

Fly Times

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President's Message

By: Greg Smith

Well, I'm back and I'd like to welcome everyone to the start of the new year and what we all hope will be a great fishing year. We had a wonderful Annual Dinner last month at the Flying Artichoke. Fun raffle prizes and I especially want to thank John Schmitt for the nice job that he did to instruct our Newsletter Editor on proper cooking procedures so as to avoid the thermodynamics conditions that would cause a Pyrex dish to shatter in the oven. Along with getting to see Rick's face turn bright red, we had fun honoring all the members in attendance at this year's Merced River outing with their own personal bathtub toy ducky and one exceptional member of that group receiving our annual Mud Hen award. That honor went to Pete Arnaudo. Also honored was outgoing President Greg Smith who received the Sportsman of the Year award. That along with a nice raffle and great food made for a memorable evening.

We are hoping to have a complete and full calendar this year with lots of great outings and social events. The Directors will do their best to fulfill any requests that members might have. So, if you have suggestion or questions please feel free to call one of them. As

always that club officers are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

I hope you'll make this month's general meeting. Our speaker for the will be Matt McGee with a California Fish and Wildlife. He will be talking about the Steelhead Recovery Programs for the Central Coast. This should be a very informative presentation.

Upcoming outings include Avocado Lake/ Kings River on February 15-17th. We will be staying at River Bend RV Park (559)787-3627. March is set for Pyramid Lake on the 22nd-24th., as well as White Bass fishing at Nacimiento Lake.

The speaker for the March meeting will be Jason Bucaro from the environmental section at Hunter Liggett. Also at the March meeting, Greg Smith will cover details and gear for Pyramid Lake and Freddie Deyoung might even have a slideshow of his first trip to Pyramid. After that we'll be having the Kids Trout Derby at Fort Hunter Liggett on April 13th. and the Yuba for Shad later in May.

So as we start the season, I hope to see you all at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing show later this month.

t'll next time, get that fish'n stick out and use it. Jay J.

Upcoming Events:

Monthly meeting: Feb 13th.

Kings River outing: Feb 15-17th.

Pyramid outing: March 22-24th

Fly Tying "On The Pshide Side"

February fly of the month:
The Scud



- Hook: [TMC 2457 #16-20](#)
- Thread: [Danville Olive 6/0](#)
- Tail: [Olive Antron](#)
- Body: Blended [Light Olive Angora Goat](#) and [Olive Dun Haretron](#)

Scuds

Scuds can be found in both lakes and streams. The above pattern is generally attributed to Randall Kaufmann and is featured in his book "Tying Nymphs". Randall mentions using the scuds for Golden Trout within the lakes of the John Muir Wilderness near French Canyon, which is just west of Bishop at 11,000'. Large scuds of size 8-14 are usually **Gammarus**, whereas the smaller scuds of 16-20 are **Hyaella**. Generally, scuds should be fished with an indicator in slow-moving waters near banks and vegetation. Inspecting weedbeds along the shoreline will usually indicate the size and color of the scuds that are present. Most of the feeding on scuds take place beneath the surface and throughout the water column. Sierran trout tend to feed upon Hyaella scuds exclusively just before winter in sizes 16-18. It is also suspected that scuds play a major diet for the trout while overwintering in iced-over conditions. Try Olive, Grey, Fluorescent Pink, and Fluorescent Orange. Scuds can be weighted either with lead wraps around the hook shank or with beads.

(Editor's note-This information and the above photo was obtained from the stevenojai website with the expressed permission of site founder Steve Schalla)

For those of you who have fished or plan to fish Heenan Lake this fall, Heenan often has a huge scud population. The ones that we have observed while fishing there tended to be tan to olive in color and range in the size 10-14 size. Good places to try your scud patterns are on the south end weed beds and on the east side near the creek inlet.. (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

<p>February monthly meeting 7:00 @ the Flying Artichoke Dinner @6:00 February 13th.</p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i> Airport Board Room <u>Wednesday, Feb 20th</u></p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting <u>Wedn. Feb. 27th</u> @ the Flying Artie.</p>	<p>Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show Feb. 22-24th</p>

All members are welcome at the Board meetings.
Every third Wednesday of the month.



What's up with the weather?

