

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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May 2011

The President's _____ Line

“If you build it they will come”...that's a well-known and often repeated line from Kevin Costner's movie “Field of Dreams”.

That movie was about creating a baseball field in the middle of a cornfield in Iowa. If you recall, Costner's character in the movie built a baseball diamond and the ghosts of baseball's famous players returned to play ball.

Not unlike the Field of Dreams, STFF has built our own classroom facility in order to expand the programs and benefits that we offer to our members. Hopefully, with our expanded capabilities...plus the new programs we will be offering...the “ghosts” the STFF members who haven't been attending our meetings...or participating in our activities...will return.

In that regard, our new facility will be used to hold classes on a wide variety of subjects including:

- ✓ Fly Tying (basic, intermediate and advanced techniques)
- ✓ Entomology
- ✓ Fly fishing techniques
- ✓ Rod building classes (both bamboo and graphite)
- ✓ Outdoor & wildlife photography

The new classroom has been equipped with all new worktables and chairs plus two large monitors and a video camera that will be used for live demonstrations by the instructors. In addition, a full range of fly tying tools and equipment will be available for use by the students who attend classes.

Unlike “Field of Dreams”, we're not in a cornfield...instead the new classroom is located at 1872 Buena Ventura Drive, approximately ¼ mile west of Market St. in the Gateway Center. We hope the central location... the updated equipment and the opportunity to attend classes covering a wide range of fly fishing topics... will provide an incentive for more STFF members to participate in our club's activities.

“We built it...now we hope you will come!”

Dick Recchia, President

Note: Information on the subject and the schedule of classes can be found on the club's website (after May 1st):
www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org and in the club's newsletter.

Special request from Dick Recchia, President

Because of the wording of my mail address rdrs@frontiernet.net

“Spam blockers” are stopping many of my messages to members.

Please make sure that my email address is on your “message allowed” list.

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

Neal Armstrong, Liesje & Elliot Blank, Cecil & Eileen Bushong, Dave Criswell, Ben & Sara Letton, Stan Swenson

Club Members – Please Remember to introduce yourselves to members you do not know.

And also remember to

WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AT ALL CLUB FUNCTIONS

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Calendar of Events

May 2011

2	Beginners Fly Casting Classes – In May Monday - 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM
4	Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
7	John Gantner's Fly Tying Workshop #4 STFF Classroom – 1872 Buenaventura Ave #3 – 8:30 a.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	Spey Casting Clinic Barge Hole Gravel Bar 9 a.m. All Welcome
15	Spey Casting Classes Held – Each Sunday 15th, 22nd, 29th Redding Convention Center Lawn – 9AM – 12PM
26	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
31	Open Casting Starts Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM

June 2011

	Open Casting each Tuesday Night in June Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM
1	Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p. m.
5	Last Sunday Spey Casting Class Location TBD
7	Fishout – Hat Creek Wild Trout Fishmaster – Bary Caranci
8	STFF Annual - Picnic – BBQ Swap & Sell Anderson River Park – 5:30 PM
9	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
11	2011 Spey Fest - Barge Hole Gravel Bar 9 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. All Welcome – Food
11	Kid's Day Fishing Mt. Shasta Hatchery, Mt. Shasta City
14	Fishout – Shasta Lake Bass Fishmaster – John Gantner
23	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

STFF 2011 PRELIMINARY FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH, DATE, DAY</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
May 10, Tue	Clear Creek PM	Jerry Waybright
Jun 7, Tue	Hat Creek Wild Trout	Bary Caranci
Jun 14, Tue	Shasta Bass	John Gantner
Jul 8-10, Fri, Sat, Sun	Almanor Hex	Hal Begbie
Jul 12, Tue	McCloud Reservoir	Earl Johnston
Jul 26, Tue	Upper Sacramento	Craig Nielson
Aug 1-4, Mon-Thur	Klamath Lake	Fred David
Sep 8, Thu	Baum Lake	Walt Cole
Sept 4-9, Sun-Fri	Owyhee River	Dick Recchia
Sept 9-14, Fri-Wed	Owyhee River	Dick Recchia
Sep 29, Thu	Manzanita Lake	Alan Slattery
Oct 22, Sat	Manzanita Lake	TBD
Oct 23-25, Sun-Tue	Rouge River	Jerry Marks
Nov 7-11, Mon-Fri	Delta Stripers	Allan Craig
Nov 17, Thur	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.

