



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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FLY TIMES

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"Sawdust and Splinters"

By: President— Mick Micheli

Presidents Message:

November already! Can you believe it? Must be having fun, cuz time is sure flying. Well one thing's not so fun, my big Ford truck got stolen right out of my front yard. That was a couple of weeks ago and no sign of her yet. I'm being philosophical about it though, we are healthy and nobody got hurt so after a day or so it was time to move on.

Deb and I took a quick trip to the eastern side, Bishop to be exact. Just to see the fall colors and we were not disappointed. It was spectacular and I even got a few trout to boot. Trout season is winding down but you should keep the Merced in mind. The flows are perfect and the fish are still very willing. The stripers are next around here so we will be going after them soon. In fact, a few club members went to the fore bay a week or so ago and did pretty well. It's just going to get better so let's get going gang. You steelhead-ers are probably chomping at the bit. I'm sure with the wet year we have had it should be a good season.

We are still looking for officers and board members for next year. Please step up and get involved, it's your club and the more participation the better. Give me a call anytime if you are willing to help out.

This month we have a guest speaker from the DFG. Jeff Heitzenrater is coming to the meeting to help update us on the Steelhead regulations and much more. If you ever wanted to ask a game warden a question here is your chance.

The annual dinner is right around the corner. We will be meeting at the Laguna Seca Golf Course this year. Plenty of room and they tell me we will have plenty of food too. As usual we will have an Early Bird drawing for those who confirm there reservations before the end of the year. I hear the raffle committee is going all out again this year, including a big Early Bird prize. So come one come all. This is one of the highlights of the year. There is no outing planned for November but that doesn't mean you can't get together and have one. I hope you all get out and have fun no matter what you do.

See you all soon -Mick

Time to learn the regs

That's right. This month we'll be looking at the fishing regulation with Jeff Heitzenrater from the Dept. of Fish and Game. Okay, Okay, don't roll your eyes. I think you'll find the information that Jeff has both interesting and useful. In addition, the Nominating Committee will be presenting the 2012 slate of officer. I hear that the raffle committee's got a load of new stuff, Mick is busy in the kitchen fix'n goodies, and there's a parcel of fish stories to be told.. Well... you get the idea. See you all on Wednesday.ed.

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



San Luis Report

San Luis has been showing some action over the last few weeks. Nothing too exciting for our club members, but it sounds like most folks who have gone over have caught fish. The club outing was held on the weekend of October 15th. The participants included; Scott Naylor, Jay Jefferson, Richard Wilson and Paul (Whopper) Dobin. The guys camped over at the San Luis Creek area. This is the area on the north east side of the forebay near the inlet of the California Aqueduct. Of those in attendance everyone reportedly had some luck. Scott Naylor made his way down to the power line island and tagged several. Mr. Whopper reported the big fish at 18 inches. There was no official challenge to his big fish title, but one must keep in mind that this is the same fellow who claims to have caught and release a 36 inch Stripper in the forebay while talking to his long lost brother on his cel phone. You be the judge! The previous weekend Frank, Rick and Sutter Creek Tim fished the east islands and the Wind Surfer bay with good success, reporting lots of small schoolies. All in all no fish over 18-19 inches, but lots of action.

If you're considering going to San Luis, generally this is a good time of year. The winds have died down, the moss has died back and the fish are still active. They will slow down as the water gets cold but you can fish both the forebay and the big lake right through the winter. Wind can always be a factor at San Luis, So check out "windfinder" If you Google: wind forecast San Luis Reservoir it will be at the top of the list. It's a very handy website and gives a much better prediction of the wind patterns than the Reservoir's recorded telephone message. As for tackle, plan on a 7-9 weight rod, with an integrated sinking line and a Clouser (fly of the month) would be a great fly to tie on.. ..ed.

Fly of the month: Clouser Minnow



Hook: [TMC 200R, #4-8](#)

Thread: [Danville White 6/0](#)

Eye: [Nickel Hourglass eyes](#), pearlescent with black pupils.

Abdomen: [White Bucktail](#)

Wing: [Chartreuse Bucktail](#) with a bit of [Chartreuse Super Hair](#)

Overwing: [Light Blue Super Hair](#)

Note: this is one of many color variations that the Clouser can be tied in the is relatively small suitable for trout and bass. When targeting Stripers or other larger game fish consider hook sizes of 2-2/0.

