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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January 2012

The President's _____Line

In the President's line in January 2011, I listed seven objectives (resolutions) for our club for the coming year. Now, with the start of a new year, it's appropriate that we look back at those objectives and determine if we were successful:

- # 1: To make the STFF Banquet the best ever!
- #2: To use the funds we derive from the banquet, and our other activities, to support at least one significant conservation project in 2011.
- #3: To provide our club members with a large range of programs designed for both new fly fishers as well as those who have years of experience.
- #4: To increase our efforts to provide and support youth fly fishing programs.
- #5: To make the 2nd Annual Fly Fishing Fair a major event in our community...and to use that event to increase the exposure of our club.
- #6: To firmly establish "fellowship" as one our major objectives by including our new members in all the club's activities.... and by extending a warm and friendly welcome at every meeting.
- #7: And finally, resolving to make The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers a meaningful and important part of our community.

How did we do? Well, thanks to the efforts of many of our members...last year's banquet was a smashing success....we did support a major conservation project on the Trinity River...we opened our own club house and offered a wide range of programs...our first junior fly tying program was a big success...the fly fishing fair was another great event...and our efforts at creating an atmosphere of "fellowship" have improved [but could be even better].

In addition, beginning January 1st, the Shasta Mayflies and the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers merged into one organization. With the addition of the Mayflies into our club, we will, not only enjoy the participation of their members in all of our activities...but we will also have an expanded calendar of events to offer all members.

In terms of our efforts to become a meaningful part of the community...there can be no better example of the team work by our members than the forthcoming exhibit at Turtle Bay Museum: "Fly Fishing-The art of deception".

Because of the contributions, by our members, of fly-fishing items this exhibit will prove to be one of the largest fly fishing events in the northwest. The addition of the "Fly Tying Expo" on February 18th & 19th, will only add to the quality and excitement of this event.

So, all in all, we can look back at 2011 as a year of accomplishments for our club. Now, let's take the time to celebrate...to recognize the efforts of our members....and to practice and experience "fellowship" by attending our annual banquet on February 18th!!!

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 January membership meeting. Thank you, we value your membership.

Reminder #3

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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STFF Fishout Calendar 2012

Day 8	& Date	Location	<u>Fishmaster</u>
Sat	January 14, 2012	Baum Lake	Gerald Nelson
Sat	January 21, 2012	Alt. Baum Lake	Gerald Nelson
Thu	February 16, 2012	Lower Sac Wade	Michael Caranci?
Sat	February 25, 2012	Lower Sac Wade	TBD
Tues-	Γhurs Mar. 6-8, 2012	Smith River Steelhead	Bill Lenheim
Sat	March 24, 2012	Sugarcreek Ranch	Dick Recchia
Tue	April 3, 2012	Trinity Holy Waters	Bill Lenheim
Sat	April 14, 2012	Iron Canyon Reservoir	Don Weiseman
Sat	April 21, 2012	Lewiston Lake	Benson Kanemoto
Tues	May 15, 2012	Clear Creek Evening	Jerry Waybright
Sat	May 19, 2012	Lake Britton	TBD
Thu	May 31, 2012	Shasta Bass	John Gantner
Sat	June 16, 2012	Trinity Lake Campout	Ralph Lestarjette
Mon	June 25-27, 2012	Fall River at Spinnerfall Lodge 1	Gerald Nelson
Wed	June 27-29, 2012	Fall River at Spinnerfall Lodge 2	Gerald Nelson
Sat	July 14, 2012	Upper Sac	TBD
Sat	July 28, 2012	Hat Creek Wild Trout	Lee Maxwell
Sat	Aug 4, 2012	McCloud Reservoir	Earl Johnston
Mon-7	Γhu Aug 6-9, 2012	Upper Klamath Lake	Fred David
Sat	Aug 18, 2012	Lake Siskiyou	Craig Nielsen
Tue	Sep 4, 2012	Baum Lake	Tom Taylor
Sat	Sep 8, 2012	Upper Sac	TBD
Sat-Fr	i Sep 15-21, 2012	Owyhee Trip 1	Steve Cooper
Sun-F	ri Sep 23-28, 2012	Owyhee Trip 2	Steve Cooper
Sat	Oct 6, 2012	Manzanita Lake	Alan Slattery
Sun-W	Ved Oct 14-17, 2012	Eagle Lake	TBD
Sat	Oct 27, 2012	Manzanita Lake	TBD
Nov	TBD, 2012	Delta Stripers	TBD
Thu	Nov 15, 2012	Trinity River	Ross Morrison
Thu	Dec 6, 2012	Trinity River	Bary Caranci
Sat	Dec 15, 2012	Lower Sac Wade/Float	Alan Jones
		Bonus Fishouts	
Sat	April 28-Sat May 5	Paradise Lodge, Yucatan	Michael Caranci
Sat	May 5, 2012	Steiner Lake	Gerald Nelson
Sat.	Aug 11, 2012	Steiner Lake	Gerald Nelson
Thurs	. Sep. 6, 2012	Steiner Lake	Gerald Nelson

Bonus Fishouts may 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.

