

The Shasta Caster

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

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May 2009

The President's _____ Line

Talk about being busy, our club is moving forward with a host of great programs for our members. For example, the breakfast meetings on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month provide socializing and trading great fish stories, so if you haven't tried one then maybe you should.

The fish outs have been fun, some even productive, and over all we offer a great outing program for the club members.

The web page is full of information of club activities, and, again, if you haven't checked it out yet please do so at www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org. In the future all club functions and the Shasta Caster will be on the web site, so **please** let us know if you would like to receive the Shasta Caster via the web. Send Doug Christian an email at patty.doug@gmail.com to let him know if you want to continue the snail mail or want to go electronic.

Dick Recchia has been able to secure special deals for club members only. The fly boxes are a real bargain and we might be ordering another bunch, this time with our club logo on them. Watch for this one and other great member only benefits. Our shirts should be in soon and a majority of the club members placed an order at the sign-up in March. There will be, however, a few extras for those who may have missed out.

Next month look for the barbeque at Anderson River Park, put on by Stew Stewart and his group of great chefs. And don't forget Fly Tying every first Tuesday of the month at Good Time Pizza in Palo Cedro.

A conservation message: While fishing the South Fork of the Clearwater in March, we landed several large steelhead. What I didn't pay attention to was the method that we used to land the fish. We used a nylon net and then weighed them using a Boca Grip, hooked to their jaw. We had to lift them to weigh them, and what I should have noticed was that the whole thing was wrong. If you're going to release fish don't use a nylon landing net as it blinds them and removes the protective slim on them. The grip puts so much pressure on the jaw that it can break the jaw as well as cause damage to their back bone. Either use a rubber net, or beach them. Only use the grip by weighing the net first then the fish in the net, then subtract the weight of the net. Better yet is using a chart and measure them; the charts are very close and measuring does little harm to the fish. Keep the fish in water, measure both length and girth, refer to the chart and you have your weight. I can provide a chart if you email me at lenheimw@msn.com.

Tight Lines
Bill Lenheim
President 2009

STFF welcomes the following new members:

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Calendar of Events

May 2009

- 5** Tuesday Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 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.
FF in Central Oregon – Phil Hager
- 28** Fishout – Shasta Lake Bass
Fishmaster – John Gantner
- 2nd and 4th Thursdays** – Breakfast gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

June 2009

- 2** Tuesday Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 3** Board of Directors Meeting
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- 10** Annual Barbeque
Anderson River Park
- 12-14** Fishout – Upper Klamath River
Fishmaster – Art Agnew
- 19** Fishout – Lake Almanor Hex Hatch
Fishmaster – Dale Huffman
- 27** Fishout – Manzanita Lake
Fishmaster – Allen Slattery
- 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>
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

Let the Truth be Told:

Lest those that attended the Annual Banquet be forever misled, the picture of the club member named "Walter" who appeared to gain mega pounds from eating too many donuts at club fishouts across the year was, in fact, an altered photo; i.e. his head was superimposed on the body of another member whose identity shall remain undisclosed. Walter was, and is today, thin (but he still eats too many donuts).

Bob Madgic



Congratulations

**to Jerry Marks, STFF Fly
Fisher of the Year, and
Norm Brown, STFF Fly Tyer
of the Year!**

Hospitality Committee Announcement

Please advise Jerry Marks, at marks@clearwire.net or 365-6893, if you know of a member that is ill or has suffered the loss of a family member so that the club can send appropriate correspondence to let them know we care.

Shasta Lake Bass Outing -- Thursday, May 28

Meet at the Jones Valley public boat launch parking area at 8:30 am on Thursday morning May 28th. This is a boat necessary outing, so if you don't have access to a boat with a motor, make arrangements to join a member with a boat. Bring your lunch, water, polarized dark glasses, hat, and sun screen.

Equipment: Rods of 5, 6, 7, or 8-weight are satisfactory. A floating line will do, but if you have a sinking line or sink-tip line bring it as well. Leaders of 2X or 3X, nine to ten feet long for the floating line, or four feet long for sinking lines.

Flies: Streamers size #1. Clousers (chartreuse and white), bunny leeches, buggers, and any streamer that imitates a threadfin shad. Crawdad imitations are sometimes good. Top-water poppers are hit and miss -- early and late they may work.

Please sign up at the May 18th meeting or call John.

