

The Shasta Caster

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

April 2009

The President's _____ Line

We are blessed that we have some very capable members that put in extra effort to get the job done. My personal thanks to **Dennis Black** and his committee for the great job they did on the annual banquet. We don't have the final accounting done, but it is safe to say we made some money for club projects, conservation, youth and other club programs.

Speaking of conservation, anyone been able to hike Salt Creek, where we did our last conservation project? Sure would like to know if any of the rainbows or salmon are using it this year. On another note, our Conservation Director **Jim Shilling** is looking for a good club project and if anyone has any suggestions please let him know.

Our first Tuesday of the month tying session had a good turn out and those I talked with said they had a good time and hope that it will continue. **Allen Slattery** is the chair for this club event.

Hey, how about our club coffee meetings? They are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month -- just social, tell tales and meet new club members. No business. So far they have been well attended and if you haven't been to one come on down to the Country Kitchen off Hilltop Drive, 8:30 am.

We had a great sign up for new club shirts -- over 75 signed up plus we ordered a few extras for those who didn't get the chance at the March Meeting.

This might be the best deal of the year: see the Fly Boxes the club purchased from the manufacturer. These are top flight and sell retail for over \$35.00 each. They will be on sale at the next meeting for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00.

Check out the club web page at: **shastatrinityflyfishers.org**. **Guy Manning** has done a good job. Most of the club functions will be found on our web page.

Congratulations to **Jerry Marks**, Fly Fisher of the year and to **Norm Brown**, Fly Tier of the year.

We continue to have a lot of outings, programs and conservation projects along with some youth programs for this year. We need help, so how about signing up for one of the committees? The club will only be better as well as enjoyable if more members participate.

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Calendar of Events

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
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- 7** Tuesday Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 8** Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
Craig Nielsen, Upper Klamath
- 18** Fishout – Lewiston Lake
Fishmaster – Benson Kanemoto
- 20-21** Beginning Casting Classes begin
Redding Convention Center lawn
6:00 p.m.; Guy Manning, Instructor
- 2nd and 4th Thursdays** – Breakfast gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

May 2009

- 6** Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 12** Fishout – Clear Creek
Fishmaster – Jerry Waybright
- 18** Membership Meeting
(Note change of day this month only)
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 28** Fishout – Shasta Lake Bass
Fishmaster – John Gantner
- 2nd and 4th Thursdays** – Breakfast gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

STFF 2009 FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
April	Thursday 2	Trinity Holy Water	Bill Lenheim
April	Tuesday 7	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 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

Trinity River Fly Only Section

Recommended Flies
Either Nymph or Dry:

March Brown	#14
Stone Flies	#12
Stone Flies	#16
Callibaetis	#16
BWO/Baetis	#20

Patterns recommended from
The Fly Shop:

Quigley Sparkle Stalker	#20
March Brown Spun Dun	#14
Dark Stone	#12
March Brown Carnage Drake	#12
Hogan's Clinger March Brown	#12
Harrop's Callibaetis	#16
Shafer's 3D	#10
Hogan's S&M Nymph	#18
PMD Challenger	#18
Quigley Mayfly Cripple	#14
Quigley Sparkle Stacker	#14
Callibaetis	#16
Quigley's Spider Variant PMD	#16
San Juan Worm	#10

Trinity River Outing Fly Only Water April 2 and April 7

Meet at the Mountain Valley Grill on Lewiston Dam Road in Lewiston at 8:30 am. (Be there earlier and join me for breakfast, or enjoy coffee and doughnuts at 8:15). We will caravan from there to the west side gravel bar.

This is a good outing for beginners to learn how to dry fly and nymph fish. These fish are willing to take just about anything.

Suggested equipment and flies:

Waders (easy wadding area)

4 to 7 weight rods, floating line, 3 to 6 # tippet.

Flies: Parachute Adams #10 to 14, San Juan worm's size 8 to 14, nymph's size #10 to 16.

Indicators and split shot can be used.

NOTE THIS IS A CATCH AND RELEASE AREA, BARBLESS HOOKS ONLY!

Any questions please call me:

Bill Lenheim, Fish Master
530 223 6090



Lewiston Lake Fishout – April 18, 2009

Fishout leader: Benson Kanemoto 244-1520

Meeting place: Sunset Market at the corner of Buenaventura and Eureka Way(Hwy 299)

Time: 8:15 and leave by 8:30; It's approximately an hour and fifteen minutes to the lake.

