

# 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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February 2011

*The President's \_\_\_\_\_ Line*

***Club (noun): a group of persons organized for a social, literary, athletic, political, or other purpose...an organization that offers its members certain benefits.***

According to the dictionary, that's the official definition of a club ... and I believe STFF fits that definition pretty well (except for *athletic & political!!*). But there's no doubt they're our parts of our club that require additional focus...**especially in offering benefits to our members.**

In that regard, during the last few months, we've seen a large number of new members join our club. Those new members (as well as our existing membership) deserve to have a "club" that continues to improve the benefits we provide. And it is with that in mind, that in 2011, **we will be expanding our activities to include:**

- **Introduction to Fly Fishing**
- **Beginners fly tying**
- **Rod building classes**
- **Basic fly patterns**
- **Entomology classes**
- **Intermediate fly tying**
- **Advanced fly tying**
- **Bamboo fly rod classes**

In addition, in 2011, the presentations at many of our monthly meetings will focus on how to access and fish some of our local waters, like the Pit, McCloud, and Sacramento Rivers. Plus we have schedule presentations on entomology, bass fishing, and other topics of immediate interest to our members.

All in all, we hope our plans for 2011, will be successful in fulfilling the expectations of our members...and in fulfilling the primary objective of STFF's mission statement:

***"To advance, promote, and teach the art and science of fly fishing by presenting educational programs...."***

It is my hope that, by the end of this year, you will agree that we accomplished that goal!

Tight lines!

Dick Recchia, President

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

**Robert Pauli, Bill Shehan, Dennis Reasoner, Michael & Suzanne Poetsch**

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

## Club Officers and Directors

### Officers

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## Calendar of Events

### February 2011

2	Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p. m.
3	<b>Beginners Fly Tying Classes</b> Anderson Grange Hall – 6:00p.m/ 9:00p.m. <b>NOTE: Classes will be held each Thursday evening in February</b>
5	<b>Annual STFF Banquet &amp; Fundraiser Win-River Casino – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - 5:00p.m.</b>
8	Fishout – Lower Sac Wade (alt – Tues 15) Fishmaster – Michael Caranci
9	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
10	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
12	Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
13	<b>Introduction to Fly Fishing</b> Redding Library – 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
24	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
25-27	Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show Alameda County Fairgrounds

### March 2011

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3-5	Nor-Cal Boat, Sport & RV Show. Shasta District Fairgrounds
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10	<b>Beginners Fly Tying Class</b> Anderson Grange Hall – 6:00p.m/ 9:00p.m.
10	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
11-12	NW Fly Tyer & Fishing Expo Albany, Oregon
12	Fishout - Donner Hat Creek Fishmaster – Earl Johnston
15	Fishout – Trinity Wade/Float Fishmaster – Jerry Marks
20	Spey Casting Clinic Location & Time to be determined
24	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
26	Fishout – Iron Canyon Fishmaster – Don Weiseman

## STFF 2011 PRELIMINARY FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH, DATE, DAY</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
Feb 8, Tue (alt 15)	Lower Sac Wade	Mike Caranci
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 Caranci
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
Sept 8 Thu	Baum Lake	Walt Cole
Sept 4-9	Owyhee River	Dick Recchia
Sept 9-14	Owyhee River	Dick Recchia
Sept 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
<b>WP:</b> Weather Permitting	<b>TBD:</b> to be determined	<b>TBC:</b> 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.**

### FEBRUARY FISHOUT - Sac / Wade Tuesday Feb. 8, 2011 - alt. Tues. 15th

**Fishmaster** – Michael Caranci

**Meeting Time and Place:** 8:30 Public Gardens at Court St./Diestlehorst Bridge

**Please remember to purchase your 2011 Fishing License.**

**Fishing Location:** The upper reaches of the Lower Sacramento River, (depending on river conditions).

**Equipment/Tackle:** Most anglers prefer a 6 or 7 wt. Tippet sizes from 3X to 4X; Sometimes tippet down to 5X for really low, clear water or dry flies. Many use Fluorocarbon tippet for clear water conditions. Plan on bringing your favorite indicator and 3X tapered leaders or 12lb Fluorocarbon to build a nymphing leader.

**Angling Methods:** With winter conditions and hopefully reasonably low flows, the most productive method will likely be nymph fishing under indicators.

**Flies:** #10-12 egg patterns (shrimp pink or orange for colored water and darker conditions to champagne for clearer water and lighter conditions), Alevin patterns #8-12, #6-8 Superfloss Rubberlegs, #12-14 copper Johns (copper, chartreuse and red), and #14-18 flashback PTs, Micromays and other favorite BWO nymph patterns. Toss in a few midges such as Zebras and Crystal midges #16-20. I always keep a few caddis patterns such as tan Fox Pupae or Birdsnests in the box for those sunny warm afternoons when they sometimes pop. For dries, bring your favorite BWO dries and emergers.

