



# SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

April 2011

## FLY TIMES

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| <small>Board Member</small>      |                |

### "Sawdust and Splinters"

By: President— Mick Micheli

Hi there folks. Well, if you haven't been out on the water, what are you waiting for? The weather is getting better and the lakes are as full as they have been in years, I made it down to Nacimiento last week with Loren, Andy and Dave Hilbert and we killed them or should I say "the fishing was pretty good"? The lake is a mile and a half past the waterfall and as beautiful as I have ever seen it. Aside from fishing at Nacimiento, The bay is full of salmon, if that turns you on. and the Sierra foothill lakes are kicking out trout like crazy. Some of the boys and girls made it to Hunter Liggett this last weekend and the word is that they did pretty well. Also, this month we have plans for more outings, including: Nacimiento, Pyramid Lake and Los Padres on opening day of trout season, April 30<sup>th</sup>. With all that's going on, be sure

to come to Wednesday night's meeting and sign up and join in on some great fishing.

Howard Power will be at our meeting this month presenting the finer points of nymphing. I'm sure we can all learn something new here; I know I need all the help I can get. As a side note, while we were at the lake, Dave Hilbert decided to have me practice a little more hook removal as he buried two hooks of a treble into his finger. (*I haven't seen many flies tied with treble hooks, have you? - ed's note*) Well it came out just fine, practice makes perfect. Dave also needs to tell his story on "How to sink a 10 foot flat bottom boat in 10 seconds flat". Come to the meeting, to hear the rest of the story. Well that's it for now. I hope to see you in Spreckels on the 13<sup>th</sup>, come one come all.  
See you on the water                      Mick.

### Sharpen up your Nymphing Techniques

Howard Power will be front and center to share his expertise on nymph fishing. Specifically, Howard will be talking about nymph fishing without the use of an indicator. He will demonstrate a method of short line nymphing and share information on how to catch the fish that most fishermen don't even know are there. With a little luck this will all add up to increasing the numbers and size of the fish you catch and bring a new insight and enjoyment to your fishing.

## What's going on in the world of fly tying?



### Hunter-Liggett Report

The March Outing to Hunter Liggett turned out to be a "player" Jay Jefferson was the outing's Fish-master. He reported that eight members participated including Dave and Chris Gambetta, Sonny, Roger, Bill, Pete, Rick and Jay. Del Venturi and Gravel Pit were the focus of the attack. The group found Del Venturi to be slim pickens with water temperature at a cool 60 degrees. Gravel Pit was a bit warmer and our heros found the bass more cooperative. While Jay, Bill and Rick all claimed the big fish, after a careful review of the photos, Sonny was acknowledged as the "Man" with a large mouth estimated to weigh in at 4 pounds +. The only thing bigger then the fish was the grin on Sonny's face. Once again, good food, good folks and good fishing was a just right combination.. ed.



"Mine is the biggest"



"No, this is the big one"



"Hey, lookie here Dude"



"But, I got the more gadgets"

### Fly of the month: Soft Hackle



### Partridge and Yellow Soft Hackle

**Hook:** Dry fly, standard length, sizes 10 to 16  
**Thread:** Yellow (or simply a pale color), size 8/0 or 6/0  
**Abdomen:** Yellow single-strand floss  
**Thorax:** Hare's mask fur or similar dubbing  
**Hackle:** Brown hen saddle hackle or partridge flank

**The Easter Bunny is coming to town and needs your help.** Nick Micheli along with the Spreckels Volunteer Fire department is putting on an Easter Egg Hunt. Nick is looking for volunteers to help out.. This is our chance to say thanks to the department for letting us use the fire hall for our meeting.

*If you can help give Nick, Mick or Deb a call and sign up at the next general meeting*

*Time, Date and Place:*

**1:00 p.m. April 24th..Spreckels Park**

*Looking into the future.*

*If you can't make it. Plan to help out with the 4th of July celebration*

### Tragic follow-up to pleasant outing

**Bulletin!** ( Saturday, April 9th.) A group of rouge anglers, swept in like vultures and chased off unsuspecting children, who were moments before blissfully taking part in this year's annual Trout Derby at Hunter Liggett's Del Venturi Res. This reporter was there to witness the first volley of slingshot propelled BB's and hear the shouts of: " Run for your lives kiddies them's killer bees that'er a stinging ya". It was mayhem, they was running like stampeding hamsters, kicking over their chocolate milk and stomping their peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Within minutes the lake was cleared, with little sound except the muffled crying of the little ones, entombed within the family minivans. Then I saw the stogie smoking leader emerge from the trees: "Okeye Dokey fellas it must be our turn."

