

Fly Times

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President's Message

By: Gene Tsukamoto

Welcome to the last issue of "Gene on the Hot Seat". It has been my honor to serve as your club President through the somewhat less than auspicious year of 2021. I guess it was better than 2020 and we did manage a few get-togethers, some fishing and meeting, but it certainly was not what we had hoped for. Lack of rain, wild fires, cancelled outings. We had a little of everything. Aside from COVID making a run-up with its new variant, our hope springs eternal as we open the book on 2022. As of the time of the newsletter going to press, we're still looking forward to our annual dinner this coming Saturday. We'll ask everyone to wear a mask, but I think that we've gotten pretty used to that.

Speaking of the annual dinner, the no host cocktail hour starts @ 5:30 and dinner will be served @ 6:30 with the changing of the guard and raffle following shortly there

after. I look forward to see you all there in person.

I want to take a moment to say thanks to all you members for keep the flame of fly fishing burning bright. Thanks to the Board member for their guidance and support. Thanks to Bill and Rick for the doing the fly tying and the newsletter and special thanks to Wilson for stirring the pot under us and stepping up to take the reins as President for next year.

I wonder if anyone out there besides me made New Year resolutions. I hope you did and I hope that the one at the very top of the list was to do one heck of a lot more fishing this year. We've already got more rain in the bucket than all of last year. I hope it continues so we can all get together for the opening day of trout season.. See you then..

..Gene



Upcoming Events:

Annual Dinner:

Saturday, January 15th.

Fly Tying:

January 19th.

SVFF Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 26th.

Annual Dinner January 15th. @ the Flying Artichoke

January Fly of the Month
Hornberg Special

- Hook: [TMC 5263 #8-12](#)
- Thread: [Danville Black 6/0](#)
- Body: [Silver tinsel \(flat\)](#)
- Wing (inner): [Yellow saddle hackle](#) (original), or [yellow bucktail](#) or [yellow calf tail](#)
- Wing (outer): [Barred natural mallard flank](#) feathers
- Cheeks: Jungle cock or equivalent
- Hackle: [Grizzly](#) (original), or [grizzly and brown](#)



History of the Hornberg Special:

This pattern was originally developed about 100 years ago as a dry fly imitation for the Caddis fly. More recently the pattern has come to be fished in streams as a dry / wet combination, letting it float and then pulling it under and stripping like a minnow. Many of our club member have experience using the Rio Grade King in the same way, having discovered that it works equally well on or below the surface. The pattern, fished as a minnow has become a staple “don’t go fishing without it” pattern for Lake Crowley along with it’s copycat cousin the Loeberg.

This a fun pattern to tie and is a great fly pattern to add to your still-water arsenal.

...(ed.)

Monthly meeting Salinas Airport

February 9th.
Salinas Airport

Fly Tying

January 9th.
Glass Bead Caddis Pupa

SVFF Board Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 26th.
@ 6:00 P.M.

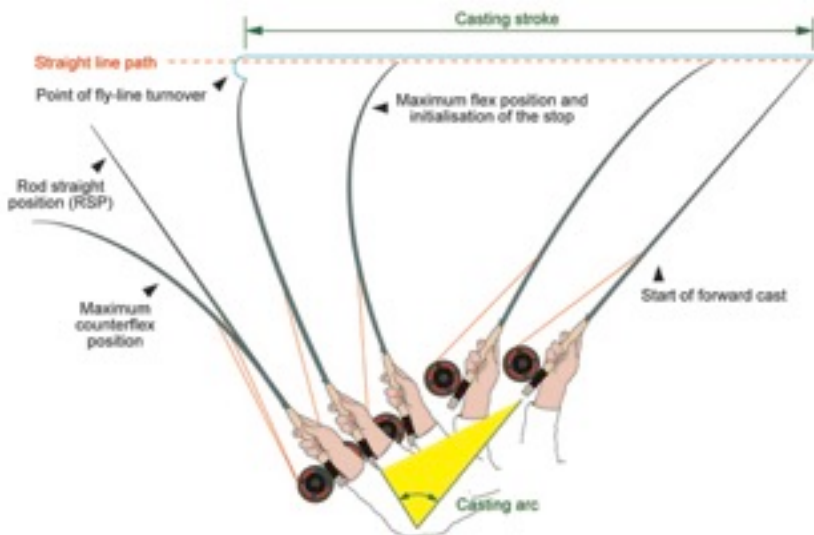
Annual Dinner
@ Flying Artichoke
Jan. 15th.
(Masks Required)

Salinas Valley Fly Fishers Fly Tying

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

Casting Tidbits - Understanding Acceleration and the Stop

Last month we introduced you to creep and drift. This month we'll explore the importance of acceleration through the casting stroke and a quick stop at the end of the casting stroke. I've replaced Homer with a little different illustration that I found on the internet. This particular illustration shows the caster's hand dropping through the casting stroke, but that's a matter of style rather than substance, so we'll ignore it for now. What I want to focus on is the path of the rod tip. You'll notice that throughout



the casting stroke the tip of the rod maintains a straight path. So, when the rod releases its stored energy the entire force is directed in a straight line. Let's also point out that the maximum bend in the rod occurs in the middle of the stroke when the rod tip is directly over the butt of the rod.

