



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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FLY TIMES

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"President's Message"

Rod "S.T." Sanchez

April was a busy month for the club. We received a lot of information on the Pajaro River water shed from Herman Garcia (CHEER). I hadn't realized how good the Pajaro River was for Steelhead fishing in the Gilroy area. I will be checking in to this area a lot more in the future for access points.

The Kids trout derby was a hit for the young in the A.M. and a work out for the old in the P.M. I was glad to see that we could help sponsor this event. Our name is even on the banner! I met the Colonel, we had our picture taken together and they gave our club a nice certificate of appreciation: I took my Granddaughter and wife. Jay took his daughter and grand kids. Roger C. took Paul D. Dave had his wife and Bill was supervised by Richard W. It sure was great to see families getting out and enjoying the outdoors.

We put on the free Clinic for the Vets at the Monterey VA Clinic. Bill and Roger showed some fly tying skills, with a few Vets sitting down

and tying a fly or two. Dave H. and Richard W. talked about rod building, even Tenkara rods and Richard brought along an awesome carrying case that he'd made. Scott and Mike kept busy grilling hot dogs and burgers, while Jay and I engaged in a little P.R. for the club while giving out as much information about Fly tying, Rod building and the promotion of Fly Fishing that one could handle.

Ok it's time to talk about Fishing! I had to go to Pyramid one more time this year to get the skunk off. The first day I was on the water all day, without so much as a bump. WTF!. I then caught up with Greg S. and Rich H. who said that they'd landed a few fish everyday. WTF!. The next morning I went fin hunting to some of my favorite spots. A few minutes into my first cast, the indicator went down. I had one on but it came unbuttoned before I could get it on the reel. WTF! Greg and Rich came by to say goodbye and give me some encouragement. (continued page 2)

Fishing Safe to Fish Another Day

Come join in the usual Wednesday evening camaraderie and tomfoolery. But that's not all, in preparation for another fishing season and upcoming float trip we'll be talking water safety and voting on the newly revised club by-laws. Frank Emerson & Brian LeNeve (Carmel River Steelhead Assoc) are going to try to stop by to update us on all they do to preserve our local steelhead.

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



Fly tying



Hook: TMC 3761 or similar #12-16
Thread: Olive Uni, Danville or similar 6/0
Eye: Black Mono eyes
Abdomen: Olive marabou with olive thread rib
Thorax: Light olive superfine dubbing
Tail: Olive Marabou
Wingcase: Olive marabou

Drifter Damsel and Wiggle Tail



Hook: TMC 2487 (size 12)
Thread: Black 6/0 Uni or similar thread
Weight: 6 wraps .015 lead wire
Body: Olive "Short Shuck"
Hackle: Olive Grizzly Saddle Hackle
Tail: Olive Marabou
 Note: Also Tied in Rust, Brown and Peacock

May Fly Tying at the Airport Will feature the Damsel Nymph and the Jay Fair Wiggle Tail Nymph. I'll be filling in for Bill 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. Rick McCombs

(President's Message continued from page 1) Well, that must have been what I needed because a little while later, after I had switched nymphs one more time, that lifeless little indicator finally went down again. This time I managed to land a nice Cutthroat around seven pounds! I netted it, let my faithful companion give it a lick and released it back to the waters. The skunk was finally off my back, so I packed up to and headed for the Merced. The next morning I met up with Bob and Jay. The Merced was running fast and muddy from the rain, but by Sunday morning the water had cleared. We fished for a while, but no luck. That damn skunk was back. WTF!

In other fishing news: The Trout opener, was pretty bleak from what I've heard, mostly due to bad weather. Also due to the weather, the drought in this case The Upper Sac from Keswick dam down to the highway 44 bridge will be closed from April 27th till July 31st. Reports from the Bridgeport Region suggests that the reservoir is very low but still producing fish. The East & West Walker are doing OK, but with water level low, it is a tough bite! The Delta was producing good stripers in mid April. Aside from that, I'm looking forward to hearing some good fishing reports at the May meeting, so...GET OUT AND BEND A ROD.....
 Rod "Skunk Tamer" Sanchez

Salinas Valley Flyfishers2015 Outing Schedule and Programs**

May 13th.	General Meeting	Landing Zone @ the airport	Water Safety	Rod Sanchez	809-7499
May 16-17th.	Club Outing	Yuba River See Page 5	Rainbow Trout	Call Rod with questions	809-7499
May 20th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport Board Room	Damsel nymph	Rick McCombs	424-3063
May 27th..	Board meeting	Landing Zone @ the airport	All members welcome	Rod Sanchez	809-7499
June 13-14th.	Club Outing	Davis Lake/ Frenchman	Rainbow Trout	Rick McCombs	(209) 267-8088
June 26-28th.	Club Outing	Float trip on the Lower Sac	Rainbow, Strippers? Shad?	Rod Sanchez	809-7499
July 11th.	Muddy River Classic	Jefferson Ranch	Annual BBQ	Jay Jefferson	809-0290

Outing note: June is looking to be a pretty exciting month. We got two great outing scheduled, So be sure to get these on your calendar. Call Rick and Rod for more info. and be sure to make the meeting on Wednesday.

