

Fly Times

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President’s Message

By: Richard Higgins

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and has made a great start for 2018. Steelhead season has opened, but unfortunately there is not much to report since we have not had enough rain to create any flows in our local rivers. The Salinas River was very productive with many large striped bass being caught on opening weekend. The club held an outing December 31st. and January 1st. at the Jefferson Ranch access to the Salinas River. We hit the water with toons, 7 and 8 weight rods, and an assortment of flies. The weather was pleasant but the weekend proved to be a slow fish for the club. Some of the guys camped out and rang in the new year with a bang!

Greg, Dave, Roger, Bill, Richard, Lou and Jay spent a lot of time and effort looking and planning for places to go for outings, for partnerships and environmental projects for the club to participate in. Thanks also to the master wordsmith, Rick, for agreeing to stay on as the editor of the monthly newsletter. As I asked at the start of my first and second years as President, we need your help in planning new outing locations and activities. The Board members will be glad to work with any of you who want to try your hand as outing fishmasters. It’s your chance to expand outings to areas you like to fish and give our members new venues to explore. Let us know if you are willing to share your favorite fishing grounds.

Do not forget to send in your 2017 Steelhead report card to the CDFW and buy your 2018 license so you can fish on. Remember you can buy your license on-line on the CDFW website.

Last year it was my pleasure to welcome five new members to our club. Of the five, we have two additional couples that have joined to fish together. Increasing membership has been a goal of the board and hopefully we can continue this trend. Don’t forget to spread the word as you talk to fellow fishers and invite them to a meeting. (cont. on Pg 3)

As I write edition 2 – 12 or 24, I would like to thank the 2017 Board members for their hard work, dedication and support:

Upcoming EVENTS:

Jan 13th

Annual Dinner @ the Flying Artichoke

Fly Tyer's Corner
with Bill Pshide

Notice..

No Fly Tying for the month of January



Zebra Midge

Midges

Chironomids are one of the most important food sources in stillwaters. They can represent 25-50% of the food source for trout, depending upon season. There are three stages to consider, the larvae, pupa, and emergers. Colors range in frequency from Black, Brown, Red, Tan, Green, and Cream. Many of the larvae will have a reddish appearance as they retain hemoglobin within the oxygen-poor depths. These larvae are often called bloodworms. The larvae are also quite larger than the pupa or emergers, sometimes up to two hook sizes. Generally, the largest chironomids will be during the Spring and will decrease in size through the Summer and Fall.

Zebra Midge

The **Zebra Midge** pattern is acclaimed to have originated around the Lees Ferry area of Northern Arizona, along the Colorado River, by Ted Welling, a guide with Lees Ferry Anglers. It is very common throughout the Eastern Sierras and up into British Columbia as a Chironomid pupa pattern for Stillwater Lakes. Larvae patterns can be created by omitting the beadhead or by using a black microbead. The Olive Zebra Larvae is often used on the Lower Owens for a caddis larvae pattern. The emerger patterns will have a small tuft of Antron protruding from the bead and a herl or dubbed collar. The Zebra Midge is usually a thread body of Black, Red, Olive, Brown, and Gray color with a fine silver wire ribbing. It can have a beadhead of Nickel, Copper, Gold, Black, or a Glass Bead.

January Activities

ANNUAL DINNER

January 13th.
@ the Flying Arty

SVFF Board Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 24th.
@

The Flying Artichoke

Fly Tying

No Fly Tying this month

International Sportsmen's Expos
January 18-21, 2018
Cal Expo, Sacramento

(Prez. Message cont.) Our annual dinner is this Saturday, January 13th. at the Flying Artichoke. I hope to see some more of the Life Members who have not been able to make it to a club function in a while. If you did not receive a flyer, call or e-mail me.

As I close my last message as your club President, I wish to thank everyone for supporting club functions over the past year and I hope that I have met your expectations. It has been a humbling experience as well as a

rewarding dedication of my personal time. I have enjoyed the fishing, comradery, food and getting to know everyone just a little better over the past year.

Thank you and Tight Lines!

Richard

The Board of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers, invites Members, Family and Friends to join us for a great evening of food, prizes and fun, on Saturday, January 13, 2018, At the Flying Artichoke, Salinas Airport.

