

Fly Times

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President's Message

My fellow Fly Fishers,

Our thanks to Jay and Dave for a well attended outing to the East Lassen area. Everyone caught trout. Every evening we all got together for libations and telling fish tales. This outing was all about lots of fish and plenty of big ones. You should have seen the monster toad that got away. This trip was all about distanced socializing, the beauty of the area and oh yeah, catching fish. We're already talking about next year at Silver, Crater, and Butte Lakes.

With COVID disrupting our lives, we are still not meeting as a club, but your Board has been meeting monthly to plan for the future. This includes voting on the slate of officers for next year. Rick will be posting the names of those who have voiced a willingness to serve. If you are interested in serving please let me know. We will be taking a vote at this month's Board meeting. The budget is still being worked on and should be finalized at the meeting. This months white ticket winner was Chuck S. His granddaughter drew the winner. Hmmmm?? Looking at outings, we discussed; Salinas River clean-up Nov. 22, 2020. Jay will head that up. Pyramid Lake is still up in the air as the lake is currently closed, Salinas River Stripers Dec. 27th. Chuck S. will be the Fishmaster. The Annual Dinner is still a big ?.

Pyramid Lake March 2021 Greg S. Fishmaster and East Lassen next year: Sept 20-26th.

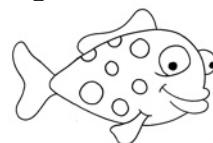
Our club Fly Box is almost empty as we have not been meeting. The Board agreed to donate 2 or 3 dozen flies each until we start regular meeting again. Our next board meeting will be Oct. 28th. at 6 pm at Jay's Ranch.

Wilson is still working hard on completing the website. He reports that it's almost there. Please take a look at it: salinasvalleyflyfisher.org. I think that You'll enjoy it!

in other news: Our best wishes to Ken & Marsha Pina who have moved to Idaho (1113 E. Horsehaven Ave, Idaho 83854) if you want to drop them a line.

I also just got a call from Wilson. He and his wife, Susan, are returning from Crater Lake in Lassen. Two trips in a week I do believe he loves that area or maybe just loves to drive. They shared the Lake with Christina Gambetta as they all did well.

Please send reports and pictures to Rick for the newsletter and Wilson for the Website. Keep fishing and be safe!!
Tight lines,



--Fred

Upcoming Events:

Monthly meeting

Canceled

Fly Tying:

Canceled

October Outing

San Luis ?

Board Meeting:

Oct. 28th.

Your outfit may be elaborate, or it may be a cane pole. Fortunately, the size of your kit is no indication of the pleasure you derive.

(Are we sure that he's talking about fishing?)

-Jack Randolph

October Fly of the Month
Clouser Minnow

Hook: Mustad 34007, sizes 8-3/0
Thread: White 3/0 or 6/0.
Eyes: Dumbbell eyes.
Belly: White bucktail.
Flash: Gold Krystal Flash.
Back: Bucktail color of choice.
Head: Tying thread.
Head coating: Cement or epoxy

Don't forget to have one of these in
your tackle box when you're headed to
San Luis to fish for Stripers



This streamer pattern was originated with Bob Clouser of Pennsylvania in 1984. He is said to have developed the pattern for small-mouth bass, but it has been used for and adapted to fish for just about anything that swims. It now comes in many colors, most typically: Chartreuse, Black, White, Red, and Yellow. The fly features dumbbell eyes that cause the fly to retrieve "upside down", which helps keep the fly from snagging the bottom. In reality this fly can be tied on almost any size hook, from 8-10 for bluegill to 3/0 for Blue Fin. Of local interest, this is a great Stripper fly especially when tied on a jig style from about size 2 up to maybe 2/0.

2021 Slate of Officers

As noted in Fred's President's Message, it's time to think about next year's club officers. It's been a weird year. Which reminds me of something a guy posted on the internet the other day. He said: He plans to staying up until 12:01 on New Years, "not so much to welcome in 2021, but just to make sure that 2020 goes away". Well one of the things that isn't happening this year is the presentation and voting in of the next year's club officers at the October general meeting. There is no provision for COVID in the club by-laws, so the Board has asked me publish the nominations in the newsletter. The Board will then vote on behalf of the membership on the slate of officers at the October Board meeting. Therefore, if anyone has any reservations or additions to the slate of officers, they must must provide that information to a Board member before October 28th.

The 2021 slate is as follows: *President*- Gene Tsukamoto, *V.P.*- Wilson Taguinod, *Secretary*- Fred Swanson, *Treasurer*- Chuck Schlough, *Board members*: Greg Smith, Fred Farius, Richard Higgins.

"Speak now or forever hold your peace"

(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, October 28th.

Jefferson Ranch @ 6:00 P.M.

October Outing

**Maybe Loren will get an outing together
for the San Luis Forebay**

Nor Cal Outing Report from Wilson

Many kudos to Jay Jefferson and Dave Gambetta for organizing the Hat Creek Area outing and putting the group on to some outstanding fishing. The club was well represented by Jay Jefferson, Dave and Christine Gambetta, Chuck and Chris Slough, Jeff Nielson, Roger Caton, Rod Sanchez, Wilson Taguinod, and our fearless leader Fred DeYoung all in attendance. Our first stop at Baum Lake with its promise of both planted and resident trout was mostly a bust with 2 fish landed in the group although Fred's 20 inch rainbow was a beauty.

