

The Shasta Caster

The Monthly newsletter of the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers,
An organization dedicated to fly fishing and individuals who love the sport.

www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org

September 2009

The President's _____ Line

All of us, who are active in the club, know that we have a great organization that offers our members a variety of activities and benefits throughout the year.

But there are many fly fishers in our area that don't know about our club. In that regard, we have decided to initiate a major promotional activity to generate awareness of our club...and at the same time provide information on all aspects of fly-fishing.

With that in mind, I am proud to announce that we will host the following event:

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers'
Fly Fishing Fair and Swap & Sell
Saturday, Oct 2nd – 8:00 A. M. to 2:30 P.M.
Location: Caldwell Park – Redding, CA

STFF will have displays for:

- Hospitality and membership
- Fly casting rods and reels
- Spey casting rods and reels
- Fly tying
- Rod building
- Conservation
- Travel
- Lodges
- Entomology – Match the hatch"
- Fish-out info
- Refreshments

To make this event a success, we are asking every member of STFF to promote the Fly-fishing fair...by spreading the word with your friends and relatives...by attending the event and supporting your club...and by displaying the flyer included in this newsletter at a prominent place.

You can also participate in the Fair's "swap and sell" activity with any fly-fishing gear...or you can volunteer to assist at any of the clubs displays.

In addition to the STFF displays, there will be many vendors and fly-fishing suppliers who will be displaying their products or services. So don't miss out on this great event.

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 2nd at Caldwell Park in Redding!!!!

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Calendar of Events

September 2010

Every Tuesday

Open Casting Practice—6:00 p.m.

Redding Convention Center Lawn

Tuesday, Sept 28 will be the last session

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| 1 | Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Fishout – Baum Lake
Fishmaster – Alan Jones |
| 8 | Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m. |
| 9 | Fellowship Breakfast
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m. |
| 14 | Fishout – Crater Lake, CA
Fishmaster – Robert Vanderhyde |
| 19 | Spey Casting Clinic
Barge Hole Gravel Bar 10 a.m.-12 p.m. |
| 21 | Fishout – Whiskeytown Lake
Fishmaster - |
| 23 | Fellowship Breakfast
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m. |

October 2010

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| 6 | Board of Directors Meeting
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| 10-12 | Fishout – Eagle Lake
Fishmaster – J & G Fair |
| 13 | Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m. |
| 14 | Fellowship Breakfast
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| 17 | Spey Casting Clinic
Barge Hole Gravel Bar 10 a.m.-12 p.m. |
| 19 | Fishout – Manzanita Lake
Fishmaster – Allen Slatery |
| 24-27 | Fishout Rogue River
Fishmaster Jerry Marks |
| 28 | Fellowship Breakfast
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m. |

HAPPY



HALLOWEEN

STFF 2010 TENTATIVE FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
September	Tuesday	7	Baum Lake	Alan Jones
September	Tuesday	14	Crater Lake, CA	Robert Vanderhyde
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.

STFF Members: Please remember to wear your name badge to all Club functions.

September Membership Meeting Wednesday September 8 – 7:00 PM Redding Library



John Gantner talks about Bugs

This month our program will be presented by STFF member John Gantner who will give his much sought after program "**Bugology 101**". John has always had a fascination with aquatic insects and has put together a program dealing with their life cycles and how to effectively duplicate and fish them. John has put countless hours and resources into perfecting this program and has given this presentation to numerous fly fishing clubs throughout California and Oregon.

John is avid fly tier and writer and has developed numerous new fly patterns. He has authored well over 50 articles for numerous fly fishing magazines including California Fly Fisher, Fly Fisherman, Fly Fishing & Tying Journal, and Fly Tier. When not busy tying or writing John can be found chasing his favorite fishes on Northern California, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Canadian waterways.

Prior to the meeting John will be giving a fly tying demonstration
which begins 6:00 PM.

Fly Fishing Fair, Swap and Sell

Redding is in the center of some of the best fly fishing in Northern California. In order to create more awareness of our club...and the great fly fishing opportunities available in our area... The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers are holding a free Fly Fishing Fair & Swap and Sell at the Caldwell Park Pavilion area on Saturday, October 2nd from 8AM until 2:30PM.

