

# Fly Times

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## Upcoming Events:

**General meeting:  
The Infamous S.Y.F.B.  
Gift Exchange  
Dec. 12th.**

**Annual Dinner  
Jan. 12th.**

## President's Message

By: Greg Smith

At last month's general meeting our guest speaker was the club's friend for many years, Ken Hanley. Ken brought his enthusiasm and his love of fishing the California waters to his presentation. Ken opened his talk about being able to fish 12 months of the year in California, fishing the weather cycles, and peak periods to fish. He touched on fishing salt and fresh water, different varieties of fish, and led up to his peak experiences. During the slide show Ken gave us great ideas for fishing California waters in every month of the year. In January fish for Steelhead. Fish the North Coast, Trinity, Klamath, and Smith. Big fish equals big tackle. Fishing the South Fork of the Eel, wading in the early morning, using 9wt. and stressed controlling your tackle. February: visit the Sacramento Valley late in the day and fish for the Alevin Hatch. March takes us down to our local lakes fishing the White Bass with both surface and sub-surface flies. April is Carp fishing with the Alevin fly and yellow patterns under a grasshopper.

May, when the cottonwoods bloom means shad fishing at first light using a floating line or a 250 grain Teeny line. June is the month to head to Southern California to fish for Calico Bass in the bays and small estuaries. July is fishing for mountain trout in the higher elevations. August takes us back to Southern California to ocean fish for Blue Sharks. In September we head to the mountains fishing with hoppers and pygmy hoppers with 10-14 hooks. October is time to fish the shallows for largemouth bass. In November we can go to the Delta when the tides are moving out and fishing under a quarter moon using T-11 or your favorite 350 grain line. December is the best time to clean, fix, repair all of your fishing gear. Ken's knowledge and experience really painted a picture for future club outings.

November's fly tying session was hosted by Jay Jefferson and he brought to the table the 2 minute fly to a full room of fly tying members. Jay took us through 3 flies; the chironomids in red and black, the wiggle squiggly, (cont. on Pg 3)

## Fly Tying “On The Pshide Side”

December fly of the month:

### Balanced Leech



Midnight Cowboy

- Hook: [Daiichi 4660 size 6-8](#)
- Thread: [Uni-thread 6/0, Black](#)
- Tail: [Black Marabou](#)
- Body: [Midnight Fire Speckled Chenille](#)
- Collar Hackle: [Arizona Simi Seal, Black/Blue](#) and [Arizona Simi Seal Black/Red](#)
- Bead: [Black Nickel X-Eyed Conehead](#) on straight brad

- Hook: [Daiichi 4660 size 6-8](#) or [Daiichi 4640 size 10-12](#)
- Thread: [Uni-thread 6/0, Rusty Brown](#)
- Tail: [Medium Cinnamon Marabou](#)
- Body: [Arizona Simi Seal, Canadian Orange](#)
- Bead: [Gold Conehead](#) on straight brad lashed to hook



Canadian Orange

### Think Pyramid !!

There's no fly tying this month, But with the short days and cold nights, if you're not thinking Steelhead then you should be thinking Pyramid. And, the balanced leech is one you should have in your Pyramid Lake arsenal. I know that we have an outing to the Lake in the spring, but keep your eyes open for some nicer days during the winter and a trip over the pass might put you on a really big Cutthroat. One of these two flies dangling under an indicator and long leader might be your ticket to one of those 20 lb. Pilot Peak fish. If you're not sure how to tie the Balanced Fly, there's plenty of stuff on the internet that describes the process. Between you, me and the fence post, I don't think these are the prettiest fly in the boxes, but they do seem to catch fish. ..ed.

Speaking of flies: It should be noted that Lou DeSilva won the privilege of bringing half a dozen flies for the fly box...That lucky dog!

## No Fly Tying This Month

<p><b>December General Meeting</b>  <b>Wednesday, December 12th.</b>  <b>Dinner @ 6:00/ Meeting @ 7:00</b>  <b>@ The Flying Artichoke</b></p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i>                  Airport Board Room  <u><b>Canceled this month</b></u></p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting  <u><b>To Be Determined</b></u></p>	<p>Annual Dinner                  January 12th.                  Flying Artichoke</p>

**All Members are welcome at the Board meetings.**

(Prez Message cont.) a new material for most of the members to tie with, and a dry fly with grizzly hackle. The raffle prize went to Dominic, a new pair of Adams Fly tying scissors. Loren Kitamura showed up and added his expertise to the tying demonstrations. At this tying session the club is saw more young people attend, Thomas, Emma, Rene and Dominic

Beautiful weather graced this year’s Annual Salinas River Cleanup which was a partnered effort with Trout Unlimited’s Steinbeck Country Chapter and the SVFF. 25 of us conducted a major clean-up of the Salinas River near Hwy. 1 The group also set two survey boxes for the CDFW to gather data for the Central Coast fisherman. Thank you Jay Jefferson for coordination the various pieces of equipment and the 32 cubic yard dumpster that was filled to the top. Geoff Malloway of the Central Coast Fly Fishing shop brought the pastries and coffee to all of the hard workers. Until next year.

