

March 2020

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,
March 10, 2020***

6:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran
Church
617 W Orangeburg
Ave, Modesto, CA
95350

President's Message

Well, I survived chasing steelhead on the Rogue River. We had tough conditions this year but thoroughly enjoyed the fishing. I'll be presenting an overview of the trip at the general meeting Tuesday. Mike Hewitt will give a presentation on our salmon release day we were invited to attend by the Merced school district.

Once again while club business is being discussed and presentations are being shown we will be tying flies. See this month's flies later in the newsletter.

It's time to gear up for the Pyramid outing. If you plan to attend please bring payment to the meeting. We will make plans, discuss equipment and fly selection so everyone is ready to get after those big Pyramid cutthroat trout.

We have a new outings chairperson! Thank you Bob Bullock for taking this on Bob

has ideas for several outings and will be looking for input from membership on interest and suggestions for additional outings. Bob has reserved Kistler bass ponds for Sunday May 3rd. We will have a signup for this local outing at the meeting. We have done this outing several times and it is always a lot of fun and even better it's local!

It's time to clean fly lines and gear, organize fly boxes and start planning where you are going to trout fish this spring. Unfortunately it looks like we will have drought conditions this year so rivers and streams will be low and warm early in the season. Plan to get out early in the season while conditions are good.

Come to the meeting and we will talk fishing, tie flies and generally get worked up for another season of fishing. Until Tuesday,

Tight Lines
— Jim

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.



Like us on Facebook 

We're on the Web!



Club News

Monthly Meeting:

Lying and Tying with Pat and Bud Featuring Pat Roe and Bud Heinz

Our March meeting will feature flies that are key for Pyramid Lake, but can also be useful on other waters.
March Meeting

"Tying Pyramid flies - Beetles & Midges plus Zebra Midge"

Pyramid Midge (tied skinny)

Hook: Tmc 200r, Daiichi 1270, size (*12),10
Alec Jackson Phantom Covert hooks
size 11,(*13)



Thread: Can be the body. Color of choice or use holographic red and black accented with various wire ribs.
Beads: Usually 3/32nds. White, gold, black, silver. Tungsten preferred.

Coating: UV resin or Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails.

Pyramid Beetle

Hook: Tmc 2457 scud or Tmc 3769 size 10 recommended by the guides.

Thread: White, chartreuse or black.

Body: White, black, tan, yellow, 2,3,4 ml foam cut in 5/16th or 3/8th wide strips over-

(White over Chartreuse estaz or crystal chenille, * Most popular.) Black over purple crystal chenille.

There is a wide variety of combinations.

Rubber legs optional on beetles.

Also shown Midnight Cowboy Buggers and a Martini Olive Bugger



Zebra Midge

For those not going to Pyramid we will tie a Zebra Midge as well. Hook: tmc 2457 sz 18 and 3/32nd silver or white bead.



Stanislaus Fly Fishers 2019 Board of Directors

President – Jim Bowen
Vice-President – Pat Roe
Treasurer – Dennis Stambaugh
Secretary – Michael Hewitt
Membership – Dennis
Stambaugh
Conservation – Open
Raffles – Jim Goodwin
Webmaster – Mike Hewitt
At-Large – Bud Heintz

*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.

Monthly Meeting Continued ...

There will also be brief presentations by Jim Bowen on his recent Oregon steelhead trip and Mike Hewitt on the recent Knights Ferry salmon release at which he and SFF members Jim Bowen, Gus Link, Bob Bullock, and Mark Pieczarka participated by manning fly casting and fly tying stations for the Atwater middle school students.

As Jim Bowen mentioned in his President's Message, Bob Bullock has

generously offered (after some gentle encouragement by the board) to act as an Outings Director. His first official act was to start the ball rolling by reserving Kistler Ranch for a May 3rd outing on their bass ponds. Most members will remember how fun and easy that outing can be, but if you are new to the club and haven't attended a Kistler outing, you won't want to miss this. The severe drought of a couple years back put a damper on it's fishability and productivity, but it should have recovered nicely by now. More info on that at the meeting and in upcoming newsletters. There will be a small charge per person in order to cover the cost of the ponds rental for the day. The real good news is that it's located right off Highway 108 roughly halfway between Oakdale and Sonora, so it's an easy day trip! Float tubes, pontoons, kayaks and some wading will be the order of the day.



Upcoming Outings and Events

Pyramid Lake Outing - April 2-5 2020 (2nd-3rd are guided)

Rivers of Recovery/3FT Fundraiser – The State Theater, April 30, 2020.

