



# SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

June 2013

## FLY TIMES

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### "The History of the Wun Dynasty- Part VI"

by Sonny Wun

Well, welcome to another addition of Fly Fishing on the Central Coast. I'm inspired now. I've been reading up on Czech nymphing and I'm trying to figure out how to tie up a "red hot butt" leader. If you are wondering what I am talking about, then you must have missed the last general meeting and the outstanding presentation from Phil Davis, Fred Ramirez out of Central Sierra Fly fishing Adventures. Among other handy tidbits they told us about some fancy ways of rigging leaders and gave us some valuable information regarding fishing the Kings River. There were more than a few members in the crowd who are ready to go.

Our fly tying night has been well attended. May's fly was called the "\$3.00 Dip" and Rick did a great job of doing the demo and showing everybody how it's tied. Once you get the

hang of it, the skies the limit with this fly. Be sure to attend our next fly tying night, on June 19th. Bill will be back in the Head Master's chair to show everyone how to tie the Marabou Damsel Nymph. Also coming up in June is a monthly meeting that you won't want to miss. Ken Hanley is the guest speaker. That's on June 12th. and it should be an entertaining, information packed program.

Board member, Mike Gilroy has come up with an incentive plan for bringing in more new members. The RULES are on page 4 of this newsletter, so check them out and be on the look out for folks out there who are interested in fly fishing...you could win a big prize.

Well, I got to go. I'm packing for my first trip to Squaw Valley...flies, rods, maps,waders...oops, don't forget Julie

See you all when I get back....

t'll then- Sonny

### Kenny's Back

The June meeting features non-otherthen: Ken Hanley. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Ken and hearing one of his presentations, it's something to behold. Ken has authored books on fly fishing the California Coast and bass fishing the State. He is extremely knowledgeable and has great stories regarding Baja and several primo fishing destinations. In addition to all that Ken can tell us, There will be the usual fish stories, outing updates, planning for the July BBQ, more info on the New Member Incentive Program, good grub and friendly faces..... t'll then ed.

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



### Fly of the Month

### Marabou Damsel Nymph

Hook: [TMC 200R #8-12](#)

Thread: [Danville Olive 6/0](#)

Weight: [Leadfree Wire](#)

Abdomen: [Olive Marabou](#)

Thorax: [Olive Marabou](#)

Tail: [Olive Marabou](#)

Rib: [Copper wire](#)

Wingcase: [Olive Marabou](#)



Designed by Randall Kaufmann during the early 1980's. Damsel nymphs are usually 1/2 to 1 inch long with a very streamlined body. They swim with a rhythmic wiggle, that ceases when the nymph needs to rest. During the resting cycle, the nymph slowly drifts downward. Randall noticed that most of the established damselfly nymph patterns at the time lacked the animation that he saw necessary to achieve the lifelike movement of the nymph within the water column. By incorporating Marabou for the tail, body, and wingcase, he succeeded in getting the animated movement of the fly. The colors of the marabou are also adaptable to the various colors that damsel nymphs acquire depending upon their environment. Most of these colors are olive, tan, and brown. An added benefit to this fly is that number of materials are kept to a minimum and it is easy to tie.

Some variations have been adapted to this pattern for specific locations around the Sierras. Notably, the [Convict Damsel Nymph](#) by Moose Patterson of Mammoth Lakes. Guide Tom Loe developed a nice variation with his **Drifter's Marabou Damsel Nymph** and **Emerger** using a contrasting dubbed thorax and a threaded abdomen. On the nymph, the marabou is secured to the top of the shank, ribbed with the thread to form a shellback, wingcase, and carapace. On the emerger, the tail and abdomen is secured to the the shank by a fine gold wire ribbing. The wing is a second piece of marabou that is secured over the dubbed thorax with the continuation of the gold wire ribbing. This provides a very durable tie down for the marabou wing.

Two other marabou damsels often used within the Sierras are the **Damsel in Distress** and the **No Name Damsel**. I don't know who came up with these variations but the No Name is marketed by Umpqua Flies of Oregon.

