

# Fly Times

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**President's Message**

By: Jay Jefferson

Our August general meeting featured Suzan Gulick from Casting For Recovery. She did a nice presentation and provided information about the activities and worthwhile work of the Northern California Chapter of the program.

Fred DeYoung lead a loyal group of SVFF members up to Los Padres Reservoir for the August outing. You'll find more information about the outing later in the newsletter. Speaking of Fred, we want to wish him a speedy recovery. It seems that he took flight over the handle bars of his trusty bicycle. Fortunately he was stopped by a nice big tree. Or was it Fred the who stop the tree from coming up the hill. Anyway, it's all relative but I'm sure you get the picture.

We had a good turnout for family Day at Rancho Cielo. One little girl, about 6 years old, caught a huge bass. It took both Greg and I to drag him in to get his picture taken. He was at least 26 inch long. He had come up and slapped her bobber then apparently got tail hooked on his way back down. Talk about one excited little girl, not to mention

the two old geezers who were trying to help her.

Looking forward to this weeks meeting, Sam Davidson will be our speaker. Sam recently wrote an article for Trout Unlimited magazine. His article was about the Carmel River and that will be the subject of his presentation this week. Sam's a great speaker and I hope you'll all come out for what should be an enjoyable and informative meeting.

This month we head up to the Merced River for our annual outing. Conditions look like they'll be good. We'll center out of Indian Flats Camp-ground. You can call Keith or Jennifer @ (209) 379 2339 if you want to reserve a campsite. They also have a couple cabins and some tent cabins. All you need is 4 or 5 weight rod and walking stick. Don't forget that walking stick. The Sacramento River outing is coming up in October. We'll be circling up at the J.G.W. RV park in Redding. You can call 800-469-5910 for reservation.

T'll next time---Jay J.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Monthly meeting:.**

**Aug. 17th Outing:**

**Fly Tying: Aug. 21 st.**

**Board Meeting: Aug. 28th.**

Fly of the Month:  
Klinkhammer Special



- [Daiichi 1160 #8-14](#)
- Thread: [Uni-thread Tan 8/0](#) for abdomen and thorax, [Spiderweb](#) to tie off hackle
- Thorax: 3 strands [Peacock Herl](#)
- Abdomen: [Tan Superfine](#)
- Wing: [White Poly Yarn](#)
- Hackle: [Medium Dun](#)

Dutch fly fisherman and fly tier, Hans Van Klinken, came up with this pattern in 1984 along the Glomma River in Norway. He noticed that most of the graylings were being caught with dry flies that were weighted to sink into the surface film. Upon examining one of the graylings, Hans also noted the abundance of large curved caddis larvae within the stomach contents. These observations led Hans to tie a caddis larvae pattern onto a scud hook and submerge the pattern into the surface film by using a parachute hackle and floatable wing-post. He called his pattern L.T. Caddis (L.T. for Light Tan) but later, friends started using the name Klinkhammer Special and the name stuck. It came to the attention of Sierran fly fishermen during the early 2000's through a number of articles examining the pattern. Recently, the pattern has seen a resurgence in interest, since Partridge introduced their Klinkhammer hook and the hooks became locally available. The pattern is designed to be used as an emerger dry (if you have difficulty locating these hooks, try substituting a TMC 200R and put a 30 degree bend about 1/3 from the eye along the shank). Although originally tied as an emerging caddis larvae, the pattern can also be adapted to many of our mayfly emergers as well. The Klinkhammer has a very visible wing-post made of floatable yarn that allows the fly fisherman to see the fly easily. The hook design allows the pattern to lie deep within the surface film and is very stable due the heavy parachute hackle wound above the thorax. ( Note: this information from the steveojai website).....ed.

**Salinas Vally Fly Fishers Fly Tying**  
**Every 2nd Wednesday evening @ 6:00 (new guys and guest welcome)**

<p><b>Monthly meeting</b>  <b>Wednesday, September 11th.</b>  <b>Presentation by :</b>  <b>Sam Davidson</b></p>	<p><i>Fly Tying</i>  <i>September 18th.</i>  <i>Klinkhammer Special</i></p>
<p>SVFF Board Meeting  <u>Wedn. Sept. 25th. (6:00 pm)</u>          @ the Flying Artie.</p>	<p>September 13th-15th.  <u>Outing to:</u>          Merced River</p>

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

**Editorial**

Full Moon Fishing..It's Happened Again

A few years ago, we experienced one of the worst outing fishing years ever. It seemed like we had a whole year of outing where we got nearly skunked every time we went out. Well, when we looked back at it, we realized that almost every outing had been on or near a full moon. This whole full moon thing is an issues that fisherman have been kicking around for eons. My brother-in-law lives near San Diego and is an avid blue water fisherman. He charts several trips a year, mostly for Tuna. He listens in to the fishing reports every day on the radio, so a few years back he started recording the various boat's fish counts and armed with a few year's data went back to look at the moon phases. And sure enough, you guessed it. the boat totals were consistently lower on or near the full moon.