The trip quickly turned around at Silver Lake where everyone caught fish and most had good numbers to boot. Fred landed 2 browns (22" and 19") and a few fish in the 16-18" range. Jay, Dave, Christine, and Wilson all reported multiple fish in the 16-18" range as well. Most of the group fished Crater Lake on Thursday and slayed them there as well. Fred and I returned to Silver Lake so I don't have a report on numbers and sizes from Crater, but Christine ended up with over 50 fish landed in the two days! A "Hail Mary" stop at Butte Lake (which was reported to have a fish kill a few years ago) resulted in another productive day on the water. Roger got the ball rolling with the first fish of the day and the group followed suit with good numbers and a couple of slabs caught by Jay with his biggest reported at 22". Fred and I had a good day at Crater Lake with 19 fish (but who's counting) up to 16". All in all: good folks, good fish'n, good time

Thanks to all- Wilson T.



**SVFF Member of the month:
Richard Higgins with his favorite
kind of fish at his favorite place to
fish. (Pyramid Lake, NV)**

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

This month's “Head on the Chopping Block” belongs to : *Richard Higgins*.

Richard is 59 years old. He and his wife Joanne have 2 boys and a girl along with 6 grandchildren. Richard grew up in a military family that settled in Marina when he was 9 years old. He graduated from Seaside High School and attended both Hartnell and MPC before starting his career as a Park Ranger for the Monterey County Parks Department. He retired in 2011 after completing a 32 year career with the Parks Department, ultimately being promoted to the position of Deputy Chief Ranger. Richard says that working for the Department allowed him to take care of his wife and family and to be able to buy a house just two blocks from the house where he'd grown up as a kid.

Richard says he started fishing when he was 7 year old with a bamboo pole that his brother had. When he was 12, his dad bought him a fly rod combo: a Garcia rod and a Martin 72 reel. “I toiled with that for several years before putting it aside” He started to fly fishing again with Greg Smith and Alan Miyamoto who were both fellow Park Rangers. The group used to make an annual fish trip to Eagle Lake every year, starting back in the 80's. He says: “There's never a dull moment fishing with my buddy Greg. Over the past forty years, we have many tails of fishing adventures and mishaps”. Richard also admits to doing some fly tying. “ I do tie flies on occasion or I just bum them off Greg. “I have started tying a few Czech style nymphs and will see how they fish in the spring”. Richard interest include spending time building fly rods.

As for other hobbies and interests, Richard has long had a passion for shooting sports and pistol craft. He also enjoy traveling with Joanne, taking their fifth wheel to visit family, National Parks and other sights of interest, the occasional trip to Reno for some getaway time, and long walks with Joanne and their Golden Retriever.

Richard was first introduced to the club by Alan and Greg. After Alan's passing, He says he decided to attend a meeting with Greg and the rest is history. He joined SVFF in 2014. And has been a Board member since 2015, serving as President for 2 years, Vice President, and Secretary. He has also overseen the club web site and is currently managing the SVFF FaceBook page.

When asked about “favorites”, he says his favorite fish is the Lahonton Cutthroat, which pretty much makes Pyramid Lake his favorite place to fish. He also says Shaver Lake is another favorite place that holds a lot of camping memories.

On a personal note, Richard says: “As a member over the last seven years, I have become a better fly fisher with all the help and advise of fellow members. I've met a lot of good people that I'm proud to call friends. Thanks for turning this novice fly hack into an intermediate fly hack.”

Since joining the club Richard has been a real asset who deserves a pat on the back for all he does for the club. Thanks you, Richard.(ed.)

Event Calendar / Fishing reports

Date	Event	Location	Contact
CANCELED	Monthly Meeting	Salinas Airport	Fred DeYoung
CANCELED	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
CANCELED	Club Outing	Pyramid Lake, NV	Richard Higgins (750-9132)
October 28th.	Board Meeting	Jefferson Ranch	Fred DeYoung 229-1916
November?	Club Outing	San Luis Forebay	Loren Kitamura (757-5533)
November 29th.	Club Outing	Salinas River	Chuck Schlough (320-3255)

Don't Forget to Sharpen That Hook

With all the laser sharpened hooks nowadays, it's easy to forget how important a sharp hook can be. Loren Kitamura shared a story a little while back about a memorable fishing outing that makes the point. Here's how Loren tells it:

I took a striper fishing clinic with Lee Haskins. This was a few years back and the clinic was at the San Luis forebay. I went with John Nesheim, who was a member back in the late 90's. We had to use float tubes because that was how Lee Haskins fish for stripers. We started at check 12 in the morning and after lunch, we moved to the tower island on the Madeiros side and I fished the shallow area between the island and Madeiros. I caught a couple of dinks near the island. Lee was back about 4:00 o'clock and said that we would move to the flats near highway 152 and fish with top water flies. When we moved to the flats, I met our old friend, Jay Murakoshi. I shot the bull with Jay for half an hour or so, before he reminded me that I was supposed to be fishing.. So, I headed out and quick fast I tied on a grey and white 2/0 Gurgler on a E/C 413 jig hook. The 1st thing that Lee had said in the morning was be sure you have sharp hooks. Eagle claws were known for having some pretty dull hooks right out of the box. So off I went with this unsharpened Gurgler and it wasn't long before, sure enough, I hooked what was probably the biggest striper in my life and on a top water fly no less. Man, that was exciting! It made one fast and furious run peeling out line like a freight train, but after 5 or 10 seconds, the line went limp and the fish was gone!! 1st. rule of the day forgotten, but I will never forget the fish that I lost that day. Keep your hooks sharp.

Tight Lines -Loren

(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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