

Fly Times

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President's Message

By: Jay Jefferson

Hoody, July proved to be a pretty good month, not too hot in the valley and out where folks go fishing. Wild fires stayed pretty much in check and lots of nice conditions for summer time fishing. Hope some of you guys got out and did just that.

It was a good time at the annual Muddy River Classic. We had four new members and about 40 total in attendant, so I want to first welcome Ken and Marsha Pina and John and Linda Dresser to the club. With lots story's, good food, good friend and many laughs, it was a great event. It was pretty funny to see that the fly rod donated by Loren for the white ticket drawing was won by...you gusted it - Loren. Some guys are so lucky that they can't even give things away. Then when he donated it back again, his fishing buddy Rodger won it.. It kind of make me wonder if that rod just wanted to stay real close to Loren.

Our speaker this month is Susan Gulick with Casting for Recovery. She'll have lots of good information about the program and maybe some pictures of the June event they had on the Fall River.

On the club schedule this month is the outing to Los Padres Reservoir. Fred DeYoung is taking the lead on this outing as Fish Master. You'll find more information in this newsletter and also at the Meeting on Wednesday, so be sure to join us at the Flying Artichoke for this month's meeting. For next month's outing we will be on the Merced River on the wild trout section. We'll be circling-up at Indian flat R.V park and I'll also have more information at the meeting, But you should really plan to make this outing if you can. Conditions are looking real good and it should be a great one.

Before I close up, I want to mention that Rodger still needs some more help on the 25th. of this month at Rancho Cielo for Family Day. If you can make it, It is a very worthy cause and a real treat to see kids catching their very first fish.

T'll next time we see you...."Get that fish'n stick out and use it!Jay



Upcoming Events:

Monthly meeting: Aug. 14th.

Aug. 17th Outing: Los Padres

Fly Tying: Aug. 21 st.

Board Meeting: Aug. 28th.

Fly of the Month:
Krystal Flash Baetis Emerger



KFBE Recipe:

- Hook: TMC 100 or comparable 16-20
- Thread: 8/0 or smaller black thread
- Shuck: Amber crinkled Zelon
- Abdomen: 3-4 Strands of black Krystal Flash (twisted)
- Thorax: Peacock herl
- Hackle: Starling Breast feather or comparable substitute

- Baetis May Fly
- Nymphs: Baetis / BWO (Blue Winged Olive) are shaped like bullets and are built to swim quick in the water. They are swimmer mayflies and in the nymph form are small and slender. Slender tied Pheasant Tail Nymphs in black or purple are an excellent nymph pattern.
- The Krystal Flash Emerger pictured above is an excellent pattern to simulate the baetis as it emerges to the surface.
- Dries: As they begin to emerger, they take on a grey and black wing casing. This grey, chalky blue to black wings are visible slightly on emergers, but very visible on the dry/adults. Slender bodies, normally no larger than a #16 (most 18-24) they tend to like colder spring or fall weather and even hatch out on windy days with cloud cover.
- This pattern can be effectively fished as a dropper tied off the bend of a small dry such as a Adams or other BWO pattern.(ed.)

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 (new guys and guest welcome)

<p>Monthly meeting Wednesday, Aug. 14th. Presentation by Susan Gulick Casting for Recovery</p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i> <i>August 21st.</i> <i>Krystal Flash Baetis</i></p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting <u>Wedn. Aug 28th. (6:00 pm)</u> @ the Flying Artie.</p>	<p>Aug 17th. <u>Outing to:</u> Los Padres Reservoir</p>

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board meetings.

Needs of Trout

Dave Hughes wrote a very informative book, "Reading the Water" (1988). The basis of finding fish or reading the water is to first consider the needs of the trout. Dave identified 5 basic needs:

- 1 Trout look for shelter from the current. The current will be least wherever it is deflected. ie boulders, ledges, logs. The rougher the bottom, the more friction on the current creating underwater eddies and swirls.
- 2 Trout look for protection from predators. The best protection is when the surface has "rough water". Other protections can be shade, depth of water with ledges and rocks, and camouflage such as weed beds.
- 3 Trout need a right temperature range with adequate oxygen. Trout will be active in temperatures of 45 to 65 degrees F. Insect activity begins when temps are in the upper 40's. Colder water holds more oxygen. Most trout have upper temperature limits when their metabolism needs are greater than the available oxygen can provide.
- 4 Trout need food. Dave has observed that trout will only feed when the "energy gained from a bit of food exceeds the energy expended in the effort to acquire it". He has also observed that "when food is abundant and easy to get, trout will often neglect the need for protection from predators".
- 5 Trout need spawning beds to sustain their population. Hatchery plants can displace native trout from these spawning beds and the displaced native trout often die

A true fisherman approaches the first day of fishing with all the sense of wonder and awe of a child approaching Christmas. Robert Traver - Trout Madness (1960)

Quite possibly this is the key to fishing: the ability to see glamour in whatever species one may fish for. Harold Blaisdell - The Philosophical Fisherman (1969)

Fishing reports: Got some fishing reports for you folks this month.

Fred DeYoung was up at Los Padres checking out conditions for the outing. says that they picked up a few fishing deep with a Root Beer Bugger towed behind a Teenie 200 line. On a separate trip, Fred says they also picked up a couple of nice rainbow fishing on the lower Tuolumne River, near LaGrange.

Tim Fram has been off to Yellowstone having a great time, but also sent along a picture of another nice striper in the surf. Tim forwarded an article that club member Sam Davidson wrote for this last month's Trout Magazine. You should be able to check it out if you go to the Trout Unlimited website. Nice article Sam.

