

# Fly Times

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## President's Message

By: Gene Tsukamoto

Welcome to the end of Fire Season and the start of the Wet Season, Well at least that's what we're all hoping. Non-the-less it's been very nice to see an end to the smoke in the air, the pitter pat of rain drops and even to hear some rumors that we might have a real steelhead season.

I think that everyone has received the e-mails from Richard Higgins regarding this year's Salinas River clean-up. I want to thank everyone in advance for participating and send a shout out to Geoff at Central Coast Fly Fishing for once again for providing coffee, donuts and water. This project is just one example of something very tangible that we can do to improve our sport and make a difference in our local community at the same time.

In news from the Board Room, Vice President, Wilson. is already in the thick of planning for next year's take over. He started off working on the budget for 2022 and is

already trying to figure out ways to increase programs, make improvements on the outing schedule and revise the raffles. With the hope of more water this winter and getting COVID further in the rear view mirror, we're hoping to start 2022 off with a bang.

Now that we're back at the airport for our general meetings, I want to encourage everyone to put dinner at the Fly Artichoke on their calendar for second Wednesday of every month. Help us not only support the restaurant that has supported us, but also help build our club back to be a great experience and asset for all our members.

One last thought, plan to make a special effort to attend the December meeting which will feature the infamous SVFF "gift exchange".

T'll next time..

Gene



## Upcoming Events:

October meeting:  
Wednesday,

Fly Tying:  
Wednesday,

SVFF Board Meeting  
Wednesday,

Meeting this Wednesday. Come @ 6:00 for dinner!

November Fly of the Month  
Royal Wulff

## Royal Wulff

**HOOK:** Standard dry fly hook, size 10-18.  
**THREAD:** Black, 8/0 or 70 denier.  
**WING:** White calf body hair.  
**TAIL:** Natural moose body hair.  
**BODY:** Peacock herl.  
**HACKLE:** Coachman brown.  
**HEAD:** Black tying thread and head cement.  
**BODY ACCENT:** Red tying thread  
**NOTE:** also commonly tied with chartreuse, yellow body accent



**Lee Wulff** (February 10, 1905 – April 28, 1991), born Henry Leon Wulff, was an artist, pilot, fly fisherman, author, filmmaker, outfitter and conservationist who made significant contributions to recreational fishing, especially fly fishing and the conservation of Atlantic Salmon. He is regarded by many as the foremost outdoorsman of the 20th century. Among other things, he is often credited as the leader of the catch and release movement, declaring that fish were too valuable to be caught just once. The Wulff series of fly patterns originated out of Lee's assertion that the traditional English and Catskill style dry flies that were the staple of the fly trade were far too skinny and "anemic" to be effective for American trout. He developed three stocky, robust patterns: the Ausable Gray, Coffin May and Bucktail Coachman. This later became the Grey Wulff, the White Wulff and **Royal Wulff**. ....ed.

## Annual Salinas River Clean-up

It's that time of year again when the club hosts the "Annual Salinas River Clean-Up". We need volunteers to help with clean-up of the Salinas River fishing access, near Highway 1, prior to the opener of the winter steelhead fishing season. This year, the event will involve trash pick-up from the parking lot, boat launch and under the bridges. Please join us.

**Date: Sunday November 21st Time: 9:00 - noon.**

Meet at 9 am at the public fishing access parking area, just north of the Dole Plant.

What to bring: gloves, boots, trash bags, tools for picking up trash.

**Coffee, donuts and water will be provided by Central Coast Fly Fishing.**

If you're not vaccinated, please wear a mask when working . Be safe!

**Salinas Valley Fly Fishers Fly Tying**

**Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00 ( Quest welcome)**

**Next meeting: at the Salinas Airport Conference Room**

**Monthly meeting**

**Salinas Airport**

**Wednesday, November 10th.**

**Dinner at 6:00**

**SVFF Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, Nov. 24th.**

**@ 6:00 P.M.**

**Fly Tying**

**@ 6:00 Wedn. Nov. 17th**

**Board Room @ the Airport**

**San Luis O'Neill Forebay**

**Club Outing**

**November 13th.**

**Medeiros side @ the power lines**

## Central Coast Fly Fishing

Central Coast Fly Fishing is now located in the Baryard Shopping Village, just off Hwy 1 at 3650 Barnyard, Suite D-23. The question is: will there be any "Carmel Valley Crack" for Christmas?

