

October 2017

Headwaters

NEWSLETTER OF THE
STANISLAUS FLY FISHERS

Stanislaus
Fly Fishers

A CHARTER CLUB
OF FLY FISHERS
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October 2017
General Meeting

Tuesday
October 10, 2017

New Location!

Grace Lutheran Church
617 W. Orangeburg
Modesto, CA

Well, if you are not going out fishing you should be! Water levels are now low enough for easy wading. I've been fishing Two Mile Bar, Horseshoe Bend & East Fork of the Carson.

Two Mile Bar & Horseshoe Bend have been running low, clear and very cold. Euro nymphing has been very effective over fishing a nymph with an indicator, but I have caught fish with both techniques. More fish caught at Two Mile Bar, but any of the Lower Stanislaus River access points are holding trout. Even a small salmon was caught at Two Mile Bar. I have not yet seen any large salmon in the Stanislaus River, but they should be coming in any time.

Thomas and I fished the East Fork of the Carson River below Hangman's Bridge in the wild trout section last Thursday. We waded over

three miles and the farther we got from the bridge the better the fishing got. Again, Euro nymphing was the preferred method, and I'm on the search for a 10' 4-wt rod.

In being honest with all the club members, I didn't catch a single fish, but Thomas had seven to hand. The last fish was the largest at 17". He was Euro nymphing, and I was nymphing with an indicator which is why I'm looking for a new rod.

We have a couple of items to go over at the October club meeting with one being if we want to go back to the Yuba River in 2018. Also, too is the Pyramid Lake trip (that's more of when than if) and the annual Holiday Dinner.

Come on out this Tuesday, October 10th for our monthly meeting. Doors open at 5PM with dinner around 6PM. See you then.

- Jim

Stanislaus Fly Fishers Membership Information

Membership dues are \$36 per year for members.

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

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Club News

Program: Fellowship and Film

For October will have a general sharing session with tying and casting pre-meeting and a short film or two from the 2017 Fly Fishing Film Tour.

Our January meeting will feature Sam Sedillo of Trout Unlimited. He has informed us of a great opportunity participate in a restoration project on Squaw Creek.

"Squaw Creek needs your help. Squaw Valley is a recreation mecca that many of us have come to love. Squaw Creek drains this iconic Sierra valley and once supported a vibrant trout fishery. However, over a century of land uses have degraded habitat in Squaw Creek. Come join TU and Arcade Belts, Co. October 15th to start taking the necessary steps towards rebuilding Squaw Creek to its past glory. Follow the link to register today and be sure to chose the "SQUAW CREEK" project!"

Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TruckeeRiverDay2017>

Facebook event page located here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/665858850271316>

Important Note:

We are currently out of compliance with the IFF regarding our status as a Charter Club. According to IFF records, there are SFF members who aren't current in their IFF dues. As a reminder, we are to maintain 100% active membership in the IFF as a Charter Club. This provides our insurance coverage. Please bear with the Board as it makes an effort to ensure all paid members of SFF are also current with their IFF dues and be prepared to present verification of current IFF membership if asked.

Thank you!

Stanislaus Fly Fishers 2017 Board of Directors

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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 available at the club meetings for the first 25 members. **Suggested \$7.00 donation!**

Raffle News

SMALL RAFFLE

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, a chest pack, and a tying tools kit, plus others.. \$10 per chance. Raffle held when all cards are sold.

Membership Information

Membership Dues (\$36) for 2017 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 FFI dues. FFI dues are paid directly to the FFI and must be maintained regularly since the SFF is an FFI Charter Club. If you are not an FFI 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 FFI membership is linked below.

FFI Membership [Application](#)

