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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October 2009

The President's	Line
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October -- the month when Summer Steelhead, are at their peak. This is the time I wait for all year. I'm looking forward to fishing the Trinity, Clearwater in Idaho and some of the Washington streams, maybe even the N. Umpqua, and the Rogue in Oregon. My quest continues to see if I can hook a few more and hope is always alive for the elusive 20 pounder (one can dream). Maybe if I'm real lucky I will see some of our club members there too.

Speaking of Steelhead, our annual trip to the Rogue in Oregon is this month. Have you made arrangements to go? Last year was a great turn out and more fun than a barrel of monkeys. This year the runs are better so the fishing should be good. The Holy Water above the hatchery holds some great trout, so those who don't have the patience to fish steelhead can give that a try. Let **Jerry Marks** know if you're coming; he has to make arrangement for the pot luck on Monday evening.

Hal Jensen put on a great program about his method for fishing Stillwater's. Hope you got some usable ideas from it. There is a hand out he left and I will see if we can get it into the Shasta Caster for the club's use.

Allen Slattery has set up some great fly tying classes and after October's Tuesday session they will revert to the winter Saturday format. If you haven't given them a try, do so; it is more than worth while.

This is the time to announce that nominations for club officers and board of directors are open. If you are so inclined let me know about your interest in running so a slate for 2010 can be presented to the membership in December. (I will not be continuing as President.)

Time to go fishing; see you at the October meeting!

Bill Lenheim President 2009 530 223 6090

Broken Lines

Thanks to all the volunteers that have stepped up to work on repairing the Angler Survey Boxes. It looks like we have the Hat Creek, Fall River, McCloud River, Grass Valley Reservoir and the Upper Sac taken care of. Now, if we can get some volunteers to work on the signs for the Pit River and the Klamath River we're done. If you're interested in helping give me a call or email me.

We have received a lot of recognition from the Dept. of Fish and Game and they really appreciate what we have done and are doing for them.

I'm running out of projects so as always if you have an idea for a conservation project in Shasta or Trinity Counties, please let me know.

Thanks, Jim Shilling - Conservation Director

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Youth Program

Calendar of Events

October 2009

- 6 Tuesday Fly Tying Jam Session Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Breakfast Gathering Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 11-13 Bonus Fishout Eagle Lake Fishmasters Jay and Glenn Fair
 - 14 Membership Meeting Redding Library at 7:00 p.m. Rogue River Steelhead Fishing
 - Breakfast Gathering Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- 23-24 NCCFFF Conclave Lodi, CA
- 25-28 Fishout Rogue River Fishmaster – Jerry Marks
 - 30 Stonefly Vineyards Special Event CR Gibbs Patio 5:30 p.m.

November 2009

- 4 Board of Directors Meeting Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 5-7 Striped Bass Fishout Striperfest Sugar Barge Marina, Bethel Island Fishmaster – Art Agnew
 - 7 Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Membership Meeting Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
- Breakfast Gathering Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- Fishout Trinity River Fishmaster – Ross Morrison
- 26 Breakfast Gathering Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

STFF 2009 FISHOUT SCHEDULE

MONTH	DAY	WATER	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
October	Sun-Tues 11-13	Eagle Lake	Jay & Glenn Fair
October	Sun-Wed 25-29	Rogue River	Jerry Marks
November	Thu-Sat 5-7	Delta Striperfest	Art Agnew
November	Thursday 12	Trinity Steelhead	Ross Morrison
December	Friday 11	Lower Sac Float	Walt Cole

Bonus Fishouts to be announced. All fishouts are subject to change.

Eagle Lake Bonus Fishout October 11 – 13, 2009 Fishmasters – Jay and Glenn Fair

Where: Arrive the afternoon on the 11th as we will fish with Jay and Glenn on the 12th and 13th. Jay and Glenn will make a "How to catchem" presentation at 4PM at the Eagle Lake R.V. Park.

Fishmasters: Jay and Glenn Fair

Bring your motor boat, row boat, pram, float tube, pontoon boat or whatever floats.

