

Fly Times

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President's Message

By: Wilson Taguinod

Greetings fellow fly fishers. SVFF started the year with a well-attended banquet. It was a good time to connect with old friends, meet the new club members, and enjoy our annual traditions -which include the Sportsman of the Year award (deservedly given to Richard Higgins), fly box drawing (Kurt Dillard walked away with a boatload of nice-looking flies), the white ticket fly box donation (Dave Gambetta's name was drawn. Rumor has it he was trying to convince Kurt into leaving 6 flies in the box to cover his requirement), and Jay Jefferson's newly rebranded Muddy Duck award, of which Fred DeYoung was the "winner" for his rendition of an alligator fertility dance and Los Padres Reservoir.

The Covid pandemic has put a damper on our club activities for the past two

years. The Board of Directors is tasked with filling our club calendar with enticing outings and guest speakers for our General Meetings. We would like to include outings outside of our old favorites (Pyramid Lake, Hat Creek outing) in both still water and stream locales. It is our objective to guide (pun intended) our club into the pre-Covid level of activity. If anyone has a favorite (maybe even a secret) destination they enjoy, share the ! Let the board know where it is and we will do our best to include it in our outings calendar.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our club meetings and fishing with you at our outings. Until then, Let's go fishing,



.....Wilson

Upcoming Events:

General Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 9th. (6:00 pm)

Fly Tying

Wednesday, Feb. 16th. (6:00 pm)

SVFF Board Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. (6:00 pm)

Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show

Feb. 25th., 26th. & 27th.

Pleasanton Show Hours:

Friday, February 25 - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 26 - 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 27 - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Adults:

One Day Pass \$15

Two Day Pass \$25

Three Day Pass \$35

Check out the Club's web page: at salinasvalleyflyfishing.org

February Fly of the Month:
Black A.P. Nymph

Recipe for Black A.P.

Hook: 1x long wet fly hook
Thread: Black 6/0
Weight: .015" lead wire
Ribbing: Copper wire
Wing case: Black moose body hair
Abdomen: Black beaver dubbing
Thorax: Black beaver dubbing
Tail: Dark moose body hair
Legs: Dark moose body hair
Head: Black beaver or black bead
Other colors: Olive, Grey, Tan



The Black A.P. was developed by the late **Andre Puyan** in the 1960's. The A.P. is often assumed to have been named for Andre's initials, but Andre reported the A.P. stood for *All Purpose*. Andy, as he was widely known, was one of flyfishing's great innovators and instructors, teaching his art and sport to countless thousands in California and the Western states. Andy started fly tying at age seven, and got his first professional fly tying order at age nine. He spent long hours at the New York Anglers Roost learning from the likes of: Art Flick, and Ray Bergman. By age nineteen Al McClaine had written about Andy's Portland Colonel fly pattern in Field and Stream. That year, Andy took over management of the Atlantic salmon fishing camps in Newfoundland from Lee Wulff. In 1958, he moved to San Francisco and in 1964, Andy brought fisheries conservation to California by forming the first Trout Unlimited chapter and council. He remained a TU National Director until 1972 when he started Creative Sports Enterprises in Pleasant Hill, one of the first full-service, fly-only tackle shops. Andre Puyan died in 2005, at the age of 80.

Monthly meeting Salinas Airport
February 9th.
Salinas Airport Restaurant

Fly Tying
Wednesday, February 16th.
@ 6:00 @ airport

SVFF Board Meeting
Wednesday, February, 23rd.
@ 6:00 P.M. @ Jefferson Ranch

Fly Fishing Show
Pleasanton
February 25th, 26th, & 27th.

Salinas Valley Fly Fishers Fly Tying
Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00 (Quest welcome)
Next meeting: at the Salinas Airport Conference Room



Brook Trout

This article appeared on CDF&W News Room page. The website contains a great deal of useful info. in addition to being a place to renew your license. If you google: wildlife.ca.gov, you can check out the website. Go to the bottom of the home page. Under the heading: "get in touch" you'll find "News Room". That will provide a place to subscribe if you're interested.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will provide trout anglers in the greater Sacramento area with an unprecedented fishing opportunity this winter: the chance to catch brook trout from a half-dozen urban and suburban park ponds and lakes that are part of CDFW's Fishing in the City program. Fishing in the City began in 1993 to provide recreational fishing and outdoor opportunities to California's urban, suburban and underserved communities.

"These are good-looking fish," said Jason Julienne, the senior environmental scientist who supervises CDFW's North Central Region fish hatcheries. "They fight hard, they're aggressive and they're good table fare. This is a unique opportunity for anglers using these urban fisheries to catch a very special fish."

CDFW's American River Trout Hatchery typically provides rainbow trout to the Fishing in the City – Sacramento Metro Area program during the winter months, when ambient temperatures become cool enough to support trout in these low-elevation waters. Unfortunately, due to the drought conditions experienced throughout the state this past summer, the American River Trout Hatchery was forced to evacuate all its fish as warming water temperatures would have proved fatal to the various cold-water trout species the hatchery raises. Through a coordinated effort with CDFW's Moccasin Creek Hatchery in Tuolumne County, 19,000 brook trout were transferred to the American River Trout Hatchery to support winter angling opportunities within Sacramento County. The brook trout, now 10 to 13 inches long, will be planted in participating Fishing in the City waters from January through March. Participating waters include those at Granite Regional Park, North Natomas Regional Park, Mather Regional Park, Hagan Community Park, Howe Community Park and Elk Grove Regional Park. General dates and locations of stocking are available at CDFW's [Fish Planting Schedule](#).

