



# SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

April 2013

## FLY TIMES

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"Why the fish swam across the creek - Part III"

by Sonny Wun

Well folks, here's chapter three of the 2013 president's message. First I hope your Easter weekend was filled with lots of joy and laughter. My three little Grand-bunnies left this morning at 6AM. So I thought that now that it's quieted down a bit, I'd better get back to the business of fly fishing news. First, I want to offer a warm welcome to new member Chuck Humphreys. I hope that you'll take a moment to introduce yourself to Chuck at the next meeting.

Speaking of meetings, last month's meeting was a good one. Several members joined us at 6:00 for dinner and Landing Zone is proving to be a great meeting place. Tim Hutchins, from Yosemite Fly Fishing was our program presenter. He provided a nice set of slides with lots of information about access points and places to fish on and around the Tuolumne River. He pointed out that the Tuolumne is one of the best trout streams in California and it's only a few hours away. One comment that stuck with me was when Tim

said: "use proper tactics and make the first cast count". At dinner he told us about fishing his frog fly on the pond near the 17<sup>th</sup> hole of his local golf course. Sounded like great fun.

In other news, if you haven't heard, Fort Hunter Liggett is sort of close, depends on who you talk to, these days. Del Venturi is closed from Mar 25. until it opens for the trout derby Apr 13<sup>th</sup>. If you're going, be sure to check beforehand for closures and while you're at it, How about grabbing a suggestion card and telling them that you'd like to have a creel card drop off box outside the cantonment area. So we don't have to go back through security to drop off the cards.

Elsewhere, The Fly Shop in Redding is celebrating the opening of trout season on Apr 26<sup>th</sup>. If you're in the neighborhood it's a chance to meet Skip Morris, Hal Janssen, Mike Mercer and others and maybe get a free hotdog to boot. What the heck, 6 hour drive for a hotdog...Sounds doable! So that's it for now. See you Wednesday and remember.

Get'm wet and keep'm wet. -Sonny

### Put your wheel down at the Landing Zone

This month's meeting will feature all the usuals. Pull up a chair for dinner at 6:00 or eat with your sweetie and join us at 7:00 for the general meeting. We'll have more information about the April outings and the upcoming Rooster Comb-over. The fishing season is on the front doorstep so it's a good time to make sure that you're in the know..

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



### Fly of the Month

April Fly: Fox Poopah

Hook: [TMC 2302 #14](#)  
Thread: [Danville Black 6/0](#)

Head: [Copper Bead](#)

Underbody: [Pearlescent Tinsel](#)

Thorax: [Black Ostrich](#)

Antennae: [Lemon Wood Duck](#)

Legs: [Natural Partridge Hackle](#)

Rib: [Gold Wire, Brassie](#)

Body: [Olive Vernille](#)



### History of the Fox Poopah

**Notes:** Designed by Tim Fox in 1990 for use on the lower Sacramento. Tim is the Manager of The Fly Shop in Redding, CA. The Poopah has received widespread recognition as an excellent caddis pupa pattern and is used extensively throughout Sierra Nevada streams. Tim utilized vernille for a tapered body and a pearl tinsel for the underbody. The most popular colors are Tan and Olive in a size 14. Vernille is marketed under a number of different names such as Ultra Chenille and Micro Chenille. A bead is often added to give the pattern some ability to go deep into the water column. As a pupa, however, the natural will rise up through the column and this is where the trout focus on this pattern. Most of the Poopahs are tied on a TMC 2302, a 2XL hook with a light bend. The micro sizes are more often tied with a TMC 3769 which is a 2X heavy nymph hook. Select the color and size of Poopah from what is happening within the stream or creek. BH Olive Poopahs are a good choice for the Spotted Sedge caddis. Try the Micro sizes for smaller caddis pupa during the later half of the Summer. Springtime Poopah is a good choice for the Grannom or Brachycentrus caddis and a Tan Poopah does a good job for Saddle Case Caddis (Glossosoma). The fly is best fished as a dead drift with 4-6 feet of tippet using a stack cast method and feeding line. Guides also recommend using a micro mayfly pattern behind it. Harry Mason has an excellent tutorial on this fly at [www.troutflies.com](http://www.troutflies.com).

