



# Santa Barbara Flyfishers

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT | Status of the Santa Barbara Fly Fishers**

**Next Club Meeting:** April 12, 2022

**Meeting Room:** Rusty's Pizza, 5934 Calle Real, Goleta, Ca.

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### **What to expect in the months ahead for Santa Barbara Fly Fishers**

At our first face-to-face club meeting in two years (March) we were advised by Lew Riffle that the Board and he could no longer continue as the leaders of the club. He suggested the club had to decide what it wanted to do. A suggestion was made to simply close the club and join with the Sespe FF in Ventura, but if members wanted to continue in Santa Barbara we'd have to figure out how to proceed.

There was a lot of discussion about the options, and Mark Rockwell suggested that we form a small sub-committee of members to simply discuss the possibility of keeping the club going, and work out what is required to keep the club viable.

Eleven members volunteered to be in this "re-organization" committee, and Lew and others were invited to participate. It was decided that Mark Rockwell would organize a Zoom meeting for March 21st and the group would have a chance to talk about what it would take to keep the club functional in the year ahead. See below for the report & results of that meeting.

### **REPORT ON THE ZOOM MEETING OF SBFF "RE-ORGANIZATION" COMMITTEE**

The start of the meeting focused on the general question offered by Jim Dougherty.

"What should the club offer to our members & the community?"

Sub-parts to that question were:

- o What is our mission?
- o Who is our audience?
- o What is the scope & purpose of Santa Barbara FF?
- o What do we think members want?

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### **WHAT DO WE THINK MEMBERS WANT?**

The last bullet point, "What do we think members want?", led to several suggestions on what was needed and should be available from the club.

- Socially getting together with like-minded people who had an interest in fishing & the outdoors.
- Club organized outings and fishing trips
- Teach fly fishing skills - casting, tying and 'how to fish'
- Have regular club meetings that welcomes guests.
- Come together to have fun and entice new people into the club.
- Create a sense of enjoyment from being together doing fun fly-fishing activities.
- Consider re-starting the Youth Academy.
- Continue Saltwater Saturdays - (Joseph Narkevitz agreed to continue)
- Have club meeting speakers to learn & share knowledge - big reason to attend meetings for both members and guests.
- Consider re-starting the August BBQ and holiday party.
- Continue "Trout in the Classroom" at local schools.

### **SPRING KICK OFF | CELEBRATION OF DIANE HONAKER'S LIFE**

There was good discussion & support for having a "Spring kick-off" event as a way to celebrate Diane Honaker's devotion to fly fishing and the club. Since Diane had donated much of her fishing equipment to the club, it was suggested we have a raffle/auction in conjunction with the celebration, and that this should be a meal event. A small group agreed to meet to try to organize an event in May or June.

#### **Additional thoughts were:**

1. The event should be catered as time is short and it's easier.
2. Rancho Embarcadero was suggested as a location for the event. Lew Riffle to check on dates.
3. We might consider a showing of the International fly fishing film festival (IF4)
4. Committee Meeting date was suggested as April 7. Jim Dougherty to check on available space at Labero theater.

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### **STATUS OF THE CLUB | FINAL THOUGHTS**

**So, where are we now?**

- ❖ Our committees have met and discussed how to move the club forward
- ❖ Decisions have been made and plans are getting formulated
- ❖ People are working to get the club going again and everyone needs to weigh in.
- ❖ What we need now is you, our members, to join us to hear what we're doing, and to engage with us to get the club "Back in Action".

**We ask all current and past members to attend the meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Rusty's Pizza on Calle Real in Goleta.**

- ❖ Bring your suggestions, ideas and energy
- ❖ Hear the plans for the club and Diane's Celebration event
- ❖ Join with us to re-start our fly club!
- ❖ We need you!!

**Looking Forward to Seeing All of You!!!**





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### **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!**

Please remember to renew your club membership for 2022

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

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## A Celebration of Life ~ Diane Honaker



### On Saturday, May 28, 2022 . . .

The Santa Barbara Fly Fishers will gather to share in the memories and to celebrate the life of Diane Honaker and her “passion for fly fishing” and Santa Barbara Fly Fishers.

This special event will take place at the Rancho Embarcadero in Goleta. More info to come.



