

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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December 2011

The President's _____ Line

With the calendar year drawing to a close...and the holiday season just around the corner...**I hope all of our members will make a special effort to attend our meeting on December 14th.**

This is the meeting each year where we celebrate the addition of all of the new members who joined STFF during the past 12 month. It's also when we take extra time to socialize with each other...celebrate our accomplishments for the past year...trade a few fish stories...and enjoy a great selection of holiday treats.

There will be no guest speaker or presentation at this meeting. Instead, after we cover the normal business items on the agenda...we'll all enjoy an extended social period...a special (free) raffle for all of our new members...our normal monthly raffle (including a 7wt. fly rod/reel outfit)...and lot's and lots of goodies.

2011 has been a remarkable year for our club. So, let's all gather together to celebrate the holidays and share the enthusiasm we have for STFF.

Note: We would welcome any special holiday treats that any members would like to share...especially any homemade cookies or cakes!!!!!!

Happy Holidays to all of you!

Dick Recchia, President

To: All Members of Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers

Reminder #1

Recently you received the reservation material for our **Annual Banquet** on February 18, 2012. Please assist our members who work so hard, to provide our club with an outstanding event, by taking a few minutes today to submit your completed reservation form.

Reminder #2

The membership renewal forms for 2012 have been mailed. Please complete the membership form and mail it with a \$35.00 check (Payable to Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers) in the envelope provided or bring the form and your check to the December membership meeting. Thank you, we value your membership.

Reminder #3

Any and all **nominations for STFF Fly Fisher of the Year** are due to be submitted, to the nominating committee... **no later than December 14th**

Please refer to the November newsletter for the nomination forms to be used for the award.

Please note: The President and Vice President cannot be nominated for this award.

Reminder #4

Pictures needed for the Banquet Slide Show

Do you have great pictures of Fishing in different locations, Trips, Fishouts, Fishout gatherings, STFF members, Fish being caught, Big ones, etc? Jerry Marks is assembling different, interesting pictures, not just pictures of big fish. You can send pictures to jerrymarks@clearwire.net or mail a disc to: Jerry Marks, 7383 Quiet Dr., Happy Valley, CA 96007

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Calendar of Events

December 2011

3	Fishout – Lower Sac Wade & Float Fishmaster – Alan Jones
7	Board of Directors Meeting STFF Classroom at 6:30 p.m.
10	Advanced Fly Tying – 8:30AM-3:30PM Alan Jones & Jan Hale - STFF Classroom
14	Holiday Membership Meeting Redding Library at 6:30 p.m.
15	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m. No December Spey Casting

January 2012

4	Board of Directors Meeting STFF Classroom at 6:30 p.m.
10	Special Tying - Spey Flies – 6:30PM-9PM Bill Lenheim – STFF Classroom
11	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 6:30 p.m.
12	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
14	Advanced Fly Tying – 8:30AM-3:30PM Instructor TBD - STFF Classroom
15	Spey Casting Clinic Barge Hole Gravel Bar -9 a.m. All Welcome
17	Special Tying – Spey Flies – 6:30PM-9PM Bill Lenheim – STFF Classroom
24	Special Tying Spey Flies – 6:30PM-9PM Bill Lenheim – STFF Classroom
26	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
28	Special Tying - Spey Flies – 9AM-12PM Bill Lenheim – STFF Classroom

January Fishouts to be announced in the January Newsletter as well as the 2012 Fishout schedule.

Note: Special Spey Fly Tying Classes by our own Spey Master – Bill Lenheim

STFF 2011 PRELIMINARY FISHOUT SCHEDULE

MONTH, DATE, DAY

Dec 3, Sat

WATER

Lower Sac Wade and Float

FISHMASTER

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.

December Fishout - Lower Sacramento River

Date: Saturday, December 3rd

Time & Place: 8:30am at the Grass Launch Ramp between Turtle Bay and the Rodeo Grounds. This will be a wade / float outing. Floaters can either float from the Rodeo Grounds or any other section they desire.

Fishmaster: Alan Jones: 246-2528, jerrialan@sbcglobal.net

Equipment: 5-7 wt. Rods, floating lines with indicators (or not) or sinking lines depending on your preferred method.

Flies: Please check with the Fly Shop for a current list of what's working on the river. Typically the list includes: Micro Mayflies; 14-18, Fox Poopah's: 14-16, Egg Patterns; 6-12, Copper John's; 16-18, Prince Nymph's; 14-16, Golden Stones; 6-10 and Rubberlegs; 6-10

River access maps will be available at the meeting site for those wishing to fish other areas of the river.

Note: For those planning a float trip down the river. Attendees can use Drift Boats, Pontoon Boats, Kayaks or any other desired device. But remember this is big water and PFD's are recommended. If you plan on taking out at the Sacramento River RV Park there is a \$3 fee to use their takeout. Shuttles will be set up that morning to get floaters and conveyances back to the parking lot.

Coffee and Doughnuts will be served. Lunch is on your own.

