



# SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

March 2012

## FLY TIMES

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**"A fly on the water is worth two in a bush" by: Jay Jefferson**

Well, we had a good outing for February at the Kings River. The outing was attended by 6 member. You can find more info. about it elsewhere in the newsletter. The next club outing is Pyramid Lake on the weekend of March 17th. Rod Sanchez will be the fishmaster for that outing and I understand that he and Al Miyamoto went up this last week, so he should have an update on conditions. In the mean time give Rod a call if you have questions and be sure to sign up at the general meeting

The Speaker for the March meeting is Mark Contrell. Mark is a guide in the Central Sierras and spends a lot of time on the Tuolumne, Stanislaus and Merced Rivers. I had the opportunity to fish with Mark along with Dave Hilbert and we had a very enjoyable and productive trip. Mark also donated a guide trip to the club for our annual dinner. Greg Smith had

the winning bid on the trip, so we'll be real interested to hear about it when he gets back.

As for other up coming outing, Tracy DeSilva will be the fishmaster in April for the trout opener at Los Padres. Be sure to put that one on your schedule. We also have the Rooster Comb outing, being headed up by the Michelis. It's going to be in April or May, depending on weather and water conditions. Then we have the Rock Creek and Lake Christine outing in June. Be sure to give Rick McCombs or John Neshiem a buzz if you want to jump on an opportunity for some first class still water trout fishing. Chef John is signed up and in charge of the kitchen for the first couple of days and there's still a couple slots available on this trip. So I hope to see you all at this month's get-together...

T'll then, remember: "Ugly flies catch fish" and I should know, cuz that's the kind I tie.....Jay J.

### 2012 Board Members

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| <b>Jay Jefferson</b>     | 809-0290 |
| <b>President</b>         |          |
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| <b>Dan Balma</b>         | 653-9628 |
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| <b>Rod Sanchez</b>       | 424-5426 |
| <b>Member</b>            |          |
| <b>Mick Micheli</b>      | 455-1007 |
| <b>Member</b>            |          |
| <b>Rick McCombs</b>      | 385-4278 |
| <b>Newsletter editor</b> |          |

### March Meeting

Jay has said it pretty well. Mark Contrell should put on a very informative program. The most important part is that he'll be talking about water that is accessible to all of us. In addition to Mark's program we'll have fish reports and things are starting to heat up. We'll try to keep the bragging to a minimum. I know it will be hard. Once we're done with that, We'll have snacks. And the raffle. Hope you'll make a point to be there..

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



### Editorial

Here's some *News from the Board Room*. The Board of Directors met at the Landing Zone (Salinas Airport restaurant) on February 22nd. If you've ever been to a board meeting, you probably know what they're like...Pretty much 6-8 old farts sitting around pontificating about one thing then another.. Out of it all, some agreement is usually arrive at, then we shuffle out only to stand around in the parking lot, where a few folks light up and we talk more about little until the cold Salinas zephyr coaxes us into our cars and we drive home.. It's great fun. You should join us..- I think it's call comradery. This month there were a few noteworthy items..Our treasury is up to \$5926 and change. The board also decided to continue with the "Fisherman of the Year Award" in 2012, along with that, it was decided that you can no longer "win" the Fly Box or the Refreshment Cooler." two months in a row. . A few folks have managed to have their tickets pulled for these chores 2-3 month's in a row, so that will no longer happen. With regard to the refreshments, If you are called on to provide refreshments, you will now receive \$10 off you next \$20 worth of raffle tickets. We hope that, that along with the hardy appreciation from everyone in attendance will take a little of the sting out of your good fortune. T'll next time... ..ed.

### Report on the Kings River outing

We had a great time, even though Andy's float tube went flat. Fortunately Rod came with a spare. Folks caught fish on Avocado Lake as well as in the river. There was a light steady rain on Saturday night, but it was drowned out by all the snoring. Sunday we woke up to heavy cold fog. Pete and Bill met some members of the Fresno Fly Fishing club. They provided a lot of very helpful information. Along with Pete and Bill, Rod Sanchez, Andy Pomo, Paul Dobin and Jay Jefferson were in attendance. Overall, as a first club outing to this area, we were all pretty impressed. Considering that it's only two and half hours away, with lots of good fishing.. Hope to do it again soon.. J.J.

### Fly of the month: J.F. Wiggle Tail



Join Bill, Rick and the boys at the airport on 21st. to tie the Jay Fair's Wiggle Tail

Hook: TMC 2487 #10

Thread: Uni-thread Black 8/0

Weight: Leadfree Wire

Body: Olive Short Shuck\*

Hackle: Olive Grizzly Saddle Hackle

Tail: Olive Marabou

- Olive Shuck is a Jay Fair Product. Short Crystal Chenille can be used as a substitute.

\* This is a dynamite Trout, Bass & Bluegill fly.

