

2017

Headwaters

Newsletter of the
Stanislaus Fly Fishers

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Fly Fishers

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**April 2017
General Meeting**

**April 11, 2017
6:00 PM**

New Location!

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

President's Message

By Jim Goodwin

This month as the weather gets warmer & days are longer I hope you are finding time to get out and cast on our local waters. If not, we have the annual bass outing at Kistler Ranch on Sunday April 23rd to get you started. Details will be announced at the April club meeting on Tuesday April 11th.

Club dues are due along with your membership in the IFFF. As an affiliate club of the IFFF, all members need to have dual memberships. The IFFF provides many things for our club, one of which is the liability insurance for club meeting & outings.

My goal for the club is to involve as many of the club members as possible. With that said if you have a little time or interest in helping the club's organization, please let myself or Jeff Bakker know. We can use all members who can offer their skills to running the club.

Starting this month Bud Heintz will be doing fly tying instructions starting at 5:00 PM at the club meeting. Somewhere in the newsletter will be the fly of the month so you will know going in

what's on tap for the month. All tiers are welcome – beginner to veteran. Casting on the lawn will also be available starting @ 5:00 PM.

Looking toward the near future Holland Ney will be setting up a rod building class. He will be putting together a build list with options as to material & components for various budgets. Currently Holland is building a rod for Rivers of Recovery – Fly Fishing Film Tour for the raffle. If you have never seen Holland's work, come out to the film night, May 4th, and see the rod offered. We are also looking for donations to be part of the raffle from club members.

As for this month's club meeting we will be getting a firsthand report from Pyramid Lake. Local fishing reports from the members & knowledge as to where to go fishing will be shared. We also have Earth Day coming up on Saturday April 22nd & Yuba River outing on June 24th. There's a lot going on in the next couple of months so as a reminder we need your help.

*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:

Fly Tying, Casting, & Sharing

There will be no featured speaker this month. Instead, we will have a review of recent activities (Pyramid Lake, Trout Fest) and a preview of upcoming events (Earth Day, Kistler Ranch Outing, and the F3T at The State Theater). In addition, there will be time for fly casting and fly tying before and after the formal part of the meeting.

Fly of the Month

We are initiating a new feature to our meetings. Bud Heintz will be presenting a "Fly of the Month" for tiers to work on. This month, Bud will offer some variations on a standard fly that will be useful at the Kistler Ranch outing, as well as anytime you are fishing Stillwater: the Woolly Bugger. If you've never tied, this is a good fly to begin with, and even an experienced tier may learn a thing or two from Bud's variations and approach.

Trout Fest 2017 @ Moccasin Creek Hatchery

Gus Link, Roger Ringsted and Mike Hewitt represented the club at Trout Fest at the Moccasin Creek Hatchery this past Saturday. The looming weather front seemed to keep a lot of people away compared to past years, but most of the day was actually rain-free and the kids had a blast checking out the various stations, including actually catching a fish they could keep, as well as fish paintings, fish cleaning, fly tying, fly casting, knot tying, fish tasting, entomology, and fly fishing with a Food Pellet Fly. Fly fishers were not allowed to have a hook on their lines, but the pellet fly was a hit and they all got a big kick out of the many "takes" they got.

Gus was the master chef at the fish tasting station, along with his special assistant, Leigh Koch-Caine. Roger and Mike worked the fly casting station, which as usual, presented some "interesting" casters. There was at least one young lady who had been through the casting station we had at the Salmon Festival this past fall.

Friend Cary Westbrook (Mother Lode Fly Fishers) worked the fish cleaning station, and Ken Jensen (Merced Fly Fishers) worked with the kids fly fishing with the pellet fly.

The wind and rain called a slightly premature halt to the festivities about 12:30 and had visitors scrambling for home and volunteers and staff scrambling to stow equipment and gear.

All in all, it was a great day!

Don't forget our new meeting location!

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

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

PYRAMID LAKE OUTING

Rescheduled: April 20-21, 2017

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

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Bubblemania & Co.
The Silly String Band
DJ Music & Games
Fishing Fun

Earth Day

In the park festival!

