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Santa Barbara Flyfishers

Important General Meeting! March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM Rusty's Pizza, 5934 Calle Real, Goleta, CA. 93117

Dear Members,

The Santa Barbara Flyfishers (SBFF) will hold a meeting for the general membership on March 8, 2022.

The main purpose for the gathering of the membership will be to discuss the direction of our club. For the past year we have not been able to meet in person. This in turn has caused a decline in paid memberships and a lack of interest in club participation.

We want you to come and give us your input, your ideas, and your suggestions. The Santa Barbara Flyfishers board of directors has been discussing several options. Here are a few of the ideas under consideration we have talked about:

From our membership we need a discussion on the future of the club. We need your ideas on how to move forward. What would you like to see happen? How would we implement those proposals?

From here we propose some options but will entertain others:

- 1. Elect a new board of directors to carry the club into the future. The positions that would need to be filled are as follows: President, Recording Secretary, Membership, Treasurer, Conservation, Programs, Raffles, Facilities, Outings, Youth, Fly Tying, Historian, Refreshments, Awards, and Newsletter Editors. We need a new board of directors and more volunteers to move ahead.
- 2. Join the Sespe Fly Fishers in Ventura, CA.

Our board has met with the Sespe Fly Fishers board of directors about keeping our club alive by joining with their club. They were most receptive to the idea.

Some advantages of our club joining forces with their club:

- They have about 150 members.
- They have an active outings program and our club members would be able to join them for trips across the USA and abroad. They also are part of a consortium of SO CA Fly Fishing clubs offering an active monthly speakers program.
- They have ongoing classes in fly-tying, rod building, and casting classes. Their meetings are in person and also broadcast through Zoom. They are in the fundraising phase of building a casting pond in Camarillo. They are in the South West Council speakers pool. That means you can hear presentations from the leading fly fishers from across the USA and Europe
- They have offered free memberships to SBFF current members for the year.
- We will continue with our Salt Saturdays and Trout in the Classroom for our area schools.

President's Line

BY LEW RIFFLE

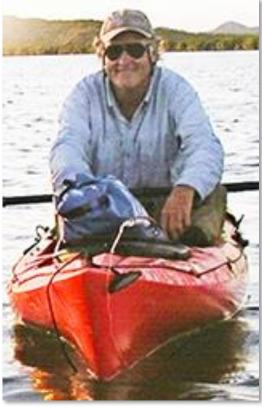
Softly, slowly, we walk, then start to run, and dare we dance. Spring is upon us, and one wonders how many more are to come. And then there are those who did not come this spring; but no time for that. It is time to move on for them, with brave hearts and to ask questions about what is left and what will inspire. It is spring after all, and we must make something of it.

The board met few weeks ago for the first time in a long while. We planned to talk budgets and such to once again plan for the upcoming year as the club slowly shrinks. But this fine morning at Goleta Beach had other plans. The question of viability of the club was asked and we all let out our quiet concerns about collecting memberships for 2022 and what we really had to offer in return for the effort. The club's objectives and purposes could hardly be met

on a broad scale. To even meet some of them were tasks that have become wearying for us these last years. The pandemic forced a pause and now the realization of starting back at running a club like it was seemed rather dower.

So, we came up with this plan to look at winding up and moving on. We have been fishing this hole too long. We need more membership and participation to continue as we were. The concept of merging efforts with another club who does most all the things that we do fulfills this also. Joining our membership with the Sespe Fly Fishers club in Ventura is the most logical move along these lines. We reached out to Sespe, and they were very much open to the idea. We can keep our identity as a fraternity of fly fishers in Santa Barbara on a more informal basis and still be part of a club whose objectives and purposes are like minded with ours. We will continue the **Salt Saturday** program and most likely the **Trout in the Classroom** effort as well. Attending general meetings could be a carpooling affair with an early dinner with like minded friends.

If we do this, it makes sense to dissolve our corporation as a club within the year. We must distribute our funds and assets to entities that fulfill our objectives and purposes. How this gets done is straight forward but can take many directions on to whom and



when we distribute them. One of the original visions of the club was to have a casting pond. We came close a couple of times on moving on that and as fundraisers for 25 years have excelled in generating capital for such efforts. Sespe has a secured a location for a casting pond and some wind fall from our closing down as a formal club would surely help along these lines.

