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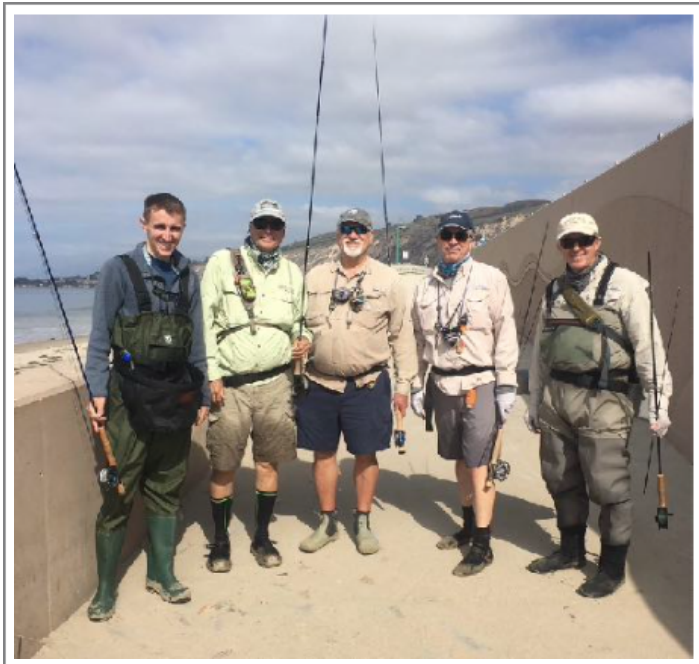
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Membership Matters

by Bill Creitz

“I really don’t need all the stuff I have acquired. Hey, you can only fish with one rod at a time, right? It’s just that all that stuff is so cool, and they’re always coming up with more “gotta have” stuff.”

I must confess: I’m a self-described “stuff guy.” I like “stuff” and have numerous interests and hobbies that require stuff. Over the years, I have acquired stuff—some of which you would probably appreciate and value; other things are merely sentimental and remind me of people, places, or experiences that I value.

A part of my stuff collection consists of fly fishing gear from bamboo and graphite rods to vests and waders to gadgets to flies that friends have tied for me; and then there is my extensive fly fishing book collection. If you think about it, your stuff collection is probably a lot like mine. In fact, some of my fly fishing buddies actually have more stuff than I do; after all, I only own five fly rods, which is a small collection compared to many of our club members.

The above notwithstanding, I really don’t need all the stuff I have acquired. Hey, you can only fish with one rod at a time, right? It’s just that all that stuff is so cool, and they’re always coming up with more “gotta have” stuff. Visit the Spot or the Orvis store, or peruse the latest Fly Shop, Fly Shack, or Orvis catalogs and you will find some very nice things that you don’t have (and probably don’t need) that might make your day on the stream more fun, more stylish, or more productive—at least you think so while you’re looking at the photos and reviews or the actual products if you’re lucky enough to evade your wife’s “honey do list” for a few hours in order to visit the local fly shops.

But here’s something else to consider that might help balance that desire to invest in—or, in some cases, retain—stuff: First, you can’t take any of it with you when you depart good ol’ earth; and second, friendships, the investments you make in people, are the most valuable and supportive and beneficial things that are worthy of our efforts.

Relationships, like those with your fellow Casting Club members, are for the long-term. You can’t acquire too many friends; they don’t wear out or become obsolete; they aren’t replaced by the latest version or color or design; and they yield more pleasure than even the finest rod, reel, vest, or tying vice.

Something that brought the above realization home to me recently is the pending move of my 91-year-old mom from Orange County to Santa Clarita. I am very fortunate to still have my mom. And even though she has a lot of stuff to label, pack up, move, and rearrange in her new home, I feel

privileged to still have her with us. She does, however, have a lot of stuff (much of it she is willingly giving away). Even she will admit, however, that all those nice things—many representing fond memories—don't substitute for relationships.

My mom gets it: stuff doesn't make life worthwhile. People do. My mom said something the other day that reminded me of a great quote that goes like this: "Your focus determines your direction." I like that. What you spend your time doing and thinking (some would add "speaking") about dictates what direction your life will take. I believe that that is why so many of our club members spend time together—fishing the surf, tying flies, casting at the weekend clinics, attending the monthly general and Board meetings, fishing (as in the recent trip to the Lower Owens River), attending the bi-weekly Zoom Book Club meetings, and participating in the local fly fishing shows (e.g., the recent Fly Fishers International, Southwest Division's "Fly Buy 2022").

Our members get it. Fishing, talking about fishing, and learning how to fish more effectively are great. But it's the people we meet and interact with that make the real difference in our lives. People are what make life rich and rewarding. And that combination of fishing and interacting with people with similar interests is the secret sauce that makes the Santa Clarita Casting Club successful.

So, when time permits, come and hang out with us. Our club truly has a lot to offer. Please take advantage of it all; and feel free to bring your stuff to the next casting clinic, monthly meeting, or on-stream outing. It's okay to look at, talk about, and use that great stuff with other like-minded "stuff guys."

See you at the next meeting.

Utah fishing season begins in April or May, just after ice out. Panguitch Lake, Otter Creek

Going Fishing—Utah Style

Chris Taylor

Reservoir, Minersville Reservoir and the myriad of lakes in Southern Utah produce an average of 18"-24" Rainbows, Cutthroats, Cutt'Bows and Tiger Trout (a Brookie and Brown hybrid). Additional lakes and rivers in the state are the Provo River, Strawberry Reservoir, Jordanele Reservoir and the

famous Green River, to name a few.



