

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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July 2011

The President's _____ Line

During the month of June, our members had the opportunity to attend and enjoy two major events:

- ✓ The Annual tri-tip barbeque on June 8th at Anderson River Park.
- ✓ The Spey Fest on June 11th at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar.

Our chief chef Jay Rawitzer and his able crew of assistants served a wonderful tip dinner to 115 members and their guests. Thanks to Jay and all the volunteers...and also to those members who brought fly-fishing gear to sell and trade before the dinner was served.

STFF's "spey master", Bill Lenheim organized another great Spey Fest that was attended by over 100 participants. That event required a large number of volunteers...but true to the spirit of our club Bill had more than enough help. Kudos to all who helped Bill pull off another great Spey casting event!

If, unfortunately, you were unable to attend those events...then do yourself a favor and make sure your calendar is open for Saturday, October 8th...the date of our big FLY FISHING FAIR at Caldwell Park. Last year this event drew over 300 people...and this year, the number of displays and activities is expected to push the attendance much higher. "If you like Fly Fishing...you are going to love the Fly Fishing Fair"

Dick Recchia, President

P.S. There's an old saying: "nothing insures success more than advance planning" So, with that in mind, please make sure your schedule for February 2012, does not interfere with attending our annual banquet (auctions & raffles) on Saturday-February 18th at Win River Casino. "If you enjoy getting Fly Fishing gear at great bargain prices ...you are going to love the STFF banquet"

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

Nancy Cunnion, John Griffin, Leo Graham

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

It's not too early to plan your schedule now...mark your calendars for the

2nd Annual - Fly Fishing Fair - Saturday-October 8th - 8:30AM-2:30PM

Caldwell Park (Lake Redding) in Redding, California

The 2012 STFF Annual Banquet

**Saturday, February 18th @ Win River Casino – 5:00 PM – Downstairs Ballroom
with \$1000's of dollars in fly fishing gear.**

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Calendar of Events

July 2011

	Open Casting each Tuesday Night in July Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM
5	Board of Directors Meeting STFF Classroom 1872 Buenaventura Blvd #3 Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
8-10	Fishout – Lake Almanor Fishmaster – Hal Begbie
9	Kid's Day Fishing Mt. Shasta Hatchery, Mt. Shasta City
12	Fishout – McCloud Res Fishmaster – Earl Johnston
13	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 6:30 p.m.
14	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
17	Spey Casting Clinic Barge Hole Gravel Bar 9 a.m. All Welcome
26	Fishout – Upper Sac Fishmaster – Craig Nielson
28	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

August 2011

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Note:

Club Members please remember to wear your Name Badge to all Club Functions

STFF 2011 PRELIMINARY FISHOUT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH, DATE, DAY</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
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.

ANNUAL LAKE ALMANOR FISHOUT

JULY 8 - JULY 10, 2011

It's time for the Hexagenia to be stirring the spirit of fisherman (and fisherwomen) as well as causing the Lake Almanor trout and smallmouth bass to key in on the mud bottom areas of the lake.

The Hex hatch is usually the heaviest from around 7:00 P.M. until dark. Some type of boat, float tube or raft is useful due to limited shore fishing. To match the hatch there are several types of Hex dries and nymphs. Other flies like wooley buggers and leech patterns may also be effective. Five wt. Rods and higher are advised due to the size of the fish. The fish do not seem to be too leader shy when the hatch is on, so heavy leaders can be used.

The Hexagenia live in tunnels in the muddy bottoms of the lake, so area where the bottom is muddy is preferred.

We will be staying at the Almanor South campgrounds (US forest service). Directions from:

- From Redding go south on I-5 to Red Bluff
- Take the Antelope exit and turn left (east)
- Just before you drive out of Red Bluff turn left on Hwy 36 toward Chester
- Turn south on Hwy 89 just before you enter Chester
- Drive approx. 7 mi. and turn left on Almanor Dr. (there is a rest area on the right of Hwy 89 across from the turn).
- The road curves to the right the campground will be on your right (if you go down the hill to the lake you missed the turn). Do not turn onto West Almanor Dr. it's the road just before Almanor Dr. and a pain to get turned around on.

A roster of some kind will be placed on the bulletin board on the right side as you enter the campgrounds. Please put your name, campsite number and number of persons in your party when you get the time.

There will be a potluck on Saturday evening prior to going fishing, so bring your favorite dish and join the fun. Most evenings have a short get-to-gather after fishing to swap fishing stories (lies) and socialize.

For further information you can contact Hal Begbie at 527-0793.