Housing accommodations: Housekeeping cabins and homes are available. Take your own bedding or a sleeping bag, pillow and bath towels. For reservations, please call **David LeRoy** at **Heritage Land Co**, 1-800-459-5197 or visit Website at http://eaglelakeheratige.com/ for photos, descriptions and rates. Please make reservations directly with Heritage Land Co. For R.V. site reservations, please call **Eagle Lake R.V. Park** at 530-825-3133 or visit http://www.eaglelakeandrv.com/.

Food: There are no restaurants in the immediate area so bring food for all meals.

Equipment: 5-7 wt rods, floating line with weighted flies, sinking line of your choice for deep water areas. Warm clothing and rain gear.

Flies: Your favorite lake nymphs, rust and olive woolly bugger patterns, #8, Jay's Wiggle tail nymph, rust and olive, #10, 2X short scud hook and Kick boat flies, olive and rust, #4, 2X short scud hook. Olive scud, #10, 2X short hook. Jay will be teaching how to tie his famous patterns at the Tie Jam on October 6th. Please call Allen Slattery at 474-5271 to sign up for the Tie Jam. There is a \$5.00 cost for materials. Jay will have flies for sale at the meeting on Sunday, Oct. 11th at 4PM in the R.V. Park.

If you did not sign up at the September meeting, you can call Jay or Glenn at 347-5811 to do so.

Jay says October is the best month of the year to fly fish Eagle Lake; so don't miss out on this exciting angling adventure. Make your housing reservations ASAP. October is the busiest month at the lake and space is limited.

Group cocktail party and BBO on Monday, the 12th after fishing.

Fly tying jam after dinner.

Upper Klamath Lake Fishout August 2-6, 2009 Fishmaster – Fred David

A small but enthusiastic group of club members escaped the broiling heat of home and headed north to the cool climate of Rocky Point, Oregon to battle with the legendary trout of the Upper Klamath Lake. Veterans of past campaigns included **John Thorn**, **Alan Craig**, **Benson Kanemoto**, **Bob Madgic**, **Dave Allred**, **Bill Hale and Fred David**. Large trout were hooked by all including a 30+ inch trout estimated weighing close to 10 lbs. by **Fred Hale**. But the first night rookie newcomer **Jerry Waybright** was top rod with 2 fish over 5 lbs! **Benson K** was tops in number of fish landed (20+ each day) using his midge pupae under a strike indicator with lots of Zen patience. **Dave Allred** landed 14 fish up to eight pounds one morning stripping a leech. He hooked and lost 3 more large fish in about half an hour trying to boat number 15 before we had to leave.

But enough about fishing now the serious stuff - EATING! Jerry Waybright had to leave the fishout early because of previous obligations but he and Michelle treated us all to a barbequed Tri-tip pre-potluck dinner. Then Dave Allred's brother Joe and his wife Julie from Elko Nevada brought fresh salmon and halibut they caught the week before in Alaska for our Potluck. Thank you again Joe and Julie! There was plenty of food for all and there were delicious contributions from everyone.

Non fishing partners enjoyed kayaking the canoe trails and seeing the local birdlife including Pelicans, Herons, Sandhill Cranes, Bald Eagles, Grebes and numerous types of ducks. The "Yakity Kayakers" included Terry Allred, Terry Craig, Karen David, and Diana Madgic.

Overall the trip was a great success and we're all looking forward to next year, I hope more of the club members will get to experience this unique and blue ribbon fishery next year.



Bill Hale aka "Wild Bill Hookup"

NCCFFF News

This year the NCCFFF Conclave, A Festival of Fly Fishing will be held in again in Lodi on October 23 and 24. Lani Waller will be the Keynote Speaker and will be giving 3 talks, over 2 days, and make some comments at the Saturday night banquet. The conclave Flier, Pre-registration form and a list of speakers and casting clinics can be found on the STFF website. www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org

Warren Carlson attended the Sept. 12th board meeting of NCCFFF and reports that their biggest concern is the struggle for water in California. Canals, Dams, Big Agra and the Water districts of central and southern California plus the legislature, lobbyists and the Governor are all involved. NCCFFF is a nongovernmental organization composed of mostly volunteers who must compete with well staffed and funded groups in the state.

