

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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December 2010

The President's _____ Line

The coming Holiday season and the end of this year, is a perfect time to express our thanks to those members who worked to provide STFF with another outstanding year, namely:

- Art Agnew for his work in arranging our monthly programs. It's a tough assignment to find speakers that are both entertaining (and affordable)...and Art consistently performed that task above expectations.
- STFF's new members (well over 50) who joined our club to share every aspect of fly fishing with the rest of the membership. Welcome to our club and we hope to see you at many events during the year.
- Earl Johnston for his work in our youth programs...both in the classroom and the Kids' Fishing Days.
- Allan Craig & Marsha Caranci for their work on the fish camp scholarship program.
- Creighton Smith for sharing his rod building expertise as well as organizing the first annual Fly Fishing Fair.
- Stew Sewart and Dale Huffman for providing our members with some outstanding fly tying sessions.
- Guy Manning for his expertise in teaching our members the essence of fly-casting.
- Ron Gustafson [our raffle master] who provided a "unique" selection of fly-fishing items each month.
- Bill Lenhiem for organizing and scheduling a series of great Spey casting sessions throughout the year.
- Jim & Kathy Jensen for their outstanding work in providing our members with a monthly newsletter.
- Jerry Marks & Gerald Nelson for their joint efforts in organizing our fish-outs.
- Stan Holt for his assistance in providing coffee and donuts whenever required.
- To all those members who worked to provide another outstanding annual barbeque and picnic.
- To all the fish masters who supported our fish-outs with their expertise and advise.
- And finally, to all those who served the club in the many other activities that took place during the year. I'm sure I probably missed some...

To each and every one of you, we extend our gratitude and our best wishes for the coming year.

Happy Holidays to you and yours,
Dick Recchia, President

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

Ron & Ginger Cloud, Susan High, Jay Harris, Patrick Roche, Ric Vann

Club Officers and Directors

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Youth Program	Open	

Calendar of Events

December 2010

- 1 Board of Directors Meeting
Offices of Matson & Isom
292 Hemsted, Redding
Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Fishout – Lower Sac
Fishmaster – Alan Jones
- 8 Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Fellowship Breakfast
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 11 Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session
Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 19 Spey Casting Clinic
Sac River by Posse Grounds – 8:30 am

Merry Christmas

January 2011

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- 16 Spey Casting Clinic
Barge Hole Gravel Bar 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 27 Fellowship Breakfast
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.



Happy New Year

STFF 2010 TENTATIVE FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH, DATE, DAY</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
Dec 4, Sat, alt, Sat 11	Lower Sac Wade and Float	Alan Jones

STFF 2011 PRELIMINARY FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH, DATE, DAY</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
Jan 13, Thu, alt, Tue 18	Baum Lake	Gerald Nelson
Feb 8, Tue	Lower Sac Wade	Mike Carranci
Mar 1, Tue	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
Mar 12, Sat	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
Mar 15, Tue	Trinity Wade /Float	Jerry Marks
Mar 26, Sat (WP)	Iron Canyon	Don Weiseman
Apr 1, Fri	Trinity Holy Waters	Creighton Smith
Apr 2, Sat	Trinity Holy Waters	TBD
Apr 23 Sat	Lewiston Lake	Benson Kanemoto
May 10 Tue	Clear Creek PM	Jerry Waybright
Late May / Early Jun TBD	Shasta Bass	John Gantner
Jun 21	Hat Creek Wild Trout	Bary Carranci
Jun ? TBD	Almanor Hex	Dale Huffman
Jul 12 Tue	McCloud Reservoir	Earl Johnston
Jul 26 Tue	Upper Sacramento	Craig Nielson
Aug 1-4	Klamath Lake	Fred David
Aug ? TBD	Keswick Reservoir	TBD
Sep 8 Thu	Baum Lake	Walt Cole
Sept 19-23 (TBC)	Owyhee River (10 slots)	Dick Recchia
Sept 26-30 (TBC)	Owyhee River (10 slots)	Dick Recchia
Sep 29 Thu	Manzanita Lake	Alan Slattery
Oct 22 Sat	Manzanita Lake	TBD
Oct 23-25	Rouge River	Jerry Marks
Nov TBD by Tides	Delta Stripers	Allan Craig
Nov 17	Trinity Steelhead	Ross Morrison
Dec 3 Sat	Lower Sac Wade and Float	Alan Jones
WP: Weather Permitting	TBD: to be determined	TBC: To be confirmed

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.

