



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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THE FLY TIMES

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The Windy Thistle.. Chapter XIII

By: President- Jay O.D. Jefferson

Well happy New Year and welcome to the 41st. Year of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers. We finished out the old year with the December "Gift Exchange" Bill Pshide ended up with the gag gift which entitled him to free dues in 2009. Rick presented a short program on casting styles and this was followed by a wading safety video. By the way for any who are interested, the wading safety video is available in our club library on either DVD or cassette. You can contact Dave Gambetta for more information.

As for the new year, I hope that everyone will make it a priority to do plenty of fishing and while you're at it take the time to get actively involved in the club. For starters make sure that your calendar includes a big red circle around January 17th. That's the night of the annual dinner at the Cathay House. The prize table is full and we plan to give away a

pontoon boat, a float tube and several rods among all the other goodies. We'll be presenting the annual Sportsman of the year and the Mud Hen award. The race is very close for both of these "prestigious" awards so you won't want to miss it..It could be you!

At the last board meeting we discussed ways that members could take a more active role. First on the list, we need a new person or committee to take over for Dave Hilbert as refreshment chairman. I want to thank Dave and Denise for doing such a nice job of keeping us feed, Great goodies!! We also need help with ideas and fishmasters for this years outing. Rick has volunteered to be the outing chairman, so pass your ideas on to him and be sure to fill out the questionnaire at the annual dinner. We need your input and involvement to make 2009 a great fishing year

T'll next time.. Jay O.D.

SVFF Annual Dinner...The Mud Hen and More

That's Saturday, January 17th... Same place as last year: The Cathay House on Monterey Street in Salinas. The doors will open @ 6:00 pm, Dinner about 7:00 pm.. Guests and family are encouraged to attend. Somebody should be calling you, but if you don't get a call right away give Sonny a call (757-3576). In addition to Food, Friends and Fun, there will be a extravagant raffle, an ongoing slide show and dubious awards. Come early and bring your friends, family, your wallet and your senses of humor...Cuz they'll be serving CORN..

Help to make 2009 the best outing year ever! What's your New Year's resolution?



**February
General meeting
Wednesday, Feb 11th.**

**Knot-Fest and Tackle-Up
Planning session for the 2009
outing destinations**

Answer: Fish More

It's time to pick and chose.....

*Okay, let's face it. The Board of Directors hasn't figured out where you want to go fishing. For that matter, they probably never will unless you give them some feed back. Now let's back up a step. First, You need to decide if you are going to go fishing this year... If the answer is unequivocally no, then read no further...Hell you're off the hook. If the answer is yes, maybe, I think so, or I might If I had somebody to; go with, meet up with, show me how, help me out, give me some encouragement, shove me in, tell me I should, take me along, loan me some gear, not laugh at me when I fall in or help me up if I do... Then you're the person that I'm looking for.. Cuz by god, we're going fishing this year and we're going to do it a lot. And we're willing to drag your sweet ass along if you're willing to go, pay for half the gas and bring your own frig'n sleeping bag. You with me so far? Bob Marini wants to fish the Delta for Large Mouth and Stripers, Dave Gambetta wants to fish Hunter Liggett for Bass, Dave Hilbert wants to go back to the Merced, Frank Cunha is going to the American for Steelhead. Jay O.D. wants to go back to Rancho Seco. I want to do a drift on the Mokelumne below Comanche Reservoir. Jack Clark says this may be his last summer a Lake Almanor. Jay Murakoshi says we should all go to Baja. Well, what the heck do you say?? **Here's what you need to do....***

Step #1 Assess your fishing gear. What kind of fishing are you geared up for. Make a list. And bring it to the February meeting..

Step #2 What kind of fishing would you like to do? Is it Bass, Bluegill, Big Lake Trout , or Tarpon? Write it down. That's okay, it can be on the same piece of paper that you bring to the meeting in February.

