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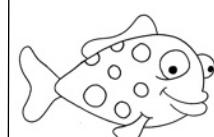
President's Message

Fellow fly fishers,

I hope you are all well! We just do not know when we can have our next general meeting. Maybe at the end of June or July. We will let you know. Have you been fishing? Call me with your stories or send a note to newsletter editor, Rick. Wilson and his son Brendan and I have gone up to Los Padres Dam several times this Spring. It has unfortunately been pretty slow. We have been averaging just a couple of fish each, but on the bright side, Wilson hooked and lost a Steelhead that must have been 30 inches and Brendan landed one that was between 28-30 inches. As far as the trout go, we have been getting some 15 to 18 inch fish on each trip. Sometime in the near future we hope to begin to having club outings again. We still have the

By: Fred Deyoung

Davis Lake outing on the schedule for June, but we'll just have to wait and see. I wish I could give better news, but if nothing else this is a great time to tie up more flies and scour the books and maps for places to go fish once the embargo lifts. In general, the streams should be coming into good shape in the Sierras and still water fishing prospects are also looking real promising. We may not be able to get together as a group for a while, but hopefully that won't keep you from doing some fishing on your own. Until we can all pile in the the old bus together.. Good LUCK, be SAFE and stay HEALTHY. As always, Your Fearless Leader



--Fred

Note: Regarding the Steveojai Website

I often make reference to Steve's website in the newsletter and consider it to be an outstanding resource with regard to all things fishing in the Sierras. If you have tried to access the website lately, you

You will have found that TRIPOD pops with a message that the website has been permanent removed. I am happy to report that Steve's website is not gone. He had some sort of problem with TRIPOD. He tried to get the site restored, but TRIPOD pulled the plug. So, now if you go to **www.flyfishingthesierra.com** You'll find that the site is still live and well. (ed.)

Upcoming Events:

Monthly meeting

Canceled

Fly Tying:

Canceled

April Outing

Canceled

Board Meeting: via E-mail

Fly of the Month
The Lime Trude

Materials needed:

Hook: TMC 100 (size 10-18)
Thread: Chartreuse 70 Denier
Tail: olden Pheasant tippets
Body: Chartreuse lime dubbing
Wing: White calf tail
Hackle: Brown and Grizzly dry fly hackle

Picture from Charlie's Fly Box

Check it out @ charliesflyboxinc.com. The sight has tying instruction for numerous fly patterns.
- (ed.)



Lime Trude

The Trude is a down-wing dry pattern with a calf tail hair-wing and a heavy hackle collar. According to Steve Schalla, "Originally the Trude was a wet fly designed by Carter H. Harrison of Chicago, Illinois, in the summer of 1906 while he was a guest at the A.S. Trude Ranch near Big Springs, Idaho". The fly was created as a joke using red yarn from a cabin rug for the body and hair from a red spaniel for the wing. The "joke" became an instant success and created great interest in the use of hair for a wing. The fly was later adapted to be a dry fly. A version of this fly, the Rio Grade King, a pattern credited to Denver tyer

Jim Douglas is tied with a black body. This same pattern tied with a Peacock herl body became a favorite of our club some 25 years ago and is still my personal favorite Merced River pattern. The trude patterns in different colors make a good Caddis or Stonefly imitation. The white wing makes them easy to see in broken water and when heavily hackled provide an excellent dry fly for the "Hopper Dropper" set up, with a smaller wet fly suspended from the hook bend. One of the nicer features of the Trudes, is

that they are proven fish catching flies when fished wet also. You can try casting the fly quartering upstream, then with a little twitch, sink it under and strip it like a minnow or Wet Hackle through the swing. Also try letting it dangle down stream before recasting. You may be pleasantly surprised. -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
Davis Lake ??

