



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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THE FLY TIMES

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The Windy Thistle.. Chapter IV

By: President- Jay O.D. Jefferson

Hey, March, springs in, tuff luck again, but April's upon us and hope springs eternal. We had a tough time at Hunter Liggett. The outing was scheduled for there, then it had to be changed to San Antonio because the military announced that the ponds would be closed, then came the word that it was open and it was back to e-mails and phone calls again, We finally got it straight. Liggett turned out to be a wild adventure and a fun time to boot. The cast of characters included: Chris and Dave, Lane, Roger, Paul and me. The temps were cool and the weather finally turned to hail. I mean lots of hail, big hail that hurts!! The hail was piled up like snow. It was quite a sight. The water temperature was in the low to mid 50's, just not quite to the liking of the bass and much colder then when we had the dynamite outing last year. Dave did manage one deranged bass, that appar

ently happened to yawn when Dave's fly went by. Dave's flies have that effect on fish. I'd say that was bad luck for the fish and PURE LUCK on Dave's part.

The first outing of April may be changed, with no fishing being allowed at either the north or south pens area at Pyramid like. Rick is fish master and he should have more on this on page two of the newsletter. We should also get a report at the meeting from Loren who is going up this week.

"One Wing Hilbert" will also have more info at the meeting regarding the outing for the trout opener. He's looking a the Nacimiento River on Camp Roberts with the possibility of some kind of combo with Lake Nacimiento stay tuned and come to the meeting for more info. You'll also want to make this meeting to take in Ed Given's presentation on local waters.. See you there! And..

See you on the water—Jay

Ed Given plies the local waters

I'll take a minute here to introduce Ed Given to our newer members. Ed is, firstly, a pretty damn terrific fly fisher. He's super knowledgeable, and the author of numerous articles on fly fishing topics. He is a *founding member* and *Life Member* of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers. Need I say more...Okay he is just plain fun to listen too.. So I hope you'll make a special effort to come to this month's meet to hear Ed explore "Local Waters"

- ed.

The President is still talking!



What's your preference?

The newsletter can be sent out to you by regular mail, e-mailed or both.

Which way do you want it? let me know:

rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net

Call Rick @ 385-4778

Next Meeting= April 9th.

Outing Report: Fort Hunter Liggett

As Jay noted in the President's message, fishing was on the slow side for the outing at Hunter Liggett. The cold night and cool day have made it a slow start to the bass fishing. While the fishing can be productive early in the spring, it's usually pretty tough for us fly twitchers until the water temperature gets up into the 60's. By now things should be happening down at the ponds as well as at Nacimiento and San Antonio.

Local waters should fish well this year. We've had enough rain to bring all the lake and pond levels up and we didn't get all the late rain that has blown things out in some of the past recent years. New changes have gone into effect at San Antonio.. They have closed off the "shallows" to give the bass a little peace of mind during the spring spawn. This is probably good news for the large mouth. There are a fair number of serious bass fisherman and tournaments that put a lot of pressure on the fish. Both Largemouth and Striper fishing has been good recently. At Nacimiento the Whites are heading for the narrows and the Spotted Bass are reportedly coming on strong. Naci is also a great lake for Crappie. If you don't have a boat try Hunter Liggett or take a day trip over to Little Panoche. Also in the same area is Los Banos Creek Reservoir. All these place should offer good fishing opportunities between now and early June.. ..ed.

Blue ticket drawing Did you know that when you buy \$20 worth of raffle ticket you get one blue ticket free. The blue tickets go into a special drawing. The current blue ticket drawing is going to be for a premium fly fishing vest ordered by the club in your size. More information at the meeting on Wednesday...

