

# Fly Times

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## President's Message

Fellow Fly Casters,

This will be my last newsletter to you. ( **editor's note: Actually the 2021 club President doesn't take over until after the publication of the January newsletter, Therefore the outgoing President is still expected to write a message for January.** ) Gene will be your new President and I wish him the best. Our club under Jay's leadership did a great job cleaning up the Salinas River lagoon at the twin bridges. If you enjoy Stripper fishing, give the Salinas River a try. (I usually fish it only on weekday other then Wednesday to avoid the crowds.) This year's Board will meet next week.

Congratulations to Greg Smith for being nominated for Life Member! (it shouldn't really be called a life membership. Statistically, Greg probably only has 5-6 good year left). For all of you who aspire to follow in Greg's foot steps, to qualify for life membership you must be at least 55 years old, be a club member for at least ten years and have served as a board member for six years, including at least three as a club officer. Greg is great member and well deserving of this honor. The Board will take up the vote on Greg's Life

By: Fred De Young

Membership at the December Board meeting, on behalf of the membership at large, since regular club meetings have cancelled.

We have a few fishing reports. Wilson and son have been doing Eagle Lake and catching some large trout. He was so excited they both took off again today to fish it some more. Rick also reports catching a few Bluegill up his why at Rancho Seco.

In other news, check out our website. Wilson is adjusting the format weekly. Aside from that, we're sorry to say that there won't be an annual dinner this year and monthly meetings won't be able to resume until COVID gets under control.

I want wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy 2021. So let's kiss 2020 goodby with hopes for much better 2021. May the fish in your lives be large, hungry, and many.

Your, not so much, fearless leader



- Fred

## Upcoming Events:

### SVFF Board Meeting

Dec. 23rd. Jefferson Ranch

Monthly meeting

**Canceled**

Fly Tying:

**Canceled**

### SVFF Annual Dinner

**Canceled**

2020

**Canceled**

"Fishing seems to be my favorite form of loafing" ..... Ed Howe

December Fly of the Month:  
Cubby Chernobyl

- Chernobyl Recipe
- Hook: **TMC 3xl heavy #6-8**
- Thread: **6/0**, Color to match
- Body: **Ice Dub**
- Overbody: **2mm Black and 2mm Orange Foam**
- Wing: **White Poly Yarn**
- Legs: **Rubber legs**
- Tail: **Krystal Flash**



As noted by Steve Schalla on the website: ([www.flyfishingthesierra.com](http://www.flyfishingthesierra.com)), The Chubby Chernobyl often represents stoneflies and grasshoppers. The one pictured above is designed to emulate a Salmon Fly. The pattern can be tied in several colors and sizes to also represent crickets and Cicada. Black/tan is a good color for a grasshopper. Gold or tan for the Golden Stones, and Olive for the Skwala. Tied in sizes 6-12 to represent large stoneflies and grasshoppers. My personal favorite is the Yellow Sallies tied on a size 12 hook. Steve says that the original pattern came from the Chernobyl Ant which as designed in the 1980's and it morphed into the Chubby Chernobyl twenty years later. Idylwilde Flies of Portland, Or., modified the pattern by replacing the foam wings with fluffed Poly Yarn wings for better visibility and to provide the illusion of fluttering wings. This is an ideal pattern to use in a "Hopper Dropper" set-up. Most folks only think of this class of flies for big Terrestrial, but don't over look smaller versions as caddis or as general attractors. Refer to the Fly Fishing the Sierra web sight for more size and color combinations.

...ed.

## Forebay Outing Report

Just in, a report from Bill Pshide on the November club outing at the O'Neill Forebay. Bill tells me that although he is an expert when it comes to Stripers, he was strictly focused in on big boys over 20 lbs.

Consequently, he didn't catch anything. He reports that the softies in the boat, Greg and Richard, we're focused on the unsophisticated schoolies, so they did reportedly pick up a few. Also in attendance were: Fred Swanson, Roger Caton, and Pete Arnaudo. As is typical for this time of year the fish seemed to be moving slow and hanging close to the bottom. Pete reported several phantom taps. Roger says that a really big Striper licked his hook and Fred refused to comment other then to say that he was the best fisherman of the bunch. It's good to remember that, although not ideal, the forebay can be productive though-out the winter months. It's worth checking on the weather forecast before you go. Wind's not usually a problem, but it can get nasty foggy over there. So, keep it in mind and thanks to all who went on the outing.

**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, December 23rd.**  
**Jefferson Ranch @ 6:00 P.M.**

**December Outing**  
**Stripers**  
**Salinas River**

Here's a link for the Second Season of the Orvis Guide to Fly Fishing. The series on YouTube is worth taking a look at. You should be able to just click on the link and it will come up, but if that doesn't work just Google the title. The first season is also available and tends to be more of the basic stuff

[Season Two of The Orvis Guide to Fly Fishing with Tom Rosenbauer](#)

*Editor's note: The following letter was received in response to the News From the Board Room article in last month's newsletter*

**Letter to the Editor**

I am dismayed to see that our acclaimed newsletter has become a disseminator of "alternative facts". Not only did it take the word of a known prevaricator, it did not do its due diligence to uncover a libelous and fraudulent claim. I was so dismayed at it's contents, I needed to call my therapist in order to move on from this assault. It was difficult, but between sobs I was able to convey to her how much I felt eviscerated by your hurtful words. You will be hearing from my team of lawyers shortly and they promised me I would get redemption.

signed: W.T.

