

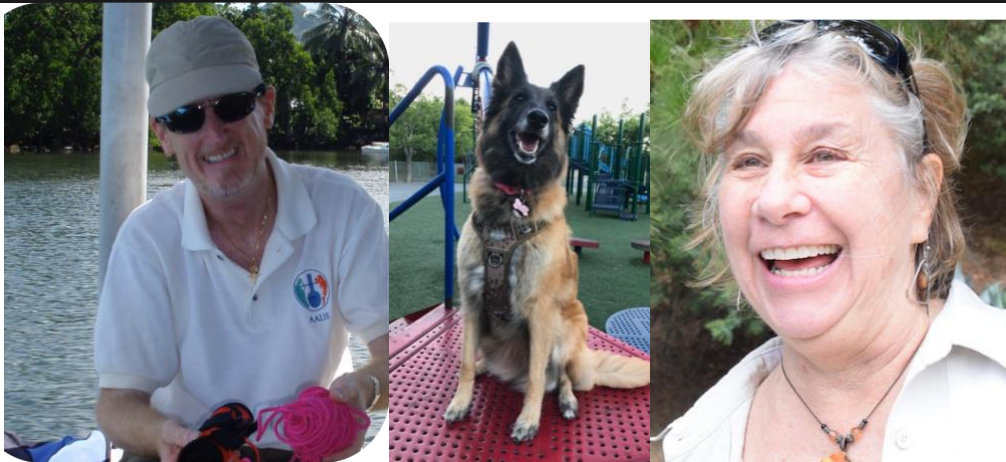


Northern California Explorers Club Chapter
In person Meeting
Sunday October 29, 2023
4:00-7:00 PM



Please Join us for our first in person meeting of the 2023 Fall season.
I am honored to have our own NorCal Chapter members, Lesley Ewing FN'93 And
Stephan Smith FN'96 speak on their leadership and experiences in both the TEC and
Northern California Chapter as well their life in exploration.
Lesley and Stephan have both served on nearly every position in our chapter, and have
done incredible amounts of service for our chapter and Explorers Club HQ as well.

55+ Years at The Explorers Club,
with Steve Smith, Ph.D. FN'96 and Lesley Ewing, Ph.D. FN'93



Lesley Ewing, FN'93 and Steve Smith, FN'96 have been:

- ~ Members of the club for 57 years
- ~ Chapter Vice-Chair 4 times
- ~ Chapter Chair 5 times
- ~ Members of various Club Committees, and
- ~ They have met HUNDREDS of interesting explorers.

On Sunday, October 29th, Steve and Lesley will be presenters at our first in-person
2023 – 2024 meeting. They will each talk about their times of service to the chapter and
balancing chapter and club duties with their own exploration interests.

Steve has held multiple officer positions with the Chapter: Vice-Chair 2001 – 2003 and
2015 – 2017, Chair from 2003 – 2005 and 2017 – 2019, and Treasurer from 2013 –
2014 as well as Secretary 2006 - 2013. He is the 2023 Recipient of the Charles L. Elkus
Founders Award. Smith is Managing Director of Ocean Earth, Inc., a 501(c)(3) that has

supported research for the preservation of maritime natural and cultural resources since 1996. As a professional dive instructor, he served as the Dive Safety Officer for Saint Mary's College of Moraga, CA for 16 years, trained students in Scientific Diving procedures for maritime archaeological research projects and continues to support field schools sponsored by the University of Rhode Island. Smith is a full member of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences and has both participated in and led Flag Expeditions. He is also a consultant providing analytics, modeling, and simulation support to the energy industry. Steve currently serves on the TEC Membership Committee. In his spare time, Steve is V.P. of the Vallejo Dog Training Club and is a judge and evaluator for the American Kennel Club (AKC) – handling the only known Canine Sirdar in the Explorers Club!

Lesley Ewing started her career as an environmental engineer and came to California to become a coastal engineer. She was Chapter Vice Chair 1999 – 2001 and 2017 – 2019 and Chapter Chair 2001- 2003, 2019-2021 and 2022-2023, and is now the Newsletter Editor. In addition to chapter duties, she has helped review grant applications, helped with the Club's lecture program and, most recently, developed the poetry contest for the Club's World Ocean's Week Program.

Lesley's introduction to The Explorers Club came through volunteer work with Sylvia Earle and Graham Hawkes to build two Deep Flights, one-person submersibles for ocean exploration. She has a Hawkes Ocean Technology pilot's license, #007; however, her ongoing exploration connection has been climate change, rising sea level and coastal resilience. She has seen hundreds of small-scale disasters along the California coast and has been on three field investigations following major coastal disasters in Galveston, Samoa/American Samoa, and Japan to learn from failures, help with better community resilience as part of recovery. She will talk about the joys of being part of The Explorers Club and the intersections of her interests in coastal resilience with the Club's mission.

*Our event includes Dinner, dessert, Wine and beverages, speakers and Nor Cal Explorers Club House rental. We are trying a two tier pricing system. Our goal is that

people who have different economical needs can afford our events without too much cost burden. This is an honor system so please respect our new pricing agreement.

- discount event price; \$35.
- Patron event price; \$50.

Please go to chapter web site to pay on line through **PayPal** or send a check made out to; **Explorers Club Nor Cal chapter:**

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The Meeting schedule:

4:00-7:00 PM

4:00-4:30 Social Time

4:30-5:30 Speakers, Lesley Ewing FN'93 & Stephan Smith FN'96

5:30-7:00 Dinner

**Set up is from 3:00-4:00 and break down is 7:00-8:00. We are looking for 4 volunteers to help with set up and breakdown. Please email Jimmy to join this coveted and karmically profound position. sfaikido@gmail.com*

Chapter updates, We had a wonderful Chapter field trip in September to the Ferguson observatory. Thank you Tom Dietz and all others who helped Tom organize the event.

On Sunday November 19, we have a BOD meeting followed by a talk given by Benjamin Pothier, Ph.D. FI'18 "*From art to anthropology to space: an explorer's journey into interdisciplinary research*"

Mill Valley Golf Course, 260 Buena Vista Blvd Mill Valley

Directions to the Mill Valley Golf Course Clubhouse AKA "**Nor Cal Explorers Club house**"

NOTE #1: the provided address, 260 Buena Vista Blvd, will get you close, and help you orient

yourself. These directions will get you to the building.

Note #2: We are meeting at the GOLF clubhouse, not the tennis club. When you get to the

tennis club, keep driving.

Note #3: Lots of road construction. It ends at 5PM, but the roads have lots of potholes, steel

plates, barriers, etc.

From the North Bay or East Bay, get to Highway 101 south.

From SF, go over the Golden Gate Bridge, stay on Highway 101 north

From Highway 101 take the East Blithedale exit (Tiburon/ CA-131W), **head WEST**. In about 2

miles will make a Right on Carmelita. In 0.2 miles (at T in road) make a Right on Buena

Vista. Note: IT IS NOT the Mill Valley Tennis Club!!!! Keep driving. In about 0.4 miles

the Golf Course will be on the right. On the LEFT will be a sign saying

parking/clubhouse, turn LEFT into parking lot (up a hill). The Clubhouse is the only

building up there. Clubhouse to the left, parking to the right. It's a shake-shingled,

green roof. Enter through green door (depending on bugs will have propped open).