

Fly Times

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President's Message

Well here we are at the start of my 10th. month as your marginally esteemed leader. The weather is starting to cool off, the smoke is clearing and hopefully everyone will find some time to do a little fall fishing before we sort of kiss trout fishing good bye for another season. There is still some club offering in the year. We're planning an outing to the San Luis forebay for stripers, and if you want to travel, places like the Lower Sac, Heenan Lake and the steelhead streams can keep you on the right end of your fish'n stick.

I've been in contact with Robert Bayer who is the Vice President of the San Luis Obispo Fly Fishers. They're trying to find volunteers to work with the State Invasive Quagga Mussel inspection training program. The purpose is to enable anglers to have a way to continue to use float tubes, boat, etc. on the ponds at Hunter Liggett. We talked about it at the Board meeting

By: Gene Tsukamoto

but didn't come up with any volunteers, so if you're interested give me a buzz and I'll find out more information. It's probably not going to make much difference if we don't get some good rain this winter, so think positive.

This month's meeting will feature a Zoom presentation by Sam Sedillio from Trout Unlimited talking about the Truckee River and the surrounding lakes and streams. Sounds like great info. for planning for next season. We're hoping that the Zoom format will enable us to have more presentation at our monthly meeting.

I've been talking to Wilson and he is champing at the bit to figure out ways to light a fire under club activities for next year. If you ideas for next year's club outing, give Wilson a call.

T'll next time keep thinking fish..

Gene



Upcoming Events:

October meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 13th

Fly Tying:
Wednesday, Oct. 20th.

SVFF Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 27th.

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

October Fly of the Month

Birds Nest

Bird's Nest:

Hook: TMC 5262 (2x long) 8-16
Weight: 12-15 wraps .015 lead wire
Ribbing: Fine copper wire
Tail: Wood Duck fibers
Abdomen: Hare's Ear dubbing
Legs: Wood Duck fibers
Thorax: Hare's Ear dubbing



The **Bird's Nest** was named for and developed by Cal Bird in the mid 1950s in the streams of Northern California. Cal owned and operated a flyshop in downtown San Francisco and later moved to the Reno area in the 1970's. Cal Bird died in 1999. He was renowned as a fly tier with creative patterns that remain popular today, the Bird's nest being the best well known. The pattern is generally tied by cutting the center V section out of a Wood Duck feather and using it as the tail, then using the remaining portion to form the "leg" which wrap all the way around the fly. The fly is most often the color of the natural Wood Duck, but can also be tied in other colors such as: dark brown olive and black. A bead head version is also popular. The Bird's Nest deserves a spot in your fly box.

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Report from Heenan Lake

Frank Cunha and Rick McCombs spent a day up at Heenan Lake last week. They reported back that the fishing was a bit on the slow side for everyone. Rick said the report from Kiene's Fly Shop from the week before was that it was red hot. On this day it seemed that most folks were catching more like 2-3 fish. Rick said they caught a few, but nothing to write home about. They've changed the rules for Heenan this year. It's open 7 days a week from sun-up to sun-down and will remain open until the end of November. It remains strictly catch and release with barbless hooks only. The Prince Nymph seemed to be the fly of the day. The water level was good with a little algae bloom. If you're thinking about trying to fit in a trip before the end of the season, plan for cold mornings, the lake sits at 7,200 ft on Monitor Pass near Markleeville. It's about 135 acres so it's nice to have oars, but a float tube will work. Popular flies include the P.T, Hare's Ear, and Bird's Nest in 12-14 along with buggers and leach patterns in the 6-10 range.

Salinas Valley Fly Fishers Fly Tying

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

Next meeting: October 20th. at the Salinas Airport Conference Room

**Monthly meeting
Salinas Airport
Wednesday, Oct 13th.
Dinner at 6:00**

**SVFF Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 27th..
At Gene's house @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Fly Tying
October 20th @ 7:00
Board Room @ the Airport**

**Next Outing?
San Luis Forebay
Still in planning
for sometime in November**

Time to Take Up a New Hobby

What's a fly fisherman to do when the weather starts to turn cold. Put on your flannel shirt, brew up a cup of hot chocolate and start tying flies for next season. You say that you don't know how to tie flies... Well we've got the solution to your problem. Head on down to the Salinas Airport next Wednesday (Oct. 20th. @ 7:00). If you're new to this game and don't have all the prerequisite stuff, don't fear.. Come on down anyway. These guys have all the stuff you'll need.

Wilson needs your help

Wilson needs material for the website from our members. He's asking for good quality photos, fishing reports, anecdotes and stories. If you have anything that you'd like to share, please forward it on to Wilson @ wilson-inc@comcast.net

Central Coast Fly Fishing has moved

I know that many of you are on Geoff Malloway's mailing list, but just in case you're not and for any new members who aren't familiar with Central Coast Fly Fishing, I thought I'd pass on the word. Geoff has moved the shop. He is now located in the Baryard Shopping Village, just off Hwy 1 at 3650 Barnyard, Suite D-23. He says: "Look for the windmill and we're on the second level to the left." The hours remain the same... Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 am to 6:00pm. He's closed Sundays and Mondays. It's always good to call ahead (831-298-0690) just in case he's out doing a class or some other fishy kind of stuff. In the mean time you might check out his website and sign up for the newsletter. Just google Central Coast Fly Fishing and you'll find it. He's been offering a number of classes recently. I see where there's has a casting clinic on November 20th and an Intro to Fly Fishing Class on the 21st. Geoff is a great resource for our fly fishing community, albeit his sense of humor may be a bit weird. But, who am I to talk. Mention that you're with SVFF and maybe he'll give you a bite of his infamous "Carmel Valley. Crack" Really Great Stuff!

.....ed.



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

Nobody's on the chopping block for this month?!
Nobody stepped up to send me their info.
Nobody gets to find out about you.
Nobody get's to be humiliated.
Nobody to make fun of.
Nobody, Nobody
Nobody

Now here's the thing. Fred Deyoung came up with the idea of featuring a club member in each of the monthly newsletters. You know a picture of some guy or gal holding a big fish with a silly grin on their face along with a write-up of who they are and where they grew up and how much they love to fish and stuff like that. Now I need your help, because Freddy came up with this idea and it's a great idea and it's probably the only good idea that he's had in the last 20 year. He had the most feeble presidency in the history of the club and this was his one shinning moment, so come on and toss the old dog a bone. If you read this, just send me an e-mail and say "Oh, what the hell" I'll send you back a little questionnaire form to make it easy. You fill it out and toss in a fishy looking picture and we'll all be heroes. And, Fred will be so happy he'll get flowers for Martha and who knows where it will go from there. You could be part of something big!

.....ed. @ (rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net)



**Hey Wilson,
It say: “Petty Fish”
on the side of this
rainbow, What do
you figure that
means?**

Event Calendar / Fishing reports

Date	Event	Location	Contact
Oct. 13th	General meeting	Salinas Airport	Gene Tsukamoto (272-6367)
Oct. 20th	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
Oct. 27th	Board Meeting	Gene's House	Gene Tsukamoto (272-6367)
November 13-14 (tentative)	Club Stripper Outing	San Luis- O'Neill Forebay	TBA
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



Heenan Lake located about half way up Monitor pass on the Eastern side of the Sierras, in addition to being open to the public for fishing between September and the end of November, it's utilized by Fish and Wildlife to collect Lahontan Cutthroat eggs for the state's fish hatcheries which are then stocked into waters in California and Nevada. The Department takes up to 2 million eggs annually from the Cutthroat in Heenan Lake. A few thousand yearling Cutthroats, reared from these eggs, are stocked back into the lake each 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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