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# Headwaters

Newsletter of the  
Stanislaus Fly Fishers

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Next  
General Meeting

**August 11, 2015  
6:00 PM**

Mill Creek Church,  
147 Auto Center  
Court  
Modesto, CA

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RIVERS OF RECOVERY

## President's Message

*By Pat Roe*

Are these the "Dog Days of August"? We have been lucky to have unseasonably mild weather this summer, and I'm not complaining.

I recently took a few days to camp and fish in Hope Valley off Hwy 88. I fished the East Carson briefly but the water was pretty warm so I packed it in and headed closer to camp on the West Carson, which was a litter cooler. The beaver dam we found across the river last year is still there backing up the river in what use to be some nice riffles and runs. The dry fly action was fun though.

Our trip was mostly an R and R one so I found myself rereading some old fly fishing books. One is called *In Hemingway's Meadow*, edited by Joe Healy and published by Fly Rod & Reel books. All of the

short stories are by authors who have won the Robert Traver award. It is a good read. The other book of interest is John Gierach's *Standing in a River Waving a Stick*. I find his books interesting, humorous and full of useful information, to some extent. Give them a try if you haven't already.

You may by now have heard that Bob Nakagawa, and now Holland Ney, are working for Jim Slattery at his Campfire Lodge along the Madison River in West Yellowstone, Montana. Definitely worth a visit before they close down for the winter. There is a [link](#) to it on our website. Go for a visit if you have a chance.

Until next time, wade carefully.

– Pat

# Stanislaus Fly Fishers Membership Information

Membership dues are \$36 per year for members.

Members must also join the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Dues vary, but do not exceed \$35 for a single, one-year membership.

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# Club News

## August Program – Skills Night

There will be no outside speaker this month. We will be holding another roundtable meeting with some members tying flies and answering questions, others helping with casting questions/problems, and a demonstration of tying braided leaders. Come and find out what others have been doing this summer, learn a few new things, and just generally enjoy the camaraderie.

Unfortunately we won't have the benefit of the vast expertise of Bud Heintz this month since he'll be tying at the IFFF Oregon Conclave. We'll miss the opportunity to pick his brain this time, but he is usually more than willing to share his knowledge with members so don't be afraid to ask him questions when he returns.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Want to volunteer for a good cause? Have fly tying and casting skills you'd like to share with some scouts? Member Jim Goodwin and the Boy Scouts are looking for volunteers to help on Saturday, August 29, 2015, at the Sierra Valley District's 2105 August Merit Badge Midway. Complete information can be found [linked here](#). The event will be held at the LDS church located at 6060 Northland Road, Manteca. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15: p.m. If interested, please contact Jim @ (209) 872-4609 or see him at the August meeting.

## Rod Action vs. Power

For the novice fly fisherman, it's nicely explained in this [YouTube video](#) by Tim Rajeff of Rajeff Sports.

## For The Tyers ...

*The Four Temperaments of Peacock Herl* by Rodney Chun presents four ways of selecting and tying peacock herl that provide different appearances and characteristics. Read the article [here](#) on the Peninsula Fly Fishers website.

## Membership

Membership Dues (\$36) are past due. Please pay at your earliest convenience.

The Board has voted to upgrade all memberships to "Family Membership" status. Spouses, significant others and children are now all included in every membership.

## Stanislaus Fly Fishers 2015 Board of Directors

President – Pat Roe  
Vice-President – Jim Bowen  
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At-Large – Thomas Goodwin  
At-Large – Bob Nakagawa

*Board Meetings are held on  
Thursdays two weeks before a  
General Meeting. Wish to  
attend a Board Meeting?  
Contact any board member for  
time and location.*

## Club News (Cont.)

### Dinner

Dinner will be served at the club meeting.

***There is a \$7.00 suggested donation to cover expenses.***

### Raffle News

When held, the small item raffle is \$5 per ticket or 3/\$10 and only for members in attendance the night of the meeting. The items will be on display and the raffle tickets sold prior to the meeting. The raffle will be held at the end of the meeting time.

### DOOR PRIZE

The monthly door prize is for members only. When you arrive and sign in at the meeting, you will receive a ticket for the door prize raffle of a half-dozen flies tied by one of our members.

***Members who donate flies for the door-prize drawing, will receive two regular raffle tickets.***

### LARGE RAFFLE

The large raffle features two Sumo rod holders/transporters. **Just added:** We've added a new Lamson Liquid 2 5wt Reel to the raffle. About half the deck of cards has been sold. Raffle





# Upcoming Outings

## LAKE DAVIS OUTING

October – Watch for more information

FISHMEISTER: Jim Bowen?

Located near Portola, CA. Details still being developed.

## [SALMON FESTIVAL](#) (Click for link)

Saturday, November 14, 10:00am – 3:00 p.m.

Knights Ferry, CA.

Come join the members as we host a booth sharing club and fly fishing information, demonstrating casting and fly tying, and generally being ambassadors for the sport!

## EAGLE LAKE OUTING

November – Specifics to be determined

FISHMEISTER: Derald Lahti?

# Tentative Upcoming Meeting Presentations

Not all presentations are confirmed at this time and depend on presenters' availability. Check future newsletters for updated information.

**September** – [The Nature Conservancy](#)

**October** – [Jack Harrison: Surf Fishing](#)

**November** – [California Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)

**December** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Dinner: December 8, 2015. Advance reservations required. more information to follow.

**Just For Laughs ...** Thanks to our friends at [Tundra Comics](#)

