

# Fly Times

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**President’s Message**

By: Richard Higgins

Due to Workload and Personal injuries, most of our signed-up members for the club outing to “Big Louie” were no shows. Undaunted, Greg and I flew the club colors. We hit the water hard with our 7 wt rods, sinking lines and assorted flies. After fishing the Dam, the Pay of Pig, Portuguese Bay and Honker bay, our arms were tired and we had had nary a bump. During the whole day of fishing, we managed to see only one fish picked up a down rigger. Oh well, that’s why they call it fishing....

Sam Sedillo from Trout Unlimited was our November guest speaker. Sam discussed the water shed of the Truckee River, along with fishing opportunities based on the season, fishing locations and fly selection. He also talked about the efforts to reestablish structure and cover to slow the water and create habitat for the fish. Thanks Sam, for the great information and fishing information.

At the November Board meeting the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers to be presented for vote at the December club meeting: Greg Smith- President, Dave Gambetta- Vice President, Roger

Caton- Treasure, Richard Higgins- Secretary, Board Members: Richard Wilson, Lou Da Silva, and Bill Pshide. Rick McCombs- Editor, Jay Jefferson- unofficial Mascot.

The Board approved the 2018 operating budget. The zero balance budget of \$8,6400. will be adjusted based on actual revenue. The reserve will be maintained in accordance with the club by-laws.

SVFF and Trout Unlimited partnered to clean up the Salinas River access at the Hwy 1 bridge on November 26th. We had eight guys show up to remove debris, old encampment and paint over graffiti on the bridge abutments. This was our annual environmental effort that we tasked ourselves with as part of our club mission and purpose.

Be sure to attend the December club meeting. It’s time for our annual gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20.00 to participate. It’s always an exciting round robin of gift getting and gift giving. Along with voting on the new Board, we will be voting whether or not Dave Gambetta should be a “Life Member”. Don’t miss the opportunity (cont. on page 3)

**Upcoming EVENTS:**

**Jan 13th**

Annual Dinner @ the Flying Artichoke

Fly Tyer's Corner  
with Bill Pshide

**Notice..**  
No Fly Tying for the month of November



Jay Fair's  
Wiggle Tail

The Wiggle Tail is easy to tie and is a great still water pattern. It can be tied in a variety of colors. This is the time of year to fill your fly box, because when you discover how well this fly works, you'll go through a bunch of them.



December Activities

ANNUAL DINNER  
January 13th.  
@ the Flying Arty

SVFF Board Meeting  
Wednesday, Dec. 27th.  
@  
The Flying Artichoke

*Fly Tying*

No Fly Tying this month

December Meeting  
Wednesday, Nov. 15th.  
6:00 for Dinner / 7:00 for Meeting  
Christmas gift exchange

(Prez. message cont.) to cast your vote and participate in the gift exchange!

We have sent out flyer for the annual dinner on January 13th. If you can please bring your dues and dinner fees with you to the December meeting. Roger will be accepting payment before the meeting. If you need to mail your dues and dinner ticket payment in, please contact Roger so he can keep a head count. The goal is to have all the dues and dinner paid for by the end of December. All early dues and dinner payments (by Dec. 31st.) will be given a ticket for the early bird drawing. If you have not

seen the flyer, please e-mail me. The menu for the annual dinner includes Prime Rib with all the trimmings. You won't want to miss it.

Last note: Steelhead season is upon us! Jay reported that 8 "Striped Steelhead" were caught on opening day from a float tube in the Salinas River at the hwy bridge. So grab your rod and your floatie and hit the water.

Until next month, keep your rod tip up and your line tight.

Richard

The Board of 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 13, 2018, At the Flying Artichoke, Salinas Airport.

No host cocktails at 5:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Raffles at 8:00 pm  
Sign up now and take advantage of "members only early bird dinner and dues ticket specials."  
Must purchase tickets by December 31, 2017.  
Dinner is \$45.00 per person by Dec. 31, 2017  
Dinner is \$50.00 per person after Dec. 31, 2017  
2018 Membership Dues  
Individual Membership is \$40.00  
Family Membership is \$50.00  
Payment can be made at the Dec. 13 meeting or contact Roger Cayton (831) 206-2762, and make arrangements to pay via mail to SVFF, P.O. Box 4933, Salinas, CA 93912  
Please sign up by January 10th so that we can get a head count for the food.  
2017 Memberships expire December 31st.!



FOUNDED 1968  
*"Limit Your Kill, Don't Kill Your Limit"*

**SVFF**  
**ANNUAL DINNER**

The Photo Page ...Coming Soon

Pyramid



A lonely vigil

Send your photos from to ed.  
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## Editors Note

As I continue, slowly, to work on updating the newsletter. I want to appeal for your help. First, I want to feature a picture page and ask all of you to send your fishing and club related pictures my way, especially if you happen to take one that has special meaning. Having said that, please be aware that they might not show up in the newsletter for a while.. And obviously, if I get a bunch of pictures, they might not show up at all. This is not intended to be a “BIG FISH ego page” so I want as many pictures of different members as I can get. Don’t worry about the size of the fish or if there’s a fish in the picture at all. And if you’re a newer member, I really want your pictures. I don’t get all the technical stuff, so I’ll be struggling with file sizes, picture quality, down loading the pictures you send and stuff like that, so that the newsletter still goes out to everybody and doesn’t get rejected when it gets to your mailbox cuz the file size is too big..

Along the same line. I really would like some member input, ie: places you’re going fishing, little stories about experiences on outings, suggestions for fishing trips, camping ideas, any of that stuff. Again, you should know that I may well edit content and the size of anything you send to make it fit. Starting with the new year, I’ll be asking, as we’ve done in the past, that the Fishmasters give an outing report. Richard has done a nice job during his presidency of covering the outings in his President’s message, but I want to create a separate section, this year, for outing and fishing reports.

Lastly, thin skinned as I am, I welcome suggests and ideas for the Newsletter. If you get too critical, I’ll tell you “stuff it” but aside from that...Seriously, I welcome your ideas and input.

I hope to see you all at the annual dinner. T’ll then start tying up some flies for next year and pray for some rain.. - Rick (ed.)

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