



# SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

September 2017

## FLY TIMES

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### "President's Message" Chapter 2.9

by: Richard Higgins

At the general meeting last month, the members attending, approved a new process for non-members participating in club raffles. Starting this month, all non-members may participate in the general raffle and are welcome to participate in silent auction items when available. White ticket, select ticket offers as approved by the board and Individual bucket items are for members only. Also, the fly box winner will be drawn from those bucket tickets purchased by members. If you would like further clarification please contact any board member or bring it up at a club meeting.

In the fly tying realm, Bill has made a change for the fly for this month's class. He will be showing everyone how to tie the Disc Head Bass Popper. If you have time, stop by and learn how to tie this unusual fly that will make a great addition to the fly box.

The speaker for this month

is Dave Gambetta. Dave will be talking about fishing the Northern Ca Lakes and streams. He will cover locations, rods, reels, set ups, lines and the, all important, fly selection. He will also be the fishmaster for the upcoming Hat Creek, Baum Lake and Crater Lake outing on October 5th-9th. If you are interested in the outing, be sure to attend the meeting and ask any question you might have.

The club has moved the location of the P.O. Box to the Post Office off of Davis Road and the new P.O. Box address is: Salinas Valley Fly Fishers, PO Box 4933, Salinas, Ca. 93912.

Two of our members spent some time away from home to catch some sea run Trout and salmon. Greg headed up Hwy 1 to Oregon and Washington. He was fortunate enough to catch a few river trout and spent some time catching Coho in the Puget Sound at Squim. Rod went to Victoria British Columbia (cont. on pg. 3)

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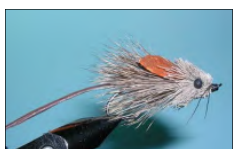
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### The Great Gambetta Takes Over

You heard it here first! Having infiltrated the club hierarchy. The Man: takes over front and center to tell us all how it is done in Northern California lakes and streams. This guy has been promising to take me fishing in Nor-Cal for years, but he lied! So set aside your T.V. dinner and hustle down to hear it straight from the horse's mouth. Get in on the raffle and hear Jay "Okey Dookey" Jefferson give you the lowdown on the, not-to-miss Merced outing.

## *Fly of the Month: Diskhead Popper*

Be sure to join in on fly tying and learn how to tie this Diskhead popper. All the particulars will be available on Wednesday Sept 20th 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 and all the supplies that you'll will be on hand.....



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### **Fly Tying in September**

The Salinas Airport is our home for **Fly Tying**. how to tie your own flies. Bill Pside 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 pattern is the Diskhead Popper which may or may not look anything like the one at the top of the page. So, be sure to stop by and learn how to tie this month's fly .

**Salinas Valley Fly Fishers\*\*2017 Outing, Events and Programs**

Sept. 13th.	<b>General Meeting</b>	Salinas Airport	<b>Dave Gambetta (THE MAN) Norcal lakes</b>	<b>Richard Higgins</b>	<b>750-9132</b>
Sept. 15-17th.	<b>Club Outing</b>	Merced River	<b>Rainbow Trout</b>	<b>Jay Jefferson</b>	<b>809-0290</b>
Sept. 20th.	<b>Fly Tying</b>	Salinas Airport Board Room		<b>Bill Pshide</b>	<b>424-3063</b>
Sept. 27th..	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Salinas Airport	<b>All Members welcome</b>	<b>Richard Higgins</b>	<b>750-9132</b>
Oct 7th.-9th	<b>Club Outing</b>	Hat Creek /Baum Lake	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Dave Gam- betta</b>	<b>970-5065</b>
October	<b>Club outings</b>	San Luis Reser- voir	<b>Stripers</b>		

(Prez Mess. Cont'd from pg.1) and had a blast catching Coho, Kings and halibut. (Wonder if he caught those halibut on a fly -(ed.))

The next club outing is scheduled for Sept. 15th.-17th. Jay J. will be leading the guys to fish the Merced River. If you are interested in the outing, give Jay a call. (809-0290).

The club's looking for volunteers to fill the Vice President and Secretary positions as well as new blood for Board. This is a great way for some of you newer members to get involved. I promise, you won't regret it. Let any board member know if you are interested.

We are continually updating the web site and Facebook pages. If you have current fishing information, pictures or short videos of your fishing expeditions, e-mail them to Dave or me and will be get them posted. In addition, send your pictures to newsletter editor, Rick (rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net).