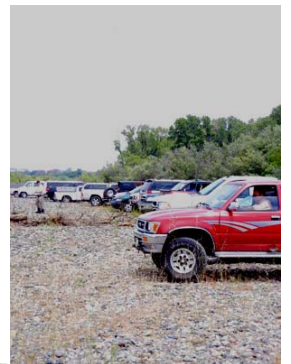
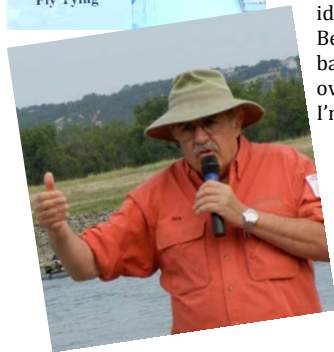


SPEY FEST 2011

Beyond our wildest dreams the Spey Fest was pulled off with out a hitch. The water folks complied and dropped the flow, the rain stayed away and the day could not have gone better. We got 106 people to attend, 13 vendors and presenters and had a lunch that beat all. Even if you have never thought about spey casting you would have come away with fresh ideas.

Be proud of your club and thanks to the many volunteers that carried the ball and the club banner proudly and made it happen. A special thanks to **Bary Caranci's** kitchen staff that over did themselves.

I'm proud to have served with you.....Bill Lenheim - 2011 Spey Fest Chair



STFF Classroom Monthly Agenda – June 2011

1872 Buenaventura Blvd. Suite # 3

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Details	Leader	Tele # & Email
Thur	7/7	6:00-9:00	Fly Tying	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Mon	7/11	6:00-9:00	Fly Tying	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Tue	7/12	7:00-9:00	Knot Tying	All fly fishing knots	Bill Lenheim	lenheim@msn.com
Thur	7/14	6:30-9:00	Fly Tying	Hare's Ear Nymph	Ralph Lestarjette	redrdl@sbcglobal.net
Sat	7/16	9:00-12:30	Fly Tying	Hare's Ear Nymph	Ralph Lestarjette	redrdl@sbcglobal.net
Mon	7/18	6:30-9:00	Photography Class Point & Shoot only	Members Last Names M thru Z	Gary Bagula	472-3556 gbagula@bagulaphoto.com
Wed	7/20	6:30-8:30	Video Presentation "Fly Fishing made Easy"	Showing of Two Videos "Anatomy of a Trout Stream"	Jerry Marks	365-6893 jerrymarks@clearwire.net
Thur	7/21	6:30-9:00	Fly Tying	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Fri	7/22	6:30-9:00	Photography Class Point & Shoot only	Members Last Names M thru Z	Gary Bagula	472-3556 gbagula@bagulaphoto.com
Mon	7/25	6:00-9:00	Fly Tying	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Thur	7/28	6:30-9:00	Fly Tying	Copper John	Ralph Lestarjette	redrdl@sbcglobal.net
Sat	7/30	9:00-12:30	Fly Tying	Copper John	Ralph Lestarjette	redrdl@sbcglobal.net

Fly Tying dates are in Red

McCloud Res. Fishout

Tues. July 12, 2011

Fishmaster: Earl Johnston johnstonle@aol.com 275-0206

Meeting Place & Time: Behind McDonalds, 81 Lake Blvd. Redding. (Take I-5 to the 299 exit, go West, just past Market St and turn left to McDonalds) **Departure promptly at 7:30am.**

Species: Rainbow and Brown Trout

Equipment: 4 - 6 wt rods. Sink tip lines 10 to 20 ft. with 9' leader & 4X tippet or indicator with long leader, 6 to 10'.

Flies: Your favorite lake flies and be sure to bring Olive & Black Wooly Bugger patterns, size 8,10

Fishmaster's Note: This is a *boat necessary* event. You will need a watercraft. Any kind of boat. Motors are fine.

Coffee and Donuts will be served at the boat launch. Please bring your lunch and drinks.

Please call the Fishmaster to sign up if you have not already done so.

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers

Upper Sacramento River Fishout - Tuesday, July 26th



Fishmaster: Craig Nielsen

Meeting Time and Place: Ted Fay Fly Shop, Dunsmuir 8:30 am, 235-2969. Breakfast 7:00 am at Mt Shasta Pastry, 610 S Mount Shasta Blvd - 926-9944. Plan on packing a sack lunch and beverages for the day. **Additional information will be announced at the July 13th meeting.**

Fishing Location: Upper Sacramento River, for access points we recommend consulting a Streamtime Map of the Upper Sacramento River.

