

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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September 2011

The President's _____ Line

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this letter, you have already enjoyed a Summer where all your fishing was successful. Now, we begin to look forward to the Fall...with cooler weather...shorter days...and hopefully the return of plenty of steelhead!

It's also the time when our club enters the final days of planning for the Fly Fishing Fair in Caldwell Park on October 8th. This year's event is expected to draw well over 500 attendees. And because of the expected attendance, this event will include well over 25 displays from organizations and companies ...all related to fly-fishing.

In addition, our club will be featuring fly tying, fly-casting and knot tying demonstrations. We will also have information on entomology, rod building, fly tying and membership.

Plus, we will have a very large "Swap & Sell" display area for anyone who wishes to sell or trade any fly-fishing gear. I'm confident that most of our members have one or more fly-fishing items that are "excess gear". If you happen to fall into that category then this is your opportunity to generate a few extra dollars.

One final note: this is a big event for our club as well as for fly-fishing in general. You can show your support to both, by attending the fair...or even better by volunteering to help. I promise... you won't be disappointed!

Dick Recchia,
President

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

Brian Kregsy and Karen Kerwick

Also current member – Ralph Lestarjette has new contact info:

Home - 530-722-7789 - Cell – 530-524-9975 – email – redrdl3@gmail.com

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

STFF Sunshine Report

Our "Cookie Man", Stan Holt has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. We all wish him the very best.

Club Officers and Directors

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Youth Program	Open	

Calendar of Events

September 2011

Open Casting ends in September – see below

- 1** Board of Directors Meeting
STFF Classroom
1872 Buenaventura Blvd #3
Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m.
- 6** Open Casting
Redding Convention Center Lawn – 6PM
- 8** Fellowship Breakfast
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 8** Fishout – Baum Lake
Fishmaster – TBD
- 13** Last for the year - Open Casting
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.
- 29** Fishout – Manzanita Lake
Fishmaster – Allen Slattery

October 2011

- 1-2** Redding Outdoors Event
Caldwell Park, Redding, CA
- 5** Board of Directors Meeting
Time & Location TBD
- 8** 2nd Annual Fly Fishing Fair
Caldwell Park - Lake Redding,
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- 12** Membership Meeting
Redding Library at 6:30 p.m.
- 13** Fellowship Breakfast
Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 16** Spey Casting Clinic
Location TBD
9 a.m. All Welcome
- 22** Fishout – Manzanita Lake
Fishmaster – TBD
- 23-25** Fishout – Rogue River
Fishmaster – Jerry Marks
- 27** 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>
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.

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 8th - 8:30 AM-2:30 PM
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.**

MANZANITA LAKE FISHOUT

Thursday, September 29th

Meet at the boat launch area at 9:00 am. Be prepared for any kind of weather, Manzanita Lake is 6,000 feet in altitude. There is a ten-dollar vehicle fee for entrance to the park unless you have a senior pass.

4-6 weight rods, floating or intermediate line. 9 to 15 foot leaders to 5X. You can fish the lake from a float tube, pontoon boat, or pram no motors are allowed.

Wading the lake can be productive. Some of the best fishing can be had walking the shore and looking for cruising fish, be stealthy, hide behind a tree, and toss out a beetle or ant pattern. Be aware of the regulations here. They are posted at the picnic area on the east side of the lake. There is no fishing within 150 feet of the various mouths of Manzanita Creek. The creek is located on the east side of the lake to the north of the picnic area behind the bird nesting area.

Productive flies include:

Brown Olive Jay Fair wiggle tail. Callebatis Nymphs, Dry Flies sizes 16-18, Damsel Nymphs size 14
Baby Rainbow Trout streamer size 6, Ants and beetles are always around

Midges are my go-to flies here. Black Zebra Chironomids size 18-20, fished with a little weight under an indicator and a good dry adult midge, like an Adams, in sizes 18-20. A two fly rig seems to work best.

Coffee and donuts will be available at the boat launch.

Bring a lunch and drinks for the day.

Allen Slattery, Fishmaster

CAN YOU HELP?

Turtle Bay Museum's - Fly Fishing Exhibit - The museum will feature a 90-day exhibit on Fly Fishing - January through March, 2012. STFF's members have been asked to help by loaning any items that relate to the history of fly-fishing...such as: Antique bamboo fly rods, Old fly reels, Old style, fiberglass, metal or wood fly rods, Creels, Old style fly boxes, Old style flies, Misc tools, vises, etc. and any older style gear

If you have any item that you can loan to the exhibit, please send me the details:

Dick Recchia: rdrservices@frontiernet.net

Note: A meeting has been scheduled for October 19th at 6PM at the Museum (Café entrance) for delivery of any items. However, if you can't make that meeting...bring your items to the September or October STFF meetings and we will deliver them to the museum for you. Place a tag with your name and telephone number on each item!

