

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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June 2009

The President's _____ Line

It's hard to believe that six months have gone by --- the club has accomplished a lot in that time. There is, of course, a lot more to do; always is, in a forward looking club. My hope is that you have been able to participate in the activities and that you have enjoyed them as much as I have. (If you haven't you owe it to yourself to do so.)

Your Board and committees are always looking for new ideas and your comments on the current programs. Please step forward and let your Board know your ideas for the club or suggestions to improve things you dislike. We are open to all of your suggestions.

As I write this, the club shirts haven't come in yet. You will be notified via email as soon as they do. If you didn't get a chance to order your shirts, well guess what, I did order a few extra. You can get them at any general membership meeting.

Our conservation committee under Director Jim Shilling is moving ahead and has several volunteer projects set up with CA Dept of Fish & Game. It is going to be a busy and interesting summer. If you haven't already done so, give Jim a call and volunteer for a few days work on the resources. They tell me it counts for brownie points when you get to the Pearly Gates.

Dick Recchia, our procurement and raffle wizard, has received the fly boxes with the club logo as well as the new club hats. Prices can't be beat! Have you gotten yours yet? As requested, we are looking at decals and new patches for the club and will let you know the outcome as soon as we have made a decision.

See you all at the June barbeque at Anderson River Park. Thanks to Stew Stewart and his fine group of cooks and workers. This has always been a fun time. Get there early and look through the fly fishing paraphernalia at the **swap meet** before dinner. It's new and should be fun. This is a great chance to pick up some much needed stuff. (As if we needed more).

It is necessary that we clear up some minor points about committees and keeping the President and the Board informed. Any club sanctioned function can be/is a committee. It doesn't have to hold meetings, but as a club sanctioned function it is considered a committee. The President is automatically on all committees, but may or may not participate. Any and all club official emails, letters, programs, volunteers, etc. should always be copied to the President. Why? So as not to get the club into any unforeseen legal trouble or to participate in any function that may not be in the club's best interest. The President reports to the Board of Directors. Check and balances so to speak. Not micro management. Enough: "Let's go fishing".

Tight Lines
Bill Lenheim
President 2009
530 223 6090



*STFF members serve lunch at
The Fly Shop's Opening Day party*

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Calendar of Events

June 2009

- Every **Tuesday** - Open Casting Practice
Redding Convention Center Lawn
6:00 p.m.
- 2** Tuesday Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 3** Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 10** Annual Barbeque & Swap Meet
Anderson River Park
- 20-21** Fishout – Lake Almanor Hex Hatch
Fishmaster – Dale Huffman
- 25** Breakfast gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 27** Fishout – Manzanita Lake
Fishmaster – Allen Slattery

July 2009

- Every **Tuesday** - Open Casting Practice
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6:00 p.m.
- 1** Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 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.
- 14** Fishout – Pit River
Fishmaster – Gerald Nelson
- 23** 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> |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| June | <i>Cancelled</i> | 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 | <i>Cancelled</i> | 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

Hospitality Committee Announcements

The twice monthly breakfast gatherings have been changed to monthly. Breakfast at the Country Kitchen will be on the 4th Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m.



Get Well Wishes go out to club member Max Deblander. We hope you will be feeling better soon, Max!

ANNUAL LAKE ALMANOR OUTING

June 20 and 21, 2009

Fishmaster – Dale Huffman

It's time for the Hexagenia to be stirring the spirit of fisherman (and fisherwomen), as well as causing the Lake Almanor trout and smallmouth bass to key in on the mud bottom areas of the lake.

The Hex hatch is usually the heaviest from around 7:00 P.M. until dark. Some type of boat, float tube or raft is useful due to limited shore fishing. The Hexagenia live in tunnels in the muddy bottoms of the lake, so an area where the bottom is muddy is preferred. To match the hatch there are several types of Hex dries and nymphs available. Other flies like wooley buggers and leech patterns may also be effective. 5 wt. rods and higher are advised due to the size of the fish. The fish do not seem to be too leader shy when the hatch is on, so heavy leaders can be used. Last year trout, bass and catfish were caught on flies.