Equipment: Rods: 4, 5 and 6 wts., Lines: Floating for bobbercasting. Nymphing under an indicator with the dry line is quite productive. Sinking lines should include sink tips, intermediates and full sink type IV. I use shooting heads but bring whatever you've got. Leaders: Dries, 9-15 ft., indicator 9-20 ft and sinking, 9 ft. Tippet size should vary with comfort level. I use mostly 6x except for stripping. For stripping I use minimum 3x.

Flies: Midge larva and pupas in red, black, or green from size 18 to 22. A bead head flashback pheasant tail nymph, size 16-20 is a must have. A Pt and a midge pupa would be good for starters. For stripping, leeches in black, olive, or brown from size 10 to 6. Wooley Buggers in all colors and sizes will work. I've seen trollers using long lines do well but is that just fishing with a fly or really fly fishing? It's ok if you are a beginner or can't cast.

Boats: Pontoons will work, float tubes are marginal depending on the water flows; usually this time of the year it's minimal. The water is 46-48 degrees. Boats are the preferred vessel to fish from for ease of movement and ability to sight fish. There is a 10 mile per hour speed limit. There is a very good launch at the lake and it will cost you \$5:00 to launch and park.

Tips: Locate fish by observing rises or splashes, move quietly within casting range, put the anchor down, cast your indicator softly within a few feet of the rise and have a cup of coffee. Watch the bobber, when it wiggles or goes down, set up. Stealth is the key. You can also locate fish by drifting slowly and looking for them, the water is generally crystal clear. Unfortunately, my slide show on Lewiston Lake is scheduled for the August meeting but the fishing should still be good then.

Misc: Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, raincoats and fleece are always good to have.

Tuesday Fly Tying Session – April 7

Good Times Pizza (22049 Old 44 Dr. in Palo Cedro) from 5:30pm to 8:45pm.

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.

Leader: Fred David

Fun with Maribou

Patterns: Monroe and Jensen Maribou Leeches

Materials required:

Hooks for Monroe leech – size 12-18, Mustad 3609B, Tiemco 100 or 200R, or The Fly Shop (TFS) 200R

Hooks for Jensen leeches – size 6-10, Mustad 9671, or TFS 5262

Maribou – any color (favorites are olive, olive brown, black, or dark brown)

Thread – to match marabou

Krystal flash – copper, red, or pearl

TRINITY RIVER FLOAT REPORT

On St. Patrick's Day, nine **STFF** anglers met at the Old Lewiston Bridge launch area. They enjoyed coffee, donuts and cookies while gearing up. **Brad Best, Dennis Black** and **Rich Artusy** headed downstream in their pontoon boats followed by **Wayne and Sandra Merhoff** and their guest in a drift boat. **Robert Vanderhyde, Ken Rick, Andrew Rucklos** and **Jerry Marks** waded a nice section of private access water and scared all the fish away. Not even a bump....they all got skunked. Everyone met up for a shore lunch and potty break at Jerry's single-wide just up stream from Rush Creek. The waders fished some more and left while the floaters continued on to Bucktail. Those reporting catches were Big Stick Dennis Black with a 21" hatchery Steelhead released and another (much bigger, of course) that got away swinging a size 12, non weighted Golden Stone. Rich Artusy released a 16" Rainbow on a size 16 olive BH Hare's Ear dead drifted under an indicator using an 8 ft. leader, 2X to 3X, AB non-lead shots, then 3X tippet to a size 8 brown rubber leg, then 4X tippet to the HE.

Everyone enjoyed a sunny spring day, fly fishing, fun and good fellowship.



April Program
Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.
Redding Library

Fly Fishing the Upper Klamath River

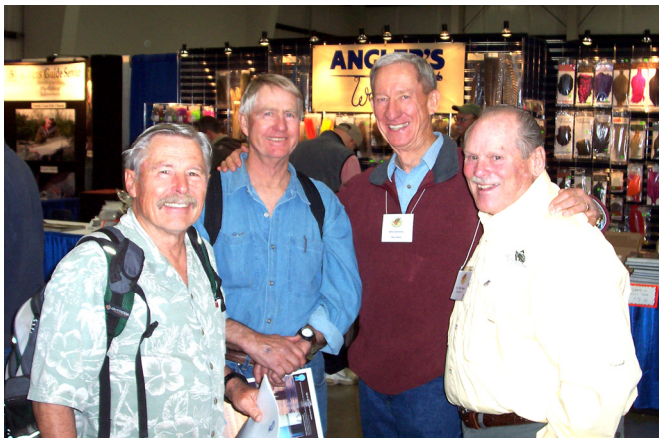
Northern California's Craig Nielsen, proprietor of ***Shasta Trout***, returns to Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers to give a presentation on fishing the Upper Klamath. The Klamath is noted for its outstanding trout and steelhead fishing and Craig will reveal his secrets on how to successfully fish this outstanding river.

