

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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January 2010

The President's _____ Line

It is the start of a new year with some new faces on your board of directors. Your board is in the process of reviewing past programs and seeking new programs that will benefit our members. We have a new Conservation Director, **Creighton Smith**, who will be assisted by **Allan Craig**. I'm sure they will be working on projects benefiting the resources we all love. By the way, **Earl Johnston** has three coolers going for three separate Trout in the Class Room programs. Way to go Earl.

You have been hearing and seeing a lot of publicity for the annual banquet in March. I hope all of you are going to attend as this one looks like the best yet. Let **Dick Recchia** know if you're coming and get your reservation in ASAP.

I hope to be able to put together a committee soon for doing community projects; look for more on this later.

Art Agnew has agreed to continue in the foreseeable future as the program chair. He has done such a great job this last year, lets hope he out does himself this year.

I know that **Jerry Marks** has added even more Fishouts this year and a few more on weekends for the working members. Hopefully we will have the 2010 program finalized after the January board meeting. We will keep you posted in the Caster and the Web page.

Just a short note; I fished with club member Craig Nielson on the Klamath and don't know when I have had a better two days catching steelhead. Although Dick Recchia may have out fished me, I did manage one good fish swinging and a real good fish using a bbo ober. (Hard for me to say the word.) Over all we must have boated at least 15 to 20 fish. Not bad for a couple of old guys!

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Calendar of Events

January 2010

- 1** *Happy New Year*
- 6** Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 9** Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 12** Fishout – Baum Lake
Fishmasters – R. Burke/G. Nelson
- 13** Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 14** Breakfast Gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 17** Spey Casting Clinic
Barge Hole Gravel Bar 9a.m.-12p.m.
- 28** Breakfast Gathering
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

February 2010

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Fishmaster – Craig Nielson
- 10** Membership Meeting
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**STFF Members: Please Remember to Wear
Your Name Badges
to all Club Functions**

STFF 2010 TENTATIVE FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
January	Tuesday	12	Baum Lake	R. Burke & G. Nelson
February	Tuesday	9 (18 alt.)	Lower Sac. Wade	Craig Nielson
March	Saturday	13	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
March	Thursday	18	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
March	Wednesday	24	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
March	Saturday	27	Trinity River	Dick Recchia
April	Saturday	3	Trinity Holy Water	Bill Lenheim
April	Tuesday	6	Trinity Holy Water	Creighton Smith
April	Saturday	24	Lewiston Lake	Benson Kanemoto
May	Tuesday	18	Clear Creek PM	Jerry Waybright
May	Tuesday	25	Shasta Lake Bass	John Gantner
June	Monday	14	Crater Lake, CA	Robert Vanderhyde
June	Fri-Sun	25-27	Almanor Hex	Dale Huffman
July	Wednesday	7	McCloud Res.	Earl Johnston
July	Saturday	17	Upper Sac.	Gerald Nelson
August	Mon-Thur	2-5	Klamath Lake, OR	Fred David
August	Wednesday	18	Iron Canyon Res.	Don Wieseman
September	Tuesday	7	Baum Lake	Alan Jones
September	Tuesday	21	Whiskeytown Lake	
October	Sun-Tue	10-12	Eagle Lake	J. & G. Fair
October	Tuesday	19	Manzanita Lake	Allen Slattery
October	Sun-Wed	24-27	Rogue River	Jerry Marks
November	Thurs-Sun	4-7	Delta Striperfest	Art Agnew
November	Thursday	18	Trinity Steelhead	Ross Morrison
December	Saturday	4 (11 alt.)	Lower Sac	Alan Jones

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

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.

JANUARY FISHOUT at BAUM LAKE - DATE: Thursday, Jan. 12, 2010

Fishmaster: Ray Burke & Gerald Nelson 638-6633 glnelson8@frontiernet.net

Meeting Site: My-T-Fine Market parking lot, Hwy. 299 & Deschutes Rd.

Time: Early enough to carpool, coffee, etc. **8:30 AM PROMPT departure.** We will caravan to the lake. Jerry and Earl will lead the caravan; the Fishmaster will meet you at the lake.

Equipment: 4-6 wt rod, floating line, 4-5 X leader and/or intermediate full sink line.