We will be staying at the Almanor South campgrounds (US forest service). Directions from Redding: Go south on I5 to Red Bluff; Take the Antelope exit and turn left (east); Just before you drive out of Red Bluff turn left on Hwy 36 toward Chester; Turn south on Hwy 89 just before you enter Chester; Drive approx. 7 mi. and turn left on Almanor Dr. (there is a rest area on the right of Hwy 89 across from the turn). The road curves to the right and the campground will be on your right (if you go down the hill to the lake you missed the turn). Do not turn onto West Almanor Dr. it's the road just before Almanor Dr. and a pain to get turned around on. A sign of some kind will be placed on the bulletin board on the right side as you enter the campgrounds. Please put your name, campsite number and number of persons in your party when you get the time.

There will be a potluck on Saturday evening prior to going fishing, so bring your favorite dish and join the fun. Most evenings have a short get-to-gather after fishing to swap fishing stories (lies) and socialize.

For further information you can contact Dale at 221-4988.

FISHOUT AT MANZANITA LAKE

June 27, 2009

Fishmaster – Allen Slattery

We will meet at the Holiday Market at Hwy 44 and Deschutes Road at 7:30 a.m. and will caravan to Manzanita Lake promptly at 7:45. Meet at the boat launch on the lake at 8:30 a.m. There will be coffee and doughnuts and a short seminar at the launch site. Bring your own lunch and drinks.

The lake is fishable in a number of ways. By boat (no motors allowed), float tube, pontoon boat, wading, and stalking risers from the shoreline. All methods are productive at times.

Equipment: 4, 5, or 6 wt. rod with floating, intermediate, or sinking lines depending on your preference. I usually start with a floating line unless weather dictates nymphs or buggers.

Methods and flies: there is usually a good midge hatch from 8 or 9 a.m., callibaetis beginning from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the spinner fall and caddis in the evening. Buggers and leech patterns will take fish anytime, but evening is best.

- Midges: black zebra midges, glass bead are good, but will take just about anything small. Fish under an indicator from 5' to 8" down. Size 18-22
- Mayflies: any callibaetis pattern, adams parachute, or hackle stacker with dark green or grey body. Adams will work for spinners. Tie some with an upright poly wing. Size 14 - 18
- Caddis: there are usually a number of caddis around. Most productive patterns are for a size 12 –14 black caddis. Bring some large stimulators in just about any color in case we luck into a motorboat caddis hatch. Size 6 – 12.
- Leech: good patterns are black with red or maroon, size 6 – 8. Grey, tan, and purple are also good.
- Damselflies: There are usually a great number of damsels and dragon flies on the lake. A marabou damsel nymph in green or tan can take fish. Strip slowly in the lanes between the weeds.

Adaptability is vital on this lake. Because it is all catch and release, most of the fish here have seen just about everything by July 4th. So hope for a light breeze, and don't forget some ants and beetles.

For further information call Allen at 474-5271.

Broken Lines Upcoming Conservation Projects

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers has two upcoming projects which are fast approaching. As I said at the last general meeting, we will be working with the Department of Fish and Game to do a Red Band Trout study in Modoc and Lassen Counties. This project will take place the weeks beginning 6/8 and 6/15. The project should be very interesting as you will be spending time with a Dept. of Fish and Game biologist who knows his stuff. I think it's a great learning opportunity. Also, food and lodging will get picked up by the State of California. We will have a planning session on Wednesday 6/3/09 at the Department of Fish and Game office at 4:30 so if you're interested please show up or call me at 530 474-6187 or email me at shilling_7982@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

The second upcoming project is repairing angler survey signs. I expect to get this going soon and the club is looking for volunteers. Let me know so I can start getting this scheduled.

In the past the club has been involved in Trout in the Class Room. I think the program might have been somewhat forgotten. Earl Johnston has been looking into the program but we can always use some additional help so that when school starts next fall we're ready to roll.

Last thing, if anyone has ideas for conservation projects that are fishing oriented and in the general area of Shasta and Trinity Counties please let me know.

Thanks. Jim Shilling, STFF Conservation Director

Fishout Report – Clear Creek

By Jerry Waybright

We met at 4:30 p.m. at the beautiful "Clear Creek gorge" viewing area. (It is worth a ride out Clear Creek Road just to have a look!) Nineteen hungry fisher persons showed up to enjoy **Jerry Marks'** fine meal and an evening of fishing. We had a short talk on the different sections of Clear Creek, suggested rod and leader set up, and recommended flies. A map was handed out showing access points along Clear Creek Road. The new "Clear Creek Greenway" trail has made access somewhat easier. We were on the water by 5:30 p.m., even after the dreaded P.O.R.T. warning (poison oak, rattlesnakes, and ticks). Where do we find such men – and women?

