

# Fly Times

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## President's Message

By: Gene Tsukamoto

Well, here it is the middle of May and I still haven't gotten out and done any fishing. Now I hear that Wilson and Fred Farius went out to Los Padres. I haven't heard if they caught anything. Rick and Tim up in Sutter Creek tell me that they went over Carson pass last week and fished Indian Creek Reservoir down by Markleeville. They reported that the fishing was pretty slow, but managed to get some bumps and dragged in a couple Rainbow.

In other news, good for a change. we're back in business at the Flying Artichoke, we'll have the Board meeting there, next Wednesday and we'll be on schedule to meet for our general meetings starting on June 6th. Be sure to come on

out. It's going to be a real treat to see everyone again. The Board got together last month and outings for the year was on the agenda, but we still need your input. I'd contacted Rick McCombs to see if he could be the Fish Master for an outing to Davis Lake, but he reports that he's not able to do it this year. If anyone is planning to go up he says that they should try to make early in June. Last time we had an outing there it was later in June and the water was too warm and the fish had moved out into deeper water.

Well that's about all for now, so until next month..

Reel'm in and grin!

.....Gene



## Upcoming Events:

### General meeting

June 6th.

### Fly Tying:

Still on hold

### SVFF Board Meeting

May 26th. @ the Airport

"Every fishing water has its secrets. A river or a lake is not a dead thing. It has beauty and wisdom and content. and to yield up these mysteries, it must be fished with more than a hook."

Zane Grey

We're Almost Back!

Board Meeting @ the Flying Artichoke May 26

May Fly of the Month:  
the Royal Wulff

Royal Wulff Recipe

- Hook: TMC 100 or equiv. 12-18
- Thread: 6/0 - 8/0 Black Uni.
- Hackle: Brown saddle hackle
- Wing: White calf tail (curly)
- Body: Red Floss and Peacock herl
- Tail: Black moose body hair

Tying Note:

The Calf Tail wing is tied in first, with the butt ends toward the tail. It will help to cut both the tail and wing fibers on a taper so they blend into each other to form a smooth body. I suggest using only about 6 fibers for the tail to reduce bulk. and don't over do the wing, for the same reason. ..ed.



Named for Lee Wulff, this pattern was actually designed by Q.L. Quackbush as a Royal Coachman Hair Wing Dry Fly, but because of the fly's similarity to the Wulff flies designed by Lee Wulff, it eventually became known as the "Royal Wulff". He designed the **White** and **Gray Wulff** patterns in 1929 which led to a number of other take-offs. Disgusted with English-derived dry flies that were too fragile for our western waters, Lee bulked the dry fly with the use of hair rather than feathers for the tails and wings. The Red Floss and peacock bodies of the Royal patterns are so classic that every tier of trout flies owes themselves the experience of learning to tie them. They are both beautiful and real fish catchers.. "tie it, you'll like it" ...ed.

**Nor Cal Stillwater Fest**

I talked to Jay Jefferson the other day and he reminded me that there are shenanigans at hand for those who attend Nor Cal Stillwater Fest. First it's a week long, so plan to attend all or any part of it. But, be prepared. There's Funny Hat Day, Root Beer Float day or maybe days. There's the professional cribbage tournament for those who have too much money in their wallet, and Fred D. will be offering private lessons that are guaranteed to make you a real whiner (that's not a typo). Jay says that it's never too early to start planning. We'll be returned to the Rancherias R.V. Park in Hat Creek long about September 20th-26th to ply the ponds and lakes of the north end of the state for trout. Plan to join us. contact Jay for info. 809-0290 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**  
**Cancelled**

**Fly Tying**  
**No fly Tying this month.**

**SVFF Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 26th.**  
**Airport @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Muddy River Classic**  
**Annual Club BBQ.**  
**@**  
**Jefferson Ranch July 17th.**

### ***Fishing Report Truckee area***

**Four Season Fly Fishing**, out of Truckee, sent out a recent fishing report for the Truckee area

They say that nymphing is the primary game right now with some success on dry/droppers when fishing slots next to the bank. They also recommend streamers. The weather will also be a factor at this time of year. There is still snow and rain forecasted, but things should be clearing and warming soon. The overcast days have been fishing pretty well.