### A few memories of Diane:

Diane was one of our Santa Barbara Flyfishers' favorite members; always uplifting, enthusiastic, generous, and supportive. She was the best ever hospitality host for our visiting speakers! Diane not only consistently attended our monthly meetings, but was an integral part of the energy and love of fly fishing we share.—[Jean Sedar](#)

Diane was a very special client who became a close friend. I guide Her on the Green River in Utah for the past 25 years. She was always very excited with every trout that ate her dry fly. That excitement was the same from the first year to last year I had the pleasure of have her in my boat. She will always have a special place in my heart.— [Gordon Tharrett](#)

If you have not signed her online memory book you can still do so at [“Legacy.com”](#)



## CONSERVATION NEWS

### **Dr. Mark Rockwell, D.C. | FFI representative to Klamath River Negotiations**

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Well, it's that time of year when we all start thinking about spring fishing, be it trout, stripers, bass or other prey. To say the least, this has been the worst start to any year in history relative to precipitation in California. As I write this we're hearing that a good storm is coming in tomorrow, but I've heard that several times before without success. Let's hope we do get at least something to help.

Last year you may remember the summer cautions about not fishing during the mid day if the water temperatures are above 67 degrees, and to consider not fishing at all if the days are hot and the water conditions are not good for fish. All of this is likely to hold true again in 2022. I just hate to think we're going through this again, but sometimes the reality does not meet our expectations. So, let's be cautious if conditions again are bad for cold water fish like trout.

### **KLAMATH DAM REMOVAL MOVES INTO THE HOME STRETCH**

I spoke a lot last year about the progress on dam removal in the Klamath, with a start date of January, 2023. Well, we received the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in late February. In comparing the impacts of dam re-removal to current conditions, the DEIS concludes that dam removal provides significant economic, environmental, and cultural benefit to northern California and southern Oregon. This conclusion is consistent with the findings of two other Environmental Impact Studies that evaluated dam removal over the past two decades. This was the best we could have hoped for from FERC, as it means the agency responsible for dams in America is on our side.

However, it came with 20 recommended actions by FERC that benefit us in the long run because it reduces the chance of legal action and makes conditions better for local communities. *(continued, next page)*

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The Klamath River Renewal Corp and the signatories (NCCFFI & others) agreed to the listed actions. The problem for all of us was that it pushed the start date into 2023, and dam decommissioning to January, 2024.

Here's a link: <https://klamathrenewal.org>

All of us are disappointed for this additional year, but also realize that if we have to litigate it's likely to take much more than a year, and the recommendations are important and impactful.



So, Pre-construction work will begin in mid-2023 to include alterations to bridges, road work for construction, and other infrastructure changes, as well as water system improvement for Yreka.



Included in this pre-construction will be the teardown of Copco II dam, as it is small and does not have silt behind it. So, Copco I will come out next year, with the other 3 out starting in January, 2024, and completion of removal by October that year. Following the removal, restoration of the dam footprints begins in earnest.

Resource Environmental Solutions (RES) - will immediately start to bring back the river banks and surrounding watershed to its natural appearance and stability. This is a multi-year project with a 2 years implementation and 7 year monitoring and restoration plan in place.

We are lucky to be working with such good contractors and partners. Here's a link to more info on the plan: <https://res.us/home/restoring-at-scale/klamath-river-restoration/>

# TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

TIC is a program designed to allow our youth to experience raising trout in their school classroom. It intends to teach elementary and secondary students about trout and their biology, ecology, conservation and environmental stewardship. Through a classroom experience of hatching fish eggs and coordinated academic activities, students experience first-hand the value of aquatic environments, the balance that must be met to maintain and preserve California's fisheries and aquatic habitats, and how their personal actions affect these valuable resources.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) programs have been in place all across the country for more than 30 years. Trout in the Classroom is a relatively simple program. Teachers set up an aquarium and incubate trout eggs in their classroom, under the guidance of a Trout in the Classroom coordinator (in our case, a SBFF Youth Committee member). Together, they ensure that all of the equipment has been purchased and is assembled properly. While the program varies from state to state, in general the teacher and students are responsible for daily maintenance and observation of the eggs, while the coordinator is responsible for obtaining permits and locating a certified egg source.

The final result is an aquarium full of trout fry that is released into a state-approved body of water during a class field trip. Trout in the Classroom is an extremely rewarding program for students, teachers, and mentors.

The Santa Barbara Flyfishers club has been active in TIC for a long time. We currently sponsor two TIC sessions per year, in the winter and spring. The winter session runs from Thanksgiving through January and typically involves a half dozen schools. The spring session, running from March through May is more active with about a dozen schools participating. We support schools from Ventura all the way up to Orcutt. We have sponsored classes from first grade all the way through high school. Some schools implement the TIC program in their science labs which allows many classes to participate. Many teachers participate year after year, but we typically conduct one or two training sessions per year for new teachers.

