

# 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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April 2011

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

I am pleased to advise all STFF members that we have obtained our own dedicated classroom/workshop facility.

The new facility will be used for all of the clubs various activities: fly tying-basic, intermediate and advanced classes; rod building class, entomology classes; wildlife photography classes; fly tying jam sessions and more.

**The new classroom/workshop is located at 1872 Buena Ventura Blvd. Suite # 3  
[Approximately ½ mile west of Market Street]**

Our club was fortunate to have Ryan Haedrich [of Haedrich Real Estate] working on this project. Ryan did a fantastic job of locating a great facility...and negotiating lease terms that were within our budget.

The new facility is heated, air conditioned and carpeted. In addition it has been configured to provide a storage area for our gear...as well as the video equipment for use during classes.

In short we now have a great facility that meets all of our needs for any classes or workshops. However it is not large enough for our monthly meetings. Those will continue to be held at the Redding Library.

We have purchased new tables and chairs for the facility...but now we need some decorations for the walls...and material to start a lending library for use by our members.

With that in mind, if STFF members have any artwork, fly fishing or fly tying books, videos or DVDs, that they would like to donate for use at our new facility, bring them to the open house....or to the April general meeting. Please mark any items with your name and telephone number.

Dick Recchia, President

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

**Keichi Aoyagi, Bill Beaver, Lewis Chamberlain, Ken Fenley, Don Fisk, Dan Frisk,  
Wes & Lynn Forman, Bruce & Judy Moody, Karl Stemmler, James Wallace**

Club Members - Please Remember to introduce yourself to members you do not know.

**And also remember to**

**WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AT ALL CLUB FUNCTIONS**

OUR HEART FELT CONDOLENCE TO JOHN GANTNER AND HIS FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF  
HIS WIFE MAGGIE. SHE WAS KNOWN AND LOVED BY MANY OF OUR MEMBERS.  
YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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## Calendar of Events

### April 2011

1	Fishout – Trinity Holy Waters Fishmaster Jerry Marks
2	Fishout – Trinity Holy Waters Fishmaster – Creighton Smith
3	<b>Open House – New STFF Classroom 1872 Buenaventura Blvd. Ste #3, Redding 2PM-4PM</b>
6	Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p. m.
13	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
14	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
16	Fishout – Iron Canyon – Weather Permitting Fishmaster – Don Weiseman
17	Spey Casting Clinic Barge Hole Gravel Bar 9 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. All Welcome
23	Fishout – Lewiston Lake Fishmaster – Benson Kanemoto
25	<b>Beginners Fly Casting Classes Start April 25 for 5 Straight Mondays Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM</b>
28	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
29	<b>Opening Day Party - Friday The Fly Shop – Redding – 10:30 AM</b>

### May 2011

2	<b>Beginners Fly Casting Classes – In May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23<sup>rd</sup> Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM</b>
4	Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
10	Fishout – Clear Creek PM Fishmaster – Jerry Waybright
11	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
12	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
15	<b>Spey Casting Classes Held – Each Sunday 15th, 22nd, 29<sup>th</sup> Redding Convention Center Lawn – 9AM – 12PM</b>
26	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
31	<b>Open Casting Starts each Tuesday Night Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM</b>

## STFF 2011 PRELIMINARY FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH, DATE, DAY</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
Apr 1, Fri	Trinity Holy Waters	Jerry Marks
Apr 2, Sat	Trinity Holy Waters	Creighton Smith
Apr 16, Sat	Iron Canyon	Don Weiserman
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 7, Tue	Hat Creek Wild Trout	Bary Carranci
Jun 8-10, Thu & Fri	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
Sep 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.**

### Trinity River Holy Water Fishouts – Friday, April 1 & Sat, April 2, 2011

**Fishmasters:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Jerry Marks, 365-6893 – [jerrymarks@clearwire.net](mailto:jerrymarks@clearwire.net)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Creighton Smith, 243-4388 – [cr8smith@gmail.com](mailto:cr8smith@gmail.com)

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Place:** Carpoolers meet at Sunset Market (corner of Buenaventura & Eureka) in time to depart promptly at **7:00 AM**. Meeting location is Mountain Valley Grill, 4811 Trinity Dam Blvd in Lewiston at 8 AM for no host breakfast. We will caravan to the river access **promptly at 9:00 AM. Lunch is on your own.**

**Directions:** From Hwy 299 turn right at Trinity Dam Blvd. Drive 4 miles to Lewiston, go past the Plug-n-Jug and turn left into the parking lot by the gas station and mini-mart.

**Target species:** Steelhead, Rainbow and Brown Trout are also in the river.

**Recommended Gear:** 6-8wt rod, floating and or sink-tip line, 2-4X tippet.

**Flies:** Your favorite Steelhead flies along with Egg patterns, Golden and Black Stonefly nymphs, Copper John, P.T., Bird's Nest, San Juan Worm, olive, black Leach patterns, BWO, Adams, Adult Caddis, Callibaetis mayflies, March Brown. Please call Trinity Fly Shop (623-6757) for the latest hatch information and productive flies.