#### 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: \$1,100 (maybe less to a member)

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

June 12th.	General Meeting	Landing Zone @ the Airport	Ken Hanley	Sonny Wun	757-3676
June 19th.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Marabou Damsel	Bill Pshide	424-3063
June?	Club Outing (Possible)	Davis Lake	Trout	Contact: Rick	385-4778
June 26th..	Board Meeting	Landing Zone @ the Airport	All members welcome	Sonny Wun	757-3676
June 28-30	Club-Outing (Possible)	Lake Almanor	Trout	Contact: Rick	385-4778
July 6th	Muddy River Classic	Annual BBQ	Jefferson Ranch	Jay or Sonny	809-0290/ 757-3676
July 17th	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room		Bill Pshide	424-3063
July 24th	Board Meeting	Landing Zone @ the Airport	All Members welcome	Sonny Wun	757-3676

News from Hunter-Liggett

If you're one of the Hunter-Liggitt faithful. Some new stuff is in the works. . I talked to Greg at the game shack. They are now requiring that all boats and float tubes be inspected. The inspection certificate is good for three days. On the good news front, you can now check in via telephone and don't have to get a creel card at the game shack. There is a pond list with numbers. You just call: give your I.D. number and the numbers for the ponds that you want to fish. There are more details to work out. Stay tuned.

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

A Trout Unlimited Local Chapter is in the works. A meeting was held at the Baja Cantina in Carmel Valley on June 5th. to explore the feasibility of forming a local chapter of TU. Sam, Tim, Jay and Roger from our club were in attendance and from the initial reports the response was positive. From what Jay told me, the new chapter would stretch from Half Moon Bay down to the San Luis Obispo area. He said that there were 25-30 people there from various local fishing groups and other interested organization. We can look forward to more information at our club meeting, so keep your ears open if your interested.

### What is Trout Unlimited

TU is a national organization with more than 140,000 volunteers organized into about 400 chapters from Maine to Montana to Alaska. This dedicated grassroots army is matched by a respected staff of lawyers, policy experts and scientists, who work out of more than 30 offices nationwide. These conservation professionals ensure that TU is at the forefront of fisheries restoration work at the local, state and national levels. TU web-site

### *It's fishing time*

There are plenty of opportunities happening right now. How about taking a look at the map on the next page and think about heading up to Almanor on the last weekend of this month. Jack Clark is already there and 2-3 other club members are planning to make the trip. Also the middle of this month should be a great time to make a run to Frenchman and Davis lake. The Merced will be coming into shape. So check the flows and E-mail Rick if you're interested in any of these. (rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net)

### **Membership Challenge for all current SVFF's**

The Board is seeking to bring new members to our club and is creating a challenge to all existing members to actively invite, recruit or enlist Fly Fishers of all ages and experience levels to participate in SVFF.

The benefits of new members include: Sustaining the life of the club; New fishing partners; New ideas for club activities: Better club outings

The member who brings in the most new members between now and the end of 2013 who attend a least two club meetings or outings will win a prize valued at over \$250.

#### Here is how it works:

Find someone who completes the club application, pays the membership dues for 2013 and 2014, and attends in at least two club functions. The new member must also indicate that you are responsible for their joining. A sign in sheet will be available meeting to record fulfilling attendance.