Step #3 Where do you want to fish? Look on line. Look at the fish sniffer, Fishabout, fishing destinations, what about private waters, Sugar Creek, Kelsey Ranch, How about Baum Lake, the Pit, the Sac, the Walker, You name it. Never heard of these places, willing to go anywhere? That's better yet, Are you willing to help out to organize an outing? We're getting warm! How about being outing Fishmaster. We're hot!!

Step #4 Come to the February meeting.

See you there.....ed. (the czar)

Salinas Valley Flyfishers 2008 Outing Schedule and Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Featuring</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
<u>January 17th.</u>	<u>Annual Dinner</u>	Cathay House	<u>Food and Fun</u>	Sonny Wun	757-3576
<u>January 21st.</u>	<u>Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	<u>Steelhead flies</u>	Bill Pshide	424-3063
<u>January 28th</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>	Salinas Airport	<u>Outings for 2009</u>	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
<u>Feb 11th</u>	<u>Monthly meeting</u>	Community Center	<u>Knot and Tackle Fest III</u>	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
<u>Feb 14th</u>	<u>Casting Clinic @ Striper Fest</u>	Jefferson Ranch	<u>Casting Clinic and striper fishing</u>	Rick McCombs	385-4778
<u>Feb 18th</u>	<u>Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	<u>Pyramid flies</u>	Bill Pshide	424-3063
<u>Feb 28-3/1</u>	<u>Fishing Outing</u>	Pyramid Lake	<u>Cutthroat</u>	Rick McCombs	385-4778 / (209) 267-8088
<u>March 11th</u>	<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	Community Center	<u>Ken Hanley</u>	Jay Jefferson	809-0290
<u>March 14-15</u>	<u>Fishing Outing</u>	Hunter Liggett	<u>Bass / Bluegill</u>	Dave Gambetta	42405119
<u>March 18th.</u>	<u>Fly Tying</u>	Salinas Airport	<u>Bass Flies</u>	Bill Pshide	424-3063

The Annual Dinner January 17th at the Cathay House

“Unless you have a ritual for getting your tackle ready, no one will regard you as a serious fisherman”
-Willam J. Hjortsberg

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:

Geoff Malloway

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

News Notes and Ads

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

They are available from Sonny or at the general meeting for \$10

Leave the River as You Found it

Zane Grey Wrote, "If I fished only to capture fish, My fishing would have ended long ago." And so it is with most Anglers. The thrill of the catch is often over shadowed by nature's breath-taking grandeur.

Fishermen become a part of the water they fish. As naturalist John Muir observed, "When one tugs on a single thing in nature, one find its attached to the rest of the world"

Only when we approach the water with respect do we gain its fullest measure of enjoyment. The fish aren't always biting, but Mother Nature is always watching. So we'd best behave ourselves.

From: *The Fisherman's Guide to Life*, by: Criswell Freeman

Got Something to sell, give away, or need?

Kodak Carousel 5600 projector w/built-in viewer screen
Remote control
Zoom lens 102 - 152
Tiffen hard carrying case
Kodak EC stack loader
9 carousel slide trays
\$75.00 + shipping ..Jay Murakoshi at jaysflies@me.com

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

Planning to fish At San Luis Reservoir or the Forebay? Call (800) 805-4805 or (209) 826-9019

