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 2009

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Once again it is time for our yearly elections. We have a good slate of candidates for the Board of Directors and club officers. Dennis Black notified me that he couldn't take on the position of President for 2010 due to his health and business commitments, and I'm sorry to have to accept his wishes. Dennis will, however, remain on the board for 2010. That leaves the club with a problem – for me in particular. Dick Recchia would be the likely candidate for President, but he is tied up through March with the club annual banquet. So, unless some good member steps forwarded, I will have to continue as the club President. Anyone who would be interested in running either as an officer or board member, please contact me before the meeting or when nominations from the floor are called for.

The following have been nominated:

Bill Lenheim – PresidentJeff Collins – TreasurerDoug Christion – DirectorDick Recchia – Vice PresidentDennis Black – DirectorRobert Vanderhyde – DirectorAlan Jones – SecretaryJerry Marks – DirectorCreighton Smith – Director

The club's pre-holiday cocktail party at Win River was a winner. With over 40 members, wives, and guests attending, plenty of hors d'oeuvres, and lots of great fish tales and other non-descript stories, we all had a good time. It was a great way to start the holidays, and thanks to **Dennis Black** for getting this set up.

The club was blessed with a lot of hard working members handling the programs and projects that make the club function. I know that it is likely that I will miss someone, but I will try my best to thank you all in this column: Walt Cole for the coffee at meetings, all of the fish masters for leading outings, Dennis Black for a great banquet, Doug Christion for membership work, Jim Shilling for conservation work, Earl Johnston and Dave Allred for publicity work, Jerry Marks for doing more than his share, Dick Recchia for the fund raisers and always being available to help out, Jeff Collins for doing so much behind the scenes for the club, Allen Slattery for fly tying, Stew Stewart for his fly tying and direction, Dale Huffman for the beginner tying program, Art Agnew for the great programs we had in 2009, Tom Taylor for his work on the Fishcamp scholarships, Guy Manning for the web page, and Marsha & Bary Caranci and Jim Jensen for the monthly newsletter.

Happy Holidays and I hope you have a great New Year!

Bill Lenheim, President 2009 530 223 6090

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Calendar of Events

December 2009

- 2 **Board of Directors Meeting** Offices of Matson & Isom 292 Hemsted, Redding Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Sat. Fly Tying Jam Session Good Time Pizza, Palo Cedro 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 9 **Annual Membership Meeting** Photo Contest Election of Officers and Directors Redding Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **Breakfast Gathering** Country Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.
- Fishout Lower Sac Float 11 Fishmaster – Walt Cole
- The 2nd Thurs Breakfast is cancelled 24 as it falls on Christmas eve
- 25 Merry Christmas!

January 2010

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STFF Members: Please Remember to Wear Your Name Badges to all Club Functions

STFF 2009 FISHOUT SCHEDULE

MONTHDAYDATEWATERFISHMASTERDecemberFriday11Lower Sac FloatWalt Cole

STFF 2010 TENTATIVE FISHOUT SCHEDULE

MONTH	DAY	DATE	WATER	<u>FISHMASTER</u>
January	Tuesday	12	Baum Lake	R. Burke & G. Nelson
February	Tuesday	9 (18 alt.)	Lower Sac. Wade	Craig Nielson
March	Saturday	13	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
March	Thursday	18	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
March	Wednesday	24	Donner Hat Creek	Earl Johnston
March	Saturday	27	Trinity River	Dick Recchia
April	Saturday	3	Trinity Holy Water	Bill Lenheim
April	Tuesday	6	Trinity Holy Water	Creighton Smith
April	Saturday	24	Lewiston Lake	Benson Kanemoto
May	Tuesday	18	Clear Creek PM	Jerry Waybright
May	Tuesday	25	Shasta Lake Bass	John Gantner
June	Monday	14	Crater Lake, CA	Robert Vanderhyde
June	Fri-Sun	25-27	Almanor Hex	Dale Huffman
July	Wednesday	7	McCloud Res.	Earl Johnston
July	Saturday	17	Upper Sac.	Gerald Nelson
August	Mon -Thur	2-5	Klamath Lake, OR	Fred David
August	Wednesday	18	Iron Canyon Res.	Don Wieseman
September	Tuesday	7	Baum Lake	Alan Jones
September	Tuesday	21	Whiskeytown Lake	
October	Sun-Tue	10-12	Eagle Lake	J. & <i>G</i> . Fair
October	Tuesday	19	Manzanita Lake	
October	Sun-Wed	24-27	Rogue River	Jerry Marks
November	Wed-Sun	4-7	Delta Striperfest	Art Agnew
November	Thursday	18	Trinity Steelhead	Ross Morrison
December	Saturday	4 (11 alt.)	Lower Sac	Alan Jones
	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.