Starting this November: A great winter project!

Bamboo Fly Rod Building Classes

- ✓ Build your own bamboo rod from a complete kit.
- ✓ Kits contain finished blanks, extra tips and all hardware.
- ✓ Selections allow a variety of line weights from 3 to 6.
- ✓ Selections allow a variety of rod lengths up to 9ft
- ✓ Selections allow a variety of actions: slow, medium & medium fast
- ✓ **Total cost of kit with high quality blanks: approximately \$150**
- ✓ **Advance ordering is required.**

For information and details: contact Dick Recchia - cell: 356-0547 or
rdrservices@frontiernet.net

STFF Classroom Monthly Agenda - September 2011

1872 Buenaventura Blvd. Suite # 3

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Details	Leader	Tele # & Email
Thur	9/1	6:00-9:00	Owyhee Fly Tying & other patterns	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Sat	9/17	9:00-2:30	Fly Tying	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials
Thur	9/22	6:30-9:00	Fly Tying	Adams	Dale Huffman	221-4988 dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net
Sat	9/24	9:00-12:30	Fly Tying	Adams	Dale Huffman	221-4988 dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net
Tue	9/27	2:30-6:00	Fly Tying	Open Jam Session	No Leader	Bring your fly tying gear and materials

Fly Tying dates are in Red

June STFF Picnic 2011
As you can see, some people had more fun than others.



OCTOBER 2011 FISHOUT
FOURTH ANNUAL STEELHEAD ADVENTURE & BASH
ON THE ROGUE RIVER October 23-26, 2011
HEADQUARTERS AT SHADY COVE, OR.

Wade and/or float the world famous HOLY WATER to Touvelle and beyond! Low, E-Z to wade flows!

MOTELS*

Edgewater Inn (modern) 1-888-811-3171 Nightly STFF rates: \$106 for 2 queen beds or 1 king with river view or \$81 with no river view, \$117 for 1 king & kitchen. Continental breakfast included 6:30 to 9:30 am
Royal Coachman (rustic) 541-878-2481 Please call for rates.

RV PARKS (both located on river)

*Rogue River RV Park (**Headquarters**) Call Danelle 541-878-2404 \$37.56 river view, \$28.89 no river view per night.
Fly Casters RV Park 1-800-806-4075

FLY SHOP & PONTOON BOAT RENTAL

Fishin Hole Fly Shop 541-878-4000 Call for rental rates.

FOOD

Picnic Basket Deli 541-878-4003 (order by 6pm for next day pick up at 8am) Open 8am to 6pm.

Miguel's Mexican Restaurant 541-878-9431

Bel Di's Restaurant Five star dining on the river (expensive)

Phil's Frosty Great burgers & fries 541-878-2509

RECOMMENDED GEAR

Cleated wading boots, wading staff, winter clothing, rain gear, 6wt-8wt rods, and 6 to 12# test leader, 1x-3x tippet. This river is famous for indicator nymph fishing and swinging nymph patterns. Trinity River flies will work just fine. A "StreamTime" map of the Rogue available at THE FLY SHOP.

FUN EVENTS

No host **cocktail party** at the Pavilion on **Sunday around 4:30 pm**. Dinner is on your own.

We will have a **pot luck BBQ & cocktail party** on **Monday evening**. Please bring your own meat, beverage, and a side dish, salad or desert. Who brings what will be announced by Oct 15th. Grill ready at 6pm. **Tuesday morning**

John Gantner, "Lord of the Holy Water", will make a "How to catchem" presentation and then lead us to the water. No host **group dinner** at local restaurant on **Tuesday evening around 6pm**.

GUIDE SERVICE DISCOUNTED RATES We have made special arrangements with Jeff Fox, owner of **The Rogue Fly Shop** in Grants Pass for guide service. Discounted rates are \$325 for 2 rods including lunch. (\$50 off regular rate) Please call Jeff to sign up. (541-476-0552 rogueflyshop.com) First come, first served. Guides are scarce during Steelhead season. Don't Wait!

FISHING LICENSE: \$16.75-1 day, \$31.50-2 days, \$46.25-3 days. Available in advance via FAX or mail at Oregon Fish and Wildlife, www.dfw.state.or.us/ or at the Fishin Hole if their computer is up. Suggest advance purchase.

TO SIGN UP: Please contact Jerry Marks marks@clearwire.net no later than Oct 14th. Singles wanting to partner up for room and/or guide please coordinate with Jerry.

Please make your own rooming and RV space reservation. First come, first served.

*Remember to say you are a STFF member for the discount rate.

For more information and a Shady Cove business directory, please go online to www.shadycove.net

November Striper Fishout - Nov 7- 11, 2011 - San Joaquin Delta

Plan now for this event. Make lodging reservations at the B&W Resort and Marina - 916-777-6161 (talk to Candi or Sarah)

You or your fishing partner will need a powerboat for this event.