Upcoming Outings and Events

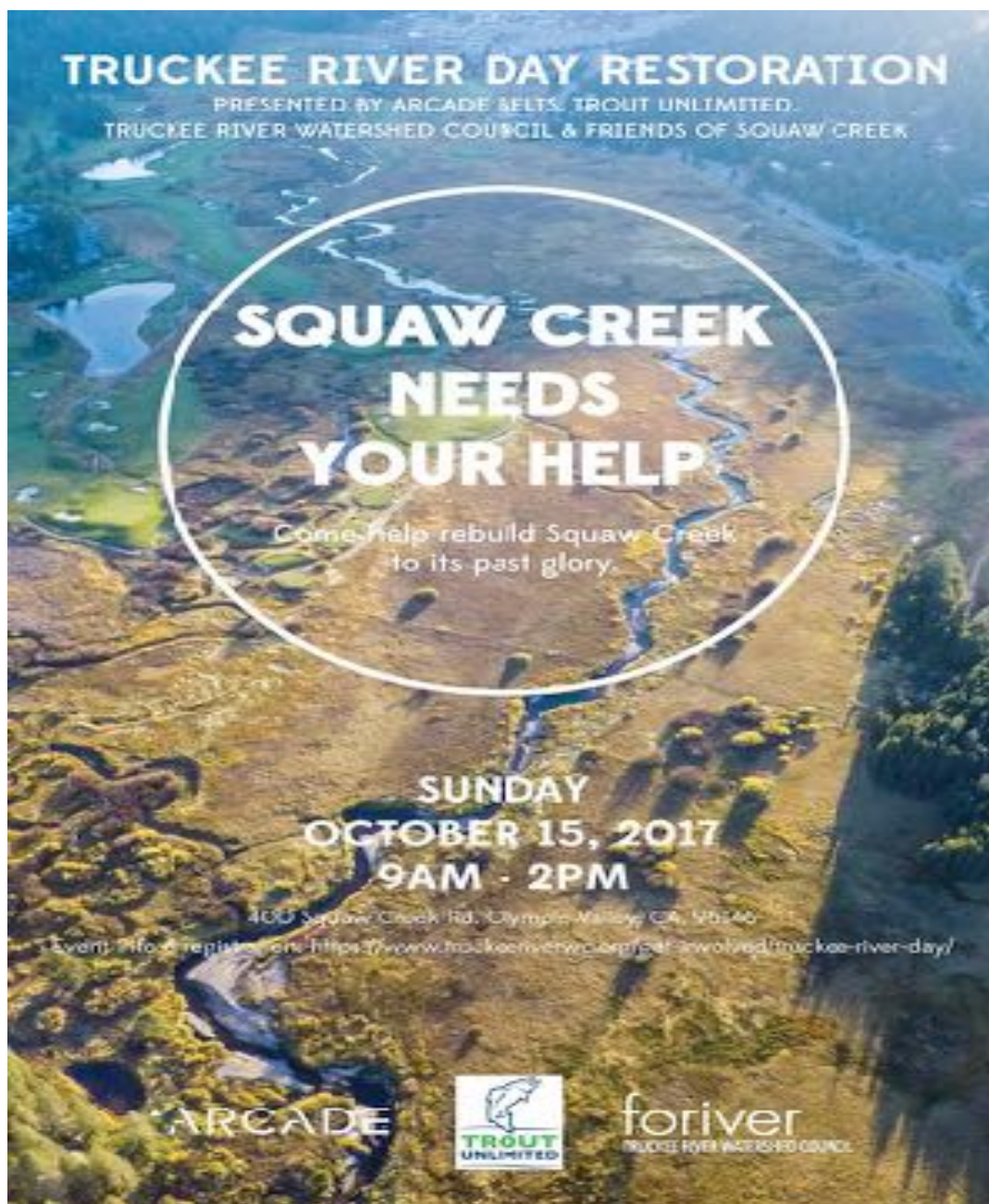
YUBA RIVER OUTING 2018 – To be discussed at the October General Meeting

SQUAW CREEK RESTORATION – October 15, 2017

SALMON FESTIVAL 2017 – November 11, 2017; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY DINNER – December 12, 2017

PYRAMID LAKE 2018 – TBD



Conservation

CalTrout: Streamkeeper's bLog – September 2017

September 28, 2017

A successful feedback loop

A word from CalTrout's ED, Curtis Knight

Last week we had the pleasure of getting to know Assemblymember Jim Cooper (D-Elk Grove) and Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman (D-Stockton) on a field trip to Clearwater Lodge where we fished the Pit and Fall Rivers and Hat Creek. Along with some fun times spent on the water, and seeing Jim catch his first fish on a fly rod, we toured Hat Creek, the state's first Wild Trout Management Area and where we recently have restored in-stream habitat and improved recreational infrastructure. This includes the installation of a pedestrian bridge at the historic Carbon Bridge site from which our group saw two bald eagles fly overhead, putting an exclamation point on the beauty and grandness of this area.

This was also a great opportunity to share with our legislators the value of the area's spring-fed rivers to California's water supply, and what CalTrout is doing to better understand and protect them. Stockton and Elk Grove, along with many of California's largest cities and towns, may be hundreds of miles away from these areas, but these spring waters can be traced directly to the tap of millions of Californians as far south as San Diego.

Working in Sacramento with our legislators is an important part of CalTrout's working model. We work in areas throughout the state where wild fish influence communities. We solve complex resource issues that benefit wild fish and people. We scale up and memorialize these successes in Sacramento through new policies and state funding directed at these programs. And in turn these policies and funding go back to these communities. It is a successful feedback loop.

With the current legislative session just ending, we are pleased to report the successful passing of Senate Bill 5, the new 'Park Bond'. This funding bill still needs the governor's signature (likely) and then goes to the voters next year for passage. If passed, the \$4.1 billion would go towards water and parks projects in California.

Developing positive relationships and giving tours of the amazing rivers in California showing off our work has positioned CalTrout as the go-to organization for legislators for guidance on issues pertaining to fish, water, and people.

Tight lines,
Curt

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Photos from Bob Nakagawa - "Adventures in Montana"



"The solution to any problem -- work, love, money, whatever -- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be."

~John Gierach