

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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November 2009

The President's _____ Line

It is that time of year again -- holidays, steelhead, family and more steelhead fishing. Let me be the first to say "Happy Holidays" and may you and your family have a great holiday season.

Speaking of holidays, the club is hosting a no host holiday party at the Win-River Casino (see below for more information). I hope to see you there and be able to personally wish you a happy holiday season.

Back from the Clearwater trip last October, I can't say that it fished well. We did get a few, not all on flies, but nice fish anyway. Someplace in the Snake River are 200,000 fish waiting to go up the Clearwater. I only wish that I could be there when they finally make their great push upriver.

The club hasn't left for the Rogue as I write this message; I noticed that we have a few new folks coming. I'm hoping that the fish show in great enough numbers so everyone gets a good shot at catching a few steelhead. (Jerry has a good party planned too.)

I'm off this month to the main Columbia River to fish with Bill Keep, who has said that he knows where and how to fly fish this big river. I hope I have some great news to report at the meeting in November. All flies too!

Looks like I won't get up to the Trinity until mid November, so folks, (yes you, Ross) save some for me. I plan on fishing the club outing on the 12th. (That's the day before the holiday party).

We as a club have been blessed this year with some very hard working folks; they make the club function. If you have any time the club could use your help. There are a few openings on the board for directors, so how about letting either myself or Dennis Black, know of your interest. December is the election for officers and the board of directors, so if interested let us know.

We will have a program at the December meeting after elections and the yearly photo contest. Hope you all will be there to see who is going to be on the hot seat for 2010.

Bill Lenheim
President 2009
530 223 6090

**Come and Enjoy the Fun and Fellowship at the STFF Cocktail Party
Win-River Casino (upstairs) November 13th 6:00PM to 8:00PM
There will be Hot and Cold Hors d' Oeuvres and a No Host Bar
Cost is \$10.00 per member - Wives are Free
So we can get a head count for the food, Please RSVP to Dennis Black
241-8310 or denpfs@pacbell.net**

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Calendar of Events

November 2009

- 4 Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 5-7 Striped Bass Fishout – Striperfest
Sugar Barge Marina, Bethel Island
Fishmaster – Art Agnew
- 7 Saturday Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
Steelhead Fishing - Michael Caranci
- 12 Breakfast Gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 12 Fishout – Trinity River
Fishmaster – Ross Morrison
- 13 STFF Cocktail Party
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Win-River Casino-Upstairs
- 26 Breakfast Gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

December 2009

- 2 Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 9 Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
Elections and Photo Contest
- 10 Breakfast Gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 11 Fishout – Lower Sac Float
Fishmaster – Walt Cole
- 24 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>
November	Thu-Sat 5-7	Delta Striperfest	Art Agnew
November	Thursday 12	Trinity Steelhead	Ross Morrison
December	Friday 11	Lower Sac Float	Walt Cole

Bonus Fishouts to be announced. All fishouts are subject to change.

Eagle Lake Bonus Fishout Report

Our 'Dirty Dozen', wind-blown anglers landed 33 Trout and missed or lost who knows how many more on the day before the first big storm of autumn. A great time was had by all. The group, along with **Fishmasters Jay and Glenn Fair**, met for a briefing on Sunday afternoon followed by a BBQ/cocktail party and fly tying jam.

At six o'clock the next morning they met for coffee and donuts and their boats were launched or they were on a dirt road headed to Jay's and Glenn's favorite spots. Our Fishmasters spent the entire day in their boat going all over the lake, stopping to talk to each angler, offering advice and tactics which greatly contributed to our hook-up success. They also invited some members who were not hooking up to go trolling in their boat and they caught several nice fish.

Gerald Nelson and his guest, **Jim Martin**, in an itty-bitty boat, got wind skunked but reported having an enjoyable time doing so.