Native to the northeastern U.S. and eastern Canada, brook trout were brought to California in the late 1800s and are now found in mountain lakes and streams from the San Bernardino Mountains north to the Oregon state line. They are most abundant in the high-elevation waters of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Brook trout are popular with anglers both for their eating quality and striking appearance. Their coloration ranges from olive-green to olive-brown, often with reddish hues. They have red spots surrounded by blue halos and white, leading edges on their pectoral, pelvic and anal fins. Both sexes can become brightly colored during spawning season in the fall.

Learn more at [CDFW's brook trout webpage](#).

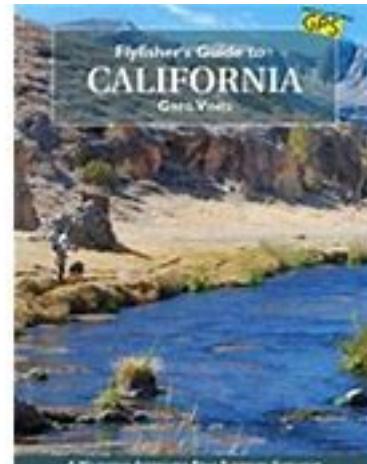
The brook trout being stocked into Sacramento-area waters are triploid, meaning sterile. Pre-stocking evaluations have taken place in all the waters to be planted to ensure the brook trout will not compete with, threaten or displace any native species.

It's a good time for steelhead fishing on the American River!

Peak steelhead fishing season is generally around mid-February and can last through March, so grab your favorite spinning lure or fancy fly and head out. Recent rain events should stimulate more steelhead movement, resulting in greater fishing success! American River access points with boat launches include Howe Avenue, Sailor Bar and Sunrise Avenue Recreation Area. There are also excellent shore-based fishing opportunities between Paradise Beach and Sailor Bar.

Flyfisher's Guide to California

Here's a great book for anyone who wants to strike out and discover new watered and be prepared at the same time. Author Greg Vinci, who grew up fishing trout and Steelhead in the Sierras and Northern California, leads you through a total of 46 waters including all the top lakes and streams of CA. Vinci, who is a professional photographer and has 30 years in the fly industry, fills this book with astounding pictures, detail map and hatch chart. His "Stream Facts" include: stream flows, side roads, special regulations, safety concerns and the fish you'll find there. Since first penned in 2019 it has been updated to include GPS coordinates. Vinci is on the staff at Kiene's Fly Shop and his book is available on line or at the shop.. ..(ed.)



Note Regarding Our Mailing list:

Wilson has been working on getting our club roster and e-mail mailing list up to snuff. I'm also updating the newsletter mailing list. Because of this you may end up with more then one copy of the newsletter if you have multiple e-mail addresses. If this happens to you or if you have another address that you'd rather use then the one on which you received the newsletter, please let me know what your preferred e-mail is. (rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net)

From the Board Room

The Board is busy coming up with an outing schedule for the new year, so if you have ideas, please contact one the people listed on page 1 of the newsletter. Wilson has also been making plans to move the meeting place for the Board meeting. Currently it looks like we'll be meeting at Jefferson's Ranch where we have the annual BBQ in July. There is also some talk about moving the fly tying, so stay tuned and check with one of the Board member if you need meeting locations. Remember that all members are always welcome to attend Board meeting. It's a great why to get more involved

Be Patient and calm - for no one can catch a fish in anger.
- Herbert Hoover

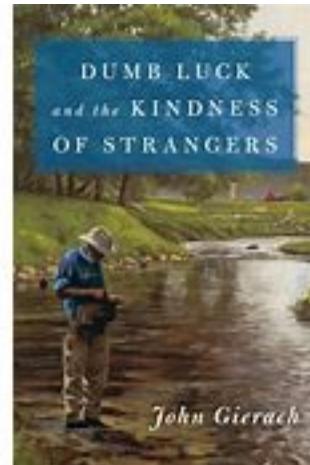
Event Calendar / Fishing reports

Date	Event	Location	Contact
February 9th.	Monthly Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Wilson Taguinod (408) 424-3063
February 16th.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (831) 424-3063
February 23rd.	Board Meeting	Jefferson Ranch in the: "Green Room"	Wilson Taguinod (408) 234-5195
February 25,25,&27	The Fly Fishing Show	Alameda Fairgrounds. Pleasanton, Ca	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088

Book Review***Dumb Luck and the Kindness of Strangers*, by John Gierach**

Gierach sets the tone of this book by describing his home waters and the pleasure he gets from fishing familiar streams. In those streams, he is not searching for trophy trout on the crowded streams of the West, but rather fish which are proffered by them – smallish fish which rarely surpass 10" in length but provide affirmation that the press of an encroaching population growth, the proliferation of fly fishing as a status symbol sport and their quest for those typical Western stream trophies has not sullied the fishing on his little known streams.

As is his wont, he uses vignettes to describe a life of fishing and his particular ethos as a fisherman and conservationist. Straight forward, to the point with little fanfare is his style of writing and fishing. "Dumb Luck" is a parody of a stream – the book flows smoothly from a distance but his stories get roily as he drifts in and out of his many adventures. Well written, entertaining, humorous, and chuck full of fishing lore, "Dumb Luck" is a good book to read..



By: Wilson T.

(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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