Jay Murakoshi is back from Baja and has been catching lots of carp up to 8 pounds in one of his local ponds. He also sent along a picture of the Kings River running at 7,000 cfs at the weir. He says that the kings should be fishable by October, until then it's too high.

Rick (that's me) says he took the Grandkids to Rancho Seco (near Lone in Amador County and everybody caught fish (Bass and Bluegill). Seco has been good this year.

Fishing Reports: Half the fun and learning experience of being in a club is hearing what, how and where other angler are catching fish, so please share. E-mail me: rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net and share your fishing with the other members. It really doesn't matter whether you do well or get skunked, it's all good. Let me know where you went, what you caught, and how you caught it. While you're at it send me a picture.ed.

The Photo Page



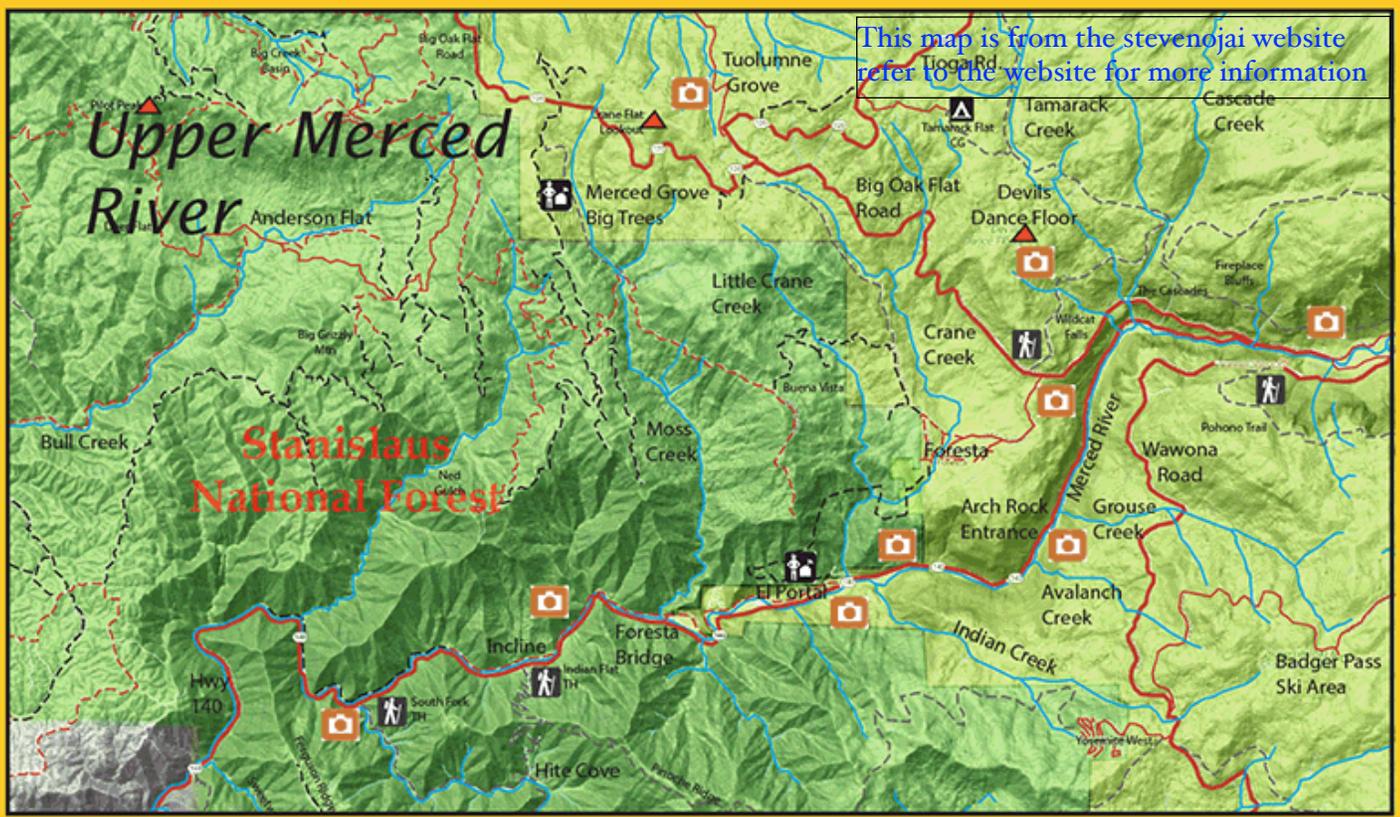
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Cassie Frahm with a nice Yellow Stone Cutthroat. Picture from Sam Davidson's article in Trout Magazine

Event Calendar / Maps

Date	Event	Location	Contact
August 14th.	Monthly Meeting	Salinas Airport	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
August 17th.	Los Padres Outing	Los Padres Dam	Fred DeYoung (229-1916)
August 21st.	Fly Tying	Airport Board room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
September 13th-15th	Merced River Outing	Merced/Indian Flat RV	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
November 16th-17th.	San Luis Outing	O'Neill Fore bay	TBD



September is the time for the Merced River outing. The river is stocked from the South Fork to Foresta Bridge. From the South Fork confluence to Yosemite Valley the river has more pocket water and riffles and becomes more suitable for fly fishing. Indian Flat Campground will be our hangout. Upstream from Foresta Bridge to the Yosemite NP Border, it is open year-round. It's catch and release only for Rainbows and a limit of 5 Brown Trout.

(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 it's extensive information



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