

November 2018

Headwaters

NEWSLETTER OF THE
STANISLAUS FLY FISHERS

Stanislaus
Fly Fishers

**A CHARTER CLUB
OF FLY FISHERS
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COUNCIL OF FLY
FISHERS
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**November 2018
General Meeting**

**Tuesday,
November 13, 2018**

6:00 p.m.

New Location!

Grace Lutheran Church
617 W. Orangeburg
Modesto, CA

President's Message

This month we are privileged to have Jesse Anderson for Cramer Fish Sciences at our meeting. Jesse will be bringing us up to date on what's going on with our local rivers, how the river's health is, what the current salmon/steelhead count is, and what Cramer Fish Sciences is doing.

Our annual Christmas dinner will be on December

11th at Gervasoni's Restaurant. Sign up now so that you won't be left out. We will have a small silent auction with fly-fishing items that have been donated.

We are still looking for members to consider being President/Vice-President/Secretary & Treasurer. If you have an interest, let Jim or Jeff know. Our club elections will be held soon so don't delay.

Stanislaus River Salmon Festival - November 10, 2018

Several of our members attended the festival this past Saturday and manned a booth providing festival-goers hands-on fly-casting opportunities. While primarily focused on presenting activities for youth, often adults tried their hands as well. Club members attending were Jim Bowen, Pat Roe, Jeff Bakker, Bud Heinz, and Mike Hewitt.

Other than a little haze in the air, it was nice weather for the festival. The bridge was generally lined all day with people checking out the salmon spawning below. Children and their parents circulated from booth to booth taking advantage of a variety of educational activities.

Recent reports indicate that almost 3400 Chinook salmon have passed through the counting weir so far this year.

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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November Program: *Jesse Anderson, Cramer Fish Sciences*



Cramer Fish Sciences is built around a core group of senior scientists with distinguished careers in fish, aquatic ecology, genetics, biostatistics, and population modeling, mixed with upcoming scientists that have outstanding scholastic achievement and fresh training in leading-edge methods and technologies. Support, field research, and population monitoring is provided by teams of well-rounded full-time and seasonal technical and field staff.

Cramer Fish Sciences helps clients in California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana and Alaska find reliable and practical solutions to challenges with fish populations and riparian and aquatic ecology. They use science to help solve issues with salmon and trout populations

"I think I fish, in part, because it's an anti-social, bohemian business that, when gone about properly, puts you forever outside the mainstream culture without actually landing you in an institution."

— John Gierach

Upcoming Outings and Events

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER - Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ Gervasoni's Restaurant, 5801 McHenry Ave. **Deadline: December 3rd!** See info on

2019 MEMBERSHIP - Yearly memberships are now due on January 1st of each year.

PLEASANTON FLY FISHING SHOW - February 22-24, 2019

PYRAMID LAKE OUTING - Spring 2019 TBA

FLY FISHING FILM TOUR BENEFIT FOR RIVERS OF RECOVERY - Spring 2019 TBA

Fishing Report

The Klamath River

By Jim Bowen

We arrived at the Klamath River Inn on Monday 10/1. Very cool old-school motel. It was dated, but the rooms were fine. There were microwaves and small refrigerators with a large community patio with two gas grills.

I rigged up and fished the run in front of the motel that evening and landed one decent 1/2-pounder and had a couple more grabs. Next morning I was up early and swung the motel run again and landed this nicer steelie. We fished the next two days from east of Happy Camp down to nearly Orleans. Vivian swung flies on a traditional fly rod while I swung a two-hander. We caught trout and 1/2-pounders, or at least had grabs at every access we fished.

There are tons of accessible water for the drive and hike angler, including quite a few marked access points with chem toilets and parking and roadside pullouts that overlook some nice looking runs. Anyone that would like to chat about it can see me at the meeting this week.



<https://klamathriverresortinn.com/>

Conservation Notes

Our Water Plan Déjà vu All Over Again

This may sound like “déjà vu all over again”, but the California State Water Resources Control Board has once again delayed their decision on the “Delta/River Water Quality Plan”! This time, at the last minute, Governor Brown and Governor Elect Newsom requested a delay until December 12 to allow more time for “negotiated settlements...”

The plan as it stands appears to be fiercely opposed by the “Irrigation Districts” and other profit centric businesses, some elected officials (from locals officials on up), and the Feds. Most of the opposition seems to be from high-level officials, those that don’t seem understand or care about the health and welfare of wildlife, the environment, climate change, and even the short-term health/survival of the human population.

Why do others want to deny the use of water for the citizens of this area (fish, recreation, all wildlife of the area)? Profit, pure, simple, and obvious. Many want the population, along with land and water use, to grow (immensely) in the state, county, and city areas to provide more customers for water and electricity; sales of land for houses and new businesses; the creation of increased profits for private companies, agribusiness/corporate farms; and much increased taxes for the government coffers.

A week ago, the Water Board seemed poised to approve the plan. However, the Board is under incredible pressure from all levels, and all directions. What are we to do? Since the delay does at least, allow us to get in one last(?) chance to get someone at the “Water Board” to listen to you. We should use this opportunity. It is time to send another letter to the State Water Resources Control Board. Below is a draft, to use or not. Please feel free to use your own words, concerns, poetry or prose!

