

Fly Times

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Upcoming Events:

General meeting: Oct 10th.

**Oct 1st.-7th. Nor Cal Lake
Outing**

**Nov 16th.- 18th. San Luis Forebay
Outing**

President's Message

By: Greg Smith

At the September general meeting our Guest Speaker was Mike Malekos; author, fisherman, and founder of the Cast A Rise Foundation. Cast A Rise Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises money for charitable organizations benefitting youth. They help promote educational outdoor camps and activities through nonprofit organizations that include hiking, boating and fly fishing for young enthusiasts in the greater Bay Area. Mike went into detail about his style of fishing various lakes, streams and ponds (Hat Creek, Fall River, Baum Lake, Upper and Lower Burney Falls and Creek, Pit River, Medicine Lake and the McCloud River). As a self-taught fly fisherman, Mike stressed the importance of "Patience, observation, specific casting presentation and looking for structure below the surface. With that said, Mike is ready to fish the minute he arrives at his destination, (waders and boots are on while he drives), rods and flies are just in reach. In Mike's fly box is a simple assortment of flies. He puts the PT nymph and

Flashback PT nymph at the top of his list, followed by stimulators, Elk Hair Caddis and Zebra Midges. Mike is very passionate about Cast A Rise Foundation and his love of fly fishing. If you are ever fishing these areas, and you come upon a fly fisherman fishing by himself with a cigar in hand, that's

Mike
For this month's fly tying session, Bill Pshide brought all of the materials to tie the Kings River Caddis. I agree this fly can be a challenge for most tiers in a size 18. This month's fly tying session was special for a couple of reasons. Three young fly tiers, Dominic, Thomas Hering, and Emily Hering made a very fine effort in tying the Kings River Caddis. Dominic's grandfather Fred also took a turn at the vice. About half way thru the fly tying session a couple of stooges, (I won't mention their names) interrupted the session, and surprised Chris Schlough with BIRTHDAY balloons and cupcakes. Some think that the raffle was rigged, (who said stuffing the ballot box is illegal), as Birthday Girl won a nice pair of Camo Scissors. (Cont. Pg. 3)

Fly Tying "On The Pshide Side"

October fly of the month:

Bunny Leach

- Hook: [TMC 300 #2-6](#)
- Thread: [Danville Black 3/0](#)
- Body: [Purple Ice Dubbing](#)
- Rib: [Fine Copper Wire](#)
- Tail: [Purple Rabbit Strip](#)
- Hackle: [Purple Saddle](#)



Note about rabbit strips

Rabbit Zonker strips make an excellent material to imitate leeches. The material takes a little time to get itself waterlogged but once it is fully saturated, it performs with the convincing undulating pattern of a real leech. Black, Brown and Olive are the most common colors used. A few strands of Krystal flash or Flashabou are often incorporated into the pattern, either at the tail or off the head position. For our Sierra lakes, Try to keep the overall size down to using size 6-8 streamer hooks and a minimal tail length. The Bunny Leech is also a favorite for Steelhead and Salmon in larger sizes of 2-4. Many of those patterns will also use a red chenille Egg Head as in the well known "Egg Sucking Leech" pattern.

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

What's up for the Meeting?

Don't miss the meeting this week. We'll be looking into all aspects of "Safety on the Water". This might sound a little boring, but every time we've covered this topic we get lots of interaction and we're always amazed at all the really good information and debate that comes up. Here's a couple for you: When wading in a stream using a wading staff, should you plant the wading staff up stream or down stream of your position? Or: if you fall in the water and start floating down stream should you float head first or feet first? HMMM? Send me the correct answers to those two question and a I'll send a new fly box full of flies to one lucky winner. Also if you're a new member or never been on the Board this is your chance to get involved. President Greg is already talking about retiring, so we need some Fresh Meat. In the mean time start making plans to attend the November outing on the San Luis Forebay.. -ed.

