



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

August 2017

FLY TIMES

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"President's Message" Chapter 2.8

by: Richard Higgins

The Muddy River Shindig was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoyed the day. The food service provided by Jonathan, from the Flying Artichoke Restaurant and the Choke Coach was excellent. We had plenty of ribs, chicken, salads and of course artichokes. The lunch was topped by desert made by the crew vying for: "King of the Dutch Oven Cook Off". Greg, Roger and Wilson made their personal favorite deserts and each one was a winner. Bill did a tremendous job procuring the items for the raffle. He provided a great assortment of fly lines, clothing, sunglasses, hats and the normal smalls such as: forceps, hooks and flashlights. Wilson seemed to have walked away with more than a few raffle items and Paul picked up most of the bid items. Niki S. and Joanne H. won the guided trip for two, with Don Brown. Thank you, Don, for contributing another guided trip to the club. The white ticket winner of the complete TFO 8wt rod kit was Maria and Paul and the winner of Alan's boat was Fred DeYoung. Congratulations to all the winners and a special thanks to Ester Miyamoto for donating Al's boat to the club. Thanks to Jay and Dave for taking time out to give some of our newer members a few pointers at the casting area. As you would expect, the wind picked up in the afternoon at the Jefferson Ranch, sending fly lines in all different directions. A big thank you goes out to the board for arranging this year's festivities and thank you to all the members who took time out to attend the festivities and contribute to making it a great day.

The Board members snuck off for a few days of fishing, good food and serious club planning at the Fiddleback Ranch. As in the past, Wilson pulled off

another great Rib Eye dinner with all the fixings and an Ortega scramble of his own creation for breakfast. The drive in and out was long and dusty, but well worth the effort as the fish were on the bite. Bill hooked up on a nice large mouth and I had my first double hookup with a bass and a bluegill. Throughout the day, everyone was catching fish and a few choice comments were heard as a nice large-mouth broke off Jay's line. We managed to find enough time in the day to address and list some of the club's concerns and issues. Next year we're even going to invite the newsletter editor if he promises to stay on for another year. By the way, This is one special perk that any of you members will get by just signing on the dotted line to become a board member and we'd love to include you on the invitation list for next year.

The August general meeting is this Wednesday and if you want to work on your casting, just show up before the general meeting (5:30pm) with your fly rod and the club will have someone available to give you a few pointers. We will try to keep the pre-meeting casting going, until the days get shorter and too dark.

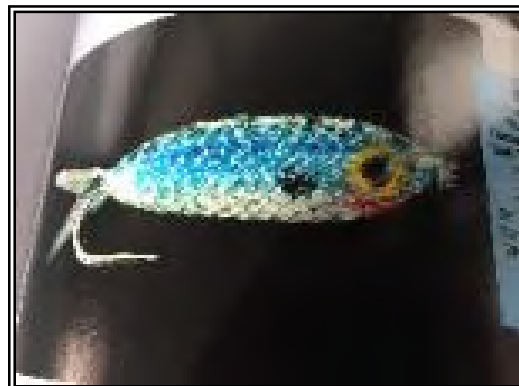
At this month's meeting, Kevan Urquhart, with the Fish and Game Commission, will be the guest speaker. Kevan will be talking about what the commission does and what types of projects are funded with the local monies received from fines.

Over the past few months, there has been discussions regarding how to handle visitors and the raffle. Next meeting, we will be voting as to whether to adopt the following procedures for the raffles or leave them as they stand: this is the proposal 1. *Visitors can (cont. pg 3)*

Fly of the Month:

Gulley's Tailwater Shad

Be sure to join in on fly tying and learn how to tie this super minnow pattern. All the particulars will be available a week from Wednesday at the Salinas Airport Board Room. Bill will be there to show everyone just how it's done. Remember: all members and guest are welcome...



BUY, SELL, TRADE OR GIVE AWAY

Coming soon

If you got it..Someone wants it

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The Salinas Airport is our home for **Fly Tying**. Come join us for a real treat: Make it your resolution to take the next step into the sport of fly fishing by learning how to tie your own flies. Bill Pshide continues to be "Professor in Charge" and does a great job of demonstrating how to tie a wide variety of flies. No materials or equipment are needed. Everyone is welcome. This month's fly is the Crawdad pattern. Bill has his own special version up his sleeve. So, be sure to stop bay and learn how to add the crawdad to your arsenal . The Crawdad can be a dynamite pattern for both lakes and streams ed.

Salinas Valley Fly Fishers2017 Outing, Events and Programs**

Aug. 9th.	General Meeting	Salinas Airport	Kevan Urquhart M.C. fish and Game Comm.	Richard Higgins	750-9132
Aug. 16th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport Board Room		Bill Pshide	424-3063
August 19th.	Club Outing	Pajaro Beach	Surf Perch	Tim Frahm	
Aug. 23rd.	Board Meeting	Salinas Airport	All Members welcome	Richard Higgins	750-9132
Sept. 13th.	General Meeting	Salinas Airport	Dave Gambetta Norcal Lakes	Richard Higgins	750-9132
September 15- 17th	Club Outing	Merced River	Trout	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
October	Club outings	Eagle Lake and Pyramid	To be arranged		
November	Club Outing	San Luis Reser- voir	Stripers		

(prez mess. Cont.) buy tickets for the general item's table. 2. Individual bucket items are for members only. 3.Visitors can bid on silent auction items when available. 4. White ticket and other approved special offers are for members only. 5.The fly box award will be drawn from the members only bucket items, buckets.

