

Volume 29, Number 2

www.sbflyfishers.com

FEBRUARY 2022

MEETING NEWS

We are very sorry. There will be no SBFF Club monthly meetings for the safety of our members until it is safe to reconvene. We'll keep you posted.

General Meetings are normally held on the Tuesday before the second Thursday of the month.

FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, **SEE CALENDAR ON PAGE 12**

~WANTED ~

Fly fishers of every size, shape, age or sex that cast or want to cast flies in fresh or saltwater, rivers, lakes and ponds, surf, the open ocean either single-handed, twohanded, or tenkara, new and experienced to join the Santa Barbara Flyfishers.

As we look to the future and the end of the pandemic with hope of being able to gather together again and share our mutual experiences and passion for fly fishing, the Santa Barbara Flyfishers wants you, or someone you know, to join our club. Since 1995, the Santa Barbara Flyfishers has brought together like-minded fly fishing enthusiasts of all ages and levels.

Existing members should renew 2022 memberships now!. Simply mail your payment to me or call me to pay by credit card.

New members can complete the Membership application at the end of this newsletter or at our website: www.sbflyfishers.com and send it to me via regular mail or email.

> **Annual Membership dues:** Individual: \$45 Family: \$50 Santa Barbara Flyfishers % Vince Narez, 4853 Vieja Dr Santa Barbara, CA 93110 (805)208-2224 vjnarez@gmail.com

Pursuing Trinity Steelhead

By Joseph Narkevitz

Since the welcome big rainstorms hit California at the first part of January, the steelhead fishing in Northern California has been better than it has in years. Guides on rivers on the North Coast have been reporting 5-6 Steelhead per day using a fly rod.

Dick Compton and I have enjoyed chasing rivers from his grandfather and his fasteelhead for the past decade. We have become proficient at using two handed rods for swinging flies to Steelhead. We enjoy exploring rivers on foot and we relish catching fish while casting to them from a drift boat. Last year we did not do any Steelhead trips because of the COVID pandemic. Last week we decided to go to the Trinity River for our first Steelhead outing of 2022. Another incentive that got us fired up was a report from a fellow fly club member, George Zengel, who floated the Trinity River for two days and

caught six Steelhead.

Dick and I booked three days with our guide Matt Mitchell. Matt grew up around Weaverville where his grandparents own a piece of property that has been in the family for many years. Matt learned about fishing the local lakes and ther.

We stayed at the Indian Creek Lodge which is about 10 miles up river from Weaverville. We like it there because there is good fishing right out the back door and there is access to several good sections of the river nearby. We secured a room with a kitchenette so we could cook our meals at the Lodge. Weaverville is suffering from a lack of tourism, industry development, and a slow economy during COVID. Many of the restaurants, from days gone by, are shuttered. A few





PRESIDENT'S LINE

Dawns and sunsets may be the best part of winter in Southern California The days are too short and nicely distracting. Thankfully the dawns fill you with promise and the sunsets console you into sleep. One after the next until you notice the days getting longer with the green grass. And you remember that spring is never far away and it's February after all.

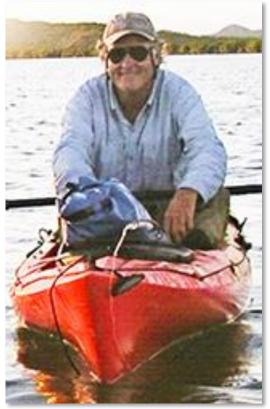
This past month has been a feverish sort for me. My foot blew up with a skin infection just after the New Year. I was getting this handled and then I came down with Omicron. Hope it is all in my wake and wish it on no one. Fevers are harsh and at the same time healing, putting mind and body in a different perspective.

Amid my getting over the Covid stuff we got contacted by Diane Honaker's estate lawyer that she was donating

her fishing gear to the club. Joseph and Lou were kind enough to meet with Mr. Frank out at Diane's house. They loaded Lou's pick up full and brought it over to my place. Bless Diane, she never hesitated to buy the best gear that she could afford, and the club has some quality gear to sell and pass along. More on this later when we get to go through it all and evaluate what is best be done with it.

It's more than just stuff, it is Diane's stuff. Respectfully it embodies the greater part of a life, the joy Diane took in her fly fishing; and the cheer she reflected about it. I walk by it, "this stuff", and I realize it is a part of my life too. I've got to respect that.