From the STFF Fishout Committee

STFF members will notice that the Fishout Schedule for the 2011 season is still in a preliminary state. There are Fishouts, which need a Fishmaster and some that need dates confirmed. The Owyhee Fishouts are waiting for date confirmation but we are scheduling them for the last two weeks of Sept.

I would like to invite any club member who knows the Trinity Holy Waters to be Fishmaster for the Fishout on Sat. April 2. I would also like to invite any member who is knowledgeable about Manzanita Lake to become Fishmaster for the Oct 22 Fishout. We also would like to talk with a member about the Keswick Fishout. If you have a powerboat and are familiar with Keswick your fishout chairman would like to discuss a plan to address the issue of access for those without boats.

Some specific dates will not be known until shortly before the scheduled Fishout, such as the Shasta Bass, Almanor Hex and Delta Stripers but the general time frame is posted in the list.

Becoming a Fishmaster is a great way to meet new club members and to become more involved in your club. The Fishout Committee gives a hearty thank-you, to all the past, present and future fishmasters.

Jerry Marks & Gerald Nelson

Important notice:

The December meeting will feature an extended "social gathering" to celebrate the holidays and to welcome all the members who joined STFF this year with:

*Coffee *Eggnog *Holiday Cake*Cookies
*A special raffle for new members

We hope all members...especially our newest members...will be attending.

The membership renewal forms for 2011 have been mailed.

Please complete the membership form and mail it with a \$30.00 check (payable to Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers) in the envelope provided...or bring the form and your check to the December membership meeting.....Thank you, we value your membership.

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

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 first of 2011. 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

December Fishout - Lower Sacramento River

Date: Saturday, December 4th

Time & Place: 8:30am at the Grass Launch Ramp between Turtle Bay and the Rodeo Grounds. This will be a wade / float outing. Floaters can either float between the Rodeo Grounds or any other section they desire.

Fishmaster: Alan Jones: 246-2528, jerrialan@sbcglobal.net

Equipment: 5-7 wt. Rods, floating lines with indicators (or not) or sinking lines depending on your preferred method.

Flies: Please check with the Fly Shop for a current list of what's working on the river. Typically the list includes; Micro Mayflies; 14-18, Fox Poopah's: 14-16, Egg Patterns; 6-12, Copper John's; 16-18, Prince Nymph's; 14-16, Golden Stones; 6-10 and Rubberlegs; 6-10

Note: For those planning a float trip down the river. Attendees can use Drift Boats, Pontoon Boats, Kayaks or any other desired device. But remember this is big water and PFD's are recommended. If you plan on taking out at the Sacramento River RV Park there is a \$3 fee to use their takeout. Shuttles will be set up that morning to get floaters and conveyances back to the parking lot. Beware that the Cypress St. and North St. bridges are under construction and floaters need to be cautious when passing under these structures.

Coffee and Doughnuts will be served. Lunch is on your own.

Fishout Reports

2010 Delta Striper - Fishout

The month of November is a great time to fish the Sacramento/ San Joaquin Delta. The weather is outstanding and generally at this time of year a great number of striped bass are lurking in its depths. Someone forgot to tell the striped bass this year and fishing was tough for the 10 – 20 pounders.

STFF members **Allan Craig, John Gantner, Dale Huffman, Don Wieseman, John Thorn, Art Agnew, and Dave Allred** along with his brother ventured to this estuary the first week of November in hopes of luring the elusive striper to their fly. Most of the time was spent casting flies around the legendary hot spots of Franks Track, False River, and the San Joaquin River with only an occasional 18-inch plus fish being caught. Allan Craig and John Gantner fished together with Allan being the hot rod in the boat. Allan landed a number of fish ranging from just legal to an occasional 4 – 5 pounder. Don Wieseman and John Thorn did well catching a few "legal" sized fish. Dave and his brother were also getting a few legal fish and in the Agnew/Huffman boat; Dale prevailed as the master fisher getting a few really nice legal stripers.

