



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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FLY TIMES

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"President's Message"

Rod "WTF" Sanchez

Sometimes you've just gotta say "WTF?!". For the month of March, I had heard that the white bass at Nacimiento were still biting out in the open waters. While some were catching them, others just had a "nice" boat ride "WTF?!".

The club hit Pyramid Lake in full force for the big March outing. I counted nine members at lunch on Saturday. The "Midnight Cowboy" was serving sausage bites early to all. He was even seen wading, with silver snack platter in hand, out to members on their ladders, who were too busy fishing to come in to shore and eat. All the members I talked to had landed at least one of those Cutthroats, except for me! WTF?". From what heard, "Midnight Cowboy" landed the largest one at seven lbs. on, you guessed it, a Midnight Cowboy. When he hooked that fish it was like a marlin. It did a tail dance about six feet in front of three of us and gave us a long needed shower "WTF?!". As for me, I got two bumps in two and a half days of

fishing "WTF?!". I did get some long deserved rest, great food and had a great time with the club!"
But...**Where's The Fish?!**

Looking forward to the club events coming in April. First thing to come up is Herman Garcia from CHEER at the April club meeting. Please come out for the meeting and learn more about the local water shed. Oh, and catch up on paying your annual dues too. We, also have Kids day" SVFF" at Fort Hunter Liggett this month. Bring a kid young or old. There's fun to be had by all. Don't forget to get your 2015 FHL fishing permit ahead of time! (but you won't need it for this one event) On April 20th we have "Introducing Fly Fishing to Vet's" at the Monterey VA Clinic. So come out enjoy the day, support your club and our Vets

T'll next **WFT?! Rod**

April Meeting Explores Pajaro River

Herman Garcia, President of the Coastal Habitat Education, Environmental & Restoration (CHEER). Will be our guest speaker this Wednesday evening. He should be able to give us some great information about the organization's history, along with work on the salmon streambed restoration projects in the Pajaro River watershed. In addition to that we'll have the raffle and a special white ticket drawing. Come out for the camaraderie and good times..- ed.

What's going on in the world of fly fishing and tying?



Fly tying

Flash Back Pheasant Tail

Flash Back .P.T. Recipe

- Thread: Brown- 8/0
 - Hook: Standard wet fly hook - Size #14
 - Bead: Copper bead- Size 3/32
 - Body: Pheasant Tail - Natural
 - Rib: Copper Wire - Size Small
 - Thorax: Peacock Herl
 - Wing Case: Pearl Mylar
 - Tail: Pheasant Tail -Natural
- Head Cement:



Fly Tying Note: Bill Pshide will be at the vise again this month tying the Flash Back Pheasant Tail Nymph in honor of and in preparation for the upcoming outing to Hunter Liggett. With it's brown coloration and gold bead, it sinks nicely. And looks much like one of those trout pellets that the planted trout are used to eating. This is something you might keep in mind as you're preparing for the excursion down to South County. You might as well put away you fancy intermediate still water line and your Denny Rickard's nymphs and go instead for a dry line and the Hunter-Liggett "Plop and Drop". I'll attribute this next observation to Al Miyamoto, who was one of the best there was at figuring out what would make a fish bite. He mastered the FHL derby trout fishing faster then anybody I know. The difference between the trout we usually fish for and these planted guy is: 1. Planted fish run toward anything that plops on the water and native trout run away and Planted fish "expect their food to come down from the top and natives "expect" it to come up from the bottom. So as Al told me: "you "Plop" it out there, let it "Drop" and set the hook. ed.

Next Month: Rick will come down from Sutter Creek to sit in Bill's chair and tie the Damsel Nymph and the Jay Fair Wiggle Tail Nymph, all in preparation for the Davis Lake outing in June. Before being twice killed, Davis Lake was the home of one of the wildest Damsel Hatches to be witnessed anywhere. They call it a "Damsel Migration" and that's no over-statement. We're not sure what to experience this year, but come hell or low water, we'll be prepared.. If you're not yet a fly tier, please come join in. Catching a fish on a fly that you yourself tied adds a whole new dimension to your fly fishing experience.

**Attention! White ticket drawing this month. The prize is either K-Pump or a double rod travel case..
More News: Tickets are still available for the Wounded Warrior Drawing**

Salinas Valley Flyfishers2015 Outing Schedule and Programs**

April 8th.	General Meeting	Landing Zone @ the airport	CHEER	Rod Sanchez	809-7499
April 11th.	“Kids” Trout Derby	Hunter Liggett	Trout	None needed	
April 15th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport Board Room	Damsel nymph	Bill Pshide	424-3063
April 22nd..	Board meeting	Landing Zone @ the airport	All members welcome	Rod Sanchez	809-7499
April 25-26th.	Club Outing	Merced River	Trout	Not assigned	
May 16-17th.	Club Outing	Lake McSwain/ Tuolumne Riv.	Rainbow Trout	Not assigned	
June 13-14th	Club Outing	Davis Lake/ Frenchman	Rainbow Trout	Rick McCombs	(209) 267-8088
July 11th	Muddy River Classic	Jefferson Ranch	Annual BBQ	Jay Jefferson	809-0290

What else can we come up with

Take a look at the variety of outings already listed above. The board has been hard at work to come up with a bunch of new additions to those already on the books. You’ll see that we’ve put the Merced on the list for April. Hopefully the low water and warm temperatures didn’t kill off all the fish. We’ll be checking on the river’s status prior to the outing, but if you hear anything let us know. There are also plans in the works for a trip to Lake Almanor in late June, Indian Creek Reservoir, along with Heenan, and Kirman, Please and let your board members know where you’d like to travel.

