when the bite went wide open. In order to emphasize the point, and for those that may be inclined to curse occasionally, the acronym would be WFO (Wide F_ _ _ ing Open). In no time at all Will spotted, "A wad of redfish!" At that distance it was a large rusty copper blur in the ocean. As we got closer we could see the tails sticking up, glinting in the sunlight, and the nervous water that only a school of fish can produce. Our jaws dropped as we both said, "Oh my god, look at all those fish!" We should have included "huge" as the adjective for fish. However, at that point we were already losing command of the English language.

For the next hour we took turns catching big powerful bull redfish on streamer patterns. I had brought a few patterns with me and Will tied on one of my streamers. It was tied on a heavy 1/0 hook with a sharpie barred tan craft fur tail, a few wraps of a chartreuse EP brush, multiple strands of peacock herl to represent the dark back of a baitfish, and yellow lead eyes. It is always nice to see the home tied patterns catch fish, however, anything properly presented was going to get bit.

It went like this, we would spot a "wad" of fish (many of these rafts had more than 50 fish). Then Will would deftly pole us into position. Jeff or I would make a cast, and literally the moment the streamer hit the water 3-7 fish would break on it. The first fish there crushed the fly and the heavy weight battle ensued. Heavy weight is the only way to describe how hard these awesome fish fight, and it is appropriate because every fish was 20 pounds or larger. I know that sounds obscene and I find myself double and triple checking the size of the fish. After releasing the fish, we would resume the search and repeat. The number of big quality fish was silly.

The clear water and our ability to get near the fish made the visuals absolutely amazing. Watching multiple fish charge a fly, vying for the pole position and then opening their mouths at full speed to eat the fly. Followed by a slashing turn and a tail gouging hole in the ocean surface was incredibly exciting. Culminating with multiple runs, head shakes that you felt deep in the cork, and an unrelenting low torque effort as they refused to come to the boat.

Just when we thought it couldn't get any better, Will asked, "Do you guys want to try a popper?" I have no idea exactly what our frenzied response was, but I know that Jeff and I fully endorsed the concept. Will tied on a large foam popper with a white marabou tail with pearl flashabou. The body of the popper was white and the head was bright red.

Jeff made the first cast with the popper. After hitting the water Jeff stripped the popper hard twice and multiple fish charged the fly. Will shouted, "Keep it moving." On the next strip a huge bull broke through the surface at speed and destroyed the popper. This was the beginning of true pandemonium, real bull redfish aggressively attacking a popper!

I had spotted a couple of big fish on the edge of an approaching raft of fish and made my cast accordingly. The popper landed and instantly caught the attention of three big fish that turned on the fly. Seeing three big fish pursuing the fly with their tails actively propelling them forward is a test of

patience. Then one shot forward and started to push water with its shoulders and back breaking the surface of the water. At that point you are stripping the popper directly toward yourself, which allows you to see and feel the predatory intensity in the fish. The fish hit the turbo and looked like a fighter plane with its pectoral fins skimming on the surface as it engulfed the fly. With enthusiasm Will shouted, “Looking down the throat into the belly of the beast!”

For the next hour and a half the action was fast and the fish were serious. To take it to another level we had multiple double hookups with one of us on the popper and one using the streamer.

One of my favorite memories is the sound of the three of us on the skiff. Lots of hooting and hollering with a dose of hearty laughter mixed in. The tone on the boat was pretty amazing, as if all of us knew that this was a special and rare day of fishing. Without being sentimental there was a sense of being grateful for the experience. We asked Will how this day compared to other days and he answered, “This is as good as it gets.”



2026 TENTATIVE OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL
01/31/2026 02/07/2026	Annual free casting team clinics	Bernard Pieters	bpieters84@gmail.com
03/16, 03/25, 03/28, 03/31	Santa Rita Ranch Bass	Don Wheeler/ Andy Harrison	donalgdwheeler@gmail.com maharrison99@att.net
04/07, 04/11, 04/16, 04/21	Santa Rita Ranch Bass	Don Wheeler/ Andy Harrison	donalgdwheeler@gmail.com maharrison99@att.net
0408	Sant Margarita Lake, White Oak ramp	Tom Fitzhugh	tfitzhugh2@gmail.com
04/30	Santa Rita Ranch Bass Woman's Only Trip	Glynis Tinglof.	gct_art@yahoo.com
May Dates TBD	Santa Rita Ranch Bass	Don Wheeler/ Andy Harrison	donalgdwheeler@gmail.com maharrison99@att.net
June Dates TBD	Santa Rita Ranch Bass	Don Wheeler/ Andy Harrison	donalgdwheeler@gmail.com maharrison99@att.net
November-February Dates TBD	Surf Perch Outings, SLO County	Don Wheeler	donalgdwheeler@gmail.com
06/25 to 07-01	Manzanita Lake Lassen N Park	Bernard Pieters	bpieters84@gmail.com
07-11, 07.25	Halibut outings, Port San Luis	Bernard Pieters	bpieters84@gmail.com
08/01, 08/12	Halibut outings, Port San Luis	Bernard Pieters	bpieters84@gmail.com