In addition to funds, we have a lot of gear that needs to be turned into the intentions of those who donated it.

Diane Honker's gear is now a major portion of that and there are some excellent rods and reels that Diane acquired and tuned in her remarkable fly fishing lifestyle. We have also still some items from Mike Clevenger and others. We plan to have a sale in April to give the club an opportunity to buy it. I know we can't sell it all, but what

remains can go to Sespe Fly Fishers who have excellent sales themselves and some to the Southwest Council.

I would like to see a good donation to **Casting to Recovery** in Diane's behalf in some way or the other no matter how matters turn out here.

In conclusion of my statement here I want to emphasize that it is up to you to help decide what we do.

We don't have to quit as a club, and it is up to you what kind of club we want. I can say that I'm done being President.

Someone else will have to pick that up if one is needed. Going through Diane's club paperwork and looking at the ten past club rosters all with me listed as President is profound. It presents some question of propriety. It's time that the club moves on and me waiting for someone to step up and take over is in fact time to be over.

So let us know what you think. Hope to see you **March 8th.** The glider I have been flying for a decade is coming in for a landing...I hope I don't screw it up.

And I hope that together we can find the best way to achieve a safe landing, so that our members can begin to take off in satisfying new directions.

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MEETING NEWS

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- We can retain our Santa Barbara Flyfishers identity, but it will be more informal.
- Our existing funds will be dispersed to charities within objectives and purposes of our articles of incorporation (our bylaws). We will disperse some before winding up as a club, and the rest of our assets would go to Sespe Fly Fishers. SFF has secured a location for a casting pond and we would hope that funds could help expedite the installation.
- This would dissolve our Non Profit Corporation in accordance with California Code.
- 3. Disband/dissolve the SBFF club. The current board would disperse our funds to entities within the objectives and purposes in our articles of incorporation as SBFF. This would dissolve our Non Profit Corporation in accordance with California Code.

Please come to our meeting on March 8, 2022. There is a lot to discuss and we need your input!

Respectfully,

The Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Flyfishers

A Casting Pond in Ventura County!

Report from Sespe Fly Fishers Casting Pond Committee

Submitted by Karen Hall

The Casting Pond Committee has been actively working towards securing a casting pond in Ventura County at Santa Rosa Valley Park in Camarillo. This is a central location that would be accessible to our friends in Santa Barbara, and Conejo Fly Fishers to the south.

On January 20th, committee members Candice Meneghin, Karen Hall and Earl Arnold met with the **Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council** via Zoom to discuss our offer to install a casting pond at Santa Rosa Valley Park. Candice introduced Karen and Earl who made a presentation about Casting Ponds, and then fielded questions from various members of the committee including County Supervisor Linda Parks, and parks manager Jeri Cooper.

The presentation was very well received. Some concerns were raised which are being currently being addressed: What would be the source of water for the pond? Where would the pond drain when it is emptied periodically for cleaning? What would be used for algae and mosquito mitigation? One of the advisors asked if the pond had to be a rectangular shape, as something more curving might be more aesthetically appealing.

Earl assured the group that we would use biologic additives that are environmentally friendly in the pond as much as possible, which pleased everyone, and that we would address the other concerns, especially look into water and draining options.

Ultimately, Municipal Advisory Council members were unanimous in their support of the pond for the opportunities it would offer for outdoor education for all citizens, especially youth, in our region in future. The fact that it would also provide opportunities for conservation education was also appealing.

Post meeting, follow up has been with Ventura County Park Deputy Director Colter Chisholm who is taking our proposal seriously. In a recent conversation he said that it appeared that there would be enough water in their existing allocation for the park to provide the needed water for the pond. He is also seeking confirmation that the concrete pond location that Sespe Fly Fishers prefers would meet existing flood plain regulations, as it is near Conejo Creek. He had spoken to one flood official who said it appeared to meet the criteria. Another concern that was raised involved drainage for the pond. Tom Hall and Earl Arnold are enthusiastically working out a solution involving a center drain and a pipeline to pump the water into the landscape to help irrigate trees and other area plantings, and to help with dust mitigation, rather then having the water drain directly into Conejo Creek.

