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Casting Times

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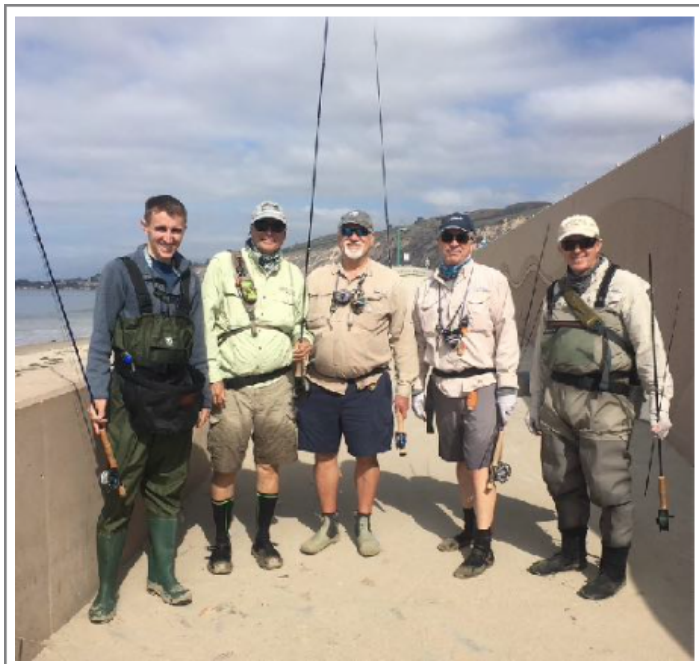




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Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne River

The Riffle

Jamie Barber

Hello My Fellow Club Members,

Membership time is here and quite a few have paid their dues, and thank you for doing that. If you have not, please do! You can do it online through the club Paypal account or send in a check. The single membership is \$50 and a Family Membership is \$60. It is great deal for what you get—a casting clinic, Fly Tying every two weeks, plus planned trips.

Speaking of trips, we have planned to Bishop for April 21st through the 23rd. Jon Simle, Joaquin Malerba, Jonathan Summer and myself will be going. We have room for more! If you have an idea for a trip, let us know. Jon Simle, Joaquin Malerba, Jonathan Summer and I are the trip committee and are looking for ideas.

The following weekend of April 29th and 30th, we will be having a booth at the KHTS Garden and Home Show at Santa Clarita Central Park. We need volunteers to work the booth. Actually, it's how I found out about the club!

We are working hard on the Women's Intro to Fly Fishing Class. It will be on June 3rd at Chesebrough Park in Valencia. Look for more information to follow in the coming weeks.

I have sad news. Club member Barry Weber is retiring from Dentistry and moving back to Tennessee. He has been a strong and involved member of the Club for many years. Everyone who has fished with Barry in the surf or has tied flies with him knows what an experienced, knowledgeable, fun and what a giving Fly Fisherman he is. It will leave a big hole in our club to be sure, but I expect members to step up and fill that void.

"Only an extraordinary person would purposely risk being outsmarted by a creature often less than twelve inches long, over and over again!"

Membership Matters

by Bill Creitz

There are several words or phrases (e.g., “friendly,” “informative,” “helpful,” “great camaraderie,” “passionate,” “educational,” “welcoming,” “humorous,”) that you may associate with or use to describe the Santa Clarita Casting Club, but I bet you never considered this one: “mentoring.” But think about it for a minute. What is one of the primary things that we do in this club: we mentor people. Sometimes it’s the more experienced fly fishers or fly tyers mentoring those less experienced, sometimes it’s the older fly fishers mentoring the younger fly fishers, sometimes it’s the certified casting instructor teaching the beginner the basics of good casting, and sometimes it’s the member who has learned something new or perfected a special technique or fly pattern that he or she wants to share with other interested members.

Mentoring is something we hear a lot about these days—and for good reason. People helping people by passing on their experience, wisdom, insight, skills, and methods are greatly needed and appreciated today. Remember the old saying about why reinvent the wheel when someone else has already done it? Mentoring helps you to avoid wasted time and accelerate learning, and it is one of the most successful ways to transfer knowledge—and make it stick.

Webster’s Dictionary defines a mentor as “a trusted counselor” or “a tutor or coach.” Sound familiar? Not only do we mentor people at work, at home with our children or grandchildren, or in our neighborhoods with those young children whose parents might be divorced and who just need an adult friend, but we mentor every time we help at one of our casting clinics, fly tying classes, rod building workshops, or on-stream seminars. You were probably mentored by a kind person when you were in school, in the Boy Scouts, or when first starting your career.

Members of this club frequently, selflessly, and generously give of their time, talent, and resources to help others become better fly fishers or simply enjoy the many aspects of fly fishing to a greater degree.

While I made my living as a coach, I have lived my life to be a mentor—and to be mentored—constantly. Everything in the world has been passed down. Every piece of knowledge is something that has been shared by someone else. If you understand it as I do, mentoring becomes your true legacy. It is the greatest inheritance you can give to others. It is why you get up every day: to teach and be taught. – John Wooden

The above is one of my favorite quotes by one of my favorite people. While he wasn't a fly fisherman, legendary UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden, exhibited profound insight when he said, "Every piece of knowledge is something that has been shared by someone else." The members of the Santa Clarita Casting Club are skilled at that very thing: passing on our knowledge and skills to others in order to help them improve and better enjoy their fly fishing experience.

