

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 2010

The President's _____ *Line*

By the time this letter is published, the 2010 Trout Season will have opened and all of us will look forward to another season of fishing some of the great trout streams and rivers in Northern California and Oregon.

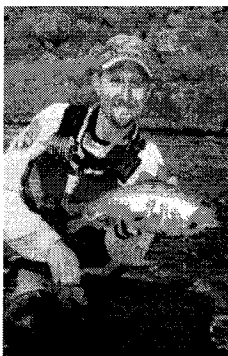
Although we can look forward to another fishing season, a look back at the past shows a very active winter agenda for our club. Over the past few months our members have enjoyed:

- Beginner and intermediate fly tying classes by Dale Huffman.
- Some terrific Saturday fly tying sessions organized by Stew Stewart.
- Very popular Rod building classes held by Creighton Smith.
- A successful annual banquet and fundraiser.
- A variety of club fishouts organized by Jerry Marks and his volunteer Fishmasters.
- A great lineup of monthly speakers scheduled by Art Agnew.
- The successful transition of publishing the club's newsletter from Marsha & Bary Caranci to Jim & Kathy Jensen.
- The establishment of a scholarship program at Humboldt College initiated by Bill Lenheim.
- A successful classroom education program organized by Earl Johnston.
- An information club website maintained and updated by Guy Manning.
- And some very enjoyable Thursday breakfast gatherings at Country Kitchen.

These activities demonstrate that we have a great club with plenty of members who are willing to donate their talents and time and offer our membership the opportunity to participate in several enjoyable and/or educational programs.

If the volunteer bug hasn't bitten you yet...why not consider becoming involved in one or more of the various projects that are on the club's agenda this year. I can promise that you'll enjoy the experience...meet more members...and enhance the overall level of cooperation within STFF.

Tight Lines, Dick Recchia



May Membership Meeting – Wednesday May 12 – 7:00 PM – Redding Library Heritage and Wild Trout Program

This month we are pleased to have two guests, **Jeff Weaver**, Associate Fisheries Biologist, and **Stephanie Mehalick**, field crew leader and overseer of all F & G fisheries surveys. They will give a presentation on the Department of Fish and Game's Heritage and Wild Trout Program.

The California Fish and Game Commission established this program in 1971 to protect and enhance quality trout fisheries sustained by natural reproduction. The Commission adopted a Wild Trout Policy that provides for the designation of "aesthetically pleasing and environmentally productive" streams and lakes to be managed exclusively for wild trout.

The Commission expanded its Wild Trout Policy by establishing the Heritage Trout Program in 1998 (now incorporated into the Heritage and Wild Trout Program), such that streams or lakes featuring one or more of the state's native trout, and meeting other specific Wild Trout Water designation criteria, may be designated as Heritage Trout Waters.

The objectives of the Heritage Trout Program are to:

- Increase public awareness about the beauty, diversity, historical significance, and special values of California's native trout and their habitats
- Build public support and increase public involvement in native trout restoration efforts
- Promote collaborative efforts with organizations and individuals involved with native trout restoration and management
- Diversify opportunities to fish for, observe, and enjoy native trout in their historic habitats



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Calendar of Events

May 2010

5	Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
8	Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro 8:30 a.m. – 3:00p.m.
12	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
13	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
16	Spey Casting Clinic Barge Hole Gravel Bar 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
18	Fishout - Clear Creek PM Fishmaster – Jerry Waybright
18	Beginners Fly Casting Class – 6:00 PM Redding Convention Center Lawn
22	Bonus Fishout –Shad Grab –Yuba River Fishmaster – Jerry Marks
25	Fishout - Shasta Lake Bass Fishmaster - John Gantner
25	Beginners Fly Casting Class – 6:00 PM Redding Convention Center Lawn
27	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

June 2010

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8	Beginners Fly Casting Class – 6:00 PM Redding Convention Center Lawn
9	Annual Barbeque Anderson River Park
10	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
14	Fishout - Crater Lake Fishmaster – Robert Vanderhyde
15	Beginners Fly Casting Class – 6:00 PM Redding Convention Center Lawn
20	Spey Casting Clinic Barge Hole Gravel Bar 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
22	Open Fly Casting Practice – 6:00 PM Redding Convention Center Lawn
24	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
25-27	Fishout - Almanor Hex Hatch Fishmaster – Dale Huffman
29	Open Fly Casting Practice – 6:00 PM Redding Convention Center Lawn

STFF 2010 TENTATIVE FISHOUT SCHEDULE

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

**STFF Members: Please remember to wear your Name Badge
to all Club Functions**

CLEAR CREEK EVENING HATCH FISHOUT TUESDAY, MAY 18

FISHMASTER JERRY WAYBRIGHT (365-1440 or gmwaybright@aol.com)

DATE & TIME TUESDAY, MAY 18 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.

