

Fly Times

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President's Message

By: Gene Tsukamoto

Hey gang! It feels like things are maybe looking up a little. I hope you are all well. We've managed to get both of our COVID vaccinations, and that certainly makes us feel a bit safer. It looks like the restrictions on gatherings are starting to loosen up, so we've been talking to Jonathan at the Flying Artichoke and he's been opened up on a limited basis and he's eager and ready for us to get back to having our regular meetings again. As soon as we get the "all clear" we'll be back together at the Airport for our regular meetings, Board meetings and fly tying. Bill, you better start limbering up your fingers I want to learn some new flies to tie.

We're also starting to think about the trout opener. As you probably know the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has updated the regulations and the changes all went into effect on March 1st. Not a lot of changes, but none-the-less some significant ones, so you might want to go on the DF&W website and check them out before you make plans to visit your favor fishing hole.

I am working on the 2021 calendar. Tentatively we have a Merced River outing penciled in for April. We normally fish the Merced in the fall and that may still be in the cards, but assuming we don't get a bunch of rain this

month, it will be a low water year without a lot of run-off and Spring on the Merced may be a good bet. Also don't forget the Pyramid outing this weekend and start making plans to attend the September Mt Lassen area outing this years. Call Jay about that one.

In news from the Board Room, there was a move to impeach Past President DeYoung and while the prosecution presented a good case, Fred adeptly fought off the accusations. The DeYoung impeachment trial did not result in a final verdict. The only thing that was resolved was that in our club history, Fred's name would be listed a past President but be followed by an (*), The lesson to be learned here is that if you repeat your lies, whether they be about the fish you caught or the innocence of you proclaim, loud enough and long enough you can plant enough seeds of doubt to save your bacon from the fire. In addition to the DeYoung debacle the Board voted to increase the monthly drawing prize value to \$50..

Well, that's all from the President's perch for this month. Happy humming reels to you all...

Gene



Upcoming Events:

SVFF Board Meeting

March 24th. Jefferson Ranch

Monthly meeting

Canceled

Fly Tying:

Canceled

SVFF Annual Dinner

Canceled

Pyramid Lake Outing

March 15th.-19th.

March Fly of the Month:
The Zug Bug

Zug Bug Recipe

Hook: TMC 3761 #10-16
Thread: 6/0 Dr. Brown / Black
Weighted: Lead-free Wire
Body: Peacock Herl
Ribbing: Oval Silver Tinsel
Hackle: Brown Hen back
Wing-case: Wood Duck
(clipped)
Tail: Peacock Sword



This old standby was developed by a guy from Pennsylvania named Cliff Zug around 1940. It became a popular fly in the Catskills, then worked its way west to Yellowstone and from there on all the way to the Sierras. The Zug Bug along with the Prince Nymph are among the most popular trout nymphs ever, second, today perhaps, only to the Copper John. The Zug Bug is probably a decent imitates of cased caddis and caddis larvae, but in the opinion of many fly tyers, doesn't look much like anything. What it does have going for it is the proven success of peacock, in this case both the herl and the sword and lots of contrast, which probably makes it more appropriately classed as an attractor pattern. It has a cigar shaped body. Utilizing lead-wire wraps on the middle of the shank helps to produce that shape. Unique to this fly is the wing-case which is only tied down at the front and gives the fly a caddis-like wing as a shell-back. In streams the fly should be fished near the bottom and the bead head version may help to get down in faster water. The Zug bug is also effective in stillwater, in smaller size as a general nymphs or in size 8-10 to suggest the dragon fly nymph. 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

Nor Cal Stillwater Fest

Jay Jefferson say that it's never too early to start planning. We'll be returned to the Rancherias R.V. Park in Hat Creek long about the third week of September to ply the pond and lakes of the north end of the state for trout. Plan to join us. contact Jay for info and call the R.V. park for reservations @ (530) 335-7418 or (877) 335-0203

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, March 24th.
Jefferson Ranch @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Next schedules outing:
Pyramid lake
March 15th.-19th.**



Stuff For Sale

It's that time of year again. Get your gear together and if you have some things left over, shoot me a picture and a description. Maybe we can pass it on to someone.

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For Sale

Fishing Pyramid in comfort and style:
Andy Pomo has his custom Pyramid fishing platform for sale. Virtually brand new. Asking \$300
Contact Andy @ 484-1881 or ajpomo@hotmail.com

Dave Scadden

Outlaw Avenger pontoon boat

For sale. Very good condition, includes two new seats with new pedestals and swivels, factory oars, anchor and anchor system, three factory storage bags, storage basket net for backplate, two air pumps -one factory manual and one 12V air pump, leaning bar, stripping basket, casting platforms. Asking \$1,200.

Contact:

Mike (friend of Rod Sanchez)
(805) 610-1916 or (530) 529-5146



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

Fred Farius



This month we feature our newest SVFF Board member, Fred Farius. Fred was introduced fairly recently to the club by long time member Scott Naylor.

Fred jumped on the Board not long after joining the club and along with the likes of Wilson T. and Gene has manage to bring some new blood and spunk to the Board. Of coarse “new blood” is a relative term, since all these guys are well into the retirement years. Fred’s reported age is 68, but we’ll let you judge for yourself. Fred and his wife Sonia have one daughter, Madeline who is 20 along with

Brandon 28 and Ben who is 30. Man, kids sure get old fast! Fred retired a couple of years ago. During his working years, Fred was a truck driver. He says that he started out with Dr Pepper bottling Company and finished out his career with Berkeley Farms.

Fred told me that he has always fished since the time he was a little kid. It was all conventional (Dark Side) stuff until about 15 years ago when one his good friend showed him the light. Fred says that he hasn’t taken up fly tying yet, but maybe we can cure him of that once the COVID thing lift and Professor Pshide is back on his pulpit at the airport guiding his flock to the sacred art of fur and feathers. Fred’s favorite fishing spot is Yosemite. He likes fishing dry flies best, with no particular favorite pattern other then the one that’s catching fish. Not surprising his favorite fish to pursue are Rainbow Trout. His memorable story is the time he was fishing Hat Creek and an Osprey swooped down out of nowhere and swiped the fish that he swears was just about to take his fly. I’m not sure that he said it was actually about to take his fly, but it makes a good story.

Aside from fly fishing, Fred is an avid sportsman. He got into archery in his 20’s, and is a member of the National Field Archery Association as well as the California Bow Hunters Association. His interests also extend into pistol shooting and skeet.

Fred says that he enjoys meeting other guys who like to fly fish and he looks forward to picking everyone’s brain and learning a whole lot more about the sport

Welcome aboard Fred, thank you for joining the club and thanks to Scott Naylor for not telling you the real truth about this motley bunch of reprobates.

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

...Sparse Grey Hackle

Event Calendar / Fishing reports

Date	Event	Location	Contact
CANCELED	Monthly Meeting	Salinas Airport	Gene Tsukamoto
CANCELED	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
March 24th	Board Meeting	Jefferson Ranch	Gene Tsukamoto
March 15th.-19th.	Club Outing	Pyramid Lake, NV	Greg S. / Richard H.
April ?	Club Outing	Merced River	Gene Tsukamoto
Sept. 20th-ish	Club Outing	Mt Lassen area	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)

Nice Merced River Rainbow



Merced River Regulation: In past years there were different regulations for the Merced in the park, below the park to Foresta bridge and below Foresta bridge. now all three sections are the same: *From the last Saturday in April through November 15, 5 trout daily bag limit, 10 trout in possession; and, from November 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April, 0 trout bag limit, artificial lures with barbless hooks only and trout must be released unharmed and not removed from the water*

(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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