Kistler Ranch Outing – May 3, 2020

Tundra Comics



Conservation Notes



Hat Creek Wild Trout Area CalTrout & CDFW Volunteer Survey

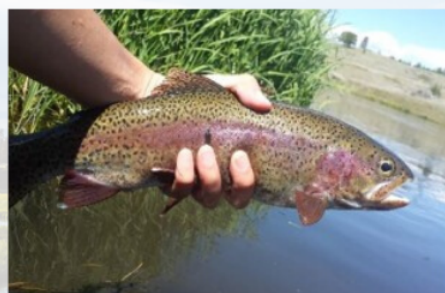


April 4, 2020



Marking Day

April 18, 2020



Recapture Day

Join us for the rare, hands-on opportunity to assist CDFW with collecting survey data to obtain a wild trout population estimate by use of catch and release methods!

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and California Trout (CalTrout) are collaborating to obtain a wild trout population estimate via angling in the upper section of the Hat Creek Wild Trout Area (WTA). Volunteers will be tasked with catching, marking (clipping the adipose fin with scissors), measuring, and recapturing as many trout as possible from the two-day survey event. A trout population estimate will be used by fishery biologists to evaluate trends over time and help make sound management decisions.

[Register Here](#) to volunteer for one or both of the Saturday Surveys. Participation in both days encouraged. Volunteers must be proficient anglers, able to fish and collect data independently. Intermediate to advanced angling requested. *If registering for you and a friend, please register yourself first and then go back through the process to register your friend. Thank you!

Where: Hat Creek Wild Trout Area from State Route 299E crossing upstream to PG&E's Hat Powerhouse 2 riffle

When: Marking Day = April 4, 2020 (Saturday) from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm
Recapture Day = April 18, 2020 (Saturday) from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm

This is a RAIN OR SHINE event!

Other Requirements:

- VOLUNTEER ONLY: non-profit event, no charge fishing, no clients or guided trips.
- Anglers are expected to use their own decontaminated gear (waders, wading boots, fishing gear, landing net, etc.); no gear will be provided.
- CDFW staff will be present prior to and during the survey at the Hat Creek County Park, Hat Powerhouse 2 parking lot, and Carbon Bridge parking lot to sign in anglers and distribute survey materials.
- Anglers will catch, mark (adipose fin clip), measure (total length to the nearest half-inch), and record their own data on a datasheet. All fish will be immediately released after data is collected.
- Anglers are required to return their datasheets back to CDFW by 4:00 pm of each survey day.
- Fishing gear restrictions for this survey are artificial lures only (barbed flies and barbed lures are ok for this survey only). No bait is allowed.
- Volunteers are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to participate in both survey days and for the full duration of time.

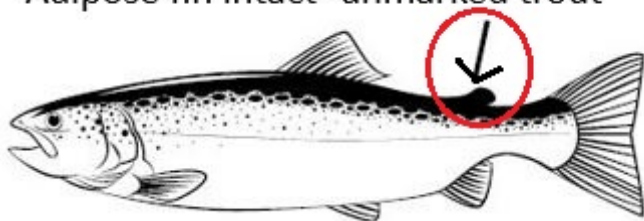
Survey materials provided by CDFW and CalTrout must be picked up on the survey day, prior to angling:

- Datasheet (needed for both survey days- return datasheet back to CDFW after each survey day)
- Pencil (needed for both survey days)
- Scissors for marking caught trout (clipping the adipose fin- only needed for the April 4 survey)
- Tape measure for measuring caught trout (only needed for the April 4 survey)

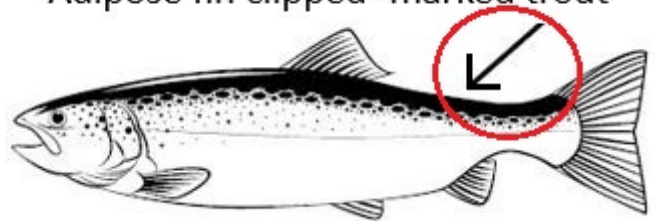
Anglers/Volunteers are expected to bring:

- Waders and wading boots
- Fishing gear (rod, flies, landing net, etc.) fly fishing or spin fishing accepted. Refer to local guides and fly shops for fly recommendations. No bait.
- Food and water
- Health and safety (sunscreen, bug repellent, sunglasses, first aid, etc.)