There are private waters scheduled for the year and generally they come with a limited number of slots available.

Sugarcreek Ranch is open for ten people with a \$75.00 rod fee per day.

Michael Caranci offers and will be leading the Paradise Lodge trip. If you are interested in going on this trip please contact Michael at The Fly Shop or via his email. 530-222-3555 or michael@theflyshop.com

The Steiner Lake Fishouts are limited to six participants per date with a \$50.00 rod fee. Email me if you are interested and let me know which date(s) you would like to fish. My most accessible email address is gfnelson52@gmail.com The fees can be paid to The Fly Shop and let them know which day/s you would like to fish.

There will be sign-up sheets at the next four meetings for the Fall River trip. This is a nice trip for married couples even if one does not fish. There will be a separate announcement detailing the trip in The Shasta Caster.

The Owyhee trip is a phenomenally good time and is an intense week of fishing. Information will be provided and sign-up sheets will be available at upcoming meetings.

Lower Sac Fishout

Sixteen hearty souls braved cold and blustery conditions on December 3rd to meet at the grass launch ramp below the rodeo grounds and fish the lower Sac. The group included; **Gerald Nelson, Earl Johnson, Jerry Marks, Bill Lenheim, Don Bovo, Jim Jensen, Wes Forman, Al Nocella, Skip Ross, Zak Adamson, Bill & Jan Hale, Lee Maxwell, Ryan Murray** and our president **Dick Recchia**.

Coffee and donuts were a welcomed sight considering the weather. Following a brief social period and a brief discussion of river access points and fishing techniques three groups headed out to find the elusive quarry. Six headed for a warmer climate and possibly breakfast. Several brought their watercraft however none chose to float the river. Gerald took a group consisting of Jim Jensen, Wes Forman and Al Nocella up by the railroad trestle. Lee Maxwell and Zak headed downstream to fish the area below the Sundial Bridge. Dick, Jan and Ryan fished the area out from the meeting site. The fish were as uncooperative as the weather with only Lee reporting one small trout.

I'd like to thank Gerald, Dick and Lee for their efforts. Maybe in February the fish and weather will be more cooperative.

Alan Jones, Fishmaster.







Notice - From Allan Craig: The people that operate the launch sites on Shasta have some changes this year that club members might like to know about.

There are two different launch passes available this year. The first is the regular pass for use only on Shasta Lake. It's 1/2 price for those who have a senior pass.

The second is a new pass- called a Combination Pass- for Shasta, Lewiston and most of the launch sites on Trinity Lake. It is \$50 for those with a senior pass.

Passes available at Phil's Propellers- bring a copy of tow vehicle registration-Prices go up March 1st.

**Attention all Club Fly Tiers*

Jim Jensen, the 2012 Banquet Chairman, would appreciate if all club members who are going to donate boxes of hand tied flies to please bring their filled fly boxes to the January 11th Membership Meeting for collection.

Please call Jim Jensen – 530-229-1021 if you have questions or concerns – Thank you.



Turtle Bay Museum and The Fly Shop are preparing this Exhibition with the help of the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers. The Exhibition will run from January 28 to April 15, 2012. It will feature fly-fishing and tying equipment as far back as the 1800's. There will be early models of float tubes, fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders and tying vises, along with plenty of pictures in addition to the latest equipment available. Some of the items will be coming from the Federation of Fly Fishers national museum in Livingston, Montana.

The Turtle Bay Exploration Park includes the Turtle Bay Museum, McConnell

Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Nursery, Paul Bunyan's Forest Camp, Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay, and the Monolith. Turtle Bay Museum is the heart of the Turtle Bay experience. It contains permanent, interactive exhibits and two large special exhibition galleries. The experiences include underwater fish viewing, walking through historic re-creations, experimenting with scientific equipment and viewing art.

For more details and pictures go to www.turtlebay.org.