Dear W.T.,

*I read your letter with the deepest of regret for the thoughtless actions of the Board at last month's meeting. I also was repulsed by the disseminator, fraudulent claimer, eviscerators and hurtful word sayers. Let me assure that my hands are tied when it come to the content of the newsletter. Our fearless leader tell me exactly what to print. I have no personal latitude and besides It was Jefferson who made the motion to change your name and have you wear the silly vest. I just hope that you might find it in yourself to take out your little pink hanky and wipe away those tears.*

*Most respectfully- ed.*

**addendum:** *Prevaricator: Person who lies, deceiver, trickster*  
*Eviscerate: Take out ones entrails, disembowel*

Fishing is a constant reminder of the democracy of life, of humility, and of human frailty. The forces of nature discriminate for no man.

...Herbert Hoover

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



Loren Kitamura

At 88 years old, Loren can lay claim to being the club's oldest active member. Loren was born and raised in Salinas. He was middle child in a family with 6 sisters and one older brother. He attended Lincoln School as a kid, but in March of 1942, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, his family was sent to the Salinas Assembly Center at the Rodeo Grounds. From there they boarded a train and were sent to camp #2 at the Poston Arizona "relocation center". Loren and his family remained in the camp for three years. Loren joined the National Guard during the Korean war, but later volunteered for the draft and served in Korea. He and Nellie were married a couple of years

after he returned from Korea. Loren and Nellie have three grown children: Rick, Ron and Julie. During his working days, Loren was a truck mechanic working for Bud Antle Inc., Foremost Dairies and Granite Rock. He retired in 1991, but then went to work as a truck driver for Reid Trucking and Meyers Equipment. He finally retired for good in 2006.

Loren says that he first got serious about fly fishing in the summer of 1970. He borrowed a couple fly rods from his cousin and fished for trout on the upper Trinity River above the lake. He took along some flies made in Japan that he bought at the store in Trinity Center. As he tells it, he bought some blue ones, some green, some red and pink and yellow too. "All my knowledge about fly fishing came from reading one book and I was immediately overwhelmed at all the different flies and methods used to catch trout".

Loren first joined the club around 1970, he doesn't remember exactly how he heard about it, but he remembers that Ed Given was the President and guys like Gene Sweitzer and Al Davis were in the club, and again he was immediately overwhelmed by their advanced skill in the sport. For Loren, trout fishing was initially his favorite. He liked fishing for trout in streams along with some Bluegill and small Black Bass in nearby ponds. Nowdays, however, his favorite fish is Striped Bass and his favorite place to fish is (you guessed it) the San Luis Reservoir and the forebay. Loren says: "I'm getting old and fishing from a boat is a lot easier way to fish than wading in a stream or fishing out of a float tube.

Loren shared: "I think that I have gained a lot from being in the club and I know I will gain a lot more by meeting old and new friends and sharing stories and learning new techniques on how to fly fish. The beauty of this sport is that you can never learn everything in a lifetime and you can continue to fly fish until a very old. I ought to know 'cause I'm an old fart myself, and I still want to go fishing whenever I get a chance."

For those who have had the opportunity to fish with Loren, you can no doubt appreciate his wry sense of humor, his warm enthusiasm for fly fishing and his friendly good nature, and if you're lucky maybe he'll treat you to a Trucker's Breakfast.. ..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)
November 14th.	Club Outing	San Luis Forebay	Roger Caton 633-4639 <a href="mailto:rogercaton1@sbcglobal.net">rogercaton1@sbcglobal.net</a>
November 22nd.	Salinas River clean-up	north side of bridge	Jay Jefferson 809-0290
November 25th.	Board Meeting	Jefferson Ranch	Fred DeYoung 229-1916
November 29th.	Club Outing	Salinas River	Chuck Schlough (320-3255)

### Report from the Salinas River Clean-up

Jay Jefferson reports a great turn-out for the annual Salinas River clean-up. Several people showed up from the Santa Cruz club and Jay says that they had upward of 30 volunteers in total. Geoff Malloway was there with Starbucks coffee and donates and the crew manage to fill a large dumpster three quarters full. Apparently many hands does make short work of big tasks, because the gang manage to get it all spiffed up in less than three hours. Jay also reports that there have been lots of fisherman on the river now that the word has gotten out about "Steelhead /Striper fishing". If you decide to go remember that the river is open under the Steelhead regulations, you can fish it only on weekends and Wednesdays and only through the course of the Steelhead season. You also need to have a steelhead stamp follow all the rules related to Steelhead fishing..

### Speaking of Geoff Malloway

Thanks to Geoff for the donates and coffee and supporting the Salinas River clean-up. You can check out the Central Coast Fly Fishing website at: [www.centralcoastflyfishing.com](http://www.centralcoastflyfishing.com). and don't forget to pick up some "Carmel Valley Crack" for the holiday

There is a final moment of unyielding patience which, in angling, so often makes the difference between fish and no fish.

....Sparse Grey Hackle

(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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