

Fly Times

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Upcoming Events:

Monthly meeting: April 10th.

Kids Day FHL : April 13th.

Fly Tying: April 17th.

Board Meeting: April 24th.

President's Message

By: Jay Jefferson

The White Bass are running right now at Lake Nacimiento and it should be good for a couple more weeks before it starts to tapers off.

Those who were able to go to Pyramid Lake this year had one of the best Pyramid outings ever. Hopefully there'll be a couple of pictures in this edition of the newsletter. Everyone caught fish with a couple record size fish for the club.

At last month club meeting, Jason Bucaro did a nice overview of what's happening at Hunter Liggett along with information regarding the Kid's Trout Derby that is coming up on April 13th. I hope to see you there. In addition to Jason's presentation, Greg Smith gave an overview of everything anybody needs to know about Pyramid lake: all the gear you need and lots of general information. April marks the start of Trout season, so for those who up for it, we can get a little practice after the kids finish taking their turn at the trout in Del Venturi pond on April 13th.

Along with the start of the season, there's going to be a lot of waters in the stream and Rivers this year, so we've decided to focus on water safety at this month's

meeting. In addition, Sam Davidson will be sharing what could be some big changes in The California Department of Fish & Wildlife regulations. The current regulations are acknowledged as being too complex, with too many special regulations and exceptions and many existing regulations are not adequately monitored. To address these issues, CDFW has begun a public hearing process to help revise and simplify trout fishing regulations statewide, and they are seeking public input. Sam will try to give an overview of what is proposed and let us know when the closest meeting, in Fresno, will be held.

So, with plenty to talk about and good friends to see, I hope you'll be sure to come on out this Wednesday for the April meeting of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers and be sure to bring your own water safety tips.

t'll then: make some plans to limber up that ol' fishing stick
Jay J.



April Fly of the Month:
Elk Hair Caddis



- Hook: [TMC 900BL #16-18](#)
- Thread: [Danville Olive 6/0](#)
- Hackle: [Light Dun](#), Palmered
- Wing: [Natural Brown Elk Hair](#)
- Body: [Olive Dubbing](#)
- Rib: [Fine Gold Wire](#)

Al Troth's Elk Hair Caddis

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, or Olive for example. There are a few different ways to tie this pattern, also. The above picture represents 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.

Check out [*Central Coast Fly Fishing*](#) on the Web
and sign up to get Geoff's newsletter

Salinas Vally Fly Fishers Fly Tying
Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00

<p>April monthly meeting 7:00 @ the Flying Artichoke Dinner @6:00 April 10th.</p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i> Airport Board Room <u>Wednesday, April 17th @ 6:00</u></p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting <u>Wedn. April 24th</u> @ the Flying Artie.</p>	<p>Kid's Day at Hunter-Liggett Saturday, April 13th. FHL Outing Saturday PM and Sunday</p>

**All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board meetings.
 Every third Wednesday of the month.**

Pyramid Happened

This year's Pyramid outing was a good one. 14 Club members were in attendance for the outing that spanned five days in total. Some came earlier, some later and others stayed longer. The weather was warmer than last year, still cold at times, but no snow. We had a few mornings with hard rain. The skies were mostly cloudy but that and the wind seemed to help turn the "fishing into catching". Fishing was great this year, everyone caught fish and some members caught a lot of fish and add to that, that they were larger than any of our previous outing in memory. We had two really nice fish caught, one by Wilson T. that measured 31 inches and one by Chuck S. the weighed 15 lbs. 14 ounces, making it one of the largest Lahontan's caught in the club's history. As a bonus, Chuck landed his fish on an 8wt rod that he picked up at the club's annual dinner. The rod built and donated buy by Richard H.

Among all those who caught fish where three new club members: Gene T., Wilson T. and Fred F.) The hot spot was at the beach at Pelican. The rocks and north nets were productive as well. Indian Head and Shot Dog were on the slower side. The day before it rained, was the best day of fishing.

"Follow Me" was the word of the outing, as Greg guided Freddie out to the north nets, at "0 dark thirty". With ladder and rods in tow, Greg and Freddie wadded out to the other fly fishers on ladders. The fly fishers were at chest high in the water, when off of their ladders. Three quarters of the way, they both walked into a dip and Freddie's hat was floating. They both managed to add some cold Pyramid water to the inside of their waders, after retreating to lower water. They managed to make their way around the obstacle to fish a while, until the cold set in and they had to head back for warm, dry cloths.

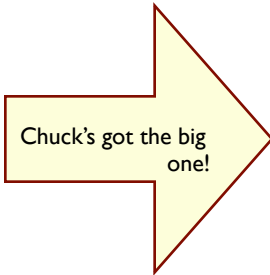
Camping opportunities at Fort Hunter-Liggett

The base itself is known for its scenic qualities and plays host to campers throughout the year. Located on base is the historic hotel known as the The Hacienda, which is open to the general public. The Hacienda was built back in 1930 by William Randolph Hurst as temporary housing for his employees and guests. It includes offices, swimming, guest rooms, and tennis court. It is currently owned and operated by the army, and serves as housing for guests of those on base as well as other civilians. Near The Hacienda are what are known as the Primitive Campgrounds, which house a few camper trailers as well as FEMA trailers. Commercial camping is offered in the base's BBQ pit area on Infantry Road. The campgrounds are open to RVs and trailers. They are equipped with shade, BBQ pits, toilets, and showers. Fort Hunter Liggett's campsites have become a favorite among hunters and fishermen. When training is not in session.



Hey Bill, let me go. I ain't full growd yet!

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Event Calendar / Maps

Date	Event	Location	Contact
April 10th.	Monthly Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
April 13th. / 14th.	Kids Day / FHL Outing	Fort Hunter-Liggett	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
April 17th.	Fly Tying	Salinas Airport	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
April 24th.	March Board Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
March / April	White Bass Outing	Lake Nacimiento	Date & fishmaster(TBD)
May 17-19th	Board Retreat	Fiddle Back Ranch	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
July 13th.	Muddy River Classic	Jefferson's Ranch	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
August 17th.	Los Padres Outing	Los Padres Dam	Fred DeYoung (229-1916)

In Tribute to Ed Rawson

Many of our current members will not have had the pleasure of meeting this most purely unique individual. Ed Rawson and his son Steve were members of the club for several years and Steve is a past club President. No one could set the hook on a Pyramid Lahontan Cutthroat like Ed. You could fish right next to him and chances are, he'd out-fish you three to one. He'd sit on his ladder looking half asleep and all the sudden like someone throwing a side arm fast ball in reverse his arm would yank back to find a fish on the end of his line. Ed was a plumber and steamfitter by trade, a big guy with a wry sense of humor, the kind of guy you wouldn't want to get into a bar fight with, but the kind of guy who just naturally garnered respect and a person who you felt privileged to count among your acquaintances. Ed passed away on March 11th. Our condolences to his family.



Pyramid Lake NV
Struve and Laporte Website

*(Editor's note-Some information and photos from the stevenojai website may have been included in this newsletter with the expressed permission of site founder Steve Schalla)
We encourage member to visit Steve's website and take advantage of its extensive information*



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