

Fly Times

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President's Message

By: Gene Tsukamoto

HOORAY!! 2021 is finally here! Happy New Year! With so much riding on the hopes of starting 2021 with a new outlook on our lives, it looks like we are in for a continuation of 2020 for a while. 2021 can't be any worse than 2020, so we will have to hunker down and bear with it. At least the fish aren't bothered by our problems. The old saying on a fishing tackle shop door rings true: "The fish don't care what you paid for your equipment."

A round of applause for Greg Smith. Our board voted unanimously, at the December meeting, to honor Greg for his years of meritorious service to the SVFF with a Life Membership award. Our new Board members, who are listed to the left of this message, deserve a "thank you" for their dedicated work to carry on the business of the SVFF and for standing up to the risk of Covid 19. A special thank you to our outgoing President, Fred DeYoung, for his leadership during the uncertain and uncharted times. If you have any concerns about the actions of the Board, please call anyone of us with suggestions or ideas

for "new" fishing spot for our club outing.

Chuck Schlough, fish master, for the December Salinas River Striper outing reported that 8 fishermen showed up around 9 A.M. December 26th. to perfect weather. They were Greg Smith, Jay Jefferson, Wilson Taguinod, Brennan Taguinod, Fred Farias, Pete Arnaudo, and Fred DeYoung, who landed the only striper caught by the group. Rick Gilliam, known as the striper guru on the Salinas River, told Greg Smith that the fishing had been slow since the record first 2 days of the season opener. Many thanks to Jay Jefferson for providing a convenient access from his ranch to the River's edge.

There will not be a general meeting or fly tying for the month of February. The Board meeting is scheduled for 6 P.M. Wednesday, February 24th. at Jay's ranch. Since the 2021 Fly Fishing Show has been cancelled, our next club event is the annual Pyramid Lake outing March 15 to 19. With your help and support, I am looking forward to a successful year as your President.

..Gene

Upcoming Events:

SVFF Board Meeting

Jan. 27th. Jefferson Ranch

Monthly meeting

Canceled

Fly Tying:

Canceled

SVFF Annual Dinner

Canceled

Pyramid Lake Outing

March 15th.-19th.

January Fly of the Month:
the Quigley Cripple

- Hook: TMC 100 #14-18
- Thread: Uni-thread Gray 8/0
- Hackle: Natural Grizzly
- Wing: Natural Yearling Elk
- Body: Gray Marabou
- Ribbing: Small Gold Wire
- Tail: Gray Marabou tips
- Thorax: Gray Rabbit Dubbing



As I looked through my regular haunts on the internet for this month's Fly of the Month, I happened on to Steve Ojai's "Fly Fishing the Sierras" website and ran across one of my all time favorite flies, both to tie and to fish. The Quigley Cripples represent mayflies that are just emerging or have gotten stuck in their shuck. According to Steve: Bob Quigley came up with this pattern in 1978 while he was fishing Fall River in Northern California. There are a number of different variations representing different Mayflies. The one pictured above is the Baetis Cripple. Other common variations include the Callibaetis, PMD, Green Drake and my favorites the Hexagenia. If Lake Almanor is on your itinerary for this summer, keep that pattern in mind. The cripple patterns have the potential to extend the hatch, especially on lakes, in that after a particular hatch is complete and the fish no longer have the emerging insects or dries to feed on, they may linger and begin feeding on the stillborns left on the surface. The fish may become quite selective and no longer rise to a dry pattern, so the angler may continue to see surface activity and not understand why fish won't rise to his dry fly. In essence, they've switched from popcorn to peanuts and you're still trying to feed them popcorn.ed.

Make your suggestions

If you have a favorite fly that you'd like to see as the Fly of the Month, please send it my way along with any other suggestions for the newsletter. Send to: rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net

Persistence, for the fisherman, is a virtue that transcends patience.

....A.J. McClane

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

<p>Monthly meeting Salinas Airport CANCELED</p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i> <i><u>No fly Tying this month.</u></i></p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting Wednesday, January 27th. Jefferson Ranch @ 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Next schedules outing: Pyramid lake March 15th.-19th.</p>

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](#)

Organizations With Fish on Their Minds

You've probably heard of Trout Unlimited, maybe CalTrout and even the Federation of Fly Fishers International, but who are these folks. Well, if you happened to get the Central Coast Fly Fishing online newsletter you'd have seen that Geoff mention that TU and the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers (that's us) joined together with the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to put up a survey box at the parking lot to access the Salinas River. What's this all about? Well for starters, this new comer game fish is a bit of an interloper. While the Stripers in the Salinas River may make for some fun fishing in the absence of more rain higher water flow and the Steelhead that we often remember haunting the Central Coast rivers, these guys are relatively new residents that are believed by many to pose a serious threat to the steelhead and salmon populations. SVFF club member, Tim Frahm is active in TU and is deeply involved in the Salinas River Tagging and Tracking Project. So it suffices to say that TU has a significant local presence. At its core, TU has been around a long time. It was founded in Michigan in 1959, Trout Unlimited today is a national non-profit organization with 300,000 members and supporters who are dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds.