### ForSale

Dave Scadden X5 10.5 ft Pontoon boat  
excellent condition

Includes casting platform and \$250 Power Stroke carbon fiber oars

Total original retail: \$2700

Will sell: \$1,150

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**Salinas Valley Flyfishers\*\*2013 Outing Schedule and Programs**

|                    |                         |                            |                           |                             |                      |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| April 10th.        | General Meeting         | Landing Zone @ the Airport | Dinner and meeting        | Sonny Wun                   | 757-3676             |
| April 13&14th      | Club Outing             | Fort Hunter-Liggett        | Trout, Bass & Bluegill    | Sonny Wun                   | 757-3676             |
| April 17th.        | Fly Tying               | Airport Board Room         | Fox Poopah                | Bill Pshide<br>Rick McCombs | 424-3063<br>385-4778 |
| April 20th or 27th | Club Outing (tentative) | San Luis Forebay           | Stripers                  | Scott Naylor                | 214-3870             |
| April 24th.        | Board Meeting           | Landing Zone @ the Airport | All members welcome       | Sonny Wun                   | 757-3676             |
| May 3rd-5th.       | Club Outing             | Rooster Comb               | Bass & Bluegill           | Mick Micheli                | 455-1007             |
| May 8th.           | General Meeting         | Landing Zone @the Airport  | Fred Ramirez & Phil Davis | Seirra Fly Fishing          | Sonny<br>757-3676    |
| June 12th.         | General Meeting         | Landing Zone @ the Airport | Ken Hanley                | California Fl Fishing       | Sonny<br>757-3676    |

Going fishing? At the last board meeting Rod Sanchez brought up the idea of letting other club members know when you're going fishing. Good idea? I think so. If you're one of those people who would like to tag along or join in when someone has extra room in the truck, how about you let it be known? Rod said he plans to e-mail folks next time he's planning a trip. We'll try to pass around a sign up at the next meeting so we can get an e-mail list of all those who'd be interested in sharing their fishing time

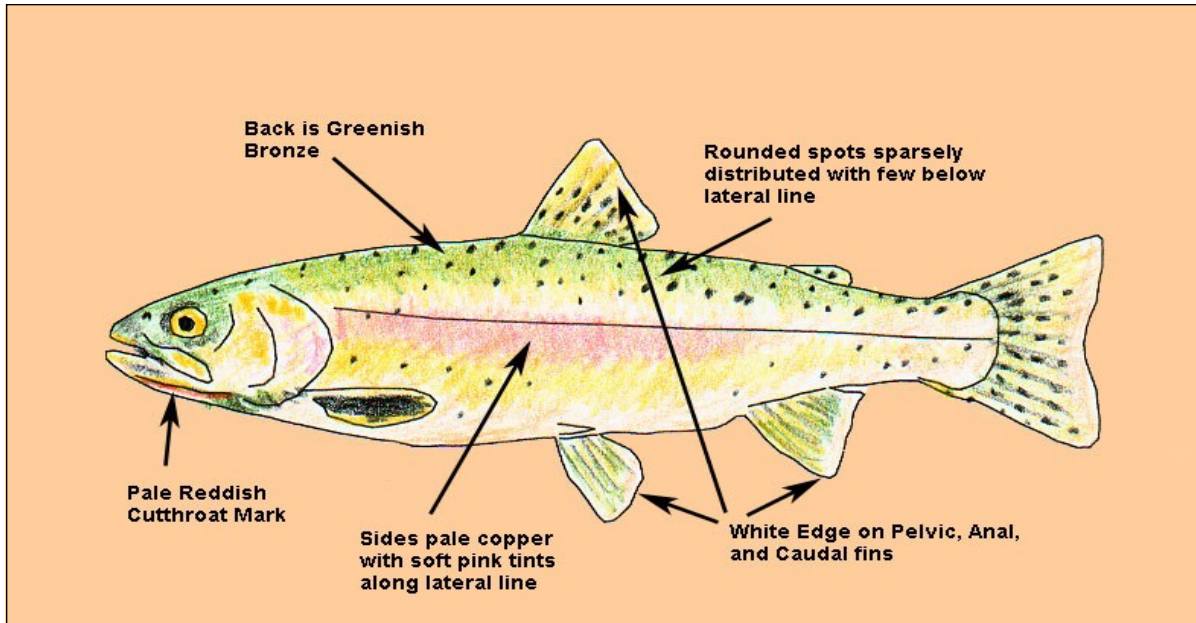
For all the latest info. in what's happening in the wide world of fishing and for club activities, Go to:  
[salinasvalleyflyfishers.org](http://salinasvalleyflyfishers.org)

