

# Fly Times

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## Upcoming Events:

**General meeting: Sept. 12th.**

**Merced River Outing: Sept.  
10-12th.**

**January 12th.  
Annual Dinner @ Flying  
Artichoke**

## President's Message

By: Greg Smith

At the August general meeting our guest speaker was Jaime Eltit. He is the new director of the Carmel Valley Steelhead Association (CVSA). Jaime enlightened our Club Members as to the future and the management of the Carmel River. A top priority for the CVSA will be to work closely with Trout Unlimited, Monterey County, Monterey Regional Park District and other Agencies, to insure that funding for improvements and rehabilitation continues to be a priority for the Carmel River. Jaime stated that "restoration of the Carmel Rivers Habitat is everything". Recently, with the aid of a \$360,000 grant, work was done on the Restoration Project West of the Odello Ranch (the Lagoon). After clearing roadways for equipment and a landing pad and fueling area for the helicopters, the work began. Using helicopters they moved 14 large dead Pine Trees and 34 logs cabled to redwood root balls. This massive first step in the project was completed on time. High on the list of proposed projects for the lagoon is to build an Eco Barrier wall around the lagoon to help keep the sand from building up during the winter storms and letting the Carmel River flow to the ocean naturally. There is some opposition from the current land owners, (who built homes in the flood plain), claiming that the Eco Barrier will be an eye sore. There is a possibility of a lawsuit over this.

Club member Sam Davidson commented on the research currently being done on the steelhead and stripers that are in the Salinas River at the Rubber Dam. It has been noted that stripers taken from Carmel Lagoon and the Salinas River have been found to have the remains of steelhead in their stomachs.

The Club is growing!!! Our new members Fred Farias, Duff, and A. J. were in attendance. Good to see new faces at the general meetings.

At the last "club outing" to the Kings River and Avocado Lake, Fish Meister Jay Jefferson and Dave Gambetta survived both temperatures in the triple digits and the high flows of the Kings River. The boys reported trouble finding fish. But wait, there was a report from the Fish and Game, that two pontoon boats were racing down the Kings River into the rapids at 10 mph, waving red Solo cups cheering and laughing all the way. As always, the boys are having way too much fun. According to Jay, the campgrounds have improved and the riffraff have disappeared from the area. If you find yourself fishing in the area, take a side trip to Sportsman Warehouse in Fresno. SVFF Lifetime Member, Jay Murakoshi, is now managing their Fly Fishing Department. Stop by, say hello, and get some good advice on the local fishing.

Fly Fishing 101: Recently new members, AJ, Duff and I met in a small park in Marina for a 2 hour introduction to fly fishing. AJ and Duff brought their new rods and reels and plenty of energy to learn more (cont. on page 4)

Fly Tying "On The Pshide Side"

This month's fly: The Kings River Caddis

***Recipe for the Kings River Caddis:***

- Hook: TMC 100 size# 12-18
- Thread: Brown 6/0
- Body: Brown Hare's Ear or similar dubbing
- Wing: Cinnamon Turkey Wing segment
- Hackle: Brown dry fly hackle



**History of the Kings River Caddis**

Wayne "Buz" Buszek created this fly in the 1950's while fishing the Kings River and trying to match the caddis fly hatch that was taking place below Pine Flat Reservoir. Buz tied turkey wing by its tip to the front shank of the body since the wing was more resistant to splitting in this manner. The hackle was undersized to enable the fly to sit low in the water and keep the wing parallel to the surface. The success of the fly became well known during the 1960's when Orvis included it in their catalog and many flyfishing books began to mention it. The Kings River Caddis works best on slow moving waters. It represents the spotted sedges, *Hydropsyche*, that Buz had spotted on the Kings River below Pine Flat Reservoir.

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

Never too new to be on Board

I remember the day I was sitting next to an old Army staff sergeant, on an airplane bound for Viet Nam around about July of 1969. We looked out across the tarmac and saw a whole company of wide eyed 18 year old Army privates marching toward the plane. The Sgt. looked out the window than back at me and said "fresh meat". And boys and girls that is exactly what we're looking for. So if you just joined the club (on not) and you really want to learn about fly fishing and get more envolved..then maybe you to can be "Fresh Meat" on the Board. Talk to Greg, or any of the Board members if this sound like a good idea after you've had 2-3 beers .....(Rick-ed.)

<p><b>September General Meeting</b>  <b>Wednesday, Sept. 12th.</b>  <b>Dinner @ 6:00/ Meeting @ 7:00</b>  <b>@ The Flying Artichoke</b></p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i>                  Airport Board Room                  Wednesday, September 26th.</p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting                  Wednesday, September 26th.                  6:00 pm @ The Flying Artichoke                  (all members welcome)</p>	<p><b>Club Outing</b>                  Merced River                  Sept. 15-16th.</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 mess. cont.) about the many aspects of fly fishing. We went over the basics of how to put the rod and reel together, along with backing and various lines and tippet materials and then on to the lawn for a little casting practice. I know the boys got tired of me saying watch your back cast, 10 and 2. But at the end of the day, I felt good that AJ and Duff were casting with ease and hitting their targets. It was good practice time for me too. Next step, on to the water. Fish-on Boys!!!!!!