I spoke last month about the evening she first came to one of our meetings. She always said it was pivotal and a threshold moment in her life. It was the same for the club for both gained some identity from that moment on. Diane contributed so much of herself to the club. She had a quiet transitive power that fought a shy nature which clouded a quality of leadership and responsibility that always she managed to manifest. She always joked about the club being her whole social life. I guess that was her way of nagging a bunch of guys on the board not to let the club down and it keep working towards its



mission and vision.

Diane had a talent for asking questions and seeing problems. She was at her best solving difficulties and while I don't think she relished this, she never avoided moving towards resolving problems and working on solutions. I think back over the years and all her kind interactions when difficulties appeared in club matters. In the end she was always a part of the solution if in nothing more in the that the problem was confronted, resolved; and in her words "huh", time to move on and think about going fishing.

She did not burden us with her battle with breast cancer this past year. She did not bother us her difficult time with her business and the pandemic. She died at home just after Christmas after a brief remission from the can-

cer. I hope she took solace in this past year in the truth that she did good for us all and that she was respected and loved by her fellow fly fishers. She leaves us with more than "stuff". She traveled far and wide and those places we all wish to fish. A widow, and she never burdened us with that, only to be a vicar of sorts to her late husband in the example, of the joy, and love we can share doing things together.

Her services are **Sunday February 6th** 1:30pm at the Santa Barbara Cemetery.

We need some more rain and snow, and it looks like we got a shot at it in a few weeks. Look forward to a good spring. Time to remember the joy of fishing. Time to plan some in your future is it not? I can't say when and how matters are going to work out along club lines; but we are as board are asking questions, looking for problems and working on solutions. It's February after all...spring is never far away.



Santa Barbara Flyfishers

Continued from page 1





places were still open and on Thursday night we met George Zengel for dinner at the Trinity Alps Golf Course Restaurant.

On Monday, our first day of fishing, we swung flies as we walked downriver from the lodge to Indian Creek.

The next three days we fished with Matt. The water in the section we fished was low so he chose to use a raft rather that a drift boat. Because the fishing has been so great the river has gotten crowded with boats and fly fishers. Matt knew of a section of the river that was not so crowded. He told us we might not catch many fish but we'd have the river to ourselves. What a great call. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we saw no other boats. On Thursday, after lunch, we were followed by only one boat all the way down to the take out.

Dick and I like to use the two-handed rods, so Matt breaks up our float trip so we can swing flies. When he comes to a place that has a long gravel bar and some good runs we will get out of the boat and cast flies for Steelhead. Unfortunately, on this trip we did not catch any fish swinging flies. Dick reported getting one good grab but the fish did not commit. All of our fish were caught on nymphs or rubber legs suspended under an indicator. On day one we caught 7 Steelhead and lost 2. On our second day we landed 5 fish and lost 1. On day three we hooked 5 fish and landed 4. In three days of floating the river with Matt we landed 16 steelhead although he thought we might not catch too many fish in the section we floated. In the scheme of things, I rate this trip as FANTASTIC. On past trips we have fished many days without hooking a fish. Sixteen Steelhead to the net, in three days, made it a great trip! Matt stated that this year the river is fishing better than he has seen it in ten years.

Matt Mitchell, Guide: (530) 604-9746 Indian Creek Lodge: (530) 623-6294

A

Remembering Diane

An accurate description of Diane would include smart, beautiful, loyal and kind. She was always available and willing to help, or just to be there when needed. She enjoyed a good steak and a Diet Coke! Her sunny, happy, generous nature is badly missed by those privileged to know her.

She will be interred with her husband, John, at Santa Barbara Cemetery after cremation.

A Memorial Service, to be held graveside, is scheduled for **Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 1:30 pm**





LOU'S LITERARY CORNER FLY FISHING QUOTES

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains."

Thoreau

Outings Article

By Otto Schleich

For a number of years, I had been the Club Outings Chairperson. From time to time, I have reflected on "What is a Club Outing?" and "What changes have occurred over the years?". I think the answer to the first question is that a Club Outing is an opportunity for a group of Club members to get together for fishing, socializing, and perhaps learning new techniques at familiar or new venues. The success of these outings leads to their becoming annual, or sometimes periodic, events. The Lower Owens Wade trip in late winter has become an annual event and the Second Saturday Surf Fishing (SSSF) a periodic event.