The group got together again Monday for another enjoyable dinner and evening of football, fellowship and friendship. Tuesday morning was a blow out due to the storm. After meeting at the boat ramp at 6am, Jay canceled the days fishing because the winds were very high with large white-caps which made conditions too dangerous for our small boats.

Jim Shilling reported landing one very nice fish. **Brad Best** reported two nice fish landed. **John Gantner** reported that he landed five but spent most of his time netting **Allan Craig's** many fish. **Allen Slattery** reported three to his net. Two were 18.5 inches and one was a 20 incher. **Jerry Marks** got five to hand thanks to Jay's coaching. Also attending were **Rich Artusy**, **Steve Matthews**, **Bill Hale**, and **Earl Johnston**.



Trinity River - Fishout
Thursday, November 12, 2009
Fishmaster – Ross Morrison

Outing Leader: Ross Morrison

Meeting Time and Place: To be determined based on fishing conditions, and will be announced at the November 11th meeting. Please remember to purchase your Fish and Game Steelhead Fishing Report and Restoration Card.

Fishing Location: Trinity River, somewhere between Lewiston and Junction City (depending on river conditions).

Equipment/Tackle: My rod preference is a 7 wt, but many use 6 or 8 wts. Tippet sizes from 2X to 3X. Sometimes tippet down to 4X for really low, clear water. Many use fluorocarbon tippet for clear water conditions. Many still use Maxima Ultragreen tippet material when swinging flies. Also, lighter weight spey or switch rods are great on this river.

Angling Methods: With winter conditions (water temperatures in the low 40s) the most productive method would likely be nymph fishing under indicators. The indicator set-up is the same as is used on the Lower Sac, with about 6 to 7 feet between the indicator and split shot knot, followed by 12-14 inches of 2X tippet to the first fly, in turn followed by 12-14 inches of 3X tippet to the second fly. Some anglers tie-in the leader to the indicator and use a level tippet, say 2X tippet, down to the split shot knot. I prefer to attach the indicator to a tapered leader, so that it can easily be adjusted up or down and can be removed if I want to "tight-line" nymph without an indicator, or swing fish. In the Fall I many times use all 3 methods in a day's fishing.

For those traditionalists that want to swing flies, I suggest dark leech patterns (for example, black bunny leeches), and wet flies, such as assassins, burlaps, silver Hiltons, and muddler minnows (can be fished dry, if desired). Also, there may be an opportunity for afternoon dry fly fishing for brown trout and juvenile/adult steelhead, or skating a dry fly.

Flies: #8-12 golden stone nymphs, #10-14 poxy hare's ear, #10-12 egg patterns (shrimp pink for colored water and darker conditions to champagne for clearer water and lighter conditions), #12-14 copper Johns (copper, blue and red), and #12-14 flashback PTs. (For dries, BWOs and March Browns.) For swing flies see above.

Leader's Note: Please call me at 242-1425 or email at rossjoanie@charter.net, if you have questions. See you on the 12th!

Fishout Attendees – There are two easy ways to sign up for the fishouts, at the meetings or by calling the Fishmaster. If you sign up and then find you will be absent, please advise the Fishmaster. This is so we can better serve our members by appropriate planning for each fishout. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your Fishout committee Co-chairs – Earl Johnston & Jerry Marks

Thursday Breakfast Gatherings

The Breakfast Gatherings will continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in November. Come share fly fishing news, stream and fish reports, great ideas, tall tales, photos, friendship and fellowship

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers Fall Fly Tying Jam Session

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers will conduct a fly tying jam session on **November 7th**. The session will be held at the **Goodtime Pizza & Things**, 22049 Old 44 Drive, Palo Cedro, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The cost of the session will be \$12.00. This cost will include most of the materials needed to tie the flies and the pizza. The tiers will purchase their own drinks. If you are not currently on the fly tier e-mail list and would like to add your name, please e-mail me at rlstewart@frontiernet.net. If you have any questions/comments contact me in the evening at 474-5748.

The December Fly Tying Jam Session will be held on December 5th at Goodtime Pizza & Things.

