

# 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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April 2012

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

Over the past few months STFF has enjoyed a number of new members joining our club. Many of these members have very limited fly-fishing experience, so they joined our organization to learn the details and techniques of the sport. **That's where our more experienced members can play an important role...by mentoring our new members so they can learn how to fly fish.**

Like many things in life, most of us were taught the techniques of fly-fishing by someone else....either a friend or relative. Now, you have the opportunity to play the same role with any of our members who are looking for a helping hand.

It is with that in mind, that **we have scheduled an "Introduction to fly fishing" class at our clubhouse for Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.** This class will be followed by an **"On the Water" session on Saturday-April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30PM.** The details for both of these sessions are outlined in this newsletter.

**It is my hope that a number of our more experienced fly-fishers will join both sessions to assist the attendees in learning the intricacies of fly-fishing.** The sessions won't take much time but will be invaluable in bringing our new members into the fly fishing flock.

In the same way, **we are beginning fly tying classes that will cover the basic patterns** we use on almost every trip. These classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings...at the clubhouse...starting at 6:30PM. **We'll need leaders as well as "helpers" for each session.**

Finally, **don't forget The Fly Shop's Barbeque on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>,** celebrating the opening of the fishing season. There will be lots of great food (courtesy of the STFF chefs)...plus fly tying...vendors...and more. The Fly Shop... and our members... put on this event primarily for our benefit...so please make an effort to stop by for a free lunch and show your appreciation.

### **Dick Recchia, President**

The Membership Committee would like to welcome the following new members to **Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers.** Welcome to all and we all hope you enjoy your association with our fantastic fly fishing club!

**Terry Tupper, Steve & Kathryn Pottatz, Cheryl & Richard Bell, Reuben James, John Alderson, Tom Mancuso, Michael Cogan, Judith & Peter Brown and Thomas & Tonya Durden**

We all hope each of you enjoy your association with Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers, and become an integral part of our club by participating in all the club's events and activities.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL STFF MEMBERS**

#### **From the Board of Directors**

Due to increased costs in both printing and postage [almost \$5000 per year]...as well as the popularity of publishing documents "on-line", **the Board has decided that the April issue of our newsletter will be the last copy distributed to the general membership in a printed format.**

Beginning with the May issue, members will receive an email advising that the newsletter is posted on the website and ready to be downloaded.

A number of printed copies will also be available at each STFF meeting. **However any members who do not have a computer and are unable to attend our monthly meetings, can apply for an "exception"** to have a printed copy mailed to their address. To apply for an exception, members should contact the newsletter editor:

**Creighton Smith (530/243-4388)**

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## Calendar of Events

### April 2012

3	Fishout – Trinity Holy Water Fishmaster – Bill Lenheim
3	<b>Last Junior Fly Tying Class – 6PM</b> STFF Clubhouse
4	Board of Directors Meeting STFF Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m.
11	Mayflies Group Meeting STFF Clubhouse at 5:00 p.m.
11	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 6:30 p.m.
12	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
14	Fishout – Iron Canyon Reservoir <b>CANCELLED</b>
14	Fishout – Trinity River Fly Fishing Fishmaster – Sandy Johnson
15	Spey Casting Clinic - Barge Hole Gravel Bar -9 a.m. All Welcome
21	Fishout – Lewiston Lake Fishmaster – Benson Kanemoto
21	Fishout – Lake Christine – (10 Rods) Fishmaster – Sue Young
26	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
27	Annual “The Fly Shop” – Open House Beginning of Trout Season
28	Advanced Fly Tying – 8:30AM-3:30PM Skip Morris - STFF Clubhouse

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2	Board of Directors Meeting STFF Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m.
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9	Membership Meeting Redding Library at 6:30 p.m.
10	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
15	Fishout – Clear Creek Evening Fishmaster – Jerry Waybrig
19	Fishout – Lake Britton Fishmaster – TBD
20	Spey Casting Clinic - Barge Hole Gravel Bar -9 a.m. All Welcome
24	Fellowship Breakfast Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
31	Fishout – Shasta Bass Fishmaster – John Gatner

