

# Fly Times

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**President's Message**

By: Jay Jefferson

Well, September was a hot month for the weather but not so hot for the fishing.

We had our annual Merced River trip and it was plenty hot up at Indian Flat Campground with the daytime temperature up around 100. The water, on the other hand, was colder than usual, down around 60. We saw some really nice large trout but didn't have much luck getting them to take. We tried lots of different flies, but we had the most success with the "Root Beer Float" we "tied on" under the shade of the trees in the the RV park. That was the "catch of the day".

Lee Haskin will be our speaker this month. He plans on getting there by 5:30 so he can demonstrate how to tie some of his Striper flies. He'll also have fly tying material for all his flies available for sale. Lee has some great patterns to use at the forebay for our outing coming up in November.

The Redding trip is coming up this week end. We will be based out of the JDW RV Park. Rick will have more specific information elsewhere in the newsletter, but the park is

easy to find. You'll see it off to your left as you're coming into Redding. After you pass it, just take the next off ramp, crossover the freeway and come back down the frontage road. You can check out recommendation for flies and get river condition for the outing on the The Fly Shop website. We'll also have more information at this Wednesday's meeting. The JDW RV park has a boat launch so we can take out right there at the park when we're done with our float. Motels are also available nearby and tent camping sites are available next door at the Sac. River RV park.

Put November's meeting on your calendar. Our old friend Ken Hanley will be back to talk about winter bass fishing. We'll have a white ticket drawing for a 50.00 gift card at the meeting.

T'll then, hope to see you on the river with a bent rod and a tight line.

Jay J.



**Upcoming Events:**

- Monthly meeting:**  
Oct 9th.
- Lower Sac Outing:**  
Oct 11-13th.
- Fly Tying:**  
Oct 16th.
- Board Meeting:**  
Oct. 23rd.

Fly of the Month:

## **Parachute Adams**



- Hook: Tiemco 100 #12-20
- Thread: Danville Black or Gray 6/0
- Hackle: Grizzly and Brown Hackle
- Wing: White Polypropylene Floating Yarn
- Body: Adams Gray Superfine
- Tail: Grizzly and Brown Spade Hackle Fibers

### The Parachute Adams

The Adams originated in 1922 in Michigan. Leonard Halladay developed it as a general mayfly imitation, and his friend, Charles Adams, used it successfully on the Boardman River near Traverse City, Michigan. As a result, Halladay decided to name it after his friend. The parachute Adams is, of course, a variation of the original Adams pattern, but owing to its popularity and distinctive appearance, warrants being acknowledged as a totally different pattern than its predecessor. One problem with the original Adams is that it is difficult to see with the grizzly and brown hackles. The use of a parachute helps in sighting the fly but also in lowering it into the surface film making it more realistic and potentially more “attractive” to the trout. The Parachute Adams was one of the original parachute flies that was referred to as a "Gyrofly" in the 1930's by A.C. Mills of New York. At the time, a Grizzly Hackle was used as the wing-post and the Hackle was wrapped around it. Today, many tyers use Floating Polypropylene yarn, Antron, Calf Tail, and Turkey Flats for the wing-post. Andre Puyans of Walnut Creek, CA introduced a loop-wing style to the fly using Mallard Flank which gives the fly a more realistic mayfly silhouette. No matter how you cut it the Parachute Adams is a great all around pattern and a must for your fly box..

**Salinas Vally Fly Fishers Fly Tying**  
**Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00 ( Quest welcome)**

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| <p><b>Monthly meeting</b><br/> <b>Wednesday, October 9th.</b><br/> <b>Presentation by :</b><br/> <b>Lee Haskin</b></p> | <p><i><b>Fly Tying</b></i><br/> <i><b>October 16th.</b></i><br/> <i><b>the Parachute Adams</b></i></p> |
| <p>SVFF Board Meeting<br/> <b><u>Wedn. October 23rd. (6:00 pm)</u></b><br/>         @ the Flying Artie.</p>            | <p>October 11-13th.<br/> <u>Outing to:</u><br/>         Lower Sacramento River</p>                     |