While the State legislature adjourned with out making any decisions this session, many issues are on the table involving EPA protection of Steelhead, the Delta, Water delivery, Canal and Dam construction.

The NCCFFF is looking for feedback from all its member clubs on what actions it should take regarding these matters. Your concerns can be shared with Jim Schilling who can pass them on to Warren to share with the NCCFFF executive board before their next meeting on Oct. 14th. Perhaps we could empower our executive board to send or cosign letters of support or criticism to the congressional or legislative entities.

OCTOBER FISHOUT

SECOND ANNUAL STEELHEAD ADVENTURE & BASH ON THE ROGUE RIVER October 25-28

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 rates: \$106 for 2 queen beds with river view or \$81 with no river view. \$117 for 1 king & kitchen. Continental breakfast included 6:30 to 9:30am Royal Coachman (rustic) 541-878-2481 Nightly rates: \$50 for 1 bed, \$60 for 2 beds, plus room tax.

RV PARKS (both located on river)

Rogue River RV Park 541-878-2404 (**Headquarters**) \$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

Two Pines Smoke House Open 8am to 8pm

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)

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 is available at THE FLY SHOP. Jeff Fox, co-owner and guide at the Rogue Fly Shop (at Grants Pass 541-476-0552) is our guest speaker for the October 14th meeting and will discuss flies, techniques and tactics for our fishout on the Rogue. Jeff will demonstrate how to tie some of his favorite flies at 6 pm before the meeting. Materials will be available.

FUN EVENTS

Jeff Fox will lead a **fly tying jam session** Sunday evening so bring your tools. Materials provided by STFF. Non-tiers are welcome to participate in the tall tales. Cocktails available if you bring 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 to be determined by Oct 15th.

GUIDE SERVICE DISCOUNTED RATES We have made special arrangements with the Rogue Fly Shop for guides. Rates vary from \$375 to \$325 for 2 rods including lunch, depending on how many guides our club members hire. A \$50 deposit is required and is refundable until 10/12 or later if they re-book your reservation. Please call them to book and advise Jerry so we can have advance knowledge of our rate. It's the busy season, so don't wait; first come, first served.

FISHING LICENSE: \$12.00-1 day, \$22.50-2 days, \$33.00-3 days are 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 opartner 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 business directory, please go online to www.shadycove.net/

A Festive Celebration of Fly Fishing

Evening Mixer & Video Night at C. R. Gibbs 2300 Hilltop Drive, Redding, California

October 30th 2009 -- 5:30-9:00pm -- \$15 RSVP, \$20 at the door Get tickets at: <u>www.crgibbs.com</u> or call 530-221-2335

Join us for a festive food and wine celebration honoring the sport, art and science of fly fishing

- Outstanding food and wine (don't worry, beer too!)
- Fly-tying demo's by leading experts
- Blood pumping fly fishing films
- Meet local fly fishers and conservationists

PURCHASE TICKETS SOON!! First 30 to buy tickets & RSVP will be entered to win great prizes from The Fly Shop, a case of StoneFly Wine, or a dinner for two from CR Gibbs.

GET YOUR VEST ON! Guests wearing the most creative, colorful, and/or outlandishly used-and-abused fly fishing vest will win special prizes

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Raffle drawing with proceeds funding the Shasta Trinity Fly Fisher Chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers

EVENT SPONSORS









Striped Bass Fishout and Striperfest 2009

Our **November 5** – 7th fishout for striped bass will be headquartered at the Sugar Barge Marina located on Bethel Island. We will be fishing on Thursday through Saturday morning and then we plan to attend the 12th **Annual Dan Blanton's Striperfest Saturday afternoon, November 7th**. Delta striped bass fishing should be great at this time of the year and the Annual Striperfest is a must attend event for anyone interested in saving our delta fishery. Many of the personalities who frequent Dan Blanton's website (www.danblanton.com) will be in attendance and this is a great opportunity to meet them. In addition to the great BBQ and camaraderie there is an always fantastic Striperfest raffle consisting of rods, reels, flies and fly plates, as well as other great equipment.