**Note: Tying information for this and a variety of other information can be found on Steve Ojai's website The website is also a great source for California fishing info.**

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<http://stevenojai.tripod.com/fishdist.htm>

**Pictures and text were copied from the website with Steve's permission**

**Salinas Valley Flyfishers\*\*2012 Outing Schedule and Programs**

|                   |                 |                      |                                     |                       |                      |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| March 14th.       | General meeting | Spreckels Fire Hall  | Mark Control                        | Sierra trout fishing  | 809-0290             |
| March 17th.-18th. | Club Outing     | Pyramid Lake         | Cutthroat Trout                     | Rod Sanchez           | 424-5426             |
| March 21st.       | Fly Tying       | Airport Board Room   | Jay Fair's                          | Bill Pshide / Rick Mc | 424-3063<br>385-4778 |
| March 28th        | Board meeting   | Airport Restaurant   | Business meeting<br>Members welcome | Jay Jefferson         | 809-0290             |
| April 11th.       | General meeting | Spreckels Fire Hall  | Special Project<br>"It's a mystery" | Jay Jefferson         | 809-0290             |
| April 18th.       | Fly Tying       | Airport Board Room   | To be announced                     | Bill Pshide / Rick Mc | 424-3063<br>385-4778 |
| April 28th.       | Club Outing     | Los Padres Reservoir | Rainbow & Brown Trout               | Tracy DeSilva         | 484-0413             |

**Rock Creek and Lake Christine (June 24th-29th.)**

This looks like it's going to be a dynamite outing. A chance to fish for really big native Rainbows and Browns in a beautiful natural setting and have it all to ourselves.. We'll be fishing on two lakes on adjacent properties. We have reserved five days and arranged for space for two RV's: along with a cottage that sleeps 4. All together, we have room for a maximum 7 people each day. That make 35 (1 day) slot.

Each slot will cost about \$140 which should cover shared food cost. Contact: Rick-(385-4778)

**Rooster Comb 2012**

Well folks, I am looking for interest in another outing up at Rooster Comb Ranch this year. I need at least 10 for this. The price is the same as of this date. \$ 150.00 each plus food. Thanks -Mick.

(Contact Mick @ 455-1007 or 595-5315.)

Check out this web-site for real pictures of the real bugs that you're trying to tie: Google: *Flycraftangler*

For all the latest info. in what's happening in the wide world of fishing and for club activities, Go to:  
**[salinasvalleyflyfishers.org](http://salinasvalleyflyfishers.org)**

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## News Notes and Ads

### Important Notice For San Luis Reservoir

All those who plan to attend the outing at San Luis Forebay should be aware that the state has implemented the following:

San Luis Res. Vessel Inspection for Quagga and Zebra Mussels is now in effect.

All Boats This includes float tubes and Pontoons must be inspected.

Your boat must be dry with no moisture on any boots, waders. Anything brought into the lake with your vessel must be clean, dry. There will be inspection stations set up all entrances to the park.

Inspections are free.

Inspection stations will open at 6:00 a.m and close at 8:00 p.m.

SRA Information #: (209)826-1197

*Also check out "windfinder" for San Luis wind forecast.*

### Rock Creek / Lake Christine

**If you'd like to know more about these lakes, check out the Fly Shop website..**

**Just Google "The Fly Shop" Then click on their "private waters" section and you'll get a better feel for what they're like. They're separate properties., but what it doesn't tell you is that they are both lakes on the same creek and only about 200 yards apart. We plan to have full use of both simultaneously.**

### Fishing reports Pyramid Lake

Al Miyamoto and Rod Sanchez made their way up to Pyramid last week. Al reports a few fish here and there but the water temp is still low and the fishing is spotty. fishing should improve as water warms.

### Hunter Liggett

Rick and Al fished FHL two weeks ago (Del Venturi) water level is down about 3' water still cold 52-58.

After the water warmed in the afternoon several fish caught on olive leech pattern and small Clouser.

Last Saturday Rick, Roger and Jay fished Del Venturi in the a.m. got a few very small bass in the cold water (52). In the late afternoon on Coleman water warmed to 59. top water action was good.

## Buy, Sell, give away and get the word out

### Adopt-A-Highway

If you club or business is interested in adopting a section of Hwy101

Contact:

Jeanette Green, Adopt-a-highway Coordinator  
831-372-1132

Got something to sell or give away to a better home..  
Call Rick (385-4778) [rickmefly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickmefly@sbcglobal.net)

**Old guys!!!** For those 62 and older, did you know that for \$10 you can get a National Parks and Rec. Pass. This is good for life. Not that that will be long. This pass gets you 1/2 off camping and free through Yosemite and other national parks

## Fly of the Month: Jay Fair's Wiggle Tail Nymph



## Pyramid Lake Site of the March



This map is from the Fish Sniffer web-site. While the site is not specifically dedicated to fly fishing, it does have lots of great information and we encourage you to check it out..

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Airport / Landing Zone**

**@ 6:00**  
**March 28th.**

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

**General Meeting**  
**Spreckles Fire House**  
**Wednesday, March 14th.**  
**@ 7:00**

**March Outing**  
**Pyramid Lake**  
**March 17-18th.**

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