## STFF Fishout Calendar 2012

Day & Date	Location	Fishmaster
Tue April 3, 2012	Trinity Holy Waters	Bill Lenheim
Sat April 14, 2012	Iron Canyon Reservoir <b>CANCELLED</b>	
Sat April 14, 2012	Trinity River Fly Fishing	Sandy Johnson
Sat April 21, 2012	Lewiston Lake	Benson Kanemoto
Sat April 21, 2012	Lake Christine (10 Rods)	Sue Young
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
Sat June 23, 2012	Shasta Lake	Sue Horkey
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-Thu Aug 6-9, 2012	Upper Klamath Lake	Fred David
Sat Aug 18, 2012	Lake Siskiyou	Craig Nielsen
Fri-Sun Aug 24-26, 2012	Rock Creek Lake (fundraiser)	Jan Cameron
Tue Sep 4, 2012	Baum Lake	Tom Taylor
Sat Sep 8, 2012	Upper Sac	TBD
Sat-Fri Sep 15-21, 2012	Owyhee Trip 1	Steve Cooper
Sun-Fri Sep 23-28, 2012	Owyhee Trip 2	Steve Cooper
Sat Oct 6, 2012	Manzanita Lake	Alan Slattery
Sun-Wed 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.**

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](mailto: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.

My thanks to all Fishmasters and participants; it is your involvement in the club that makes The Shasta-Trinity Fly Fishers who they are.

# TRINITY RIVER HOLY WATER FISHOUT

Tuesday April 3, 2012

Fishmaster: Bill Lenheim 223 6090 or lenheimw@msn.com

**Time:**

**Place:** Carpoolers meet at Sunset Market (corner of Buenaventura and Eureka) in time to depart promptly at 0730 hours. Meeting location is Mountain Valley Grill parking lot, Lewiston. (MVG may be closed, if so, coffee and donuts will be served at 8:10.) Please call ahead 778-3717 if you plan to eat breakfast there. Lunch is on your own.

**Directions:** From Hwy 299, turn right on Lewiston Dam Blvd. Drive 4 miles to Lewiston. Drive past the Plug-n-Jug and turn left into the parking lot by the gas station and mini-mart. We will caravan to the river access.

**Target species:** Steelhead. Salmon & Steelhead smolts and Brown Trout are also in the river.

**Recommended gear:** 2 wt-6 wt rod, floating and or sink-tip line, 2-4X tippet.

**Flies:** Your favorite Steelhead flies along with Egg patterns, Golden and Black Stonefly nymphs, Copper John, P.T., Bird's Nest, San Juan Worm, olive, black Leach patterns, BWO, Adams, Adult Caddis, Callibaetis mayflies, March Brown. Please call Trinity Fly Shop (623-6757) for the latest hatch information and productive flies.

**Fishing method:** Swing, indicator, short line and downstream nymphing are all effective.

**Note:** *This is a mandatory catch and release, barbless hooks, fly-fishing only area.* Please take great care releasing all fish. When possible, keep them in the water during your release. You will need a Steelhead Fishing Report Card along with your License. Wading is low, slow and easy, but bring your wading staff.

**Please contact Gerald at [glnelson8@frontiernet.net](mailto:glnelson8@frontiernet.net) and each Fishmaster to sign up. Please notify the Fishmaster at least 24 hours before the meeting time if you *did* sign up and later find you can't attend or if you *did not* sign up and want to attend.**

## STFF Mayflies sponsored Trinity River Fly Fishing Only Section-Saturday April 14, 2012

**Co-Fishmistress:** To Sign up-Linda Slater 246-0541 email: [cam2ndd@aol.com](mailto:cam2ndd@aol.com)Sandy Johnson 246-7212 email: [sskj530@hotmail.com](mailto:sskj530@hotmail.com)

**Meet up Time:** 10:00 a.m. at Lewiston Fish Hatchery or

**Carpool Meet Time:** 8:45 (leaving by 9:00) at Sunset Market- now TOPs Market- corner of Eureka Way (299w) and Buena Ventura

**Place:** Fish Hatchery Parking Lot, Lewiston, and nearby River Access areas.

**Directions:** Lewiston Fish Hatchery- Hwy 299 West over Buckhorn Pass. Turn right on Trinity Dam Blvd. Go past the Plug 'n' Jug, past the Mtn Valley Grill, and turn right on Hatchery Road. At the Y, stay to the left and follow the road into the Hatchery to its end at the parking lot. We'll meet here, then some of us may drive to other access points. The parking lot GATE closes at 3:00 p.m. – so we must move by then. If you want to get started earlier, no problem, just check in at 10:00 and then head back down to the river.