Special thanks to Geoff Malloway for his ongoing support of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers and for his many efforts on behalf of stream habitat and the preservation of the fish that we all seek to catch. Next time you're out his way, stop by and say hi . If you need some supplies, advice or to tune up your casting in preparation for your next adventure, Geoff is the guy to see...

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## Tips and Tackle

## Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (Pyramid Lake, Nevada)



The **Lahontan cutthroat trout** (*Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi*), also known as the black spotted trout by the Paiute Indians, once flourished throughout the basins of Pleistocene Lake Lahontan. The trout reached epic sizes as Capt John Fremont recounted that the Paiutes brought Lahontan trout to his camp in 1843 which he wrote "Their flavor was excellent--superior, in fact, to that of any fish I have ever known. They were of extraordinary size--about as large as the Columbia River salmon--generally from 2 to 4 feet in length." Based upon a specimen caught in Lake Tahoe in 1878, the fish was named *Salmo henshawi* in reference to H.W. Henshaw, the naturalist who caught the fish. Since then, the name has been refined to *Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi* to reflect it as a Cutthroat subspecies. The world record for a caught Lahontan is 41 pounds in 1925 although one Lahontan Cutthroat was caught by a Paiute Indian in 1916 and weighed 62 lbs, both fish were caught in Pyramid Lake, Nevada. The California record is 31 pounds in 1911 at Lake Tahoe.

Lahontan cutthroats historically occurred throughout the Walker, Carson, Truckee, and Honey Lake drainages including Lake Tahoe, Donner, and Fallenleaf Lake. Today, the Lahontan population is restricted to 14 streams in the Lahontan drainage with about 23 miles of occupied habitat, as well as 720 acres in Independence Lake. Presently the population consists of less than 10,000 adult fish. The Lahontan cutthroat trout is a federally listed Threatened species due primarily to overgrazing along streams and loss of spawning streams due to dam construction. The Lahontan Cutthroat has been extinct from Lake Tahoe since the 1940's. An active hatchery program exists at Heenan Lake using Lahontan Cutthroats that were transplanted from the Carson River to Blue Lakes in 1864. The fish became slightly hybridized with rainbows and were brought to Heenan Lake to raise hatchery-born cutthroats to stock in many of the lakes and streams throughout the Sierras. None of these restockings have been successful in achieving a self-sustaining population.