Salinas Valley Flyfishers 2008 Outing Schedule and Programs

Date:	Activity:	Location:	Species / Program:	Contact:	Tele / e-mail:
<u>March 12th.</u>	<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	Community Center	Bob Marini "Gearing up to Fish"	Roger Caton	633-4659
<u>March 15-16th.</u>	<u>Club Outing</u>	Fort Hunter-Liggett	Bass, Trout, Bluegill	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
<u>March 19th.</u>	<u>Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	Fly Tying Basics	Bill Pshide	424-3063
<u>March 26th</u>	<u>Board Meeting/</u>	Salinas Airport	Business meeting/	Dave Gambetta	422-5119
<u>April 9th.</u>	<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	Community Center	Ed Given "fly fishing potpourri"	Roger Caton	633-4659
<u>April 12-13th.</u>	<u>Club Outing</u>	Lake Pyramid (May be changed)	Cutthroat Trout	Rick McCombs	320-6044
<u>April 16th.</u>	<u>Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	Trout Flies: Stimulator patterns	Rick McCombs	385-4778 / 320-6044
<u>April 23rd.</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>	Salinas Airport	Business meeting /	Dave Gambetta	422-5119
<u>April 26th</u>	<u>Club Outing</u>	Los Padres / Nacimiento R.	Trout Opener	Dave Hilbert	455-2443
<u>May 14th.</u>	<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	Community Center	Sam Davidson From Trout Unlimited	Roger Caton	633-4659
<u>May 17th.</u>	<u>Club Activity</u>	Salinas River @ Jefferson's Ranch	Fly Casting Workshop / Pontoon Boat Safety	Rick McCombs	385-4778
<u>May 21st.</u>	<u>Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	Nymphs	Bill Pshide	424-3063
<u>May 28th.</u>	<u>Board Meeting/ Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	Business meeting/ Shad Flies	Dave Gambetta	455-2443

For all the latest info. in what's happening in the wide world of fishing and for club activities,
Check out: salinasvalleyflyfishers.org

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News Notes and Ads

If you fish Pyramid, You'll want to read this:

4.1 FISHING SEASON. Due to spawning season the open waters of Pyramid Lake shall be open to fishing year round, with the exception of Trout Season, which shall be open from October 1 to June 30 of each year. From March 15 to May 16, closed areas are from the Sutcliffe Marina up to and including the South Nets Beach area. Fishing within 500 feet of all boat docks is prohibited.

April Pyramid outing is Iffy. The consensus is that it's a long drive to not know where we'll camp or fish. We are considering other alternative including Los Banos Creek and the Merced River. Plan to come to the April meeting for more information.. If you are interested in going give Rick a call on his cel (320-6044) he'll be in Denver the week before the outing.

Fly Tying has changed time.....From now on fly tying will be held on the third Wednesday of each month. We'll be meeting at the Landing Zone Restaurant at the Salinas Airport. Tying sessions start at 6:00 p.m. (check out the SVFF Rio Grand King on April 16th)

Hey, is anybody reading these things? If you are, its time for you to submit you own quotable quote. It must be original. Submit it by e-mail to: rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net or by mail @: "A Quote for ed", 216 Grove Place King City, CA 93930. What's in it for you? Each month I'll publish all the quotes submitted and at the end of the year the best quote will receive something!!!

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Got Something to sell, give away, or need?

SVFF Club t-shirts are available. Give Sonny a call or he should have some at the meeting. At last report there are sizes large and XL

Craftsman radial arm saw, Craftsman 10" table saw, Craftsman 1 hp compressor. Cheap to club member. Call: Rick for more information (385-4778)

Planning to fish At San Luis Reservoir or the Forebay? Call (800) 805-4805 or (209) 826-9019 for current weather conditions and the water height in

Old Farts!!! For those 62 and older, did you know that for \$10 you can get a National Parks and Rec. Pass. This is good for life and gets you 1/2 off at fed. camp sites and free passage into Yosemite

Adopt-A-Highway

If you club or business is interested in adopting a section of Hwy101
Contact the First Lady:
Jeanette Green, Adopt-a-highway Coordinator
831-372-1132