FISHOUT - EVENING HATCH - CLEAR CREEK - TUESDAY, MAY 10 - 4:30 PM

FISHMASTER: JERRY WAYBRIGHT (365-1440 or gmwaybright@aol.com)

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 LEADERS WITH 3 X TO 6 X TIPPETS. 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, QUIGLEY'S STACKER #16, MERCER'S 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 NOTIFY THE FISHMASTER AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING TIME IF YOU SIGNED UP AND NOW FIND YOU CAN'T ATTEND OR IF YOU DID NOT SIGN UP AND WISH TO JOIN US. YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP OUR PLANNING EFFORTS.

APRIL 1ST and 2ND HOLY WATER FISHOUT REPORT DAY 1

Twenty-one STFF members and three Granite Bay Flycasters members met for breakfast at The Mountain Valley Grill in Lewiston. We had beautiful weather but found a crowded river full of dinks. Several anglers moved to different locations and a few just disappeared. All those reporting said they had a fun day. **Alan Craig got a nice half-pounder.** (See photo) **Jim Tornillo, our BIG STICK OF THE DAY,** reported having "a blast" and released a 27" Steelhead and lost one about the same size. He also released an 18 incher and one about 12 inches. **Kevin Kay** reported: "In addition to the tiny smolts I landed one almost real fish, a 13" trout or holdover steelhead. I had one more nice grab, a flash of silver, and then it was gone." **Ross Morrison's** report was photos of Alan Craig's fish. **Jim Jensen, Jerry Marks and Alan Jones** all got a few dinks downstream from the new bridge. **Kathy Jensen** had a great time inspecting insects, on the rocks, that Alan got out of the river for her. Those also attending were **David Yorton, Bill Lenheim, Art Agnew, Brad Best, Rich Artusy, Dick Russell, Steve Matenaer, Mike Donaghy, Bary Caranci, Tom Taylor, John Gantner, Sue Horkey, Cecil Bushono, Bill King, Greg King and Strumer White.**



DAY 2

After Friday's mass invasion on the upper Trinity, a smaller group of intrepid souls including, **Sue Horkey, Gerald Nelson, Ron Gustafson, Jim Shilling, and Creighton Smith** descended upon the Holy Waters on Saturday. While the fishing pressure had eased some, likewise the "opportunities" for steelhead had diminished. After spending a futile period stripping leaches and swinging various steelie flies, the group succumbed to small nymphs and dry flies in order to have a little fun with the smolts. We each averaged 10-15 of the little rascals and hoped we would meet up with them again in a few years.

John Gantner's Fly Tying Workshop #4 Saturday, May 7th **Deer-hair Bass Flies: Working with deer-hair** **Meet at 8:30 a.m. – Start tying at 9:00 a.m.**

Shasta Trinity Fly Fisher's
new classroom at 1872
Buenaventura Ave #3.

Learn to tie: Poppers,
sliders and divers. Spinning,
flaring, and stacking deer
hair.

\$20 per person includes
materials for eight flies,



and a DVD of the tying
session. Bring a lunch and tie
some flies. **Reservations
required.**

e-mail: jrgantner@charter.net
Don't miss out!!! Just in time
for the bass season. We
expect this class to fill, so get
in your reservation. "NOW"

Special Note regarding reimbursement of club expenses:

All requests for payment of invoices and/or the reimbursement of club expenses paid by members must be handled as follows:

* If the payment is to be made to a vendor or supplier, the invoice must be clearly marked as to the purpose of the expense...who authorized the expense...and the address where payment should be made.

* If it is a reimbursement of expenses paid by a member, the invoice(s) should be attached to a note, which summarizes the individual expenses and provides a total amount requested for reimbursement. The note must also state the purpose of the expenditures as well as the name of the members requesting payment.

Note: any requests that do not meet the above criteria will not be paid.



2011 SPEY FEST

June 11 from 9AM to 4PM

on the Sacramento River at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar.

