

December 2018 Presidents Message

Due to excessive workloads and personal injuries, most of our signups for the club outing to "Big Louie", cancelled. Greg and I were the only ones in attendance, flying the club colors on a cool, sunny day. We hit the water hard with our 7 wts, sinking lines and various flies. After fishing the Dam, Bay of Pigs, Portuguese Bay and Honkers Bay our arms were tired and we had no hits to talk about. During our day of fishing, we saw one fish picked up on a downrigger. Oh well, that's why it's called fishing.....

Sam Sedillo of Trout Unlimited was our November guest speaker. Sam discussed the water shed that feeds the Truckee River, fishing opportunities based on the seasons, locations and fly selections. He also talked about efforts to reestablish barriers and cover in sections of fast water to make those sections more fishable. Thanks Sam for the great information and possible fishing locations.

The Board approved the following at the November Board Meeting:
By acclamation, the board approved the 2018 Club Officers and Board Members. The Officers are; Greg Smith – President, Dave Gambetta – Vice President, Roger Caton – Treasurer, Richard Higgins – Secretary. Board Members are; Richard Wilson, Lou Da Siva, Bill Pshide. Editor – Rick McCombs and Mascot – Jay Jefferson.

The board approved the 2018 operational budget. The zero-balance budget of \$8,6400.00 will be adjusted based on revenues collected. The reserve operational balance will not be use per the club bylaws.

SVFF and Trout Unlimited partnered to clean up the Salinas River Access at Hwy 1 and the Twin Bridges, on November 26th. We had eight guys show up to remove debris, old encampments and painting over graffiti on the Hwy abutments. This was our annual environmental effort we task ourselves to do as a club to meet our "propose". (mission statement)

Be sure to attend the December club meeting. It's time for our annual gift exchange. Bring a gift valued @ \$20.00 to participate. It's always an exciting round robin of gift getting or gift giving. We are also going to vote whether or not Dave Gambetta should be a "Life Member". Don't miss your opportunity to cast your vote or participate in the gift exchange!

We have sent out flyers for the annual dinner on January 13, 2018. If you can, please bring your dues and dinner fees with you to the Dec. 13 general meeting. Roger will be accepting payment before the meeting. If you need to mail your dues and dinner ticket fees in, please contact Roger so he can keep a head count. Our goal is to have all dues and most dinners paid for by the end of Dec. All early dues and early dinner payments will be given a raffle ticket for a drawing. If you have not received the flyer please e-mail me. Menu is Choice Prime Rib with the trimmings at the Flying Artichoke.

Steelhead fishing is upon us! Jay reported that 8 striped steelhead were caught opening day off of a float tube at Hwy1. Grab you rod and your floatie and hit the water.

Until next month, keep you rod tips up and your lines tight!

Richard