**Salinas Valley Flyfishers\*\*2011 Outing Schedule and Programs**

|                 |                             |                              |                            |                          |                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| April 13th      | General Meeting             | Spreckles Fire House         | Nymphing Techniques        | Mick Micheli (Howard P.) | 455-1007             |
| April (On Call) | Club Outing                 | Lake Nacimiento              | White & Spotted Bass       | Mick Micheli             | 455-1007             |
| April 20th.     | Fly Tying                   | Air Port Board Room          | Green / Yellow Soft Hackle | Bill Pshide<br>Rick M..  | 424-3063<br>385-4778 |
| April 27th.     | Board Meeting               | “Landing Zone” @ the airport | Dinner @ 6:00              | Mick Micheli             | 455-1007             |
| April 30th      | Club Outing<br>Trout Opener | Los Padres Reservoir         | Trout                      | Danny Balma              | 653-9628             |
| May 20-22       | Club-Outing                 | Rooster Comb Ranch           | Bass / Bluegil             | Mick Micheli             | 455-1007             |
| June 10-11      | Unofficial Outing           | Davis Lake                   | Trout                      | Rick McCombs             | 385-4778             |
| June 24-25th    | Club Outing                 | Clear Creek                  | Trout                      | Jay Jefferson            | 809-0290             |

**It's Official: the “*Fisherman of the year*” is back**

President, Mick unveiled the rules for the revised Fisherman of the year at the March Board meeting.

- Fisherman of the year will determined by total points earned during the calendar year
  - 1 point for each outing attended ( with a max of 6 points)
  - 2 points for being a fishmaster (with a max of 4 points)
- 2 points for biggest fish (at least 10% bigger then runner-up) (max of 6 points)
- 2 points may be awarded for most fish caught if no fish is acknowledge as 10% bigger

***Note: General meetings (every 2nd Wednesday@ Spreckles firehouse). Fly Tying (every 3rd Wednesday @ the Airport) Board of Directors (every 4th. Wednesday @ the Airport) all members are welcome..***

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

[salinasvalleyflyfishers.org](http://salinasvalleyflyfishers.org)

For information regarding the web-site contact Deb Michili at:

455-1007 or e-mail: [2anglers@comcast.net](mailto:2anglers@comcast.net)

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Carmel, CA  
(626-6586)**

## News Notes and Ads

### Impromptu Outings:

**Lake Nacimiento** (anytime / depending on the weather. Give Mick a call and sign up at the meeting. Mick will monitor conditions

**Local Lakes:** In addition to Nacimiento. San Antonio is in good shape and action should be on the rise for Striper and Larfe mouth @ San Luis. If you want more Give Hunter Liggett a try or even Little Panoche

Anybody interested in running up to the Merced River for a day of fishing, before the spring flow blow it out? Give me a call  
Rick @ 385-4778

### Upcoming Outings

In addition to the outings noted on page #3, The Board has come up with some more activities and outings that you should put on the calendar.

**Lake Nacimiento**- White Bass (April- TBA)

**Pyramid Lake**-Nevada ( April - TBA)

**Tuolumne River** Camp and float trip (May 20-22)

**Clear Creek**-Private water w/ cabins (June 24-26)

The 5th. **Annual Muddy River Classic** BBQ (July 9th.)

### Upcoming Programs:

*Howard Power* (Nymphing Techniques), *Mark Cantrel* (Tuolumne River) and *Ken Hanley*

### Project: "Recover our History"

Please help the board of directors recover some of our club's history. Do you remember what year you joined the club. Have you been a club officer or on the Board. Have you received any special awards. Do you have any old newsletters, or any old club history?. We're trying to track this info. down and we need your help. If you have some of this information, Call Mick or Rick.

### Buy, Sell, give away and get the word out

**Wading boots** Interchangeable Omnitrax Sole System (Size 11) Used 5 days  
3 Soles: Felt - Felt with Studs - Aqua Stealth/Rubber  
**\$40** - Club Members 10% Discount (New: \$179) John Nesheim 831-626-9014 john@nesheimgroup.com

9ft. FishCat Pontoon boat , Excellent Condition. With aluminum oars and custom anchor. \$400 (10% off to club member and casaba farmers.)

Call Jay: 809-0290

Brand new **Sage Z Axis 390-4 Fly Rod** . This is a fast action premium rod that replaced the legendary Sage XP. Series. **\$ 400.00** retail price of this rod is \$690.00 Contact Pete: (parnaudo@comtruck.com) or call at 757-6663

**Old guys!!!** 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. Not that that will be long.

### Adopt-A-Highway

If you club or business is interested in adopting a section of Hwy101

Contact:

Jeanette Green, Adopt-a-highway Coordinator  
831-372-1132

### **Fly of the Month:**

**Soft Hackle**



Check out the maps on the Fish Sniffer web site



Striper fishing At San Luis is on the upswing. You might also want to check out San Lake

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Airport / Landing Zone**

**@ 6:00**  
**April 27th..**

**Fly Tying**  
**Wedn., April 20 th.**

**@ 7:00**  
**A/P Board room**

**Los Padres**  
**Outing**  
**April 30th**  
**Trout Opener**

**April 13th.**  
**General Meeting**  
**Spreckles, Fire House**  
**@ 7:00 P.M.**

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