



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

November 2012

FLY TIMES

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"A fly on the water is worth two in a bush" by: Bush-Wacker Jefferson

Well, if you came to last month's meeting like Rod Sanchez did, you'd have had a chance to win a \$125 gift certificate to Central Coast Fly Fishing. And, that is just exactly what Rod did. We'll start it up again in November with another \$100 "All Members Drawing". No ticket to buy, you just have to be a member in good standing and show up for the meeting. Each month that the name drawn is not there to collect, the prize goes up \$25.

Speaking of Rod, he did a super job of putting the Lower Sacramento River outing together for us. Thanks to Rod and all the folks that made the journey. It turned out to be a great outing.

Last month game warden Michael Harris got the wrong address and wasn't able to find us. I ran into him after I left the meeting and he promises that he'll be here for the meeting this month. In addition to Michael's presentation.

Dave Gambetta will be doing a presentation on still water fishing in the Redding area. This should be real informative.

We have an outing to the S.L. forebay scheduled for November 17th-18th. Rick is the fishmaster (if he makes it). He's known for being a little forgetful. He *should* be at the general meeting on Wednesday with more details for the outing.

Two other bits of news: The Annual Dinner is set for January 12th, so be sure to put that on your 2013 calendar. Secondly, starting in February we'll be moving to the Landing Zone Restaurant at the Salinas Airport for our meetings. We will have the restaurant to our selves on the night of the meeting. Dinner will start at 6:00 for those who want to eat and the general meeting will start at 7:00. It should be a nice place for our meeting and we hope that you'll plan to join in for dinner too. Hope to see you on Wednesday. Jay

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November Meeting

In addition to what Jay's already mentioned, this month's meeting will be filled with the typical frivolity, good eats, and enchanting stories of fishing prowess. In addition the nominating committee will be making it's report and we'll have more info on the San Luis outing, some knot tying demo's (time permitting), great raffle and a chance to win \$100. Damn you might want to be there!

What's going on in the world of fly fishing and tying?



Flies

Fly of the month: **Elk Hair Caddis**

The Real Deal



A Little History on This Month's Fly from Steve Ojai

This is probably one of the most popular dry flies used in the Sierras. Al Troth originally designed this fly in 1957 on Loyalsock Creek in Pennsylvania. He brought the fly with him to Montana where he was guiding and it became popular due to its simplicity, effectiveness and adaptation. The EHC (Elk Hair Caddis) can be tied with many variations of color, ie Tan , Black, Brown. There are a few different ways to tie this pattern, also. I'm using the technique described by Al Troth, using a wire rib and wrapping the hackle back to the rear of the fly, 4-5 wraps. Another popular method is to tie the hackle in at the rear by the butt and wrap the hackle forward without the need of a wire ribbing. Al Troth did not trim the upper fibers of the hackle but you will often see this done to lay the wing closer to the body. The hackle is meant to represent the legs of the caddis and is not designed for floating the fly, the wing does that. The body is a reversed taper. Al used Hare's Mask dubbing on his original fly but often you will find Antron, Superfine, and other synthetics being used. The wing is the most important component of this fly. You need to select hair that is fairly soft and compressible. Too soft...and the hair will flare too much. The length of the wing should be the same as the hook length. Al would trim off the butts after tying in the wing, the butts representing the head of the fly. The fly was finished with wraps behind the head and a whip finish. Cement was applied to the wraps and allowed to get tacky. Then, the wrap would be compressed by your L.H. thumbnail to splay the wing while the R.H. thumbnail pressed the butts upward. This really helps to keep the eye clear. Some tiers, however, prefer to trim the wing to length prior to securing the wing to the shank. This technique allows for fewer thread wraps and the opportunity to apply a thread wrap within the hair butts, finishing with a whip finish beneath the head, and no head cement. The near cousin of the Elk Hair Caddis is the **Deer Hair Caddis**, a variation that Jim Schollmeyer devised for smaller, darker caddis impressions.

The fly pattern is particularly good on small streams with riffles and runs. The hackle is usually removed on slower moving streams to allow the fly to sit deeper in the surface film. In the Sierra's, it is mostly used from June through October.

Hans Weilenmann created a variation using just CDC and Elk. By attaching the CDC tip to the hook bend and wrapping the hackle forward, fine fibrules emerge from the body giving the fly a very active appearance

Salinas Valley Flyfishers**2012 Outing Schedule and Programs

November 14th.	General Meeting	Spreckles Fire hall	Fishing Rules and Reg.s	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
November 17-18th	Club Outing	San Luis Reservoir	Stripers	Rick McCombs	385-4778
November 21st.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport	Elk Hair Caddis	Bill Pshide	424-3063
November 28th.	Board meeting	Airport Restaurant	Business meeting members welcome	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
December 11th.(Tuesday)	Christmas meeting	Spreckles Firehall	Christmas gift exchange	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
December 15-16th	Club Outing	Avacado Lake (Kings River)	Trout	TBA	TBA
January 12th	Annual Dinner	Laguna Seca Golf Clubhouse	Put it on your Calendar	Sonny Wun	757-3676

Please note The December meeting will be held on a **Tuesday** night instead of our usual Wedn. This will also be our Christmas gift exchange, so be sure to put it on your calendar.

