

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

Our club has been very fortunate that during the last few years we have grown to over 200 members. Along with that growth, we have been able to expand the programs that we offer to include almost every aspect of fly-fishing and fly tying.

The wide range of programs we are able offer is a credit to the core group of very active members who always volunteer to assist with various projects and share their talents with the general membership. Their efforts have been rewarded through the good attendance at our monthly meetings, our fishout programs, and all the other activities that are available to our members.

But, recently one of our new members asked me what he could do to support the club. He explained that he was new to fly-fishing and didn't feel he could contribute to the clubs activities but he also didn't want to be a "member in name only". So I'm using this letter, to advise him...and all members...how to avoid being a "member in name only". With that in mind, here's a list of how everyone can support our club:

1. Attend the monthly meetings: It's only one night a month and your attendance will show your support for the club...the speakers...and your fellow members. And when you're at the meeting...wear a name badge and mingle with the other members...that's what a club is all about!
2. Buy a few raffle tickets: At \$35 a year a membership in STFF is dirt cheap! But the dues only cover the cost of producing and mailing our newsletter. All the other activities require additional revenue. Even if you have all of the fly fishing gear you'll ever need, your purchase of a few tickets will help support the clubs activities.
3. Attend the annual banquet: Not only is the banquet a blast...it also provides the opportunity to win a wide variety of fly fishing gear, trips, artwork, etc. More importantly, the banquet is the main source of funds to provide all the activities, classes and programs that are available to our members. The 2012 banquet will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at Win River Casino. If you really want to support your club, mark your calendar and make the commitment to attend.
4. Attend the Fly Fishing Fair: This is the biggest event that our club offers to the general public. So, show your support by attending ...and perhaps participating...in this annual event. This year's fair will be on October 8<sup>th</sup> at Caldwell Park and the entire event is created and organized by STFF.

Every one of us joined STFF for some specific reason...but nobody joined not to be member. If that were the case, then why join a club at all? You joined because you wanted to be part of a fly fishing group...and you can support that group by committing to the 4 steps I've outlined above.

Is that too much to ask? Let's do a summary of what those 4 steps will require:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Commitment required</u>
Attend the monthly meetings	12 evenings a year
Buy a few raffle tickets	\$1 to \$5 per meeting
Attend the annual banquet:	1 evening a year
Attend the Fly Fishing Fair	1 day per year

Total: 1 day, 13 evenings and a few dollars!

1 Day, 13 Evenings and a few dollars...that's... the cost of "not being a member in name only".

Dick Recchia,  
President

**The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers would like to welcome the following New Members:  
Victor & Judy Inouye, Lee Ann Ross, Scott Saiki, David Williams, Rick Fritzpatrick**

**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**

## Club Officers and Directors

### Officers

President	Dick Recchia <a href="mailto:rdrservices@frontiernet.net">rdrservices@frontiernet.net</a>	547-9720
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Youth Program	Open	

## Calendar of Events

### August 2011

<b>Open Casting each Tuesday Night in August</b> <b>Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM</b>	
1-4	Fishout – Klamath Lake Fishmaster – Fred David
4	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> <b>STFF Classroom</b> <b>1872 Buena Ventura Blvd #3</b> <b>Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.</b>
10	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 6:30 p.m.
11	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
13	Fire Fighters Fundraiser Shingletown, CA
20	<b>Kid's Day Fishing</b> <b>Mt. Shasta Hatchery, Mt. Shasta City</b>
21	Spey Casting Clinic Location TBD 9 a.m. All Welcome
25	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

### September 2011

**Open Casting ends in September – see below**

1	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b> <b>STFF Classroom</b> <b>1872 Buena Ventura Blvd #3</b> <b>Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m.</b>
6	<b>Open Casting</b> Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM
8	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
8	Fishout – Baum Lake Fishmaster – TBD
13	<b>Last for the year - Open Casting</b> Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM
21	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 6:30 p.m.
18	Spey Casting Clinic Location TBD 9 a.m. All Welcome
22	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

**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>
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
<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.**

### SEPTEMBER FISHOUT At BAUM LAKE

**DATE:** Thursday, Sept 8, 2011

**Fishmaster:** TBD

**Meeting Site:** For those interested we will caravan to the lake from the "My-T-Fine Market" parking lot, Hwy. 299 & Deschutes Rd. We will depart PROMPTLY at 7:30 am.

**Equipment:** 4-6 wt rods, floating and/or intermediate sinking lines with 4-5 X leader

**Flies:** Your usual lake midges, nymphs and emergers in small sizes will work as will bugger & leach patterns size 6-12. BWO size 18, ParaAdams size 16-20. Please check with THE FLY SHOP for the latest hatch data.

**Other Equipment:** Float tubes, prams (no gas motors, elect. ok), pontoon boats, waders. Bank fishing is difficult because of the mud and weeds, but doable.