For more information call:
John Gantner, fish master
530-245-0450

FISHOUT AT CLEAR CREEK -- MAY 12 EVENING HATCH

DATE & TIME	TUESDAY, MAY 12 at 4:30 PM
MEETING SITE	"CLEAR CREEK GREENWAY RECREATION AREA". IT IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF CLEAR CREEK ROAD 4.7 MILES WEST OF HWY. 273. LOOK FOR ' CLEAR CREEK GORGE TRAIL ' SIGN JUST BEFORE TURNOFF.
FISHMASTER	JERRY WAYBRIGHT (365-1440 or gmwaybright@aol.com)
SPECIES	RAINBOW TROUT, BEAUTIFUL, WILD, FAT AND FEISTY
EQUIPMENT	4/6 WT. RODS, FLOATING LINES WITH INDICATOR OR DRY FLIES, 7 FT/9 FT LEADER WITH 3 X TO 6 X TIPPET.
FLIES	MAYFLIES AND STONEFLIES SEEM TO BE THE FOOD OF CHOICE. GOLD BEAD POXY BACK GOLDEN STONE #10, SUPPERFLOS RUBBER LEG BROWN BODY OLIVE LEGS #6, "LITTLE YELLOW" MORRISH IRON SALLY #14, ROUGE FOAM STONE SALMON FLY #4, FOAM GOLDEN STONE #8, QUIGLEYS STACKER #16, MERCERS POXYBACK PMD #16 or #18, GB FLASHBACK PT #16 or #18, PMD QUIGLEY SPARKLE STACKER #16, PMD CHALLENGED #16. THE ABOVE FLIES WERE RECOMMENDED BY MIKE MERCER AND ARE AVAILABLE AT " THE FLY SHOP ". MANY OTHER FLIES WILL ALSO WORK. A STREAM SIDE BUFFET WILL BE SERVED AT 4:45, SO COME EARLY TO ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND SUIT UP, AS WE WILL TRY TO BE ON THE WATER BY 5:30 PM AND FISH UNTIL DARK. MAPS WITH RIVER ACCESS POINTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE HOW TO CATCHEM TALK RIGHT AFTER DINNER.
TO SIGN UP	PLEASE EMAIL THE FISHMASTER IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP AT THE LAST MEETING. IT'S <u>IMPORTANT</u> TO DO THIS SO WE CAN HAVE THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FOOD. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.

Tuesday Fly Tying Session – May 5

Good Times Pizza (22049 Old 44 Dr. one block north of Deschutes Road 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 tools and materials -- food and drinks available for purchase.

Art Agnew will be demonstrating two of his favorite Bass Flies:

Shasta Grande Green Weenie:

Hook: Size #2 Mustad 3407, 3366, Tiemco 8089 or any other "stinger" hook

Thread: FI Chartreuse 140 Denier Ultra Thread or 210 Denier Danville's Flat Nylon in Chartreuse

Tail: Pearl Flashabou and White and/or Chartreuse Bucktail

Eye: Lead barbell eye medium 1/30 ounce

Body: Cross cut White Rabbit Strip and Chartreuse Polar Chenille

Gurgler:

Hook: Size #2 Mustad 3407, 3366, Tiemco 8089 or other stinger hook

Thread: White 140 or 210 denier

Tail: White bucktail, pearl Crystal Flash

Body and Shell: White 2mm or 4mm foam (foam will be supplied)

Rib: Grizzly hackle

Trinity River Holy Water April 2nd Fishout Report

Fourteen STFF members met for friendship and fellowship while enjoying breakfast at the Mountain Valley Grill in Lewiston on April 2nd. **Fishmaster Bill Lenheim** made a short presentation about how and where to catch'em, and they split into two groups, each going to a different access. Surprise! Our fishout became a Smoltathon, as the hatchery was in the process of releasing 1.3 million Salmon and Steelhead smolts. The Smolts-only sticks reporting were **Brad Best, Dennis Black, Bill Lenheim, Dick Recchia** and **Jerry Marks**. **Robert Vanderhyde** shook off 40+ smolts, 5 wild Jr. Steelies and a 12" wild Rainbow. **Rich Artusy** released his first Steelhead hooked on a dry fly -- a 20 incher. He also landed a 27 incher. **Glenn Graham** tried three times, in vain, to net it but it was too big for his net. Rich was finally able to grab it by the tail, removed the hook, revive and release it. Our **BIG STICK** for the day was **Bill Keep** who reported releasing 4 Steelhead in the 6-7 pound range. All were hooked on a red San Juan Worm. Also attending were **Rich Weick, Art Agnew, John Gantner, Dick Villacres** and **Dave Young**. Although the smolts were annoying, everyone had a great day enjoying each others companionship and the beauty of the river.



Trinity River Holy Water April 7th Fishout Report

Round two of the Smoltathon continued on April 7. Twelve STFF Steelhead hunters met in Lewiston around 8 am, enjoying coffee and donuts while rigging up and pulling on their waders. After a few brief reports from those who fought in round one on April 2nd, some headed to the river while another group went on a short tour of 5 different places to fish the Fly Fishing Only, C & R section of Trinity River and then split up to do so.