Are Climate Change and Global Warming the same? And how have these changes affected the fish populations around the world? Global warming is the Earth’s rising surface temperature. Climate Change is very complex and includes Global Warming and the many side effects that are caused by Global Warming. As global temperatures rise, we have warming ocean waters, shrinking ice sheets, glacial retreat, decreased snow cover, rising sea levels, and ocean acidification occurs. The earth is seeing more frequent droughts, shifting precipitation, and patterns of lower levels in lakes. Warming temperatures in rivers and streams with above 70 degree temperatures are causing frequent algae bloom and reduced dissolved oxygen levels that stress trout and Salmon, and increase infectious bacteria. Closer to home, climate change may be the biggest contributor to population declines of the rainbow and steelhead populations in the Stanislaus River. Climate change may be the most threatening and yet the least understood factor affecting fishing in our local area. Climate change also affects ocean temperatures. We are seeing fish species like adult salmon and steelhead being pushed northward along the Pacific coast an average of 30 kilometers a year to find colder waters to spawn. Rumor has it that Monterey Bay Salmon are now being caught in Oregon’s Columbia River!! That is a long way from home. And some say that there are very few Salmon in the Monterey Bay. I wonder why, and wonder what each of us can do to slow this change.

Greg

***The Photo Page***



**Hey, I know that you've been out there fishing.. I need some new photos. Send them to: [rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net)**



**San Luis Outing**

On a Friday afternoon in Mid-November a motley and diverse assortment of fly fishers, loosely affiliated with the prestigious the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers club began to dribble in through the East porthole of the O'Neille Forebay. Each, in turn passing inspection as the little red headed gal at the gate carefully perused all of their equipment. Seemingly friendly enough though thoroughly unimpressed, she allowing all to pass and thus taking up their positions on the east-bank campsite which had been previously anointed as the location of their encampment. Elsewhere on the same impoundment others, apparently less able to endure the strenuous challenge of self power water-crafting had stealthily found a launch point on the West side. And, thus O'Neille had been breach on two side and the entrapped Striped Bass had little hope of surviving the soon to come on-slot. Friday afternoon started off with high hopes. Good reports had been coming in and bait fish were seen busting the surface, presumably being chased by world record sized Stripers. Tim and Rick found only modest success and Greg and Richard motored over and shared similar results. Later reports indicated that Roger had also tagged a few small fish and Loren, in a rare twist of fate, seemed to be getting blanked. Clearly something was amiss. Friday evening Fred showed up with Dominic and Rene and set up camp in their cozy tent. Saturday morning Pete strode in followed by Jay, "save my bacon" Chris and Chuck. With a full crew on board, the battle began. The weather was perfect. the water condition perfect. The rods, reels, floatie things and all the flies were just as they should be. The only things missing were the big fish. After a full day in close pursuit of the wily Stripers, Saturday was capped off with great meal under the smoke shrouded stars with libation and Chuck's 240,000 btu bonfire. Sunday saw continued fishing with unimpressive results. In the end a "few" small stripers were caught and it is note worthy that Tim and Richard both reported catching nice largemouth and Rick even caught a couple shad.

In total a dozen plus one came out to fish and enjoy the camaraderie, maybe learned a little bit, maybe got a little exercise, probably drink enough and eat too much. And, for sure had a good time.  
Thank you all.. Rick (ed.)

Fishing / Event Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Contact
December 12th.	Annual gift “exchange”	Flying Artichoke	Greg Smith (595-4406)
January 12th.	SVFF Annual Dinner	Flying Artichoke	Greg Smith (595-4406)
January 17th-20th.	Sportsmen’s Exposition Sacramento	Sacramento Fair Grounds	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088
February 22nd.-24th.	Fly Fishing Show Pleasanton	Pleasanton Fair Grounds	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)

**Salinas Vally Fly Fishers Fly Tying**  
**Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00 (except in December)**

**Annual Christmas Gift Exchange** (There are rules you know)

Next Wednesday evening marks another chapter in a long tradition of the Salinas Valley Fly Flingers.

Now, it has been noted that the esteemed club President has been referring to this as a “White Elephant” gift exchange. I hesitate to take exception, but I feel the need to point out: “White

Elephant” suggests a rather frivolous, playful, good natured exchange of silly gifts of questionable value.

In fact nothing could be further from the truth. This is not “White Elephant” this is “Bad Santa - Screw your Fishing Buddy”, a down in the dirt battle for big time serious “Booty”. Sooo, you don’t want to miss this and you want to bring a prize worthy of such shenanigans: about \$20 worth will get you in on the fun. Fishing stuff is great and booze always works (soft drinks for the younger set.)

There are rules, so be prepared.

1. Put all the booty in a pile (wrapped gifts).
2. Everyone draws a number. (numbers corresponds to the number of gifts)
3. Number one selects a gift from the pile and opens it.
4. Number two and each subsequent number either selects a gift or STEALS one that’s open.
5. If your gift is stolen you then immediately opens a new gift or STEAL one yourself, but not the one taken from you. That would be cheating and cheater will be flogged.
6. Each gift can only be stolen 3 times, It then stays with the person who stole it the third time.
7. The exchange continues until the last gift is opened.

Note: a First Aid Kit should be on the premises during this activity.



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