Adipose fin intact- unmarked trout



Adipose fin clipped- marked trout



SFF Membership

Membership Information

Membership Dues (\$40) for 2020 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](#)

Suggested Reading

- [Strategies for Fishing Streamers on High Water Tail Waters](#)
- [Wild Salmon Likely Doomed By More Talk](#)
- [What the History of Salmon Can Tell Us About the Future of the Planet](#)
- [A Dam on One of Washington’s Best Salmon Rivers?](#)
- [Pacific Northwest Salmon Review is Groundhog Day to Greens](#)

Video Links

- [The Aerial Perspective: Klamath River Dams](#)
- [Steelhead Country — The Hatchery Fix](#)
- [Coming Home](#)
- [Chasing the Rainbow](#)
- [Fly Fishing the Tamiani Trail](#)

Coming Soon!

**The 2020 Fly Fishing Film Tour Benefit for ...
Rivers of Recovery**

COSTA

YETI

SIMMS



VETERANS,
FIRST
RESPONDERS,
&
STUDENTS
FREE w/ ID

THE STANISLAUS FLY FISHERS PRESENT

2020 FLY FISHING FILM TOUR

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT RIVERS OF RECOVERY

Rivers of Recovery combines all expense paid outdoor recreational activities such as fly fishing, with instruction in the self-treatment of stress, depression and anxiety, thereby empowering veterans to live a life that is no longer restricted by psychological or physical disabilities.

Tickets \$10
thestate.org

THE STATE THEATER
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

DOOR 5:15 pm
FILM 6:30 pm

1307 J Street, Modesto, CA



©FLYFISHINGFILMTOUR

F3T Modesto and Rivers of Recovery

Celebrating our 12th year in a row, please join the Stanislaus Fly Fishers and Rivers of Recovery, as we support our local combat wounded veterans, while enjoying film, food, drink, friends and a great fly fishing centric raffle!

This year we are in for a special treat, as the F3T is now owned and presented by the pioneer and world famous ski, snowboard, and adventure film maker WARREN MILLER PRODUCTIONS!!! If this year's poster is any indication, we are in for some exciting footage!

This past year our veterans again enjoyed rehabilitative all-expense paid trips to the Lower Sacramento River in California and McKenzie River in Oregon. Our thanks to The Fly Shop and all the professional guides for contributing to the success of these trips. Rivers of Recovery continued trips in Wisconsin and Arkansas and sponsored a Chesapeake Bay fishing tournament in Maryland. We also added new locations in New York, as well as Connecticut and Michigan. All in all a successful 2019!

The healing powers of our Rivers of Recovery trips is well known and proven by scientific research. In 2020, we continue building on past research and are proud to announce our partnership with Cornell University's Department of Natural Resources (WWRX Tidball Lab) for two concurrent research initiatives in 2020. It is our intent to have the Rivers of Recovery rehabilitative protocol approved by the many government and other organizations with which we share the common goal of contributing to the healing of our veterans in need.

Of course, our 2020 mission would not be possible without the continued generosity of our local sponsors and donors. We have attached a pledge card which shows how your donations enable us to continue serving those who have served their country! Monetarily, we are seeking \$2500 sponsorships to fund a veteran's Rivers of Recovery experience. Of course any amount is appreciated and suggested amounts are set forth in the attached pledge card. Donations can be made on the ROR website at www.riversofrecovery.org or can be dropped off or mailed to the Law Offices of Mayol and Barringer (address above) or to Rivers of Recovery, P.O. Box 23326, Eagan, Minnesota 55122

We also thank all of you who contribute to the success of our organization by attending our event and purchasing raffle tickets for a chance to win some great prizes! Many of the prizes (fly selections, tying kits, etc.) are carefully crafted by Stanislaus Fly Fishers members. Anyone who wishes to contribute a raffle item can deliver items to the Law Offices of Mayol and Barringer at 1324 J Street, Modesto, CA 95354, or any Stanislaus Fly Fishers meeting.

We hope to see you at the F3T 2020 on April 30, 2020 at The State Theater in Modesto! Please remember that veterans, first responders and students are admitted free!

Finally, thanks to our event committee for all their hard work and dedication to making this event a success!

Sincerely,

EVENT CHAIRPERSON

Randall Reyes USMC Retired-
Rivers of Recovery Board Member

Mike Hewitt
Web Master, Stanislaus Fly Fishers

Bob Bullock
Stanislaus Fly Fishers

Jim Bowen
Past-President, Stanislaus Fly Fishers

Jim Mayol
Past-President/Current Board
Member, Rivers of Recovery

Gabriela Guerrini, The State Theater

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR HEROES TODAY

Rivers of Recovery is dedicated to providing rehabilitation to physically and psychologically injured combat veterans through innovative, outdoor-based therapies and pioneering research. We strive to provide our participants with therapeutic programs which result in measurable and sustainable improvement.

