



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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THE FLY TIMES

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The Windy Thistle.. Chapter IX

By: President- Jay O.D. Jefferson

August came and went with not a whole lot of fishing going on as near as I could tell. I hope you folks out there got out on the water.

Our August meeting featured Catherine Bowie from California American Water. She provided us with a pretty informative talk on what Cal Water is doing for the local Steelhead population. The topics she covered included the overdraft situation, changes in the pumping station and future plans for a desalination plant. Mick and Deb showed a brief slide show of their recent 2 week fishing trip. Thanks guys!

The September 10th. general meeting program will feature Jay Murakoshi. He'll have a slide show covering this years fishing in Baja. If you haven't seen Jay's program, this is one you won't want to miss.

The outing this month will be the Merced River, Rick should

have more information elsewhere in the newsletter for those who are interested. If you haven't made this outing in the past, I highly recommend it. A few of us fished it early in August, but the water was pretty warm and conditions weren't quite right. Things should be better with the shorter days, the water temps will hopefully be back down into the low 60's making for some nice wet wading and fish catching too.

Bill Pside is heading up a fly fish instruction day at Rancho Ceilo. This will be set similar to the programs that we did for the Boy Scouts a few years ago. Bill plans to have us host 4 "mini seminars" on the subjects of: Reading the Water, Tackle Selection, Fly Tying, and Fly Casting. This will all take place on September 13th. starting at 9:00 am. Anyone interested should see Bill at the meeting or give him a call..

T'll next time...

Jay O.D.

Murakoshi Does Baja...

Got tequila? Well, its time to put on your sombrero, stir up that margarita and get into the "South of the Border" mood. Jay will be back this month with a raccoon suntan and slide show to prove that he's been there. Jay spent a couple of months guiding fishing trips this year, so chances are he's got plenty of stories to tell. Aside from Jay's program, We should have some good fishing reports, Info for the up coming Merced and Lower Sacramento outings, and some casting on the lawn prior to the start of the meeting.. C.U.

Rumor: Rumor has it that Dave Gambetta has arranged for casting on the lawn prior to this month's general meeting. Come early and see if it's true!! Dave will provide rods and prizes.. I'll be there! .ed



What's coming up?
Merced River
Lower Sacramento
Lewiston / Trinity
Carson River
Heenan lake (now open)

Next Meeting= Sept. 17th.

Merced River Basics

by: Bud Tuggley

Well, I'm back to share a little trivia on fishing one of my favorite streams: the Merced River. This time of year, it's a great place to work on your dry fly stream fishing. First you don't need a big rod. A 3 or 4 weight is just about perfect. No need to worry about a fancy reels either. Pretty much anything that holds line will do. You can nymph here if you choose, but this is pocket water that is especially well suited for dry flies.. A wading staff is optional, but can be helpful. You won't need waders either, but felt wading boots are essential and tungsten studs are nice if you've got them. Rig up with 7-9 ft. 5x leader. Put on a generic attractor pattern for starters, something that you can see in a size 12 or 14. (Elk Hair Caddis, Adams, Rio Grand King, or Humpy). Plan to work upstream slowly fanning short cast into the lightly broken water and along the scum lines. Focus on water that's about knee deep. When working deeper pool start on the shallow edges. To avoid drag, keep the rod high with just the leader on the water as much as possible. Be stealthy and keep the cast short. Drag will kill you on this stream .. And ask one of the old guys to come along if you need some pointers... And here's a Tuggley trick to try: From up stream , drift a fly almost over the little mini water falls then bounce it back up stream and repeat, keeping as much line as you can off the water...
 That's it for now.. Bud Tuggley

The Merced River is the September outing. With a little luck, it won't be too hot, and if that's the case fishing should be great. There will be a sign-up and more info at next Wednesday's meeting. You may encounter some delay at the slide which is about a mile down stream from Indian Flat Campground ((209) 379-2339.) The temporary bridge has been improve to except vehicle combos with a total length of up to 45 feet. We'll be camping at Indian Flat Campground. It's about the only place to camp with the exception of some tent sites on the west side below the Foresta Bridge. Cedar Lodge ((888) 742-4371 or (209)379-2612) is located adjacent to the campground if you're so inclined. Rooms start at about \$100/ night. Both the campground and Motel have website that you can Google.. As for the fishing: standard small stream tackle is the ticket. The Merced is mostly freestone pocket water and a word to the wise: the rocks can be slippery. If you're bringing a RV you might want to call Jay Jefferson and If you want more fishing info give Rick or Fishmaster Jay a buz..
 -ed.

