



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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THE FLY TIMES

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Straight From the Top, Chapter IV

By: Mick Michele, President

Well, I hope that everyone is finally enjoying the sunshine, at least when we get some. What's up with the weather? It looks like we will be having a late year for getting the fishing started. Locally, I think that everything will be close to normal, but the mountains still have a lot of snow to melt, so we will have to wait a while for that. I trust all the hardy souls that went up to Pyramid lake had a good time. They got a little weather but did pretty well on the catching. There should be great fishing up there right through May, this year. I have a few openings

left for the Rooster Comb Trip. We'll have a report on how it went at next week's meeting. Ed Given will be giving the program this month. He always brings an interesting mix of new and old slides for us to see and his knowledge of the sport is incredible, Don't miss this one! As we did last month, one of the club members will be doing a fly tying demo prior to the start of the meeting, so plan to come a little early and check it out. May is usually our Shad trip, so come on out and get in on the planning..

See you all on the 10th.

-Thanks, Mick

Given will be give'n

Give'n advise, give'n opinions and give'n us all a chance to see an informative and entertaining program. Ed is one our Life Members and a Founding Members of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers. In addition to having written a local newspaper column for several year, he has written numerous articles in the major Fly Fishing magazines. We hope that you all make a special effort to come out for Wednesday's meeting to hear what Ed has to share

with us. In addition to whatever program Ed puts together, he is a great source for information on local fishing opportunities. In conjunction with Ed's programs, fish reports, snacks and the raffle, Bill Pshide will be up front for this month's fly fishing demo. We should have outing reports from the Pyramid and Rooster comb outing and updates on the action out at Nacimiento. Remember, Wednesday, May 10th @ 7:00... See you there..

A Place or Two You Might Want to Visit



Donations For the Raffle:

If you have items that you'd like to contribute for the raffle, please bring them along to the monthly meeting. Also feel free to bring snacks and goodies

Pyramid Lake: Apparently, due to the cool weather and high runoff, Pyramid is still fishing well, The Spawn was still going as of last week and it looks like good fishing will continue through the end of the month, for all you fair weather fisherman. The float tubs aren't scoring as well as they had a month ago, so it's back to the ladders.

GOLDEN TROUT CLUB OUTING: Add a prize to your trout photo collection! The Club is planning a special trip to catch native California Golden Trout! The date is August 26th with some extra days for those wanting to hike a bit before and after. Location is near Lone Pine. Find it on your Atlas and look west for Cottonwood Lakes. Easy to get to streams and the first lake with Golden. Golden guides highly recommend it. Easy for beginners and kids. You can't qualify for Expert without catching a Golden! It's up high and cool in hot August. Contact Fishmaster: John Nesheim to help shape the weekend. Participate. Enjoy.
(john@nesheimgroup.com /or/ 626-9014).

Hunter Liggett, San Antonio, Nacimiento and others: Good reports are coming in on the local fishing. The Ponds and Hunter-Liggett are, reportedly in great shape, If you're not familiar with Hunter-Liggett, you can do a Google search on your computer and get the particulars. San Antonio is beautiful right now and is a great a great destination for bass and panfish, especially if you can get away during the week. Nacimiento is a little tricky to predict, with all the water. If you go, take it slow and be careful because there's still lots of debris in the water. If you want to take a drive , try Little Pinoche. It gotten popular with bank fisherman, so be sure to take your float tube if you go.. Good luck

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2006 Outing Schedule and Programs

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Destinations:</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>General Meeting Programs</u>	<u>Date:</u>
Feb 18	San Luis Reservoir (Striper)	Surf Perch		
Mar 18-19	Upper Sac/ McCloud (Trout)	Nacimiento		
April 8-9	Pyramid (Cutthroat)	Little Panoche	Marvin Mitchem	4-12-06
April 29	Los Padres (Trout)			
May 5-6-7	Rooster Comb Ranch (Bass)	Hunter Liggett	Ed Given	5-10-06
May 26-27 ??	Lower Sac. / Yuba (Shad)	Davis lake		
June 1-10	Green river "rendezvous"	Lower Sac		
June 17	San Justo (Trout, pan fish)	Surf Perch		
August 26	Cotton Wood lakes			

Notice: The May 26-27 Due to predicted high and cold water the Shad outing is on hold.

Rod Building is back: Any of the club members who have an interest, should plan to attend the next meeting for more information. Phil Joest who is exceptionally anal and extraordinary when it comes to building fly rods is the Chief Puba and Inspirational Leader. The classes started last month at Scott Naylor's house, but you can still join in.

Announcement From Ernie's

Sage Spey Casting Clinic
hosted by Ernie's Casting Pond
Sunday, May 21st.
10:00 AM– 5:00 PM
In Sacramento
Instructor: Bill Lowe
\$150
Call Ernie@ 831 462-4665

Special thanks for the support

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Diane and Ernie Kinzli
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Soquel
(462-4665)

Tips and ads

Shad Fishing Tips: Shad fishing is just around the corner. It might be helpful just to hit the high points for the folks that haven't tried this yet. Our prime rivers for the "Poor Man's Tarpon: are the American, Lower Sac, Yuba and the Feather Rivers. The Shad usually start moving in around the middle of May. When the road side stands start selling cherries, its time to go Shad fishing. The best way to find them is to check with the valley fly shops, Go when they say it's happening and look for fisherman. Word travels fast.

