

# Fly Times

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## Upcoming Events:

### Monthly meeting

Canceled

### Fly Tying:

Canceled

### June Outing

Canceled

### Board Meeting:

July 22nd.

## President's Message

Fellow club members, Your Board met last week and decided to cancel this month's Muddy River Classic. So, that's a big but necessary bummer. I suppose that it is the right thing to do considering that 72% of the club is made up of old high risk farts like me. The general meetings for July and August are also being canceled because of the COVID-19. Your Board will continue to meet monthly while social distancing and mostly to complain about not being able to get together and go fishing as a club. Please be patient and safe.

Chuck will be drawing the white ticket prize at our July Board meeting. Who will be our lucky winner? Wouldn't it be nice if Loren would let someone else win for a change. You know there's apparently a good reason for his unusual knack for winning things. Rumor has it that as a young boy, a Fairy God "Mother", named Fred, came to Loren in the middle of the night. "She" says to the little lad: "Loren would you rather be tall and ugly like me or lucky?" As the story goes, the little tyke responded without hesitation: "I want to be handsome as a dandy, too short to get drafted and lucky as a 4 leaf clover." Unfortunately for Loren the F.G.M. apparently didn't know exactly how short you had to be to

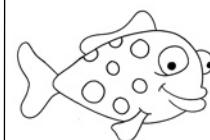
By: Fred De Young

avoid being drafted. But two out of three ain't bad. If you doubt the veracity this story, just ask Loren about his tour in Korea.

In other news of local fishing, we're still at it. Los Padres has been a little tough lately, but productive. Wilson and Brendon have caught some nice trout and steelhead. Heck, I even caught some including a handful of over 20 inches. Wilson's new saying is "at least I hooked it" meaning: he lost another one. If you have some time, please call him with any advice you might have to offer.

I've really been missing our meetings, fish reports and friendship. I look forward to seeing all you guys as soon as it is safe for us to resume our get-togethers. In the mean time, be sure to pick up the phone and call a fish'n buddy and get out for a fishing trip. I want to thank Gene for running June's Board meeting while I was on vacation. I hear he did a great job and is looking forward to being next years President, thank goodness.

Well, until next time..Tight lines my fellow fishers..



--Fred

"It's not a fish until it's in the boat"

an old Irish proverb (for Wilson)

Fly of the Month  
Elk Hair Caddis

**Elk Hair Caddis:**  
Hook: TMC 100 or similar, size 12-18  
Thread: 6/0 (color of choice)  
Rib: Extra fine copper wire  
Dubbing: Superfine (color of choice)  
Hackle: Light Brown / Ginger (dry fly)  
Wing: Elk body hair (color of choice)



The Elk Hair Caddis was originated by the legendary Montana guide and fly tier, Al Troth. You can fish the Elk Hair Caddis a few different ways. Dead drifting it under bank side vegetation can have great results, or try skittering the fly a bit if you don't get results with the dead drift. At the end of a drift try raising the rod tip and letting it hang and bounce on the surface. There are times when you will get as many fish on the "dangle" as on the drag free drift. One reason caddis are such a staple menu item during the summer months is that trout see so many of them. Caddis fly off to the bushes along the stream bank after hatching and live there for some time. At this point, they may get blown into the water and in effect become, a terrestrial insect. On flat water try omitting the hackle and wire rib on the fly so it will ride lower on the water and create a more realistic silhouette, or even better yet, substitute a CDC feather for the body rapping. This creates a low profile, super floatie fly with a realistic buggy underbody. In size 14-16, this is a productive Merced River fly. If you're going to tie some up. This a great fly to hone your tying skills on. Use your imagination on colors and take the time to catch a few with your hat to see what colors the naturals are wearing. Typical dubbing choices are: tan, brown, yellow and olive. Hackle: light and dark brown or ginger. Wing: anything from white to dark brown or black, but mostly something in between. So figure if you stick to the easy tying sizes of 12-16 and consider maybe 3 different body colors, 2 wing colors and 3 hackle colors and plan to tie 2 (I'd suggest 3) of each size and color combination. Let's see.. That pencils out to 162 flies. With set-up and coffee breaks, figure you should get to where you can tie 6-8 / hours. You should knock these out in.. say 25 hours.. So you better get busy. We want to go fishing..

..ed.

**Salinas Valley Fly Fishers Fly Tying**  
**Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00 ( Quest welcome)**  
**Fly Tying is temporarily suspended**

Monthly meeting  
Salinas Airport  
**CANCELED**

*Fly Tying*  
**No fly Tying this month.**

SVFF Board Meeting  
**Wednesday, July 22nd**  
**Jefferson Ranch @ 6:00 P.M.**

Mick and Deb were fishing in  
Wyoming last week



**Mick with a nice  
Rainbow..On the  
North Platt River,  
last week - near  
Alcova Wyoming**



Chuck Schlough..July's SVFF  
Featured Fisherman

**“This  
Fly Fishing thing  
is a piece of cake,  
and pretty soon I  
might even catch  
something.”**

## **“Who Are These Guys Anyway”** an irreverent look at the people who make up the membership of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers

### Chuck Schlough

Chuck was born and raised on a farm in and around Reedsburg Wisconsin. As a kid he had local lakes and rivers he would fish for Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead Catfish and Perch. In the spring around Easter he would fish the “sucker migration”. (You may want to ask him about that.) He says that they had great neighbors who loved night fishing for trout and Bull Heads. He recalls one night when they literally caught 2 five gallon buckets of Catfish on the river and had a blast, that is, until they got home at 3:00 a.m. and had to skin all those fish. “Boy, our hands were sore.” In the winter, lakes would freeze over and they would ice fish for Perch and Walleye. He says “It would take my brothers and I a long while to auger thru the ice, until one day one of our friends showed us how to sharper our auger, what a difference that made”.