**Carpoolers:** Sandy and Linda will be along the outside (299w) edge of the parking lot. **RSVP** if you will be carpooling, please; that way we can cut down the carloads, save gas money and get to know each other better on the ride out to Lewiston. We will probably be wore and ready to come back about 4:30 or 5:00.

**Target species-** Steelhead Juveniles... the Release of hundreds of thousands of small 4-8 inch young Steelies is an Annual event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. By mid-month, they are settling in and hungry! River is usually low, wading pretty easy, and with so many fish, shore fishing is definitely possible. There are a few left over larger fish, for those who want to nymph. Great place to practice feeling a fish on a nymph. But this is a very fun "dry fly" event which everyone enjoys.

**Recommended gear:** 4,5, or 6wt. rod all work fine. Floating line is perfect. If you are going after the big Steelhead, that is different altogether ...and you will want to get the latest info from The Fly Shop or the Trinity Fly Shop. If you have never fished, we may be able to find a rod/reel...but you will want to have your own waders & boots, wading stick, **Ca Fishing License and Steelhead tags for 2012**, net, hat, sunscreen and maybe a change of clothes- the water is cold. (Tippet 4X -5X, heavier possible if you are going to nymph)

**Flies:** Almost anything that hits the water will work in these conditions- but a good assortment of standard dries: parachute adams #16-18 , elk hair caddis #14, BWO (Blue winged Olive) #12-16, callebaetis #16, PMD#12-16, March Browns. Nymphs: black leach patterns, San Juan Worms, Copper John, PT nymphs or stoneflies size 8-#12. **Note:** Provide your Brown Bag

**Fishing method-** Most of us will be using "dries"...but larger fish with a nymph and indicator possible. Please remember to handle and release all trout carefully using only Barbless Hooks. Bring your Steelhead Fishing report card along with license.

Lunch, Beverage & water, possibly a chair. Lunch: we'll meet up at 1:00, there are a couple tables and restrooms at the Hatchery. Then spread to different places after.

**See ya there!**

## Lewiston Lake Fishout



**Date:** April 21

**Meeting place:** Sunset now Tops Market parking lot, Eureka St.

**Time:** 8:15AM, we'll leave promptly at 8:30AM, or meet us at the Lewiston boat ramp at 9:30.

**Floatation devices:** Boats, pontoon boats, and float tubes, \$5 launch fee. There are very limited sites for wading.

**Rods and Lines:** 4,5,and 6 wts. Intermediate or Type II to Type IV sinking lines, or sink-tip lines are effective. Floating lines and indicators are another option. I do not expect any dry fly activity at this time of the year.

**Flies:** leeches and woolly buggers in size 6-10 in olive, brown, black or claret. Black zebra midges (18,20), pheasant tail nymphs (16-22), red midge larvae(16-18).

**Techniques:** Look for jumping or rising fish, go there, cast and catch many fish. Seriously, keep your eyes open and watch for fish showing themselves. Very often the fish will roam about in schools. The lake varies considerably in depth so adjustments need to be made in lines and depth of flies under indicators. I generally fish no less than four feet and as much as eleven feet under and indicator. I use two indicator rods. One is set up for deep water with a corkie type bobber and the other for shallow water sight fishing using a very small yarn type indicator if the wind is not blowing. If the wind is blowing just cast that corkie out and keep you eye on it. The fish are a little less spooky with a slight wind. Try not to let the wind swing your bobber too fast. I generally like to fish downwind to try to maintain that dead drift. When there is no wind and you are fishing deep give your bobber a twitch every minute or two. After you give it that twitch keep your eye on it. If there is a release from the dam then you also have to figure in the current. The idea is to get a dead drift. Sounds easy in a lake, right! I've seen quite a few guys very frustrated out there because they can't maintain a dead drift. With leeches and buggers try every variation in sink rates and retrieves. A depth finder is very useful.

**This lake is always very cold, 45 to 48 degrees all year long so stay out of the water. Please wear a life vest at all times. Stowing an extra set of clothes in the car is not a bad idea.**

A lunch announcement will be made at the club meeting.