Flies: Your usual lake midges (in black) and nymphs in small sizes will work as will bugger and leach patterns size 6-12, BWO size 18, ParaAdams size 16-20. Please check with THE FLY SHOP for the latest hatch data.

Special Equipment: Float tubes, prams (no gas motors, elect. ok), pontoon boats, waders and foul weather gear. Bank fishing is difficult because of the mud and ice, but doable.

Lakeshore crash course on how to catchem will be presented by a local expert.

The Coffee and Doughnut bar will be open at the lake shore.

Lunch: Hot chili and cornbread will be served from 1:00 to 1:30. Please bring your own drinks.

Contact the Fishmaster to sign up. If you sign up and later find that you can't attend please call him.

This Fishout is subject to cancellation at the last minute due to bad weather so please make sure we have your phone number. My-T-Fine Market is a lonely place early in the morning, all by yourself, in the rain or snow,

Broken Lines

Happy New Year fellow clubbers and may all your steelhead be bright.

As a fairly new club member (1 year) and your new Conservation Director, I wanted to give you a little history of my background. I grew up principally in Palo Alto and thanks to the good sense of my great grandfather who homesteaded in Calaveras County; I was trout fishing at the age of 3. In 1968 I took my first excursion to the Klamath to fish for the fabled steelhead. I managed to catch a few half pounders and the sickness took hold.

I went on to Humboldt State where I majored in Natural Resource Management, with a lot of fisheries and wildlife course work. In my summers, I worked with the California F&G Marine Fisheries branch in Menlo Park. I worked principally on DDT research which at the time was a highly sensitive subject. After college, I spent a half a year with the Peace Corps in Nepal, working with the farmers on raising carp. Back home, I eventually got into water and air pollution testing and regulation up until my retirement last year.

The past 20 years I have been active in the Kern River Fly Fishers club, serving as vice-president and conducting workshops on introduction to fly fishing, fly tying, and rod building.

In the next few weeks I plan to meet with the local Fish & Game staff concerning next year's conservation programs. Thanks to Earl Johnson and his crew we have the Trout in the Classroom tanks ready for eggs at Castle, Manzanita and Anderson Heights elementary schools. These programs serve an important function in teaching youngsters about the life history of trout and salmon and what they need to thrive.

So, look to the next newsletter for information on the upcoming conservation programs and "opportunities" for members to lend a hand.

Creighton Smith

Lower Sac – Fishout

Tuesday Feb. 9, 2010 – alt. Thursday 18th

Fishmaster – Craig Nielson

Meeting Time and Place: Posse Ground picnic tables just upstream from the Sundial Bridge at 8:30a.m. Additional information will be announced at the January 13th meeting.

Please remember to purchase your 2010 Fishing License.

Fishing Location: Lower Sacramento River, upper reaches (depending on river conditions).

Equipment/Tackle: Most folk's rod preference is a 6 or 7 wt. Tippet sizes from 3X to 4X. Sometimes tippet down to 5X for really low, clear water or dry flies. Many use Fluorocarbon tippet for clear water conditions. Plan on bringing your favorite indicator and 3X tapered leaders or 12lb Fluorocarbon to build a nymphing leader.

Angling Methods: With winter conditions and hopefully reasonably low flows, the most productive method will likely be nymph fishing under indicators.

The indicator set-up is the same as is used on the Trinity or Klamath Rivers, with about 4 to 7 feet between the indicator and split shot knot, followed by 12-14 inches of 3X tippet to the first fly, in turn followed by 12-14 inches of 4X tippet to the second fly.

Some angler's tie-in the leader to the indicator and/or use a level tippet, say 12lb Fluorocarbon 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 "high stick" nymph without an indicator, or switch quickly to dry fly fish.

Flies: #10-12 egg patterns (shrimp pink or orange for colored water and darker conditions to champagne for clearer water and lighter conditions), Alevin patterns #8-12, #6-8 Superfloss Rubberlegs, #12-14 copper Johns (copper, chartreuse and red), and #14-18 flashback PTs, Micromays and other favorite BWO nymph patterns.

Toss in a few midges such as Zebras and Crystal midges #16-20. I always keep a few caddis patterns such as tan Fox Pupae or Birdsnests in the box for those sunny warm afternoons when they sometimes pop. For dries, bring your favorite BWO dries and emergers and keep your fingers crossed.

