

May 2019

# 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

## General Meeting

**Tuesday**  
**May 14, 2019**

**6:00 p.m.**

## Our Location!

Grace Lutheran  
Church  
617 W. Orangeburg  
Modesto, CA

## President's Message

My, my, my ...

Isn't this spring weather just the best! I still haven't done much fishing, but I'm sure excited to get out and wet a line.

We are up in the Sierras this week beginning our defensible space clean up and have been scouting some of the local waters. Davis and Frenchman's Lakes are more full than I have ever seen them, and I've been summering up here since I was a kid.

The Middle Feather will be fishing soon and the Truckee and Little Truckee are fishing if you are up on

your high water techniques.

A very exciting fishing fix now would be to call our friend Anthony Carruesco at AC Fly Fishing and book a day fishing the lower Sacramento. You'll have a genuine blast!

This month we welcome Clay Hash of the NCCFFI to our meeting. Clay will discuss building the relationship between the NCCFFI and local clubs like ours, as well as a presentation on fishing soft hackles.

Come on out and share some fishing stories and enjoy the presentation.

- Jim

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*"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."*

*~ Roderick Haig-Brown*

# Stanislaus Fly Fishers Membership Information

Membership dues are \$40 per year for members.

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

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## Club News

### **May 2019 Program: Northern California Council Fly Fishers International “Building Relationships” & “Fishing Soft Hackles”**



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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Join us as Clay Hash (or another rep from the NCCFFI) shares their plans for building relationships with member clubs.

#### The New NCCFFI Mission Statement

“We are a volunteer non-profit educational and conservation organization dedicated to preserving our outdoor watersheds and fisheries. Our purpose is to inform the public about the benefits of the fly fishing traditions, and to fight for clean water, healthy watersheds, and fisheries. We do this by supporting our FFI affiliated clubs through education, conservation advocacy and outreach on behalf of their members and communities. We encourage a personal connection with the environment and sharing that connection with others.”

In addition to the above program, our speaker will also offer the NCCFFI's presentation on fishing soft hackles.





## Stanislaus Fly Fishers 2019 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.)*

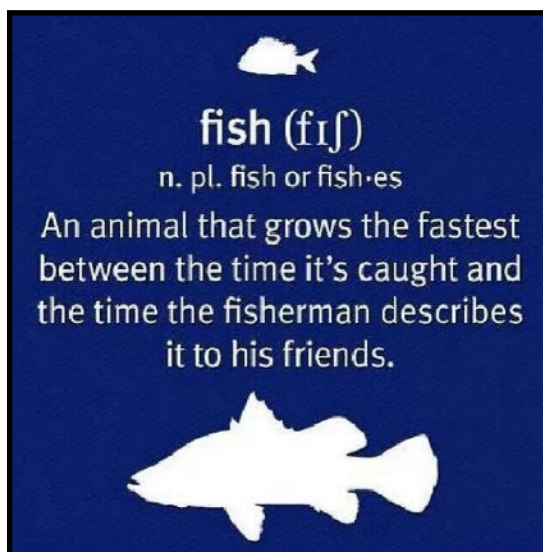
### Raffle News

#### 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.

#### LARGE RAFFLE (52 Playing Cards + 2 Jokers)

There is no current large raffle.



### Membership Information

Membership Dues (\$40) for 2019 were due January 1st. 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

**Family Night General Meeting** - @ The Twisted Pig June 8, 2019 6:00 p.m.

**Trout Fest 2019** - Hot Creek Hatchery, Mammoth Lakes, CA June 29, 2019  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Salmon Festival** - Knight's Ferry, CA November 9, 2019 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

## Tundra Comics



## Conservation Notes

### CA DWR Rescinds California Water Fix Bond Resolutions

5/9/19 Restore the Delta [restorethedelta.org](http://restorethedelta.org)

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Sacramento – The California Department of Water Resources has formally rescinded the Bond Resolutions authorizing issuance of almost \$9 billion of bonds to pay for the start of construction of the Delta Twin Tunnels. The resolution was adopted on May 7, 2019. DWR's funding for any new one-tunnel proposal must start from scratch. Attorneys representing conservation, agriculture, and fishing groups today praised this action by DWR.

Statement by Bob Wright, Senior Counsel, Friends of the River

There is great news now reflecting a complete restart of Department of Water Resources (DWR) planning for Delta water export issues including conveyance. On May 7, 2019, DWR rescinded the Bond Resolutions authorizing issuance of almost \$9 billion of bonds to pay for the start of construction of the WaterFix Delta Tunnels Project. The bond resolutions had been adopted by DWR on July 21, 2017. DWR then filed a state court action in Sacramento to validate the issuance of the bonds, which if successful, would have prevented any later challenges to the financing for the project. Friends of the River, Restore the Delta, Sierra Club California, and the Planning and Conservation League were among the public interest organizations who appeared in the action to challenge the legality of DWR's adoption of the bond resolutions.

Now, the rescinding of the bond resolutions reflects a complete start over of DWR's Delta water export planning process. Our public interest organizations now have the opportunity to seek sensible water resource planning focused on protection and restoration of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary by increasing instead of reducing freshwater flows through the Delta. DWR can be urged to adopt modern, 21st century water measures such as water efficiency and demand reduction programs including urban and agricultural water conservation, recycling, and storm water recapture and reuse.

Governor Gavin Newsom took a giant step to require effective and sensible water resources planning in California by issuance of his Executive Order on April 29, 2019. His Order requires California agencies to inventory and assess water demand and availability, "embrace innovation and new technologies," and "incorporate successful approaches from other parts of the world." Our public interest organizations have been advocating such planning for years and now the Governor has turned ideas into action. The rescinding of the bond resolutions is a key step in starting down this sensible path now required by the Governor.



## Suggested Reading

- [Tom Rosenbauer's 8 Tips to Becoming a Better Fly Fisher](#)
- [Rainbows being given the boot - from the South Fork of the Snake River](#)
- [Senator Murray & Representative Kilmer Reintroduce Wild Olympics Bill](#)
- [Fish Facts: Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout](#)
- [The Idaho Steelhead Crisis](#)

## Video Links

Patagonia's film *Artifishal* is "about people, rivers, and the fight for the future of wild fish and the environment that supports them. It explores wild salmon's slide toward extinction, threats posed by fish hatcheries and fish farms, and our continued loss of faith in nature."

Click on the image to open a link to the full-length 120 minute film. Grab yourself your favorite beverage and a snack and give it a watch.



## Education

### AC Fly Fishing Nymphing Class

"Our nymphing classes are designed to give you a better understanding of how to effectively fool trout that are feeding below the surface. We will cover everything from gear, leader configuration, fly selection, and most importantly, how to execute both types of nymphing. Our instructors will give an in depth analysis of both tight line and indicator nymphing while we are on the water with you. 80% - 90% of a trout feeding takes place below the surface, making nymphing a deadly way to put fish in the net. Our main objective with these on the water classes is to give you a deeper understanding of how to effectively nymph fish and understand the time and place for each method. "

- Where: Upper Sacramento River (Dunsmuir City Park)
- When: June 8, 2019 9 a.m. to 1p.m.
- Cost: \$150/Person (3 Guests per Instructor)
- What's Included: Rods, Reels, Terminal Tackle
- What's Not Included: Wading Gear and Fishing Licenses

Booking Information: Email - [info@acflyfishing.com](mailto:info@acflyfishing.com) or Call - 209-609-2346

\*Please note that this is not a guided trip and getting you on fish is not the priority. We are focused on teaching you the techniques and concepts to make you a better angler \*