

March 2017

Headwaters

Newsletter of the
Stanislaus Fly Fishers

Stanislaus
Fly Fishers

**A CHARTER CLUB
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF
FLY FISHERS**

**MEMBER OF THE
NORTHERN
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FEDERATION OF
FLY FISHERS**

**March 2016
General Meeting**

**March 14, 2017
6:00 PM**

New Location!

**Grace Lutheran
Church
617 W.
Orangeburg
Modesto, CA**

President's Message

By Jim Goodwin

I want to thank Jim Bowen and his previous administration for all the countless hours put in running the club for the past years. They did a wonderful job getting us to where we are today and I look forward to continuing their traditions.

We have moved into a new era of the club with a change in meeting locations. One of the things I kept hearing was needing a meeting location that we could practice casting and one which wasn't so large. I have been a member of Grace Lutheran Church (617 W Orangeburg Ave Modesto) my whole life and it seemed like the perfect location for us to meet. I know the previous leadership had been looking and I was glad to work with the church administration to secure a meeting place. Because we will begin meeting there this month, if you know of someone that isn't on Facebook or gets the club newsletter, let them know of the location change.

Water and lots of it. What a difference it makes when we have water. I have been to and heard about fishing in locations I have not fished in many, many years.

Remember Two Mile Bar? It had been at least 10 years since I last fished there and the reports in January/February were not wrong. Where those large rainbows came from, I have no clue, but it was nice returning to a local fishing beat that reminded me of taking Thomas there when he was eight years old and fishing out of milk boots!!! What other local areas that have we passed up that are now possible local fishing locations? Mill Pond, Knights Ferry, Lower Merced River?

As we move into a new era the board of directors is looking for more membership involvement. Is there a board position that you might be interested in helping with? We are trying to have two-deep leadership for all board positions so if you just have a little time and an interest we would like to have you come aboard. See myself or Jeff Bakker for details.

I hope to see all of you at this month's meeting at Grace Lutheran Church on Tuesday March 14th. Bring a rod to cast on the lawn.

Tight Lines!!!
Jim Goodwin

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

Program: Ken Hanley *Fly Fishing for Largemouth Bass*

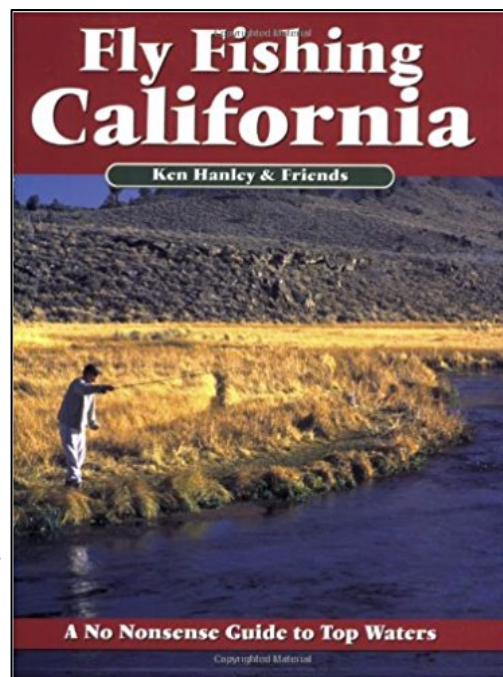
Ken Hanley (CA DFG guide license #2596) has been conducting fishing and adventure specialty programs since 1970. Over 15,000 students have taken advantage of Ken's varied programs both in the field and on the water. His award-winning instructional programs are well respected throughout the adventure industry.

Ken's instructional DVD's cover a variety of gamefish; from saltwater salmon to largemouth bass. He's the author of seven books. Ken also writes and photographs for national and regional publications in the outdoor industry.

Ken's extensive field experience spans the globe; from the highest peaks in Tibet and the Himalaya, to the remote wilderness regions of Asia, New Zealand, Mexico, Europe, and North America. From panfish to roosterfish, he's caught over 90 different species of fresh and saltwater gamefish.

He holds numerous Pro Staff positions, and is sponsored by the following companies: SAGE, SIMMS, Patagonia, Daiichi, Renzetti, Umpqua, Whiting Farms and Dr. Slick.

Ken was chosen as the 2005 inductee into the NCC/FFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. Since 1981 the Hall of Fame award has been presented to the individual who has made outstanding contributions to the sport of fly fishing. The criteria for this distinction include the improvement of the art, science, literature, techniques, enjoyment and conservation of fly fishing and the resource.