<p>October General Meeting Wednesday, October 10th. Dinner @ 6:00/ Meeting @ 7:00 @ The Flying Artichoke</p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i> Airport Board Room Wednesday, October 17th.</p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting Wednesday, October 24th. 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. Come by and take a test drive!
 You might decide that you'd like to join.**

(Prez Message Cont.) Happy Birthday Chris from all of us in the SVFF. September 28th was a big day in Carmel Valley with the Dedication of the new Palo Corona Park. Two Hundred people attended the dedication that included guest speakers, various booths from the community, Blue Grass Music and food. One of the booth's was manned by the SVFF Club demonstrating and teaching fly tying to interested tiers, along with casting demonstrations for all. Thank you Richard Higgins, Pete and Cathy Arnaudo, Paul and Maria Dobin and Roger Caton for joining me in representing our Club at the dedication. A major shout out goes to Kristi Fischer, president of the Steinbeck Chapter of Trout Unlimited for her tireless efforts putting together the various agencies to help purchase the Palo Corona Park. With husband and Club member Tim Frahm, along with club member Sam Davidson played various roles in the acquisition and input on various ideas to preserve the open space land and the Carmel River. A job well done!

The waders are leaking! Not really, but there are many board positions that need to be filled. In the next couple of months the current board will be looking for replacements for next year. It's your chance to help the club!
 - Greg Smith

Fish Report Heenan Lake

Frank Cunha and I went up to Heenan Lake last Friday. The conditions were ideal. The skies were partially cloudy, temperature in the high 70's with a mild breeze most of the day. We had a couple dozed fisherman on the lake with us and everyone I talked to had caught or at least hooked fish. Most were either using floating line with midge flies under a bobber or intermediate sinking lines. Lots of people using Copper Johns, Prince Nymphs, Bugger patterns and Midges. We both had modest action with big bumps and grabs a couple landed. the fish we caught were in the 23-24inch range with beautiful spawning colors. Unfortunately no pictures. Heenan stays open until the end of this month with fishing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. The fishing seems to get better toward the end of October. So if you're looking for a little fall fishing and willing to take a bit of a drive..check it out.
 - Rick (ed.)

The Photo Page

President Greg: Plying the waters of the North Fork of the Feather. The fish did not cooperate.

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

Outing Report - Merced River

What is 277 years old has eight leg and slips and falls a lot??... Well, that would be the four attendees at the Merced River outing. In order of seniority: Bill, Paul, Rick & Pete. But, first for a little background: like most of the rivers on the west slope of the Sierras, the Merced is referred to as a "freestone" stream as apposed to being a tailwater or spring creek. A central characteristic of freestone streams is lots and lots of rocks and boulders. The Merced is well known for all of those big and smaller size round obstacles. The fishing conditions were pretty good. The weather was cool enough that water temperature was to the fishes' liking. The water level was a little lower than normal which just meant that our intrepid warriors had more boulder strewn dry land to cover before reaching the water. There were a few fish caught, but getting to the water proved to be the biggest obstacle to catching more fish. By the time we got to the River we were damn near to tired to fish and the prospect of wading up through those rock was just too much to ask. All who fished got a real work-out climbing up, around and over them. Paul Dobin claimed to find a bear track along the river's edge. Apparently all those rocks didn't keep the bears from getting to the water. Bill Pshide hooked up on a couple fish with his Royal Trude, and Rick claimed he got a few, but that couldn't be verified. During the outing all four fishermen came close to qualifying for the Mud Hen award, but Pete ultimately took the highest marks by retaining more water inside his hip boots than outside. Fortunately Paul Dobin brought Maria along and she managed to keep the boys from drinking too much, kept Paul from telling too many corny jokes and engineered an outstanding potluck dinner. Thank you Maria!

- Rick (ed.)

Fishing / Event Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Contact
October 1st.-7th.	Nor Cal Lakes Outing	Northern California	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
November 14th.	Monthly Meeting Ken Hanley (Speaker)	Flying Artichoke	Greg Smith (595-4406)
November 16th.-18th.	Striper Outing	San Luis Forebay	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)

Heenan Lake



Heenan Lake located in Alpine County, You'll take S.R.88 to Woodfords then S.R. 89 through Markleeville, down past the Carson River. At the monitor pass junction you'll go east 4-5 miles up the hill. You'll see Heenan Lake off to your right near the top of Monitor Pass

Open for fishing on Friday - Sundays only. Artificial lures or flies only with barbless hooks. This catch and release lake is open only September and October and has Lohontan cutthroat trout ranging 1 to 8 pounds with the average fishing in the 3 to 4 lb class. Small carry down boats, canoes or float tubes are allowed. No gasoline motors. Shore fishing is also allowed, but would recommend to walk to the east side of the lake to avoid the weeds. Don't forget to take you camera.



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