Here's their long list of their suggested flies:

Royal Wulff 10-14, Skwala 8-10, or Chubby 10-12 for indicator flies. Other dries; Parachute Adams 14-22, Quigley Cripple 16-20, Thorax Dun 14-18, Hackle Stacker 14-18, and Compara Dun 16-20. For nymphs; Pat's rubber leg 8-10, Poxyback Golden Stones 8-10, Hare's Ear 12-14, Burk's Bottom Roller 14-16, Micro May 16-20, Rainbow Warrior 16-20, Pheasant Tail 14-20, Flashback PT 14-20, Perdigons 16-18, SJW, Copper Johns 12-16 and Princes 10-14. For Streamers; Sparkle Minnow 4, Sculpzilla 4, Muddler Minnow 6, and Woolley Bugger 6-8.

If you are thinking about the Truckee area. keep in mind that it's going to be an early season. The little creeks (Sage Hen, Prosser, etc.) are good right now, but getting low fast. The Little Truckee and the Truckee are probably best fished between now and the first of July

### ***Central Coast Fly Fishing***

I noticed that Geoff was putting on a Carp Clinic this weekend down at one of the South County lakes.

He's been offering several workshops lately. If your interested, be sure to check out his website and newsletter or just stop by the shop Looks like some good stuff coming up.

### ***Jon Baiocchi dies at 55***

If you fished the Truckee, Yuba or Davis Lake areas or attended any of the fly shows you would have, in all likelihood, run across this guy. He was always good for a little advise on anything to do with fly fishing. But he's done a whole lot more then just be a fly fishing guide in his short life. He was:

a fly fisherman, naturalist, guide, educator, author, speaker, skateboarder, professional snowboarder, BMX and motocross racer. Jon Francis Baiocchi passed suddenly on Thursday morning, April 22, 2021 while guiding on his beloved Middle Fork of the Feather River, near Cromberg. He was 55.

Jon's remarkable and unconventional life began on November 15, 1965 in San Jose, California, two years prior to his parents, Bob and Lois Baiocchi, relocating their young family of six to rural Paradise to live closer to nature and native fisheries. Under the instruction of his father and elder brother, Jon had a rod in his hands by age 6 and was guiding professionally by 30 as "Baiocchi's Troutfitters".

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

### Fred Swanson

This month our featured club member is Fred Swanson. Fred is our club Secretary. He is 62 years old, He has an adult son and daughter and is currently raising a foster son and his grandson. Fred was employed as a welder for 20 years, then worked as a substance abuse counselor for 7 years before retiring

Fred got into fly fishing because Dominic signed up for a fly fishing merit badge at summer camp. He says that the instructor showed him how to cast while she was working with Dominic. The instructor shared that she was a member of the Golden Gate Fly Casters and that they could teach him more about fly casting if he liked, but he decided to go on line to see if he could find something closer and that's how he got introduced to the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers. Fred also ties flies now and counts among his hobbies: camping, hiking and model trains

Fred has been fly fishing for about 7 years. He reports that he had never fly fishing before, but recounts his early fishing experience: “When I was about 8-10 years old, my friends dad had a trailer at Princess Camp and we'd spend most of the summer there. We'd throw a trap in the river with limburger cheese and fish for trout. in the late afternoon we'd start boiling river water, clean the fish pull up the trap full of crawdads and boil them, cook the fish over the camp fire and feast most every night. About the only thing we used on them was butter, lots of butter.”

Like most of us, Fred enjoys being in the club as a way to learn more about fly fishing and share time on the water with other like minded good balls. Welcome a board!

.....ed.



**Hey Gene,**

It's time to go fishing.

Too much work and no play make a our club Prez. a dull boy.

Send Gene an e-mail and tell him the ed. needs some new photos and he's going to keep putting this one in the newsletter until someone send him some new ones.

I need your help. I starting to get creative cuz I'm not getting any fishing reports, board minutes, photos, funny stories and stuff like that from you guys... And I got history, and “creative” isn't good. Pretty soon guys will be leaving the club because of the wild and weird story that start showing up in the newsletter....help! ....ed.

## 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)
May 26th	Board Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Gene Tsukamoto
May / June	Club Outing	?	?
July 17th	Muddy River Classic	Annual BBQ	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
Sept. 20th-26th.	Club Outing	Mt Lassen area	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)

### Another Place to go Fish

Union Valley Reservoir is located in El Dorado County about 20 miles north of Placerville CA. The main fish species for this lake are rainbow trout, brown trout, largemouth bass and smallmouth. It has campsites and several hiking areas. Some of the campsites are dry camping, so be prepared to bring in water. The lake is near Ice House Reservoir which is a short drive and provides additional fishing opportunities



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



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