Equipment/Tackle: Most folk's rod preference is a 4 or 5 wt. Tippet sizes from 4X to 5X. Sometimes tippet down to 6X for low, clear water or dry flies. Many anglers prefer fluorocarbon tippet for durability while nymphing and clear water conditions. Plan on bringing your favorite indicator and 4X-tapered leaders. A wading staff and wading boots are necessary. It is likely to be warm enough that waders will be optional and wet wading will be refreshing.

Angling Methods: With summer conditions providing hopefully reasonably low flows, the most productive method will likely be nymph fishing with and without indicators during the day. The indicator set-up is the same as is used on most Freestones such as the McCloud or Pit Rivers. A 9' leader with a split shot knot, followed by 12-18 inches of 4X tippet to the first fly, in turn followed by 12-18 inches of 5X tippet to the second fly. If attaching an indicator to the tapered leader, most anglers employ one that can easily be adjusted up or down 4' to 8' from the split shot and can be removed to "high stick" nymph without an indicator, or switch quickly to dry fly fishing.

Flies: Caddis fly nymphs such as #12- 18 Birdsneests, Fox Poopahs or Deep Sparkle Pupae. #14-18 flashback PTs, Micromays and other favorite mayfly nymph patterns. Toss in a few midges such as Zebras and Crystal midges #16-20. We sometimes keep a few #8-12 Hopper patterns such as tan Parachute Hoppers, Stimulators or Foam Hoppers in the box for those sunny warm afternoons when they pop and allow us to fish a Hopper/Copper/Dropper Rig with a Copper John or Iron Sallie dropper along with the business nymphs above. For dries, bring your favorite PMD dries and emergers and keep your fingers crossed for an evening hatch (plan to stay late).

Leader's Note: Please call Craig, 926-5763, 518-2576 cell or e-mail at Craig@ShastaTrout.com, if you have questions.

Please remember to bring your 2011 Fishing License. See you on July 26th!

Klamath Lake Fishout

Fishmaster: Fred David

Date: Monday, August 1st to Thursday, August 4th

Meeting Place: The festivities will be held at the Rocky Point Resort, located at the northwest shore of Klamath Lake at Pelican Bay. **You need an Oregon fishing license and a Zebra Mussel Tag on your watercraft to launch on the lake.**

These should be available at the resort. Call the resort to reserve a campsite and check on license and Tag. (541) 356-2287 The resort has RV sites, tent sites, cabins and sites with only water and electricity. The resort fills up fast so don't wait to make your reservation. **There will be a potluck dinner one night.** You can also stop south of Klamath Falls for a license and Mussel Tag as you come into Midland. The Flyway Shop is on Hiway 97 at 9349 Hiway 97, S Klamath Falls, OR (541) 850-0872

Recommended Gear: A 6 or 7 wt. rod with intermediate or camo lines. Flies mainly imitate the leeches and minnows of the lake. Denny Rickard's Seal Bugger, Marabou and Mohair leeches all work well.

Floating craft are necessary as there is very limited shore access.

Please sign up at the July 13th meeting; for questions or more information call Fred David

Home - (530) 365-2949 or Cell - (530) 945-9155

Fishout Report – Hat Creek Wild Trout Section

By Bary Caranci, Fishmaster

The morning broke bright and sunny over Hat Creek for the June 7 STFF Fishout. Primed with Gerald's hot coffee and donuts; **Don & Pat Poulsen, Gerald Nelson, Sue Horkey, Jim Murphy, Dan Frisk, John Chernoh, David Yorton, Lee Maxwell** and I planned our approach. Lee headed down to the Carbon flat area to stalk some fish rising to PMD's.



Jim took to the fish barrier beat and landed fish on rubber legs and Z-wing caddis. John landed a nice sized bow on a red copper John in the lower riffle.

After lunch break, most proceeded down to the barrier and meadows where Gerald took a 17 incher on a rubber legs pattern. Although few salmon flies were evident, several fish were turned and one was caught on top with Ganter's salmon fly pattern. A beautiful day, great camaraderie, and some wild trout to hand.



Fishout Report – Shasta Bass – John Gantner – Fishmaster

About 14 STFF members showed up at the Jones Valley launch ramp on June 11th for coffee, donuts and a discussion of the day's itinerary. They then left in boats to fish on the Pit arm of the lake, meeting around 1PM for a group lunch and tall tales. **John Gantner** reported he caught about a dozen and his boating partner **Don Bovo** had six or eight. **Allan Craig** took this picture of **Lee Maxwell** with his first ever Spotted Bass.