Kids Day at Rancho Cielo, August 26th: Hats off to Roger Caton who organized the SVFF club member volunteers who participated and turned a day of fishing at the pond into a big success and memorable event for the 74 kids who participated. This was my first time to experience the event, helping with one of the 10 fishing stations that were located around the pond. Various types of fish were caught including bluegill, sunfish, and bass. Having fished all my life, I have never seen so many fish caught and released in a four hour period. Rods were bending all day long! With all of the kids catching fish, the smiles and excitement from both the kids and parents was very rewarding. I really think that the other SVFF Volunteers Roger Caton, Loren Kitamura, Jay Jefferson, Bill Pshide, Pete Arnaudo, Gene Tsukamoto and his wife, had just as much fun as the kids catching fish. I know I did. Thank you Roger, and sign us up for next year!

Until next month...Fish On! - Greg

**Upcoming Programs**

Looking over the list of the Board meeting minutes, it appears that the Board has been busy making sure they entertain you folks at the meeting. Here's what's coming up in the next few months?:

- September 12th: Michael Malekos (Small Streams / Burney Creek)**
- October 10th: Mike Churchill (Fly Fishing the Delta)**
- November 14th: Meng Sing (Striper Fishing San Luis Reservoir)**

Mark the 2nd Wednesday of each month on your calendar for some programs that you won't want to miss.

**Merced River Outing**  
 Indian Flat R.V. Park for reservations Call: (209)379-2339  
 Contact **Jay Jefferson** for particulars **809-0290**

## ***The Photo Page***



### Need A Project ?

If so, we got two for you.

One is an 8' Klamath Aluminum boat and the other is an 8' Fiberglass TPL pram.

The fiberglass pram would make a great stillwater (think San Luis) fly fishing platform. Both were donated to the club.

If you're interested contact any of the club officers listed on page 1 of this newsletter and make an offer.



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

### In Memory of SVFF Life Member **Jack Clark**

This man had a way about him. There was no one else in the club like Jack Clark. He and his son Rod were regular fixture in the club for many years and Jack holds the record as the club's longest active member. He was 85 years old when he passed and he and Juanita had been married for 65 years. Our deepest expression of sympathy goes out to Juanita, Rod and the family. Thank you for sharing him with us for so many years. ..Rick(ed)

Fishing Calendar Past, Present & Future

Date	Location	FishMaster
July 14th	Muddy River Classic (Annual BBQ) Jefferson's	Prez Greg and the SVFF Board
TBD	Palo Corona site visit	Greg Smith
August 10-12th.	Kings River	Jay Jefferson
August 26th	Rancho Cielo Kids Fishing Derby	Roger Caton
Sept 14-16th	Merced River Rainbow Revival	Jay Jefferson
Oct 1-7th.	Nor Cal Lakes Rendezvous	Dave Gambetta
Nov 16-18th	Fishing the Delta w/ Mike Churchill	Dave Gambetta
Dec	San Luis Striper Outing	Rick McCombs

**The Big Dogs**

What lake has some of the largest Lahontan Cutthroat trout in the world? You guessed it, Pyramid Lake in Nevada. Pyramid Lake is located 35 miles north of Reno, on the Paiute Indian Reservation. I really think that the Piute Indians played their "cards" right. Instead of building casinos on the Reservation the Piute Indians along with the Federal Government put their time and energy into finding the Native Strain of Lahontan Cutthroat trout. The Lahontan National Fish hatchery just south of Gardnerville initiated work on developing the Pilot Peak strain of LCT IN 1995. Fish from two streams, Bettridge Creek and Donner Creek, were moved to a pond on the eastern flank of Pilot Peak and were reared to maturity. Eggs from these fish were transferred to the Lahontan National Fish hatchery and carefully maintained as family grouping for controlled brood stock development.

Having fished Pyramid Lake for ten years, I was one of the hundreds of fishermen hoping to catch a very big Lahontan Cutthroat trout. Year after year I would fish Pyramid Lake in search of "Big Red", a fish 30 inches long and weighing in at 10 lbs. Being a member of the 10 Lb. club meant you had paid your dues fishing Pyramid Lake.

In 2008, 52,000 marked Pilots were stocked at the Popcorn fishing area of the lake. In 2009 approximately 63,700 Pilots were released at three different locations, Popcorn, Pelican and Warrior Pt. The year the Pilot reached its maximum was in 2010 when over 346,000 yearling fish were released. A fishing success story, you bet. With the Pilot, (LCT) fish running the shoreline in the winter looking for food and the Summit (LCT) cruising the shoreline in the early Spring looking for food and a place to spawn. What does this mean for fly fisherman? Now the 10 lb. club has just increased to the 20 lb. club.... G.S.



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