Lower Sac-Fishout Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 Fishmaster - Walt Cole

Meeting Site: Bonnyview Boat Ramp @ 9am. Take I-5 to Bonnyview off ramp, head West

to second stop light, Indianwood St., turn left into boat ramp area.

Species: Rainbow trout

Flies: Please call the Fly Shop for the latest flies to be used.

Equipment: 5-6 wt rods. Floating line. Pontoon boat or motorized jet boat.

You will need a water craft. Bring a PFD.

Please sign up at the December 9th STFF meeting, or contact Walt Cole

Phone 244-4429 or e-mail river1935@sbcglobal.net

Take out: Benson Kanemoto's house. There will be a STFF outing sign at the take out.

His house is on river to right, about 1 mile past, where Clear Creek enters the Sac. River.

Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

Broken Lines

This will be my last Broken Lines Column as I am stepping down from the Conservation Director position. That being said the club is looking for someone that would like to continue the momentum and take over the Conservation Director position for 2010. If you're interested please contact either me or next year's club president.

In 2009 the club showed a great spirit of volunteerism and we did get some things accomplished, of which the two most notable projects were the Red Bank Trout Survey in Lassen County and refurbishing and replacing the Angler Survey signs for the DFG. I'd like to thank the following members who volunteered during 2009. If I missed someone please accept my apology.

Bill Lenheim, Jerry Marks, Allen Slattery, Rich Artusy, Steve Irey, Earl Johnston, Gerald Nelson, Tim Peters, Creighton Smith, Brad Best, Tom Taylor, John Thorn, Rick Weick, and Dan Wittorff.

The McCloud River

If you have email you have probably been getting an email practically every day regarding the relicensing of the McCloud River by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. I attended the public meeting in Redding on 10/21/09. Unfortunately I could only attend for one hour of the all day meeting but some of the #%&*#^ that was said and proposed during that one hour got me worked up. I would urge you to study the issues and write or email the various agencies involved with your comments.

Jim Shilling

JANUARY FISHOUT at BAUM LAKE

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 12, 2010 Fishmaster: Ray Burke & Gerald Nelson 638-6633 glnelson8@frontiernet.net

Meeting Site: My-T-Fine Market parking lot, Hwy. 299 & Deschutes Rd.

Time: Early enough to carpool, coffee etc. 8:30 AM *PROMPT* departure. We will caravan to the lake.

Jerry and Earl will lead the caravan, the fishmaster will meet you at the lake.

Equipment: 4-6 wt rod, floating line, 4-5 X leader and/or intermediate full sink line.

Flies: Your usual lake midges (in black) and nymphs in small sizes will work as will bugger and leach patterns size 6-12.

BWO size 18, ParaAdams size 16-20. Please check with THE FLY SHOP for the latest hatch data.

Special Equipment: Float tubes, prams (no gas motors, elect. ok), pontoon boats, waders and foul weather gear.

Bank fishing is difficult because of the mud and ice, but doable.

Lakeshore crash course on how to catchem will be presented by a local expert.

The Coffee and Doughnut bar will be open at the lake shore.

Lunch: Hot chili and cornbread will be served from 1:00 to 1:30. Please bring your own drinks.

Please sign up at the December meeting or contact the Fishmaster to do so. If you sign up and later find that you can't attend please call him.

This Fishout is subject to cancellation at the last minute due to bad weather so please make sure we have your phone number.

Mv-T-Fine Market is a lonely place early in the morning, all by yourself, in the rain or snow.

Beginning January 2010, the Club will hold a Spey Casting program on the third Sunday of each month from 9 am to 12 pm at the Barge Hole Gravel Bar. This is an opportunity for the beginner to the advanced Spey caster to practice, try new rods and have a great time on the river. The Barge Hole is located 6.2 miles south of the Battle Creek Launch Ramp, dirt road on the right.