These training sessions introduce the TIC program to the teachers and help them get started. Teachers are also provided with a full curriculum of lessons from which to choose for their particular class. We get the trout eggs for our classes from the Fillmore Hatchery. Since the Fillmore facility does not have any brood stock, the eggs originally come from either the Mt. Whitney or the Hot Creek facilities. When the eggs are delivered to Fillmore, we go get our allotment and travel from school to school delivering eggs to the classes. This can be an all-day process in the spring session. The students are then responsible to raise the trout from eggs to fry, including feeding them, cleaning the aquarium and changing out the water periodically. The fry, a little over one inch long, are released into Cachuma Lake when the session has been completed.

We have a limited number of aquarium systems that are available for classes to borrow, and many schools have purchased their own systems. Our current winter session is taking place at Marymount, Santa Barbara Junior High, Open Alternative, Vieja Valley Elementary, Montessori in Goleta, and the Cachuma Lake Nature Center.

Please feel free to ask about the program at any of the schools or visit the Cachuma Lake Nature Center to see the program in action.

Contact Terry Fernandez, SBFF Youth Committee, with any questions you may have about this great program. | <https://sbflyfishers.com/wordpress/contact/>



# Lake Cachuma | by Doc Ceder

## LAKE CACHUMA IS A 9000-ACRE RESERVOIR LOCATED 30 MINUTES FROM SANTA BARBARA IN THE FOOTHILLS.

It is administered by the Parks and Recreation department and has facilities for camping, launching, and boat rentals. There is a \$10 admission fee.

### A FEW RULES

The lake does not allow body contact with the water, so no float tubes or pontoon are allowed. Kayaks and canoes are permitted. All boats are inspected for mussel contamination.



### WHAT SPECIES ARE IN THE LAKE?

The lake contains both small and largemouth bass, along with a good population of crappie and catfish. Trout plants are monthly during the winter up to may. Fly fishing success varies from season to season. Spring is the best time with the crappie starting to bunch up in March and head to the shallows in April. Smallmouth spawn earlier in April and can be found in the deeper parts on the lake. May and June bring on the largemouth to the shallows with the water temperature in the sixties. Summer fly fishing is best early and lake in the day near the shore, and deeper midday. Fall time the shad minnows group together in deeper water and heavy sinking lines under the bait balls will work. Winter fly fishing can be slow due to cold water temperature.

### I USE THREE FLY SETUPS FOR THE LAKE:

- 8wt rod with fast sinking line, 2-4ft 12# fluorocarbon leader and a weighted fly like a clouser minnow. I use this rig during the cooler water months and mid-day summer fishing.
- 6wt rod with a #3 sink line 4-5 ft 8# mono leader and a non-weighted minnow fly like a Murdich minnow pattern.
- 8wt rod a floating weight forward line 7-8 ft #12 stiff mono leader. I use a white or yellow popper or gurgler fished close to the shore early/late in spring and summer. Also, I use the same setup but remove top water fly and add a bobber with a 3-8 ft 8# dropper and a black #8 leech or 1/16 jig fly in a shad pattern. the rid has caught all species including catfish, and trout.

To summarize, the best fly fishing is from a boat in the spring. if you want to learn the lake, I recommend contacting Casey Cloud who guides the lake year around. His number is 805-689-4687.

Editor's note: Casey is a local, high-energy guide who knows the lakes, reservoir and surf-lines of the Ventura area in SoCal. His website is: [www.cloudflyfishing.com](http://www.cloudflyfishing.com)



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## **EVENTS COMING UP | APRIL & MAY 2022**

### **SANTA BARBARA FLY FISHERS' SECOND SALT SATURDAY**

April 9 & May 14 | 8 am - 11 am

Claus Lane, Santa Claus Ln, Carpinteria, CA 93013

Free instruction & introduction to fly fishing in the surf.

All equipment provided for 6 anglers

Contact: Joseph 805 705-3208

### **SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL CLUB MANAGEMENT DAY**

Saturday, April 9th, 2022 | [more info](#)

RSVP by 4/8/22 to [secretary@swcffi.org](mailto:secretary@swcffi.org)

### **ANNUAL CLEAN-UP ON THE OWENS**

Saturday, April 23, 2023 | [more info](#)

This is our chance to annually clean up  
Bishop's blue-ribbon moving water fishery.

### **SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OF FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL FLY BUY | Long Beach Casting Club**

Saturday, May 21, 2022 | [more info](#)

See some of the best fly tyers around

Expert casting instruction,

One of our largest fly fishing garage sales in So-Cal.

