

The Shasta Caster

The Monthly newsletter of the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers,
An organization dedicated to fly fishing and individuals who love the sport.

March 2009

The President's _____ Line

We continue to push ahead with our new programs with enthusiasm and renewed energy. Help your club by attending club functions.

New for 2009 as requested by club tiers: Monthly fly tying every **first Tuesday of the month**. This program will be at Good Time Pizza, in Palo Cedro and held from 5:30 pm till 8:45 pm. New and interesting fly techniques and patterns will be covered.

The Nor Cal Boat Show in Anderson is March 6 - 9. **Walt Cole** and his group of tiers and helpers will do a great job representing our club. Thanks to All!

Club Web page: Thanks to **Guy Manning** our web page is about finished -- look for it soon at: **shastatrinityflyfishers.org**. In the near future, the Shasta Caster and all information of interest to our club members will appear on the web site, and the newsletter will be sent electronically. **MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS**. The site will also link us to other fly fishing sites, provide interesting fly patterns, inform of our fish outs, possibly have member for sale or trade items, as well as other subjects of interest to members. Welcome to the electronic age of the future. (No email? It's okay -- we will still send a few printed Shasta Caster information bulletins to those folks).

Thanks to **Glen Graham and Robert Roth** for their work on the Battle Creek dam removal committee. We won this one.

Banquet: March 28th at Win-River. **Dennis Black** and his committee have done a great job getting the banquet together. We have the best list of raffle and auction prizes I have seen for some time. There is something for everyone, including our favorite gals, such as rods, reels, trips, carvings and a lot more. If you haven't got your ticket see Dennis at the General Meeting. This will be one to remember.

We have a found a **Conservation Chair** -- **Jim Shilling** has agreed to this highly important job. Look for him to put together a committee soon and a great club project. If you're interested in helping on the committee give Jim a call at 464-6187.

We need a club representative for the Northern California Council of Fly Fishing Clubs. If you would be interested please contact Bill Lenheim.

By the way our coffee morning meetings are a huge success, so plan on making one soon. They are the 1st and 4th Thursday of the month.

This is your club and you can help make it better by planning to be active on one of the committee's. Your help can make a difference.

Tight Lines,
Bill Lenheim
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*STFF is pleased to welcome new member **John Watt**. John lives at 9911 Hillview Drive in Palo Cedro (96073) and can be reached at retfly@frontiernet.net or 530-547-3046.*

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Calendar of Events

March 2009

- 4** Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m
- 6-8** Boat, Sports & RV Show
Shasta District Fairgrounds
- 10** Fishout – Donner Hat Creek
Fishmaster – Earl Johnston
- 11** Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 13-14** Northwest Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing
Expo, Albany, Oregon
- 17** Fishout – Trinity River Float
Fishmaster – Jerry Marks
- 21, 26** Fishout – Donner Hat Creek
Fishmaster – Earl Johnston
- 28** **Annual Banquet**
Win River Casino, 6:00 p.m.
- 2nd and 4th Thursdays** – Breakfast gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

April 2009

- 1** Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 2** Fishout – Trinity Holy Water
Fishmaster – Bill Lenheim
- 7** Fishout – Trinity Holy Water
Fishmaster – Bill Lenheim
- 8** Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 18** Fishout – Lewiston Lake
Fishmaster – Benson Kanemoto

May 2009

Monday, May 18 – Membership
Meeting (Note change of date)

STFF 2009 FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
March	Tuesday 10	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
March	Tuesday 17	Trinity River Float	Jerry Marks
March	Saturday 21	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
March	Thursday 26	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
April	Thursday 02	Trinity Holy Water	Bill Lenheim
April	Tuesday 07	Trinity Holy Water	Bill Lenheim
April	Saturday 18	Lewiston Lake	Benson K
May	Tuesday 12	Clear Creek	Jerry Waybright
May	Thursday 28	Shasta Lake Bass	John Gantner
June	Fri/Sa/Sun 12-14	Upper Klamath River	Art Agnew
June	Saturday 20	Lake Almanor Hex	Dale Huffman
June	Saturday 27	Manzanita Lake	Allen Slattery
July	Tuesday 14	Pit River	Gerald Nelson
July	Thursday 23	Whiskeytown Lake	Bill Hale
August	Sun-Thur 2-6	Klamath Lake, OR	Fred David
August	Friday 14	Iron Canyon Res.	Don Wieseman
September	Friday 11	Upper Sac.	Gerald Nelson
September	Wednesday 23	McCloud Res.	Bill Hale
October	Sun-Wed 25-29	Rogue River	Jerry Marks
November	Thu-Sat 5-7	Delta Striperfest	Art Agnew
November	Wed. 18	Trinity Steelhead	Ross Morrison
December	Friday 11	Lower Sac Float	Walt Cole

Bonus Fishouts to be announced. Please note that there have been changes since the previously announced schedule and that further changes are possible.

