

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 2010

The President's _____ Line

"Dedicated to Preserving our Fishery Resources and Teaching the Art & Science of Fly Fishing"....that is the statement printed on the bottom of STFF's stationery.

From one perspective, those words can be viewed as the overall objective of our club...however; **I think they represent our club's "promise"** to all current and future members... as well as to all the surrounding communities.

On October 2nd, we took a big step toward fulfilling that **"promise"** with our first annual Fly Fishing Fair at Caldwell Park. That event was a huge success... drawing well over 200 guests.... which resulted in almost 40 new members for our club. However, those new members joined...not because of the Fair...but because of the **"promise"** that they perceived would be fulfilled with our club's programs and activities.

In that regard...because of the large number of new members...we will soon be introducing additional programs in fly tying, fly casting, rod building, basic fly fishing techniques and more. And hopefully, through those efforts, we will fulfill that part of the **"promise"**, **"Teaching the Art & Science of Fly Fishing"**.

Dick Recchia, President

P.S. The Fair's success was in a large part due to the hard work of Creighton Smith and all the STFF members who worked with him to stage that event. Many thanks to all who were part of that wonderful day!

P.P.S. The reservation letters for the 2011 banquet [February 5th] will be sent to all members in November. If you plan to attend, I suggest that you send in your reservations ASAP. There's little doubt that the banquet will be a complete sellout...with a waiting list for those who wait too long to reply. Space is limited...so please don't put us in the position of telling you that we don't have room for you because you delayed responding to the reservation request.

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers would like to welcome the following New Members:

Kristine Bethoney Dan & Pamela Bovo John Boyden Ted Bradley Dianna Branch
Ed & Kathy Brown Larry Buckreus Fidel & Nico Camarillo John Chernoh Bill & Ronilee Childress
Dennis Clark Chuck Desautelle Michael Doughert Mike Fletcher Steve Gray
Ryan & Courtney Haedrich Joy Hayes Ronson Hirohata Fren & Kathy Johnson Dennis Kavert
John Leija Shane Mandl Gerry & Sharon Martin Richard & Pat Martin Lee Maxwell
Bill & Karan Miller William Patey Brad & Landa Peters Andy & Monique Reynolds
Noah & Brisit Ritchie Jack & Cindy Ross Mike Shofelberger Jim Tornillo Theodore Watson
Steven Worden Chris & Kim Wrathall David Yorton

Please - Remember to introduce yourself to members you do not know

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Youth Program	Open	

Calendar of Events

November 2010

- 3 Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 4-6 Fishout – Striped Bass – Delta Striperfest
Sugar Barge Marina, Bethel Island
Fishmaster – Art Agnew & Allan Craig
- 10 Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Fellowship Breakfast
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 13 Rod Building – Session B
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 18 Fishout – Trinity Steelhead
Fishmaster – Ross Morrison
- 20 Rod Building – Session C
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 21 Spey Casting Clinic
Barge Hole Gravel Bar 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving

December 2010

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting
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Fishmaster – Alan Jones
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Merry Christmas

STFF 2010 TENTATIVE FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
November	Thurs-Sun	4-7	Delta Striperfest	Art Agnew & Allan Craig
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.

November Membership Meeting

Wednesday November 10 – 7:00 PM
Redding Library

For the November membership meeting we are pleased to have scheduled **Michael Caranci** and **Kara Tripp**, The Fly Shop's newest staff member, to give a presentation on the shop's **FishCamp** program.



Michael Caranci needs little introduction to the STFF membership but since this is Kara's first visit to STFF a few words about her would be appropriate. Kara comes to Northern California from Montana where she began her fly fishing career on the waters around Kalispell and Glacier National Park. Kara attended Montana State University and received a



Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design at graduation.

In 2009 she was hired to become a counselor at The Fly Shop's FishCamp program and following her second season at FishCamp she was invited to become a full-time member of The Fly Shop Family. Come Welcome Kara Tripp to The Fly Shop and Redding and, of course, come and say hello to old friend Michael Caranci.

STFF Photo Contest-December Meeting

The December meeting will be the Annual Meeting and **Election of Officers and Directors** for 2010.

In addition we will hold the STFF photo contest (see rules below).

STFF Photo Contest Rules

You must be a STFF member to enter contest. Photograph must have been taken in 2010. Photograph size - 8" x 10" max, 5" x 7" min. No Frames or Matting will be allowed. Photograph can not be computer enhanced. Only one entry per STFF member.

The winners will be determined by the vote of the club membership present at the December Annual Meeting. Prizes will be awarded to the top three vote getting photographs. In the event of a tie, a run off vote will be held.

2011 Slate of Officers and Directors

Pursuant to requirements outlined in the STFF bylaws, the following is the slate of officers and directors who are nominated for election at the STFF December general meeting:

President: Dick Recchia
Vice President: Creighton Smith
Secretary: Alan Jones
Treasurer: Jeff Collins
Director: Hospitality and Special Activities: Jerry Marks
Director: Newsletter: Jim Jensen
Director-Conservation: Sue Horkey
Director: Fishouts: Gerald Nelson
Director: Raffles and Merchandise: Ron Gustafson

Members in good standing at the December meeting may offer any other nominations.

In addition to the above assignments, Jim Jensen & Sue Horkey will also serve as co-chairpersons for the 2011 banquet. Also, Doug Christian will continue to serve as Membership Chairman.