Our programs are designed to re-enable and re-energize participants and provide the support and self-confidence necessary to maximize long-term recovery.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on philanthropic contributions to allow us to bring our unique program to our country's veterans and their families. Your generous donation to Rivers of Recovery helps ensure we are able to offer this program at no cost to participants, and supports our efforts to continually improve and expand the national presence of our programs to include more of our nation's military heroes.

RECURRING* DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF:

- ☐ **\$25/mo** contributes towards lodging for one participant's ROR trip
- ☐ **\$55/mo** contributes toward instruction & guiding for one participant's ROR trip
- ☐ **\$75/mo** provides airfare & transportation & contributes towards meals for one participant's ROR trip
- ☐ **\$165/mo** provides lodging, instruction/guiding and airfare/transportation for one participant's ROR trip

* We will charge your credit or debit card each month in the amount you specify

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

ONE-TIME DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF:

- ☐ **\$2,500** covers all costs for one veteran's entire ROR Trip
- ☐ **\$1,000** provides instruction/guiding and treatment/research for one veteran
- ☐ **\$525** puts a rod & reel in the hands of THREE veterans to further their healing after ROR Program
- ☐ **\$175** puts a rod & reel in the hand of ONE veteran to further their healing after ROR Program
- ☐ **\$125** provides meals for one participant during entire ROR trip
- ☐ **Other amount: \$** _____

Date: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

GIFT PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ☐ **Check** - payable to Rivers of Recovery

- ☐ I would like my gift to remain anonymous

- ☐ I would like to learn more about Rivers of Recovery - please contact me at Email: _____

Please charge my:

- ☐ Visa
- ☐ MC
- ☐ AmEx
- ☐ Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp Date: ____ / ____ CSV Code: _____

Signature: _____

Company Name: _____



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Rivers of Recovery is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization,
Taxpayer Identification Number 26-2260491. Contributions are
tax-deductible to the full amount provided by the law.

PO Box 22326
Eagan, MN 55122
www.riversofrecovery.org

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR HEROES TODAY

Thursday, April 30 2020, will mark the 12th year of Stanislaus Fly Fishers hosting the Modesto showing of the Fly Fishing Film Tour at the historic State Theater to benefit Rivers of Recovery, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing medically-proven, effective, outdoor recreational rehabilitation to combat veterans. To date we have raised nearly \$750,000 to fund local veterans participation in the program. As usual we have partnered with the Modesto Veterans' Center to support this program so that combat disabled veterans have access to innovative rehabilitation opportunities. Our benefit generates funds through a raffle drawing and ticket sales for the F3T event, as well as stimulates donations from area businesses and community members.

This past year our veterans again enjoyed rehabilitative all-expense paid trips to the Lower Sacramento River in California and McKenzie River in Oregon. Our thanks to The Fly Shop and all the professional guides for contributing to the success of these trips. Rivers of Recovery continued trips in Wisconsin and Arkansas and sponsored a Chesapeake Bay fishing tournament in Maryland. We also added new locations in New York, as well as Connecticut and Michigan. All in all a successful 2019!

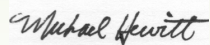
The healing powers of our Rivers of Recovery trips is well known and proven by scientific research. In 2020, they'll continue building on past research and are proud to announce their partnership with Cornell University's Department of Natural Resources (WWRX Tidball Lab) for two concurrent research initiatives in 2020. It is their intent to have the Rivers of Recovery rehabilitative protocol approved by the many government and other organizations with which they share the common goal of contributing to the healing of our veterans in need.

To that end we are requesting donations from area merchants and organizations to be used as raffle prizes for our drawing. We recognize the many requests you must get for similar endeavors by other charitable groups, but hopefully you will find our request and the program we help support worthy of your support as well. Many of the items raffled are handcrafted by Stanislaus Fly Fishers members and/or other fly fishing enthusiasts who share our passion for supporting our veterans. However, we can always use more items in the raffle as they generate excitement and monetary support for Rivers of Recovery.

If any questions, I can be reached at 209-606-0424 or by email at mhewitt@pacbell.net.

Thank you for your consideration and support for our local combat veterans!

Sincerely,



Michael Hewitt
2020 Secretary - Board of Directors, Stanislaus Fly Fishers
SFF Chairperson, F3T/Rivers of Recovery Benefit
SFF Federal Tax #75-3266373

