

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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April 2010

The President's _____ Line

This Month marks the start of a new year for fly-fishing with the opening of trout season on April 24th. Likewise, in April, our club also begins a new "season" as Bill Lenheim steps down from the Presidency, and I assume that position.

Bill has done an outstanding job during his tenure as the leader of our club. He has initiated several major new programs including rod building classes, a STFF sponsored scholarship program at Humboldt State and the establishment of our own website.

During Bill's presidency, both the total membership and the club's treasury have increased substantially. In addition there's a new level of cooperation and enthusiasm within our members as demonstrated by the support that has been provided to all the club's programs.

Bill's unique style of leadership will be missed - but to my benefit - he will remain as a member of the Board of Directors where I'm certain he'll voice his opinions and concerns.

In the meantime, I look forward to serving the remainder of Bill's term - and to hopefully fill his shoes as best as possible. In that regard, I look forward to the continued support of all our members.

Dick Recchia, President
547-9720

**April Membership Meeting – Wednesday April 14 – 7:00 PM
Redding Library
Fly Fishing Freestones**

With Opening Day of Trout Season just around the corner we have Northern California native, guide, and STFF member **Craig Nielsen** giving his "Fly Fishing Freestones" program. This presentation will feature proven tactics, strategies, and techniques he has refined on the waters of the McCloud, Upper Sacramento, Pit, and Trinity Rivers which are renowned for their wild trout and steelhead.

Craig has been pursuing adventures with a fly rod for nearly 50 years and he has been guiding for trout and steelhead on Northern California waters for almost 20 years. Craig's guide service, Shasta Trout, features the legendary rivers and finest local guides near his home in Mt. Shasta. Craig is a FFF Certified Casting Instructor, and before following his passion to guide and outfit full time he was instructor, administrator and counselor at Chico State University.

Craig will be conducting a tying demonstration prior to the meeting beginning at 6:15 PM so come early and enjoy this part of the evening's program.

**Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers would like
to welcome these new
Club members**

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Happy Easter

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Calendar of Events

April 2010

3	Trinity Holy Water - Fishout Fishmaster – Bill Lenheim
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7	Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
8	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
10	Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
14	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
18	Spey Casting Clinic Barge Hole Gravel Bar 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
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25	Shasta Lake Bass – Fishout Fishmaster - John Gantner
27	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

STFF Members: Please Remember to Wear Your Name Badge to all Club Functions

STFF 2010 TENTATIVE FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
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.

TRINITY RIVER HOLY WATER FISHOUTS

Saturday, April 3, 2010

Fishmaster: Bill Lenheim 223-6090 lenheim@sbcglobal.net

And or

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Fishmaster: Creighton Smith 243-4388 cr8smith@gmail.com

Time: 8:30 AM

Place: Carpoolers meet at Sunset Market (corner of Buenaventura and Eureka) in time to depart promptly at 7:20. Meeting location is Mountain Valley Grill parking lot, Lewiston. (May be closed. If so, coffee and donuts will be served at 8:10.) Please call ahead 778-3717 if you plan to eat breakfast there. Lunch is on your own.

Directions: From Hwy 299, turn right on Lewiston Dam Blvd. Drive 4 miles to Lewiston. Drive past the Plug-n-Jug and turn left into the parking lot by the gas station and mini-mart. We will caravan to the river access.

Target species: Steelhead Rainbow and Brown Trout are also in the river.

Recommended gear: 6-8 wt rod, floating and or sink-tip line, 2-4X tippet.

Flies: Your favorite Steelhead flies along with Egg patterns, Golden and Black Stonefly nymphs, Copper John, P.T., Bird's Nest, San Juan Worm, olive, black Leach patterns, BWO, Adams, Adult Caddis, Callibaetis mayflies, March Brown. **Please call Trinity Fly Shop (623-6757) for the latest hatch information and productive flies.**

Fishing method: Swing, indicator, short line and downstream nymphing are all effective.

Note: This is a mandatory catch and release, barbless hooks, Fly Fishing only area. Please take great care releasing all fish. When possible, keep them in the water during your release. **You will need a Steelhead Fishing Report Card along with your License.** Wading is low, slow and easy, but bring your wading staff.

Call the Fishmaster to sign up. Please notify the Fishmaster at least 24 hours before the meeting time if you *did* sign up and later find you can't attend or if you *did not* sign up and want to attend.

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Trinity River Fly Only Section Recommended Flies

Either Nymph or Dry

Stone Flies	#16	Callabaetis	#16
BWO/Betas	#20	March Brown	#14
Stone Flies	#12		

Patterns recommended from The Fly Shop

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

Lewiston Lake Fishout Sat, April 24, 2010

Fishmaster: Benson Kanemoto 244-1520 sevenx@aol.com

Meeting place: Sunset Market at the corner of Buenaventura and Eureka Way (Hwy 299). We will caravan to the lake.

Time: Please arrive early enough to depart promptly at 8:30 a.m. It's approximately an hour and fifteen minutes to the lake. (**Sunset Market is a great place for a custom sandwich and stuff**)

Equipment: Rods: 4, 5 and 6 wt. Lines: Floating for bobbercasting, nymphing under an indicator with a floater is quite productive. Sinking lines should include sink tips, intermediate 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 and angling ability. I use mostly 6x except for stripping, then I use 3x.

Flies: Midge larva and pupas in red, black or green from size 18-22. A bead head flashback pheasant tail nymph size 16-20 is a must have. A pheasant tail and a midge pupa would be a good place to start. For stripping, leeches in black, olive or brown from size 10-6. Wolley buggers in all colors and sizes should be experimented with. Trolling a long line will also work for those with limited casting ability.