**Fishing Method:** Swing, indicator, short line and downstream nymphing methods are all effective.

**Note:** *This is a mandatory catch and release, barbless hooks, fly fishing only area.* Please take care releasing all fish. When possible, keep them in the water during your release. You will need a Steelhead Fishing Report Card along with your License. Wading is low, slow and easy, but bring your wading staff.

Please notify Gerald Nelson at [gnelson8@frontiernet.net](mailto:gnelson8@frontiernet.net) and each Fishmaster to sign up. Please notify the Fishmaster at least 24 hours before the meeting time if you *did* sign up and later find you can't attend or if you *did not* sign up and want to attend.

**Please wear your name badge**

## IRON CANYON RESERVOIR - FISHOUT

**Revised Date - April 16, 2011**

**DEPARTURE TIME 7:30 a.m.**

FISHMASTER: Don Wieseman 549-3714

MEETING SITE: My-T-Fine Market parking lot, corner of Hwy 299 and Deschutes Rd. in Bella Vista. Those wishing to car pool can hook up there. Arrive early as we will depart **promptly** at 7:30 a.m. and caravan to the lake. Weather may be a deciding factor on this day.

TARGET SPECIES: Rainbow and Brown Trout

EQUIPMENT: 5-7 wt rods. Floating or sinking lines work depending on your technique.

FLY PATTERNS: Midge pupa (brassies, zebra midges, 18-22 in brown, black and olive) San Juan worms (12-14 in red) Midge larva (22-14 in red) P T nymphs and Birds Nest (#16). You should also carry an assortment of wooly buggers in black and olive.

WATERCRAFT: Motorboats, pontoon boats, float tube, pram, whatever works for you.

FOOD: Coffee and donuts in the morning. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

**Please sign up at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**If you sign up and later find that you can't attend please notify the Fishmaster.**

## Lewiston Lake Fishout - Date: April 23

**Fishmaster:** Benson Kanemoto

**Meeting Place:** Sunset Market parking lot.

**Time:** 8:15 AM, we'll leave promptly at 8:30, or you can meet us at the Lewiston boat ramp, we should be there by 9:30. There will be a short seminar before we all launch.

**Floatation devices:** Boats, pontoon boats, and float tubes are required. There are very limited wading opportunities. There is a five-dollar launch fee for boats.

**Rods and Lines:** 4, 5, and 6 wts. are useful. Intermediate and sinking lines from type II to IV should prove effective for stripping buggers and leeches. Sink tips and shooting heads are also very effective. Indicators are also very effective on floating lines. There will not be much in the way of dry fly activity at this time of the year but can be effective in the spring and summer.

**Flies:** Leeches and Woolly buggers in size 6-10 in olive, brown, black and claret (maroon) are usually worth trying. Black zebra midges (18, 20), Pheasant tail nymphs (16-22), Red midge larvae (16-18), and the same buggers and leeches for stripping can be used under and indicator. Bring everything.

**Techniques:** Look for jumping or rising fish, go there, cast and catch many fish. Seriously, keep your eyes open and watch for fish showing themselves. The lake varies considerably in depth so adjustments need to be made in lines and depth of flies under indicators.

I generally fish no less than four feet and as much as eleven feet under and indicator. I use two indicator rods. One is set up for deep water with a corky type bobber and the other for shallow water sight fishing using a very small yarn type indicator if the wind is not blowing. If the wind is blowing just cast that corky out and keep you eye on it.

The fish are a little less spooky with a slight wind. Try not to let the wind swing your bobber too fast. I generally like to fish downwind to try to maintain that dead drift. When there is no wind and you are fishing deep give your bobber a twitch every minute or two. After you give it that twitch keep your eye on it. If there is a release from the dam then you also have to figure in the current. The idea is to get a dead drift.

Sounds easy in a lake right! I've seen quite a few guys very frustrated out there because they can't maintain a dead drift. With leeches and buggers try every variation in sink rates and retrieves. A depth finder is very useful.

**This lake is always very cold; 45 to 48 degrees all year long so stay out of the water. Please wear a life vest at all times. Stowing an extra set of clothes in the car is not a bad idea.**

The Yuba City Fly Fishers will again be joining us along with four members of the Granite Bay Club from Sacramento.

If you have any questions please call Benson Kanemoto at 244-1520. Lets hope for some decent weather.