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. INSECT & TICK REPELLENT

FLIES MAY FLIES AND STONE FLIES 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. PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORATE BEVEAGE. COME EARLY TO ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND SUIT UP. 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.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE MAY MEETING OR CONTACT THE FISHMASTER TO DO SO.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE FISHMASTER AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING TIME IF YOU SIGN UP AND LATER FIND YOU CAN'T ATTEND OR IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP AND WISH TO JOIN US. YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP OUR PLANNING EFFORTS.

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Shasta Lake Bass Fishout May 25, 2010

- Fishmaster:** John Gantner 245-0450 jrgantner@charter.net
- Time:** 8:30 a.m.
- Place:** Lake Shasta at Jones Valley public boat launch parking area. Coffee and donuts will be served at that time followed by a brief "How to catchem" presentation.
- Lunch:** Please bring your own. Picnic rendezvous location to be announced at the lake.
- Equipment:** Rods of 5- 8-weight. 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 are #1. Clousers (chartreuse and white), bunny leeches, buggers and any streamers that imitates a threadfin shad. Crawdad imitations are sometimes good. Top-water poppers are hit and miss early and late.
- Fishmaster's Note:** This is a **boat necessary** event. If you don't have access to a boat with a motor, please make arrangements to join a member with a boat. If you have a boat, please advise the Fishmaster how many passengers you can take. Passengers are encouraged to chip in for gas and worms. Polarized sunglasses, hat, sunscreen and water are recommended for a healthy day on the lake. **PFD required for all participants.** You are welcome to arrive early to launch your boat, rig up, etc. to be ready to go right after our meeting.

**Please sign up at the May 12th meeting or contact the Fishmaster to do so.
Also, please call if you have any questions.**

BONUS FISHOUT - SHAD GRAB

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010

JOINT CLUB FISHOUT WITH E. C. POWELL FLY FISHERS, YUBA CITY

- Fishmaster:** Jerry Marks 365-6893 jerrymarks@clearwire.net
- Time:** Arrive in time for a *prompt* departure to the Yuba River at 9 AM.
- Meeting place:** Perko's Restaurant 724 W. Onstott Way, Yuba City 674-8251 (Raley's Shopping Center)
Carpoolers please coordinate at the May meeting.
- Targeted Species:** Shad....got backing?
- Recommended Gear:** 5-7 wt. rods. Line types: shooting head or sink tips. 2-3 X leaders, fluorocarbon tippet
- Flies and angling method:** Wading. Swinging Shad Flies. **Wading staff is important.**
- Lunch:** A streamside lunch will be served courtesy of E.C. Powell FF. Please bring your favorite beverage.
- Fishmaster's note:** Please contact the Fishmaster if you want to stay in a motel the night before. No host cocktails and dinner. Hook sharpening, tall tales & fellowship.

Please sign up at the May meeting or by contacting the Fishmaster.

*If you sign up and are unable to attend or if you did not sign up and wish to attend,
Please advise the Fishmaster no later than Thursday, May 20.*

Hope to see you on the Yuba.

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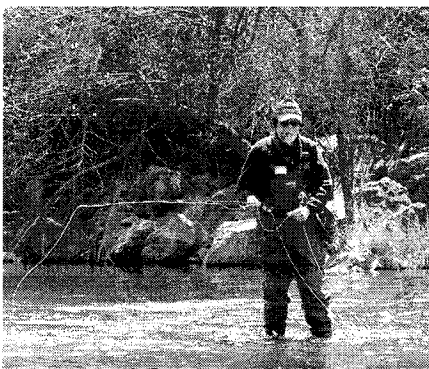
Holy Water Fishout Report – April 6, 2010



Seventeen STFF anglers met at the Mountain Valley Grill for breakfast in Lewiston on April 6, 2010. The sun was shining as they departed for the river, with visions of fighting Steelhead in their minds. Little did they know the Holy Water was loaded with Smolts. Catch and release reports as follows:



Robert Vanderhyde reported 10 "wannabe Steelhead" to hand. Six little dinks and two big 10 inchers. **Brad Best** reported many 10-12 inchers released. **Gerald Nelson** reported 100's of dinks and several 11 inchers to hand on his 3 wt outfit and said it was a great day after taking a dip in the river. He also reported a Steelhead having his way with him doing a leap-snap.



Doug Christian had a great time and reported over 250 dinks for 3 days of fishing. He also released 8 big 10-12 inchers. **Kevin Kay** reported, "Smolts, Smolts and nothing but Smolts" for him and **Dick Russell**.

Art Agnew, our *BIG STICK* for the day, reported six hundred fifty three 4-6 inch dinks, ten about 10-12 inches and one real nice 16 inch Rainbow. He had his success using soft hackle flies and a 4wt outfit. **Jerry Waybright** released the first dink of the day followed by lots more. **Ron Ramsey** reported "fun, fun, fun" catching lots of Smolts and a beautiful Steelhead, which broke him off after 3 jumps and several hot, screaming reel runs.