Fishing may be a bit slow locally, and not much going on in the way of outings, so it may be a great time for a tune-up. Geoff has some interesting classes coming up that you may want to check out:

### Saturday Morning Casting Clinic

Whether you're a first-timer or an accomplished fly fisher, these 90-minute clinics will get you squared away on the basic casting stroke and various delivery casts or even fine-tune your ability to shoot line and double-haul.

### November 20

\$30/person (all equipment provided)

2 to 8 students. This class is a great opportunity, Geoff will run the class with as few as two people, so grab a buddy, give Geoff a call and sign up.

### Private Casting Lessons

For those who need intensive instruction but can't handle public humiliation.

Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

\$65.00/person/hour. By appointment only.

Sign up by calling 831-298-0690 or e-mail at: [info@centralcoastflyfishing.com](mailto:info@centralcoastflyfishing.com)

Participants must be fully vaccinated.

## No Touch Hook Release

You know, I'm just one of those guys who hates to carry a net. Most the time I don't take a picture and I'd kind of just like to let that little critter go without much hassle. Well here's a handy little gadget that really appeals to me. The concept has been around for a long while. In fact, our buddy Jay Jefferson gave me a larger heavy wire one with a wine cork handle that he'd made. I'm still use for bass and stripers.

I saw a video by Tahoe area guide Brian Slusser a couple week ago that feature the No Touch Trout. I ordered a couple and ended up talking to a John Snively back in Missoula, Montana who makes these things. After telling him about our upcoming annual dinner, he offered to send us a few, free of charge to add to the raffle. I've received my original order and I have to say they look cool! really well made. The picture doesn't do them justice. If you can't wait to get your hand on one, just Google "No Touch Trout". And if you get a chance, thank John for his support of SVFF.



The Fisherman of the month segment has been discontinued

## HOW DOES DRONE FISHING WORK?

**ANDY WHITCOMB**

**11/1/2021**

These small, radio controlled flying crafts are fairly common these days. Usually, drones are used to take pictures or video, providing a unique, bird's eye perspective of sporting events and such. Drone fishing is another wacky way these devices can be used.

**DISTANCE**

So, how does drone fishing work? A drone fishing rig is similar to a rig used for kite or balloon fishing, except here small bait is carried and strategically dropped in the water by the use of a drone fishing release clip. Often this distance far exceeds casting distances such as with drone surf fishing.

**RULES**

Is drone fishing legal? Yes, as long as you are just using it to drop the bait or lure. But according to the [FAA website](#), it looks like any drone should be registered, labeled and there is a safety test for operators before surf fishing or any fishing. Oh, and of course you still need a current [fishing license](#).

**POTENTIAL**

As crazy as it sounds, there have been places where I did not have a boat and the fish were out of casting distance. It might also be useful for scouting too. But while still on the learning curve for how does drone fishing work, there is always the risk of losing the expensive machine in the drink.

**CAUTION**

Allegheny River fisherman, Paul Murray, even caught one a couple of years ago, giving new meaning to "drone fishing." He hooked it with a jig but the thing flipped off near the boat. Using his anchor line, he was able to retrieve it. "Someone must have gotten too close to the bridge," he shared. "I've been trying, but haven't caught another since." (Note when drone fishing: fish like structure, drones don't. So, take great precautions to keep them out of our water resources.)

News From the DFWL website:

The feather River Hatchery seeks to increase production to help offset the impact of the drought



CDFW and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) have announced a joint effort at the Feather River Fish Hatchery in Butte County to aid in offsetting impacts to spring-run and fall-run Chinook salmon resulting from this year's extreme drought conditions.

## Event Calendar / Fishing reports

Date	Event	Location	Contact
November 10th	General meeting	Salinas Airport	Gene Tsukamoto (272-6367)
November 17th	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
November 24th	Board Meeting	Gene's House	Gene Tsukamoto (272-6367)
November 13th	Club Striper Outing	San Luis- O'Neill Forebay	Loren Kitamura (831) 229-9679
January 20-23, 2022	International Sportsmen's Expos	Cal Expo, Sacramento	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088
February 25,25,&27	The Fly Fishing Show	Alameda Fairgrounds. Pleasanton, Ca	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088

**Outing: Nov. 13th.**  
**Enter on the East park entrance off of Hwy 33 if you are using a float tub or pontoon.**  
**Enter on the West side for the boat.**

**Plan to meet up in the area near where the power lines cross the lake. good float tube spot between the shore and first island. More info at the meeting.**



(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 it's extensive information.



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