The event will include all aspects of fly- fishing...from fly-casting demonstrations and lessons to fly tying. Displays at the event, will include local guide services, fly fishing gear, local fishing lodges, artwork, conservation, fishing entomology and much, much more.

A major attraction will be the fly fishing swap and sell display featuring rods, reels fly fishing gear and accessories, for sale and/or trade. The swap & sell is

open to any member wishing to participate but is limited to fly fishing items only! So, check your inventory of fly fishing gear and decide if there are a few items that you'd like to sell. Then come to Caldwell Park at 7:30 AM on October 2nd to reserve a spot in the swap & sell area.

The entire event is free and is intended to promote of fly-fishing in our area and encourage interested individuals or families to learn more about the enjoyment that is derived from this sport. So, plan on attending the fair and tell you friends and family to join you!

For information contact Creighton Smith, event coordinator: cr8smith@gmail.com [cell phone at: 661/703-9976] or visit the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers website: www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org

Bamboo Rod Building Project

The rod building will be broken down into 3 separate sessions: A- B & C [the contents of each are indicated below.] There will be three meetings scheduled at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro. At each meeting, we will cover the sessions indicted below. Therefore, if you miss all or part of a session, you'll have the opportunity to catch-up

Sessions to be covered

Saturday: October 16th- 8:30AM to 3PM	A
Saturday: November 13th- 8:30AM to 3PM	A & B
Saturday: November 20th- 8:30AM to 3PM	A, B & C

Note: building the rods is a complex process, so if at all possible, you will benefit the most if you can attend all three meetings. However, if you cannot attend the October 16th meeting, it is critical that you attend the next two. It will be almost impossible, to learn all the techniques by attending only the Nov 20th session.

The rod kits will be distributed at the August, Sept. and Oct STFF meetings. In addition to the components in your kit, you will need to select the thread that you will use for wrapping the guides. You will also need a flat wood file or at least two Emory boards in medium and course finish. Finally, please purchase a plastic rod burnisher, if you don't have one or can't borrow one from another member.

If any of you have rod wrapping stands to hold your rod blanks and thread while wrapping the rod ...please bring them to all of the meetings. If you don't have a wrapping stand...and can't borrow one...bring two large and heavy hard cover books.

If you have any questions, please send me an email. or catch me at one of the next meetings.

Dick Recchia

Session A:

- * Synchronizing rod blanks
- * Measuring & cutting blanks to size & shaping blanks for installation of ferrules
- * Shaping blanks for installation of handle and reel seat
- * Installation of: ferrules; tip top, handle & reel seat.
- * Measuring and marking rod for stripping guide and snake guides.
- * Installation [wrapping] of stripping guide, hook keeper and bottom ferrule.

Session B;

- * Installation [wrapping] of snake guides, ferrules (tip section) and tip top.
- * Varnish wrappings.

Session C:

- * Instructions on procedure to finish coatings on wraps.
- * Marking rod for line sizes
- * Alternatives for additional coatings on blanks

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers

Fly Fishing Fair

and Swap & Sell

[fly fishing gear only!]

Caldwell Park

Saturday: October 2nd

8AM-2:30 PM

- **Fly Casting Demonstrations & lessons**
- **Fly Tying**
- **Entomology for lakes and streams**
- **Conservation**
- **Spey casting**
- **Fly fishing gear**
- **Artwork**
- **Fly fishing gear-swap & sell**
- **Fishing trips**
- **Local guide services**
- **Local fishing lodges**
- **Refreshments**

All free: no admittance charge!



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“Didymo” Alert

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Distribution:

August 16, 2010
Sacramento, California

Primary Contact: Ken W. Davis, Aquatic Biologist
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Sections of the Bear River in Central California are infested with the algae *Didymosphenia geminata*, also known as “Didymo” or “Rock Snot.” Dr. Sarah Spaulding, with the USGS in Boulder, Colorado, has confirmed the initial identification made by aquatic biologist, Ken W. Davis. A concerned angler asked Mr. Davis - a consultant to the fly-fishing industry and various governmental agencies - to look at the river and the algae. The images on the left were taken 8/14/10 on the Bear River near Auburn, California.

