

Fly Times

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Upcoming Events:

General meeting: Nov.14th.

**Nov. 17th-18th. San Luis
 Forebay
 Outing**

President's Message

By: Greg Smith

Something new at October's General Meeting was an open discussion from all club members featuring "Safety on the Water", along with three short fishing videos brought by Loren Kitamura. Jay Jefferson opened the discussion with a brown bag and list of items to be used on the various rivers, lakes and streams. Starting off with a wading staff, whether wooden or metal, it needs to be attached to one's waders. Personal floatation devices, (life jackets), many different styles, a flash light, trail marking tape, bug repellent, and extra dry clothes, including a jacket, and socks. A wading belt is a must with waders, Simms wader manufacturers say that two belts are needed. Fred DeYoung quickly commented saying that it might be too late to unbuckle two belts. Know your water, and when wading streams and rivers wading boots with studs are a must. As we get older, fishing with a friend is a good idea. I qualified for the famous Mud Hen Award when I fished Pyramid Lake at night and ended up swimming with waders half

full of water. I learned my lesson the hard way. The first video was Rio's on "How to Roll Cast", and included very good information and techniques to improve the roll cast. Next video was fishing at San Luis Reservoir for stripers, and the last video was Mark Wun and Richard Gilliam fishing the Monterey Bay shoreline for perch and stripers. Thank you Loren for sharing the videos.

New Members: A big shout out goes to Fred Swanson and grandson Dominic. Welcome aboard. Many thanks go to Bill Pshide to continue filling the raffle table full of excellent raffle items. The White Ticket winner in October went to Dorothy Jefferson. She won a Fly / Spinning rod/ fly rod combo kit.

For October's Fly Tying get together, Bill Pshide brought all the materials and instructions to tie the Bunny Leach. New club members and novice fly tiers Fred Swanson and grandson Dominic gave this pattern a very good try. We look forward to November's fly tying session. Be sure to arrive early as seating is limited and it is a popular event.

Fly Tying "On The Pshide Side"

November fly of the month:

Jay Bird's Quickie



Jay Takes the Helm

The word on the street is that Jay Jefferson will be taking the helm at fly tying as a stand in for Dr. Bill who is taking off for points North to celebrate Thanksgiving with family. Jay will go over some basic fly tying tips and probably demo some fly that can be tied in 2 minutes or less.

Remember, one of Jays favorite sayings is: "Ugly Flies Catch Fish" so there's no predicting what he'll come up with, but I'm sure there's a good chance that it will ugly and it will catch fish.

Come down to the Airport on Wednesday night and join the fun.....ed.

"Nobody Won the Water Safety Contest"

If you remember, Prior to the club general meeting where the topic was to be Water Safety, I put forth two questions as a contest. The first was whether when wading you should place your wading staff up stream or down stream of you position. (The common answer is: Upstream) which everyone who entered the contest guessed. The second question was: If you fall into the water, should you float feet-first or head-first . The common answer was feet-first. I had researched these two questions fairly thoroughly a couple of years ago in preparation for a similar safety program and to my surprise I was able to find articles that advocated both answers to both questions. Regarding the second (if you fall in) question. Ralph Cutter wrote a compelling article arguing for floating down stream head-first, noting that head first you're in a better position to see where you're going, swim for safety and avoid obstacle. Feet first, there is greater risk of tangling your feet and having your waders file with water. Soooo. the answer I was looking for was all of the above or it depends on the situation. Sorry, no body wins that new Reddington fly rod. better luck next time and a big thanks to all of you who submitted answers.....ed.

<p>October General Meeting Wednesday, November 14th. Dinner @ 6:00/ Meeting @ 7:00 @ The Flying Artichoke</p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i> Airport Board Room Wednesday, Nov. 21st.</p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting Wednesday, November 28th. 6:00 pm @ The Flying Artichoke (all members welcome)</p>	<p>Club Outing San Luis Forebay November 16th.-18th.</p>

All Members are welcome at the Board meetings.