Fly tying every 3rd Wednesday

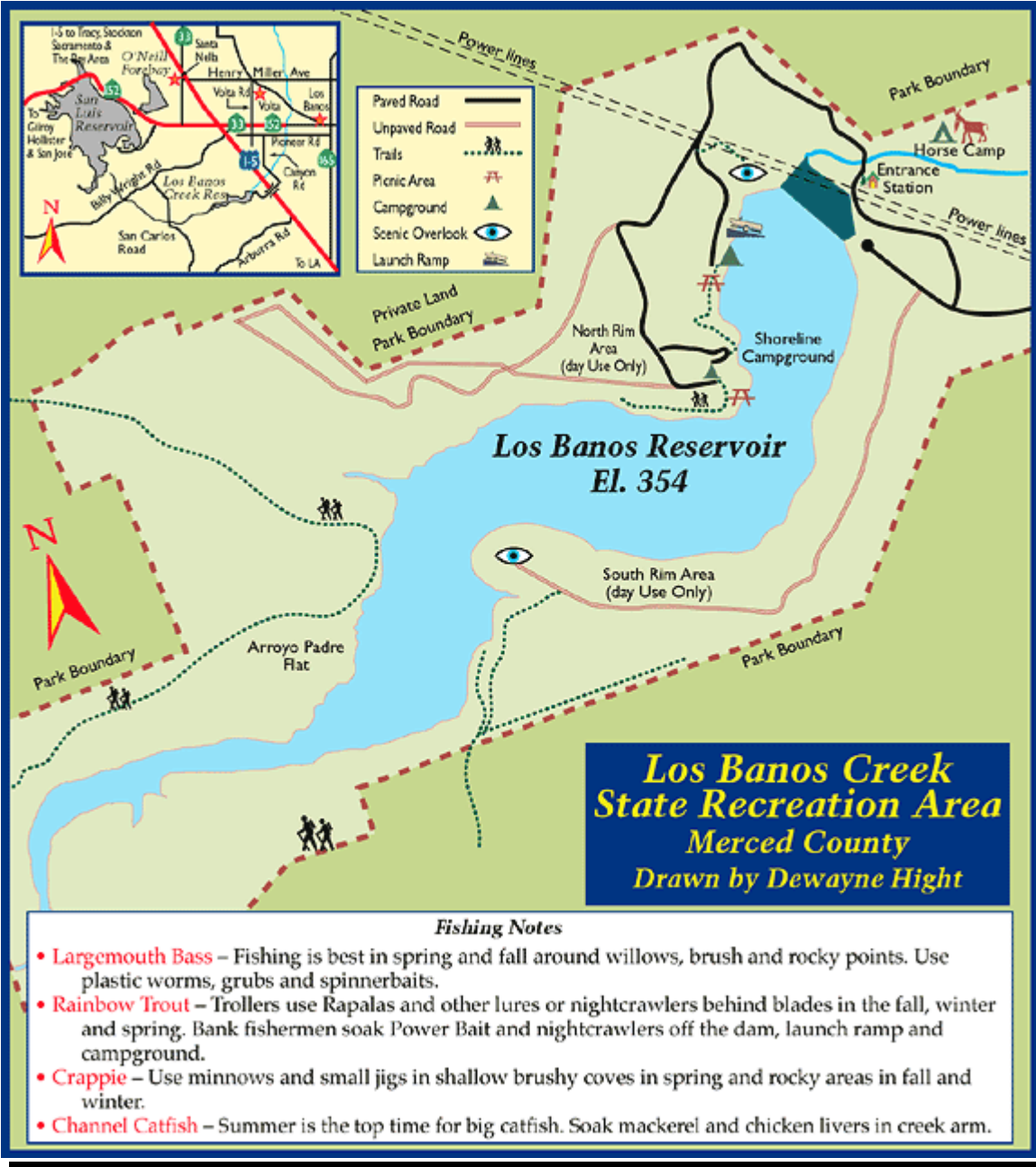
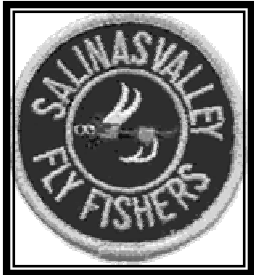
.Fly of the Month.

For this month's fly tying, We'll be demonstrating the Club's version of the Rio Grand King, along with instructions on tying the "Stimulator". We'll have extra materials!!



Los Banos Creek Res.

Map from:
The Fish Sniffer



Consider Los Banos Creek or Little Panoche for spring time fishing.

This map was taken from the “Fish Sniffer” You can Google them on the web. They are a great resource for maps and fishing reports. Give them a try.

April meeting
@
The Community Center
April 9th. @ 7:00

Fly Tying.
April 16th @ 6:00
the airport
(featuring the Stimulator”

Board Meeting
April 23rd @ 6:00
Salinas Airport

April outings
April 12-13
&
April 26-27

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