Didymo is transferred via microscopic cells that can be carried in water, boots, and other wet items to new locations. Live algae cells can survive for 40 days in damp boots, canoes, etc. In severe cases, rock snot can have dramatic effects on fish, aquatic invertebrates, and other riparian wildlife. Massive amounts of algal mass - in a “nuisance bloom” - can clog infrastructure such as filters and screens.

Some areas of the Bear River, between Rollins and Combie Reservoirs, are significantly covered by the algae that looks and feels like wet toilet paper. The geographic extent of this Didymo “infestation,” is unknown.

Today, Dr. Spaulding confirmed that the sample provided by Mr. Davis is *Didymosphenia geminata*. The California Department of Fish & Game (DFG) was immediately notified. DFG has regulatory authority over whatever action will take place in the Bear River.

HELP PROTECT YOUR WATERS: Please forward this alert to fly fishers, angling stores, and other interested parties. Current information about decontaminating equipment is available at: www.creekman.com

For more information about Didymo:

www.creekman.com (blog, articles, multimedia, decontamination)
www.fedflyfishers.org Federation of Fly Fishers, (articles, decontamination protocols, informational DVD).

BEAR RIVER - 8/14/10

Baum Lake Fishout

- Fishmaster:** Alan Jones at 530 246-2528 or "alanjerri@yahoo.com"
Date: Tuesday, Sept 7, 2010
Meeting Site: For those interested we will caravan to the lake from the "My-T-Fine Market" parking lot, Hwy. 299 & Deschutes Rd. We will depart PROMPTLY at 7:30 am.
Equipment: 4-6 wt rods, floating and/or intermediate sinking lines with 4-5 X leader
Flies: Your usual lake midges, nymphs and emergers in small sizes will work as will bugger & leach patterns size 6-12. BWO size 18, ParaAdams size 16-20. Please check with THE FLY SHOP for the latest hatch data.
Other Equipment: Float tubes, prams (no gas motors, elect. ok), pontoon boats, waders. Bank fishing is difficult because of the mud and weeds, but doable.

A Lakeshore presentation on how to catch'em will be presented by a local expert(s).

The Coffee and Donut bar will be open at the lakeshore.

Lunch: On your own. The club will provide desert around 1:30 pm. Please bring your own drinks and plenty of water.

If you did not sign up at the August meeting please contact the Fishmaster to do so as this Fishout is prior to the September meeting. If you sign up and later find that you can't attend please notify the Fishmaster.

"This Fishout is subject to cancellation at the last minute due to inclement weather, fires or other reasons so please make sure we have your phone number. My-T-Fine Market is a lonely place early in the morning"

CRATER LAKE CALIFORNIA FISHOUT

Tues – September 14 - 6800' elevation

High winds, Snow, or threat of Snow cancel the fishout!

Fishmaster: Robert Vanderhyde (530-241-6906 or r21vande@charter.net)

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 7:30 AM

Meeting Place and Directions to Fishing Site: We will leave promptly at 7:30 from the Holiday Market parking lot, Palo Cedro. From Holiday market, go east on Hwy 44 to Bogard Rest Area / USFS Work Center. This is about a 2 hour drive. We'll take a break with coffee and donuts at the rest area and re-group before we head to the lake (across the highway). 7 miles of good gravel road takes you to the lake.

Targeted Species: Rainbow trout
Wading, Floating, or Both: Both wading and floating
Watercraft: Optional, Recommended - **Boat Motors Not Allowed**
Lunch: Lunch will be provided

Recommended Gear

Outfit Size: 4-6 Weight Rods
Line: Floating, Intermediate, Sinktip
Leaders: 5x-7x; 7-12 foot for dries, 4-7 foot for wet flies
Flies: Stillwater patterns: Midges, Glen Pudwill's "B" fly, Copper Johns, Pheasant Tails, Woolly Buggers, Dark Lords, Damsel nymphs, Hexagenias, Parachute Adams, Adams, Griffiths Gnats, Mosquitoes.

Additional Information: These trout are mostly 7-12 inches and hungry! Floating, sink-tip, and intermediate lines all work well.

Parking at the lake is VERY limited, so carpooling is recommended.