If approved, this will affect all general meetings, the July BBQ and the Annual Dinner in January and will take effect in September. Be sure to show up and vote.

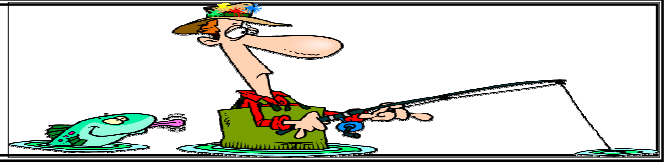
We are looking to fill the Secretary, Vice President and Board member positions for 2018. If you are interested in any of these positions, please talk to a board member or give me a call.

Well, that's a wrap. Until next monthTight lines!.....Richard

P.S.; I would like to welcome our two newest members to the club: Chuck and Chris Schlough. Be sure to introduce yourself at the next meeting and welcome them to the club

Salinas Valley Flyfishers

Featured Lake for August



Convict Lake



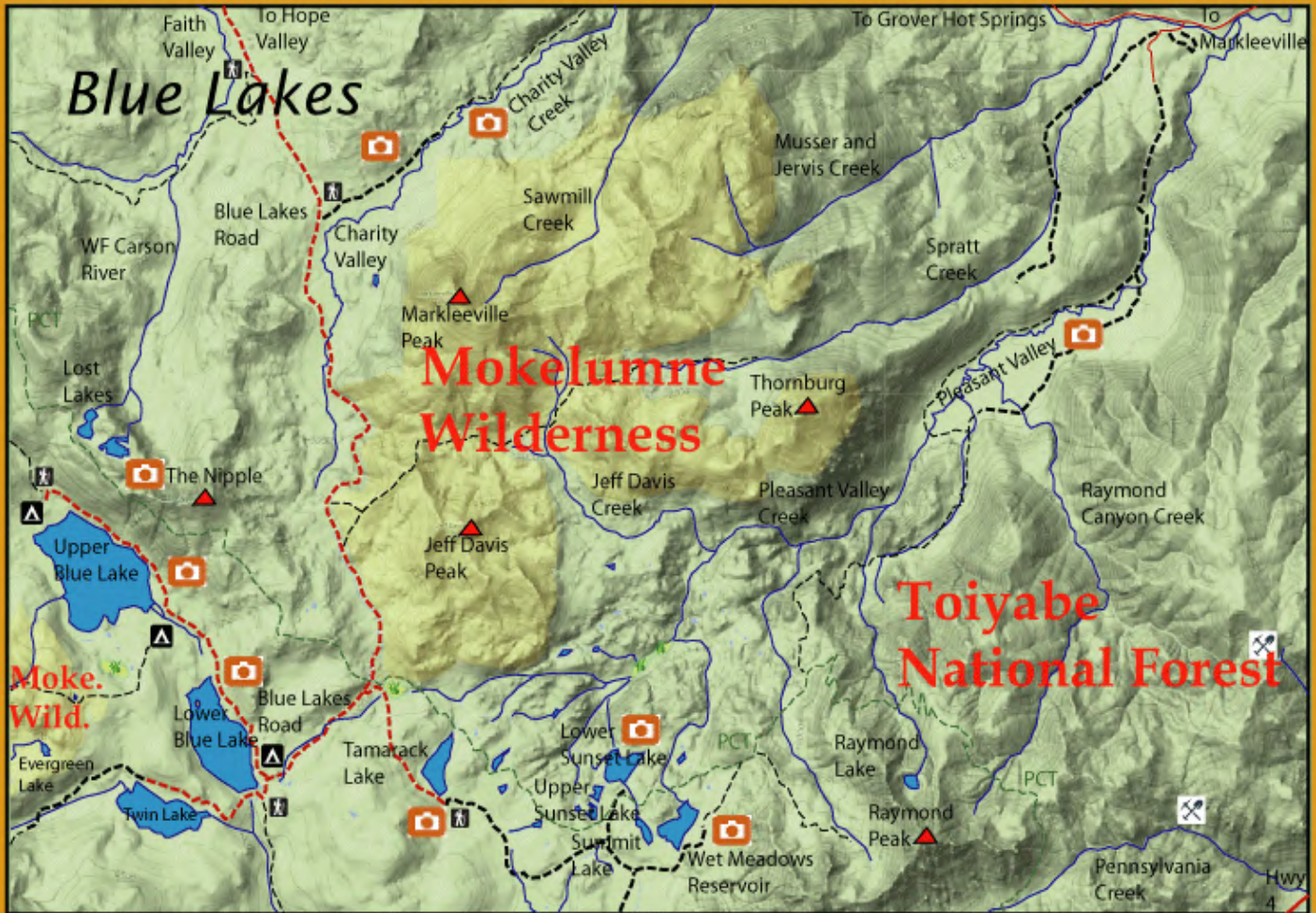
Directions: Convict Lake is located 35 miles north of Bishop, CA or 4 miles south of the route 203 turnoff for Mammoth Lakes, CA. Convict Lake Road is opposite the Mammoth Lakes Airport. The lake is just two miles west of Highway 395.