Fishmaster's Note: Please sign up at the January meeting or contact Craig at 926-5763 or Craig@ShastaTrout.com to do so or if you have questions. See you on February 9th!



2010 Membership Form
shastatrinityflyfishers.org

The following information will be used to produce the club's roster and mailing list. Please include all contact information data you wish to have appear in the club's 2010 roster.

Regular Membership () Family Membership () Junior Member ()**

RENEWING MEMBER () NEW MEMBER ()

PLEASE FILL OUT IN FULL

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone No.: _____ **Email Address:** _____

(For Family Memberships Only) List the Names of Additional Family Members, 18 Years and older, residing at the same residence.

1.) _____ 2.) _____

3.) _____ 4.) _____

Annual membership dues are **\$30.00 (*)** for a Regular Membership or Family Membership. Junior Memberships are Free of Charge(**). Mail completed application form along with annual dues to **Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers P. O. Box 990002 Redding, CA 96099**. Checks should be made out to **Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers**.

(*) All new memberships joining STFF after June 1 shall pay ½ of the annual membership dues.

(**) *Junior Members, individuals under the age of 18 years, must have written permission from a parent or guardian to become a Junior Member of Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers. Junior Members must be accompanied by a responsible adult when attending a Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers, Inc. outing.*

Liability Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

As a condition of membership or of participating in any activity encouraged or publicized by Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers, Inc. (STFF), I voluntarily assume all risks of my participation. In acknowledgement that I am doing so entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility, I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators agree to remise, full release, hold harmless, and forever discharge STFF, all its officers, board members and volunteers, acting officially or otherwise, from any cause whatsoever while participating in any such STFF activity. Any member who invites a non-member (including member's spouse and family) agrees that such guest is bound by the same condition and agrees to so advise the guest.

I have read the above statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers, Inc.

Signed _____ Date _____

BREAKFAST MEETINGS

For 2010, STFF will continue the bi-monthly breakfast meetings at The Country Kitchen, 1099 Hilltop Dr.

Come share fly fishing news, stream and fish reports, great ideas, tall tales, photos, friendship and fellowship.

We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.
Hope to see you there.

STFF ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST 2009

THE WINNERS OF THE CONTEST WERE:

1ST PLACE ROSS MORRISON

2ND PLACE WALT COLE

3RD PLACE DICK JOHNSON

*Please don't forget to fill out your Membership Renewal Form!
Turn it in at the January meeting or
mail to STFF, P. O. Box 990002, Redding, CA 96009-0002.
You must have it in by January 31 to have your name included in the
annual Club Roster.
Members will receive a club decal with renewal/membership.*

Beginning January 2010, the Club will hold a Spey Casting program on the third Sunday of each month from 9 am to 12 pm at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar. This is an opportunity for the beginner to the advanced Spey caster to practice, try new rods and have a great time on the river. The Barge Hole is located 6.2 miles south of the Battle Creek Launch Ramp, dirt road on the right.

(Contact Bill Lenheim 530 223 6090 for info)

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January Membership Meeting

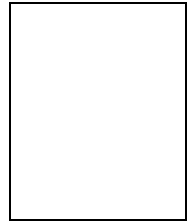
Wednesday January 13 – 7:00 PM

Redding Library

Fishing the Owyhee River for Brown Trout

Our first program of the New Year will be another great program presented by **Steve Cooper** who will give his presentation of fishing Oregon's Owyhee River located in the badlands of Eastern Oregon. Steve is the owner/operator and head guide of **The High Plain's Drifters Guide Service**. He devotes most of his summers to exploring the remote streams often overlooked by the general angling population. Last year Steve presented his program Bronze Back Fever, Smallmouth Bass fishing on Washington's Grande Ronde River. This year we will be treated to his new program The Owyhee River Journal, which documents the trials, tribulations, joys and heart aches encountered when fishing the remote Owyhee River for big Brown Trout.

Prior to the meeting, beginning about 6:15 PM, Steve will give a fly tying demonstration which will feature his new Articulated Rainbow Trout Streamer. This is a must program for all to see.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting
Wednesday Jan 13, 2010
7:00 PM – Owyhee River Brown Trout
Redding Library

Fishouts
Tues, Jan 12 – Baum Lake

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