# Come Celebrate the **OPENING** of **TROUT SEASON**

**FRIDAY APRIL 29TH 2011**

**THE FLY SHOP**

**10:30 AM TO 4:30 PM**

Photo: Marcel Steele

## **2011 TROUT SEASON OPENING DAY PARTY & CELEBRATION**

AS IN THE PAST **The Fly Shop** is excited to sponsor a party to get the opening date of trout season off on the right foot. Just outside our front door, the **Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers** will be preparing all the hamburgers and hot dogs you can eat. The trimmings will include chili beans, cole slaw, relishes, potato chips, and your favorite soft drinks. The **Shasta Mayflies** have also graciously agreed to bake some of their finest cookies. There will be no reason to leave our shop hungry.

Once you step inside our beautiful store your every need will be warmly satisfied by our professional staff. Regardless of the area you plan to fish – Pit River, Upper Sacramento, McCloud River, Hat Creek, or Fall River – there is someone here that is intimately acquainted with the fishery.

In an effort to keep you up-to-date with the latest and greatest in the fly fishing world, we have invited all of the dealer representatives from our vendors. You will be able to cast the newest rods, and handle the reels and lines that best support those rods. Look for some of the newest materials in fly tying, and the best designs for float tubing.

We are very lucky to have some of the industry's finest fly tiers working right here in our shop. There are no bigger names than **Mike Mercer, Tim Fox, Justin Miller, and Zack Thurman**. They have each enthusiastically agreed to donate one hour of their time for personal fly tying demonstrations.

Clearly, there will be no better time or place to be fed all the food and information that is required to make your opening day excursion successful and enjoyable.



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## **Coming Events**

### **OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION**

Our club was fortunate to obtain our own dedicated classroom/workshop facility. To celebrate the opening there will be an open house:

**Sunday-April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**2PM to 4PM**

**Refreshments will be served**

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Suite # 3 [Approximately ½ mile west of Market Street].**

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## **2011 SPEY FEST**

**Saturday - June 11 from 9am to 4pm**

**Sacramento River at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar.**

**Featuring demonstrations, equipment, instruction and Spey Fly Tying.**

**Free attendance and includes a free Tri Tip lunch**

For information and directions see [www.shastatrinityflyfishers.com](http://www.shastatrinityflyfishers.com)  
or contact - Bill Lenheim [lenheim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lenheim@sbcglobal.net)

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE BARGE HOLE GRAVEL BAR SPEY CASTING AREA**

**FROM THE ANDERSON OUTLETS OFF I-5 TAKE DESCHUTES ROAD EXIT**

<b>TURN LEFT ONTO DESCHUTES ROAD</b>	<b>MILE 0</b>
<b>TURN RIGHT AT BALLS FERRY ROAD</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TURN LEFT ON ASH CREEK ROAD (NOTE SIGN TO COLMAN HATCHERY)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TURN RIGHT ONTO GROVER ROAD</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>PAST COLMAN HATCHERY SIGN ON LEFT</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>TURN RIGHT ONTO DIRT ROAD (NOTE 25 MPH SIGN)</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>FOLLOW TO RIVER</b>	<b>0.1</b>

**TOTAL DISTANCE: 12.3 MILES FROM OUTLETS**

**NOTE: FROM BOAT RAMP AFTER CROSSING BRIDGE 6.4 MILES TO DIRT ROAD**

## EVENING HATCH FISHOUT on Clear Creek - TUESDAY, MAY 10

**FISHMASTER** JERRY WAYBRIGHT (365-1440) or [gmwaybright@aol.com](mailto:gmwaybright@aol.com) )

**DATE & TIME** TUESDAY, MAY 10 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,  
SUPERFLOSS RUBBER LEG BROWN BODY OLIVE LEGS #6, "LITTLE YELLOW" 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 APRIL 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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**APRIL Membership Meeting – Wednesday APRIL 13 – 7:00 PM**  
**Redding Library**

**John Gantner's "Fishing Lake Shasta"**

**This month's presentation will be give by our own "expert", John Gantner.  
Just in time for the beginning of a hot Bass fishing season...**

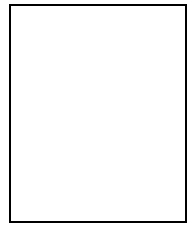
**And in preparation of our annual Shasta Lake Fishout.**

**Don't miss the opportunity to learn John's secrets to fishing Lake Shasta.**

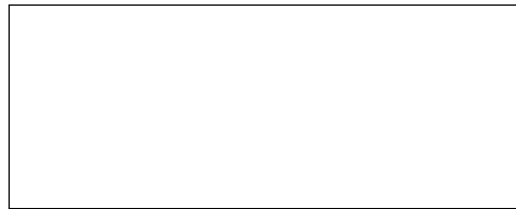
**Pre-meeting activities start at 6:30 PM with Bass Flies information**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Next Meeting**  
Wednesday April 13, 2011  
6:30 PM – Bass Flies  
7:00 PM – John Gantner's "Fishing Lake Shasta"  
Redding Library

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**Fishouts**

Fri 1: Trinity Holy Water  
Sat 2: Trinity Holy Water  
Sat 16: Iron Canyon  
Sat 23: Lewiston Lake

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