

Fly Times

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President's Message

By: Gene Tsukamoto

First and foremost, I want to say Happy Holidays and best wishes in the New Year to everyone. My time at the head table is certainly dwindling down, but I still have to get through December and part way into January before I can hand the baton over to incoming President Wilson Taguinod.

Next up on the club agenda is the December meeting this coming Wednesday evening. Along with it comes the infamous SVFF gift exchange. Rick has posted the rules elsewhere in the newsletter. You might want to read those over and practice being ruthless between now and Wednesday. Remember to bring a wrapped gift. We suggest something in the \$20-\$25 range. If you forget or can't make it to the store, plan to come to the meeting anyway. It should great entertainment and one of the Board member will try to bring a few extra gift, in case you

forget yours. Remember that Dinner starts at 6:00.

In January we'll be having our Annual Dinner on Saturday the 15th at the Flying Artichoke. Prime Rib and Chicken Forestier are on the menu. Plan to get your tickets prior to Dec. 31st to get in on the Early Bird Drawing and save \$5. The price is \$55/person or \$50 if paid by the 31st. You can pay at this month's meeting or send a check to" SVFF, P.O. Box 4933 Salinas, Ca 93912..

We have a couple new items in the newsletter this month. We ran out of people who wanted to be humiliated as Member of the Month, so this month we've added a book review by Wilson T. and "Casting Tidbits" by Rick M. If you'd like to try your hand at contributing an article to the newsletter, Please contact Editor Rick.

T'll next time.
Keep reeling them in
.....Gene



Upcoming Events:

December meeting:

Wednesday, Dec. 8th.

Fly Tying:

No Fly Tying This Month

SVFF Board Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

Annual Dinner:

Saturday, January 15th.

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

December Fly of the Month
Glass Bead Caddis Pupa

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Hook: 1x short Scud Hook Size 12-19

Bead Head: Black Bead

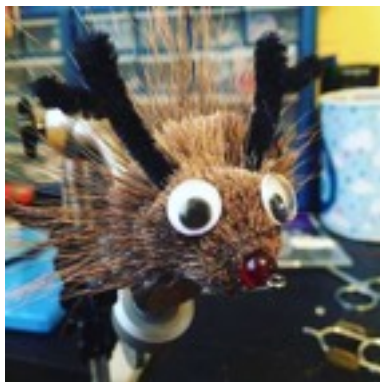
Body: 4 glass bead (green, gray or brown)

Butt: Ice Dub or similar

Thorax: Ice Dub (peacock) or similar

Hackle: Feather of choice

Note: there are numerous variations of this pattern both with and without the bead head. Popular colors are Green, Brown and shades of gray. The pattern invites individual creativity.



Reminder: No Fly Tying this Month

Merry Christmas

Don't forget this month's meeting will include the annual gift exchange. bring a wrapped gift values in the \$25 range. If in doubt..booze is good.

Monthly meeting Salinas Airport
Wednesday, December 8th.
Dinner at 6:00
"Gift Exchange"

Fly Tying
No Fly Tying
Meeting This Month

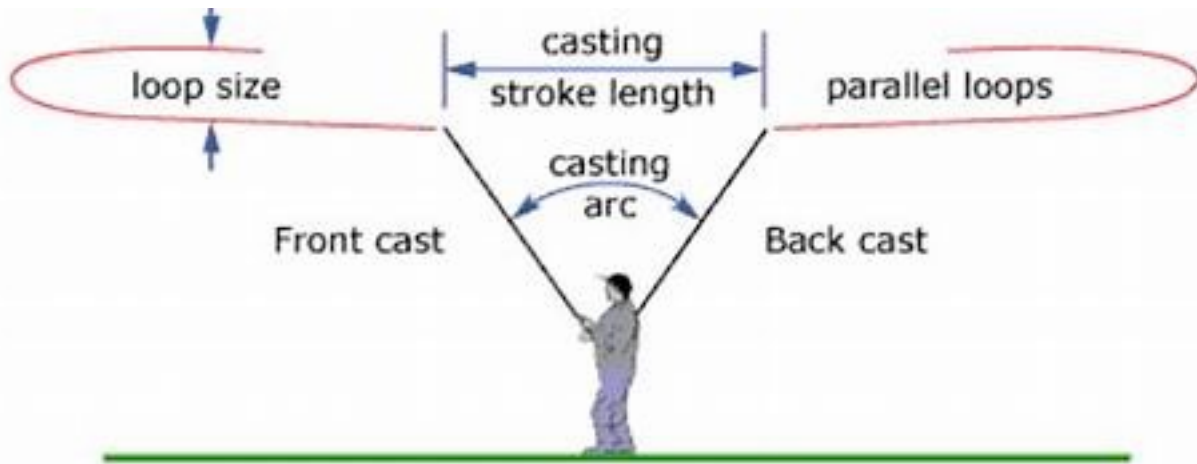
SVFF Board Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.
@ 6:00 P.M.

Annual Dinner
@ Flying Artichoke
Jan. 15th.

Salinas Valley Fly Fishers Fly Tying (No Fly Tying This Month)
Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00 (Quest welcome)
Next meeting: at the Salinas Airport Conference Room

Casting Tidbits on Creep and Drift

When it come to fine tuning your casting, these two characters should probably be at the top of your list, If you have trouble with “tailing loops” and “wind knots,” chances are that you’ve already met Mr. Creep.