Alan Jones released too many dinks to count. **Jerry Marks** practiced his hook-set with the dinks and dries. Also attending were **Dave Dinelli**, **Sue Horkay**, **Rich Artusy**, **Dick Poole**, **Jim Murry** and **John Gantner**. Although the size of our catch was mini everyone had a maxi day enjoying the warm weather, a beautiful river and each other's company. Thanks to all for contributing to the fun.

Fishout Report-Trinity River-March 27th

Only 5 STFF members participated in the March 27th Fishout.

Jerry Marks, **Dick Recchia** and **Bill Hale** used their pontoon boats to float from the Lewiston Bridge.

Linda and Gerald Nelson waded the water near Jerry's trailer. Although they didn't catch anything of "Wow" proportions they ended up with a good total. Linda landed six, 8-12" Smolts, Gerald got into a pod of Smolts and came away with 18 in the 8-12" range.

Dick and Jerry also landed a number of Smolts plus a couple of small brown trout. The water was clear, the weather was great...but the Steelheads were gone!

All in all, it was a fun day!

2010 Summer Fly Casting Classes

Guy Manning, FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor and **Steve Crosetti**, FFF Certified Casting Instructor, will be holding the annual *Beginners Fly Casting Classes* beginning in May. These classes run on 5 Tuesdays for 2 hours each class. Classes begin at 6 PM and run until about 8 PM each evening. They will be held on the lawn just south of the Redding Convention Center and across from Channel 7 in the Turtle Bay Area.

The classes will cost \$35 per person for the whole series of 5 classes. Bring a rod, with a matching reel and line. Add a 9 foot leader in 3X or 4X size and we will supply the fluff. Reservations are not needed, so just show up. Please show up at least 5 minutes early for each class to allow time to set up your gear. All classes will begin promptly at 6 PM. Since the instruction uses a step by step approach please show up to each class. We will not be able to take time away from the other students to catch you up on what was missed. A small number of rods will be available for the first 2 weeks for those without equipment.

Where and when: Lawn just south of Redding Convention Center near Turtle Bay
Tuesdays: May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15.
Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

Open Casting Sessions

Once the 2010 Spring Fly Casting Classes are over we will hold open casting every Tuesday evening from 6 PM until 8 PM at the same location. Open casting is an opportunity to get more practice or work on individual casting issues with professional level individual instruction. The open casting schedule will begin on June 22, 2010. There is no charge for the open casting. We do urge beginners to attend the Beginners Casting Classes above to build up basic skills prior to attending the open casting sessions. This allows the instructors to work with advanced beginners and intermediate casters without taking extended periods of time to go through the basics with the beginners.

If you have questions, please call Guy Manning at 351-5485.

STFF Bamboo Rod Building Project

STFF will hold bamboo rod building classes this Fall (late Oct or early Nov). In order to participate, members should select the Kit they prefer and send that information to Dick Recchia: rdrs@frontier.net

The kits will be produced this Summer.

Note: all rod blanks are 2 pc. - 2 tips. Kits include- wood reel seat, cork grips with nickel silver Skelton kits, hard chrome winding check and hook keeper, agate stripping guides, chrome snake guides, tip top and nickel ferrules. All blanks are finished and varnished.

Kit Prices: your choice of rods - \$145.00

Rod letter	Item #	Specs	Taper
Rod A	60231	6ft-3wt	Winston
Rod B	76230	7ft6in-3wt	T&T
Rod C	66240	6ft6in-4wt	FE Thomas
Rod D	70242	7ft-4wt	Payne
Rod D	76240	7ft6in-4wt	Payne
Rod E	76250	7ft6in-5wt	Dickerson

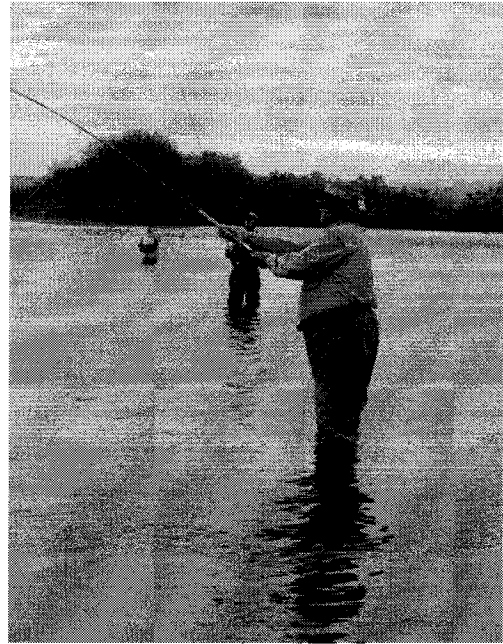
KIDS FISH DAY at MT. SHASTA HATCHERY 2010