What changes occurred over the years? When I joined the Club in August of 1997, there were essentially two annual trips--a Fall Crowley Lake/Eastern Sierra and a Lees Ferry (Colorado River, Arizona) that were typically attended by eight or more anglers. Other trips were added, often initiated after guides and outfitters spoke at our monthly meetings when we were in the Speakers' Pool with other southern California Clubs.

So, what happened? Some of the popular guides have retired or now have other careers. We are no longer in the Speakers' Pool and the Covid pandemic occurred, which has reduced information about new trips. Travel and Lodging costs have increased. Some members that went on the annual trips have moved from our area, no longer wade or float tube, or have passed on. (If you save your newsletters, you can find a more detailed article of changes in the February 2020 issue.) However, Club members are still fishing, but in smaller groups. One can read about these trips when reported in the Newsletter <u>after</u> the trip. I think many members, especially new members, would like to know about trips <u>before</u> they are taken. They can then plan their own trips for after fishing socializing, possible travel and lodging cost sharing and just learning more about fishing and other opportunities. To that end you are encouraged to list your trips in the Newsletter before you to take the trip. Send your name, contact information and basic trip information (e.g. dates, guide trip, wade, float tube, motel, condo, camping) to Newsletter editor, Joseph Narkevitz, at (joseph.narkevitz.@gmail.com) on or before the end of the month in which you want the trip information to appear.

Note from the SBFF board:

We are happy to assist members by putting the word out about their ideas for fishing trips, but these trips are not "sponsored" by SBFF and we assume no liability for any issue or illness that could arise from anyone taking a trip with other members of our club, especially considering the ongoing pandemic.

SAVE THE "NEW" DATE!



In our ongoing effort to keep our activities safe, the SWC is going to forgo a dinner gathering but we WILL meet at the Tri-County Fairgrounds for raffles, awards and prizes. In another time when everything is behind us, we promise to throw a rousing party with music, beverages and fun so you can hold us to that.

To register for the event, just go to our event page (click here) and click on the upper right REGISTER button and follow the instructions. The rules and everything pertaining to the event is on this page and can be downloaded. Cost per person is 25.00 and you MUST have a smartphone as the scoring app works through your phone. Besides individual categories, we also have a TEAM category. In this case, just gather your friends, get them all to register and then pay an additional team fee of 20.00 (no matter the size of the team) by clicking here. Teams will be scored by total catch inches and divided by the number of team anglers.

Many of us fish the Lower Owens and surrounding areas at this time of year and the Southwest Council thought it would be fun to have a safe and fun gathering. Trout Rodeo is a one day, catch and release, fishing event. It is open to fly fishing, lure fishing and even Tenkara! It is even open to Professional Fishing Guides (but they get to compete separately). The idea is to catch, measure and photograph your fish (and let them go) and the more landed "inches" you have, the more raffle tickets you will win to enter into one of our many prize buckets (and you can buy more tickets at the gate, too!).

Questions? Contact event organizer, Michael Schweit, at <u>specialprojects@swcffi.org</u> or 818.6019702. Looking forward to seeing you there!





What is Fly Buy?

Part fishing tackle garage sale, part fly-fishing carnival and all fun.

 When: May 21, 2022
 Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Long Beach Casting Club - 5201 E 7th St, Long Beach, CA 90804

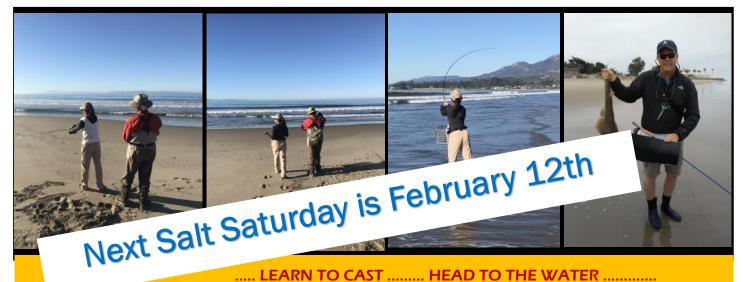
ADMISSION:

- ADULTS: \$20.00. Includes lunch/drink
- UNDER 16 and VETS: Free
- NEW TO FLY FISHING: 15.00. Includes lunch and a FREE fly casting lesson to get you started
- BRING/DONATE a new or lightly used item of 40.00 retail value and get in FREE!