SFF President, Earl Arnold was able to develop a site plan drawing of a pond which would have two straight sides for casting, and two curving sides to address the aesthetic appeal.

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Steve Schalla has spoken with several volunteer architects, engineers and grading contractors who can help save money on development costs. Eric from **Eric's Tackle** shop has offered to assist with fundraising, and writer Bob Semerau has volunteered to help promote the project as needed. **Conejo Valley Fly Fishers** and **Santa Barbara Fly Fishers** have offered their support as well.

All in all, this project has received a lot of enthusiastic support, and so far, shows great promise. We hope to develop a contract or Memorandum of Understanding with Ventura County over the next few months which will allow us to focus on fundraising and development for the project. Although we aren't ready to pour concrete, we are inching closer to our goal.

Pasadena Casting Pond in use.

We are eager to build a pond to serve fly fishers in Ventura County and Santa Babara County Fly Fishers.



LOU'S LITERARY CORNER FLY FISHING QUOTES

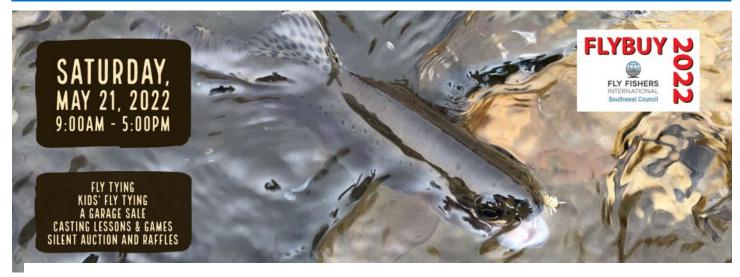
From "The Compleat Lee Wulff" Edited by John Merwin 1989

The Wealth of Age

"Fly casting, like many other things, is a matter of skill and timing - of easy rhythm rather than power. Such things can be enjoyed all through life and perhaps most of all in the more relaxed years of age. Paddle easily. Climb slowly. Choose the right places from the experience of other days, and enjoy the view to the fullest.

I have been fly casting since I was nine, but it was not until I was over forty and started flying a light seaplane that I really learned to cast a fly into the wind. Newfoundland, the old pilots told me, was too windy for a light plane like my J-3 Cub, but the Cub and I survived and I learned to live with wind."





What is Fly Buy?

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

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

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

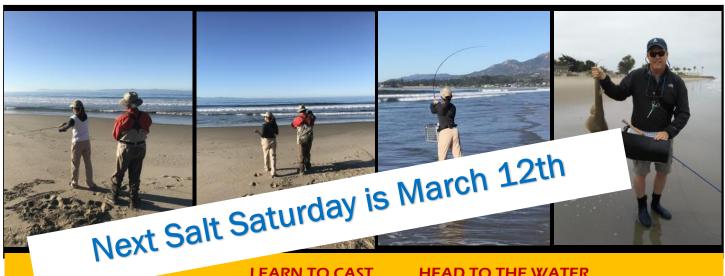
NEW TO FLY FISHING: 15.00. Includes lunch and a FREE fly casting lesson to get you started

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
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2022 Southwest Council News

MARCH MESSAGE

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

IT'S A KEEPER!

We are happy to announce that SWC's first-ever Trout Rodeo in Bishop on February 26 was a tremendous success! During the day, 41 enthusiastic fish wranglers of all ages logged in close to 200 fish. It was a fun day with a wonderful sense of camaraderie among the participants, delicious food, and some creative team names. My personal favorite was "The Tenkara Reel Company." Think about it for a moment, and you will giggle. I promise. We can't wait for more Rodeo action next year.

MARCH GLADNESS

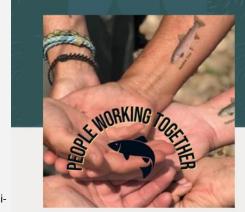
Last year was another challenging year, and just when we thought we were out of the woods, the pandemic decided to revisit us, putting the kibosh on activities once again. Nevertheless, there is much to be glad about this March. What are we glad about? We are glad for all of you and your support, and we are delighted that it looks like we will be able to gather again soon. There seems to be a sense of normalcy we haven't felt for a long time, and we are thrilled it's back.