News from CalTrout

CalTrout is aware of the latest requests by some County Supervisors (Alpine, Inyo, Mono, Sierra) that the California Fish & Game Commission temporarily postpone the sport fishing season at their request to help stem the spread of COVID-19 in rural areas in California. To clarify, this is not a ban on fishing and hunting, but rather consideration of delaying the opening of fishing season only in those counties that have expressly requested it. The Fish and Game Commission voted to grant CDFW the power to allow specific counties the ability to postpone the opening of general trout season in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to their remote communities that have limited medical resources.

According to CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham. "The proposal was never about a statewide permanent closure. It is about being responsive to local needs in this public health emergency, where we must do all we can as Californians to help each other make it through this together. We intend to use this authority surgically and based on local needs and knowledge."

As of now, the counties who have officially asked for this measure are Inyo, Mono, Alpine, and Sierra counties but additional counties have inquired as well stating that closing some counties and not others would increase pressure on the places that remain open. There was some vocal opposition from anglers, some of whom stated that the shelter in place ordinance and travel ban, as well as social pressure, should be enforced to restrict anglers from flooding these remote communities as oppose to closing fishing. This ordinance only gives the department authority to postpone the opening of trout season until the end of May. As of now, it is still unclear as to whether year-round fisheries will remain open, But as the in reading the declaration from CDFW it appears that waters that were currently open at the time of the declaration will remain open.



Thanks
for letting me
go last year, Bill.
I've grown up.
See you soon

Rick
at Heenan Lake



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

Editor’s note: At the behest of our draconian Grand Poobah, Freddy “Two Fish” De Young, this new segment to the newsletter took flight in the April edition of *The Fly Times*. “Who Are These

Guys Anyway” is our humble attempt to give our members a deeper insight into each of those people who they may find themselves sitting next to (once we have a meeting again). Be forewarned that the information contained in each of these “profiles” is provided by the candidate and as such may be no more reliable than how big they claimed their last fish was. This segment will continue to be published until every member has been humiliated or until no members are willing to provide the requested information, whichever comes first. That being said let’s introduce our next victim. ...

Ken Pina

Ken in a fairly new member of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers. Shortly after joining the club he agreed to participate on the Board and was elected to the 2020 Board of Directors. Ken reports that he was born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula. He was number seven of seven kids. He lived in Carmel Valley until the age of 14 then moved to Monterey with his family and graduated from Monterey High School with another member of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers, Greg Smith in 1968. Ken went to work for AT&T Shortly after Graduation. At that time it was called Pacific Bell Telephone Company. During his time with AT&T, he performed many jobs including long-distance operator, cable splicing, cable maintenance, He was latter promoted into management as an engineer and lastly ran a installation crew. Ken says that he has been retired for nine “wonderful years” and never looked back. When asked about hobbies and past times, he reports that he has plenty of projects to do. He and his wife Marsha live on 13 acres in Royal Oaks along with four cows, two calves, two horses and two Jack Russell dogs. As for hobbies He likes motorcycle riding, RV camping, and a working on his 1958 Porsche Speedster that was left to him by his dad who was the original owner. Asked about fishing, he acknowledged Greg Smith as having been his inspiration and introduction to fly tying. It should be noted that his association with Mr. Smith did cause some question about Ken’s character and judgement, He was non-the-less voted into the club and has proved to be a great addition to the club. Ken says that he has a basic knowledge of fly fishing that he hopes to turn that into actually “catching fish” one day. Ken’s real love is stream and river fishing but he is looking forward to spending more time stillwater fishing on lakes and ponds.

-- Welcome aboard Ken-

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Ken at Pyramid Lake - 2020

For those thinking about heading North for a little fishing

THE FLY SHOP® Open 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 ????	June Outing	Davis Lake	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088



Wilson T. sent in a picture of a nice Rainbow that he picked up while fishing at Los Padres Dam.

Things are starting to open up. Confluence Outfitters announced that it is open for guiding in Shasta County starting today March 15th. If you're looking for a chance to fish the Lower Sac. or other Shasta waters, check them out.

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(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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