More details in the October newsletter. You can call Allan Craig at 247-7481 with your questions. Hope to see you there for fishing, pot luck dinners and story telling.

Upper Sac Fishout Report Craig Nielson - Fishmaster

On a July 26th morning about sixteen members gathered at the **Ted Fay Flyshop** in Dunsmuir for a Fishout on the Upper Sacramento River after about half of us had breakfast at the Mount Shasta Pastry Shop. After a prolonged wet spring, flows had finally dropped and the weather had turned warm. While the warm weather made the fishing pleasant, the catching slowed a bit as hatches became compressed into the early and late hours of the day.

Local guide **Craig Nielsen** provided a brief presentation on access points, rigging and strategies for the day after which members headed off to sample forty miles of freestones to try their luck. As usual some had more than others.

Lee Maxwell reported fishing with **Rick** downstream from Castle Crags nymphing with a #14 PT and #16 Fox Pupa dropper. He hooked a couple medium sized fish and caught 3 small ones. They then headed to Soda Creek only to have a couple kids jump from the bridge to cannon ball the pool they were about to fish, so they headed to Simms only to encounter some mermaids swimming topless which inspired him to switch to a #14 Stimuli with a #20 Micromay dropper, catching a few fish on the dropper. He fished a #18 Elk Hair Caddis and caught several small fish in the evening only seeing a few bigger fish rising.

Ron Saiki explored the Castella Stretch around the picnic area followed by a trip to Prospect Avenue. He fished from about 10-4 with a break for lunch. He reports hooking 12 with 8 to hand including a couple nice fish in the 15-16" range. He nymphed faster water with a Copper John and brown Hogan's S&M with the bigger fish coming on the S&M.

Gerald Nelson and **Kurt Mitchell** fished below the first trestle at Cantara down to the second trestle. He landed three fish on a Micromayfly while high sticking. Kurt landed a few but they both reported losing a number of flies and a few fish in runs that have typically produced well. Kurt headed home at 3 after which Gerald headed to Ney Springs where he promptly landed a fish on a Trigger Birdsnest before switching to a dry after observing some rises. He reports never having caught a fish at Ney on a dry but on this occasion at least got a look on a Sulphur Dun.

Parker Pollock reports fishing down from Flume Creek from 10:30 to 12:30 catching a 12"er on a rubber legs. He didn't try any others and reports not covering much water.

Ross Morrison fished with **Jim Murphy** for about four hours at Conant and upstream from Simms. They saw other autos but had the stream to themselves. He reports Jim catching about 8 fish with a couple nice ones, while he landed two, including a hard fighting 16"er on a fly he purchased that morning, one of Bob Grace's soft hackle P.T.'s. with Jim's coming on a Prince Nymph. They left "tired and happy".

Kevin Kay fished with friends Travis and Jordon at Conant west. They fished downstream past Flume Creek. Kevin reports catching three nice fish nymphing with a tan Fox Poopah and red Copper John. After a dry spell he caught three more on an Iron Sally. Travis and Jordon were not as lucky.

Dick Recchia and **Creighton Smith** joined Fishmaster Craig Nielsen to host new members and fly fishers **Nancy** and **Alan** at Cantara. Alan managed to catch his first Upper Sac fish on a fly nymphing with a beadhead PT while Nancy hooked several but was not able to bring one to hand. Both learned to fish dry dropper rigs as well as indicator fishing with and without indicators. Alan also swung a streamer. Creighton found a few fish while Dick, always the good host, opted to fish the less productive parts of runs, leaving the prime water for the others and went home skunked but happy. Nancy later went to the Dunsmuir City Park solo and landed her first trout on a fly!

Hospitality Committee Announcement

Please advise Jerry Marks, at 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.

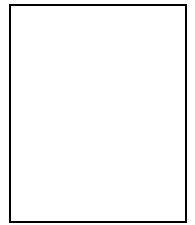
Spey Casting

All Spey Casters and want-a-bees – the monthly Spey casting "get-together" will be held on the 3rd Sunday in September at a location to be determined.

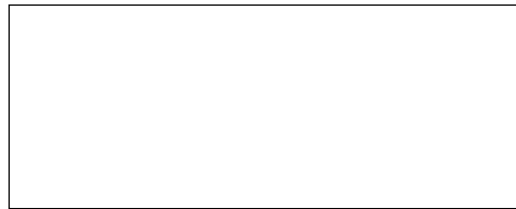
Information should be available at the September meeting or call Bill Lenheim – 223-6090 for the latest information.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Next Membership Meeting
Wednesday Sept 21, 2011 – 7:00PM
California Dept of Fish & Game
Presentation by Monty Currier
Pre-meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Redding Library

Fishouts
Thurs – Sept 8 – Baum Lake
Thurs – Sept. 29 – Manzanita lake

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