So why is all this important and what's acceleration have to do with anything? Well, imagine the line straightened out in the air behind you and you start moving your rod hand forward. Initially it takes more energy to get the line moving forward and as it does,

the rod begins to bend. Your task is not only to bend the rod, but to increase the bend, so as to store progressively more and more energy in the rod as it moves forward. Once the line starts to move, it actually takes less energy to keep it moving so you have to go progressively fast in order to keep and increase the rod's stored energy. The classic mistake new casters often make is to initiate the forward cast, but then "coast" through to the stopping point with no acceleration. This causes the rod tip to bend down initially, but then to straighten out as the line moves forward. This produces a convex or outward arching path of the rod tip, which produces an "open loop". The "open loop" results in inefficient, wind-resistant cast. The opposite effect is created when the cast is accelerated too fast. The rod tip, in that case, dips down during the casting stroke resulting in the rod tip taking a concave path. The result is the "tailing loop", which leads to tangles in your line, hitting the rod tip and "wind knots". Wind knots are actually overhand knots produced when the upper portion of the outgoing line drops below the lower portion and forms a loop that the fly then travels through. It's a hard knot to tie on purpose, but remarkably easy to do by accident. So the moral of the story is a bit like Little Red Riding Hood. Not Too Hot, Not Too Cold but just right. The trick is to accelerate through the casting stroke with just enough "ummph" so that the rod follows a straight line path.

Having done that, now you have to stop and the important thing about the "stop" is that it should happen all at once. A helpful image is the act of pounding a nail with a hammer. Hold your hand up in front of your shoulder. Make a fist like you're holding a hammer, then swing forward at an imaginary nail and stop sharply as you hit the nail. Practice that a few times until you get the feel of it then try replicating the same motion and acceleration in the "back cast", letting your forearm "smack" up against your bicep. The idea is to accelerate to a quick stop. What this accomplishes is to allow the rod to discharge all the energy that it's stored in a linear direct, presumably right at your target, just upstream of a big Rainbow happily sipping little grey-winged Mayflies.

Now we've got the acceleration and we've got the quick stop, but there's one last point to be made. Keep in mind that the forward cast and back cast are in fact two separate casts. It is important that they be comparable and work together. Most casters will find that their forward casting loop will be tighter than the backcast. Your job is to make the loop of those two casts mirror each other. You may find it helpful to take a step back with your right foot, as you practice, so you can drop your cast down to side arm and watch the loops unfold in the air.

I hope these tips will help you enjoy the casting part of fly fishing even more.Rick (ed.)

Flying ARTICHOKE Restaurant
Salinas Valley Fly Fishers

January 15, 2022 5:30 pm 45 guest

Annual Dinner

Entrée

Slow Roast Prime Rib
Chicken Forestier

Served with

Sautéed Vegetable medley
Penne pasta in cream Sauce
Mixed Valley Greens
Cherry Tomato
Cucumber
Italian and Ranch Dressing
Mac Salad
Array of fresh sliced fruit mirror display

Dessert

Apple Cobbler Ala Mode

Beverage

Fresh brewed coffee, teas or soft drinks

Due to health concerns all people in attendance will be required to wear masks
Please help us insure a happy and safe evening for all.

The Salinas Valley Fly Fishers

Invites

Members, Family and Friends
to join us for a great evening of food, prizes
and fun, on Saturday, January 15, 2022

At

the Flying Artichoke, Salinas Airport
No host cocktail @ 5:30, Dinner @ 6:30

Event Calendar / Fishing reports

Date	Event	Location	Contact
January 12th.	Annual Dinner	the Flying Artichoke	Wilson Taguinod (408) 234-5195
January 19th	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Bill Pshide (831) 424-3063
January 20-23, 2022	International Sportsmen's Expos	Cal Expo, Sacramento	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088
January 26th	Board Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Wilson Taguinod (408) 234-5195
February 25,25,&27	The Fly Fishing Show	Alameda Fairgrounds. Pleasanton, Ca	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088

Book Review

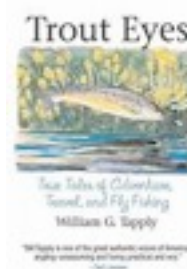
Trout Eyes by William G. Tapply

Like a mountain stream, *Trout Eyes* meanders through a life of fishing and the machinations of becoming an accomplished angler. Tapply uses family lore, a brief history of bass bugs and how they evolved into top water bass flies, and tales of his fishing adventures as a background to recount his fond memories of fishing with his father.

Nurtured by a benign and patient mentor, he develops a passion for fishing not only his local waters but locales throughout the country and the world for fresh and salt water species. From the opening scene of studying a rising trout from a bridge to the epilogue, Tapply reminds us that fishing is the experience to be savored and catching is a result to appreciate.

Unlike elusive trout, time escapes no one and its passage add layers of patina to and enriches our experiences. Paying homage to his father is his way of inviting the reader give back to the sport which has given us so much.

Review 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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