Are You Interested Three day, two night float on the Lower Sac

Our illustrious Prez, Rod “WTF” Sanchez is making plans to do a three day float trip on the lower Sacramento later this Spring. This will be a self guided, camp out on the sandbars adventure, Contact **Rod: 809-7499**

Special thanks to **Geoff Malloway** for his ongoing support of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers and for his many efforts on behalf of stream habitat and the preservation of the fish that we all seek to catch. Next time you’re out his way, stop by, say hi and buy a bunch of stuff. If Geoff doesn’t have exactly what you’re looking for in stock he’ll be happy to order it.

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Squares still available for the TFO Rod Wounded Warriors Raffle. Proceeds go to the Wounded Warrior Program

Editorial

The Board has been hard at work trying to redo the old club By-laws. I want to commend Richard Higgins in particular for his efforts in this regard. As I read over the past By-laws and drafts that are currently being considered, I am struck by the history incased in the old documents. I'll hit a few of the highlight. In 1983, the oldest copy that I have, the club was *male only* with a maximum *50 member limit*. The club had a waiting list back then and the dues were \$20/year. The club "Objective" as stated was to: "Cultivate the arts of Fly Fishing and Casting; to widen the bonds of fellowship and sportsmanship; and to participate in the support of measures dedicated to the conservation of the natural resources which make possible the enduring enjoying of the objectives stated herein.". Still sounds pretty damn good. Those By-laws also contain a club **credo** as guidelines for member's conduct. Briefly they codified the expectation that members would: Obey fish and game laws; Promote conservation; Respect private property rights; Practice good sportsmanship; Participate in club activities; and Encourage and assist beginners in learning the art of fly fishing. While there have been changes over the years, the Club Objective and Club Credo remain the backbone of the current By-laws. Some of the changes through the years are of interest. In 1992 the club instituted the Eddie Davis Award (more on this one in the next issue), In 1997 the annual dues were raised to \$35 and the "Life Memberships were established. In 2002 the competitive "Fisherman of the Year award was discontinued and replaced by the "Sportsman of the Year" award. In 2009, which I believe was the last formal By-laws change. Family memberships were added, changes in the requirements for Life Member and then half a dozen new job descriptions and responsibilities for Board member were added. These were things like Conservation Director, Outing Coordinator and General Meeting and Recruitment Director along with a bunch of new responsibilities for the outing Fishmasters.. What I now find interesting, as I look back, is that none of the recent 2009 changes seems to have made any difference in what we do as a club or as members. In short mandating responsibilities and duties didn't make them happen. As the Board approached the by-law update process, rather than using our own by-laws as the starting point, The current drafts have their origins in the by-laws of other organizations, and with that came a different kind of language with more legalistic complexity, with restrictions, mandates, and a sense of inflated idealism. I don't discount this approach entirely, After all, bringing our club into the 21st. century does have a certain allure. While doing good deeds and working to improve the environment will and should always be a part of who we are, the By-laws should not dictate when and how we do that, The By-Laws should also hold to minimum language that tells people what to do and how they should go about it. The By-laws should be constructive guidelines not an opportunity for preemptive micromanagement. Ultimately, I want By-laws that inspire us. By-laws that are readable and helpful and By-laws that reflect and foster what it is that we all joined the club for in the first place..

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For all the latest information in what's happening in the wide world of fishing, go to:

salinasvalleyflyfishers.org



Special thanks to James and Helen at the Landing Zone Restaurant for there good nature, quality food and on-going support of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishing





You Dues ARE Due! The deadline is April 8th.. Don't miss your next newsletter!!

When you send your dues also send a note that says: “Hey, ed, I want a bunch of flies”. If you do that , you'll be in the drawing for “100 trout flies”.. Really! Now you say, “I already paid my dues” . I haven't forgotten you..Send a \$10 donation to SVFF with a note that says “Hey ed, What about me” and you're in. But remember to **include the note**...no note no box with them 100 flies. And, you have to send it by April 8th. (no “April fooling”. The drawing will be at the **May** meeting. Thanks for renewing your membership

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The Merced Outing is scheduled for April 25-26th. Our usual hang-out is at the Indian Flat R.V. Park. If you haven't been on this outing, Be sure to be at this month's meeting for all the details. The bad news is that we're really not sure how the warm low water of last year has taken its tole on the trout population. We're not sure how bad the fish kill was, but with some luck, DFG will have been active with the planting trucks by the time we get there. The planting, if it occurs, will be below Foresta Bridge, so keep that in mind. If you're having no luck up higher on the river, try the water below the bridge. The fish in the Merced tend to wake up late on cool mornings and because there's no well consolidated hatch, this is a great stream for attractor pattern. It's also a great place for dry fly fishing. One caution, the rocks can be like greased watermelons, especially if there are a lot of case caddis crawling around, so bring you wading staff and come have a ball..

***Monthly Meeting
Wedn. April 8th.
Landing Zone Restaurant
6:00 (Dinner) 7:00 (Meeting)***

**Merced River
Outing
April 25-26th**

**Fly Tying
Wednesday, April 15th.
Salinas Airport
Board Room
Bill Pshide, Fly Master**

**Board of Directors Meeting
at the Landing Zone
Wedn. April 22nd. @ 6:00**

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