Featuring demonstrations, equipment, instructions, Spey Fly Tying:

- ✓ Bryce Tedford, Beulah Fly Rods
- ✓ Gary Anderson, Anderson Custom Fly Rods
- ✓ Jamie Lyle, Sage, Rio & Redington
- ✓ Jason Lozano, Echo, Airflo, Scott
- ✓ Robert Meizer, Meizer Fly Rods
- ✓ Steve Godshall, Spey Fly Line Designer
- ✓ Mike Caranci & The Fly Shop gang
- ✓ Justin Miller Spey casting & tying spey flies

Free attendance and tri-tip lunch

For information www.shastatrinityflyfishers.com

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Bill Lenheim: lenheimw@msn.com

DIRECTIONS TO THE BARGE HOLE GRAVEL BAR SPEY CASTING AREA

FROM THE ANDERSON OUTLETS OFF I-5 TAKE DESCHUTES ROAD EXIT; TURN LEFT ONTO DESCHUTES ROAD; TURN RIGHT AT BALLS FERRY ROAD 2miles ; TURN LEFT ON ASH CREEK ROAD (NOTE SIGN TO COLMAN HATCHERY) 3 miles ;TURN RIGHT ONTO GROVER ROAD 1.2 miles; PAST COLMAN HATCHERY SIGN ON LEFT 1.5 miles; TURN RIGHT ONTO DIRT ROAD (NOTE 25 MPH SIGN) 4.8 miles ; FOLLOW TO RIVER 0.1 mile; TOTAL DISTANCE: 12.3 MILES FROM OUTLETS; NOTE: FROM BOAT RAMP AFTER CROSSING BRIDGE 6.4 MILES TO DIRT ROAD.

Note: the entrance road to the gravel bar is rough...pickup trucks and SUVs are recommended

Suggestion: Bring a camp chair or stool, water, sun glasses and sun screen

Latest information
Shasta Lake Bass Fishout - June 14, 2011

Fishmaster: John Gantner 245-0450 jrgantner@charter.net

Time & Place: 8:30 a.m. Lake Shasta at Jones Valley public boat launch parking area. Coffee and donuts will be served at that time followed by a brief "How to catchem" presentation.

Lunch: Please bring your own. Picnic rendezvous location to be announced at the lake.

Equipment: Rods of 5 to 8 weight. A floating line will do, but if you have a sinking line or sink-tip line bring it as well. Leaders of 2X or 3X, nine to ten feet long for the floating line, or four feet long for sinking lines.

Flies: Streamers are #1. Clousers (chartreuse and white), bunny leeches, buggers and any streamers that imitate a threadfin shad. Crawdad imitations are sometimes good. Top-water poppers are hit and miss early and late.

Fishmaster's Note: **This is a boat necessary event.** If you don't have access to a boat with a motor, please make arrangements to join a member with a boat. If you have a boat, please advise the Fishmaster how many passengers you can take. Passengers are encouraged to chip in for gas and worms. Polarized sunglasses, hat, sunscreen and water are recommended for a healthy day on the lake. **PFD required for all participants.** You are welcome to arrive early to launch your boat, rig up, etc. to be ready to go right after our meeting.

Please sign up at the May 11th meeting or contact the Fishmaster to do so.
Also, please call if you have any questions. More info in the June Caster.

Bass Fishing Bonus - A great opportunity - For 6 lucky winners

Tuesday: June 14th - Fish for 10lb Bass & very Big Pan Fish at "Cordy's Private Pond" in Cottonwood
Purchase one ticket for \$5 and you'll have 6 chances to win.

Plus enjoy a gourmet lunch prepared by Kerry Cordy.

Note: Tickets will only be available at the May membership meeting.
6 tickets will be drawn at the STFF board meeting on June 1st

Mark your calendars for STFF's Annual Picnic and Barbeque.
June 8th at Anderson River Park

Featuring an exquisite trip-tip menu prepared by "world renown" chef: **Jay Rawitzer** and his outstanding crew of assistant chefs.

Festivities start at 5:30PM with a "Swap & Sell" (fly fishing gear only) by members of STFF and the Mayflies.

Dinner will be served at 7PM...followed by a special raffle.

Dinner tickets will be sold at the event: \$10 for adults - \$6 for children under 12 years of age. Note: the cost of the dinner ticket includes 5 raffle tickets - plus one extra ticket if you are wearing a name badge. Special reminders: BYO drinks - **but glass containers are not allowed in the park.**

Also, anyone displaying swap and sell items should provide their own tables.

Your help is needed for the June 11th Spey Fest.

We expect a large crowd and need help with crowd control, feeding lunch, parking and help in other area's as needed. You don't have to be a Spey Caster to enjoy this event.

Please sign up at the May 11th meeting or call - Bill Lenheim STFF Chair - 530 223 6090

*****Also*****

Spey Casting - Sunday May 15 at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar.

Coffee and Donuts in AM and just maybe lunch at 11:30 if a certain guy can be persuaded to bring the food and do the cooking.