After high school, Chuck spent 4 yrs in the Navy having a blast exploring the world. While in the service, he learned to scuba dive, and would go out exploring and spear fishing for various kinds of fish. He would then take them back to the ship and get the mess cooks to fix up. “What a treat.” While in the service, Chuck was introduced to Stripper fishing in the San Francisco bay. “We had a blast going out for Stripper in this 10 ft skiff... until one day we went out of Antioch into the channels, when the wind came up, we encountered five foot waves. All the sudden Stripper fishing wasn’t so much fun anymore.”

After the Navy, Chuck got into construction and met his wife, Chris. Chuck and Chris have 2 great kids Mike and Heather and 5 wonderful grandkids. He says that they try to take the kids out fishing whenever they get a chance.

When asked about how he and Chris were introduced to fly fishing, Chuck tells an interesting story: “This guy kept giving these flies, that he would tie, to my wife at her work, then one day my wife ask me to get her a fly rod. Wait a minutes I thought. What is this? So not knowing any thing about it, I go buy her a fly rod from Bass Pro Shop. Then one weekend we’re at the Hunter Liggett Kids Fishing Derby, and guess what! there’s the guy: It’s Jay Bird (Jefferson) at the camp grounds. He’s the guy who’s been giving *my* wife the trout flies and now he started showing her (and me) how to cast a fly rod. Next thing I know, *we were going to meetings*, and I’m trying to figure out who all these guys are who are helping us out with various equipment and sharing their favorite fishing spots and stuff.” I don’t know if Jay is very good at catching fish, but he’s really good at hooking people.

Chuck says that when he thinks of all the fishing he’s done, the best time he’s had was when he was fishing at Silver Lake and wasn’t catching much, then he put on a Elk Hair Caddis that he had learned to tie a couple weeks earlier and ended up catching at least 10 fish in the next half hour. “What a cool thing”.

When talking about the club, he thinks that one of the best things about our club is the willingness that members have to help anyone out, no matter what age or experience level, without any hesitation. “In my eyes it’s a great group of people.”

...Chuck / ed.

I've managed to convince my wife that somewhere in the Bible it says,"Man cannot have too many fly rods and reels".

General Norman Schwarzkopf

## Event Calendar / Fishing reports

| Date                 | Event           | Location           | Contact                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| CANCELED             | Monthly Meeting | Salinas Airport    | Fred DeYoung 229-1916   |
| CANCELED             | Fly Tying       | Airport Board Room | Bill Pshide (424-3063)  |
| Wednesday, July 22nd | Board Meeting   | Jefferson's Ranch  | Fred DeYoung (229-1916) |

## Fishing Reports:

Tim Murphy: Reported in the other day on fishing in the Carson Pass / Markleeville area of the Sierras. He says that he scouted out (that's what you call it when you don't catch much) Red Lake, Silver Lake and Indian Creek Reservoir. He got blown off Red Lake, which is a common occurrence this time of year. Struck out at Silver, but got a couple nice Cutthroat at Indian Creek. FYI: the CDFW has been planting mostly Cutthroats there in the last few years, but the local business associate continues planting some nice Rainbow and there do seem to be a good number of holdovers.

Fred De Young: Reported that last time they went to Los Padres, there were a ton of people. Very few fishing, but lots of people in Kayaks and Canoes, also 40- 50 people on the beach practicing how to spread the virus. He also told me that Fred Farius and Wilson T have been going up to Yosemite and having some pretty good success fishing the Merced. He say they've been hitting the area in the park just before where the river goes into the gorge on it's way to El Portal. He says fish up to 18 inches. He didn't say if Wilson was hooking them or actually catching them. ...ed.

## Other Good Stuff From the Members:

Jay Jefferson checked in with some info. for you guys who are on you computer looking for interesting fishing information. Check Mad River Outfitters. It's a fly shop out of Columbus Ohio. If you Google them you'll find that they have a whole host of 10 minute videos and fly fishing basics. They are filled with some very good information.

Loren Kitamura has been filling my inbox with a great gaggle of humorous stuff that I'll be sprinkling into the newsletter over the coming weeks. He also put me on to a website (carablogi.com) which a blog by a guy named Meng Syn, who fishes San Luis a lot. It's worth checking out.

In addition, I'll also suggest that you check the CDFW website periodically, if nothing else to see where they're planting fish. If you haven't already, take a look at the California Trout website, they have a nice write up on the very promising "Nigiri Project".

## Quotable Quotes:

If people concentrated on the important things in life, there'd be shortage of fishing poles.

...Doug Larsen

(Editor's note-Some information and photos from the stevenojai website ([www.flyfishingthesierra.com](http://www.flyfishingthesierra.com)) may have been included in this newsletter with the expressed permission of site founder Steve Schalla)

We encourage member to visit Steve's website and take advantage of it's extensive information.



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