Thanks!
Lonnie

To: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board March 17, 2017
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

From: [Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City]
209- [Your Telephone Number]
[Your email address]

Subject: Comment Letter – San Francisco Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan

California's water is a public trust resource. This is as it should be. The Clear inherent rights and codified legal meaning of this concept is that the majority of water, and the "earth" surface on which the water lies, belongs inherently to the people of California. The true nature and history of water, flowing through stream, river, delta, bay, and finally ocean...makes us clearly aware that water really belongs to all the people "down-stream" from any point and water-use on the earth.

While water agencies, farmers, and others may have some rights granted to use "the peoples water" in manners that are beneficial and approved, it is the State (the people) that must determine which beneficial uses have priority and approval, and to stipulate how this precious resource is to be managed and protected. Additionally, "today's" environment mandates the State to provide regulations and assurances to deal with changing needs, conditions, and especially climate.

It is the responsibility of the California State Water Resources Control Board to represent all people of the state in these matters.

To this end, "the true public interest", I strongly encourage the California State Water Resources Control Board to represent all the people of the state and go forward with approval and robust enforcement of the currently drafted "Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan".

The drafted plan is entirely fair and equitable to all "upstream and downstream humans", stakeholders, and businesses. I believe strongly that at least half of the natural flow from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced and lower San Joaquin Rivers should make it to the Bay-Delta, and the ocean. However, the draft plan to share and allocate water in a conditional and proportional manner seems very fair and achievable...but to be successful will require a robust enforcement regime. Additionally, the increased water flow must not be diverted to any other locations, or purposes (i.e. Southern California). The increased flow must be allowed to follow the natural paths completely to the ocean!

The plan also represents an immense improvement to the possibilities of protecting and reviving the populations of wildlife that are continuing to dwindle on a path to extinction (local and regional "extinctions" are already a sad reality). This is because some groups (usually with strong profit motives that are never

satiated) have been given “greater right” to state water. Thus, the common person and wildlife (as a whole) are left to suffer the terrible consequences. The people of this state want the waterways and wildlife of this state to be vibrant, healthy, and diverse...allowing waterways and wildlife to thrive and be accessible for today and the future!

Thank you very much!

[Your name printed]

[Your signature]

Suggested Reading

- *Why Ask Why? Try Dry Flies for Steelhead*
- *Sudden Impact, Fishing a Better Beetle*
- *One Angler's Voyage*
- *Predators*
- *Low Water Streamers*

Video Links

- *Argentina Dream Stream*
- *Tightline Nymphing for Beginners*
- *How to “Jig-Fish” a Streamer, with Kelly Galloup*
- *Slough Creek: Yellowstone National Park*
- *Chasing Natives*

2018 Holiday Dinner

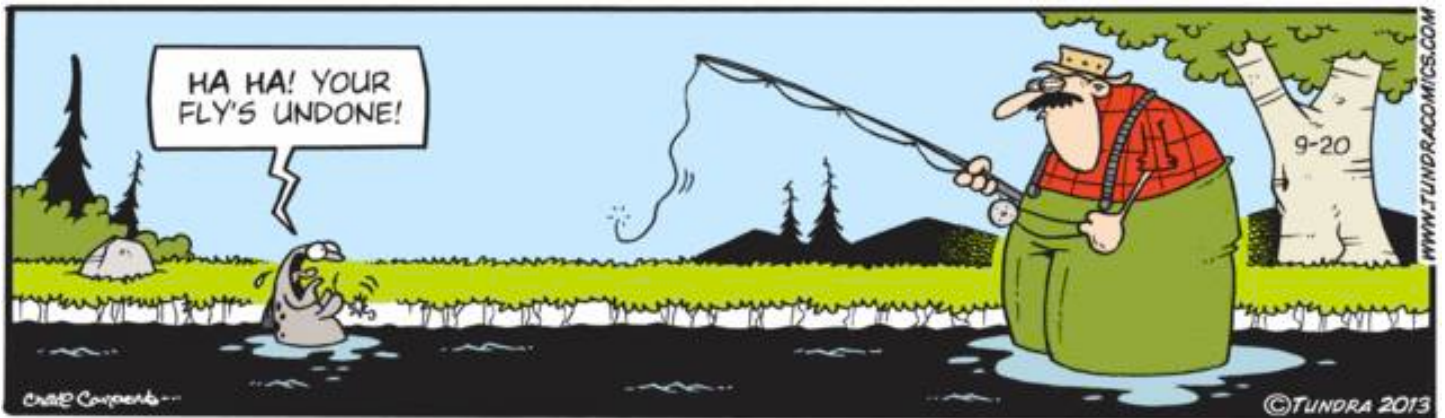
Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ Gervasoni's Restaurant, 5801 McHenry Ave. , Modesto, CA 6:00 p.m. — \$25/per person/RSVP and payment must be made by December 3rd!

Entree choice of: New York Steak, Pork Chops, Chicken Parmesan, or Raviolis.

Please email your reservation and entree choice to jimg@stewartkriese.com and include the TOTAL NUMBER of people in your party. Don't put it off! Checks can be mailed to: Jim Goodwin, PO Box 543, Modesto, CA 95353

Tundra Comics

Nothing worse than being mocked by a fish!



Salmon Festival 2018 @ Knight's Ferry