Alan Jones got four Bass the largest was 16 inches. He fished with **Jim Jensen** who got 4 sticks and 3 trees but only lost 1 Green Weenie. **Jerry Marks** was not as lucky with 2 sticks, a rock and 3 Green Weenies in the trees. Neither Jerry nor Jim got a Bass.



Jerry fished with **Earl Johnston** who got one. **Art Agnew & Gerald Nelson** reported about 24 fish, 6 over 14 inches. Also fishing were **Bary & Marsha Caranci, Bill & Jan Hale**. No reports of how they did but fishermen and women of that caliber must not have wanted to brag.



2011 Fish Camp Scholarship Winners Announced

The Fish Camp Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that STFF and the Shasta Mayflies have awarded a total of six full scholarships to Fish Camp 2011, four of which were funded by STFF and two by the Shasta Mayflies. One additional winner was selected to receive a scholarship that The Fly Shop held for us from last year. The committee was pleased to read all 16 well written essays on why the applicants wanted to go to Fish Camp and why they are interested in fly fishing. The following are excerpts from some of the essays:

From Robert Barker, a 13 year old boy from Redding:

"I only know one or two people who like to fish a lot, and I want to meet more. To learn how to fly fish and be able to spend more time with my father are why I want to go to Fish Camp this summer. I want to learn how to get the right equipment so I don't get wet and cold, have my rod break, or lose a nice fish."

From Wyatt Bullen, a 10 year old boy from Redding:

"I want to go to fish camp this summer because I want to teach my dad how to fly fish. He has fished before but has never caught a fish on his fly rod. My great grandpa was a wonderful fly fisherman. He loved to tie flies. He died a couple years ago and left me some pretty cool flies. I'd love to catch an enormous fish with one of his flies."

From Chloe Dunn, a 10 year old girl from Red Bluff:

"Last summer I went fly fishing with my grandpa, uncle, and my dad. Since I don't know how to fly fish I was the photographer. I would really like to go to fish camp so that I could learn to fly fish. If I learn to fly-fish I won't have to be the photographer."

From Max Horan, a 10 year old boy from Redding:

"My dad and I spend a lot of time camping and fishing near our house. Our favorite place to fish together is Hat Creek. That is where I caught my first trout on a fly rod. I think it would be fun to spend time with other kids who like to fly fish. Sometimes it is hard and I get frustrated so I want to learn how to be a better fly fisherman. Hopefully someday I will have a really big fly collection and know the names of all of the flies. Last year I bought flies on line for \$.50 cents and sold them at Baum Lake for \$1.00. I think some day I would like to have my own fly shop."

From Destiny Little, a 14 year old girl from Shasta Lake:

"I would absolutely love to go to fish camp this summer because I am a very adventurous person. I have been fishing my whole life, but I have never been fly-fishing. I believe it would really help me in my life to learn to fly fish along with outdoor skills. I am a girl who can hunt, camp, fish, and live on her own in the wild. I could add fly fishing onto that list! How exciting that would be. Thank you all so much for considering me. I hope I get to see you this summer."

From Bruce Moody, a 12 year old boy from Cottonwood:

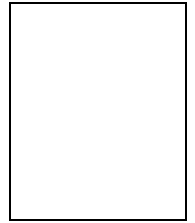
"Fly fishing interests me because of the uniqueness of it, the art behind it, and the challenge of it. It's impossible to put all of my feelings about fly fishing into words, but the main reason why I want to go to fish camp is to take my fly fishing to the next level because this is a huge opportunity to do just that."

From Cody Stidham, a 14 year old boy from Redding:

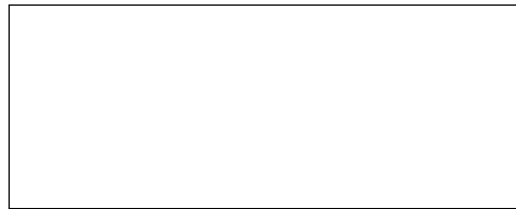
"My dad, just a standard fishing kind of guy, just recently got involved in fly fishing and the first time out he was hooked (no pun intended). I would most appreciate it if you considered me for your summer camp. I know for a fact that fishing is going to be a part of me for the rest of my life, and I will pass down the love for it to my children to come. Lastly, if you consider me for your camp, you are considering a hard working young man who absolutely loves to fish. Thank you for your time, and I hope to see you this summer."



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Next Membership Meeting

Wednesday July 13, 2011

Gerald Nelson: "Fishing the Pit River"

6:30 p.m.

Redding Library

Fishouts

Fri-Sun – July 8-10 – Almanor Hex

Tue – July 26 – Upper Sac

Mon-Thur – Aug 1-4 – Klamath Lake

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