(Prez. Message continued from Page 1) For those who tie flies, Loon Outdoors has a new page dedicated to fly tying with new materials. Check it out. October’s Club outing headed to the Lassen area to fish and explore the nearby lakes and streams. Jay Jefferson and Chuck and Chris Schlough ventured to the Rancheria Campgrounds off of Hwy. 89 to find some peace and quiet along with the hopes of catching a few trout. The first day out the group headed to June Lake to test out Chuck and Chris Schlough’s NEW pontoon boats. Rumor has it, as the group entered the water at June Lake, Chris was first in the water, followed by Chuck and Jay, but wait, as the wind started to howl, Chris disappeared and Chuck claimed she got away. Glad that all turned out well, and the trio went on to catch trout. Hot fly was the Prince Nymph and Chuck commented that the “Go to Prince” was his hot fly in the streams. As the day ended it started to drizzle, then rained, followed by a downpour that lasted all night. So the next day the group headed to Lake Almanor and on to Eagle Lake in hopes of finding new fishing and hunting areas. Protecting the Great Outdoors: One key to protecting the outdoors and its resources is to empower and to provide opportunities for our Youth of Today. Helping them become good stewards of tomorrow’s environment takes time and energy. Why should the youth of today get involved in conservation efforts? Getting the youth involved has many benefits. The youth will learn new skills by taking on challenges such as connecting with nature and helping others raise awareness to make a difference. In our local area we have various outreaches for the young people to help them get involved with volunteering to improve our environment. These include but are not limited to The Aquarium, Boy and Girl Scouts, Trout Unlimited, the State Parks (Ranger Rick) and Forestry Service (Smokey the Bear). Connecting with the aforementioned groups might also help young people with their mental and physical development.

Ripley’s Believe it or not??? Has anyone seen Herman Garcia lately??? The article begins with Steelhead rescuer trekking to the State Capitol. Herman Garcia, the founder and primary driver of CHEER, Coast Habitat Education and Environmental Reform, set off Oct. 13th this year on a solitary journey of over 150 miles, from Gilroy, on foot, all the way to the state Capitol in Sacramento to protest state policies about the Steelhead Trout. If anyone is interested in reading the entire article, type in gilroydispatch.com and read about his journey.

T’ll next time, Keep his head up and the line tight... Greg Smith

The Photo Page



Bill Pshide with a nice Rainbow on the East Carson... And you thought he just tied flies!!

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

The Fisherman's Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the size of the fish I catch, the courage not to fib about it, and the wisdom to know that no one would believe me anyway.

courtesy of Loren Kitamura

Ken Hanley is Coming to Town

Hey Gang, if you haven't had a chance to hear and see one of Ken Hanley's presentation, well you ought beat your feet down to the club house this coming Wednesday evening and take it all in. Ken has authored several great books on fly fishing the West Coast and is a fund of knowledge about fishing for many different species and all the spots in California where they might be found.

In addition to Ken's presentation, we'll be talking about this month's outing to San Luis Forebay for Stripers, putting together a dynamite raffle, enjoying good food and great camaradery

Look forward to seeing you all there.

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

Fishing / Event Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Contact
November 14th.	Monthly Meeting Ken Hanley (Speaker)	Flying Artichoke	Greg Smith (595-4406)
November 16th.-18th.	Striper Outing	San Luis Fore-bay	Rick McCombs (209) 267-8088
December 12th.	Annual gift “exchange”	Flying Artichoke	Greg Smith (595-4406)
January 12th.	SVFF Annual Dinner	Flying Artichoke	Greg Smith (595-4406)



Fishing Notes

- **Striped Bass** draw the majority of anglers to San Luis. Drifting live jumbo minnows or mudsuckers from a boat is an increasing popular method for catching fish, particularly in the fall and winter when the water cools down. Top water fishing with Zara Spooks, Pencil Poppers and Pop-Rs can be very productive in the spring, summer and fall. Fishing Zoom Flukes and jigs can also yield lots of stripers. Bank anglers find success using anchovies, jumbo minnows and mudsuckers in the Dinosaur Point and Basalt areas of the main lake and in the O'Neill Forebay. Shore fishing with Rat-L-Traps and top water lures can also be excellent, particularly during the fall.
- **Channel Catfish** provide a sleeper fishery for anglers fishing in the spring and summer throughout the lake's coves. Toss out mackerel, anchovies and stink baits to entice the cats. Fish in the 10 to 25 pound range are possible here.
- The main lake and forebay also offer **Largemouth Bass, Crappie, Bluegill** and even an occasional **White Sturgeon** to anglers, but few anglers target these species.



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