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Stanislaus Fly Fishers 2017 Board of Directors

President – Jim Goodwin
Vice-President – Jeff Bakker
Secretary – Michael Hewitt
Treasurer – Bob Ramos
Outings – Volker Kropp
Membership – Lonnie Moore
 – Rick Allen
Past-President – Jim Bowen
At-Large – Bud Heintz
At-Large – Pat Roe
At-Large – Bob Nakagawa

*Board Meetings are held
on the fourth Tuesday of the
month at 5:00 p.m. at Me &
Ed's Pizza on Pelandale Ave. in
Modesto. All members are
welcome to attend.*

Club News (Cont.)

Dinner

Dinner will be available at the club meeting for the first 25 members. **Suggested \$7.00 donation!**

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.

LARGE RAFFLE (52 Playing Cards + 2 Jokers)

The current large raffle features a ½ day guided trip with Fish Habit Outfitters, a fly reel, and a tying tools kit, with other prizes expected. \$10 per chance. Raffle held when all cards are sold.

Membership

Membership Dues (\$36) for 2016 are due. For your convenience, we can now accept a credit card for your dues, but there will be an additional fee of \$1.00 to cover the cost of the transaction.

All memberships are “Family Membership” status. Spouses, significant others and children are now all included in every membership.

Reminder: These are the club dues and *DO NOT* include IFFF dues. IFFF dues are paid directly to the IFFF and must be maintained regularly since the SFF is an IFFF Charter Club. If you are not an IFFF Life Member, or do not pay for three years at a time, **you must renew your membership yearly!** Also, remember to list the Stanislaus Fly Fishers as your **Affiliated Club**. This is important due to our Charter Club status. The online application for IFFF membership is linked below.

IFFF Membership Application: <https://fedflyfishers.org/SignUp/tabid/369/Default.aspx>

Upcoming Outings & Events

PYRAMID LAKE OUTING

Thursday-Friday, April 6-7, 2017

***\$190 per/person, includes guide service.
Full payment needed by March
meeting.***

TROUTFEST

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Moccasin Creek Hatchery

EARTH DAY @ GRACEADA PARK

Saturday, April 22, 2017

KISTLER RANCH Outing

Sunday, April 23, 2017

FLY FISHING FILM TOUR/ RIVERS OF RECOVERY FUNDRAISER

May 4, 2017 – State Theater

YUBA RIVER OUTING

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Postponed from February

Officer Elections

As per the bylaws, which are taken from IFFF's recommendations, elections were held at the last general meeting for four elected offices. Our club elects a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Your 2017 Board of Directors are:

President – Jim Goodwin

Vice-President – Jeff Bakker

Secretary – Mike Hewitt

Treasurer – Bob Ramos

The other Board positions are open to volunteers and are assigned by the Board. For 2017, we have the following:

Membership – Lonnie Moore & Rick Allen

Programs – **Open**

Outings – Volker Krupp

Conservation – **Open**

Raffles Coordinator – **Open**

At-Large Members – Bob Nakagawa, Pat Roe, Jim Bowen, & Bud Heintz.

Thank you to those members who are taking time out of their busy lives to devote time to keeping our club healthy for the upcoming year! As you can see there are still a couple of positions that are open and we could use some volunteers to fill them and share the load. We're looking forward to an exciting 2017 with lots of opportunities to get out on the water.

We're Moving!

While we are grateful for Mill Creek Church providing us with a home for our general meetings for the past few years, we have missed the opportunity to have a place for members to practice casting before meetings. With that in mind, President Jim Goodwin has secured the use of Grace Lutheran Church facilities for future meetings. We will now have a lawn area for members to get in a little practice and perhaps receive a little coaching to polish their technique.

Additionally, those members who would enjoy wine or beer with their dinner may bring their own to our new facility.

Here is a map pointing to our new location. Note you should use the parking lot on the Enslen side of the property.



Grace Lutheran Church, 617 W. Orangeburg, Modesto

Conservation Notes

Drowning or dying of thirst

A word from CalTrout's ED, Curtis Knight



California's weather has always been variable. We often hear—is this going to be a normal water year? In reality there is no 'normal' year for California water. Our Mediterranean climate is defined by seasonal variability—wet winter, dry summers. But we also see this pattern from year-to-year and climate change predictions are for this trend to increase. Indeed, we are seeing this first-hand as we are in the midst of one of the wettest years on record after struggling through four years of severe drought.

