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Sue's been my instructor for around a year and a half, and instructed me through my Private Pilot certificate and various airplane checkouts. I'm happy to highly recommend her. Above all she's a very professional pilot, and she'll teach you to be one as well.

If you're 'just' looking to take an intro or discovery flight (I say 'just' because it's rather easy to get hooked, myself being the textbook example), she's amazing. She knows the area well, is incredibly conscious of safety, and I'm sure will do everything in her power to give you a beautiful, and unique, view of the Bay Area from the sky.

If you're looking for a CFI...

Sue's an incredibly experienced pilot with an airline background, and she uses that to great advantage. Of course she'll teach you how to fly a proper traffic pattern, what to say on the radio, and how to execute a successful and safe cross country flight, but more than that - she'll teach you how to do it intelligently, incredibly safely, and so professionally that the Southwest captains on the radio will think you're an airline pilot flying your Cessna on the weekend off (well, maybe).

The first and most important thing I noticed was how organized she was. I don't mean to speak ill of the CFI community, but it can be haphazard at times. Sue always replied to emails, shown up on time, and best of all for a proactive student: she has a plethora of valuable information available on her website to help prep for lessons.

Sue can be one of the 'tougher' instructors, but with very good reason - she wants you to be the best pilot possible. I felt very comfortable going for my checkride, because as the checkride examiner said, "Sue's students are very well prepared". I'd much rather have a thorough instructor and be a safe pilot than a soft instructor and be a questionable one.

Sue's also an amazing aviation ambassador, both for women in aviation and for aviation in general. She organizes almost all, if not all, of the group flyouts for my local club. She sends emails, books restaurants for the (in)famous \$100 hamburger lunch, finds seats for not-quite-certified-yet participants (I was one for a long while), and works hard to connect the flying community. Many of the friends I've made in aviation have been as a direct result of Sue's introductions.

Sue also knows the planes and the club(s) inside out. If you're looking for an instructor that can teach you to fly any number of types of planes, mountain flying, instrument ratings (the list goes on) ... Sue's your CFI.