STFF Fly Tying Expo

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers in conjunction with The Fly Shop, NCCFFF and Redding's Turtle Bay Museum will have a fly-tying expo in Redding, California, on February 18 and 19, 2012. Tiers from northern California and Oregon will be featured.

There will be morning, (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and afternoon (1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.), tying sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The Fly-tying Expo will be in the middle of the three-monthlong Turtle Bay Museum fly-fishing exhibition, "Fly Fishing, The Art of Deception".

In addition, every Saturday and Sunday from January 28 to April 15, tiers from STFF will be doing fly tying demonstrations from noon to 3 p.m.

Conservation Corner

Thank you to new Board of Director, Don Bovo, for offering assistance in Conservation efforts for the upcoming year. We assisted last year with the Trinity River Restoration Project. Although our habitat-planting project was not as successful as anticipated due to near record level water releases, we did have great club support. The position endorsed by the Trinity River Guides Association is to discontinue restoration efforts until an evaluation of previously implemented projects has been completed. One unanticipated consequence of the seemingly good idea to introduce large quantities of spawning gravel has been inappropriate distribution; resulting in the filling of the large pools which hold the adult salmon and steelhead.

It is important to step back and gain some perspective on whether or not the goals are being met. It is important to make sure that the course of action is supported with accurate data and "good science". Until the next phase of the plan is developed, I am hoping that the club will lend support to the Western Shasta Resources Conservation District. They will be conducting LOCAL watershed surveys to determine barriers which impede the migration of spawning salmon. Consider volunteering for this important study. Training will be provided. More information will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

There are many water management issues throughout the state which will effect us as anglers. I have asked previously for input on what YOUR priorities are and received responses from only <u>four</u> members! I know that there cannot be that much apathy among over two hundred members. Please don't take our fisheries for granted.

Contact Don Bovo or Sue Horkey with your conservation interest/project ideas.

Special Fly Tying Session at the STFF Club House - Saturday: January 14, 2012- 8:30AM to 3:30PM Featuring the tying of Award winning patterns By Stew Stewart

Note: if you plan to attend this session, please contact: Alan Jones: <u>Alanjerri@yahoo.com</u> or 530/246-2528

Jan Hale: lilybill@sbcglobal.net or 530/275-9668

[It is important to know the number of attendees so enough material and hooks will be available]

STFF Clubhouse - Monthly Agenda – January 2012 1872 Buenaventura Blvd. Suite # 3

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Details	Leader	Tele # & Email
Fri	1/6	6:30PM	Board of Directors Meeting			
Tue	1/10	6:30 -9PM	Fly Tying	Spey Flies	Bill Lenheim	223-6090 lenheimw@msn.com
Sat	1/14	8:30AM- 3:30PM	Fly Tying	Special Fly Tying Session	Stew Stewart	Call Alan Jones 246-2528 Jan Hale 275-9668
Tue	1/17	6:30-9PM	Fly Tying	Spey Flies	Bill Lenheim	223-6090 lenheimw@msn.com
Tue	1/24	6:30-9PM	Fly Tying	Spey Flies	Bill Lenheim	223-6090 lenheimw@msn.com
Sat	1/28	6:30-9PM	Fly Tying	Spey Flies	Bill Lenheim	223-6090 lenheimw@msn.com

JANUARY FISHOUT at BAUM LAKE

DATE: Saturday January 14, 2012 - Alt: January 21, 2012

Fishmaster: Gerald Nelson at 530 638-6633 or "gfnelson52@gmail.com"

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: A scrumptious affair of chili and cornbread provided by the Master Chef's Jerry Marks and Earl Johnson. Bring your own beverages.

Please sign up at the January meeting. If you sign up and later find that you can't attend please notify the Fishmaster.

"This Fishout is subject to moving to the 21st at the last minute due to inclement weather or other reasons so please make sure we have your phone number. My-T-Fine Market is a lonely place early in the morning"

Hospitality Committee Announcement

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

Shasta Mayflies - Update

In December, the Shasta Mayflies officially disbanded as a separate organization and starting in 2012 are merging into the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers. On behalf of the Shasta Mayflies, we would like to thank the STFF Board who has extended a very sincere welcome in absorbing the Mayflies as members of STFF. We are about to embark on new adventures as the Mayflies subgroup under STFF. We would once again like to thank the Shasta Mayflies Board for all of their work and effort during the past couple of years.