COMING UP NEXT | CLUB MANAGEMENT DAY

We invite you and your club members to join us for Club Management Day Saturday, April 9, 2022, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm via Zoom. What is CMD? It is an action-packed event where you will get the opportunity to learn about every aspect of running a thriving fly fishing club. We will have breakout rooms on conservation, communication, education, women's programs, fly casting, fundraising, growing your membership, event planning, youth, and more.

YOU ASKED FOR IT. WE LISTENED!

This year we welcome a few newcomers to CMD. Patrick Berry, Fly Fishers International President and CEO, will share all the new and exciting things happening at FFI. Rhonda Sellers, FFI Vice President of Operations, and Jessica Atherton, FFI Club & Council Coordinator, will lead a breakout room to answer any questions your clubs might



Save the Date Club Management Day

Saturday April 9, 2022 10:00am - 12:30pm Via Zoom

have about liability insurance, general legal issues, and becoming a 501c3.

WAIT ... THERE'S MORE

Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, 2021 FFI McKenzie Cup Winners, will also be joining us for Club Management Day, to share how to grow and maintain a diverse membership. Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers has been a club since 1987, and they are one of the largest FFI-associated clubs in the nation. They have worked hard to grow their Club and saw record growth even during the pandemic. In addition, we will have a special guest leading a Conservation breakout room.

PLEASE JOIN US

Who's invited to Club Management Day? Club Management Day is for Club Presidents, Club Committee Chairs, or anyone interested in learning more about any of these topics. At Club Management Day, not only will you have fun, but you will gain inspiration, expand your knowledge, learn what strategies work for other clubs, and meet new friends. Join us for Club Management Day on April 9, 2022. It's a day you won't want to miss!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Remember to mark your calendars for the FlyBuy on May 21, 2022. The FlyBuy is a fun-filled event full of all kinds of festivities. Not only will you get a chance to see some of the best fly tyers on the planet, but there will be fun casting games and expert casting instruction, a silent auction, and one of the biggest garage sales in Southwest Council history. Plus, tacos for lunch! The event will be from 9 am till 5 pm. We can't wait to see your smiling faces there!

SHARE THE SWCFFI NEWSLETTER

The Southwest Council invites you to share our newsletter with your friends! It's simple. Just pass on the SWC subscribe link http:// eepurl.com/dEL97L . Once they subscribe, they will receive the Southwest Council's monthly newsletters with articles about local conservation projects, fly fishing topics, youth activities, and information about our and other clubs' events.

Be well, thrive, and thank you for all you do to support the Southwest Council,

Leigh Ann Swanson | PRESIDENT Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International





Southwest Council 2022 Upcoming Events

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.







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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:

Thomas Hall, casting program coordinator; thomasfoleyhall@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 lf you are renewing, just send your payment to:

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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.

March 2022

Impertant General Meeting—March 8, 2022, Rusty's Pizza at 7pm

Next Salt Saturday - March 12th

SANTA BARBARA FLY FISHERS IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

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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



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"I give my pledge to uphold the by -laws of the Santa Barbara flyfishers and to diligently work to preserve the earth's natural resources and wildlife. I shall conduct myself in a sportsman-like manner at all times."

Name:		
ME:		
CITY/STATE/ZIP:		
TELEPHONE NO:		
	SHERS INTERNATIONAL?	
MEMBER OF FLY FISHERS INTE	rnational? \(\textit{\textit{YES}}\) \(\textit{\textit{IF}}\)	YES, FFI MEMBER #
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTIC	IPATING? YOU MAY CHECK MORE	THAN ONE.
Conservation	REFRESHMENTS	☐ RAFFLES
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OTHER		
Signature:		DATE:
Membership Payments		
ACTIVE MEMBER	\$45.00 Junior (L	JNDER 18)\$5.00
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Dues received after October 1 will be applied to next year's membership

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