(Contact Bill Lenheim 530 223 6090 for info)

Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers - December 5, 2009 Fly Tying Jam Session

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers will conduct a fly tying jam session on **December 5**. The guest tier will be **Bill LaPaze**. Bill will be tying the Munchkin, Phil Rowley's Chromie, and Gary LaFontaine's Beaded Twist Nymph. The session will be 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.

The January 2010 Fly Tying Jam Session will be held on January 6th at Goodtime Pizza & Things.

Notice: STFF will hold its annual Fly Tying class in 2010 around the end of January or the first of February. This class is for basic and intermediate tiers who want to improve their skills. This class is not for tiers without a basic knowledge of Fly Tying techniques and tools.

Contact Dale Huffman at 221-4988 or at dalesfishing@sbcglobal.net

STRIPERFEST - 2009 - San Joaquin Delta

Fishing the California Delta is a fantastic experience for anyone willing to venture to this legendary fishery. At this time of the year its home to a variety of water fowl and other wild life but striped bass are king. It's a fly fisher's heaven so on Wednesday, November 4th a band of STFF members, **Allan Craig, John Gantner, Jeff Collins, Dale Huffman,** and **Art Agnew** left Redding to pursue this fabled fish.

With over 1000 miles of waterways that make up the delta we chose Bethel Island for our home, putting John's trailer at the Sugar Barge Marina & RV Park located on Piper Slough next to Franks Tract. Allan and Art provided the boats.

Fishing was not the greatest but we all caught a number of "Shakers" and "Almost Legal" Stripers. Dale had two great days of fishing, catching a number of stripers, with one going almost 20 inches. Allan was high rod catching a number of small fish but also landing two stripers between 6 and 8 pounds.

Following our fishing we attended Dan Blanton's Striperfest, held annually the first Saturday of November. The Striperfest is a great BBQ and a chance to mingle with some of the most knowledgeable striped bass fly fishers on the West Coast. Over 140 were in attendance and this event's raffle rose over \$15,000, which will go to support the NCCFFF's Delta Conservation Committee and CSPA.

Plans are already underway for next year's delta striped bass outing, so mark your calendars for the first week in November 2010 and plan to attend.







The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers 2010 banquet will be held at Win-River Casino on Saturday, March 20th starting at 5:00 P.M.

Raffle and Auction prizes worth over \$15,000 in fly fishing gear, trips, etc.

If you haven't completed your reservations, please use the reservation form shown below, and either mail it to Dick Recchia [address shown below] or send a copy by email [rdrservices@frontiernet.net]

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Package 'A" : Individual Tid	ckets only -\$40.00
Package 'B": two (2) Ticket	ets only -\$75.00
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Please circ	cle the tickets you wish to purchase
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\$ 1 each	\$ 3 each
6 for \$5	2 for \$5
14 for \$10	4 for \$10
30 for \$20	10 for \$25
	25 for \$50
Name (s) of attendees:	
Home telephone number:_	
Total amount due: \$	check enclosed* bill me
*[Make checks p	payable to Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers]
Send	the completed reservation form to:
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Banquet Committee Chairman	
8919 Deschutes Rd.	
Palo Cedro, CA 96073	
Cell: 530.356-0547	
Email: rdrservices@frontiernet.ne	et e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e

Second Annual Rogue River Steelhead Adventure and Bash October 25 - 28

Fishmaster - Jerry Marks

Nineteen STFF members met at the Rouge River R.V. park on Sunday evening to begin the festivities with an impromptu cocktail party followed by dinner and a good nights sleep.

The anglers were off early the next morning. Some went to the Holy Water, some floated the river in their pontoon boats and some went with our guide, **Jeff Fox.** After a day of fishing in cold, rainy weather, everyone gathered in the R.V. park pavilion for a cocktail and potluck BBQ party. Our member's cocktail snacks, side dishes and deserts were so delicious that several folks did not cook their meat. Recipes were exchanged.

Tuesday's weather was the same as the anglers all headed off to different areas while the ladies went shopping and to lunch. Our group got together at the local Mexican restaurant for dinner and an evening of friendship and fellowship. A great time was had by all.