SMITH RIVER STEELHEAD FISHOUT - MARCH 6, 7, 8 2012

The Smith River is the last main river in California without any dams. The giant race of steelhead found here are some of the biggest to be found anywhere south of Canada or maybe in a very few rivers in Washington and Idaho.

I was asked to put a trip together for Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers, during the late winter months. I picked March because that is when the weather maybe at its best, never a sure thing on the coastal rivers. Check your calendars or make a note of the event. This date will be finalized next year dependent on weather, water levels, etc.

Being as it may, we are going to give it a try and you have the chance of hooking that steelhead of a lifetime.

Places to stay: Hiouchi Motel 707 218 3041 Hiouchi RV Park 707 458 3321 Hiouchi Café 7-3 707 458 3415
Smith River: Ship Ashore Motel 707 487 3141 Restaurant & RV Park

Suggestion: Smith River Map from Streamline 708 664 8602 also The Fly Shop

Fly Fisherman, Magazine December 2003 Article by Michael Checchio - "River of the Redwoods"

Justin Miller at the Fly Shop who has fished it several times.

Eureka Fly Shop 707 444 2000

Gear & Flies: Single Handed Rods 8 to 10 weight with T-8 to T-14 sink tips, 12# leader tippet (big fish) Spey Rods min 7 wt best 8 or 9 with Skagit Heads and sink tips as above - Comet style flies, Boss flies, Intruder type, other heavy flies from #4 - 2/0

You may find some fish shallow, but most will be deep 6' - 15', slower water.

I will put on a short program/information session before we go.

Note: Other rivers, Eel, Chetco and several Coastal Oregon Streams close by.

Bill Lenheim 530-223-6090 lenheimw@msn.com

Delta Striper Fishout

In early November, eight anglers were lured to the California Delta to search for the often-elusive striped bass. On this venture warm and windless days, and even an occasional fish greeted us! Stripers were not available in great quantity, but with persistence and a lot of casting, catch rates were from 2 to a dozen or more per day per angler. Many of those were 2-4 lbs, and up to seven pounds. A bonus this year was salmon, and the group landed six for the week, up to 10 lbs. The evenings were filled with good food, good stories, and many laughs shared among **Dave and Joe Allred, Don Wieseman, John Thorn, Dan Frost, Allan Craig**, and for a day **Jerry and Jake Allred**.

The group also attended a Department of Fish and Game public hearing in Rio Vista regarding proposed changes to striper regulations. They have proposed, among other things, to increase the daily limit from two to six per day, with a cumulative possession limit of 52, and reduce the size limit from 18 to 12 inches. Since the vast majority of the attendees were adamantly opposed to this idea, I wondered how the DFG representative was chosen to present this proposal to the group?? Did he draw a short straw, or have the largest life insurance policy??

Good topic for Conservation discussion.

Dan Frost with Striper
Allan Craig with Salmon



Trout in the Classroom - 2012

The Trout in the Classroom program could use a few more volunteers. We have the same schools and same enthusiastic teachers involved as last year, and we are sure that this year's students will be as excited and appreciative as those in the past.

Volunteers will need to attend an afternoon training session in January, and assist in egg delivery and caring for the fish tanks in February. It only requires about 1½ hours a week to test the water, vacuum the tanks and look out for water temp problems.

You will be working with the teacher and kids, and it's a blast to see the enthusiasm as the kids raise and then release the fish in March.

To sign up, or to get more specific information,
call Allan Craig at 247-7481, or Earl Johnston at 275-0206.

STFF Classroom Monthly Agenda – December 2011

1872 Buenaventura Blvd. Suite # 3

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Details	Leader	Tele # & Email
Sat	12/10	8:30-3:30	Fly Tying	Fly Tying Jam Session \$7.00 Fee	Alan Jones Jan Hale	246-2528 jerrialan@sbcglobal.net 275-9668 lilybill@sbcglobal.net

Trinity River Fishout Report

On a mild fall morning on November 17th, close to twenty Fly Fishers and guests met at the Douglas City Fire Station for our annual Trinity River Fishout to chase fall-run steelhead. **Gerald Nelson** provided steaming hot coffee and the infamous pink boxes of donuts to get the day started.

Ross Morrison gave an overview of the plan to break into groups to search out different river accesses from the Douglas City Bridge down to Del Loma. Last year perhaps the greatest challenge of the day was finding un-crowded access with some willing steelhead. This year the river seemed less crowded, and most groups found some good-looking water and an occasional eager fish. Ross took his group to the North Fork area, while **Bary Caranci** worked the Douglas City Campground water. **Jim Murphy** the accesses along Steiner Flat Road, and **Bill Lenheim** and **Dick Russell** went downstream between Pigeon Point and Del Loma.

This year several “encounters” with steelhead were reported. The results were varied ranging from quick headshakes and pulls to fights of short duration to landing adult steelhead. The explanations of short connections ranged from broken tippets to “knot operator error” to “acts of God.” Dick Russell took a nice 8 to 10-pound wild steelhead while swinging a black Intruder and got another grab with the same rig. Ross hooked a nice bright fish while demonstrating nymphing with an indicator to **Fidel** and **Shirley Camarillo** and Gerald. The lesson seemed to be effective as later Fidel landed a nice fish and Gerald hooked one briefly. **Wes Forman** caught a nice brown trout on his first cast.