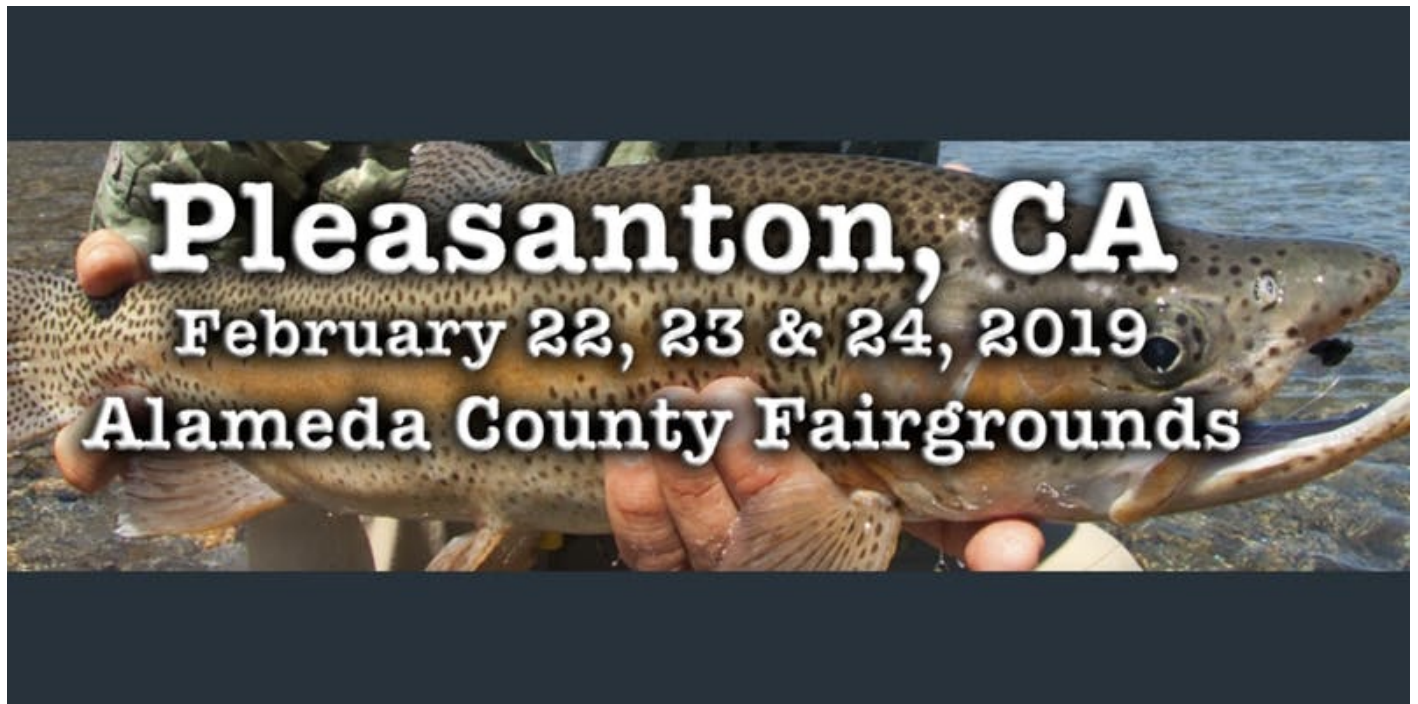
Well, it looks like we're going to get plenty of rain this winter. Now we're starting to worry a bit that we may get more than we want. With the Kings River outing coming up this weekend, we also have a pretty good sized storm moving in midweek and the snow level is going up so the run off may be pretty significant. Be sure to check with Jay before you head up for the outing. This one could be called because of too much of a good thing. (ed.)

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Event Calendar / Maps

Date	Event	Location	Contact
February 13th.	Monthly Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Salinas Airport
February 15-17th	Kings River Outing	Kings River	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
February 20th.	Fly Tying	Salinas A/P Board Room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
February 22nd.-24th.	Fly Fishing Show Pleasanton	Pleasanton Fair Grounds	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
February 27th.	Board Meeting (members welcome)	The Flying Artichoke	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
March 13th.	Monthly Meeting	The Flying Artichoke	Salinas Airport
March 22nd-24th.	Pyramid Lake Outing	Pyramid, NV	Greg Smith (595-4406)



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