Fish reports as follows:

Tony Holdren reported landing one five-pound Steelhead, on a Stonefly. **Bill Keep** caught one large Rainbow at the Holy Water. He then got chased out of the water and up the bank by Mr. Lenheim's dog who released herself from being tangled up in his fly line. **John Gantner**, after guiding Bill Keep and Jerry Marks to the Holy Water, gave them some of his files, a few instructions and put them in the water. John retained his title of *Lord of The Holy Water* with over 18 large Trout to hand. He had been there the day before and released four fish up to 22 inches.

Dick Recchia reported four Trout at The Holy Water up to 20 inches on BWOs and a PT on Monday and one 4 pound Steelhead on an egg pattern plus two Cutthroat Trout on an Ice Nymph while floating near Grant's Pass with Jeff on Tuesday. **Creighton Smith** reported three Trout, 14 to 17 inches on dry flies at the Holy Water on Sunday. On Monday he floated with Jeff Fox and got several half pounders. Tuesday, he floated again with Jeff and hooked four and released three adult Steelhead, along with several half pounders. Jeff weighed the largest fish at exactly 8 pounds. **Brad Best** reported one four-pound Steelhead to the net on a Stonefly while floating with Jeff. **Jerry Marks** released several fat Rainbows at the Holy Water on Gantner bugs and one 18 incher on a # 14 bubble Adams sight casting.

In attendance were Bill & Bonnie Lenheim, John & Maggie Gantner, Art & Sue Agnew, Tony & Linda Holdren, Brad & Beth Best, Carl & Billie Aronson, Dick & Kay Russell, Jerry & Ruth Marks, Creighton Smith, Dick Recchia and Bill Keep.

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to a great, fun filled, Fishout. See you again next year.

Tight lines, Your Fishout committee





Trinity River Fishout Report

On a cold fall morning on November 12th, eighteen Fly Fishers met at the Douglas City Fire Station for our annual Trinity River outing to chase fall-run steelhead. As usual, Jerry Marks met us with a smile on his face, steaming hot coffee, and the infamous pink boxes of donuts.

Ross gave an overview of our plan to break into groups to search out different river accesses from the Old Lewiston Bridge down to Pigeon Point in the North Fork Trinity area. Some of the guys decided to float the upper river in one- and two-person boats, while the rest of the group drove to the various access points and walked and waded. The river seemed to be less crowded from Lewiston to Douglas City, while the stretch from Junction City to the North Fork was packed with boats and wade fishers.

Even though the river had challenging conditions with low flows and clear water, three adult steelhead were caught. The reports from the various groups were quite diverse, but when all was said and done, there were a few nice fish, no major injuries, and only one reported rod tip section lost. The Bill Lenheim/Dick Recchia team christened Bill's new craft with a float using one oar (congratulations on making it safely to the take out) and one rod (a rod section was lost on the initial launch). Bill also needs to be reminded that "launching" doesn't require the rower to dive head first into the boat. Bary Caranci's group fished the Douglas City Campground water with Bary aptly demonstrating the art of steelhead fishing by landing two nice steelhead.

Dave Dinelli, with some assistance from Ross, caught his first steelhead and reports a number of lessons learned on how to land a "big, determined" steelhead that he would like to share, as follows:

- Get your hands away from the reel so it won't crack your knuckles and lose the fish as it makes a run (he learned that one the hard way);
- Keep pressure on the fish, but let him run when he wants;
- Pump the rod and reel in line when the fish allows; and
- Look out for and don't fall over rocks as you inch toward shore

By the way Dave's fish, a nice hatchery buck of about 25 inches, earned him the coveted big-fish trophy for the outing.

We ended the day at the One Maple Vineyards where our hosts Tony and Heidi 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 Jerry and to the group leaders, Bill Lenheim, Bary Caranci, and Jim Murphy.

By Ross Morrison, Outing Leader





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December Membership Meeting Wednesday December 9 – 7:00 PM Redding Library

The December meeting will be the Annual Meeting and **Election of Officers and Directors** for 2010. In addition we will hold the **STFF photo contest** (see rules below). **Allan Craig** will also play a DVD about fishing the Grande Ronde.

STFF Photo Contest Rules

Must be a STFF member to enter contest Photograph size - 8" x 10" max, 5" x 7" min Photograph can not be computer enhanced Photograph must have been taken in 2009 No Frames or Matting will be allowed 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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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting Wednesday, Dec 9, 2009

7:00 PM – Annual Members Meeting Redding Library

Fishouts

Friday, Dec 11 – Lower Sac Float

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