Now what about CalTrout? Concerned about deteriorating fishing conditions throughout the state, a passionate group of anglers founded California Trout in 1971. CalTrout was the nation's first statewide conservation group supported by trout and steelhead fishermen. They had a simple mission: to protect and restore wild trout and steelhead waters throughout California. By 1972, the organization had acquired a few hundred members and delivered two landmark victories: The California Wild Trout Program and The California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Lastly, but no less significant, is the Fly Fishing Federation International and its Northern California Council. You may correctly association this organization with the annual Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, which due to COVID will not happen in February this year, but with some luck may in May or June. Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. It represent all aspect of fly fishing –from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats - (cont. on pg 5)

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

Fred Deyoung

Fred was born on Feb 17, 1947 in Seattle, Washington. Which if my math is correct make him a very old 73. Our hero, Fredrick III was the eldest of four kids, one brother and two sisters . The family moved to Salinas when Fred was 8 years old. Fred got interested in fishing right away and says that there is a not a farm pond in the Salinas Valley that he hasn't snuck on to. He says that he used to fish the Salinas River as a youngster. "My dad would drop me and my brother off for a day of fishing." Scouting was a big part of his growing up. He ultimately became an Eagle Scout and got into Fly Fishing as a young teenager. " I fished Los Padres forrest everywhere we could backpack. It has always been my passion"

It took him half a life time to find a woman who would have him, so at this point he and Martha have been married 37 years. They have two children Frederick IV, and Meryl Elizabeth. They also have three grandchildren, all under the age of five Frederick V (you notice a pattern here), Eliana, and Theodore.

Professionally, his working career work started with eight years with J.C. Penney's in management. "They taught me how to manage profitable business. and in 1979 I had the opportunity to buy a small office furniture dealership in Salinas." The business continued to grow into three more stores covering 16 counties in California. He started with 4 employees and ended up with more than 50. The company was PBI which he sold 2016 when he retired. Fred and Martha live in Corral de Tierra where they built their home 25 years ago.

Retiring has given Fred more opportunities for travel and fishing. He tells me that there's not a type of fish that he doesn't enjoy fishing for. Fred considers himself lucky to have been able to afford world travel and to pursue his passion. The list is long: Brazil, Venezuela, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Russia, Australia, Alaska, Canada, and many states in the U.S. too. Fred has fished for damn near every fish that you can hook on a fly, but as anyone who has fished with him can testify, it doesn't much matter whether it's Bluegill, Tarpon or anything in between, he just like fish'n, In addition to fly fishing, Fred enjoys being with grandchildren, hiking, golf, travel, good food, gardening and walking on the beach.

Fred joined our club about 35 years ago. "I believe Ed Given got me to join. The club is a blessing for me, the outings are really special and our members are the greatest. When we get past COVID, I'd like to see us add lots of new members especially some younger members that we might mentor to carry on the tradition of the club and this great sport." Fred has been a fixture of the SVFF for many years and hopefully for many more to come. If you have an opportunity to fish with Fred, I'd highly recommend it. He's a very knowledgeable fisherman who loves to share, so you'll probably walk away knowing a little more then you did when the day started, but more importantly I guarantee you'll walk away with a smile on your face.

With special thanks to our outgoing club Presidented.

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)
Jan 27th.	Board Meeting	Jefferson Ranch	Gene Tsukamoto (272-6367)
March 15th.-19th.	Club Outing	Pyramid Lake, NV	Greg S. / Richard H.

Organizations With Fishing on Their Minds (cont. from pg 3) -which are so essential to the sport of Fly Fishing. Today, FFI's mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on conservation, education and a sense of community.

After looking at these three fishing oriented organizations, the natural question is; which if any should I choose to join or support? Is one better than the others? The answer to that question is, of course up to you and also depends on how you might choose direct your support. If support to you means getting actively involve with single minded focus and dedication, then you probably need to pick one. If it means donating money to the cause, then you best let your budget be your guide and if becoming a member and staying informed is your goal, then joining all three may be the answer. While you're at it, there are a few other organizations that may tickle your fancy, how about; the Nature Conservancy, The International Resource Defense Fund, Oceana, The Sierra Club, or Conservation International?

Skeptics may see conservation organizations in general as bastions of pinko liberals out to regulate all God fearing Americans out of their rights, but that is perhaps a subject better left for another day. For now at the start of this New Year there are some truths. If you are reading this - You like to fish and there's a good chance that you want to keep fishing in the future as long as you can. So maybe it's a good time to join in to see what we can all do together to help protect the fish we love to match our wits with and the beautiful places where

It's time to renew your fishing license

You can renew your fishing license at you local fly shop, outdoors store or easily on the Department of Fish and Wildlife website. You can also report your steelhead card activity on the website. Everyone who is trying out their luck with Stripers in the Salinas River as well as the Carmel or Pajaro is reminded that they're fishing under the Steelhead regulations. That means only fishing the rivers during Steelhead season and only on Wednesdays, weekends and holidays. You must having the steelhead card with location filed out in your possession and you need to send the card in or completing it online at the end of the year.

*(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 members to visit Steve's website and take advantage of it's extensive information.*



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