No host cocktails at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Raffles at 8:00 pm
Sign up now and take advantage of "members only early bird dinner and dues ticket specials."
Must purchase tickets by December 31, 2017.
Dinner is \$45.00 per person by Dec. 31, 2017
Dinner is \$50.00 per person after Dec. 31, 2017
2018 Membership Dues
Individual Membership is \$40.00
Family Membership is \$50.00
Payment can be made at the Dec. 13 meeting or contact Roger Cayton (831) 206-2762, and make arrangements to pay via mail to SVFF, P.O. Box 4933, Salinas, CA 93912
Please sign up by January 10th so that we can get a head count for the food.
2017 Memberships expire December 31st.!



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SVFF
ANNUAL DINNER

The Photo Page ...Coming Soon



Hey now, you guys don't really want to be looking at pictures of me all year do you? Well, the only pictures that I've gotten are from Mick and Deb and for some reason I couldn't download them. So here you are looking at another one of my pictures. I guess I have to sweet'n the pot to get any action. Here's the deal..E-mail a fishing picture of you, your buddy or a loved one before the day of the annual dinner, and I'll put your name in for a drawing at the dinner. I'll add \$10 in value to the prize for each entry, up to \$150. But, you gotta be fast.. 5 days left. -Rick (ed.)

Some Interesting Facts about the Sierra:

- There are 20 major Rivers, 14 on the West Side and 6 on the East Side. These are within over 24 watershed areas.
- Historically, there were no trout in the Sierra above 6000 feet. Except for Goldens in the Upper Kern and Lahontan Cutthroats within the Carson, Walker, and Truckee River Drainage.
- Starting in the mid 1800's, trout have been stocked into 85% of all the lakes in the Sierra over 2 acres in size.
- There are 649 lakes in Inyo, Sierra, and Toiyabe National Forests of at least 25 acres between 10660' and 11,480' elevation. 85% of these lakes contain trout: (Christenson 1977)
 - 60% Brooks
 - 36% Rainbows
 - 32% Goldens
 - 5% Browns
- There are 1,404 lakes above 7,900' elevation within the Sierras. Of these lakes, trout are in 63%, the rest fishless: (Jenkins 1994)
 - Goldens are in 36% of all lakes
 - Rainbows are in 33% of all lakes
 - Brookies are in 16% of all lakes
 - Browns are in 8% of all lakes
 - Lahontan Cutthroats are in 1/2% of all lakes
- Fish Planting ended within most of the Sierran National Parks beginning in 1970. Today, Sierran National Forests have 85% of their lakes with fish and the National Parks have 40%.

Send your photos to ed.

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Editorial

There's fishy stuff comming up during in the next couple of months. This month the International Sportsmen's Expos returns to Sacramento. It takes place at the Cal Expo on Jan. 18th-21st. If you haven't made the trip up for this event, It is worth the drive, especially if you're into a wide range of outdoor activities. You'll find damn near anything related to enjoying the great outdoors. In February the Fly Fishing Show is coming back to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. It runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday. February 23, 24 & 25. This is a must for new club members and anyone who hasn't ever taken it in . It is strickly about fly fishing and the top name in the industry are always present. Jay Murakoshi, one of our club's life members will be featured tying some of his original flies. Be sure to stop by and say hi and introduce yourself if you a new member. Several of the club member usually head up on Friday. I'm looking forward to meeting up with Jay and taking in some of the seminars. If you'd like to learn more about stillwater fishing I'd suggest taking in Phillip Rowley and Denny Rickards. Denny is a bit full of himself, but if you can get past that he has some good information. For you planning to head to Pyramid this winter and spring, Rob Anderson is pretty informative. Dan Blanton will be doing a presentation on Sunday specifically targeting stripers at San Luis Reservoir. Featured flytyers of interest in addition to Jay Murakoshi are Landon Mayer and Ed Engle along with several others.

As for fishing opportunities, Pyramid is happening and with the rain this week we may see some opportunities for Steelhead in local streams. There's also a good chance of picking up stripers in the Salinas and Pajaro rivers and of course don't forget San Luis Reservoir and the forebay.

Lastly don't forget to send me your fishy pictures before next Saturday to get in on the drawing that I talked about on page 5. Hope to see you all at the annual dinner. Cheers -Rick(ed.)

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Don't Forget !!

Annual SVFF Dinner

January 13th.

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The Flying Artichoke

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