So all this water is good, right? For fish, it's an obvious yes. Fish need water. As harsh as some of these flows may seem, they are necessary for maintaining river health. Large flows scour deep pools, cleanse and distribute spawning gravel, and increase habitat complexity.

2017 started off with tremendous snowfall followed by high elevation rains – thanks to the effect known as the 'Atmospheric River' or 'Pineapple Express'. This one-two punch of big snow pack then warm rain is what stresses our flood control systems. The last time we experienced flows of similar magnitude was during the holiday season of 1996-97. Here are some tidbits from the first couple months of 2017 (...and it's not over yet):

- *The Eel River reached 258,000 cfs at Scotia*
 - *The Yolo Bypass got to 180,000 cfs (about half its capacity)*
 - *The McCloud River peaked at over 20,000 cfs going by The Nature Conservancy cabins (they survived!)*
 - *The Upper Sac peaked at 38,000 into Shasta Reservoir*
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For our state's water supply too, these winter storms have been beneficial. Reservoirs are brimming for the first time in years. In fact, today the Bureau of Reclamation announced it would fulfill all Central Valley Project water allocations. And groundwater basins are being replenished—though it will take many years to recover

groundwater aquifers from the unregulated pumping that occurred during the last four years of drought.

However, all this water has been a severe test for California's aging water infrastructure. Oroville Dam and the compromised spillway underscore the need for investment in water infrastructure. Indeed, on February 24th, Governor Brown requested \$387 million from Proposition 1 spending to pay for high-priority flood prevention projects through June 2018. These projects include reducing urban flood risks, particularly in the Sacramento and Stockton regions, maintaining levees, and building levee setbacks.

In contrast, the Yolo Bypass, the state's largest flood relief valve, has worked remarkably well transporting hundreds of thousands cubic feet per second of water and protecting the greater Sacramento area. Not coincidentally, the Yolo Bypass is the location of our Nigiri project on Knaggs Ranch where we are showing the benefits from allowing juvenile salmon access to rice fields, mimicking lost floodplain rearing habitat. Not only is the Yolo Bypass good for public safety, it's also good for fish, waterfowl, and wildlife.

Water experts widely agree that projects like the Yolo Bypass and underground storage should be replicated at every opportunity.

"It's really extraordinary what the Yolo Bypass accomplishes," said Jeffery Mount, a watershed scientist at the California Public Policy Institute in an interview with the [San Francisco Chronicle](#). Yolo Bypass handles water volumes exceeding those of the Mississippi River and "keeps Sacramento from being wiped off the map," he states. "These are terrific as flood management structures, and they also provide exceptional environmental benefits."

CalTrout agrees that investment in the state's water infrastructure is needed. But we advocate for water infrastructure that balances the needs of wild fish and people. We need to re-think the way we have stored and moved water to better benefit public safety and the environment. As CalTrout senior scientist Jacob Katz observed, "What the crisis at Oroville Dam really makes clear is that a system made out of concrete, to rigidly confine and constrain nature, is always going to be brittle. People have been so focused on concrete that it's taken a long time to realize that working with nature rather than against it is much safer and much more profitable."

Tight lines,



Club members: Volunteers needed!

TROUT FEST 2017

TOUCH A FISH ~ TASTE A FISH ~ FEED A FISH ~ CATCH A FISH



**Saturday
9am - 1pm
(Rain or Shine)**

APRIL 8TH

MOCCASIN CREEK HATCHERY

15300 Hwy 49, Moccasin, CA 95347
At the junction of Hwy 49 and Hwy 120

All Activities are Free

All Gear is Provided

Fishing for 15 years and under only.

Casting • Fly Casting • Trout Tasting • Fish Printing • Kid's Fishing
Aquarium • CDFW Displays • Dissection • Trout Touch Pool • Aquatic Insects
Feed the Fish • Trout Cleaning • Rigging • Fly Tying

LEARN TO TIE ~ LEARN TO CAST ~ LEARN TO CLEAN ~ LEARN TO COOK



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Important Notice!!! Pyramid Outing Attendees

**Remember that your \$190 guide fee is due at the March General Meeting!
Make checks payable to Stanislaus Fly Fishers. Thank you!**



Stanislaus Fly Fishers Pyramid Outing - 2015