Special note: Special thanks to Bill Lenheim, Robert Vanderhyde and Doug Christian for their service as directors.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

I am looking for 5 volunteers to help with the TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM, which will start the latter part of Dec. It will only require approx 1 1/2 hour per week to test the water, vacuum the tank and to be on the lookout for any problems with the temp or water. You will be working with the teachers and the kids and it is a real blast to see the way the kids take to this program. At the end of the program the class will go to the release point and release the fish one by one. It is a great program and I think you will enjoy it. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Earl Johnston, Chairperson
johnstonle@aol.com

To All participants in the bamboo fly rod project held at Good Time Pizza in Palo Cedro.

Session B – Saturday Nov 13th – 8:30AM – 3PM

Session C – Saturday Nov 20th – 8:30AM – 3PM

At each session we will cover both old and new rod building steps so if you missed all or part of a session, you'll have the opportunity to catch-up. Building a rod is a complex process, however if you did not attend the Oct 16th session, it is critical that you attend the two sessions in November.

If you have any questions contact Dick Recchia or see him at the November meeting.

TO THE FAMILY OF RICH WEICK

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW YOU'RE THOUGHT OF, WITH SYMPATHY, AT THIS SAD TIME.

Delta Striped Bass FishOut

Sugar Barge Marina - Bethel Island, CA

November 4 – 6, 2010

Meet at Sugar Barge Marina Launch Ramp @ 7:30 AM Thursday, November 4th. Daily launch fees are \$10.00. We will be fishing all the fall hot spots, Franks Track, Sherman Island, Big Break, Mildred Island, and a host of other great locations via boat.

Boat rentals are available at the Sugar Barge Marina if you do not have your own boat. If you are bringing a boat there are a few side tie spaces available for over night storage at \$15.00 per day. Contact the Sugar Barge RV Resort to reserve side tie space.

Lodging: Headquarters for this outing will be Sugar Barge Marina and RV Park (Call (925) 684-9075 to make reservations for RV spaces.

Note: This is a very popular time of the year so call ASAP to reserve your RV space.

There are a number of hotels in the area: Comfort Suites (925) 755-1222, Hampton Inn (925) 513-1299, and Holiday Inn Express (925) 634-6400. All these hotels are located 10 – 15 minutes away from Bethel Island. Also, The Sugar Barge has a few rental trailers available which sleep 2+ adults with A/C and TV (bring your own linen and food). Contact Sugar Barge RV Resort for rental information.

Recommended Gear: A powerboat is a necessity and it's recommended there only be two (2) fly anglers per boat (The Sugar Barge Marina also has rental boats available if a boat is needed). Rod and Reels 7 – 11 weight. 9 weight rods set up with a type 4 – 8 Shooting Head is a good choice.

Also, October and November have been known to be good top water months so a floating line setup, Shooting Head or Weight forward, is also in order.

Flies: 2/0 – 4/0 Flashtail Whistlers, Flashtail Clousers white/chartreuse, Sar-Mul-Mac in sardine, anchovy, or mackerel patterns.

Leaders: (Keep them simple) 6 – 9 ft. 20 pound mono leader. Tie a surgeon's knot on one end, attached to fly lines butt section, and use a good loop knot to attach fly.

Extra Stuff: Rain Coat, binoculars, camera, Boga Grip, Sun Screen, Life Jacket, GPS, Delta Nautical Charts, Cell Phone, and Battery Charger to recharge trolling motors, Boat covers just in case it rains.

Dan Blanton's 13th Annual Striperfest is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th and will be again held at the Sugar Barge Marina. Reservations to attend this year's event, an outstanding fund raiser to save our Delta's Striped Bass Fishery, can be made on Dan's website www.danblanton.com.

This is a great event so check Dan's website often to get the latest information on this year's Striperfest.

Co-Fish masters: Allan Craig 247-7481 & Art Agnew 722-0957

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers - Trinity River Fishout

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Fishmaster: Ross Morrison

Meeting Time and Place: To be determined based on fishing conditions, and will be announced at the November 10th Membership 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.

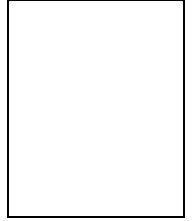
For those traditionalists that want to swing flies, I suggest dark leech patterns (for example, black bunny leeches), and wet flies, such as assassins, burlaps, silver Hiltons, and muddler minnows (can be fished dry, if desired). Also, there may be an opportunity for afternoon dry fly fishing for brown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

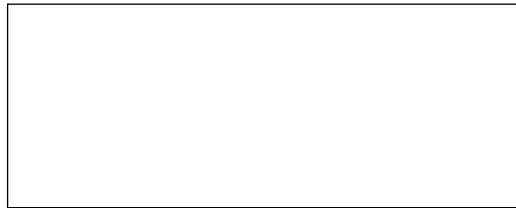
Fishmaster's Note: Please call me at 242-1425 or e-mail at rossjoanie@charter.net, if you have questions. We may meet at the end of the day at One Maple Vineyards, as we did last year; I'll let you know at the November Membership Meeting. See you on the 18th!



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



Next Meeting

Wednesday November 10, 2010

7:00 PM – Fly Shop-FishCamp

Redding Library

Fishouts

Thurs-Sun, Nov. 4-7 - StriperFest

Thurs, Nov 18 – Trinity Steelhead