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

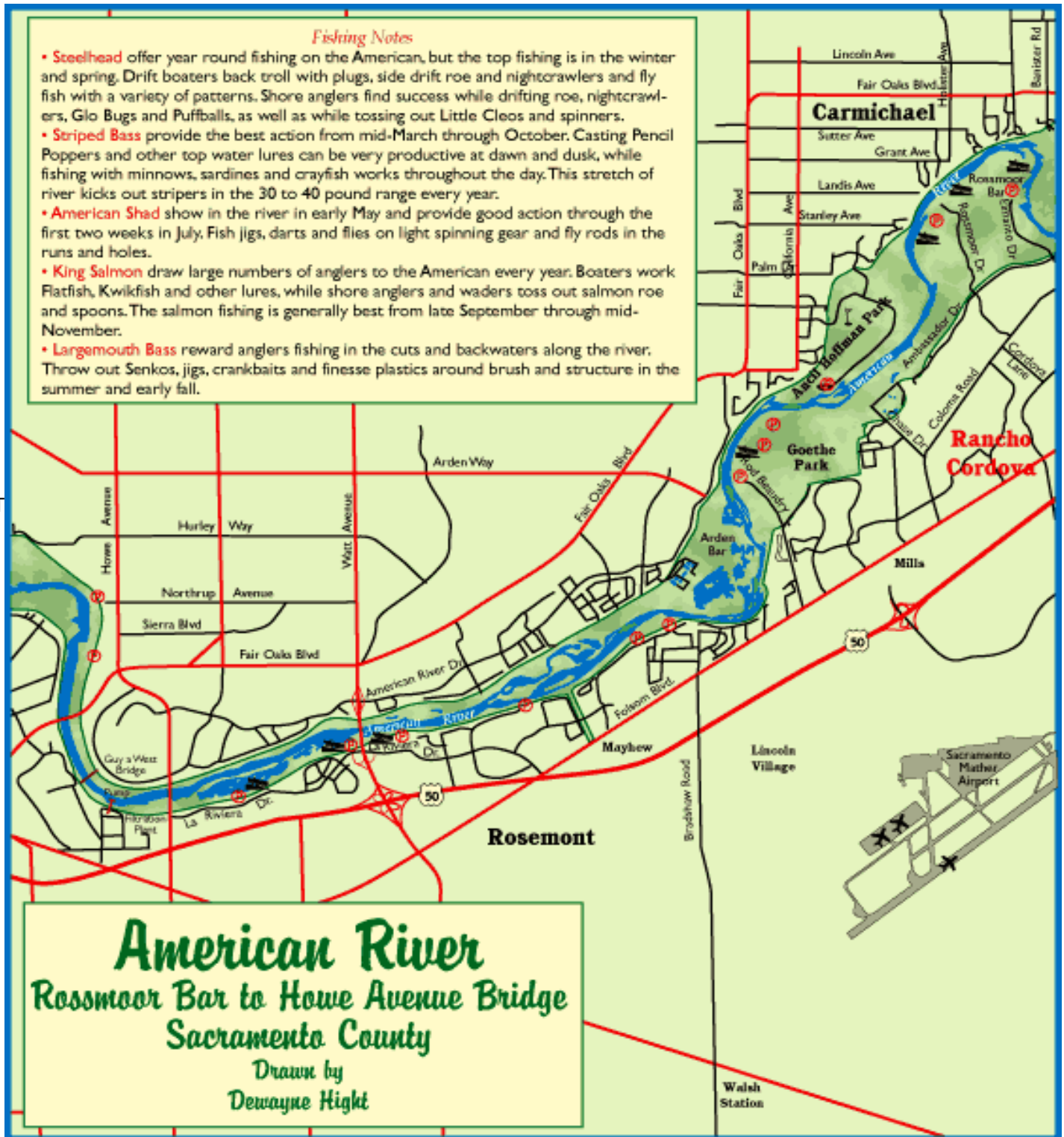
Old Farts!!! For those 62 and older, did you know that for \$10 you can get a National Parks and Rec. Pass. This is good for life and gets you 1/2 off at

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 of the Month.

The Red Butted Skunk



Visit the Fish Sniffer website for more information on this and plenty of other worthwhile places to fish. This is a great place for a drift with a guide or in your own pontoon boat, and not too far away..

Annual Dinner

January 17th

Fly Tying.

**January 21
@ the airport**

**Board Meeting
January 28th @ 6:00
Salinas Airport**

**Have you got your
fishing license for
2009?**

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