A Lakeshore presentation on how to catch'em will be presented by a local expert(s).

The Coffee and Donut bar will be open at the lakeshore.

**Lunch:** On your own. The club will provide desert around 1:30 pm. Please bring your own drinks and plenty of water.

If you did not sign up at the August meeting please contact the Fishmaster to do so as the fishout is prior to the September meeting. If you sign up and later find that you can't attend please notify the Fishmaster.

Fishout subject to cancellation due to low participation.

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

**2nd Annual - Fly Fishing Fair - Saturday-October 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:30AM-2:30PM**

**Caldwell Park (Lake Redding) in Redding, California**

**The 2012 STFF Annual Banquet**

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

## Fall River Bonus Fishout

By Gerald F. Nelson

We arranged two trips to the Fall River. One at the end of May, which was to provide lots of dry fly action, and the other at the end of June to watch giant trout devouring giant insects during the hex hatch. We had booked Spinnerfall Lodge for both dates and they were gracious enough to discount their rooms and boats for the club.

Attending the first dates were **Dick Recchia, Wayne and Sandra Merhoff, Jeff Collins, Art Agnew, Ric Raffanti, John Gatner, Jerry Waybright** with his son and daughter in-law. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and it rained all three days. That being said, the participants caught a few fish and had a generally good time at the Lodge.

The second dates were forecast for rain on at least one day. **Dick Recchia, Jerry Waybright, Gerald and Linda Nelson, Sue Horkey, Jim and Kathy Jensen, Jim Tornillo, Dianna Branch, Suzanne Poetzsch, Norm and Marty Brown, David and Marnie Yorton**, and my sister Susan Yowe and her beau Mark Andrews. People arrived on Monday through out the day. Due to a mix up of dates for the Lodge, seven of us were lodged in the White House at Circle 7 Guest Ranch. This was a blessing in disguise for that evening, after many of us had been out fishing, Suzanne prepared a BBQ pork loin dinner with baked apples, salad, scalloped potatoes, fruit pie and bread pudding with rum sauce. The food and wine flowed freely and this was a great ending for the day. Tuesday broke with threatening clouds, which released a torrent of rain from 9AM till 4PM. Linda and I, after being soaked to the bone, went in around 11:30AM. As we were motoring back to the house a prolific hatch of PMD's and BWO's were occurring. Alan J. and Jim J. have to receive the award for the hardest individuals, braving the rain; they were rewarded with non-stop action on dries, emergers and streamers. Dick and Jerry hired a guide and came away that morning and early afternoon with a number of nice fish. Sue and Mark also hired a guide but were not so fortunate, though they caught some fish; they also returned around 11:30AM. Jim T. and Suzanne followed Dick's advice and took a long boat ride in the rain, they reported no fish caught but they felt like fish when they got back to the Lodge. Dave and Marnie cruised the upper river to no avail though they did catch a few fish in Burney Creek on their way back home on Wed. After the rain ended Mark and I, as well as Dick and Jerry, headed down river to catch the Hex hatch. The evening hatch was not very prolific, and the fish that were slurping were scattered throughout the section of the river we were in, making for difficult targeting of the risers. I had one strike on my fly, which was expertly missed; Jerry landed a nice rainbow on a hex emerger while Dick and Mark missed a few strikes. Mark's guide did hook into a 160 pounder, but it was already in the boat. Wednesday was a good day for those who fished, Linda and I caught a few fish, Dick, Jerry and Mark caught a few but the biggest surprise was for my sister on her birthday taking what was close to, if not, a five pounder on 6x tippet.

Overall everyone enjoyed themselves in spite of the rain and will likely be coming on the trip next year, which is scheduled for June 25-27 and maybe June 27-29.



## STFF Classroom Monthly Agenda – August 2011

1872 Buena Ventura Blvd. Suite # 3

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Details	Leader	Tele # & Email
Tue	8/2	6:00-9:00	Owyhee Fly Tying & other patterns	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Thur	8/4	6:30-9:00	Fly Tying	Killer Bugger	Jan Hale	275-9668 lilybill@sbcglobal.net
Sat	8/6	7:00-9:00	Fly Tying	Killer Bugger	Jan Hale	275-9668 lilybill@sbcglobal.net
Thur	8/11	6:00-9:00	Owyhee Fly Tying & other patterns	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Mon	8/15	6:00-9:00	Owyhee Fly Tying & other patterns	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Thur	8/18	6:30-9:00	Fly Tying	Prince Nymph	Jim Murphy	547-4421 jimpalocedro@gmail.com
Sat	8/20	6:30-8:30	Fly Tying	Prince Nymph	Jim Murphy	547-4421 jimpalocedro@gmail.com
Sun	8/21	2:30-6:00	Entomology	Learn Bugs	John Gantner	245-0450 jrgantner@charter.net
Thur	8/25	6:30-9:00	Fly Tying	Humphy	Alan Jones	246-2528 jerrialan@sbcglobal.net
Sat	8/27	9:00-12:30	Fly Tying	Humphy	Alan Jones	246-2528 jerrialan@sbcglobal.net
Tue	8/30	6:00-9:00	Owyhee Fly Tying & other patterns	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials

**Fly Tying dates are in Red**

## Conservation

Summer weather is finally here! The hatches are rising and the bite is on; our club has had some great Fishouts. No one has been as successful as the kids at Mount Shasta Fish Hatchery for Kids Fishing Day. Thanks Earl! The last Kids Day for this summer is August 20th. Don't miss this chance to help encourage our future fisherman. I am always enthused as I hear about the great times, mishaps (did you swim again, Gerald) and adventures of our members as they fish nearby waters and exotic locations. One never knows where Creighton will be off to.

We have such excellent fishing nearby that it's easy to take for granted. There are many streams and rivers that hold special memories in our hearts. Although we may be reluctant to share the name of our favorite Fishin' Hole, I think we can all agree that everyone should have the opportunity to discover theirs. Have you ever gone back to that special spot to find that it just wasn't the same, or worse, not even there? STFF is the most friendly fishing club but not a social activist group. Do we want to consider social responsibility in order to preserve and pass on the great experiences that we have enjoyed. I have no desire to push any political agenda. There are many issues, which affect us as fisherman; especially as our state and nation struggle to find balance in our budget and way of life.

The best way to have an impact on these decisions is to be heard. The way to be heard is to speak with many voices. Many well-informed voices would be the most effective tool. We can't all agree on what issues are most important let alone on a solution. Most of us would prefer to choose our own battles and representation. My thought is to share some topics and links to them. You may sign up at the next meeting to receive forwarded information. Should you choose to support any of these issues, you may just want to sign your response with your name and "Member, Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers."

## Report for the Kid's Fishing Day Events for 2011

by: Monty Currier, Associate Fishery Biologist - California Department of Fish and Game

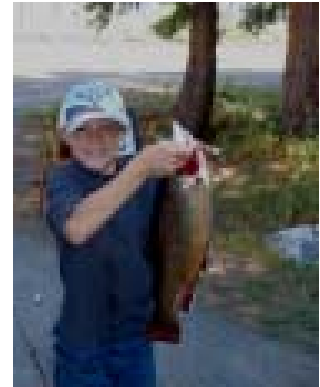
Two events were scheduled and took place at the Mt. Shasta Hatchery located in Mt. Shasta, California and a single event took place at Anderson River Park, Anderson, California. The events are provided for children less than 16 years of age. The dates for this seasons events have been: April 9, June 11, July 9 and August 20, 2011. The goal is to provide youth with a recreational opportunity. Attendance for all three events totaled 3,185 participants. The attendance per event is as follows:

	Children	Adults	Total(s)	Total fish caught
April 9 th	297	160	457	NA
June 11th	528	455	983	1,206
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	935	810	1,745	1,433
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	
	1,760	1,425	3,185	Season Totals

For all three events the children angled an average of 1.5 fish per child.

All three events had an average of 20 volunteers.

The final event is scheduled on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.



## Hospitality Committee Announcement

Please advise Jerry Marks, at [marks@clearwire.net](mailto:marks@clearwire.net) or 365-6893, if you know of a member that is having/had surgery, seriously ill or suffered the loss of a family member so the club can send appropriate correspondence to let them know we care.

## Spey Casting

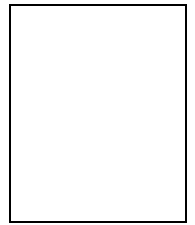
All Spey Casters and want-a-bees – the monthly Spey casting “get-to-gather” will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August at a location to be determined, as the Salmon season will start on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar.

Information should be available at the August meeting or call Bill Lenheim – 223-6090 for the latest information.

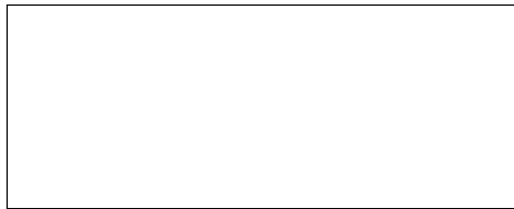




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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Next Membership Meeting**  
Wednesday August 10, 2011 – 7:00PM  
Special Presentation of  
“Eastern Rises” Fishing Kamchatka Russia  
Pre-meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Fishouts**  
Mon – Thurs – Aug. 1 – 4 – Klamath Lake  
Thurs – Sept. 8 – Baum Lake

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