MANZANITA LAKE OUTING JUNE 25th to JULY 1st

Bernard Pieters

This majestic place with its snow-covered peaks, natural beauty, and quality trout fishing brings us back year after year.

The park also attracts a lot of non-fishers, and because of this there is a shortage of camp-sites, especially around the outing dates! If you are interested, I urge you to RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW! If possible, we try to have all members together in Loop C!

WHERE: Manzanita Lake, Lassen National Park north entrance, Highway 44 east of Redding, to Highway 89

ACCOMMODATIONS: camping near the lake (no hook ups)

RESERVATIONS: recreation.gov or call 877 444 6777.

Most members are camping in loop C. I'm in C1.

Motels are in Shingletown ,about 14 miles toward Redding.

For many years, myself and many other fly fishers of all skill levels have chosen to use this unique picture-perfect great fishing lake above many others to elevate their still-water knowledge!

For those new to the lake, the fishing is primarily done in 4 to 8 ft of water with long leaders over submerged weed beds. Most of us begin around mid morning for the best fishing and stop mid afternoon. 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 at your side during the day, you still have a good shot for 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 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 size seal bugger or wooly-bugger, can be very productive with a lot of 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, however there are many good spots around the 80-acre lake, which can be fished productively from the shore .

A fishing license is REQUIRED, as is a personal floatation device (PFD or life jacket) if using a boat or float tube.

For those who are interested, or are new to the lake, I plan to have a DAILY FISHING INFO get together at 5pm at site C1, where each of us can talk about their fishing day experiences, what worked, and what didn't work so well. If needed, we can come up with line/leader/fly selection adjustment for the next fishing day. Last but not least, and most important for Manzanita, we'll discuss the different fly retrieval and presentation techniques to use — this can make or break your day !

A dinner get-together can be arranged for Saturday 6 to 7 pm in site C1. If you are considering coming, or have any questions don't hesitate to call or email me at 805 489 305 or bpeters84@gmail.com.

See you at Manzanita for a fabulous time of fishing!

Unclassified ...

Used Dave Scadden Boat for Sale - Jim Trask

Jim Trask is selling his Outlaw Predator. This is his original inflatable, formerly owned by Judy's husband Rich Chubon.

SALE FUND RAISER. All proceeds will go to the club. \$500.00 or better offers. Offers in \$50 increments accepted until April 15th, 2026

Call Jim Trask @ 805 886-9843. Leave a message

Scadden Inflatable "Outlaw Predator"
Approximately 8' long x 4.5' wide, 20lbs +-
Two classic oars & locks
Two saddle bags
Soft adjustable seat & foot bar
In very good condition

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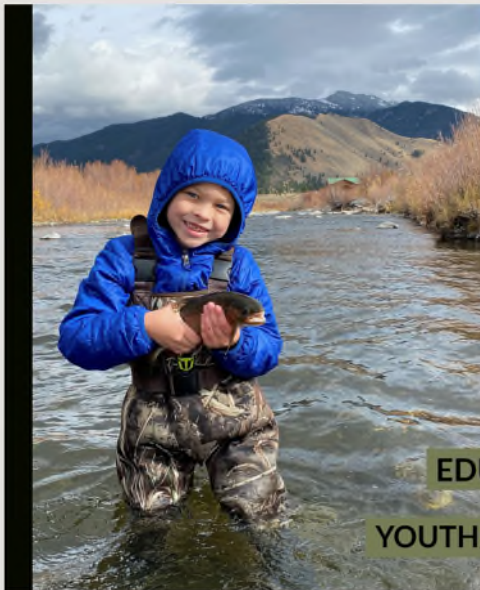


FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

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

JOIN FFI TODAY



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

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