ACTIVITIES

- Fly Tying Demonstrations all day
- Raffles
- Silent Auctions
- Flies for Sale
- Used-Equipment Sale
- Casting Lessons and Games
- Vendors
- Women and Youth Activities
- THE LARGEST FLY FISHING GARAGE SALE ON THE WEST COAST





..... LEARN TO CAST HEAD TO THE WATER

CAST CATCH A FISH! It's that easy ... Well, almost.

Join Santa Barbara Fly Fishers for **FREE** Surf Fishing and Instruction on **Second Salt Saturday**

(the second Saturday of every month at Santa Claus Lane)











2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH





2022 Southwest Council News

FEBRUARY MESSAGE

FROM: LEIGH ANN SWANSON | PRESIDENT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL president@swcffi.org

YOU CAN PACK A LOT INTO 28 DAYS

February has always been one of my favorite months. February 1 marks the Lunar New Year, also known as the Chinese New Year, and February 2 is Groundhog Day – a weather forecast led by a rodent. February 12 is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. February 14 is always Valentine's Day. February 21 brings Presidents' Day, George Washington's birthday is the 22, and of course, the Super Bowl is in February. And this year, we get to add the Southwest Council's Annual Trout Rodeo to the list!

WHO DOESN'T LIKE A GOOD RODEO?

Looking for an opportunity to get out and fish and have fun? Join us for the Southwest Council's First Annual Trout Rodeo in Bishop **on February 26, 2022**! The tournament is open to all anglers with prizes for different categories, individuals, and teams. Because fishing is better together, we made it easy for you or your club to field a team of any size. So, round up a few friends, put on your wading boots, load up your fly boxes, and mosey on up to Bishop on February 26 for our First Annual Trout Rodeo. For more details, visit <u>https://www.swcffi.org/trout-rodeo</u>

SHHHH! IT'S A SECRET!

For those of you heading up to **Bishop for the Trout Rodeo**, we thought we would share some intel (also known as fishing reports) to help you get a jump on the competition. Below is a list of websites with the latest fishing reports to help you be the best in the west and quick on the draw.

https://www.sierratroutmagnet.com/lower-owens-river-fly-fishing-report-bishop-ca-1-11-22/

https://www.thetroutfitter.com/fish-report

https://wonews.com/fish-report/eastern-sierra-fish-report/

https://bishopvisitor.com/blog/bishop-summer-fishing-report/

https://sierradrifters.com/fishing-reports/eastern-sierra-fishing-report-1-16-22/

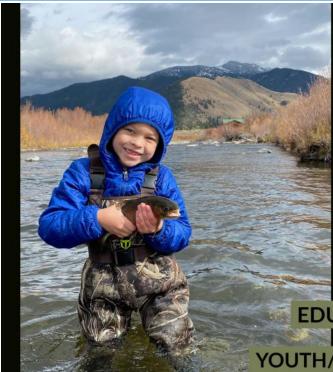
https://bishopvisitor.com/activities/fishing/

SAVE THE DATE

The Southwest Council's Club Management Day is April 9, 2022. What is Club Management Day? At CMD, fly fishing clubs gather to connect and learn about various topics. We are busy planning this year's schedule and programs and will keep you in the loop as we go along. If you have any topics you'd like us to include, let me know, and we will do our best to include them in the day.

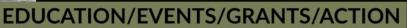
Leigh Ann Swanson | PRESIDENT Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International





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

PARTNER WITH US. DONATE TODAY!



YOUTH/WOMEN/DIVERSITY/CONSERVATION

Southwest Council 2022 Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2022 | 9AM-5PM FLYBUY | LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2022 TROUT RODEO | BISHOP, CALIFORNIA SATURDAY, May 21, 2022 FLYBUY | LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2022 Club Management Day Time and location TBD Saturday, July 16th, 2022 Summer Quarterly Club Meeting Time and location TBD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2022

FALL QUARTERLY/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TIME AND LOCATION TBD

*PLEASE NOTE DATES FOR EVENTS, LOCATION AND TIMES MAY VARY BASED ON COVID RESTRICTIONS.



Hosted Trips to Baja and beyond, featuring great captains, great fishing, great food and endless fun!

