



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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FLY TIMES

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"Sawdust and Splinters"

By: President— Mick Micheli

Presidents Massage

Welcome to 2011, everyone!
This is going to be a great year to get out and hit the water.

Dave Gambetta, I would like to thank you so much for keeping this fine organization on track this past year. The club just gets better every year and we truly have a bunch of wonderful people that make it so. To the board members who are leaving; *Bill Pshide* and *Dave Hilbert*, a big thanks to you guys. You will be sorely missed.

With that, I want to introduce my 2011 Board of Directors; *Deb Micheli*. She will be in charge so don't worry. I think it's going to be a good year. She will also be my secretary. Thank you, Babe. 37 years and you still turn me on! The rest of you I like, but that's as far as it goes. My V.P. this year is our veteran office holder *Jay Jefferson*. He's already got programs set

through June and more on the way. If you have an idea for a program please let us know. *Roger Caton* "THE BANK", I feel for you Roger. I can spend it faster than you can bring it in my friend. I'm sure he will keep me in check. *Richard Wilson* and *Dan Balma* will be put on every committee I can think of, so when they call to remind you of outings or activities, please be kind to them. They will be much stressed, and they are very sensitive guys. Seriously I can't wait to get to work with everyone and make this a year to remember, one way or the other. Last but not least *Rick McCombs*. What can I say about a guy, who never go's away? Editor extraordinaire? Yes. Friend and mentor? Definitely. Asset to the club? What would we do without him? Don't go there! Thanks Rick so much for all you do, and thanks to all who lend a hand.. -Mick

Welcome in the New Fishing Year

This month's meeting at the Spreckles Fire House will focus on activities for the 2011 fishing year. In addition there will be a presentation on Aquatic nymphs including: Stone flies, Midges, Caddis, Damsels and Mayflies. As for planning for the year, please take some time to think about what special outings and activities you'd like the club to present. The board has already come up with several things, but there's always room for more.

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



Fly Tying

History of the Copper John

THE COPPER JOHN went through several design changes over a period of about three years beginning in 1993. The early patterns caught fish, but I didn't consider it finished until 1996. After trying numerous hook styles, I settled on the Tiemco 5262, a 2XL, 2X heavy hook. (For those new to fly tying, this simply means a hook with a shank that is twice* as long as a standard dry-fly hook, and wire that's twice* as heavy.) I tried many hook styles, but the proportions just came out the best on the Tiemco 5262, and it was a good strong hook. In the first version, I wrapped natural-colored copper wire on the hook shank to form the abdomen. Because the fly had no underbody, the abdomen didn't have any taper. The original pattern's tail and legs were Hungarian partridge and the thorax was wrapped peacock herl with an epoxied turkey quill wing case. I first saw epoxy used to coat wing cases years ago on a Hal Jansen's Callibaetis nymph pattern. The epoxy may give off a little glow that many emerging nymphs and pupae exhibit. I do not know if the epoxy makes the fly more effective, but it sure gives the fly curb appeal. At first I only tied the fly in natural copper. Michael White, owner of Blue Ribbon Sales, who lives in Boulder, Colorado, suggested I try red and green wire. It took me a few years to try the red and green, which turned out to be productive colors. I also changed the materials for the tail and legs. The partridge wasn't very durable, so I switched from hen-back feathers to fibers for the legs and to goose blots for the tail. The hen-back fibers were durable and came in a variety of mottled colors. To make the fly sink faster, I wrapped lead wire on the hook under the thorax. I chose the metal bead, lead, wire abdomen, and slim profile to achieve the fastest sink finished.rate possible. I added a tapered thread underbody so the abdomen had a nice taper when the wire was wrapped over it. The fly was almost where I wanted it. The final piece was put into place when artist Dave Hall suggested pulling a single piece of pearl Flashabou

Fly of the month: Copper John



Hook: Size 10-18 Tiemco 5262

Bead: Gold

Weight: Lead Wire

Thread: Black 70-denier Ultra Thread

Tail: Brown goose biots

Abdomen: Copper Ultra Wire

Wing Case : Black Thin Skin and pearl Flashabou covered with 30-minute epoxy

Thorax: Peacock herl

Legs: Mottled brown hen back

Materials for this fly will be provided at this month's fly tying.

**Contact Bill (424-3063) or Rick (385-4778) if you have questions regarding this month's fly and material.*

** Contact Jay (809-0290) regarding Time and Place*

over the thin skin before the epoxy went on and the pattern was finished.

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Excerpted from [Barr Flies](#)

Salinas Valley Flyfishers2011 Outing Schedule and Programs**

Feb. 9th.	Monthly Meeting	Spreckles Fire House	Topic: "Bug of the Underworld"	Mick Micheli	455-1007
Feb. 12-13th.	Club Outing	O'Niell Forebay San Luis Res.	Stripers	Dave Gambetta	970-5065
Feb. 16th.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Copper John	Bill Pshide Rick McC.	424-3063 385-4778
Feb. 23rd	SVFF Board meeting	Airport Restaurant	Board Activities	Mick Micheli	455-1007
March 12-13th.	Club Outing	Hunter Liggett	Bass / Bluegil	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
April 30th	Club Outing Trout Opener	Los Padres Reservoir	Trout	Danny Balma	653-9628
May 13-15	Outing	Rooster Comb Ranch	Bass / Bluegil	Mick Micheli	455-1007

History of the "Fisherman of the year"

This award was established in 1988 and continue until 2000. Current member who have received this award are all Life Member now and include: Jack Clark, Jay Murakoshi, Bill Dickens Mick Micheli, and Rick McCombs The award was based on points earned on club outings for participation and fish caught. Mick is planning to reestablish a revised version of this award. Please forward your thought to Mick..