Materials for the Clouser will be provided at Fly tying on Wednesday, November 16th.

Note: Tying information for this and a variety of other information can be found on Steve Ojai's website The website is also a great source for California fishing info.

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<http://stevenojai.tripod.com/fishdist.htm>

Salinas Valley Flyfishers2011 Outing Schedule and Programs**

November 9th.	General Meeting	Spreckels Fire House	Jeff Heitzenrater DFG	Mick Micheli	455-1007
November 16th.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Clouser	Rick McCombs	385-4778
November 23rd.	Board meeting	Airport Restaurant	Business meeting Members welcome	Mick Micheli	455-1007
November 24th.	Happy Thanksgiving	Happy Thanksgiving	Happy Thanksgiving	Happy Thanksgiving	
December 14th.	General meeting	Spreckels Fire House	Christmas gift "exchange"	Mick Micheli	455-1007
December 21st.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Crawdad	Bill Pshide / Rick Mc	424-3063 385-4778
December 25th.	Merry Christmas	Merry Christmas	Merry Christmas	Merry Christmas	
December 28th.	Board meeting	Airport Restaurant	Business meeting Members welcome	Mick Micheli	455-1007

Annual Dinner January 14th.

Please put it on your calendar! This year we'll be going to the Restaurant at Laguna Seca Golf Course for our annual dinner. Both the accommodations and meal stand to be Excellent. Bring your checkbook to next week's meeting so you are sure to get in on the early bird drawing. No hype! This is going to be the biggest and best annual ever. Guests and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Early Bird Special (see double your odd offer in buy / sell section –page 4)

Be sure to sign up early for the annual dinner and be included on the early bird drawing. This is how it works: sign up early, pay your annual dues and dinner charge \$35 each before the end of Dec. and you're in!!

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

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News Notes and Ads

Important Notice For San Luis Reservoir

All those who plan to attend the outing at San Luis Forebay should be aware that the state has implemented the following:

San Luis Res. Vessel Inspection for Quagga and Zebra Mussels is now in effect.

All Boats This includes float tubes and Pontoons must be inspected.

Your boat must be dry with no moisture on any boots, waders.

Anything brought into the lake with your vessel must be clean, dry.

There will be inspection stations set up all entrances to the park.

Inspections are free.

Inspection stations will open at 6:00 a.m and close at 8:00 p.m.

SRA Information #: (209)826-1197

Also check out "windfinder" for San Luis wind forecast.

Fishing Notes

Hunter Liggett is still kicking out fish. As of last weekend the Bluegill and some Bass were still cooperating at the fort. Paul Dobin, Jay Jefferson, the Gambettas and Rick McCombs all headed out last weekend. Several ponds were open. They fished Coleman and Del Venturie.

Raffle Note:

This month's raffle will feature Simms product from Geoff Malloway at Central Coast Fly Fishing.

Geoff has been most generous in helping to upgrade our raffles.

When you're in the area please stop and say thanks.

(Be sure to ask Geoff about his pet gopher and the picture of superman he keeps in the restroom)

Buy, Sell, give away and get the word out

Spey Rod For Sale
Cortland 13 ft., 5 piece, 6 weight Spey rod.
Pristine condition \$200 to Club Member
Call: Jay @ 809-0290

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

Double your odds: Early bird special
If you bring your payment to this month's meeting you'll get an additional ticket in the early bird drawing.

