

June 2018

Headwaters

NEWSLETTER OF THE
STANISLAUS FLY FISHERS

Stanislaus
Fly Fishers

**A CHARTER CLUB
OF FLY FISHERS
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**June 2018
General Meeting**

**Tuesday June 12, 2018
6:00 PM**

New Location!

Grace Lutheran Church
617 W. Orangeburg
Modesto, CA

President's Message

First, I want to thank all of you who supported the Rivers of Recovery Fly Fishing Film Tour. It was a great success and by all accounts it was well attended and raised needed money for the cause. I thought the raffle was full of great prizes and brought out some neat rods and reels. I just hope those who won them but them to great use.

I know fishing has been hit or miss with the ups and downs of the river flows. But with now being almost summer I enjoy hearing about members up coming summer vacations to Montana, Idaho & places where great summer memories are made. Looking forward to hearing about members trips and adventures.

Looks like shad fishing on the American River is happening. Lower flows on the Tuolumne River at times can give us a place to fish. I've heard that flows on the Stanislaus River are coming down, so the Merced River can't be too far behind. There are many

places to go out and spend a morning or evening so now is your chance.

This month's meeting, we will be finishing up the spey casting program with a little time out on the Church lawn. Bring a lawn chair and we will have a bar-b-que ready for what ever you want to bring. Also bring a bag a chips to share and the club will provide cold drinks.

We don't have a regular meeting in July but for those of us still in town we hope to meet up on the Stanislaus River the second Tuesday of July for a little get together and a chance to try out euro nymphing. I will bring out gear and let anyone give it a shot. Of course, if you just want to fish with your rig that's also okay. Look for updates as to where we will be when we get closer to the date. I've had good luck around Horseshoe Bend or Honolulu Bar depending upon flows and conditions.

I look forward to seeing all of you this coming Tuesday.

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

June Program: Thomas Goodwin "Spey Fishing: Part 2"

Continuing from last month's presentation on swinging flies with spey rods, our own Thomas Goodwin will once again share his tips for improving our approach to this particular technique of fly fishing. This month the focus will be on spey casting with outdoor demonstration and opportunities for a little hands-on time.

Spey casting is a style of fly fishing used to allow for and create longer casts without the overhead back cast. Spey casting can require longer two-handed fly rods with specially tapered lines that allow for a variety of easy casts resulting in longer distances. Once the basics of spey casting have been achieved, you can now apply them to the shorter single handed fly rods.

Why Spey Casting

Casting Areas: No overhead back casting necessary. Longer distances are achieved with the Forward Spey Cast by creating a down wind "D Loop" over either shoulder.

Changing Directions: 90 Degrees of change is accomplished in 1/3 the time or less than traditional single handed overhead casting.

Line Control: The longer, two-handed, 12' to 16' Spey Rods allow for properly presented flies at greater distances in most all conditions.

Near Effortless: No overhead casting strokes required. All casts are accomplished with considerably less arm motion compared to the single hand casts. By allowing your body to create most of the power, called body casting, the spey rod will finish the casts with much less arm effort.

Feel The Pull: Feeling the pull or grab of a fish while tight lining a long lined swinging fly is exhilarating. The excitement of the hook set, doing battle right through the release, is a feeling second to none.

Relaxing & Enjoyable: Longer Casts, Covering More Water with Properly Presented Flies allows you to dissolve into a calm state of mind and enjoy a peaceful encounter with the outdoors while spey fishing, as fly fishing is meant to be.

To Swing & Track Flies Effectively, you must understand the spey fly, it's profile and the proper speed required for optimal presentations. Critical fly tracking techniques, as well as a properly tied fly to a leader are major elements required to achieve maximum effectiveness and success.

"Things fishermen know about Trout aren't facts, but articles of faith."

~ John Gierach

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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

There will be a BBQ grill hot and ready this month. BYO meat and chips. Dogs, brats, burgers, steak, chicken ... your choice! Water and soft drinks available for the usual \$1 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.***

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

STANISLAUS RIVER OUTING - July 10, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

Honolulu Bar/Horseshoe Bend (TBA)

SALMON FESTIVAL - November 10, 2018 @ Knight's Ferry 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

LITTLE TRUCKEE - September/October TBA

TROUT FEST 2018

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



June 30th
HOT CREEK HATCHERY
121 Hot Creek Hatchery Road
Mammoth Lakes CA 93546

Saturday
9am - 1pm

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

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