#### Distinguishing Characteristics:

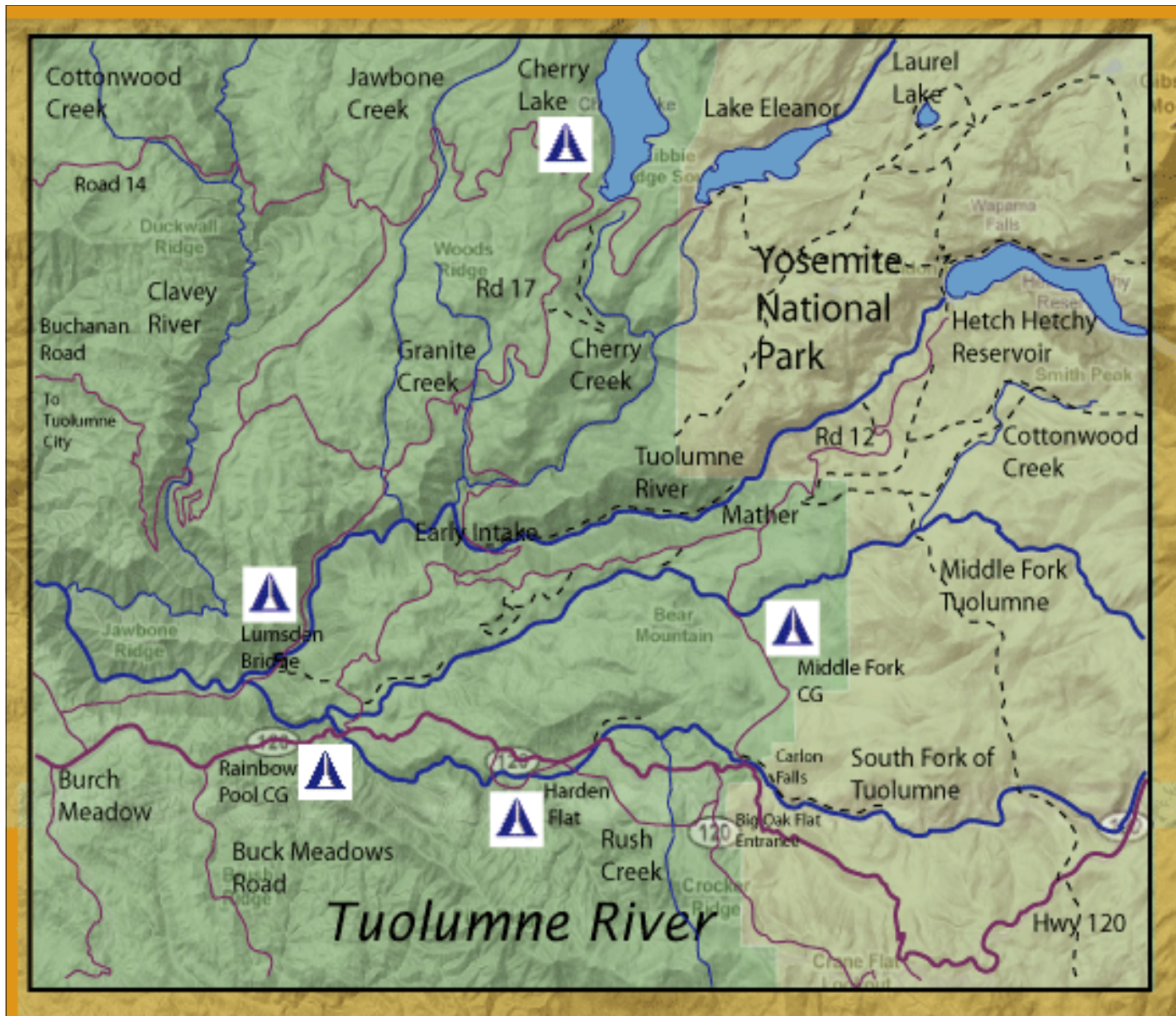
Lahontan Cutthroats can be recognized by their greenish bronze color of the dorsal region and the light yellowish copper coloration of their sides. A pale reddish slash mark will be found under each side of the jaw. Large round black spots are evenly distributed on the sides of the fish. These spots may also be found on the ventral and head regions of the fish.

The information and picture above was found on the Steve Ojai web-site. He has similar information on other trout species on the web-site along with maps, flies, tackle and tips. Check it out.... ed.





## More information on the Tuolumne River



**Directions:** From Modesto, drive about 50 miles east on Highway 120 to the junction of Highway 108. Following Highway 120, go 25 miles to the confluence of the South and Middle Fork at Rainbow Pool Falls. Continuing along Highway 120 is access to the South Fork. The Middle Fork has access above Rainbow Pool Falls and by way of Evergreen Road. The main stem of the Tuolumne can be accessed by a dirt road just above Burch Meadows to Lumsden Bridge.

**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 Rafter's within this section.

Information from the Steve Ojai Web—site

***General Meeting  
Salinas Airport  
April 10th @ 7:00 P.M.  
Dinner @ 6:00 P.M.***

**Fort Hunter-Liggett  
Outing  
Saturday / Sunday  
April 13-14th.**

Fly Tying  
@  
The Board Room  
Salinas Airport  
April 17th. @ 6:00 P.M.

**Board of Directors  
Meeting @ the  
Landing Zone  
April 24th @ 6:00**

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