Panguitch Lake (Utah Division of Wildlife Resources)

Typical fly patterns used in the local lakes are Woolly Buggers of various colors, Chrisberg's (ask Michael Peratis for the

menu and picture), Callibaetis Emerger's, Parachute Adams, Midge patterns, Copper John's, Brassie's, Punk Perch, Rickard's Callibaetis, Cal's Birds Nest, Hairs Ears and Damsels.

Watercraft preferred are pontoon boats, which some attach trolling motors to their frames, while others use U-Boat style float tubes. At times, a float tube is unnecessary, as one can do very well wading the shore, especially early in the season and the fall.

A 4wt-6wt rod with a WF floating fly line or 15' to 28' sink tip is all one needs. A 3x-4x leader is preferred as these fish are strong and will make explosive runs. If you land half of what you hook, you're doing well.

The monsoon season arrives around July. Thunderstorms are typical in the afternoon with the accompanying wind and torrential rain. Be aware of your surroundings, know your abilities and limitations. A few years ago, another SCCC member and I were blown to the East end of Panguitch Lake. We were fortunate to make it to shore and eventually got a ride back to our trucks.

The local fly guys are very open to sharing information. One can also stop at Sportsmans Warehouse in Cedar City for info and fishing reports. They also have a fly fishing section, but it is limited, so come prepared.

In regards to stream fishing, due to brushy terrain and rattlesnakes, I stay away. If you choose to fish a stream or river, hire a guide. He will know access points, best fly patterns and areas to fish. Suggested Southern Utah river fishing is the Black Canyon of the Sevier, Kings Canyon of the Sevier, Marysville Sevier, Otter Creek or the Beaver River. Circleville Fly Shop is a good source for a guide and information. When in Circleville, for you history buffs, be sure to visit the restored childhood home of Butch Cassidy.



If you are interested in coming to Utah, purchase "The Fly Fishers Guide to Utah" and a Utah Atlas. These are invaluable and well worth investing in....Tight Lines!

Connie Bullock

Membership Chair/SWC Club Representative

The Southwest Council FlyBuy finally happened on May 21 at the Long Beach Casting Club. There were four vendors: Snowbee, Tenkara, Jill's Art, and Damion Ross's Pottery. This is the first time we've had vendors. We'd like to see it happening again with perhaps more vendors participating. There were a dozen or so fly tiers including John VanDerhoof, Bill Blackstone and Steven Fernandez, all who are FFI Buz Buszek award winners. That makes them the top fly tiers in the country.



There appeared to be about 150 people attending the event making it quite successful. For me it was like attending a class reunion with old and new friends! We swapped travel stories, fly tying patterns and just generally caught up while cruising the garage sale (which was amazing). You know the expression, "One man's junk is another man's treasures," and there were plenty of treasures to be uncovered.



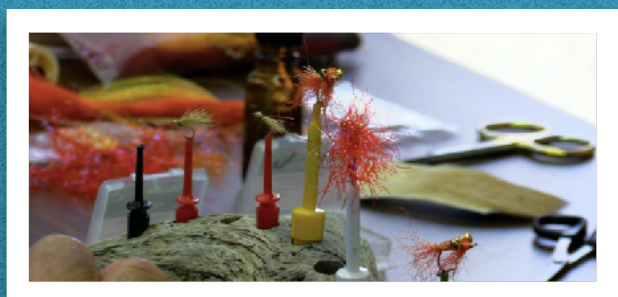
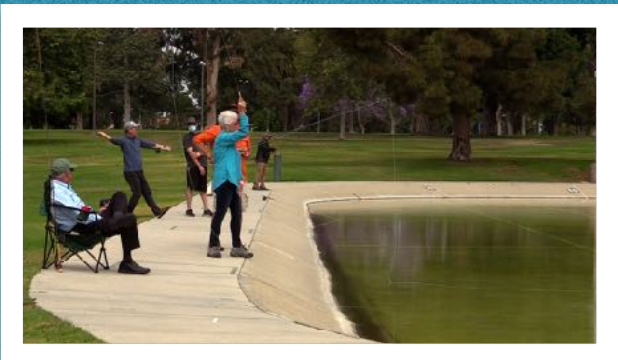
The Keynote speaker was Charles Jardine, and he was his ever, charming self—even in the shark blow up. He was such a good sport and tolerated Michael Schweit prodding him to put on the shark costume for a bit. He finally cut loose of the blow up and gave a great casting presentation.

Overall it was a great success and everyone had a blast.



SCFFI FlyBuy
Long Beach Casting Club

ED. Note: A special thanks to Rick Ferrante for sharing the photos.





Are you looking to tune up your casting skills for the upcoming season while enjoying the company of SCCC friends (and having a donut or two in the process)?

Come on out to Valencia Meadows Park, 25671 Fedala Rd., Valencia. Check the calendar on the club website for dates and times.

Special thanks to Cece Rubin for the photos...

WOMENS INTRO TO FLY FISHING CLASS



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

DATE: To Be Determined

TIME: To Be Determined

LOCATION: Chesebrough Park, Santa Clarita

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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.