If you have any questions please call me at 244-1520. Lets hope for some decent weather.  
Benson Kanemoto



# 2012 SPEY FEST

**Saturday - June 9th from 9am to 4pm**

**Sacramento River at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar....near Anderson, California...just South of Redding**

**Featuring demonstrations, equipment, instruction and Spey Fly Tying.  
Free attendance and includes lunch**

For information contact - Bill Lenheim at 530/223-6090  
or [lenheimw@msn.com](mailto:lenheimw@msn.com)



## **DIRECTIONS TO THE BARGE HOLE GRAVEL BAR SPEY CASTING AREA**

**FROM THE ANDERSON OUTLETS OFF I- 5 TAKE  
DESCHUTES ROAD EXIT  
TURN LEFT ONTO DESCHUTES ROAD MILE 0  
TURN RIGHT AT BALLS FERRY ROAD 2  
TURN LEFT ON ASH CREEK ROAD (NOTE SIGN TO  
COLMAN HATCHERY) 3  
TURN RIGHT ONTO GROVER ROAD 1.2  
PAST COLMAN HATCHERY SIGN ON LEFT 1.5  
TURN RIGHT ONTO DIRT ROAD (NOTE 25 MPH SIGN) 4.8  
FOLLOW TO RIVER 0.1**


**TOTAL DISTANCE: 12.3 MILES FROM OUTLETS**

**NOTE: FROM BOAT RAMP AFTER CROSSING BRIDGE 6.4 MILES TO DIRT ROAD**



# Join Us in Celebrating the **OPENING** of **TROUT SEASON** at **The Fly Shop**®

Photo: Marcel Siegle

  
FRIDAY APRIL 27TH 2012  
THE FLY SHOP  
10:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

## 2012 TROUT SEASON OPENING DAY PARTY & CELEBRATION

**The Fly Shop**® is excited to host our annual fun and informative event to get the opening date of trout season off on the right foot. Just outside our front door, the **Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers** will be preparing all the hamburgers and hot dogs you can eat with all the trimmings, including chili beans, cole slaw, relishes, potato chips, and your favorite soft drinks. The **Shasta Mayflies** have also graciously agreed to bake some of their finest cookies for all to enjoy.

Anywhere you plan to fish in our region – Pit River, Upper & Lower Sacramento, McCloud River, Hat Creek, or Fall River – there is always a staff member on hand intimately acquainted with the fishery and happy to share their in shop knowledge of the fishery with you.

We are very proud to announce that the extraordinary **Skip Morris**, fly tier and author of many best selling books and videos will be here to share his passion and answer any questions you might have. This is an opportunity to get up close and personal with one of our industry's great ones! And, we have invited all of the representatives from our vendors to be on hand for product demos and to answer any questions you might have.

Come out and cast the newest rods for 2012. Be sure to enter our **casting contest**, and win a new fly rod or reel. See some of the newest materials in fly tying, and the best of what's new in fly fishing for 2012!

We are very lucky to have some of the industry's finest fly tiers working right here in our shop. There are no bigger names than **Mike Mercer, Tim Fox, Justin Miller, and Zack Thurman**. They have each enthusiastically agreed to donate their time for personal **fly tying demonstrations**.

Clearly, there will be no better place to be, to get all the food and information that is required to make your opening day excursion successful and enjoyable.

We think you will agree this popular event would be beneficial to any of your club members who plan to fish our area.



Thank you very much,  
Sandy Watts

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**Trout in the Classroom – Release Day, March 27, 2012 at Whiskeytown Lake**



**Trout in the Classroom – Release Day, March 28, 2012 at Anderson River Park**





## 2012 STFF Banquet and Fundraiser

Over 200 STFF members and wives attended the 2012 Banquet and Fundraiser held at Win-River Casino on Feb 18th. In addition there were about 14 invited guests and 10 fly tiers in town for the Turtle Bay fly-tying weekend.

Dick Recchia, STFF president announced that Benson Kanemoto was the Fly tier of the year and Jim Jensen was the Fly fisher of the year.



Banquet chairman Jim Jensen would like to thank all the members who donated boxes of Flies or other items to the Raffles and to those members who helped with the set-up on Sat. morning and helped during the banquet with check-in, raffle tickets, check-out and accounting at the close.

Your attendance and support will go along way in helping the club in supporting our various adult, kid's, conservation and environmental classes and projects during 2012.



### Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers 2012 Banquet Donors

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Benson Kanemoto	Fishpond	Jim Teeney	Roby Baer
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Cordy's Pond	Greg Cash	Lake Christine	Stillwater FF Adventures
Craig Nielson	Hank George	Lee Maxwell	Sue Horkey
Creighton Smith	Indian Creek Lodge	Lonesome Duck	Sugar Creek Ranch
Dale Huffman	J Stockard Fly Fishing	Lora Fox	The American Museum of FF
Dan Bailey	Jan Hale	Mayflies	The Coleman Co.
Dave Allred			The Fly Shop
			Win-River

On behalf of the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers, I would like to thank all the Companies and Individuals who contributed Auction and Raffle items.