Convict Lake (168 acres) at 7,580' is a very clear-water lake developed by a moraine dam created from retreating glaciers. The bottom is composed of granitic boulders with sand/gravel with an average depth of 100 feet. There is little aquatic vegetation and the water is slightly acidic. The lake had a reputation for big [Browns](#) but these have become much less numerous in recent years. There are plenty of [Rainbow](#) planters near the boat jetty and along the southeastern shoreline as 43,000 are planted annually on a weekly basis, some can be big, as they also plant 1700 brood trout from Tim Alpers Fish Farm. The larger fish hang out in the deeper water on the southern shore beyond the end of the road. The Lake record for Rainbows is 13 Lbs. 7 oz. A good place to fish is the inlet of Convict Creek. Streamers are your best bet, particularly Woolly Buggers in black, brown, and olive colors. Some of the guides like to use pink buggers in the Spring to imitate Rainbow fry. Work the drop-offs at about 20' depth with a full sinking line. The season is the last Saturday of April to November 15th.

Convict Creek, just below the outlet, often contains large trout that have left the lake. It is also planted heavily since the nearby campgrounds offer heavy fishing pressure. Better flyfishing opportunities on the creek occur below Hwy 395 where Convict Creek merges with McGee Creek before flowing into [Lake Crowley](#). The creek contains Rainbows and Browns. Rainbows from Crowley Lake will move into the creek during the Spring Months for spawning. Browns will utilize the creek for spawning in the Fall. There is a general 5 trout limit within the lake and the creek just below the outlet. A study area by UC Berkeley is posted around the Hwy 395 area and is closed to fishing. Below the study area, the creek has a two trout limit and barbless hook requirement.

Above the creek inlet to the lake is a trail that will take you to the [Convict Lake Backcountry](#). This trail reaches a number of high elevation lakes consisting mostly of brookies, such as Bright Dot Lake, Bighorn Lake, Lake Dorothy, Lake Genevieve, and Edith Lake. It is about a 4-6 miles hike with a 3,000 foot elevation gain.

The lake is named after a group of convicts escaped from a Carson City jail in Nevada, Sept 17th 1871. A posse trapped the convicts on Sept 24th at the lake site and a member of the posse, Robert Morrison, was killed. Nearby Mount Morrison is named for the deceased merchant of Benton. The convicts escaped but were captured a few days later and lynched near Bishop. A movie called, "The Secret of Convict Lake" starring Glen Ford and Gene Tierney was made in 1951 and brought recognition to the area. Previous to it's renaming, the lake was known as "Wit-sa-nap" by the local Piutes and the lake was called Monte Diablo Lake by local settlers and miners.



Directions: From Meyers, at Junction of Highways 50-89, take Highway 89 South and go 11 miles to junction with Highway 88. Turn West and go 2.5 miles on Highway 88 to Blue Lakes Road. Turn South and go 12 miles to Lower Blue Lake. Road turns North, 2 miles more to Upper Blue Lake.

Notes: Upper and Lower Blue Lake are two reservoirs made by PG&E by damming Blue Creek within the Sierra high country at 8,200 feet. Both lakes are well stocked with about 20,000 Rainbows annually. Upper Blue Lake also gets 20,000 Lahontan Cutthroat fingerlings each year. Brookies are present in each lake as well. Each are deep lakes with boat ramps and a sizeable crowd trolling for trout. Float tubing opportunities are best with Upper Blue Lake that provides some shallower shorelines. On Lower Blue Lake, try fishing the rock wall in the evenings with a Parachute Adams or Elk Hair Caddis #14-16.

Charity Valley Creek: 6 miles south along Blue Lakes Road from Hwy 88. Trailhead to Burnside Lake. Contains Brookies.

Twin Lake: From the trailhead at Lower Blue Lake, Twin Lake (elev: 8170 feet) is a 2 mile hike. It contains Lahontan Cutthroats and Brookies.

Evergreen Lake: From the trailhead at Lower Blue Lake, Evergreen Lake (elev: 8450 feet) is a 3 mile hike. Stocked in 2013 with Lahontan Cutthroats.

Tamarack Lake: Tamarack Lake (elev: 7871 feet) about one mile off Blue Lakes Road. Contains Lahontan Cutthroats.

**August
General Meeting
Wedn. Aug 9th.
Kevan Urquhart
M.C. Fish and Game Commission**

*Club Outing
Surf Perch Day
August 19th.*

**Fly Tying
Wedn. Aug, 16th.
Salinas Airport Board Room
*Gulley's Still-Water Shad***

***Board of Directors
Wednesday Aug. 23rd.
Flying Artichoke @
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