Rods: 6-8 weight, 8 1/2-10' ...Line: Type II—Type VI shooting head or equivalent integrated line...
 Reel: Good quality reel with mechanical drag and at least 50yds of backing. Leaders: 6-8 feet of 8-12 pound (need not be tapered)... Flies: Size 2-8 bead head shad flies. 4 and 6 are the most common size.

Pyramid Lake: This is the time of year when many of the club members start thinking about Pyramid lake. If you've never experienced this fishery, this should be a good year to start. Over the past 5 years Pyramid has experienced a significant upswing in popularity, so if you make the trek in the prime month of April, you should expect to have some company: standard equipment includes a 3-4' step ladder, preferably with a large platform step to stand on comfortably. 9-10 foot (7 or 8 weight) rod, Super-fast sinking shooting head or integrated line such as the Rio or Teeny 300. The typical leader is 6-8 foot fished with a 2 fly dropper set up. *You are not allowed to use more than 2 flies.* I prefer Fluoro-carbon in the 8-12 lb. range. These boys are pretty toothy and the fluoro helps. The Woolly Worm is king at Pyramid. Lots of other stuff works at different time, including the foam beetles and even small nymphs fished under an indicator with a floating line. (especially in April) Use unweighted flies in sizes from 2-8. Most popular colors are Black, Purple, White, and Chartreuse along with combos of Red & Black, Pink & White and Chartreuse & White. Lastly, take lots of warm clothed in layers and cloves, a hat and your sunblock and remember to stop and get your lake permit.. ..ed.

Got Something to sell, give away, or need?

Valco 8' aluminum pram "Fly Fisher" model Excellent condition, rated for 3 hp, flat bottom w/ dolly wheels \$500. Call Jack @ 449-7437

Wanted: Old fishing gear for three beginners. Vests, Forceps, Nets, Nippers, etc. Whatever you have that might help.. CALL: John Nesheim @ 626-9014

2000 Coleman Tent Trailer. West Lake model, Like new — perfect condition. Sleeps 6-8 Asking \$7500 Call **Molly** @ 424-2978

Like new 8'8" Scott G series Fly Rod
 This is a 3 piece, 4 weight premium rod .
 \$335.00

Call: **Bob Marini @ 726-2442 (H) 724-2722 (W)**

Lost: One 16" Hyde Drift boat.
 Call Steve

Gold Dredge

4 inch, 8 HP Good condition. Contact Clyde @ 206-3405

Fly tying every 4th Wednesday

Fly tying is happening. Grab your vise and come join in. If you're a novice and need some help give Rick or Jay Jefferson a call. Remember fly tying starts around 7:00 pm following the Board meeting. In May we'll be meeting At the Restaurant at the airport



Editorial section

Well, Sorry folks. You may have noticed a few blanks, holes and repeats in the newsletter this month.. I just got back from Denver. I was back there lending my moral support to the birth'n of two new grandbabies.. Daughter, Kara, came through like a champ and I was in the delivery room with her husband, Matt, to wipe the sweat off her brow and witness the arrival of Cooper David (5-12) and Ayva Lynn (6-4) Gallagher.. It was a great experience, and I didn't even complain about missing the Rooster Comb outing, because of it. Thanks to all for prayers and kind thought... Rick

Letters to ed.

Hey, ed., What do you think of this one? I went to the Pyramid outing last week. I packed up all the fix'ns, got the camper ready. Man, I provided everything! The only thing I asked of a certain club member, who will remain nameless, is that he bring the drinks, including a "good bottle of wine". WELL! Apparently, when translated into *Scottish* a "good bottle of wine" means: anything that is sort'a red in color with a cork in it. This Yahoo shows up with economy magnum bottle: 1986 Acme Merlot that he found behind his refrigerator. He says, "I think it might be a little old." YUHH THINK? Hell, he had to shake it to get the red color to come up off the bottom of the bottle. I was afraid that the cheap S.O.B. might show up with "Two Buck Chuck" but he showed up with "Two Bit Rick" instead.
- your friend Frank

Dear Your Friend Frank,

While, I can understand your befuddlement at the antics of your fishing buddy, I'm sure that you are over reacting a bit. It sound to me to be an honest mistake. I can't image that his motive was to save money. I'm quite sure, in fact, that he was saving this special bottle of wine for you and, just perhaps, saved it a bit too long. Perhaps you should work on being a little more tolerant.. good luck!

-ed.

Send your questions and
comments to:
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216 Grove Place
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April
General Meeting
at the Community
Center.
Wednesday,
May 10th.
@
7:00 PM

Shad Outing
On hold

May meeting
@ the Community Center
May 10th. @ 7:00

Board Meeting
And Fly Tying
May 24th. @ 6:00
Salinas Airport

Rod Building @ Scott
Naylor's House on
Wednesday 5/17

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