Please sign up at our monthly meeting or call the Fishmaster to do so. If you sign up and later find that you can't attend, please advise the Fishmaster.

Tight lines to all, Earl Johnston & Jerry Marks

Fish Camp Scholarships

STFF will again be offering two Fish Camp Scholarships to interested youth ages 10 to 15. Each award covers the entire cost of the 5 day, 4 night program put on by The Fly Shop of Redding, and includes accommodations, meals, and all use of equipment. The camp teaches fly fishing and other outdoor skills in a safe and friendly environment, and is held on a private ranch outside of Weed at the base of Mt. Shasta.

To apply, each youth must fill out an application which can be downloaded at www.theflyshop.com (click on Kids Camp), or obtained by calling Tom Taylor at 530-549-3529. Applications **must** be postmarked on or before **April 1, 2009**, and must include two short essays as described on the application form.

Donner Hat Creek Fishouts - 2009

Want to rebuild your confidence in fly fishing? If so, join us at Donner Hat Creek Ranch on one of these three days in March - 10th, 21st, or 26th. We have a great time each year and the fishing is AWESOME. We try to hold the number of rods to 6 or 7 so as not to crowd each other.

We will meet in Bella Vista and caravan up from there.

Hot coffee and donuts at the pre-fish meeting, and lunch to follow, will be courtesy of Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers. Handouts, meeting times, and release forms will be available at the monthly meetings.

Hope to see you there.

Earl Johnston johnstonle@aol.com

Jerry Marks marks@clearwire.net



TRINITY RIVER FLOAT TUESDAY MARCH 17

Meeting Place: Lewiston at The Old Bridge parking lot. 8:30AM

Equipment: 5/7 wt rods, floating or sink tip lines, terminal tackle of your choice for swinging, indicator or short line nymphing.

Flies: BWO, Callibaetis, Adult Stone, Leach, Golden stone Nymph. Please check with The Trinity Fly Shop (623-6757) for the latest hatch information or stop by on your way to Lewiston.

Fishmaster: Jerry Marks marks@clearwire.net 365-6893

We will be floating from the Old Lewiston Bridge to Bucktail, an all day trip. Members desiring a half-day trip can put in at The Old Bridge and take out at The Trinity River Lodge or put in there and take out at Bucktail. **For your convenience, shuttle arrangements will be made at the meeting site at 8:45, sharp.** This section of the river is low and slow and easy to navigate both afoot and afloat. Pontoon boaters usually float from one gravel bar to another, park and wade fish and/or fish from their boats anchored in the slower water. Most drift boats indicator float. Please do not forget your PFD which is required. All rivers are unforgiving. Members wishing to attend but not float are invited to wade beautiful private access waters at the Trinity River Lodge. Please call the Fishmaster for details.

The coffee and doughnut bar will be open at 8:15
Please bring your own lunch.

To sign up, please attend our March 11th meeting or email Jerry.

New Monthly Fly Tying Sessions

Starting: Tuesday, March 3rd

On the first Tuesday of every month, fly tying sessions will be held at Good Times Pizza (22049 Old 44 Dr. in Palo Cedro) from 5:30pm to 8:45pm. These sessions are open to all skill levels from beginners to experts for a fee of \$5 per person. **Bring your own materials** -- food and drinks available for purchase.

Tuesday, March 3rd tying agenda

Leader: Dick Recchia

Patterns: Pheasant Tail nymphs



Materials required:

6/0 or 8/0 black or olive thread
#16 std nymph hooks
14 short dry fly hooks
Pearl Krystal flash

Gold or copper beads
Pheasant tail hackles
Fine copper wire

Peacock herl
Partridge feathers
Pearl flashabou

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers
2009 Annual Banquet

March 28th at Win-River Casino Event Center
Cocktails at 6:00 PM
Dinner at 7:00 PM

It's time to buy your Banquet / Raffle Ticket Packages

There will once again be many great items including guided trips on private waters with overnight accommodations and meals, guided public waters, rods and reels, gear, tying items, art work and much more (over \$15,000 in value) for the Bucket/Specific Raffle, General Raffle, Silent and Live Auctions. Come and join your fellow club members for an exciting evening.