How about trout fishing? Well, both Hal Janssen and Denny Rickard in their books on still water fishing acknowledge the less then ideal fishing that you can expect during the full moon. Rickards specifically sight the day before and 2-3 days following the full moon that he chooses to avoid. Janssen goes with a similar scenario but, clearly subscribes to the negative effect of the full moon. The most common explanation for this apparent phenomena is the assertion that fish feed at night during the full moon, and thus are too belly full during the day to take interest in what you have to offer. But I could find no scientific support for this theory and on the surface, it would seem that if that was the case then the days coming up to full moon would also be notably effected. Most of us moon watchers would attest that the moon is pretty darn bright for several days before and after the specific day of the full moon., not just the day before.

What about the Solunar tables? In May 1926, John Aldenn Knight put together some fishing folklore and other fishing factors such as the sun and the moon, hence the name Solunar (Sol for sun and Lunar for moon) to form a theory on the patterns of animal movement. Knight compiled a list of factors which control or influence the day-to-day behavior of many freshwater and saltwater fish. Each one of the 33 different factors were considered., but all but 3 were ultimately rejected. The three factors retained were the sun, the moon and the tide. For salt water fishing, tides have long been known as a factor that controls fishes' behavior. As Knight's research progressed, he found that rather than just tides themselves, the relationship of the moon and sun's positions relative to each other may be the determining factor. In addition to the time of moon up (moonrise) - moon down, his research determined that there were intermediate times of the day that occurred in between the two major

periods. From that he establishes that there were major periods (moon up - moon down) and minor periods. Knight published the first Solunar table in 1936.

Okay, as long as we're going down this road, what does the Farmers Almanac say? Well, interestingly the Almanac in reference to fishing, makes this general statement: "The best times to fish are when the fish are naturally most active. The Sun, Moon, tides, and weather all influence fish activity. For example, fish tend to feed more at sunrise and sunset, and also during a full moon". In addition, their list of the best days to fish generally goes from the date of the new moon to the full moon. Let's take a look at our upcoming Merced outing Friday the 13th.- Sunday the 15th. Wow! Friday the thirteenth and a full moon (that can't be good). But interestingly, Farmer's Almanac lists the best days of September to fish as being the 1st through the 14th. Likewise the solunar tables that I consulted list the 13th and 14th as very good to exceptional (go figure). While we're at it, let me pass on a few more "good times to fish" from the Farmer's Almanac: 1. During the "morning rise" (after sunup for a spell) and the "evening rise" (just before sundown and the hour or so after). 2. During the rise and set of the moon. 3. When the barometer is steady or on the rise. 4. When there is a hatch of flies—caddis flies or mayflies, commonly. (like you didn't know that one) and interestingly: 5. When the breeze is from a westerly quarter rather than from the north or east. I might mention that Denny Rickards make a big deal about not fishing when there is a North wind. Well, what's all this mean? It means that it's time to go fishing..... Rick(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: [atrickmcfly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:atrickmcfly@sbcglobal.net) .....ed.

### ***The Photo Page***

**Mick and Deb Catching Small Mouth..  
They're at Priest Lake Idaho and still traveling**



Event Calendar / Maps

Date	Event	Location	Contact
September 11th.	Monthly Meeting	Salinas Airport	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
September 13th-15th	Merced River Outing	Merced/Indian Flat RV	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
September 18th	Fly Tying	Airport Board room	Bill Pshide (424-3063)
September 25th	Board Meeting	Airport Restaurant	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
October	Lower Sac Outing	Redding Area	Jay Jefferson (809-0290)
November 16th-17th.	San Luis Outing	O'Neill Fore bay	TBD



Fishing the Merced

Might you be go'n to the Merced. Well, I'm hear'n there might be a few of you there. You can count on a few things that you might be taken notice of. I'm doubt'n that Freddie will show up- injures as he and all, but, I'm pretty damn sure that Dobin and his sweet Maria will be and I know for sure that Okie Dokie Jefferson will be will be sitt'n in his lawn chair bare chested as a jay bird drink'n brown liquor from a dirty glass when you arrive. The other thing I know for sure is that there will be plenty of smooth round stones for you to slip and slide on when your fish'n, so be sure to bring that wading stick. You probably don't have to bother with waders, less'n you need the extra padding for when you slip and fall. The stream level should make it very wadable. Small rods, anything less then 6 wt. will be serving you just fine. This is free-stone pocket water with with no well consolidated hatches. The fish are pretty opportunistic feeders who generally take dry flies pretty well. And, attractor patterns usually do the trick. You will see some Caddis and May flies, so be on the lookout for hatches when they do occur, but don't get too hung up on them. Generally, remember this is pocket water with lots of little currents and eddies. It calls for short lines, with the rod high and as little line on the water as you can get away with. You know, sneaking around the boulders and dabbing the line in the little riffles and runs. There may be some October Caddis in river. These are big Case-Caddis nymph, so don't be afraid to throw some big stuff into the deeper slots. There are also some nice Small Mouth in the lower stretches that can be a ton of fun. The weather forecast suggests that it will be on the warm side: high 80's to 90 with cool evenings. It should be a good outing... hope you can make it.

.....ed.

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