**Fishmaster's Note:** Please contact Gerald at [gnelson8@frontiernet.net](mailto:gnelson8@frontiernet.net) or call (530) 638-6633 to sign up or if you have any questions.

## Wild On The Fly on TV

Wild On The Fly is very pleased to announce a special collaboration to produce a 13-episode high-definition television series on sensational angling adventures all around the world.

The anchor broadcast time on the Outdoor Channel is 1:30pm ET... [11:30pm PST ]...on Saturday, with repeated showings Thursday morning and Friday evening.

### Outdoor Channel Broadcast Schedule

- January 29) Tamin' Taimen - Wild river expedition for huge taimen in Mongolia
- February 5) Musky Madness - Trophy muskies on the fly in the north woods of Wisconsin
- February 12) Mexico Largemouth - Largemouth bass in El Salto and Mateos reservoirs on mainland Mexico
- February 19) West of Key West - Tarpon and sharks on a live-aboard in the Marquesas, southwest of the Florida Keys
- February 26) Nile Perch - Monster perch on the fly in the shadow of the Egyptian Pharaohs
- March 5) Patagonia Unplugged - Early season browns, rainbows and perca on the Rio Chimehuin in Argentine Patagonia
- March 12) Permit Passion - A week chasing permit at the legendary Palometa Club in Ascension Bay Mexico
- March 19) Redfish Requiem - Rediscovering redfish after "the spill" in marshes of Louisiana
- March 26) Amazonia - Peacock bass in the Rio Negro headwater jungles of Amazonia, Brazil

You can get more info at: [www.wildontheflyontv.com /blog/wild-fly-tv-january](http://www.wildontheflyontv.com/blog/wild-fly-tv-january)

Andrew Jensen building a bamboo Rod;  
To catch a fish to Print with it ?



STFF members prepare  
to Fish the Trinity.



## **STFF - Fly Tying Jam Session - February 12, 2011**

**Note: Date change due to STFF Banquet February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Session held at Goodtime Pizza & Things, 22049 Old 44 Drive, Palo Cedro, from 8:30AM to 3:00PM.

Cost of session is \$12.00. Cost includes some materials and pizza. Drinks not included.

Observer's welcome but must purchase their pizza and drinks.

**This will be the last Fly Fishing Jam session until November 2011.**

## Fish Camp Scholarship Application

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers and the Shasta Mayflies, two local fly fishing clubs in Northern California, are offering up to six Fish Camp Scholarships to interested youth from Shasta, Trinity, Tehama, and Siskiyou Counties. Each \$750 award covers the entire cost of the five day program put on by The Fly Shop of Redding, including accommodations, meals, and use of the finest in fly fishing equipment. Campers are responsible only for clothing, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from Fish Camp. The camp teaches fly fishing and other outdoor skills in a safe and friendly environment, and is held on a private ranch outside of Weed at the base of Mt. Shasta.

To apply for one of the scholarships, interested youth ages 10 through 15 who reside in one of the counties named above must complete this application form **and** attach two short essays answering the questions listed below. Participants may also be asked to attend a meeting of one of the sponsoring fishing clubs to give a short presentation on their experience at camp.

Applications **must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2011**. Winners will be selected by April 15, 2011, along with two alternates. All decisions will be final.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Male (  ) Female (  )

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Previously attended Fish Camp: Yes (  ) No (  )

Fish Camp Date Preference (**preference not guaranteed**):

June 20 - 24, 2011 (  )    June 27 - July 1, 2011 (  )    July 11 - 15, 2011 (  )

Please answer both of the questions listed below on a separate sheet of paper and enclose with this application:

- 1) Why do you want to go to Fish Camp this summer? (100-150 words)
- 2) What is it about fly fishing that is of interest to you? (100-150 words)

Complete and mail, on or before April 1, 2011, to: Fish Camp Scholarship Contest  
P. O. Box 990002  
Redding, CA 96099-0002

For more information on Fish Camp, go to [www.theflyshop.com](http://www.theflyshop.com) and click on Kidscamp, or call Michael Caranci at The Fly Shop, (530)222-3555. For questions about the scholarship contest, contact Tom Taylor at (530)549-3529.

# Fly Casting Classes

## Open Casting Sessions

Once the 2011 Spring Fly Casting Classes are over we will hold open casting every Tuesday evening from 6 PM until 8 PM. Sessions begin May 31, 2011 and will run through September 13. They will be held on the lawn just south of the Redding Convention Center and across from Channel 7 in the Turtle Bay Area. Open casting is an opportunity to get more practice or work on individual casting issues with professional level individual instruction. There is no charge for the open casting.

Beginners are urged to attend the Beginners Casting Classes (below) 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 beginners.

For further information contact Guy at 222-2601: [grhen@ix.netcom.com](mailto:grhen@ix.netcom.com)

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## Beginners Casting Classes

The Beginners Fly Casting Classes will begin on April 25, 2011. These classes run on 5 Mondays 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 (check or cash) 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 (no hooks are allowed). Reservations are not needed, so just show up. Please show up at least 5 to 10 minutes early for each class to allow time to set up your gear. All classes will begin promptly at 6 PM. In case of rain determination of cancelling the class will be made depending on conditions at the venue regardless of conditions elsewhere.