Package A – Two Dinner Tickets, 54 Raffle Tickets and 3 Bonus Raffle Tickets - \$100

Package B – Two Dinner Tickets, 150 Raffle Tickets and 10 Bonus Raffle Tickets - \$150

Package C – One Dinner Ticket, 27 Raffle Tickets and 2 Bonus Raffle Tickets - \$50

Please try to make your dinner ticket purchase by the March 11th Meeting.

**For ticket purchases, to make a donation for the raffle or auction, or to volunteer for a little help on the night of the banquet please contact
Dennis Black at (530) 241-8310.**

March Program
Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 p.m.
Redding Library

Fly Fishing the Delta

This month we are please to have Jerry Neuburger give a presentation on fly fishing the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. Jerry is no newcomer to fishing, having spent over 50 years chasing and catching over 50 species of fish all over the world. He is an avid fly rod fisher and calls the California Delta his home waters. "I love fishing and love being on my boat, the *No Nonsense*, where I cruise the delta looking for the ultimate striper."

Jerry has spent over 25 years fly fishing and is a past president of the Delta Fly Fishers as well as NCCFFF. He is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor, Webmaster and member of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), a writer, licensed fishing guide, and much more.

Note: Jerry will also be doing a fly tying demo of his most productive Delta flies before the meeting beginning at 6:00 PM.



N.W. Fly Tyer & Fly Fishing Expo March 13-14, 2009

PRESS RELEASE

The 2009 Northwest Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo is set for March 13, and 14 at the Linn County Fairground and Expo Center in Albany, Oregon.

The NW Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Expo brings together the social network of fly fisherman throughout the Northwest, Northern California and Idaho. Over 1,200 people attended last year's Expo. The NW Expo has been heralded as the "largest fly tying event west of the Mississippi", and the class offering is the largest on the west coast. Class choices include: fly tying techniques, fly casting, and fly fishing techniques. Over 72 fly tyer stations will rotate every three hours allowing attendees to learn and observe fly tying techniques from some of the best fly tyers in the Northwest. Certified casting instructors will also be available on two indoor casting ponds. The NW Fly Tyer Expo is sponsored by the non-profit organization, Oregon Council of Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF). All proceeds are dedicated to education and conservation efforts in the state. Learn more about the Expo and sign up for classes or purchase banquet tickets at: www.nwflytyerexpo.com.

The 2009 Expo will feature, for auction, a 2008 McKenzie Wood Drift Boat that is to be built by hand, on the show floor, by Randy Dersham of Tatman Wooden Boats. In 2008 McKenzie River Drift Boats and Greg Tatman Wooden Boats merged to form Tatman Wooden Boats. They are dedicated to wooden boat building tradition and the history of the McKenzie River Wooden Drift Boat.



The 2009 Expo will have a banquet and oral auction Saturday evening with wines featured by StoneFly Vineyards. StoneFly Vineyards is located in Yountville California.



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2009 Spring Fly Casting Classes

Guy and Woody, both FFF Master Certified Casting Instructors, will be holding their annual Spring Beginners Fly Casting Classes beginning in April. These classes run on 5 Tuesdays (or Mondays if you can't make Tuesday) for 2 hours each class. Classes begin at 6 PM and run until about 8 PM each evening. They will be held on the lawn across between the Redding Convention Center and Channel 7 in the Turtle Bay Area.

The classes will cost \$50 per person for the whole series of 5 classes. Bring a rod, with a matching reel and line. Add a 7 foot leader in 3 or 4 X size and we will supply the fluff. Reservations are not needed so just show up. Please show up at least 5 minutes early for each class to allow time to set up your gear. All classes will begin promptly at 6 PM.

Classes will be held on the following 2009 dates:
Monday classes: April 20, 27, May 4, 11, and 18.
Tuesday classes: April 21, 28, May 5, 12, and 18.

Once the 2009 Spring Fly Casting Classes are over we will hold open casting every Tuesday evening from 6 PM until 8 PM. The open casting schedule will begin on June 2, 2009. If you have questions, please call Guy at 351-5485.

Pictures Needed

Photos are still needed for possible use in the Annual Banquet program. Any photo of a club activity, member, or related subject, is welcome. Candid photos are particularly requested. Please send me whatever you have and let's see how they might play out in the program.

For more than a few photos, please send them to me on a CD. Otherwise they can be e-mailed to me. It would greatly help if each photo is given a name and has members identified.

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