The Jay Fair Wiggle Tail

Designed by Jay Fair of Eagle Lake, CA. The fly is categorized as a swimming nymph. It is a very effective attractor for trout, bass, and crappie due to the action of the marabou tail and palmered body. It can be jigged or stripped and works best in stillwater situations. The primary colorations that Jay uses is Olive, Dark Olive, Burnt Orange, and Rust. He also uses Black for leeches and White for baitfish. The pattern makes for a very effective Damsel Nymph pattern. Use a [Count and Retrieve](#) technique with medium sized pulls and 3-4 second pauses between retrievals. Dyed Grizzly feathers with some webbiness work best for the palmered hackle since the webbiness flows the hackle fibers back over the body. Jay also likes to use a product, he developed, called "Short Shuck". It is a type of crystal chenille that Jay considers very imitative of the natural shuck.

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

New By-Laws Attached

Along with the newsletter, I'm sending out the final draft of the newly revised Club by-laws. I hope you'll take the time to read them over. I know, most of it is pretty boring stuff, None-the-less the board has gone to great lengths to update our 50'some year old by-laws. They have tried to stay true to the history and original purpose of the club and at the same time do an update that reflects the character of the current organization. Rod plans to ask the general membership for your approval of the changes, but don't expect a long discussion, so please read them over and contact Rod, one of the board members or me if you have questions or comments. Once again I will extend our thanks to each of the board members for your work on the by-laws and all the efforts you put in on behave of the club. ed.

Bulletin, Bulletin, Bulletin:.....Old Man Sells New Boat.....See all the detail below



For Sale: Outlaw X5 Pontoon Boat \$1500.

Here's what happens when a guy goes to the fly fishing show with his checkbook and without his wife. Paul's mistake is your good fortune. Brand new, never in the water. This is the perfect boat for the Lower Sacramento drift trip. Comes with 12 volt air pump which is also brand new.

North Fork Outdoors / Dave Scadden Outlaw X5
retails for \$2200. .

Contact Paul Dobin (pdobin@comcast.net) (809-6103) for more details, Paul says that he will donate 10% back to the club

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





Lower Yuba River

The Lower Yuba River flows from the dam at Englebright Lake to its confluence with the Feather River, just south of Marysville. It begins the journey in a rocky basin paralleled by steep canyon walls, a deep gorge otherwise known as the Narrows. The Yuba continues, winding its way west, down through canyons and over gravel beds until the landscape begins to flatten out just above the Parks Bar Bridge (Highway 20). From here, the river parallels the highway for the next 20 miles or so as it makes its way to the Feather. About seven miles below the bridge stands the Daguerre Point Dam. Built in the early 1900's to prevent hydraulic mining debris from washing into the Feather River, it now acts as an obstacle to boats and anadromous fish alike. With its healthy wild Rainbow population, and steelhead in the fall, it's no wonder the Yuba is a favorite with many fly anglers. In addition, the river below Daguerre Point Dam supports other anadromous species including American Shad and Striped Bass

Wild Rainbow trout are found in the river all year with steelhead and salmon making their way up-river to spawn in the fall. Those familiar with the Yuba know this is a great time to be on the water. The number of fish that come back to spawn each year isn't that spectacular but the fact that they are in the river is enough to get the resident trout looking for the egg. Although hatchery steelhead were formerly planted in the lower Yuba River, the river has been managed for natural steelhead production since the 1980's and currently supports one of the most popular wild steelhead and Rainbow trout fisheries in California.

Fishing is most common beginning roughly one mile above the highway 20 bridge ("Parks Bar Bridge"), downstream for approximately 4 miles to the Sycamore Ranch area. To fish above the highway 20 bridge, park underneath the bridge and take a trail upstream on the north side of the river (the side closer to Marysville & Yuba City). To fish below the bridge, take the semi-paved, often gravelly, Hammonton Road on the south side of the river which is accessed by exiting just as you cross the bridge going east. Much of the land below the bridge on the south side of the river is Bureau of Land Management, and there are many places to approach the river with a 4-wheel drive vehicle. A 2-wheel drive can also get you into a few places, though you may end up walking a longer distance. On the north side of the river, access is from Sycamore Ranch Park (now owned and managed by Yuba County), which is a good take-out for floats. Further upstream, Hammon Grove Park provides access, but unless the water is low enough to cross, you may be confined to a few hundred yards of fishing. To get there, take 5 north, to 99 north to 20 east.



Monthly Meeting
Wedn. May 13th.
Landing Zone Restaurant
6:00 (Dinner) 7:00 (Meeting)

May 16-17th
Yuba River
Trout
Outing

Fly Tying
Wednesday, May 20th.
Salinas Airport
Board Room
Damsel nymphs

Board of Directors Meeting
at the Landing Zone
Wedn. May 27th. @ 6:00

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