

Fly Times

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Upcoming Events:

Monthly meeting

Canceled

Fly Tying:

Canceled

June Outing

Canceled

Board Meeting:

via E-mail

President's Message

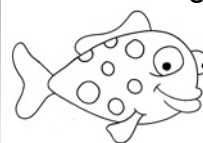
By: Fred Deyoung

Well, here's to all you flyfishers out there. We're moving into another month of isolation, but I hope that hasn't dampened your spirits and I trust you all are feeling well and are ready for our club to break out again real soon.

There won't be a regular monthly meeting in June, but hopefully we'll all be able to get together in July for another round of our famous "Muddy River Classic". In the mean time, I hope that you're not just sitting around because there is some good fishing available. Locally, there is beach for Surf Perch fishing with an occasional Stripper thrown in the mix if you're lucky. Speaking of Stripers, don't forget San Luis. Wilson, Brendan (his son) and I have been continuing to hit Los Padres Reservoir most every week. The fishing has been pretty good if you know the lake. Last Saturday, Wilson caught 7 fish (mostly foul-hooked) including a 21 inches. Brendan caught 6 with a 24 inches that I taped and I managed 10 with the best at

about 16 inches. For those who might want to try it out, we've been float tubing it, using floating lines with 3 nymphs under an indicator. We have also been stripping sinking lines with streamers with some success. Give me a buzz if you'd like more details or suggestion.

In other news, I hear Davis Lake is beginning to fish better. Still no damsels coming off, but the lake is reportedly in good shape as is neighboring Frenchman. How about you guys? Has anyone been out lately? If so, give me a call with a fish report (229-1916). My thanks to Rick for keeping our newsletter coming every month. I hope you all enjoy as I do. We will continue to feature a bio. of one of our members each month, so be sure to take a look and find out all the dribble about your fellow SVFF members. T'll next time.. Tight lines to you all.



--Fred

Fishable Quotes:

"At the onset, it should be recognized that the community of fishermen constitutes a separate class or sub-race among the inhabitants of the earth"
..Grover Cleveland

Fly of the Month Biot Pale Morning Dun

Materials:

Hook: TMC 100 / Standard dry, Size 16-18

Thread: 6/0 yellow Danville

Body : Lt. yellow turkey biot & dubbing

Tail: Lt. Dun hackle fibers

Wing: White CDC

Throat: Lt. Dun hackle fibers



The Pale Morning Dun

Most Mayflies in spend much of their life as a **Nymph**, foreging for food on rocky stream bed. When they hatch, their nymphal shuck breaks open and an adult mayfly crawls out. this stage is known as the **Dun**. Hatching can happen underwater or in the surface film. The hatching nymph breaks through the surface film and waits for its wings to dry as it floats downstream, ever available as trout food. then the Mayfly spreads its wings and takes flight. It may land on the water again, well within the sight of feeding trout before it is able to fly away to vegetation and wait to become sexually mature. In the same way that the nymph broke out of its nymphal shuck, the Dun now also sheds the skin as the thorax splits open and out crawls another version of the same insect, this time with clear wings and a new name: the **Spinner**. The body color of the Pale Morning Dun “Spinners” range from tan to rust, hence the name “Rusty Spinner”. Females fly into swarms of males to mate. Watch for birds flying above the river. That’s a tell-tale sign spinner activity is about to begin. After mating, the males drop into the water and are available to fish. You may not see them with their wings splayed flat out on the water, but you will likely see the occasional sip of a trout. That’s the time to pull out a Rusty Spinner.

These flies are generally size 16 -18. The hatch begins in late May and will continue through September. Despite the name, the Pale “Morning “ Dun may hatch at almost anytime of day, but is most likely to hatch in the afternoon. So, as with other Mayflies there are at least 4 different stages to imitate: the Nymph, the Emerger, the Dun and the Spinner. And, of coarse you’ll be able to find several different potential patters for each of these stages.. ed.

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

**Monthly meeting
Salinas Airport
CANCELED**

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

**SVFF Board Meeting
CANCELED**

**June Outing:
No Hold**

Message from California Trout

To our Community,

Fish. Water. **PEOPLE**. Systemic racism and inequality threatens Black people.

To fulfill our mission of resilient wild fish in healthy rivers, we need a just and equitable society.

We are outraged and saddened by the killing of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade and countless others.

California Trout believes that Black Lives Matter.

Our commitment to the goals of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion are unwavering.

Through reflection, listening, conversing, and learning, we are committed to educating ourselves and being part of the solution.

We must address these inequities.

In solidarity,

Curtis Knight, Executive Director

Paul Vais, Board Chair



More on Almanor Lake

(continued from Page 5) streams and other area lakes and save Almanor for the late afternoon and evening when the big Hexagenia Mayflies come off the water. These bugs don't reach the surface until well after dark, but there's plenty of big Small Mouth and Trout to be had by fishing subsurface with the nymph patterns. So it's worthy getting on the lake in the late afternoon when the fish start to work themselves in closer to the shallows to feed on the nymphs as they first start coming up from the muddy bottom. While you're waiting for the evening "Hexagenia fire drill", you can check out the other local waters: Take a drive down and sample little Butt Creek at the North end of Butt Lake. Also worth the drive is to head down into Humbug Valley. Taking the road of the same name south off Hwy 89. Here you'll find Yellow Creek which is a beautiful spring creek well worth investigating. If you go, be sure to take the drive up to the north end of the valley to see where the creek starts. I won't say anymore about that to ruin the surprise. Another one to put on your list is the Hamilton Branch that flows into the north-end of Almanor. It is a pretty little creek with plenty to see and catch, but it does requires a little bushwhacking to get into. One last thought, remember that you're also close to Mt. Lassen and with that you can think about a visit to Manzanita Lake, Lake McCumber and Lost Creek. McCumber is shallow and gets weedy with the warm weather. It mostly inhabited by planted and hold-over trout but is worth a look before the weather gets too hot. Manzanita, on the other hand, is not planted and is a "must see". The temperature tends to be cooler there making it a perfect destination when the weather's on the warm side. both lakes have nearby camp grounds. Safe travels - ed.