Striped Bass Fishout and Striperfest 2009

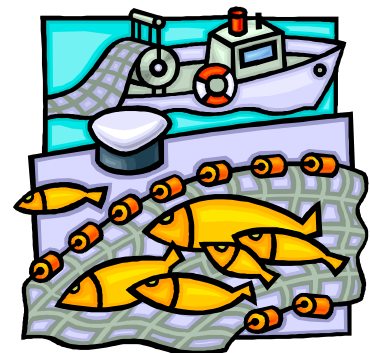
Our November 5 - 7th fishout for striped bass will be headquartered at the Sugar Barge Marina located on Bethel Island. We will be fishing on Thursday through Saturday morning and then we plan to attend the 12th Annual Dan Blanton's Striperfest Saturday afternoon, November 7th.

Delta striped bass fishing should be great at this time of the year and the Annual Striperfest is a must attend event for anyone interested in saving our delta fishery. Many of the personalities who frequent Dan Blanton's website (www.danblanton.com) will be in attendance and this is a great opportunity to meet them. In addition to the great BBQ and camaraderie there is an always fantastic Striperfest raffle consisting of rods, reels, flies and fly plates, as well as other great equipment.

The Striperfest was founded in 1997 to acknowledge Dan Blanton for his contributions to fly fishing and the establishing of his outstanding website for all to enjoy. Proceeds raised from this annual event, so far totaling over \$50,000, go to support the hard work of the Bay/Delta Conservation Committee of NCCFFF and California Sport Protection Alliance (CSPA) to save and restore our striped bass fishery.

Mark your calendar to attend the outing or Striperfest.

For more information on this outing contact
Art Agnew 722-0957.



**STFF Members - Please remember to wear
Your Name Badge to all Club Functions**

Broken Lines

Thanks to all of the volunteers who have helped with the Angler Survey Signs. As I don't have much for this column, I thought I would share some pictures of the Upper Sac Team led by **Jerry Marks**. His associates were **Rich Artusy**, **Creighton Smith**, **Earl Johnston**, and **Brad Best**. I was told they weren't able to complete one of the signs because of a fallen tree blocking the way. Good thing they didn't bring a chain saw with them. The thought of those six guys loose in the woods with a chain saw is scary. Guys - Great Job! Jim Shilling - Conservation Director



Fishmasters Wanted for 2010

Our 2010 Fishout schedule is now in the planning process. If you have been a FISHMASTER before and would like to volunteer again for 2010, or if you have not been a Fishmaster and would like to volunteer, please call Jerry Marks, 365-6893, by November 6th. This is a fun and easy job. It's always fun to take your friends fishing!

Thank you,
Your STFF Fishout Committee

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October Membership Meeting Wednesday November 11 – 7:00 PM Redding Library

Northern California Steelhead Fishing

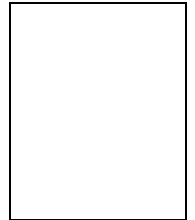
*“His heart is that of a warrior, his speed like a shooting star, his power a reckless dynamo”
(Clark C. Van Fleet “Steelhead to a Fly”)*

Michael Caranci returns to Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers to give his outstanding presentation on Northern California steelhead fishing. Michael’s much hailed presentation will reveal the secrets of where to find this pictorial prize as well as how to attract and catch it. Tackle and techniques will be discussed as well as an outstanding array of photos of our Northern California steelhead rivers. This is a great opportunity to learn more about fishing for steelhead.

When not out fishing Michael manages **The Fly Shop’s** Guide Service as well as oversees the shop’s Fly Fishing Schools and Fish Camp programs.



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Next Meeting
Wednesday Nov 11, 2009
7:00 PM – Northern California Steelhead Fishing
Redding Library

Fishouts
Thurs-Sat Nov 5-7 -- Striped Bass Fishout
Thurs Nov 12 -- Trinity River Fishout

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