

Fly Times

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President's Message

By: Greg Smith

At this month's general meeting our scheduled speaker was to be Kristy Fischer, President of the local chapter of Trout Unlimited. She was unable to come, but her husband Tim Frahm stepped in and gave a presentation on the current improvements for the newly acquired Palo Corona, located in Carmel Valley. This is on the site of the old Rancho Canada Golf Course (which had not been profitable for some time). Tim was forthcoming in giving credit to his wife Kristy for her tireless effort in putting the total package together for the acquisition of the property by Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. Two thirds of the property will stay as open space and one third will be developed for condos. As for how the open space will be developed, many ideas are on the table. Among those agencies providing input are Monterey Regional Park District and Trout Unlimited. Some of the ideas about future development include; enhancing the trail system, access to the river, an overnight camping area, dog

park, volleyball courts, and a fishing pond. Work has already begun on the property with the planting of 820 native trees and the mowing of weeds and grasses. This is a great acquisition and should provide open space for people to enjoy for many years to come.

In the raffle Department, Bill Pshide is keeping things fresh with new raffle items from which to choose. It should be noted that the raffle items bring in extra revenue for the Club. So, keep buying those raffle tickets!

Chris Slough was the "lucky" ticket winner for donating six flies to the clubs fly box. Surf Fishing: This month's Club outing was surf fishing the waters near the Pajaro Dunes, towards Santa Cruz. This area is known for softer water, smaller waves, and a few more pockets of water to fish. Dave was nice enough to educate me on how to read various tides, waves, the constantly moving rip currents, and looking for those areas where the surf perch might be holding. (cont. on page 3)

Upcoming Events:

-Shad Outing: June 15-17th.

-Late June: Almanor Outing

-Muddy River Classic: July 14th.

-Kings River Outing: August 10-12th.

Fly Tyer's Corner
with Bill Pshide

This month's fly:
 The ***Stimulator***

- Hook: [TMC 200R #6-16](#)
- Thread: [Danville Fire Orange 6/0](#)
- Tail: [Natural Brown Bull Elk Hair](#)
- Abdomen: [Yellow Haretron](#)
- Abdomen Hackle: [Ginger or Silver Badger Hackle](#), Palmered
- Rib: [Fine Gold Wire](#)
- Thorax: [Ginger Angora Goat Dubbing](#)
- Wing: [Natural Brown Bull Elk Hair](#)
- Thorax Hackle: [Grizzly Hackle](#) over thorax



The Stimulator was initially designed to specifically imitate adult stoneflies. Randall Kaufmann is often credited with the pattern design, however, it may be the design of Jim Slattery of West Yellowstone, MT. Variations of this fly introduced by Randall include the Gold Stimulator, sizes 6-10, for Golden Stones; the Orange Stimulator, sizes 4-8, for Salmonfly; the Green Stimulator tied in sizes 14-18 for the little green stones of late summer and fall; and the Black Stimulator, sizes 6-18, for dark or black stoneflies. The Peacock Stimulator is excellent for Skwala Stones in sizes # 8-12 that show up in early Spring.

The most prevalent stoneflies within the Sierras are the Golden Stones which hatch in May through July and the Little Yellow Stones which hatch during the Summer months. Less prevalent, but certainly important, are the Skwala and Salmonfly hatches which occur on a number of Sierra streams. These hatches are more confined as to their time limit of emergence yet can be the dominant hatch when they occur. The Skwala Stones are often mistaken for early Golden Stones and will hatch on freestone streams in the early Spring around March and April. Salmonfly, *Pteronarcys californica*, will hatch around Memorial Day and into June. Many of the Stoneflies will hang upon shoreline vegetation and fall into the water from wind gusts. Stimulators working the banks, particularly under overhanging foliage will do well. Stoneflies will also lay eggs over the water and sometimes flutter into the water by accident. Steve Ojai's website has great pictures of all the above variations. When tying this fly, caution should be exercised to keep the wing and tail sparse. This is a must have fly for those unexpected summer Stonefly hatches... Rick (ed.)

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



May Activities

June Club Meeting
Wednesday,
June 13th.
@ the Flying Artichoke

SVFF Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 27th.
6:00 pm @ The Flying Artichoke
(all members welcome)

Fly Tying,
Wednesday, June 20th.
Airport Board Room

Club Outing
Sacramento River Shad
June 15-17th.
Orville area

(*Prez. Mess. cont. from pg. 1*) Dave and I walked the shoreline, fighting the wind and waves, low tide, (right?), trying to find fish. With no fish in hand, only a few bumps, a very good learning experience, thanks Dave. (ed's note: If you think that Steelhead are the "fish of a thousand casts- Try Surf Perch).