To that end, let me remind you that we have a book club meeting on Zoom every other Tuesday night where we read and discuss all types of fly fishing books from the comfort of our den or office (we're just finishing our first fly fishing mystery); we continue our free casting clinics every other Sunday morning at Valencia Meadows Park; our every-other-week fly tying group resumed meeting in March; we continue to meet monthly for our general membership meetings with speakers and demonstrations; we will soon host, right here in Santa Clarita, a Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing class; and we are in the midst of planning our April trout fishing excursion to the Lower Owens River in search of big browns.

And what is one primary characteristic of the above gatherings? You guessed it: it's the mentoring aspect where members with experience share their expertise with others who might need a bit of encouragement or a friendly "Hey, have you tried this?"

So, if you haven't already done so, please take full advantage of the mentoring aspects of the Santa Clarita Casting Club. You'll be glad you did. We'll be glad you did. See you at the next meeting.



Tie one on with the SCCC tying group! We will be Fly Tying this Thursday the 30th of March at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting at the Keller Williams office at 26650 The Old Road, Suite 360 Valencia CA 91355. We will be tying a Saltwater Sand crab.



Here is a list of materials I used on this fly.

Hook: Risen O'Shaughnessy hooks size 2 - <https://www.risenfly.com/collections/>...
Thread: Veevus power thread 140 in hot orange - <https://amzn.to/2Oifub3>
Weight: Medium lead dumbbell eyes - <https://amzn.to/2TpgUbo>
Front dubbing: Orange Ice Dub - <https://amzn.to/2Omhlm>
Feelers: Orange Crazy Legs - <https://amzn.to/2OkM8r1>
Body Dubbing: Gray Laser Dub - <https://amzn.to/2WeLieg>
Legs: Cream Ultra Chenille - <https://amzn.to/2TkaOsB>
Top Wing: Mallard Flank Natural - <https://amzn.to/2CwlaQq>

Connie Bullock

Membership Chair
SWC Club Representative

Membership renewal has come to an end as of March 15 with 37 renewals out of 49; however, often people come in at the last minute, so we will keep you updated. A membership renewal request was sent to several previous members as well as interested people from the website. In the meantime, the Roster is being updated and will be distributed the beginning of April.

The Committee working on the *Women's Intro to Fly Fishing* event being held on June 3rd at Chesebrough Park is coming along nicely. We will start advertising in Magazine calendars as well as many email blasts the beginning of April. We will also be filming with the SCVTV channel to help promote the event. (See page 9.5 for the flyer to share!)

We've already heard from a woman and her 8-year-old daughter and they are excited about attending, so the word is getting out there. **If you can help distribute flyers, please let me know.**

Upcoming the weekend of April 21st we will be having a club fly fishing outing to Bishop. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joaquin Malerba (john@johnmalerba.com) for further details.

Connie Bullock
Membership Chair
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SWC NEWS

The Southwest Council will have a booth, fly tying and casting areas at the Bart Hall Fishing Show at the Long Beach Convention Center from 3/31 through 4/2. This event will be like it was years ago and should be great fun. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please let me know as we still have a few openings. See the email sent to the membership.



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At the Bart Hall Show

SoCal's Largest Outdoor Adventure Show

Speakers | Vendors | Guides |
Demonstrations | Lessons | Raffles

Long Beach Convention Center
March 31-April 02

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The next SWC event will be FlyBuy held on May 6th at the Long Beach Casting Club starting at 9:00 a.m. This is a must see event as the 'garage sale' has so many fly fishing gear at a very reasonable rate. Hope to see you there!



May 06 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
West Coast's Largest Garage Sale
Casting Lessons and Demonstrations
20+ Fly Tying Experts
Long Beach Casting Club

WOMENS INTRO TO FLY FISHING CLASS



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**GAMES! YOGA! RAFFLES! PRIZES!
WHAT MORE CAN A GAL ASK FOR?**

DATE: SATURDAY – JUNE 3, 2023

TIME: 9AM-3PM (5-6 HOURS)

LOCATION: Chesebrough Park, Santa Clarita

\$25 FEE for classes, gear usage & lunch!

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP

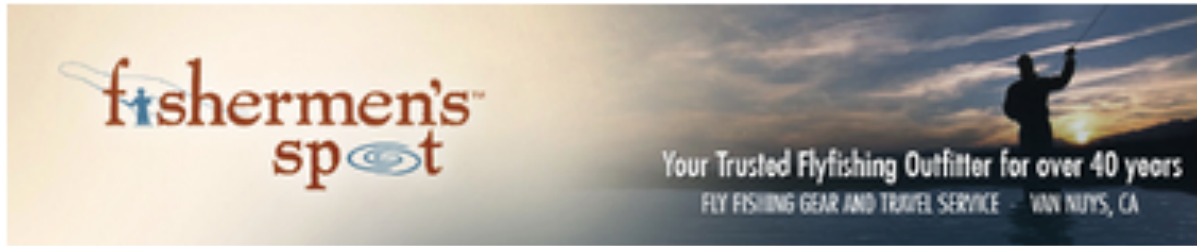
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scflyfishing.org/womens-events

Upcoming events at the Fishermen's Spot...

Landon Mayer at the Spot April 22nd..

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LONDON MAYER AT THE SPOT

One of the top guides in the Western United States, Colorado guide **Landon Mayer** makes a welcome return to the SoCal.



Join **Landon** at the Spot for (stay tuned for more details):

- **Private Fly Tying Workshop** with **Landon** in the morning (pay event)
- **FREE** 45 minute presentation called **Mastering the Short Game**

Call or email **Dave** at the Shop to Reserve a Spot or ask any Questions.

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Our Value Promise

To bring together people of all ages who share a passion to develop their knowledge and skills in the wonderful sport of fly fishing, through education, conservation, and fishing events, while serving as a proud steward of our community, our local waters and wildlife areas.