Ronal Ramsey caught a large sucker on a small copperjohn but left early due to mosquitoes. He said it was because he was so sweet (maybe fishermen do lie a little). **Bill Keep** found a nice pod of fish working right below our meeting area. He said he tried every dry fly he had with him to no avail. **Dick Recchia** caught a nice 12 inch rainbow on a rubberlegs in the "Honeybee" area. His friend **Terry** got skunked. **Tim Peters** landed a 11 inch rainbow on a #16 parachute adams a half mile below our meeting place.

Dan Wittorff landed a 10 inch and a 12 inch "bow" on a #12 brown stonefly under a "bobber". **Gerald Nelson** reported that he was out fished by his wife **Linda**. She landed one nice trout and lost two. He had one hook up. The "big rod" of the day goes to **Steve Irely**. He landed a beautiful 22 inch native rainbow on a #6 bullet head goldenstone dry fly.

Bob Robinson kind of summed it up for the rest of us. He reported "no nothing – no poison oak, no rattlesnakes, no ticks, and no fish!" Also attending were **Ron Gustafson, Jim Murphy, Dan Smith, Bary Caranci, Chris Haedrich, Dick Poole, Dave Dinelli, Allen Cichanski, and Kent Hume.**

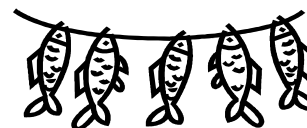
Thanks to **Jerry Marks** for the great food and thanks again to Jerry and **Walt Cole** for helping me map the access points. Hope you all had as much fun as I did.



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.

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TUESDAY FLY TYING

June 2, 2009 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Good Time Pizza, 22049 Old 44 Drive, Palo Cedro (1 block east of Deschutes)

This month we are tying flies for Manzanita Lake for the outing on June 27. Allen Slattery will be demonstrating some new flies originated in Europe. Bring tools and materials, \$5 will not be collected.

“Once and Away” by Hans van Klinken A different **Mayfly Emerger**

Hook: Curved scud or emerger TMC 2488, Daiichi 1130 12-18
Thread: Black 8/0
Body: One peccary fiber * provided by Allen
Thorax: 3 strands peacock herl
Wing: 4 CDC feathers (also forms wingcase) dun color

Midge Emerger

Hook: TMC 2488, Daiichi 1130 Size 18 – 20
Thread: Black 8/0
Body: Black Thread
Wing: White Poly

Bring some of the following for a couple of techniques for tying dry fly:

Hook: TMC 100 size 14
Tail: Coq De Leon Medium Pardo (I will bring some if you don't have any)
Body: Callibaetis Superfine, Callibaetis Turkey Biot
Hackle: Grizzly or Blue Dun dry fly hackle to fit size 14 hook
Some 5X or 6X tippet material, a gallows hanger if you have one.
Zap-A-Gap or Super Glue

Mighty Midge

Hook: TMC 2488, Daiichi 1130 Sizes 16-22
Thread: Black 8/0
Tail: Two very fine tips of the smallest blue dun hackle
Abdomen: None
Thorax: Two small strands of peacock herl
Wing: 4 very small CDC feathers dun color
Thorax: Same CDC as wing pulled over



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Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers Annual June Barbecue Plus Swap Meet/Garage Sale

*Wednesday June 10, 2009
Anderson River Park -- Barbecue Area #1
Swap Meet/Garage Sale 4:00PM
Barbeque 6:00PM*



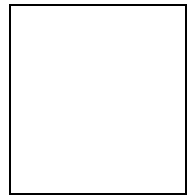
That's right -- this year we will have a Swap Meet/Garage Sale prior to the Barbecue (Note: **Fishing items only allowed**). Members need to bring their own table and chair for the Swap Meet/Garage Sale.

Stew Stewart and crew will prepare the tri-tip with all the fixings. Bring your own beverages and **please remember that no glass containers are allowed in the Anderson River Park**. Decaf coffee will be available. Although there are benches available members may consider bringing lawn chairs. This year all tickets will be sold at the event. The cost will be \$7.00 each. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow STFF members.

For more information or questions, please contact R. L. "Stew" Stewart, 474-5748.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting
Wednesday June 10, 2009
6:00 p.m. – Anderson River Park
Annual Barbecue
(Swap Meet starts at 4:00 p.m.)

Fishouts
June 20 – 21 – Lake Almanor
June 27 – Manzanita Lake

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