**Important:** Since the instruction uses a step by step approach, with each step building on the next, please show up to each class. If you miss a class we will not be able to take time away from the other students to catch you up on what was missed during the previous class. Beginning students will find it difficult to proceed successfully if they miss a class.

**When and where:** Mondays: April 25 and May 2, 9, 16, 23. Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

**Location:** On the lawn just south of Redding Convention Center in the Turtle Bay area, across from the Channel 7 studios.

For further information contact Guy at 222-2601: [grhen@ix.netcom.com](mailto:grhen@ix.netcom.com)



## Introduction to Fly Fishing Class

**A complete review of the basics of fly-fishing:**

**Sunday - February 13th**

**2:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

**Redding Library Community Room**

**Attendance is free & open to the public**

**[All age groups are welcome...so bring the kids!]**

**Refreshments served at 2:00 PM**

## Beginners fly tying classes

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers [STFF] will hold a series of 6 classes for any "novice" fly tyers.** These classes will focus on the basic techniques used in fly tying...and will prepare the students for the next series of classes [held by STFF] on tying basic fly patterns.

**The classes will be held from 6:00PM to 9:00PM on Thursday evenings starting February 3<sup>rd</sup> and finishing on March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

The location of the classes is:

Anderson Grange Hall-#418

The hall is located across the field to the East from Kent's Meats.

Take Fig Tree Lane to the North of Kent's and turn at 1<sup>st</sup> right - (Skyway St.) Building is 1<sup>st</sup> one on the right - big parking lot.

**For registration information contact:**

**Dale Huffman: 530/221-4988 or [dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net)**

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**Applications must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2011.**

**Application is on page 5 of this issue.**

### **Bonus "Fishout" Information-Owyhee River in Oregon**

**Where:** As was announced at the January meeting, the club is organizing a fishing "expedition" to Vale, OR to fish the Owyhee River. Vale is about a 12 miles drive from the Owyhee River fishing area.

**When:** Involves driving to Vale, Oregon on April 26th, with overnight stays at local hotel/motel through April 29th.

**Cost:** shared room (\$30/person) + meals, gas & license. Note: the water flows in the Owyhee, could cause a change of dates and/or a cancellation of this trip.

If you are interested in this trip, contact **Dick Recchia** at:  
Cell: 356-0547 or email: [rdrservices@frontiernet.net](mailto:rdrservices@frontiernet.net)

### **Reminder:**

#### **2011 Membership renewal are due!**

If you were an STFF member prior to October 2010, then **your membership for 2011 is up for renewal**. If you haven't mailed in your renewal form and check, please do so ASAP. **The new membership roster will be printed with all the members on role as of mid February** We'd like to have a complete list of all STFF members included. Membership renewal forms were included in the January Shasta Caster or you can go to the web site: [www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org](http://www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org) and download the form.

### **STFF 2nd Annual Spey Fest - June 11, 2011**

**Save this date and mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual STFF Spey Fest to be held at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar. There will be manufactures, casters and a host of festive programs.**

**Last year we even had attendees from other states as well as the Bay Area.**

**For information contact Bill Lenheim – 530-223-6090**



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### **February Membership Meeting – Wednesday February 9 – 7:00 PM Redding Library**

#### **John Gantner’s “Bass Fishing”**

STFF member, **John Gantner** will be giving this months presentation. John 's expertise as a fly fisherman and fly tyer are well known. However, John is also a leading authority on bass fishing in both stillwater and rivers.

John’s presentation will include fishing in three well known bass fisheries: The Umpqua, The John Day and The Grand Ronde. During his presentation he will cover the various techniques and fly patterns used in each river.

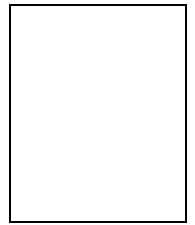
**Before the General Meeting - beginning at 6:00 PM**

**There will be a “Boating Safety” Seminar and a  
“Fishing Skills” demonstration by John Gantner,**

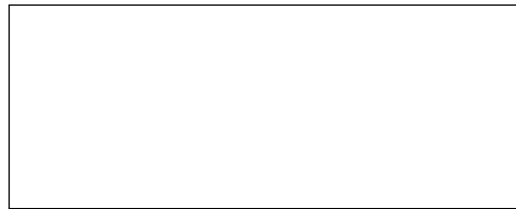
**STFF sends “Get Well Wishes”  
to Sue Horkey who underwent shoulder surgery on the 13<sup>th</sup>.**



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Redding, CA 96099-0002



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**Next Meeting**

Wednesday February 9, 2011

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Fishing "Skills" Demonstration

7:00 PM - John Gantner's "River Bass"

Redding Library

**Fishouts**

Tuesday 8 - (alt. Tues 15)

Lower Sac Wade/Float

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