**All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board meetings.  
 Every third Wednesday of the month.**

**Editorial**

**Footprints and Memories of Pyramid lake**

Many of you will remember good friend and club member Al Miyamoto who passed away a few years ago. One year, perched on a particular rock just south of Pelican point on Pyramid Lake, Al commenced to catch fish after fish, while all of us around caught few or none, Being a bit “Coyote” as he was wont to be, he was slow to give up any secrets but he gave a few, but what he didn’t give up was his position on that Damn Rock. So, ever-after that rock has been known in the club and now remembered fondly as “Al’s Rock” In most recent year you could walk out to the rock, sometime without wetting you waders. not so this year. As Richard photo shows. Al’s Rock is the better part of 50 feet from shore.

While stirring memories of Pyramid Lake I can’t help but mention Bob Montgomery. Going back to the days when standing on milk crates was the norm rather than ladders and pontoon boats. We’d usually stay in Sparks rather than out at the lake. Bob would stay at the old Victorian Inn with a bottle a bourbon on the dresser to share with anybody who happened by. Bob Loved Pyramid and to my recollection never missed a season. I like to think both these guys left a few foot prints around the shore of Pyramid Lake. I know that they left some mighty nice memories.  
 (ed.)

**If You’re Going to the Lower Sac**

For those planning to go to the Lower Sacramento River for the October Outing. The club, for those who have RVs, will be staying at the DJW RV Park. The reservations number is: (800) 469-5910 The address is: 6612 Riverland Dr. Redding, CA 96002. It is located 165 Miles North of Sacramento on Highway 5. When you get near Redding you will see the park off to your left on the west side of the freeway. the next off ramp is Knighton Rd. take this offramp and turn left over the freeway then left again onto Riverland Dr. which will take you back down to DJW. If you want to go by The Fly Shop, it’s just one more exit up the freeway. You take Churn Creek exit. Go the right, then take the first left onto Churn Creek. You’ll find the Fly Shop about a mile up the road on the left. If you haven’t been to The Fly Shop, it’s worth a look. It’s one of the bigger shops in the state and has an extensive guide service and lots of access and information to fishing in the area as well as world wide. A guided float on the Sac is a great way to get acquainted with the river before going out on your own.

**Fishing Reports**

**Richard Higgins reported in from Pyramid Lake:**

He reports that he caught 6 fish and had about 12 strikes. He was striping an olive bait fish pattern followed by a beaded white woolly bugger. Fished just south of Shot Dog on his ladder. He reports a lot of bait fish around. He fished from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. with good condition: slight overcast and a 5 mph breeze from the south. He also reported that the water is way up compared to last year. Thanks for the report Richard.. (ed.)

**Mick and Deb Micheli Still on the Roam**

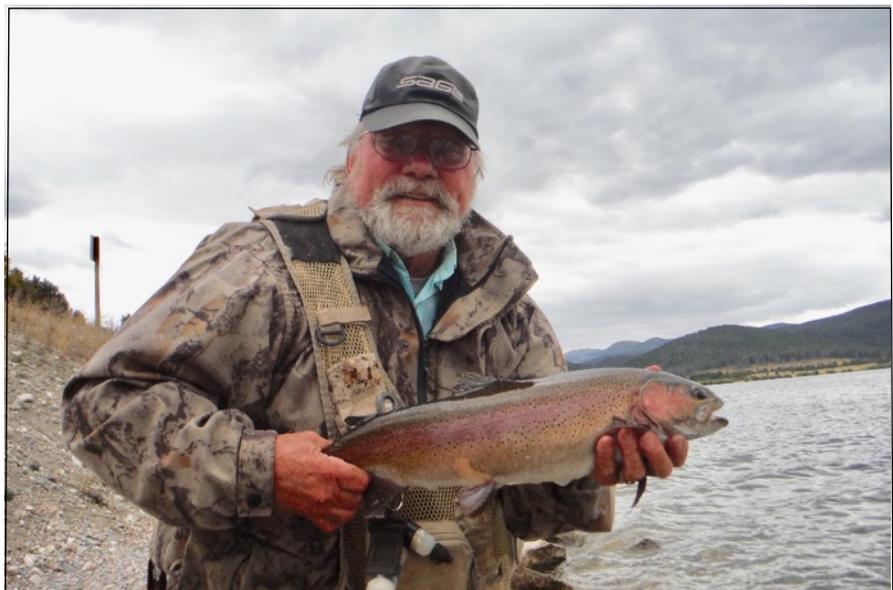
I got a report and picture from Deb on September 19th. that they were fishing on Georgetown Lake in Montana. I've posted the picture below of Mick holding a 24" Rainbow that he got on an unnamed nymph. Damn! I think those two have fished more hours this summer then I've fished in the last 10 years. Congrates guys on a great season. Hope to see soon. (ed.)