2022 Southwest Council & Club Activities

The following casting activities are regularly scheduled in SWC Clubs

Kaweah Fly Fishers

Mark Cave; mdcave@sbcglobal.net

• Continuing through October: Fly Fishing Casting Wednesdays, a casting class with Mark Cave, 6:00 pm every Wednesday through November (according to website), Valley Oaks Golf Course, 1800 S. Plaza Street, Visalia

Pasadena Casting Club:

Michael Miller; mmfoto@pacbell.net

- The PCC Club House: Is now open again, every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 until 4:00
- DATE TBD: Michael Miller's class, "Learning to Mend" (date not yet specified)

San Diego Fly Fishers:

John Wylie; flycasting@sandiegoflyfishers.com

- Ongoing: Weekly Sunday morning free casting lessons at Lake Murray
- **Ongoing**: Intermediate casting 1st and 3rd Sundays at Ski Beach in Mission Bay
- FFI Casting Skills Program: This began in April and is still underway.

Santa Barbara and Sespe Fly Fishers:

Joseph Narkevitz; joseph.narkevitz@gmail.com

• ONGOING: Second Salt Saturdays (second Saturday most months), fishing and casting in the surf

Sespe Fly Fishers:

Bob Smith, CI; bob.frances.smith@gmail.com with support from Sespe Board

• **Ongoing** First Saturday Casting in the Park (first Saturday of each month, 9-11am, at Chumash Park in Ventura (S. Petit Ave., off Telephone Road)

Sierra Pacific Flyfishers:

Marshall Bissett; programs@spff.org)

ONGOING: First and Third Saturdays:

Free Casting Clinic, Lake Balboa, Encino, 9-11am

Keep casting!

Jody Martin SWC Casting Director Sierra Pacific Flyfishers







We look forward to meeting again in 2022 - to share stories, watch fishporn, plan outings, eat pizza, drink a beer and fish!

CALLING ALL SBFF MEMBERS!

Have you renewed your club membership for 2022? 2021 was a tough year for everything but the fish. This year will be better. We promise!

If you are new, please fill in registration form at the end of newsletter and send w/payment If you are renewing, just send your payment to:

> Santa Barbara Fly Fishers c/o Vince Narez 4853 Vieja Dr Santa Barbara, CA 93110

You can pay by card if you call (805) 208-2224. Cost: Individual \$45, Family \$50

Kern River Fly Shop

Guided Trips in the Southern Sierra

Float Trips Learn Fly Fishing Sage, Simms Wading Beginner Lessons Galvan, Rio Pack Trips Casting Lessons TFO & more

11301 Kernville Road - Kernville, CA 93238 (760) 376 2040 guy@kernriverflyfishing.com Rainbow Tarns Bed & Breakfast Your Home in the Eastern Sierras for over 25 Years Call 888-588-6269 for Availability





SPORTSWEAR • TRAVEL • BACKPACKING • HOBIE KAYAKS SHOES • CLIMBING • CAR RACKS • SKIING • SNOWBOARDING

Santa Barbara • www.mountainairsports.com • 805.962.0049



2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Please check our Club's website calendar for updates and additional info at www.sbflyfishers.com

SALT SATURDAY is on the **Second Saturday** of each month.

February 2022

* Next Salt Saturday is Feb 12th

SANTA BARBARA FLY FISHERS IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Facebook - Page managed by John Green https://www.facebook.com/Santa-Barbara-Flyfishers-110859760559894/

Instagram - Page managed by Jordan Dokolas

https://www.instagram.com/santabarbaraflyfishers/

@santabarbaraflyfishers

Please visit and invite your friends to like our pages too! We welcome your fly fishing photos, stories and educational fly fishing posts!

John Green

PLEASE SEND US YOUR PICTURES!

We want to see pictures from any recent trips you have taken so we can view them at the next meeting or add them to the newsletter.

They can be pictures of fish, scenery, people fishing or just relaxing after a day on the water. If you think they will be of interest, we probably will too. If you had an unusual catch, please share it with your fishing pals. Just email me your images **as attachments** and I will save them on a flash drive for viewing at the next few

meetings or for the newsletter. Thanks for sharing!

