



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

July 2017

FLY TIMES

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"President's Message" Chapter 2.7

by: Richard Higgins

The guest speaker for June was Suzan Gulich from Casting for Recovery. Susan is the Northern California Chapter President and is responsible for funding and planning group outings. CFR is a support group for women after cancer treatment. Currently each group consists of ten ladies, picked by lottery, and the outing is at no cost to the attendees. All the gear is on loan from the central CFR office and is returned after the events. They hold 2 events a year due to the limited resources and must turn away many ladies that would like to attend. The board is interested in helping CFR in the future with additional donations.

The Lake Almanor Outing on June 22 - 15 and 27 - 30, to fish the Hex Hatch was a very slow fish. It seems that we might have been a little early for the main hatch as the small hatches to date have not drawn the trout in to bite or maybe the hot weather has just made the trout site on the bottom of the lake. The club had to scratched to catch 2 trout, a catfish and a few bluegill for the two fishing dates. Don Brown was guiding at the Lake and had the same experiences as the club. Don stayed at the same lodge as we did and took some time to go over the vari-

ous flies and lines that typically work at the lake, with the guys. The club stayed at the Quail Lodge in Canyon Dam. The owner John, is also a guide on the lake and shared insight on fishing and made a great BBQ dinner for the club. Loren was seen with a pile of ribs and a big grin on his face. The lodge is highly recommended if you head up that way as well as Anna's Café for breakfast.

Jay lead the group in fly tying in June by teaching the guys how to tie the Bi-Visible (a two-minute fly). Bill will be back to run the show in July so be sure to stop by and check it out. The crawdad is the fly for this month.

We will be offering casting lessons and refreshers for those that are interested. Our first casting session will be at the Muddy River Classic and we will follow up with another session before the August general meeting on the 9th at 5:30pm. We will continue to hold lessons if members are interested. Don't forget that the Muddy River Shindig / Classic is July 8th. We are having the BBQ catered by Jonathan of the Flying Artichoke. He will be preparing BBQ ribs and chicken with all the fixing's. White ticket item is a TFO 8wt rod and reel set (prez message cont. pg3.)

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Fly of the Month:

Crawdad



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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**

July 8th.	Muddy River Classic	Jefferson Ranch	Annual BBQ	Richard Higgins	750-9132
July 13th.	Board Retreat	Fiddleneck Ranch	Planning	Richard Higgins	750-9132
July 19th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport Board Room	Crawdad	Bill Pshide	424-3063
July 26th.	Board Meeting	Salinas Airport	All Members welcome	Richard Higgins	750-9132
August 9th.	General Meeting	Salinas Airport	Kevan Urquhart M.C. fish and Game Comm.	Richard Higgins	750-9132
August 11-12th.	Rod Building	Jefferson Ranch	Rod building class	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
August 19th.	Club Outing	Pajaro Beach	Surf Perch	Tim Frahm	
September 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

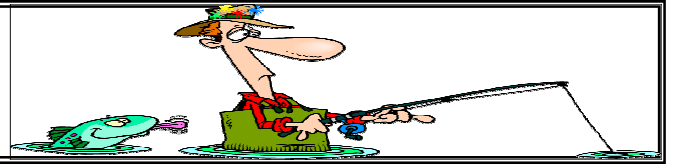
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with case and we will have numerous raffle prizes as always. Wilson will be heading the Dutch oven cook off and if you are interested in participating bring you cooking gear. Don't forget to bring an item for the second chance raffle and we will be drawing the winner for Al's 14' Gregor boat, complete with trailer motor and electronics. Hope to see everyone at the event.

Until next month.....Tight Lines...Richard

Salinas Valley Flyfishers

Featured Stream for June



Tuolumne River



The **Tuolumne River** from Early Intake to Hetch Hetchy Reservoir contains wild rainbows and brown trout. The flow is controlled by releases from O'Shaughnessy Dam and will vary by the season. Several miles downstream it is a C&R only stream. Below Lumsden Bridge downstream to Clavey Falls the river is a two trout limit, 12" maximum. You do have to compete with River Rafters within this section.

Middle Fork of the Tuolumne contains Rainbows and Browns, The DFG plants about 12,000 annually, mainly around Middle Fork Campground. It is heavily used by lure and baitfishermen, so your best bet is to get away from the crowds and try the deep pools that frequent this stream. There are a number of dirt roads with access to the Middle Fork just above Rainbow Pool Falls.

The **South Fork of the Tuolumne** contains both Rainbows and Browns. The stretch between Rainbow Pool Falls and Carlon Falls can be quite good with some Browns up to 8 lbs. Some areas are heavily used by bathers such as Rainbow Pool Falls. The DFG also plants about 8,000 rainbows annually around the nearby campgrounds. The better flyfishing opportunities is to work your way past these areas to stretches which have very little pressure.

The **Clavey River** is a Heritage Trout Stream with native Rainbow Trout. It is one of the few rivers of California without a dam. Rainbows are small but plentiful within a narrow canyon gorge of 29 miles before emptying into the Tuolumne River. Best access is from the Buchanan Road bridge where it crosses the Clavey.



Crowley Lake



Crowley is best fished from either a boat or float tube. It is a rather large lake at 6,500 acres with plenty of weed beds and shallows holding "trophy-size" trout and perch. The lake was created in 1941 when L.A. Water & Power dammed the Owens River. Best tubing is at Green Banks, Alligator Point, Layton Springs, Sandy Point, and McGee or Hilton Bay. McGee and Hilton Bays are particularly good in the mid-summer months. They are shallow flat feeding areas located within major springs and are nearby the outlets of spring creeks. This keeps these areas high with oxygenated water and extensive weedbeds. An afternoon Easterly wind occurs during many afternoons which brings cool water from the deeper Eastern shore to these areas. This wind creates favorable currents that maintain these shallow areas with cooler waters.

Use sinking lines with 2x to 3x tippets for streamers. Floating lines with a 9 foot leader and indicator is the choice for nymphs and midges with a 5x or 6x tippet. The fish can be hitting flies anywhere from the surface to about 12 feet in depth. Select the proper sinking line, accordingly. A 5wt to 7wt rod is your best choice.

*Muddy River Classic
Annual BBQ
July 8th.*

*Rod Building
Coming up
August 11th.&12th.*

*Fly Tying
Wedn. July 19th.
Salinas Airport Board Room
Crawdad Fly*

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