It is that time of the year again; --The Kids Fish Days will be held on June 19th, July 17th and August 21st. 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 and 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. **Contact Earl Johnston for info: 275-0206 or johnstonle@aol.com**

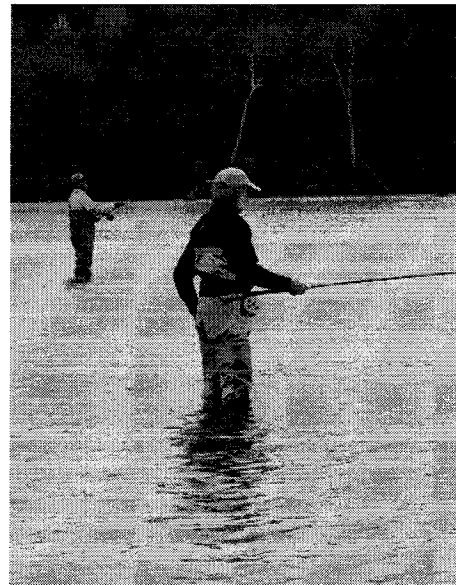
Spey Casting

Bill Lenheim has conducted a Spey Casting program on the third Sunday of each month since January, at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar. This program is intended to give beginning to advance anglers the opportunity to learn, practice, try new rods and have a great time on the river. He has averaged about 12 club members at each session. In addition it's a great chance for club members to meet, exchange ideas and stories.

The next Spey Casting session will be Sunday, May 16th .at 10:00 a.m.



Spey Casting is subject to weather and wind conditions. Call Bill Lenheim at 223-6090 for questions or information



BULLETIN BOARD

Notice of Changes to the Board of Directors

Due to some battles with his health, **Dennis Black** has decided to step down from his position on the Board of Directors. We all wish Dennis a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to all the club's activities.

To fill the opening on the Board, **Jim Jensen** has accepted an appointment as a Director as well as Chairman of the 2011 banquet. Sue Horkey, who will serve as Co-Chairman, will assist Jim in organizing the banquet.

Also, Creighton Smith, a current Director on the Board, will assume the position of Vice President.

The 2010 banquet was a complete "sellout" and a big success featuring great food, loads of fly fishing gear and artwork. Thanks to all of those whom contributed to our event.

Congratulations to: **STFF's Fly Fisher of the Year: Jeff Collins** and
STFF's Fly Tyer of the Year: Robert Vanderhyde

Note: The 2011 Annual banquet will be held at Win-River Casino on Saturday February 5th

STFF's Annual Barbeque - 7:00 PM

Mark your calendars for June 9th, that's the date of our annual barbecue at Anderson River Park...featuring STFF's world famous Tri-Tip dinner! Prior to the barbecue we will have a swap and sell event from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. -- Bring your own table - For Fly Fishing Stuff Only -

Announcing The Weekenders Fishout Connection

To accommodate our members who are not retired and work during the week, we are forming **THE WEEKENDERS**. The objective is to plan *weekend* Fishouts especially for them. Although the majority of our members are retired and prefer not to fish with the weekend crowds, we feel it is important to consider **all** members. We will plan for at least one weekend Fishout each month. Of course, any member is welcome to attend. All we need is someone to volunteer to join our Fishout Committee to be the **WEEKENDERS** Fishout coordinator. Please contact Jerry Marks - 365-6893 for details.

Hospitality Committee Announcement

If you know of a Member who is sick or lost a loved one, please advise Jerry Marks at 365-6893 or jerrymarks@clearwire.net so the club can send appropriate correspondence to let them know we care.

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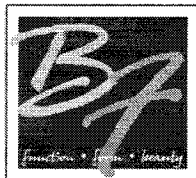
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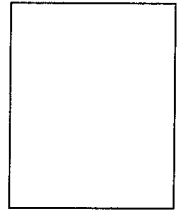
Fly Tying Jam Session - May 8, 2010 Guest Tiers - Jay & Glenn Fair

The next Fly Tying Jam Session will feature **Jay and Glenn Fair**. They will be tying with their new Translucent Micro Hackle. The session will be held at the **Goodtime Pizza & Things, 22049 Old 44 Drive, Palo Cedro, from 8:30AM to 3:00PM.**

The cost of the session will be \$10.00. This cost will include some 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 tiers e-mail list and would like to add your name, please e-mail rlstewart@frontiernet.net. If you have any questions/comments contact Stew Stewart in the evening at 474-5748.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting

Wednesday May 12, 2010
7:00 PM – Heritage & Wild Trout Program
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Fishouts

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Sat, May 22 – Yuba Shad Grab
Tues, May 25 – Shasta Lake Bass

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