Craig is a Northern California native and has been chasing trout with a fly rod for over 45 years. He has fished many locations round the west and especially appreciates the angling diversity the Mt Shasta area has to offer. He is a FFF certified casting instructor and taught at the Mel Krieger casting school. He holds a Master's degree and teaching credential from Chico State, where he has worked as an instructor, administrator, and counselor.

Note: Craig will be putting on a fly tying demonstration of his favorite Klamath River flies prior to the meeting, beginning at 6:00 PM.

STFF well represented at NW Fly Tyer Expo
in Albany, OR

Fourteen STFF tiers attended this entertaining and educational event on March 13 & 14. Everyone had a great time learning new techniques and buying bargain priced equipment. Our volunteer tiers were **Stew Stewart, Allen Slattery, Glen Pudwell and Jim Peterson**. Also attending were **Dick and Sandy Johnson, Red and Nancy Modeen, Dave and Terry Allered, Walt Cole, Don Wieseman, Alan Jones and Jerry Marks**.



Notice

Mark your calendar now - the May STFF regular membership meeting will be held on **Monday, May 18**, instead of Wednesday, May 13, due to a scheduling conflict at the Redding Library.

Steelhead anglers and spey casting enthusiasts:

Dec Hogan will be in town for his Spey Casting and Fishing Clinics on April 4 & 5, and will be offering a two hour **Fly Tying Demo** on the evening of **Saturday, April 4**, for anyone interested. The cost to attend the fly tying demonstration will be \$20 per person, payable at the door - cash or check only, please. You do not have to be signed up for the Casting Clinics to attend the tying workshop. The tying demonstration will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Best Western Hilltop Inn, CR Gibbs Restaurant, in Redding.

Dec is one of the most influential steelhead anglers of our time, and his book, *A Passion for Steelhead*, is a must-read for any dedicated steelhead angler. Dec will demonstrate tying techniques for several of his favorite steelhead fly patterns, many of which have proven productive for steelhead all across the West.

For more information on either of the full-day casting and fishing clinics, or the fly tying demonstration, please contact Michael Caranci at The Fly Shop at 800-669-3474, or michael@theflyshop.com.

**Win the Bamboo Fly Rod of your
dreams in STFF special raffle**

Built by the renowned European bamboo rod craftsman, Rolf Baginski in Bremen, Germany, this magnificent 3 piece, 4 weight bamboo fly rod (with 2 tips) has a unique exotic wood inlaid handle. Rolf Baginski fly rods are considered to be some of the finest bamboo rods in the world. This rod is valued at over \$2500.

Raffle tickets are available for a \$10 donation or 3 tickets for \$25. You need not be present to win. The drawing will be held on July 4, 2009.

To obtain raffle tickets contact: Dick Recchia at 530/356-0547 or by email at: rdrservices@frontiernet.net.



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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.

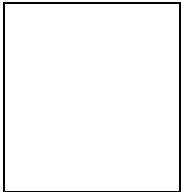
Once the 2009 Spring Fly Casting Classes are over we will hold open casting every Tuesday evening from 6 PM until 8 PM. The open casting schedule will begin on June 2, 2009. If you have questions, please call Guy at 351-5485.

**Coming soon to a theater
near you.....**

Rivers of a Lost Coast will be shown in Sacramento on April 22 & 23. Tickets are available online at

<http://www.thecrest.com/tickets/index.cfm>.

The movie took producers Justin Coupe and Palmer Taylor more than four years to complete and chronicles the historical rivers and historical fisheries of California's remote north coast, as well as the characters who fished them. It is narrated by Tom Skerritt, who played the father of Brad Pitt in *A River Runs Through It*.



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with Craig Nielsen

Fishouts
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April 18 – Lewiston Lake

