

SEPTEMBER 2018

Headwaters

NEWSLETTER OF THE
STANISLAUS FLY FISHERS

Stanislaus
Fly Fishers

**A CHARTER CLUB
OF FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL**

**MEMBER OF THE
NORTHERN
CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL OF FLY
FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL**

**September 2018
General Meeting**

**Tuesday,
September 11, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

New Location!

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

President's Message - Jim Goodwin

September always reminds me of the start of fall fishing. Fewer people on the water and beautiful autumn leaves on the trees. Years ago, it meant trips to Heenan Lake in search of large Lahontan cutthroat trout. Sitting in your float tube with wooly buggie on the line trying to figure out what depth the fish were holding. Aside from not very often hooking a fish, the aspen in full fall color were a nice distraction and the occasional eagle swooping down and doing its own kind of fishing! Memories of early morning trips with passengers falling asleep until the winding roads knocked heads into the truck window waking them up is one memory I won't forget – just ask Bob!

For some it was a trip to the Klamath or Trinity rivers in their search of steelhead. More times waiting out a rainy day or waiting for the water to clear up was their fall memory. But the sound of your reel spinning with a chrome beauty making it sing was all worth the wait.

As I look back on the last two years of my presidency I think about the memories shared both on the water and at meetings. Not having a fly shop to hang out at meant being

at meetings to catch up and pass on fishing reports or admitting that I had not been out. Of course, we were dealing with low water years and stream temperatures raising above safe levels. This year fires changing where we go or not go.

As Jeff & I come to the end of our term we are looking for members to step up and fill the vacancies for President & Vice-President. Both he & I will still be around to help where & when we can.

At the last board meeting it was discussed as to the changing nature of fly fishing clubs and how we go about changing with the times. I don't know if we can reach the younger generation, but after attending other club meetings in our area we are not alone. I did attend the Tracy Fly Fishers, and next year we will be doing some joint events like Kistler Ranch and Pyramid Lake. Also, doing quarterly family events like we did in August was another item that we wish to continue. If you have ideas and want to share them, come to a board meeting and let us know where you think we can make some changes.

See you at the next meeting!

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

September Program - Member Bob Ramos "Fishing the Merced River and Area"

Long-time member Bob Ramos will share his experience fishing and guiding on the Merced River/Yosemite NP area. We are always grateful and appreciative when members are willing to share their knowledge with the club. Be sure to make September's meeting where Bob will give us the lowdown on fishing within a short couple hours drive from here.



"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

"Be patient and calm - for no one can catch fish in anger."

~Herbert Hoover

Stanislaus Fly Fishers
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Club News (cont.)

There will be no club-provided dinner this month. Feel free to bring your meal.

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)

There is no current large raffle.

Membership Dues (\$36) for 2018 are overdue. 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.

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

LITTLE TRUCKEE OUTING - October 5-7, 2018

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

Tundra Comics



Conservation Notes

From Lonnie Moore, SFF Conservation Director

Dear SFF Members,

One of the vows of wildlife conservation espoused and reasonably adhered to is “Do no harm”. This viewpoint is great, and is followed by most people who venture into the “bush” for fishing, hunting, and other outdoor activities and adventures. However, in todays world, doing “no further harm” is sadly not enough. We need to be involved with others, and on an on-going basis. The great volume of protection, prevention, corrections, improvements, and cleanups to wildlife and outdoor recreation areas is provided only because certain government funding and laws are used to establish goals, codification, support and implementation of the conservation “vows”.

However, individuals, clubs, and other benevolent/caring individuals/owners and groups also use their capabilities to get involved providing additional conservation implementations with donations and even “mere activism”. They get involved to “do no harm”, but also extend themselves to help provide a better life for their communities, families, and themselves.

One of the best ways for individuals to make a difference, is to contact your governmental representatives, especially those who seek your votes and/or other support from time to time. One of the easiest, least expensive, and yet meaningful ways to do this is to “just write a letter”. Right now, we have a timely need and opportunity to make such contact, and make a difference.

Please read the following short “Land and Water Conservation Fund Letter to Congress” intro and sample letter, and if desired sign (etc) and send as soon as possible. Better yet, quickly re-write your own letter, maybe using part of the sample version, or a create a complete re-write.

As usual, there is only a short time to reach out to Congress (or others) on this subject (before September 30).

Please feel free to contact me (lmoorenorcal@gmail.com) for some additional information or help with a longer/more detailed letter.

Thanks,
Lonnie

INTRO: Land and Water Conservation Fund Letter to Congress

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has fought for and provided nearly \$170 million dollars in funding, enabling over 900 projects that improved public access and opportunity for outdoor recreation in California. Those projects have conserved open space and habitat, and improved access for outdoor recreation through such infrastructure as boat ramps, trails, campgrounds, parking areas, equestrian facilities and fish cleaning stations. Few government programs, if any, have done as much for anglers and hunters, as the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

A bi-partisan coalition has been leading a push to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Yet, despite diverse support from all corners of the country and dozens of lawmakers from both sides of the aisle, Congress has sidestepped several opportunities to pass this legislation.

Trout Unlimited will also be submitting a very similar letter (endorsed the Stanislaus Fly Fisherman's Club) to our elected officials to show the support of the sportsmen and conservation community to reauthorize the Land Water Conservation Fund.

Some current goals are to ensure that projects such as improved fishing access to Lake Edson and conservation of the designated Wild Trout fishery of the Rubicon River (Eldorado County); expansion of the Coon Hollow Wildlife Area and improved fishing access to Oroville Pond (Butte County); expansion of and improved public access to the Mendota Wildlife Area (Fresno County); improved public access to Crowley Lake (Inyo County). In addition, LWCF funding can be utilized to swap or acquire private properties surrounded by public land.

(Portions excerpted and altered from text provided by Sam Sedillo of Trout Unlimited.)

SAMPLE LETTER:

Re: Reauthorization and Full Funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund

Dear Member of the California Congressional Delegation;

On behalf of all Californians and myself, I am writing to urge you to pass a bill that will permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fun (LWCF) before its expiration on September 30, 2018.

In California alone, the LWCF has provided nearly \$170 million of funding that enables for over 900 projects improving public access and opportunity for outdoor recreation in California. These projects not only improve California business opportunities and wildlife conservation, but also the opportunities for a better quality of life for all visitors and of citizens of California!

Sincerely,

“Best” Send to:

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

The Honorable Raul Grifalva
Ranking Member, House Committee on Natural Resources

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chair Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

(Please feel free to send to any other members of the US Congress, as you see fit)

Video Links

- [Flow](#)
- [Trance - Fly Fishing](#)
- [Fly Fishing is a Joke](#)
- [Pro Tips: Fishing Yellowstone National Park in October](#)
- [You Can't Dam Your Way to Paradise](#)

Suggested Reading

- [Should Rivers Have fights?](#)
- [Trout species thought to be extinct found alive in Southwest Colorado](#)
- [800,000 more farmed Atlantic salmon coming to Puget Sound before industry's permits expire](#)
- [Hearts Like the Mountains](#)
- [Interview: Bob Mallard of the Native Fish Coalition](#)