Graceada Park • April 22 • 10am - 4pm

O'Brien's Market
O-B-Green Recycling Event

- Free Paper Shredding
- Free Electronic Waste
- & CRV Recycling

Look it Recycle. Thank Me. No. No. No.

Free StaRT Bus to Earth Day
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Prizes Needed! We need prize donations for the RoR raffle to be held at the F3T event @ The State Theater. Please contact Mike Hewitt or Jim Goodwin if you or someone you know has a donation. We need to know as many as possible by April 18 to get the prize posters made. Late prizes will still be accepted, but the earlier we know, the better. Thank you!

Conservation Notes

CalTrout receives grants for fish passage improvement projects

March 29, 2017

CalTrout is excited to announce that we are the recipient of three grants totaling over \$5 million to fund large-scale fish passage improvement projects at Little Shasta River in the Shasta River Watershed, Mill Creek, a tributary to the Scott River in Siskiyou County, and Woodman Creek, a tributary to the Eel River in Mendocino County.

Our Shasta office will be implementing the **Hart Ranch Instream Flow Enhancement Project** thanks to a [\\$2.2 million grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board](#) using Proposition 1 funds. In cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences, the project involves dedicating 1.5 cubic feet per second (cfs) of cold water to the Little Shasta River on a privately owned land six miles east of Montague. This will be accomplished through a combination of on-farm efficiency savings and voluntary flow contributions from existing priority water rights. This water will enhance year round flows starting in the foothills and specifically target the out-migration of juvenile Coho salmon from April 1 through June 30.

The Shasta River was historically one of the most productive salmon streams in California. However, after more than a century of aquatic and riparian habitat degradation, dramatic declines in wild salmon populations have been observed, particularly with the federally threatened coho salmon. The observed decline of coho coincided with the development of both surface and groundwater sources in support of irrigated agricultural activities throughout the Shasta Basin including the Little Shasta River. The Little Shasta River is over-appropriated for agricultural use. During the recent drought, this led to “zero-flow” conditions throughout most of the lower valley reach. These conditions contribute to passage limitations for adult and juvenile salmonids, reductions in structurally complex aquatic habitat, and degraded water temperature conditions during juvenile coho over-summering. While a 1.5 cfs enhancement will not completely re-water the Little Shasta River year-around, it will significantly improve out-migration conditions and provide additional summer base flow, maintaining a wetted channel for a significantly longer a period of time.

The Shasta will also be working on fish passage on **Mill Creek** (Shackleford Creek) with a \$604,408 awarded from California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. Mill Creek is an important tributary to Scott River –one of four major tributaries of the Klamath River and an important native coho salmon river in the Interior Klamath River diversity stratum.

This project replaces a heavily used, unimproved ford/low water crossing structure on Mill Creek that creates a partial barrier for juvenile coho salmon in search of rearing habitat – with a steel bridge. The unimproved ford, used year round by local residents accessing private property, also contributes to excessive sedimentation and degraded floodplain interactions with the natural stream channel.