This will also give us an idea of the Spey Fest Area.

Call Bill Lenheim - 223 6090 for info or questions

2011 Spring/Summer Fly Casting Classes

Guy Manning, FFF Master Certified Casting Instructor started the *Beginners Fly Casting Classes* April 25th. The Classes will run each Monday in May. 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 (cash or check) 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. Reservations are not needed, so just show up. Please show up at least 5 minutes early for each class to allow time to set up your gear. All classes will begin promptly at 6 PM. Since the instruction uses a step-by-step approach please show up to each class. We will not be able to take time away from the other students to catch you up on what was missed. A small number of rods will be available for those without equipment.

**Where and when: Lawn just south of Redding Convention Center near Turtle Bay
Mondays: May 2, 9, 16, 23 - Time: 6 PM - 8 PM**

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 at the same location. Open casting is an opportunity to get more practice or work on individual casting issues with professional level individual instruction. The open casting schedule will begin on May 31, 2011 and run through September 13. There is no charge for the open casting. We do urge beginners to attend the Beginners Casting Classes above 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 the beginners.

Double-handed Casting Instruction - (Spey Casting)

Guy Manning will be presenting a 4 session Double Handed Casting Clinic this Spring. Also known as Spey Casting, Double Handed casting is an extremely effective way to cover a large amount of water and get the fly to the fish effectively. The class is free to members of the STFF and Mayflies. The cost for non-members is \$50 for all 4 classes, payable in cash or check at the first class. The class will be limited to 6 students on a first come first served basis.

This class will cover the following:

A short history of Double Handed Casting, The differences between Spey, Skagit, and Scandi rods and lines
Fishing methods used with each technology, Double Handed Casting Terminology
Discussion of river right and river left and the casts used in each situation Basic body and rod positions
Motions of a simple DH cast, Switch cast, Snap-C cast, Double Spey cast, Single Spey cast, Snake Roll cast

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9 until noon on May 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 2011.

The first three classes will be held on the lawn south of the convention center in the Turtle Bay complex, across from the Channel 7 Studios.

The last class will be on the water at a location to be decided. Please show up about 10 minutes early for each session so you have time to - Set-up your gear prior to the start of class.

What to bring: Rod, Reel, Line, leader, hat and protective glasses. No hooks are allowed. Yarn will be provided. You will need to make a grass leader for the second and third session. Instructions will be given during the first class. For the last class you will need waders and boots.

Important: If you don't have glasses you will not be allowed to cast.

For further information contact Guy at 222-2601: grhen@ix.netcom.com

KIDS FISH DAY at MT. SHASTA HATCHERY 2011

It's close to that time of the year again; --The Kids Fish Days will be held on June 11th, July 9th and August 20st. This is an annual event put on by the Dept of Fish and Game and helped out by the local merchants and clubs. Our club is a proud donor and also has several volunteers each year to help with packaging worms, repairing and untangling fishing lines, and many other things. This is a great event for kids up to 15 years old. We need volunteers to help out with the various functions so please sign up at the next meeting. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Lunch will be furnished for all volunteers. **Contact Earl Johnston for info: 275-0206 or johnstonle@aol.com**

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May Membership Meeting

Wednesday May 11 – 7:00 PM

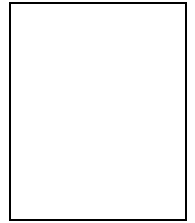
Redding Library

Craig Nielsen Presents – “Secrets of Fishing the McCloud River”

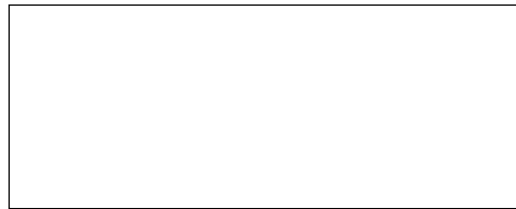
Craig Nielsen is the owner of “Shasta Trout Guide Services” and will give a presentation on fishing this local river. The McCloud is among the most beautiful river canyons in the world. Pristine forests, emerald pools and feisty McCloud **Redband Rainbows** make for a fishing experience not to be missed. Toss in an outlandishly large brown trout on occasion and it is easy to understand why anglers have been coming from around the world for over a century to discover the magic of the McCloud



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Next Meeting
Wednesday May 11, 2011
7:00 PM – Craig Nielsen
"Secrets of Fishing the McCloud River"
Redding Library

Fishouts
Monday 10: Clear Creek PM

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