Manzanita Lake – Fishout

Ten hearty club members bundled up and attended. Temperature outside 42 degrees; water temperature 45 degrees; we all got in the lake to warm up. Gerald Nelson brought coffee and sweet rolls. Once the sun was up it warmed the air nicely.

Attendees were **Tony and Linda Holdren, Jim Murphy, Ralph Lestarjette, Norm Brown, Jeff Collins, Art Agnew, Ric Raffanti and Gerald Nelson** along with myself. What a beautiful day as it turned out.

A variety of leaders and lines were used with several different flies. Jeff Collins and Jim Murphy landed eleven fish including 5 brown trout to 19 inches. Jim was high rod for the day with 5 fish landed.

There were a large number of insects and birds out in the early afternoon. Most fish were caught on intermediate lines and a few floating lines. Jim Murphy reported using a Richards Stillwater nymph on an intermediate line and Jeff Collins used an orange and green Jay Fair wiggle tail. Along with a crimson wiggle tail he purchased from The Fly Shop. By wiggle tail, he meant marabou. Norm Brown had success with a Twist Nymph on a dropper and floating line. Carl Jaegger taught us this nymph at a Saturday Fly Tying session at the "Good Times Pizza Parlor" earlier this year.

Allen Slattery

STFF Photo Contest-December Meeting

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 cannot 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.

PICTURES NEEDED FOR BANQUET SLIDE SHOW

Do you have great pictures of Fishing in different Locations, Trips, Fishouts, , Fishout Gatherings, STFF Members, Fish being caught, Big ones, Etc? **Bob Madgic** is looking different, interesting, pictures, not just pictures of big fish. You can send pictures to bmadgic@charter.net or on a disc to: **Bob Madgic – 6412 Clear View Dr. – Anderson, CA 96007**

Please identify the pictures with person(s), location, etc.

In order to create another great slide show, he needs you submissions as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance.

STFF Annual Popper Contest

Dale Huffman won this year's popper contest. **Gerald Nelson** was 2nd and **Art Agnew** was 3rd. These Poppers will be available as part of the Annual Banquet Raffle.

DALE'S POPPER



Weather permitting there will be Spey Casting, Dec 19th, on the river behind the Convention Center. Meet at 8:30 am between the Posse grounds and Turtle Bay.

The January membership meeting will feature a presentation by STFF member, **Guy Manning**. He will present a program on fly-fishing in the salt waters off of the Lower Baja Peninsula. While including photos of STFF members from the past trips, Guy will detail tackle, techniques, flies and lessons learned on the various trips during this presentation.

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Notice: Dale Huffman will hold Basic Fly Tying classes the end of Jan or the 1st of Feb 2011. These classes are for novice or beginning tiers who want to learn. There will be 6 classes in all. Please sign up at the membership meeting in December or contact Dale - 221-4988 or by email – dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers - Fly Tying Jam Sessions 2010 & 2011

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers will conduct three more Fly Tying Sessions this winter. The dates will be December 11th this year. The 2011 dates are January 8th and February 5th.

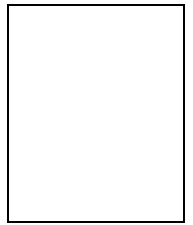
The sessions will be held at the Goodtime Pizza & Things, 22049 Old 44 Drive, Palo Cedro, from 8:30AM to 3:00PM. The cost of the session will be \$12.00. This cost will include some of the materials needed to tie the flies and the pizza. The tiers will purchase their own drinks.

There is no cost to anyone who would like to just come and observe the sessions, but they would have to purchase their own pizza and drinks if they stay for lunch.

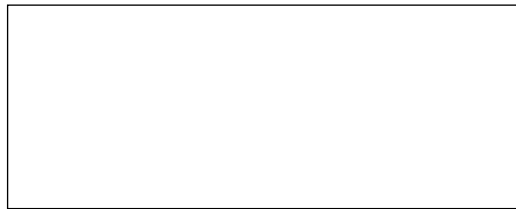
If you are not currently on the fly tiers e-mail list and would like to add your name, please e-mail rlstewart@frontiernet.net. If you have any questions/comments contact Stew Stewart in the evening at 474-5748.



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Next Meeting

Wednesday December 8, 2010
7:00 PM – Annual Members Meeting
Redding Library

Fishouts

Saturday, Dec 4 (alt. Dec 11) - Lower Sac

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