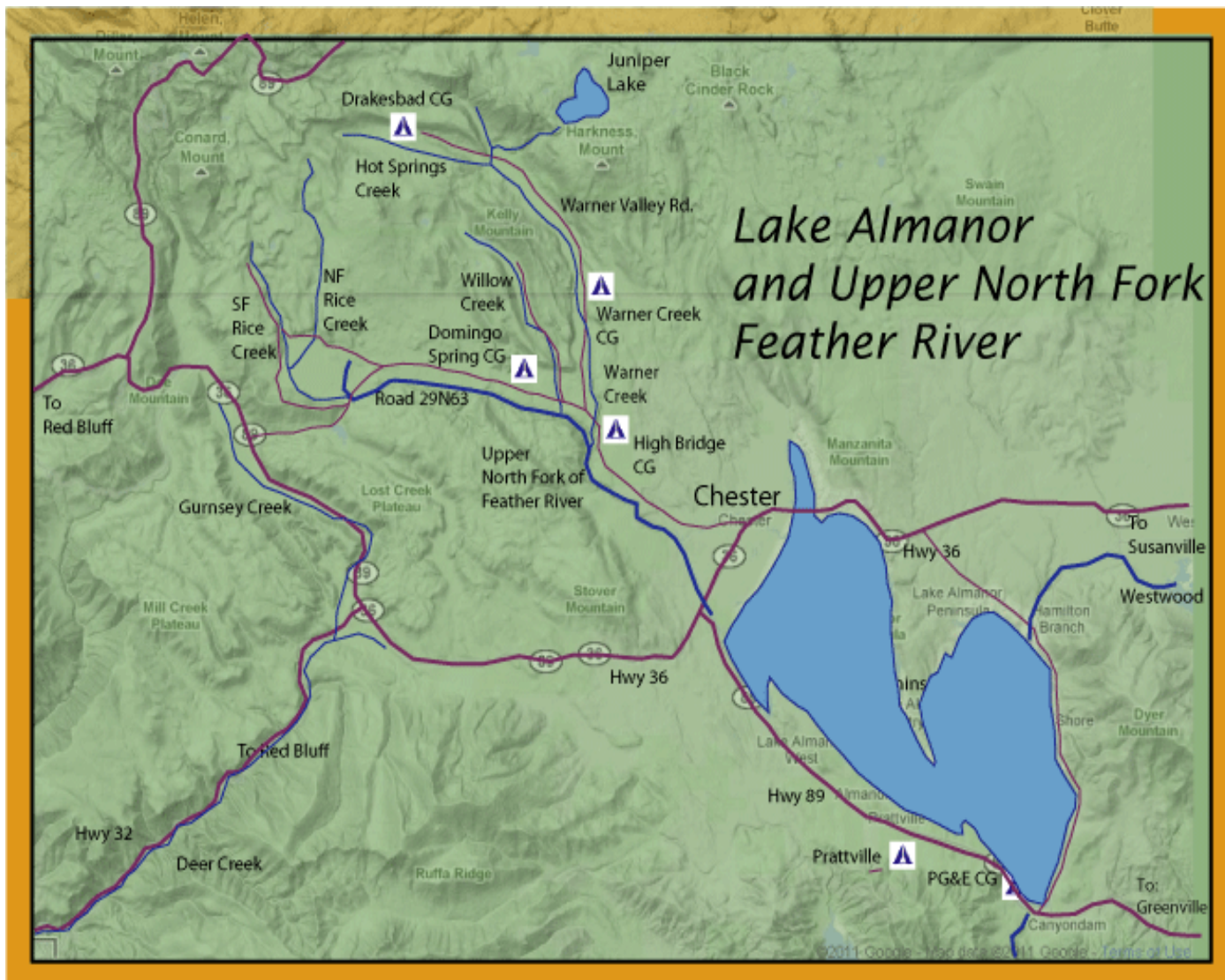
The Secretary will maintain the records necessary determine a winner after 31 December 2013. The winner will be announced at the annual banquet and awarded a very nice prize. (Ties will be broken by drawing names from a hat. There will only be one winner.) For the purpose of the contest, any past member who has been out of the club for more then two years will be considered a new member.

We hope all members will put some energy into this effort and that it will result in some new fishing friends! If you have questions feel free to contact a Board member.

**You can't catch one if you don't throw the cast!**



## How about Lake Almanor at the end of the month



### The Infamous Lake Almanor Hex Hatch

Lake Almanor is best known for the large "Hex" hatches that occur in late June and run until mid-July along the western and southwestern shorelines from Canyon Dam to Almanor West. The Hexagenia Mayfly is the largest mayfly with a 1 1/2 inch body and wings well over an inch tall. The Hex nymphs live in the lake bottoms and go to the surface as emergers to hatch into mayflies. The new mayflies must float upon the surface film for a period of time to allow their wings to dry. During this hatch, the fish gorge themselves on the ready meal of nymphs, emergers, and spinners. Usually this hatch takes place at the end of the day after the sunsets. The emerger patterns are a light colored orange or yellow nymph size 6-8. The nymphs need to be fished deep with a slow retrieve. Many folks will fish nymphs between 4 and 6 pm in 20-25 feet of water using a 7 1/2 foot 3x leader and a sinking line. A tandem rig with a #6-8 nymph trailed by a size 8 Buzzer pattern can be a good option. There's a good chance that you'll pick up one of Almanor's excellent Small Mouth Bass during this period. Use a slow retrieve with some pauses. At sunset, move into 10-15 feet water and work emerger and nymph patterns within the top 5 feet. An intermediate sinking line works well for this. At some point, you will see the mayflies come to the surface and you can switch to a dry fly or emerger in the surface film using a floating line. The dries, size 6-8, are usually bright yellow with an upturned abdomen and extended tail. The Almanor Hex hatch, once experienced, is not soon forgotten. This is one for your bucket list.

***General Meeting***  
*Salinas Airport*  
***June 12th @ 7:00 P.M.***  
***Dinner @ 6:00 P.M***

**Muddy River Classic**  
**July 6th**  
**Jefferson Ranch**  
**on the Salinas River**

Fly Tying  
@  
The Board Room  
Salinas Airport  
June 19th. @ 6:00

**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting @ the**  
**Landing Zone**  
**June 26th @ 6:00**

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