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

Wilson Taguinod

Wilson is relatively new to the club, but he’s been an avid fisherman for most his life. When asked about growing up and his earliest fishing experience, Wilson reported that he grew up near Rio Vista and was surrounded by fishing opportunities. He has fond memories of bank fishing with his father and brother for Stripers in the fall and roasting them over an open fire, soaking sardines for Sturgeon, trolling for Salmon, hooking pan fish siphoned into ditches, catching huge Bluegills with live bait, boat loads of Catfish, and chucking hardware for Black Bass in a slough on Ryer Island. As Wilson got older, his fishing was interrupted by a “government sponsored 13 month backpacking trip in South East Asia”. When he returned in 1968, a Marine Corps buddy introduced him to fly fishing. He remembers taking a weekend trip where he caught his first fish on a fly rod. He says it was a beautiful 16 inch Bow. After that experience with fly fishing, he gradual moved away from the “dark side” to the land of “feathers and fluff”.

Wilson says that the second interruption in fishing was caused by a combination of raising 3 children, working long hours in Silicon Valley, and traveling around the world supporting his oldest son’s soccer career. But, as retirement loomed in his future, his passion for fly fishing and fly tying was rekindled. He’d apparently forgotten how much work it was to drive the 7 hours to the Klamath for a shot at wild 18 inch Rainbows, having to set up camp, get in an evening of fishing, fish all day Saturday and a half day on Sunday, break camp and make the 400+ mile drive home. He says, he just can’t do that anymore!

When Wilson was asked about how he came to join the club, he told an intriguing story of a chance encounter with a very strange man. He and Susan were playing cribbage in Seaside. “One night this guy I was playing against asked what I was doing on the weekend. “Fishing the McCloud” I said. “Do you want company?” he asked. “No.” I replied.” This response suggests that Wilson was, at least initially, a pretty good judge of character. However, when he came back from that trip pretty well beat up, as he describes it. Noting that he’d had the idea of float tubing on his mind for a while, but didn’t know anything about still water fishing. *Now the plot thickens*: On another trip in to play in a cribbage tournament, he happened to mentioned this to his “new friend” and the guy “lit up”! At this, Wilson threw caution and good judgement to the wind. “As that guy was describing how to gear up, I was on my laptop ordering a tube, fins and all the other required accoutrements”. Soon after, poor Wilson was on his way to Los Padres for his first lesson in humility. In his words, “Little did I know that my new friend was a world class fly fisherman”. (or at least that’s what he told me) Since then, Fred and Wilson have been regular visitors to Los Padres and the Tuolumne River as well as a few other fishing destinations.

Fred then invited him to come to a SVFF club meeting. He enjoyed the convivial atmosphere in the club and recognized this is a bunch of serious fishermen. And in his own words, “There probably wasn’t a completely accurate story told that night. In retrospect, I think that was a mostly “false casting”. Not long after, his application was accepted and as a newly minted member of the club, he was asked to join the board. That was the hook set. Wilson says that he looks forward to resurrecting our regular meetings so we can once again share our fishing adventures and to see if there is any grain of truth to some of the stories that he heard.

Wilson, welcome aboard we look forward to spending time on the water with you.

For those thinking about heading North for a little fishing

THE FLY SHOP® Opened to the public: Friday May 15th, 2020 8:00 am

Shasta County has been approved for Expanded Stage II Reopening through the state of California, Shasta County and the city of Redding.

Event Calendar / Maps

Date	Event	Location	Contact
CANCELED	Monthly Meeting	Salinas Airport	Fred DeYoung 229-1916
CANCELED	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
CANCELED	Board Meeting	Salinas Airport	Fred DeYoung (229-1916)
June ????			
July 11th (tentative)	Muddy River Classic	Jefferson Ranch	Jay J. (831) 809-0290

**Time to Think About Lake Almanor**

This is the time to start planning for one of the coolest summer time outing that you can take. Lake Almanor and the surrounding area provide a experience worth the effort. But, before we get into that, let's first say to: *check the camp grounds* before you make your final travel plans. The PGE website is not taking reservation yet and to the best of our knowledge probably will not open up until the first part of July. The first choice for camping on the lake has to be Rocky Point Campground, where you can camp right on the water in easy reach of great fishing, but there's also Almanor Campground, up the road a bit closer to Chester. It also sits next to the lake. If you want to try out Butt Valley Reservoir, with it's own Hex hatch and plenty of big fish, there's Ponderosa Flat and Cool Springs Campground. For fly fishers the Hex hatch is the big draw and this generally comes off near the end of June through mid July. Many fly fishers will chose to spend most of the day at the near by (continued on page 3)

(Editor's note-Some information and photos from the stevenojai website (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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