*****If you sign up for this one, make sure we have your phone number so we can contact you if the Fishout is called off.**

TIGHT LINES

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Upper Sacramento River Fishout – July 17, 2010

The day was beginning to brighten as I rolled into Dunsmuir at 6:45 a.m. on the 17th, looking forward to indulging in sweet potato pancakes and real maple syrup. I was sharply disappointed that Cornerstone Bakery and Café did not open until 8:00 a.m. Dick pulled up and we decided to change venues to the Brown Trout Café and Gallery.

After breakfast we invaded the Ted Fay Fly shop for some wonderful bits of wisdom from **Bob Grace**, who is always a delight. **Glen Graham** missed the talk and went to Dunsmuir Park to fish but reported a notable lack of success. **Dick Recchia** fished with **Gary Heffley** for a couple of hours at McCardle flats. Dick reported a nice fish breaking off right before he was going to call it quits. Gary reported no fish caught and went back to help out at the Kids Free Fishing Day where he netted some beauts. Wayne and Sandra ended up visiting some friends and acquiring some new equipment, which leaves your humble Fishmaster to pull this all together.

I started out at Flume Creek with my waders on and after crossing the river, landed two nice rainbows and lost one. I then had to make my way back to where I had originally crossed. Then I went to Sweetbriar and wet waded the rest of the day with two more rainbows taken on a wet fly swing. The water was high but exceptionally comfortable to wet wade.

Thanks to all who participated in this Fishout.
Gerald Nelson

Upper Klamath Lake Fishout

The August 2nd to 5th Rocky Point, Klamath Lake Fishout was attended by **Art and Susan Agnew** and **Art's sister Carol**, **Gerald Nelson** and his grandson **Chris**, **Ric and Mary Kay Raffanti**, **Fred and Karen David** plus **Benson Kanemoto and his son Ansel** were seen sporadically.

The fish were there as usual...in mind blowing proportions...and just as hard to catch. The lake is a smorgasbord of food for the fish to eat and the challenge was to find a hungry one. Nevertheless, "Big fish" Agnew landed the largest at 8 lbs. Ric hooked the world record fish but lost it to hook failure. He got the arm wrenching strike, the line went limp but instead of the tippet breaking (5x), the eye of the hook, minus the rest of the fly, was still attached to the tippet. Even Benson thought the fishing was tough since he only caught about 150 fish in the four days of fishing.

The lack of wind also did not help the fishing but was great for kayaking. Susan and Karen spent their time paddling around the lake and checking out wildlife such as bald eagles, herons, pelicans and beaver.

Anyway, there were lots of laughs as well as we all attempted to sink a 20 foot patio boat as part of the festivities.

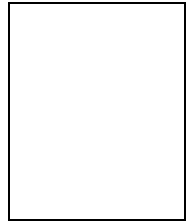
Fred David

Iron Canyon Fishout – Aug 18, 2010

The day was breaking with a gentle sun as many participants met at the My-T-Fine grocery to follow the Fishmaster, **Don Wieserman**, to Iron Canyon Reservoir. As we all assembled, donuts and coffee were served off the back of Gerald's trailer. Don gave a brief talk on how and where to fish the lake while Ralph Lestarjette motored onto the lake.

The reservoir was nearly full so there was much water to cover. Don, **Walt Cole**, **Art Agnew**, **Ric Raffanti** and **Brad Bryan** reported no fish. **Gerald Nelson** and **Earl Johnston** reported getting a grab while **Ken Ricks** caught his first fish in over a year. **Jerry Marks** was cheerleading Ken and reported no fish. **Linda Nelson** reported she had one nearly to the boat but initiated a distance release. **Ken Burrell** reported boating a brown and Ralph who got on the lake before anyone else reported two fish to the boat and six grabs but also decided that we had missed the main action by about an hour and a half.

We retired to the campgrounds to eat lunch and watermelon and talk about the morning's fishing. We had a good time as the day and setting were beautiful.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting
Wednesday Sept 8, 2010
7:00 PM – John Gantner – “Bugology 101”
Redding Library

Fishouts
Tues, Sept 7 – Baum Lake
Tues, Sept 14 – Crater Lake, CA

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