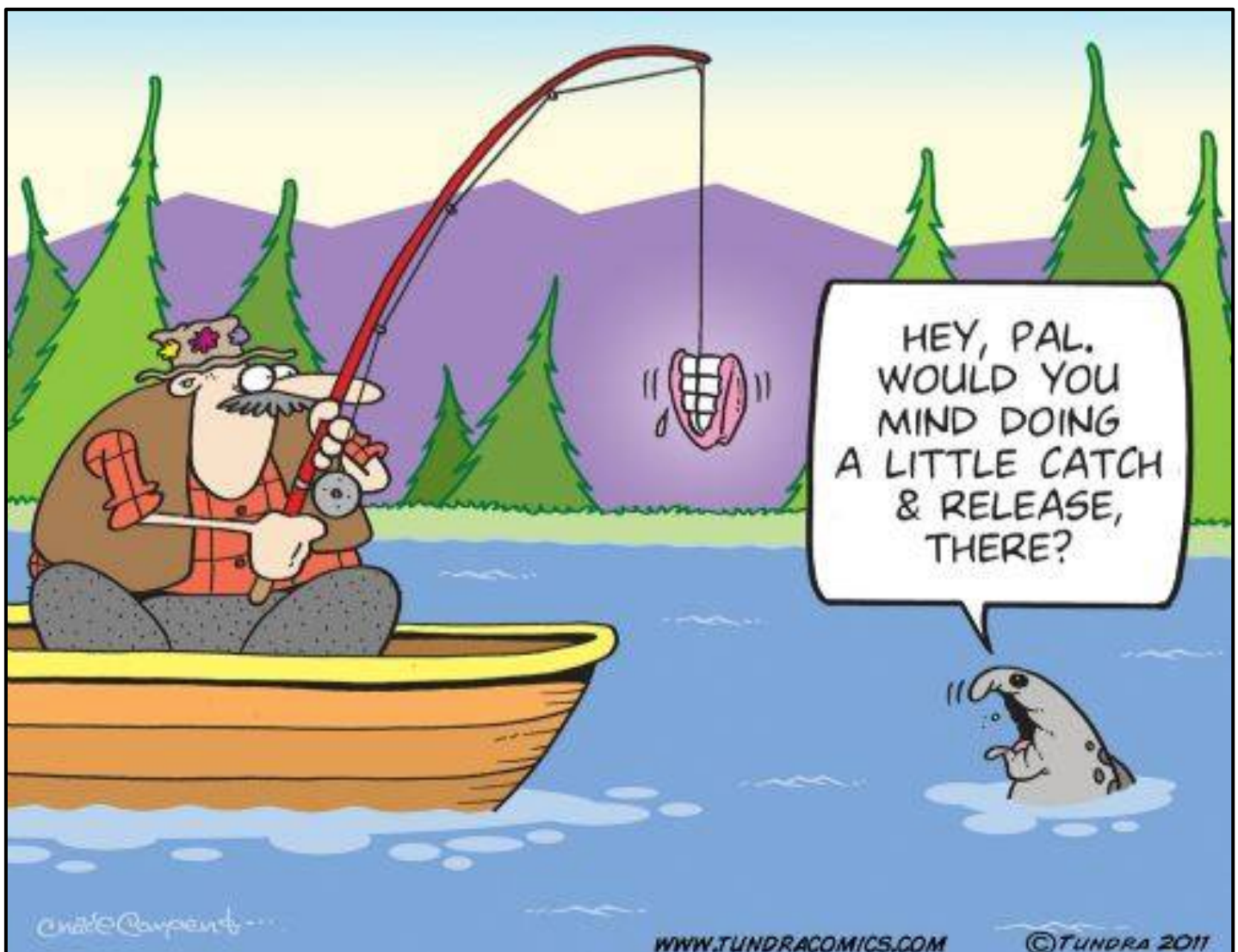
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CalTrout's North Coast office will be continuing on with their **Woodman Creek Fish Passage Project** thanks to \$2.2 million in funding from California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. Working in collaboration with Michael Love & Associates and Pacific Watershed Associates, the project involves removing the Northwest Pacific Railroad crossing at the mouth of Woodman Creek, a tributary to the Eel River. The railroad crossing is a complete barrier to upstream migration. Woodman Creek is listed in the National Marine Fisheries Service Recovery Plan with high Intrinsic Potential. This project is the single largest barrier removal project in the Eel River, and will restore the historic channel-mouth configuration to allow unimpeded Coho, Chinook, and steelhead access to approximately 14 miles of habitat that are currently unavailable. Fish passage assessment, design, and remediation has been a critically important restoration activity in salmonid-bearing streams throughout the North Coast Region, as a means to restore salmonids and ultimately the river ecosystems and the commercial and recreational salmon fisheries they support.

To learn more about this project, we encourage you to check out our short film [Return to Abundance: Barrier Removal](#) about our work on the Eel River.

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Tundra Comics



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