We ended the day at the One Maple Vineyards where our host Ernie poured some nice chardonnays and cabernets. It was a fitting ending to a fine day on the Trinity River with all attendees reporting an abundance of sharing and camaraderie.

Many thanks to Gerald and to the group leaders, Bary Caranci, Bill Lenheim, Jim Murphy, and Dick Russell.

By Ross Morrison, Fishmaster

I'm pleased to announce that Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers will be having the 3rd annual "Spey Fest", on June 9, 2012.

The Spey Fest will once again be held at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar. We will of course not be charging for this event and it will include lunch for all attendees and vendors. We hope to have an even bigger turn out this year and will be inviting other vendors. There will be some minor changes made to the format and vendor area which should improve the event for all.

For more information contact:
Bill Lenheim - 530 223 6090

Note: Monthly, 3rd Sunday Spey Casting clinics will return in January 2012 at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar; time to be announced in the January Shasta Caster

2012 Slate of Officers and Directors

Pursuant to requirements outlined in the STFF bylaws, the following is the slate of officers and directors who are nominated for election at the STFF December general meeting:

President:	Dick Recchia
Vice President:	Creighton Smith
Treasurer:	Jeff Collins
Director:	Hospitality and Special Activities: Jerry Marks
Director:	Director-Conservation: Sue Horkey
Director:	Fishouts: Gerald Nelson
Director:	Jim Tornillo
Director;	Don Bovo
Director:	Ralph Lestarjette

Members in good standing at the December meeting may offer any other nominations.

Turtle Bay Museum "Fly Fishing, the Art of Deception" exhibition

Volunteers are needed. It would be extremely helpful if you take a look at your calendar and be ready to sign up at the December club meeting to volunteer for one or more of the following days or sessions.

1. **Saturdays and Sundays, January 28, 2012, to April 15, 2012 from noon to 3 p.m.**

Each day, 2 Demonstration Tyers

Each day, 3 "Guides / Interpreters" (people who like to talk fly fishing)

2. **Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19, during the STFF Fly Tying Expo with two sessions each day, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

We will have visiting tyers from northern California and Oregon. In addition we will have tables setup so members of the public can tie a fly with directions from a "Hands-on Fly-Tying Instructor" and "Hands-on Fly-Tying Coaches" so we will need:

Each day, each session, 4 Hands-on Fly Tying Instructors

Each day, each session, 4 Hands-on Fly Tying Coaches

Each Day, each session, 4 "Guides / Interpreters" (people who like to talk fly fishing)

Dick and Sandy Johnson will have the sign up sheets.

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers - Fly Tying Jam Sessions - 2011 - 2012

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers will conduct four more Fly Tying Jam Sessions this winter. The Dates will be:

December 10th, January 14th, February 11th and March 10th.

The sessions will be held at the club's classroom at 1872 Buenaventura Blvd., Suite #3, in Redding, from 8:30am to 3:00pm. The cost of the sessions will be \$7.00. This fee will cover the cost of materials to tie the flies. Lunch will not be provided but a lunch break will be and there are eateries within a short distance of the classroom.

There is no cost to anyone who would like to just come and observe the sessions.

Patterns and/or Tiers have not been determined but an advance email will be provided to those planning on attending.

If you would like to get on the Fly Tiers email list please email Alan Jones at jerrialan@sbcglobal.net .

If you have any questions or comments please call Alan at 246-2528.

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December Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday December 7, 2011 - 6:30PM

Redding Library

The December meeting will feature an extended "Social Gathering" to celebrate the Holidays and to Welcome all the members who joined STFF this year.

We will have *Coffee * Punch * Holiday Snacks * Cookies If you wish, please bring some holiday goodies to share. Finger foods like cookies, brownies, cup cakes, nuts, candy, etc.

We will have a special raffle for New Members along with the regular raffle prizes.

We hope all members...especially our newest members...will be attending.

STFF Photo Contest-December Meeting

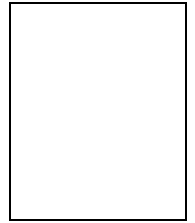
STFF Photo Contest Rules

You must be a STFF member to enter contest. Photograph must have been taken in 2011. Photograph size - 8" x 10" max, 5" x 7" min. No Frames or Matting will be allowed. Photograph cannot be computer enhanced. Only one entry per STFF member.

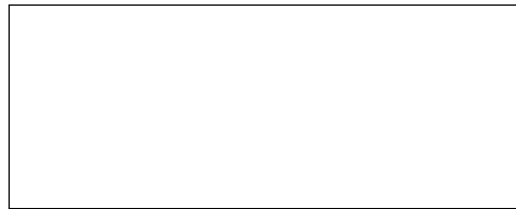
The winners will be determined by the vote of the club membership present at the December Annual Meeting. Prizes will be awarded to the top three vote getting photographs. In the event of a tie, a run off vote will be held.



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Annual Members Meeting
Redding Library

Fishouts
Saturday, Dec 3 - Lower Sac

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