The Striperfest was founded in 1997 to acknowledge Dan Blanton for his contributions to fly fishing and the establishing of his outstanding website for all to enjoy. Proceeds raised from this annual event, so far totaling over \$50,000, go to support the hard work of the Bay/Delta Conservation Committee of NCCFFF and California Sport Protection Alliance (CSPA) to save and restore our striped bass fishery.

Mark your calendar to attend the outing or Striperfest. More information on this outing will be available at the October meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact **Art Agnew** 722-0957 to get more information about the events planned.

23 people attended the club sponsored CPR class on August 20th



Note: Beginning in October, the Thursday Breakfast Gatherings will resume the twice monthly schedule on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Come share fly fishing news, stream and fish reports, great ideas, tall tales, photos, friendship, and fellowship.

Tuesday Fly Tying

October 6, 2009 – 5:30 to 8:00 PM
Good Time Pizza, 22049 Old 44 Drive, Palo Cedro (1 block east of Deschutes)

Bring your own tools

Jay and Glenn Fair will tie 6 of their Eagle Lake Patterns.

They are providing all materials including hooks for a \$5 per person charge.

A Handout listing materials will be available at the Session.

This is the final Tuesday night Hands On Session for 2009.

In November we go to Saturday sessions through February 2010

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers Fall Fly Tying Jam Session

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers will conduct a fly tying jam session on **November 7th**. The sessions will be held at the **Goodtime Pizza & Things**, 22049 Old 44 Drive, Palo Cedro, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The cost of the session will be \$12.00. This cost will include most of the materials needed to tie the flies and the pizza. The tiers will purchase their own drinks. If you are not currently on the fly tier e-mail list and would like to add your name, please e-mail me at rlstewart@frontiernet.net. If you have any questions/comments contact me in the evening at 474-5748.

Mt. Shasta Kids Fish Day

The turnout this year for the annual Kids Fish Days at the Mt. Shasta Hatchery was a big success. 1990 Adults brought 2141 kids who caught 3554 fish during the June, July and August events. During the 3 days, our club had a total of 11 volunteers who helped with sign ups, terminal gear repair, netting and taking off fish and general lake patrol. You all did a great job and I thank you very much.

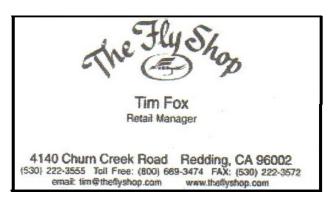
Earl Johnston

Fishout Attendees – There are two easy ways to sign up for the fishouts, at the meetings or by calling the Fishmaster. If you sign up and then find you will be absent, please advise the Fishmaster. This is so we can better serve our members by appropriate planning for each fishout. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your Fishout committee Co-chairs - Earl Johnston & Jerry Marks

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October Membership Meeting Wednesday October 14 – 7:00 PM Redding Library

Fly Fishing for Steelhead on Oregon's Upper Rogue River

Oregon's Rogue River is one of the premier rivers of the west and STFF has scheduled its Second Annual Steelhead Adventure & Bash October 25 – 28 on the Upper Rogue at Shady Cove, Oregon. This month's program is presented by Rogue River Fly Shop co-owner **Jeff Fox** who will reveal the secrets how to successfully fish steelhead on these fabled waters. Jeff is responsible for developing steelhead flies and techniques which are being used on both Oregon and California rivers.

Jeff grew up in Northern California has been guiding on the Rogue and other rivers in Southern Oregon for over a decade.

Jeff will be presenting a steelhead fly tying demonstration prior to the meeting beginning at 6:00 PM.



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Next Meeting

Wednesday Oct 14, 2009 6:00 PM – Fly tying Demo 7:00 PM – Fly Fishing Upper Rogue River Redding Library

Fishouts

Sun-Tues Oct 11-13 Eagle Lake Sun-Wed Oct 25-29 Rogue River

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