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

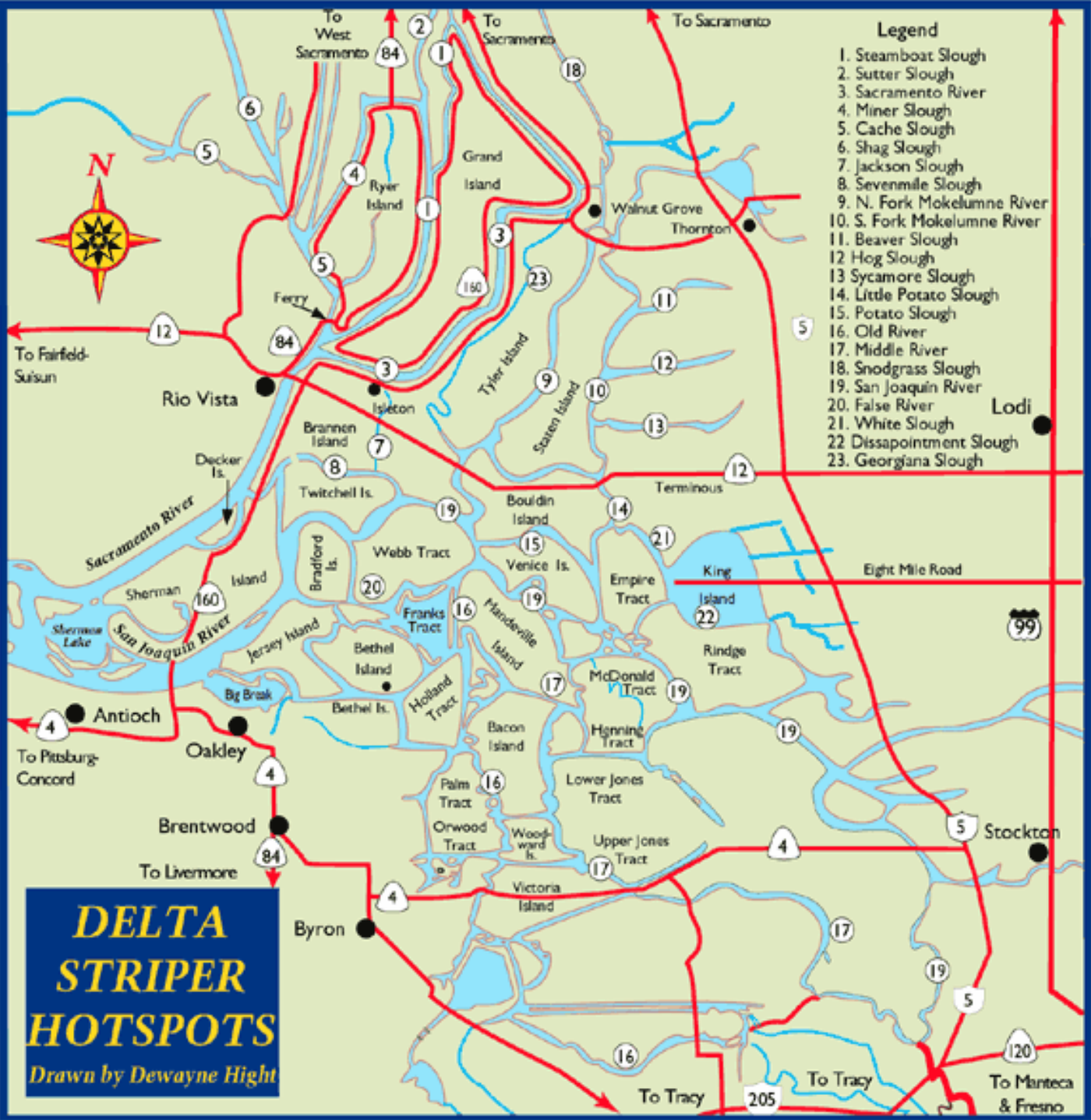
Old guys!!! For those 62 and older, did you know that for \$10 you can get a National Parks and Rec. Pass. This is good for life. Not that that will be long. This pass gets you 1/2 off camping and free through Yosemite and other national parks

Fly of the Month:

Clouser Minnow



Winter Time on the Delta



While we're thinking about stripers, don't forget the Delta. Look for brief period of nice weather. Talk to Loren Kitamura or Dave Gambetta for more information. Map from Fish Sniffer website.. Check them out! For those interested in an area where they can camp and fish from a pontoon or float tube, Check out: Westgate Landing Park. This is on Glasscock Rd. off of Hwy 12 about a mile east of Tower Park on the Mokelumne River. Go on line and take a look. 14 Campsites right over the levee from the water, reservation on line \$15/night

Board of Directors Meeting
Airport / Landing Zone

@ 6:00
November 23rd.

Fly Tying
Wedn. November 16th.
Airport Board Room
6:00 pm

General Meeting
Spreckels Fire House
7:00 pm, Nov. 9th..

Annual Dinner
January 14th. @
Balesteri's
Laguana Seca Golf Ranch

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