Your contributions made this the most successful fundraiser to date.

**I would also like to give a very special thanks to The Fly Shop for all their support.**

Jim Jensen, 2012 Banquet Chairman

## Mayflies Corner

Can you believe April is upon us? Outings are being sponsored by the STFF-Mayflies for April 14 on the Trinity River. Be sure to read the outings articles in the newsletter for further information. There is an outing at Lake Christine on 4/21, which at last month's meeting was full, but may have cancellations. **Contact Sue Young if you're interested.** There are still a few spots open for the Rock Creek Lake women's only days in August. The cabin is full but there is room for tents on Wednesday and Thursday. **The coed days are FULL.** There has been such a wonderful response to this fundraising event. We thank everybody for their support of this activity.

**Reminder, volunteers are still needed at the Turtle Bay display for weekends through April 15.** If you can assist in this opportunity contact Dick or Sandy Johnson. A huge thanks to all volunteers for their hard work in making the Turtle Bay Expo such an amazing success.

Thanks to STFF in taking the lead on the Casting for Recovery (CFR) fundraiser and bringing it to Win River in September. **Dick Recchia** will be providing more information to us shortly, but this will be a great opportunity for Mayflies to get involved in this event to raise funds for CFR in northern California. Since CFR is something the Mayflies have historically supported, we seriously encourage you to volunteer your time and talents to help with this. River helpers are still needed for the two CFR retreats to be held in Mt. Shasta on 08/10/2012 and Indian Creek Lodge on 09/23/2012. **Please contact Jill Hemingway, the Northern California CFR Program Coordinator at cell: 707-287-6757 if you are interested in assisting CFR participants on the river.**

**Opening weekend is coming up soon and volunteers are needed to bring cookies for Friday April 27, 2012 at The Fly Shop's opening weekend event. Please contact Kathie Burns at 474-5699 if you can bring cookies or volunteer some time.**

In closing, we would like to invite all Mayflies to a new feature of the Mayflies meetings ...**TIPS and TECHNIQUES** will start at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The purpose will be to educate and improve skills for new and old members alike. April's meeting is **TTT, Trinity Tips and Techniques.** This will include tips for the Trinity River trip on the 14<sup>th</sup> and then a discussion on tips and techniques for the April 21 fish out at Lake Christine as a bonus. April's meeting is **BROWN BAG**, bring your own dinner and drink. Many thanks to **Sandy Johnson** for providing steaming hot chili, chips & guacamole, and cake for the March dinner meeting, and to **Susan and Linda** for their salads for our March dinner.

During the May meeting we will have a raffle so start looking around for an item you can donate. If you have anything you wish to see on the April agenda, please contact either **Lorna at 941-2536 or Cris at 524-2328** by the week prior to the April meeting.

Your Assimilation Team Leaders:

Lorna Oden cookie2u@ymail.com Cris Rohn Hartman blmgirlranger@yahoo.com

## Steiner Lake Bonus Fishout Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

<b>Target Species:</b>	Large Mouth Bass
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Steiner Lake, maps available from The Fly Shop
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 am or whenever you feel like getting there.
<b>Equipment:</b>	6-7 weight rods, 7' bass taper leaders, float tube, pontoon, pram or john boat. Bass Bugs (deer hair poppers, sliders, hard poppers, sneaky petes, wooly buggers).
<b>Fishmaster:</b>	Gerald F. Nelson

There is a **\$50.00/rod/day** charge to fish Steiner. This is \$45.00 off of the regular price and allows you to fish as early and stay as late as you like. There is room for six individuals on each of these outings and will be on a first come first served basis. Contact Gerald at glnelson8@frontiernet.net or gfnelson52@gmail.com or 638-6633 to reserve your space. **Make checks payable to The Fly Shop** and drop them off to Michael Caranci at The Fly Shop; mention that you are fishing Steiner Lake with STFF and the date you have signed up for.

Bass love the early morning and early evening, bring a good lunch, snack, water, and beverages and plan to spend the day catching big bass with your fellow club members.