In this above illustration, Creep happens after the “stop” on the back cast. Just image that you bring your rod into the back cast position shown above, but then, for some strange, deeply deviant, inexplicable reason, you sneak the rod forward “just a touch” before the line has straightened out behind you. That doesn’t seem like such a terrible sin, does it? Well, let’s think about what happens. In the illustration, you can see “Homer” here has established a “casting arc” and historically this has been described by referring to the hands of a clock, in this case about 10:00 to 2:00 o’clock. Now, the first thing to understand is that this casting arc has to get bigger or smaller with the distance and power needed in your cast or bad things are going to happen. (we’ll talk more about that in future episodes). The 10:00 and 2:00 positions are probably only good for an average cast of maybe 30 or 40 feet. The arc has to be smaller for short casts and wider for long casts. Now back to Creep. If Homer’s rod comes forward prior to the line straightening out behind him and his starting of the forward cast, he has effectively just narrowed his casting arc. He has also raised the tip of the rod relative to the “casting plane”. So, what’s going to happen? Most likely Homer will push through the forward cast with greater “force”, trying to compensate for the shorter distance he has in which to accelerate to the forward stop position. The result will be that instead of the rod tip following a straight path, in which the entire line will be projected in a straight line toward the target, it will dip down and follow a concave path which will result in the tailing loop, with the front end of the line moving more upward and the tail end headed downward relative to the rest of the line. The tip end will cross paths with of the front end in the process.

In contrast to Creep, Drift is generally seen as a positive attribute of the cast. Simply stated, it is the act of allowing to rod to continue move in the direction of the cast after the rod unloads. You can think of it as “follow-through”, like with the way a batter in baseball lets the bat continue to move forward after the point of impact with the ball. As a final thought, Drift is not required for a good cast, but it can enhance your casting and perhaps most importantly it is a effective cure for Creep.

By: Rick McCombs

Question and comments are appreciated. Direct to: (rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net)

Fish Reports



Wilson and Brendon made a long trek to San Juan River in pursuit of the big browns and rainbows. Wilson reports that “Mo” eluded them but they did manage to catch several in the 16-22” range and a bucket load of fish in the 12-14” category. Most of the fish were caught using little (size 20-24) nymphs and crystal leeches under indicators. They also did manage to catch quite a few on the surface with Griffiths Gnats, black ants, and emergers. Stripping crystal leeches produced a fair number of fish as well. Sounds like a great road trip!

Christmas “Gift Exchange”

The Rules

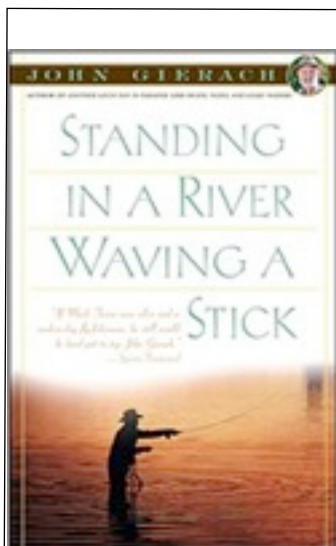
Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday..You see this little note starts off just like the Salinas Valley FlyFishers December meeting will. Everybody being pleasant and nice, people bringing gift wrapped presents, smiles and good cheer, etc.,etc. But, here in lies the warning! Don’t be fooled, especially you folks who are newer to this organization. There are some real greedy rascals in this club and hell has no fury like the SVFF “gift exchange”. Yeh, it all starts off fun and games, but I’m here to fill you in. First the rules: (1) Everybody should bring a wrapped present (suggested value \$25 or so). (2) All the presents get thrown into a big nasty pile. (3)

Everybody draws a number out of an old greasy hat. (4) The lucky person with number 1 picks a gift from the pile and opens it. (5) Number two and each succeeding person has a choice, either: thoughtfully open an unwrapped present or ruthlessly rip off one of the presents that one of your former fishing buddies already opened and cherishes. (6) If your present gets stolen, once you’ve stopped sniveling, you then become the next person to take a turn and you can either open a new present or take one from some other Poor Slob. (exception: You may not take a gift back from the person who took it from you.) (7) **3 times rule:** There are limits you know?! And, this is true for stealing gifts. Any single gift can only be stolen 3 time. If you are the third person to steal that gift...You keep it! (8) The game ends when the last present in the pile is unwrapped.!

Now you’ve been warned so: Merry Christmas.....ed

Event Calendar / Fishing reports

Date	Event	Location	Contact
December 8th	General meeting	Salinas Airport	Gene Tsukamoto (272-6367)
No fly Tying this month	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
December 22nd.	Board Meeting	Salinas Airport	Gene Tsukamoto (272-6367)
January 12th.	Annual Dinner	the Flying Artichoke	Chuck Schlough (235-75780)
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

Book Review***“Standing in a River Waving a Stick,” by John Gierach***

Gierach takes us on a journey through time as he recounts some of his fishing adventures. He uses a broad brush to paint us a canvas of what this sport means to him, his journey from a young self-described hippie to a middle aged trout bum, and his growing sense of mortality.

Written as a compendium of his fly fishing adventures, he manages to cover a lot of ground in his quest for catching trout on a dry fly using a short bamboo rod. His anecdotes are laced with side bars such as when fishing a remote small stream he segues into sitting in his designated rocking chair at a rod makers shop talking shop, ie: where have we fished and where are we going to fish.

Laced with humor, a fair amount of self deprecation and portals into the mindset of some of the leading figures in our sport, reading “Standing in a River Waving a Stick” is time well spent while sequestered in ones quarters during the coming cold winter days and nights.

By: Wilson Taguinod

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We encourage members to visit Steve's website and take advantage of it's extensive information.



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