After attending the December meeting, we look forward to a new partnership, new friendships, and a lot of new opportunities for fishing, classes, and other STFF member activities. We encourage any of the "old" Shasta Mayflies members to become STFF members. We also welcome any of the prior (or new) STFF members to join the Mayflies subgroup if they want to participate in some of the activities we will also be planning in the upcoming year (and it's not limited to females only).

There is a place on the membership form to indicate your interest in the Mayflies and we will be putting together a new Mayflies email list - so if you're interested, please sign up as soon as possible. We also hope to have a planning meeting of Mayflies in January to see what activities they would like to have during the year. Be looking for an email announcing a date and time for the meeting.

Again, a genuine thank you to STFF for your warm welcome and generosity as we look forward to a great year assimilating as members of such an active and involved organization!

Lorna Oden and Cris Rohn Hartman, Co-chairs of the "new" Mayflies

The Retiring Shasta Mayflies Board of Directors

(L to R) Kathie Burns, Linda Slater, Sue young, Jan Cameron, Cris Hartman, Sandy Johnson, Ann Hickerson





Lorna Oden wins the Special "New Members" Reel Raffle Prize

December Annual Membership Meeting - Photo contest & Raffle

D. Cleary Wins the Special "New members" Rod & Reel Raffle Prize



Special Spey Style Fly Tying Class for Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers

Open to all tiers interested in learning to tie Spey Style Steelhead & Atlantic Salmon Flies.

Requirements: You should have a basic understanding of fly tying; have your own equipment for tying and be able to attend all of the sessions. You must be willing to provide your own materials from the information below. The club will furnish only minimum materials. Charge: \$5.00 donation to the STFF.

Place: 1872 Buenaventura Blvd. Suite #3: (Club class room)

Dates: Tuesdays - January 10th, 17th & 24^{th.} 6:30 pm.

Final class will be on Saturday, January 28th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Class Outline: 1/10, History, style, fly proportions, materials, reference materials, demonstrations.

1/17, Tying bodies and wings demonstration and class participation

1/24, Class tying Spey Fly pattern; Lady Caroline, Shewey's Purple Spawn (follow instructor)

1/28, Class is open to tying their own pattern and style. (Help from instructors)

Reference Material:

Books: "Tying the Classic Salmon Fly", Radencich: "Steelhead Flies", John Shewey: "Spey & Dee Flies", John Shewey: "Spey Flies & How to Tie Them", Veverka

DVD: Tying the Classic Salmon Fly, Mike Radencich: Tying Spey Flies: Gerald Bartsch

On Line and Reference: Salmon. Net there are many sites you can search out on the internet.

Materials: Hooks: Alec Jackson Spey Hooks 1.5 - #3 Steelhead Irons or similar spey hooks.

Medium: Flat Silver Tinsel, Small Silver Oval Tinsel, Purple Schlappen Hackle long, Jungle Cock, Guinea dyed Hot Orange, Single Flat Floss Flame Red (your choice, silk will give problems).

Thread: #70 & #140 Un-thread black, Red, White.

Gray-Green Ring neck Rump feathers; Golden Pheasant cape; Med. Blue Eared Pheasant;

Goose Shoulder Red, Black, White, and Blue; Bronze Mallard; Ostrich Herl any color;

Purple Marabou: Box steelhead dubbing; emery boards. Est. Cost @\$25.00 - \$50.00

The Fly shop has most of the material required. Jungle Cock can be substituted with some feathers we will try making up in class.

Note: this is an instructional class so if you don't have or can't get the material feel free to use substitutes. We will discuss substitutes for feathers, how to make jungle cock substitutes, etc. All class attendees are encouraged to provide their experience and suggestions.

Questions: Bill Lenheim Phone 223 6090 Internet lenheimw@msn.com

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

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January Membership Meeting Wednesday January 11 – 6:30PM **Redding Library**

Presentation by: Steve Cooper - High Plains Drifters

Whether you are seeking big brown trout in the Owyhee River...or small mouth bass in the Grand Ron... High Plains Drifters has all the answers! The owner, Steve Cooper, will be presenting information on a variety of trips that have been arranged and schedule for STFF members.

Any STFF member who participated in the 2011 Owyhee trip will attest to Steve's ability to plan and execute a great trip. Sign up forms for the High Plains Drifter trips will be available at this meeting...but space will be limited!

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



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Next Membership Meeting Wednesday Jan 11, 2012 - 6:30PM Presentation by Steve Cooper High Plains Drifters Redding Library

Fishouts

Saturday, Jan 14, Alt - 21st - Baum Lake

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