## Attention all STFF Members

**The 2013 Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Please make note of the date...and tell your spouse and/or significant other  
so you do not plan a conflicting trip**

## STFF Clubhouse - Monthly Agenda - April 2012

### 1872 Buenaventura Blvd. Suite # 3

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Details	Leader	Tele # & Email
Tue	4/3	6PM	Fly Tying	Junior Fly Tying	Ralph Lestarjette	722-7789 redrd13@gmail.com
Wed	4/4	6:30PM	Board of Directors' Meeting		Dick Recchia	547-9720 rdrservices@frontiernet.net
Thu	4/5	6:30PM	Introduction to Fly Fishing		Dick Recchia	547-9720 rdrservices@frontiernet.net
Tue	4/10	6:30PM	Fly Tying	Basic Patterns	Dale Huffman	221-4988 dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net
Wed	4/11	5:00PM	Mayflies "Pot Luck"			
Thu	4/12	6:30PM	Fly Tying	Basic Patterns	Dale Huffman	221-4988 dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net
Tue	4/17	6:30PM	Fly Tying	Basic Patterns	Dale Huffman	221-4988 dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net
Thu	4/19	6:30PM	Fly Tying	Basic Patterns	Dale Huffman	221-4988 dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net
Tue	4/24	6:30PM	Fly Tying	Basic Patterns	Dale Huffman	221-4988 dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net
Thu	4/26	6:30PM	Fly Tying	Basic Patterns	Dale Huffman	221-4988 dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net
Sat	4/29	8:30AM	Fly Tying	Special Fly Tying Jam Session	Skip Morris	Alan Jones 246-2528 Jan Hale 275-9668

### FLY TYING JAM SESSIONS

April 28<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

On April 28<sup>th</sup> **Skip Morris**, renowned fly tier and author, will be our guest tier. He will be conducting a tie along session of some of his favorite patterns in the club classroom. As the details are not yet finalized further information will be sent via club email. Space is limited so sign up early. Cost: \$20.

All classes will be in the Clubhouse/Classroom located at 1872 Buenaventura Blvd., Suite #3, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

**To reserve your seat contact: Jan Hale: [lillybill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lillybill@sbcglobal.net), (530) 275-9668**

### Attention: Novice Fly Fishers - INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING!

**"CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION" - Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**

On Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM a class will be held at the STFF club house/classroom to review fly fishing terminology, gear choices including fly rods, waders, boots, fly lines, leaders & etc.

**"ON THE WATER CLASS" - Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:30AM to 12:30 PM**

This class will cover: rigging a fly rod for indicator and dry fly fishing, wading techniques, and general fishing techniques.

**Equipment required:** waders and boots (with a wading belt & wading staff plus appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.) Contact Dick Recchia 547-9720 or [rdrservices@frontiernet.net](mailto:rdrservices@frontiernet.net) for info.

## Coming Events

### Beginners Casting Classes

The Beginners Fly Casting Classes will begin on May 7, 2012. These classes run on 5 Mondays for 2 hours each class. Classes begin at 6 PM and run until about 8 PM each evening. They will be held on the lawn just south of the Redding Convention Center and across from Channel 7 in the Turtle Bay Area.

The classes will cost \$35 per person (check or cash) for the whole series of 5 classes. Bring eye protection, a rod with a matching reel and line. Add a 9-foot leader in 3X or 4X size and we will supply the fluff (no hooks are allowed). Reservations are not needed, so just show up. Please show up at least 5 to 10 minutes early for each class to allow time to set up your gear. All classes will begin promptly at 6 PM. In case of rain determination of cancelling the class will be made depending on conditions at the venue regardless of conditions elsewhere.

**Important:** Since the instruction uses a step-by-step approach, with each step building on the next, please show up to each class. If you miss a class we will not be able to take time away from the other students to catch you up on what was missed during the previous class. This is of particular importance during the first three classes. Students will find it difficult to proceed successfully if they miss a class.

**When and where:** Mondays: May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4. Time: 6 PM - 8 PM

**Location:** On the lawn just south of Redding Convention Center in the Turtle Bay area, across from the Channel 7 studio.

**For further information contact Guy at 222-2601: [grhen@ix.netcom.com](mailto:grhen@ix.netcom.com)**

### Fly Casting Classes - Open Casting Sessions

Once the 2012 Spring Fly Casting Classes are over we will hold open casting every Tuesday evening from 6 PM until 8 PM. Sessions begin June 12, 2012. They will be held on the lawn just south of the Redding Convention Center and across from Channel 7 in the Turtle Bay Area. Open casting is an opportunity to get more practice or work on individual casting issues with professional level individual instruction. There is no charge for the open casting. Tipping is accepted.