Sign up now for Clear Creek:

The Clear Creek Outing is set for **June 24-26**. This outing is "Member First" until Feb. 9th meeting. w/ 10 people max. Contact Jay 809-0290 by the Feb. 9th. The cost is \$334 + food, for two days two night.

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

For information regarding the web-site contact Dave Gambetta at:

424-5119 or e-mail: pumpdokter@comcast.net

Special thanks for the support of:

**Geoff Malloway
Central Coast Fly Fishing
7172 Carmel Valley Rd.
Carmel, CA
(626-6586)**

News Notes and Ads

Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show is coming up on February 25-27. This show seems to be steadily improved each year, so think about putting it on your list for things to do in 2011.

(note): The **International Sportsmen's Exposition**: is not scheduled this year in San Mateo.

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 (March - TBA)

Pyramid Lake-Nevada (March / 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:

Include: presentation by; *Scott Naylor* (Rattle Snakes), *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

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Items to buy, sell or give away?? Call ed. @ 385-4778 or
e-mail @ rickmcfly@sbcglobal.net

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 level

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

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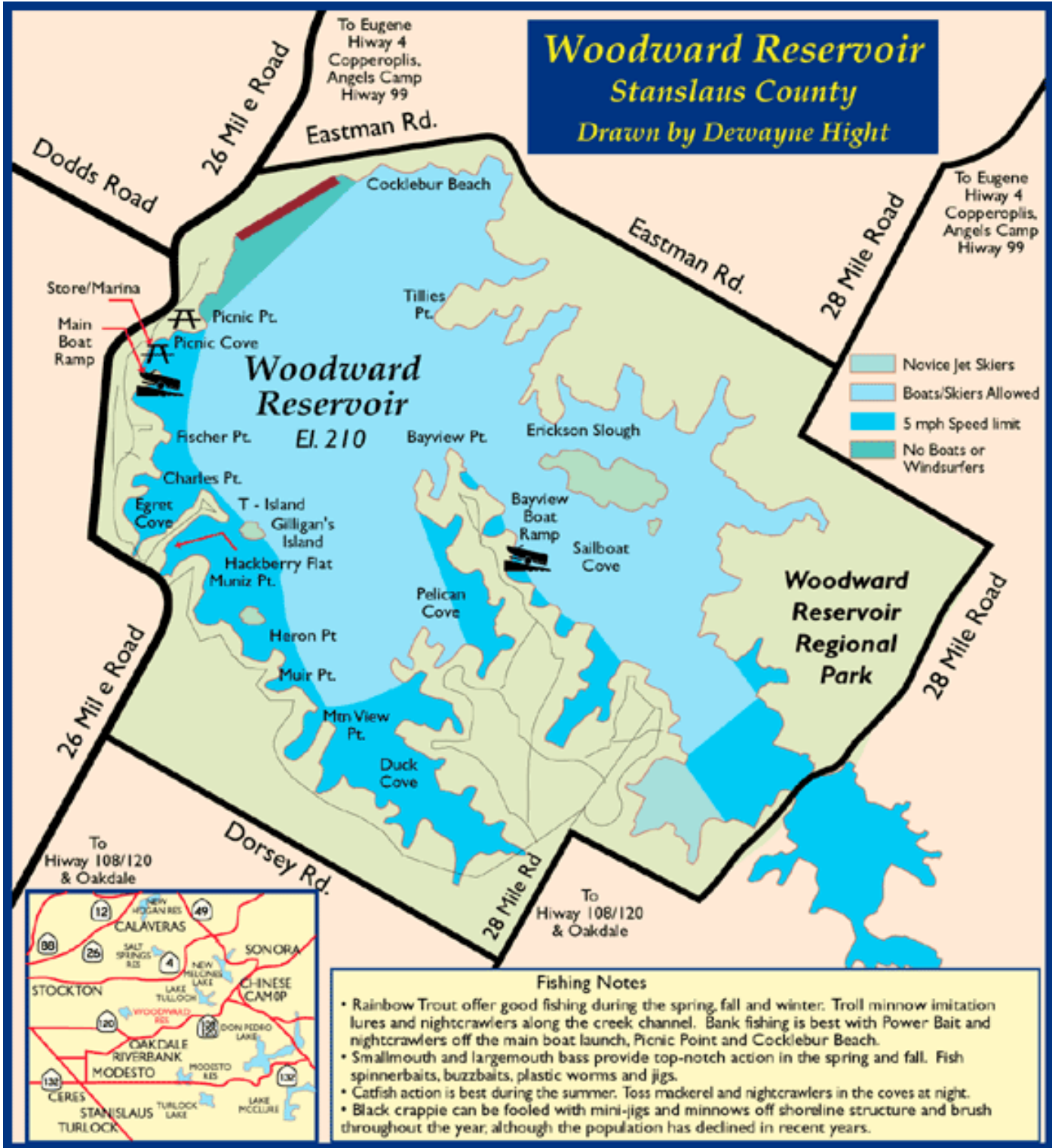
Old guys!!! For those 62 and older, did you know that for \$10 you can get a National Parks and Rec. Pass. This is good for life. Not that that will be long.

Fly of the Month:

Copper John



Woodward Res.. Check out the maps on the Fish Sniffer web site



Here's one we'd like to check out.. Not too far away, Year round fishing. If you have any info., let us know..

Board of Directors Meeting
Airport / Landing Zone
@ 6:00
February 23rd.

Fly Tying
Wedn., Feb 16th.
@ 7:00
A/P Board room

The Fly Fishing Show
Pleasanton
February 25-27th
9:00-5:30

February 9th
General Meeting
Spreckles, Fire House
@ 7:00 P.M.

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