San Luis Outing November 17-18th.

This could be a dynamiter outing especially if this mild weather holds. As the weather and water temperature cools the fishing on the forebay generally improves. October into November are my favorite months. Not so much weed growth. The summer afternoon winds aren't blowing you off the lake. The stripers are frisky and the weather's not too hot and not too cold (hopefully). I'm recommending that we round up on the Medeiros side, coming in the east side entrance. There are a couple of nice camping spots on the point south of the power lines, that will accommodate multiple vehicles. To find the spot, You come in the entrance then bare to the left and just keep going. You go to the left again under the power lines, then take the first right.. One potential problem is that in past years they have blocked this area off in the winter. I'll check on that before this month's meeting. Any questions? Shoot me an e-mail (rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net). Hope 2 C U there! Rick

For all the latest info. in what's happening in the wide world of fishing and for club activities, Go to:
salinasvalleyflyfishers.org

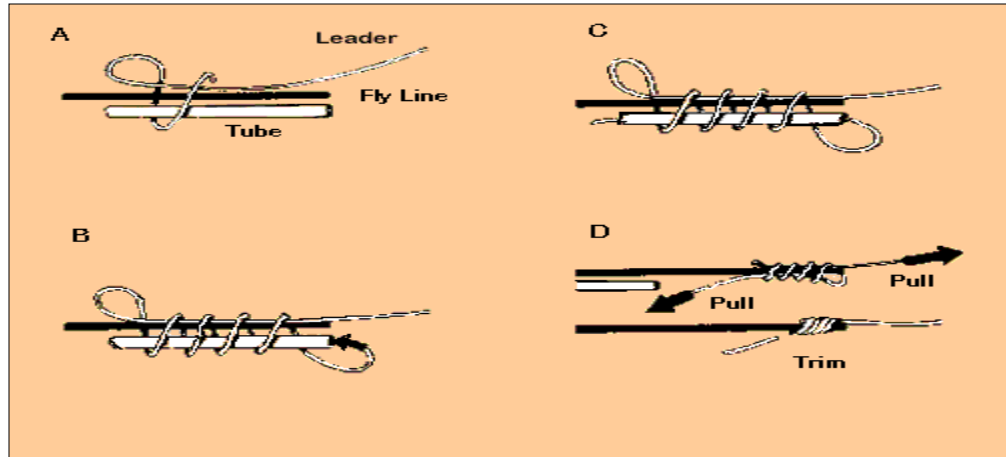
Special thanks to Geoff Malloway for his ongoing support of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers and for his many efforts on behalf of the stream habitate and the preservation of the fish that we all seek to catch.

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Tips and Tackle

The Nail Knot

Is one of the most common and effective knots for tying the leader as well as the backing to the fly line. It is shown here being tied using a tube and can also be tied using a *Tye Fast* tool. For more knots and a demo on how to tie a loop on the end of your fly line, come join us next Wednesday.



Castroville Rotary Club

and

Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project



35th Annual Albacore Feed

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Door Prizes • Silent Auction • Raffle • Project Demonstrations



No host cocktails 6:00–7:00 pm • Dinner 7:00 pm



At the Recreation Center

11621 Crane Street, Castroville, California

Tickets \$17.00 • Tickets available at the door



San Luis Reservoir and O'Neill Forebay



San Luis Reservoir & O'Neill Forebay
 Drawn by Dewayne Hight

Fishing Notes

- **Striped Bass** draw the majority of anglers to San Luis. Drifting live jumbo minnows or mudsuckers from a boat is an increasing popular method for catching fish, particularly in the fall and winter when the water cools down. Top water fishing with Zara Spooks, Pencil Poppers and Pop-Rs can be very productive in the spring, summer and fall. Fishing Zoom Flukes and jigs can also yield lots of stripers. Bank anglers find success using anchovies, jumbo minnows and mudsuckers in the Dinosaur Point and Basalt areas of the main lake and in the O'Neill Forebay. Shore fishing with Rat-L-Traps and top water lures can also be excellent, particularly during the fall.
- **Channel Catfish** provide a sleeper fishery for anglers fishing in the spring and summer throughout the lake's coves. Toss out mackerel, anchovies and stink baits to entice the cats. Fish in the 10 to 25 pound range are possible here.
- The main lake and forebay also offer **Largemouth Bass**, **Crappie**, **Bluegill** and even an occasional **White Sturgeon** to anglers, but few anglers target these species.

Check out the "Fish Sniffer" website for more maps and information

Board of Directors Meeting
Airport / Landing Zone

@ 6:00
November 28th.

Fly Tying
Wedn.21st.
Airport Board Room
6:00 pm

General Meeting
Spreckels Fire House
Wedn. Nov. 14th.

@ 7:00P.M.

This Saturday (Nov 10th)
35th Annual
Albacore Feed
In Castroville

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