Dan Perrine reported about 12 under 12 inches, 2 in the 15" range and this fish story. *"As I was reeling in a rubber legs on the surface, a BIG (at least 24") fish came from in front of a large rock 10 feet from me and bumped the fly. I let it drift into him 4-5 times with no luck. As I reeled it in again on the surface, he again came up and hit it but no bite. We played that game 6 more times but I could not get him to put it in his mouth.."*

Bill Keep, Dick Recchia, KaiKnog Yee, Manual Roman, Tom Taylor, his guest, **Richard Ryan** and **Jerry Marks** reported having a great day but only hooked the #@*% smolt. Also attending were **Dave Dinelli, Dick Poole, Barry Miller** and **Jim Murphy**.

It is that time of year again, -- **KIDS FISH DAY AT MT. SHASTA HATCHERY**. The dates are June 20th, July 18th, and Aug 22nd. This is an annual event put on by the Dept of Fish and Game and helped out by the local merchants and clubs. Our club is a proud donor and also has several volunteers each year to help with packaging worms, repairing fishing lines, untangling fishing lines and many other things. This is a great event for kids up to 15 years old. We need volunteers to help out with the various functions so please sign up at the next meeting. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Lunch will be furnished for all volunteers.

Earl Johnston, Coordinator
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Broken Lines

Conservation Volunteers Wanted

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers is looking for volunteers to serve on the conservation committee. We have a few worthwhile projects lined up and I'm sure there are a lot of members that have ideas/projects they would like to contribute. If you're interested in serving on the conservation committee please give me a call at 474-6187 or email me at shilling_7982@yahoo.com. Here's a few of the projects we could use some help on.

1. Fish ways - DFG could use volunteers to inspect fish ways on Shotgun Creek and Little Castle Creek in the Dunsmuir area. In some instances if there is blockage and it's something we can tackle with a crew of workers that's great; if not, we note it and inform DFG so they can get a crew in. This work will be done during the spring run off when the river is flowing high.
2. Angler Surveys - Another DFG project. The majority of angler survey and fishing restriction posters have either been used as target practice or vandalized. DFG could use some volunteers to help clean up the survey boxes and put up new regulation posters on Fall River, Hat Creek, Sacramento River and other waters.
3. California Red Band Genetics Studies - DFG will be conducting California Red Band genetics studies in Modoc and Lassen Counties. The DFG could use help with samplings. This will involve some overnight trips for which DFG will pay for food and lodging and provide transportation (subject to budget approvals and other bureaucratic stuff). Most likely this will be done sometime in June.
4. Photo Electro Shock Studies - DFG could use three people to do a population estimate on Hat Creek. This would be a one week project working out of a DFG boat. Again DFG would pay for lodging and meals (subject to budget approval).
5. Librarian - Another DFG project. The DFG has a multitude of surveys, studies, books, articles, etc. that need to be sorted out and cataloged. There are probably all kinds of interesting things you might find out about the local streams and waterways while you're helping the DFG offices get a little more organized.

That's some of the conservation projects the club can get involved in. I'm very open to new ideas and would very much appreciate your comments and suggestions as well as some new volunteers to serve on the conservation committee. Please give me a call or an email.

Thanks
Jim Shilling
STFF Conservation Director

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. Or fill in the order form below.



Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers Order form for Bamboo Fly Rod Raffle Tickets

Ticket donations: \$10 each or 3 for \$25

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ for _____ ticket(s)
for the bamboo fly rod raffle:

Name: _____

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2009 Spring Fly Casting Classes

Spring Beginners Fly Casting Classes started in April and will continue until May 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 Manning at 351-5485.

May Program – Monday, May 18
(Note different date due to scheduling conflicts)
7:00 p.m. at the Redding Library

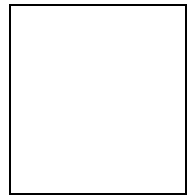
Fly Fishing Central Oregon Waters

This month we are pleased to have Phil Hager come and give a presentation how to fish the lakes and rivers of Central Oregon. Phil has been fishing Central Oregon Waters full time since he moved to Medford in the early 1990s and he will reveal his secrets on how to successfully fish these outstanding fisheries. His presentation will concentrate on the Cascade Lakes Loop and feature the prime bodies of water of Elk, Hosmer, Lava, Little Lava, the Upper Deschutes, Crane Prairie, Wickiup, East, and Davis to name a few.

Phil will be doing a fly tying demonstration prior to the meeting beginning at 6:00 PM and will feature two of his favorite patterns for Central Oregon Waters, the Cheater's Mayfly and the Golden Stone Cheater.



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Monday, May 18, 2009
7:00 p.m. -- Redding Library
Fly Fishing Central Oregon Waters
with Phil Hager

Fishouts
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May 28 – Shasta Lake Bass

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