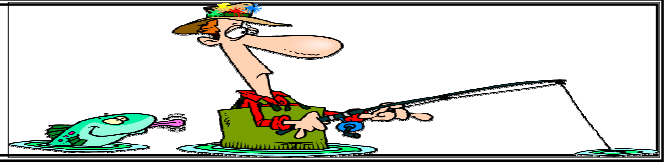
Our offer to provide fly casting lessons/practice at 5:30 pm, before the general meeting still stands. Just show up a little early with your rod in hand and we will help you along or show you something new. So, until next month, keep your rod tip up and your line tight! Richard

**Bob Montgomery Remembrance**

**SVFF Life Member Robert (Bob) Montgomery passed away on August 6th. Bob was 89 years old and was living in Lewiston, California. He had been one of our most long active members. Bob was an ardent fly fisher and active in all manners of conservation. He was a gentleman who would readily share a kind word, a bit of advise and, on most occasions, a little Wild Turkey on the rocks. . He was wont to start most of his sentences with a chuckle and the phrase: "Well you know. He had one of those personalities that is hard to forget, and those who knew him are blessed with his memory. (ed.-Rick)**

## Salinas Valley Flyfishers

*Featured Lake for September*



### Heenan is Open



**Directions:** Heenan Lake (EL 7,200') is 8 miles east of Markleeville on Hwy 89. You can reach Hwy 89 (Monitor Pass) from Hwy 395, south of Topaz Lake at Woodfords. It is about 7 miles to Markleeville and another 8 miles to the junction of Hwy 89 and State Route 4, Heenan will be on the right side.

#### **Notes:**

The 135 acre Heenan Lake has been renowned for producing huge [Lahontan Cutthroats](#) up to 30" with the average being 16 to 20". The Department of Fish and Game have a station there that take some spawners from the lake for egg collections. These eggs are distributed to a number of other state hatcheries including the Hot Creek Hatchery and Nevada Dept of Wildlife. The hatchlings are restocked into Heenan and over 30 additional Eastern Sierra lakes. The Heenan Lake Lahontons are actually a hybridized strain of the original Lahontan Cutthroats that inhabited Lake Lahonton in prehistoric days. The regulations to Heenan Lake is a strict catch and release on barbless hooks on flies or artificial lures. The season opens on the Friday before Labor Day and continues until the last Sunday of October. **You can only fish Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.** Monday through Thursday are not allowed. The tributaries to Heenan are also off-limit year round. Heenan is ideal for float tubing but has received heavy fishing pressure recently due to its reputation for big trout. Algae can be a big problem as well. Trolling streamer patterns of Woolly Buggers, Leeches and Matukas in Black, Purple, or Olive from a float tube has been the favored method to fish Heenan. No gas-powered craft are allowed. It's shallow so an intermediate sinking line is sufficient. Dark colored nymphs in sizes 12-14 such as Pheasant Tails, Bird's Nests, and [Prince Nymphs](#) with or without an indicator also work well. Use a slow retrieve. Recently, using a chironomid pattern has become quite popular when used as a dropper below the nymph from 2 to 6 feet in depth. Allow the rig to sit with an occasional twitch. Generally, an intermediate sinking line is the best bet with a 7-8 foot leader. The Lahontans do not put up as rigorous fight as a similar-sized Rainbow so a leader of 4x to 5X should suffice.





### Recommended Flies

- Dry Flies:**  
[Parachute Adams #14-18](#)  
[Elk Hair Caddis #12-14](#)  
[PMD Emerger #16-18](#)  
[Stimulator, Black and Tan #10-14](#)  
[Yellow and red Humpies](#)

- Nymph Flies:**  
[Pheasant Tail Nymph #12-14](#)  
[Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear #12-14](#)  
[Prince Nymph #12-14](#)  
[Bird's Nest #8-10](#)  
[Copper John #12-14](#)

### More Merced Info. and Suggestions

Major hatches on the Merced are the PMD starting in June and extending until the end of September. Caddis are also prevalent, some years hosting large populations of case caddis (October Caddis). During late February to March BWO, Baetis, and Golden Stones are evident. Stoneflies will emerge during April and May. June is a good time for hopper patterns. Ants work throughout the summer. The river gets a lot of river rafting activity during the spring and early summer months. Wading can also be very risky during the Spring run-off period. Most use a 3-6 weight rod with a 9 foot 4-5X leader and 3-4 feet of 4X-5X tippet will do nicely. The best dry fly condition is during the late fall using size 14-18 flies. During mid-spring, deep nymphing is your best bet. The area above Forest bridge is the wild trout section with catch and release only, except for Brown trout which may be kept. General regulations apply below the bridge with planted fish and a substantial population of Small Mouth Bass, especially as you move down river into the warmer smoother water. Wet wading is usually preferred this time of year, and a "Dry / Dropper" rig can be a very productive way to go. Good Luck (ed.)

**August  
General Meeting  
Wedn. Sept. 13th.  
Flying Artie @ the Airport  
Dave Gambetta does NorCal**

*Club Outing  
Merced River  
Meet at Indian Creek RV  
Sept. 15th-17th.*

**Fly Tying  
Wedn. 20th.  
Salinas Airport Board Room  
Diskhead Popper**

***Board of Directors  
Wednesday, 27th.  
Flying Artichoke @  
Salinas Airport***

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