Salinas Valley Flyfishers 2008 Outing Schedule and Programs

Date:	Activity:	Location:	Species / Program:	Contact:	Tele / e-mail:
<u>July 12th</u>	<u>Annual BBO</u>	Jefferson Ranch/ Salinas River	<u>Remember!! no regular meeting in July!!</u>	Jay Jefferson	633-6276
<u>July 16th</u>	<u>Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	<u>TBA</u>	Bill Pside	424-3063
<u>July 19th</u>	<u>Surf fishing outing</u>	Monterey beach	<u>Surf Perch</u>	Paul Gaske	
<u>July 23rd.</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>	Salinas Airport	<u>Business Meeting</u>	Jay Jefferson	633-6276
<u>September 10th</u>	<u>General meeting</u>	Community Center	<u>Jay Murakoshi</u>	Roger Caton	633-4659
<u>September 17th</u>	<u>Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	<u>Rio Grande King</u>	Rick McCombs	385-4778
<u>September 19-21</u>	<u>Outing</u>	Merced River	<u>Rainbow Trout</u>	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
<u>September 24th</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>	Salinas Airport	<u>Business Meeting</u>	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
<u>October</u>	<u>Outing / Float trip</u>	Lower Sac.	<u>Rainbow Trout</u>	TBA	

A Word From Ernie's

We are excited to announce that after 31 great years in the flyfishing business, we have decided to retire. Beginning in September, all merchandise will be at least 20% off regular prices. These prices will include all fishing tackle, flies, accessories, books, DVD's, flytying materials, vises and related accessories, as well as all apparel, waders, wading boots, vests, packs, luggage and float boats. We want to thank you for being a part of our life these past years. We appreciate your loyalty and patronage. We have greatly enjoyed being your flyfishing shop and hope to see you during our closeout to thank you personally. Sale does not include Ernie's Collectibles...
Thanks you all, Diane and Ernie

Notice: Ernie's Casting Pond will be closing after 31 year of serving the Central Coast. 20% off everything in the store until the end of November. Stop by and give and Ernie and Diana a big thank-you.

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

Special thanks for the support of:

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Carmel, CA
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**Ernie's Casting Pond
4845 Soquel Dr.
Soquel, CA
(462-4665)**

News Notes and Ads

The Salinas Valley Fly Fishers now have custom fly boxes with our club name on them.

This Month at the Vise: This month Jay (can't leave it alone) Jefferson will be demonstrating his version of the Rio Grande King. We have yet to fish this version but it looks pretty damn good in the vise. Jay's version substitutes Antron yarn for the calf tail wing, then also posts the but end of the yarn up for greater visibility. You'll have to come to fly tying on 17th. And see for yourself..

Rio Grande King: (Materials)

Hook: TMC 100 / M94840 **Hackle:** Brown
Tail: Golden pheasant **Thread:** Black 6/0
Body: Peacock Herl
Wing: White Antron

Parachute Adams: (Materials)

Hook: TMC 100 / M94840 **Body:** Gray dubbing
Thread: Gray 6/0 **Rib:** none
Tail: Moose Mane **Wing:** White Calf tail
Hackle: Brown and Grizzly mixed

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

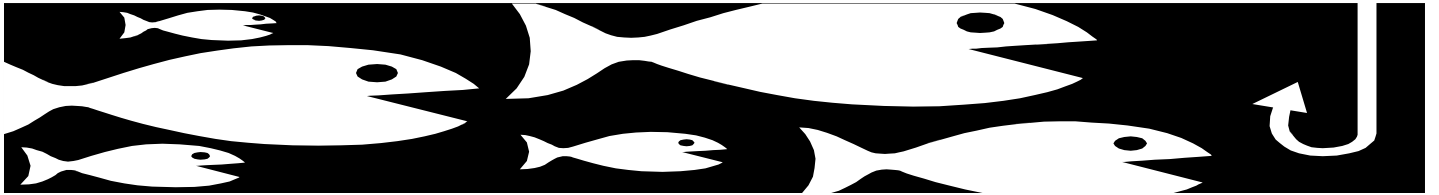
If you club or business is interested in adopting a section of Hwy101
 Contact the First Lady:
 Jeanette Green, Adopt-a-highway Coordinator
 831-372-1132

Fly tying every 3rd Wednesday

Gambetta can't fish

.Fly of the Month. (Jay's Rio Grande Hooker)

Fly Tying at the airport is on September 17th. Starting at 6:00 or show up a little early and join us for dinner. See materials list above on this page.. All members and guests welcome..



Merced River

Map from:
The Fish Sniffer



*Merced River
Stanislaus and
Sierra Natl. Forests
Mariposa County*
Drawn by Dewayne Hight

Merced River Fishing Notes

- Rainbow Trout fishing is available year round in the stretch from the Foresta Bridge to Lake McClure. However, the limit is 2 trout from November 16 though the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April. The limit switches to 5 trout per day and 10 in possession during the general trout season, Fish ranging from 12 to 16 inches are common, with fish over 20 inches spicing up catches. Bait, spinners and flies all will work.
- German Browns are caught throughout the year, usually by anglers fishing for rainbows. Anglers should note that the Merced from the western boundary of Yosemite National Park at El Portal down to Foresta Bridge is open to fishing year round with only artificial lures with barbless hooks allowed. The limit is 0 rainbow trout and 5 brown trout per day and 10 browns in possession.
- Smallmouth Bass action is best when the water warms from June through September. Fish nightcrawlers, crawdad

Fishy places to try: Try the small pools that step up to the flat water across from Cedar Lodge, The pocket water between Foresta Bridge and the big pool (Billy's pool) across from the sewage treatment plant. and the deep pools behind the hotels just below the park boundary..

D.G. is a pansy

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.

**September outing
Merced River
September 19-21st.**

**Fly Tying.
September 17th @ 6:00
the airport**

**Board Meeting
Sept. 24th. @ 6:00
Salinas Airport**

**Its time to think about
Striper at San Luis?
Where are you AI?**

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