> Lou Ternullo lternullo@cox.net



SANTA BARBARA FLYFISHERS P.O. Box 24012 Santa Barbara, CA 93121-4012 **ANNUAL DUES** Individual: \$45 / Family: \$50 Under 18/Student: \$5 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS/ COMMITTEE MEMBERS** PRESIDENT Lew Riffle **Recording Secretary** John Riparetti · 569-5691 MEMBERSHIP Vince Narez · 208-2224 TREASURER Vince Narez \cdot 208-2224 CONSERVATION Lew Riffle PROGRAMS Joseph Narkevitz & Lou Ternullo RAFFLES Chris Fischer · 964-6970 **FACILITIES** Steve Wynne Youth Terry Fernandez · 682-9956 Joe Narkevitz · 705-3208 Bob Uradnicek · 964-7128

> **FLY TYING** Mark Johnson • 687-9644

HISTORIAN

Lou Ternullo

Refreshments

Open

Awards Lew Riffle Newsletter Editors Joseph Narkevitz & Lou Ternullo

Newsletter Publisher

Karen Hall karencolehall@gmail.com

WEB MASTER Joe Margiotta joem@sbflyfishers.com



FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL Southwest Council

(877) 246-4922 16231 Askin Dr. Pine Mountain Club, CA www.PINEMOUNTAININN.COM



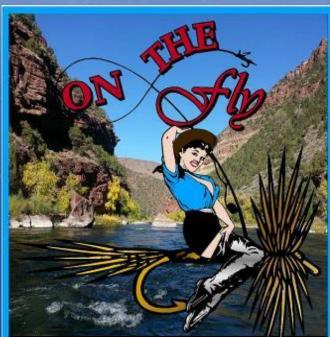
We Look Forward To Your Visit!

Need to getaway from it all and don't want to travel far? Look no further! Come stay with us in the beautiful Los Padres Forest and relax, play in the snow, x-country ski, and much more. Our spacious rooms await you. You'll be more than happy you came up to stay with us!



FLY FISHING GUIDE SERVICES GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS ECHIEVE GUIDE SERVICES ECHIEVE GUIDE Market (KRN) MSJ-1170 Market ernagsday/Byfelanggeldeservice.com





801-541-4113 ontheflyutah.com ontheflyutah@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

THE SANTA BARBARA FLYFISHERS ARE DEDICATED TO PROMOTING THE ART OF FRESH AND SALTWATER FLYFISHING,

CATCH AND RELEASE , CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITIES . WE PROVIDE

YOUTH PROGRAMS, FLY TYING , FLY CASTING AND ROD BUILDING CLASSES AS WELL AS GOOD CAMARADERIE THROUGH

MONTHLY MEETINGS AND GROUP FISHING TRIPS.

AS A MEMBER , YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB ACTIVITIES AND SERVE ON THE VARIOUS CLUB

COMMITTEES. ALSO, AS A CONDITION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PLEDGE :

"I GIVE MY PLEDGE TO UPHOLD THE BY -LAWS OF THE SANTA BARBARA FLYFISHERS AND TO DILIGENTLY WORK TO PRESERVE THE EARTH'S NAT-URAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE. I SHALL CONDUCT MYSELF IN A SPORTSMAN-LIKE MANNER AT ALL TIMES."

NAME:

NAME OF SPOUSE/PARTNER IF MEMBER:				
Address:			······	
CITY/STATE/ZIP:				
TELEPHONE NO:				
E-MAIL:				
Member of Fly Fishers International? Yes No If Yes, FFI Member #				
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING? YOU MAY CHECK MORE THAN ONE.				
	🗆 Refreshme	NTS	RAFFLES	
	□ Facilities		TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM	
Fund Raising	Newsletter			
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	SOCIAL MEDIA			
SIGNATURE:			Dате:	
Membership Payments				
ACTIVE MEMBER	\$45.00	\$45.00 JUNIOR (UNDER 18)\$5.00		
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP\$50.00 STUDENT (FULL TIME, UNDER 25)\$5.00				
MEMBERS PAID AFTER JUNE 1 WILL NOT BE LISTED IN CURRENT ROSTER				
DUES RECEIVED AFTER OCTOBER 1 WILL BE APPLIED TO NEXT YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP				
Please make checks payable to: Santa Barbara Flyfishers				

MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO: VINCE NAREZ 4853 VIEJA DRIVE, SANTA BARBARA, CA. 93110