Changing the subjects: did you every think about the history of fish planting in California. Well I did a little research that you might find interesting: Trout planting begin in California back in 1880 to the early 1900's, Frontiersman began stocking the Sierras with trout, basically where they worked in the lumber, gold mines and construction in hopes of providing a food source where little or no trout existed. During the early 1900's, the California Sierra Club began a systematic trout stocking program in the lakes, rivers and streams in the Sierra Mountains. Later, in the 1920's, the Dept. of Fish and Game officially took over the state's fish stocking. A few trout purists claim that was the beginning of the end for the native trout fisheries. Some say that Calif. Fish and Game in the beginning showed little regard for planting the correct species of trout into the lakes and rivers. They did not understand the eco system of the rivers and how planting the nonnative strains of trout would impact the entire water system as it relates to insects, vegetation, and various species of fish. There is no one cure all for cleaning up California lakes and streams for returning the native fish back into California's waterways. There are 4.3 million pounds of fish planted yearly in California's waterways purchased with fishing license fees. There are fishermen that are in favor of putting only native fish into the correct streams and lakes and then there are others who don't really care if the fish they hope to catch are native or not. In California is it a problem of too many people fishing, the decline of the waterways, fish planting programs, destruction of habitat or? Not an easy answer, but something we should think about. In the meantime, let's continue to enjoy our great outdoor.
....Greg

Fly Tying:

Bill Pshide continues to guide the club with his patience in helping the rest of us learn to tie new flies. May's fly was the Biot Midge. There was a good turnout of nine club members for the fly tying session. Jay Jefferson was again the winner of the raffle prize, and all participated in consuming Girl Scout Cookies. For those of you thinking about getting into fly tying, come join us. The club is very lucky to have Bill take us thru the steps along with bringing all of the materials to tie the various flies.

The Photo Page

Little Yellow Stonefly



Beautiful Rio Grande Cutthroat
Caught on the Rio Castillo in New
Mexico by: Mick Micheli



For Sale:
2012 Tacoma
4x4, v6, Pre Runner,
w/ Snug Top camper shell
63,000 miles
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From the Board Room

Whoever said that there's no reason to become a Board member of this here club?! Have you not heard about the "Board Retreat"? Sounds like a bunch of smelly fishermen getting together to drink Brown Liquor out of plastic cups. Well I was planning to join in this year, apparently they think of the Newsletter Editor as a Board member, But Carolyn had previously made plans. In other words: I got Honey Do'd out of being able to go. Greg did pass on a little report, so as to rub salt in my wounds. *He writes:* "As in the past the Board headed up to Fiddle Back cabin, Tim Eastman's place, in search of relaxation, fishing, good food, and discussions about what we could do to keep our club an active group for those who enjoy fly fishing. During our three day stay, we found Jay Jefferson mowing weeds, Dave Gambetta chopping cattails along the pond edge, Richard Higgins applying granular pellets in the pond, and me, I was repairing the front porch and the dock. Let's not forget Richard Wilson in the kitchen, putting together all the good food. The front yard looked like a parking lot for float tube and pontoon boats. Everyone caught nice fish, and after a lengthy nap, Dave Gambetta put on a fishing clinic, landing many fish, and the largest bass of the weekend. Many thanks to Tim Eastman and Jay Jefferson in putting the trip together". Now, there is a bright side to all these underhanded shenanigans: They did manage to come up with some really outstanding outings and programs for the rest of the year. And, I have to commend the board on really energizing the club. With so many things going on in each and everybody's lives and all the different opportunities for past time activities, it's no easy chore to keep a fishing club, active, entertained and involved. So I hope that you'll all take a little time to sync. your calendar to the club outing schedule. And, while you're at it, Say thanks to one of those "smelly fisherman" and give some thought to joining them on the board next year... I mean, like, anybody can do it!

Rick (ed.)

Another look at: Lake Davis

Lake Davis is one of California's or even the west's best trophy rainbow fisheries. Less than an hour from Reno, NV and only two hours from Sacramento, CA, Lake Davis produces many large "hot" rainbows every year. Built in 1966, Davis is a relatively shallow lake that is accessible year round with great fly fishing from late March until freeze over in late December and early January. The shallow coves and long points on the west side of the lake are best for fly fishing. These areas hold the majority of the aquatic insects and vast weed beds that are more conducive to fish taking artificial imitations. There are times when the coves and points on the east side are productive, but this is usually very limited. There are some nice camp grounds on the east side of the lake, but be forewarned you will be sited if you try to camp outside campgrounds. The most exciting time of the year to fish is usually in May and lasts until sometimes the end of July. This is the time for the damsel fly hatch that brings large rainbows into the shallows and surface cruising for the nymphs and sometimes adults. The fishing can be nerve racking with many large rainbows slashing the water containing thousands of migrating nymphs trying to reach shore or vegetation to hatch. You only hope they take your imitation along with the other "real" food. At the same time, blood midge hatches, mayflies, snails, scuds, caddis flies, and leeches provide good action when the damsels are slow. Evenings and early mornings provide some exciting midge fishing with some of the blood midges reaching size 10! At dark, the fish get careless in pursuit of egg laying midges and pupae in the surface. In mid October until the snow prevents access, Davis can provide the best fishing of the year in terms of numbers. There is little hatching, but a tremendous snail migration and the onset of colder weather get many large fish on the bite. Wading the points and shallows can produce lots of action for the persistent fisherman.