Beginners are urged to attend the Beginners Casting Classes (above) to build up basic skills prior to attending the open casting sessions. This allows the instructors to work with advanced beginners and intermediate casters without taking extended periods of time to go through the basics with beginners. It will also promote individual casting during the open casting sessions by allowing concentration on individual area of concern. Bring eye protection.

**For further information contact Guy at 222-2601**

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### Double-handed Casting Instruction (Spey Casting)

Guy Manning will be presenting a 4 session Double Handed Casting Clinic this Spring. Also known as Spey Casting, Double Handed casting is an extremely effective way to cover a large amount of water and get the fly to the fish effectively. The cost is \$50 for all 4 classes, payable in cash or check at the first class. The class will be limited to 6 students on a first come first served basis.

**This class will cover the following:**

- A short history of Double Handed Casting
- The differences between Spey, Skagit, and Scandi rods and lines
- Fishing methods used with each technology
- Double Handed Casting Terminology
- Discussion of river right and river left and the casts used in each situation
- Basic body and rod positions
- Motions of a simple DH cast
- Switch cast
- Snap-C cast
- Double Spey cast
- Single Spey cast
- Snake Roll cast

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9 until noon on May 26, June 3, 10 and June 17, 2012.

The first three classes will be held on the lawn south of the convention center in the Turtle Bay complex, across from the Channel 7 Studios. The last class will be on the water at a location to be decided. Please show up about 10 minutes early for each session so you have time to - Set-up your gear prior to the start of class.

**What to bring:** Rod, Reel, Line, leader, hat and protective glasses. No hooks are allowed. Yarn will be provided. You will need to make a grass leader for the second and third session. Instructions will be given during the first class. For the last class you will need waders and boots.

**Important:** If you don't have glasses you will not be allowed to cast.

**For further information contact Guy at 222-2601: [grhen@ix.netcom.com](mailto:grhen@ix.netcom.com)**

#### SPEY CASTING ON THE RIVER

The **third Sunday** of each month, weather permitting, STFF spey casters and anyone interested in learning meet at the **Barge Hole Gravel Bar at 9 am**. Bring your rod or just show up and ask one of the casters to show you how it is done. Our group numbers at times 15 and as low as 5, so if you're interested come down. (Note due to water changes I will email any changes of location before the assigned date. To be added to the list send me an email at [lenheimw@msn.com](mailto:lenheimw@msn.com) ) From time to time we have a cooked lunch at the Gravel Bar too.

Bill Lenheim Spey Casting Chair...Questions call me: 530 223 6090

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### **April Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday April 11 – 6:30PM**

**Redding Library**

### **Secrets to Fishing Fall River by Cody Waltrip**

Cody has been fishing Fall River most of his life. As the head guide at Spinner Fall Lodge & Circle Seven Ranch, he has learned the techniques that consistently result in great fishing in this famous river.

Fall River's reputation among fly fishermen ranks with the famed Silver Creek, Letort, Henry's Fork, Hat Creek and Nelson's. Nowhere is the opportunity for hooking large trout on dry flies any greater than on the Fall River. Fall River is a spring fed creek - one of the few in California. For the most part, it is wide and slow moving. Fall River is best known for its quality dry fly fishing. Daily morning and evening hatches and profuse spinner falls makes for excellent stream fishing.

**Don't miss this presentation...it will provide you tips that you can use all summer long!**

**Thank You** – Your get-well cards and kind thoughts are gratefully appreciated.

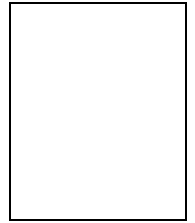
Thanks to all the Trout in the Classroom volunteers for doing a fantastic job caring for all the aquariums during my absence, ... Earl Johnston

## Hospitality Committee Announcement

Please advise Jerry Marks, at [jerrymarks@clearwire.net](mailto:jerrymarks@clearwire.net) 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.



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**Fishouts**

April 3, Tues, Trinity Holy Water  
April 14, Sat, Trinity River-Mayflies  
April 21, Sat, Lewiston Lake  
April 21, Sat, Lake Christine-Mayflies

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