# MEMBER PHOTOS



<https://www.sbflyfishers.org/2nd-salt-saturdays>





# MEMBER PHOTOS

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2ND SALT  
SATURDAYS  
OF EVERY  
MONTH





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& SESPE FLY  
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**SURF FISHING!**



OUTING LEADER:  
**JOSEPH  
NARKEVITZ**  
CARPINTERIA, CA

**2ND SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH**

**SECOND SATURDAY SURF FISHING IS BACK ON!  
LOCATION: SANTA CLAUS LANE, CARPINTERIA.**

Park near the condos. Walk the trail between the condos and the porta potty. Turn right when you reach the sand. Look for the green banner with the club's name: Santa Barbara Flyfishers.

**TIME: 8:00AM TO 11:00AM**

**\*\* FREE INSTRUCTION & INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING IN THE SURF.**

**\*\* ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR 6 ANGLERS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & CONFIRM EVENT:  
CONTACT JOSEPH NARKEVITZ - 805 705-3208**

**[HTTPS://WWW.SBFLYFISHERS.ORG/2ND-SALT-SATURDAYS](https://www.sbflyfishers.org/2nd-salt-saturdays)**

## SOUTHWEST COUNCIL | PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**IT'S SPRING** | "Pick up your fly rod! The hatch is coming!" The warmth of spring brings more daylight, more hatches, and the trout begin to stir, reminding us that it's time to knock off the cobwebs, get out on the water and start a new fly fishing season. While you are out on the water enjoying the spring sunshine, we invite you to share your experiences with us at the Southwest Council on Facebook or Instagram. We are always excited to hear about your adventures.

**THE LATEST BUZZ** | Spring at the SWC also means that we are buzzing around planning events. Our next event is our annual Club Management Day on April 9, 10:00 am PT via zoom. We kick off the day with guest speaker Patrick Berry, President and CEO of FFI. Hear firsthand how far Fly Fishers International has come and what lies ahead in the future. We also have a lineup of fantastic breakout rooms for you to pick from during the day. There is something for everybody.

For the complete list of breakout rooms, [click here](#).

### **WHY ATTEND CLUB MANAGEMENT DAY?**

There are many great reasons to attend CMD on April 9, but here are 10 reasons why we think you'll want to claim your spot. You will . . .

1. Meet Patrick Berry, FFI CEO and President | BIO
2. Connect With Other Clubs
3. Get Inspiration
4. Learn New Tips and Strategies
5. Gather New Ideas
6. Meet New Friends
7. Find Solutions
8. Learn From Others
9. Attend Amazing Breakout Rooms
10. Have Fun

Everyone is welcome. So, feel free to invite anyone who might like to join us for part or all of the day. When we are together, great ideas bubble up. Please RSVP to Susi Wright at: [secretary@swcffi.org](mailto:secretary@swcffi.org)

**GET READY TO GET REAL** | Get ready for some face time at the FlyBuy on May 21, 2022. Not the kind where you're squinting at a screen or phone. But genuine, face-to-face, in-person contact. Smile, talk and get a chance to see some of the best fly tyers around, get expert casting instruction, and haggle at one of our largest garage sales in Southwest Council history. It's going to be a fun and enjoyable day for all! Mark your calendars for May 21, 2022! We can't wait to see you 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.

Wishing you a bright and happy spring!

**Leigh Ann Swanson | PRESIDENT**  
**Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International**



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## SWC CASTING REPORT | APRIL 2022

Hi everyone,

I had a great time visiting and casting with the Deep Creek Fly Fishers just a couple of weekends ago (March 19), thanks to Gary Applebee and other DCFF club members. If you or your club would like to schedule a casting clinic, let me know and we'll see what we can work out. I cannot get to all of the clubs easily, but it's sure fun trying. The cost will be \$100 for the entire group (not per person!), and all of the money goes directly to the Southwest Council to support SWC programs. I don't get anything, but I can eat a lot of donuts. Just sayin'...

Here's what's new around the Southwest Council in terms of casting.

**FOR ALL THE NEW NEWS IN CASTING . . .**

View the whole report on PDF > [click here](#)

Please continue to let me know about any ongoing and upcoming casting events at your clubs! And keep casting!

With thanks and best wishes,

Jody Martin  
SWC Casting Director  
Sierra Pacific Flyfishers



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**SATURDAY  
MAY 21  
9AM-5PM**

**ALL THINGS FLY FISHING!**

**FLYBUY  
2022**

Flyfishing lessons: casting & tying. Vendors & artists. Welcoming newbies, kids, families & fly fishers of all levels.

LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB  
5201 E. 7TH ST. LONG BEACH, CA 90808

[www.swcffi.org/flybuy](http://www.swcffi.org/flybuy)

#### WHAT IS FLYBUY?

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

[SWCFFI.ORG/FLYBUY](http://SWCFFI.ORG/FLYBUY)

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.

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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