Boats: All types watercraft are allowed. Float tubes are marginal depending on the water flows. Usually this time of the year it's minimal. The water is 46-48 degrees so stay in your boat. Boats are the preferred vessel to fish from for ease of movement and the ability to sight fish. There is a 10-mile per hour speed limit. A very good boat launch is located at the lake and will cost you \$5.00 to launch and park for the day.

Angling Tips: Locate fish by observing rises or splashes, move quietly within casting range, put the anchor down, cast your flies within a few feet of the fish and catch a fish. The key is to be stealthy. You can also locate fish by drifting slowly and looking for them, the water is generally crystal clear.

Fishmaster's note: Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, raincoats and fleece are always good to have. Coffee and donuts will be served at the boat launch as soon as we arrive and a brief "How to catchem" presentation will be made followed by Q & A. We will all meet, for a quick lunch together, at the boat launch, at 1pm to share fish reports and fellowship.

Please sign up at the April 14th meeting or contact the Fishmaster to do so. Please notify the Fishmaster at least 24 hours before the meeting time if, you *did* sign up and later find you can't attend or if you *did not* sign up and want to attend.

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Lower Sac Float and Wade Report

After a series of storms and blow outs, we finally got some sunshine and 23 anglers showed up at the Posse Ground picnic area for our alternate Fishout date, February 18th, on the Lower Sac. **Jerry Marks** was already in place with hot steaming coffee and donuts.

Ross Morrison and **Craig Nielsen** gave a brief presentation on rigging and passed around a few flies. Some of the more experienced members offered helpful tips as well. We discussed some techniques and tactics and folks with boats headed off to launch at the Bonneview Boat ramp. The wading anglers discussed access with Ross before heading out to enjoy the fine weather and exceptionally low water wading conditions. Water clarity had been an issue for several days prior but had cleared just in time for the Fishout.

The fishing started out slowly for all most everyone and picked up later for some but not for others. The predicted hatches failed to materialize and there was not much in the way of action from the fish as they apparently got the memo that there was a gaggle of anglers headed their way on this day. A few March Browns and tiny Mayflies showed early along with a sputtering hatch of spring caddis in the early afternoon.

Fish reports as follows:

Rich Artusy and **Gerald Nelson** reported fishing the Girvan area until noon without luck but Rich found some fish after lunch when he returned to Turtle Bay to fish with **Tom Taylor**. Rich got a couple to eat Alevins including one 19 incher. Tom tried all the recommended patterns, legs, eggs, Alevins and even some caddis. He was hoping for some risers but could not find a fish willing to kiss his flies. **Glen Graham** reported fishing till 3p.m. without a bump. **Bill Hale** enjoyed fishing out of his new two-man pontoon boat and loves the way it handled. He reported a grab or two but no fish to hand.

Art Agnew and **Marsha Caranci** were the top rods for the day and Marsha reports: "We had a slow day until about 3:30, when the real action started. We ended up boating 5 fish, the largest one, about 18" and beautiful, was caught by Art on a rubber legs. I got about a 16" fish, and we netted 3 smaller ones, and had at least one other hook up. We saw a bald eagle, an osprey, five river otters on a log, and several salmon."

Sandy Johnson enjoyed the bald eagle, osprey, otter and bird shows but didn't have quite as much luck on her trout sightings. The lead boat with Craig on the oars and his guests **Bob Norman** and **George Durand** on the sticks had a bit more success finding a few fish early on March Brown nymphs and rubber legs. About a dozen fish in all but we lost several as well. Jerry Marks reported 2 fat bows to hand swinging a Bird's nest.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the break in the weather and basked in the sunshine. Hopefully the weather will be this fine on our repeat outing in 2011!

A big thanks to all the members who participated and to Ross Morrison & Jerry Marks for their support and efforts in assisting a new Fishmaster to make this event a success. **Special** thanks to Sandy Johnson for going the long extra mile to pick up Bill Hale and Jerry Marks from the take out at Anderson River Park and shuttling them back to Bonneview.

Craig Nielsen, Fishmaster



Thank you!

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Redding Boat, Sport, and RV Show

Thanks to the following members for their help
at the Boat Show, March 5, 6, and 7:

Art Agnew	Norm Brown	Walt Cole	Allan Craig
Fred David	Jay & Glenn Fair	Dale Huffman	Dick & Sandy Johnson
Bill Lenheim	Jerry Marks	Jim Murphy	Gerald Nelson
Tim Peters	Jay Rawitzer	Dick Recchia	Gary Sharrock
Allen Slattery	Tom Taylor	John Watt	Don Wieseman

Also, to Doug Christion, for getting email notices out for the tyers needed.

Thank you all!

Robert Vanderhyde, Project Leader

KIDS FISH DAY AT MT. SHASTA HATCHERY 2010

The Kids Fish Days will be held on
June 19th, July 17th and August 21st.

“Volunteers needed”

**Contact Earl Johnston for info:
275-0206 or johnstonle@aol.com**

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FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

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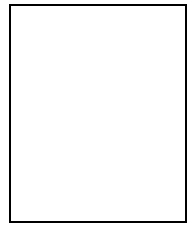
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 **FLY TYING DEMOS BY:** Mike Mercer, Tim Fox, Justin Miller, Bill Marts, Zack Thurman





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Fishouts

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Sat, Apr 24 – Lewiston Lake

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