Fishing Reports: Half the fun and learning experience of being in a club is hearing what, how and where other angler are catching fish, so please share. Send your fishing reports and pictures me: [rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net) .....ed.

**The Photo Page**



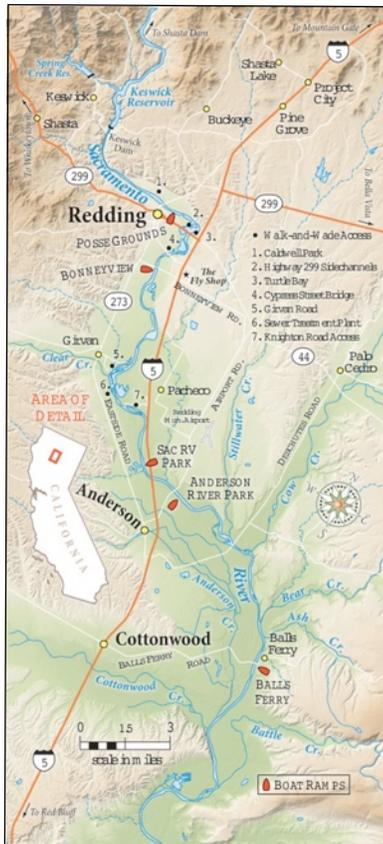
High water at Al's Rock.. Pyramid lake near Pelican point



Mick at Georgetown Lake the "Old Man and the Sea"

Event Calendar / Maps

| Date                 | Event                   | Location            | Contact                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| October 9th.         | Monthly Meeting         | Salinas Airport     | Jay Jefferson (809-0290) |
| October 11-13th.     | October Outing          | Lower Sacramento R. | Jay Jefferson (809-0290) |
| October 16th.        | Fly Tying               | Airport Board room  | Bill Pshide (424-3063)   |
| October 23rd.        | Board Meeting           | Airport Restaurant  | Jay Jefferson (809-0290) |
| November 16th-17th.  | San Luis Outing         | O'Neill Fore bay    | TBD                      |
| December 11th.       | Christmas gift exchange | Salinas Airport     | Jay Jefferson (809-0290) |
| To be arranged (TBA) | Annual Dinner           |                     |                          |



LOWER SACRAMENTO RIVER

UPDATED: OCTOBER 2, 2019

Report: Salmon continue to arrive and are holding up top. Flows were dropped this morning to 6,500 CFS out of Keswick. There are not a lot of insects hatching, but many evenings high in the river PMDs will have the swallows swarming. Cinnamon Poopahs, Bird's Nests and Peaches n' Cream are all good flies. Throw an egg if you are out, some fish are crushing them in places. Hatchery steelhead continue to show up below Battle Creek. Some people are fishing egg patterns pretty reliably. Come on up and see for yourself how good the fishing is right now!

The Fly Shop does not offer a shuttle service. Kim at Sac River Shuttle has resumed service, you can reach her at (530)782-9090

Hot Flies:

- [CB Birds Nest](#) - #14
- [Mercer's Micro May](#) - #14-16 Brown
- [Mercer's Pox Back PMD](#) - #16
- [Bubbleback Caddis](#) - Olive #16
- [Pat's Rubber Legs](#) - #4-8

Note: this information provided from the Fly Shop website

*(Editor's note-Some information and photos from the stevenojai website may have been included in this newsletter with the expressed permission of site founder Steve Schalla)  
We encourage member to visit Steve's website and take advantage of it's extensive information*



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