

July 2021

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General Meeting

No July Meeting

President's Message

Happy 4th of July! I hope everyone has a great day celebrating the independence of the greatest country! Looks like we may also be celebrating independence from the pandemic as well. I hope you are getting out on the water and doing a little fishing.

Bob Ramos posted pics and a too-short report from Henry's Lake with enormous fish. Great job, Bob! Pat Roe also posted pics from Montana and looks like he had a very successful outings as well. What a brown trout, Pat! We all wish for more detailed reports when members post pics like these guys posted, but a short report beats no report. While I'm no author/reporter please feel free to give me a call following a great trip, and I'll be glad to interview you and post a report for you. Just take lots of pictures of your trip and I'll do the rest.

We will not have a general membership meeting this month. A couple of years ago we realized that many members vacation and travel during July, therefore low attendance dictated a July hiatus. Then with COVID, in person meetings were impossible. Now that we seem to be coming out of the pandemic we want to begin in person meetings again. However, many folks are still a little unsure of gathering, and while we have held one indoor meeting and a couple of outdoor meetings, attendance has been sadly low.

Our Board of Directors has made the decision that rather than monthly general meetings we will go to a quarterly in person meeting. This decision was made as a business decision as it does cost the club to host a meeting, and it's not fiscally

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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

No July Meeting

As is usual for the summer while everyone is busy traveling (hopefully fishing) and/or are otherwise being occupied, there will be no general meeting in July. However, we are planning a general meeting for September, possibly to be held at Scout Hall in Riverbank. Stay tuned for more details.

After a long wait, exploring new web design software, more false starts than I care to think about, frustration and headaches, our club website has returned with a new look and reorganization. If you get a chance, drop by stanislausflyfishers.org for a look. There's still a bit of work that needs to be completed, but the bulk of it is done.



We've just learned of the passing of past SFF member Jim Youngblom while in Yosemite on Friday, June 25, 2021. Sadly, he was found at LaConte Falls and had been solo hiking from White Wolf up the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne to the Glen Aulin trailhead. Investigators are looking into what might led to his death. Jim was a fine gentleman and will greatly missed. Although quiet, Jim was usually seen smiling and was eager to talk fishing when you engaged with him. Our deepest, sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

Stanislaus Fly Fishers 2021 Board of Directors

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At-Large – Jeff Bakker
At-Large - Pat Roe

In-person board meetings are currently suspended until Covid protocols have determined it is safe to resume them.

Club News (cont.)

Member Pat Roe recently shared an article on our FB page that will be of interest to our members. We can expect higher flows than normal on the Stanislaus due to over-commitment of water in Shasta and Folsom Dams (federal dams) and Oroville Dam (state dam) in the spring. For more information, here's the article in the [*Escalon Times*](#).

Basically, New Melones is being called upon to backfill water that the other dams would normally provide to the delta. This will allow the others to save their water for fall to protect the salmon migration as well as the municipal and industrial needs of the Sacramento area.

Both OID and SSJID are on record as being unhappy with the lack of coordination by the Bureau of Reclamation in the decision-making process. Recreational users should be aware of potentially dangerous conditions and prepare accordingly.

The Fly Box “Alien Bug” by Seamus Toner (Jay Lee version)

Bud Heintz suggested this hopper pattern as an easy tie that floats well and is highly visible on the water. There are many color choices, with bright colors on top for visibility and earthier tones for the underside, or as is suggested in the original article, perhaps an under layer of orange for a stonefly. Preparation requires gluing foam sheets together and then cutting them into 57 mm (2.25 inch) wide strips according to the article. For sizes up to hook size 10, use two foam layers, and for larger sizes use three layers. Also works well as an indicator fly with a dropper. For the original article, go [here](#). For a video showing the tying steps go [here](#).

Hook: Any hopper hook (#6-10)
Thread: Uni-thread 6/0 (yellow or orange, depending on the color of underbelly)
Body: Sandwiched foam (Two foam layers up to size 10, for larger sizes use 3 layers of foam)
Legs: Round medium rubber legs (I like them yellow or red striped)
Wing: Elk or deer hair
Tail: Red goose biots Indicator: tuff of hot orange or chartreuse (or even mixed!) indicator strand



Upcoming Outings and Events

Lake Crowley Outing – July, 2021: Details TBA

Little Truckee Outing – October, 2021: Details TBA

FFI Virtual Expo – November 5-7, 2021

Salmon Festival – November 13, 2021, Knight's Ferry (unconfirmed)

International Sportsmen's Expo – January 20-23, 2022, Sacramento

Fly Fishing Show – February 25-27, 2022, Pleasanton

Membership Information

Membership Dues (\$40) for 2021 are due now due and payable. For your convenience, we can now accept a credit card for your dues for an additional fee of \$1.00 to cover the cost of the transaction. All SFF memberships are "Family Membership" status; spouses, significant others, and/or children must also be FFI members to be official SFF members. FFI General Memberships include you, your spouse or co-habiting partner, and children under 18.

Reminder: Club dues *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!** *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](#)

Comics



Conservation Notes

After 10 years of Decline The Klamath River Headed for Recovery

Mark Rockwell, President, NCCFFI

After nearly 2 decades of effort by many interested parties the Klamath River can once again look forward to a future of health and recovered salmon & steelhead. The removal of 4 dams is nearing approval and will open 250 miles of new spawning & rearing habitat. The Klamath was the third most productive river for salmon & steelhead in the lower 48, but starting more than 100 years ago these four dams were part of the re-plumbing of the Klamath Basin by the Bureau of Reclamation. We are now headed to habitat recovery as the license to operate the dams has been transferred from PacifiCorp, a subsidiary of Berkshire-Hathaway, to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) and the states of Oregon & California.

(<https://apnews.com/article/california-oregon-dams-science-business-4062e8304fbc622b2771eccca97a5756>)

License transfer will be followed by license surrender to KRRC later in 2021, and preparation for removal will begin in the summer of 2022. KRRC will complete the process of environmental evaluation (NEPA) and manage demolition and restoration. The Kiewit Corp will do the decommissioning starting in January 2023, with all four dams out by Fall 2023. Resource Environmental Solutions has been hired to implement & monitor restoration work during the 5-10 years after removal.



(<https://mailchi.mp/0321e8edd886/august-2019-krrc-newsletter-570659>)

The Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International began early Klamath discussions in 2003, which became formal negotiations in 2004 when Tribes, State & Federal agencies and the NGO parties sat down together for the first time. Two linked agreements were signed in 2010 to remove the dams and to restore some certainty between the river's fishery and the farming community dependent upon its water. Unfortunately, in 2015 one of the two agreements ended but the Hydropower Agreement was renegotiated and signed in 2015, allowing the dam removal process to continue.

(<https://waterkeeper.org/magazines/volume-13-issue-1/klamath-river-dam-removal/>)

We have been through many ups & downs over the past 17 years, culminating in 2020 when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) kept PacifiCorp on the license against its wishes, fearing funding issues. Fortunately, Oregon and California stepped forward in the negotiations to guarantee additional funding, if needed, to add to the \$450 million already allocated. A new MOU was signed in late 2020 which has allowed today's new license transfer removing PacifiCorp and adding the two states. This new transfer is now in place.

This fishery has been in trouble for generations due to toxicity and high water temperatures caused by the dams. These conditions have allowed a parasite - c-shasta - to grow below the dams and infect out-migrating salmonids, killing nearly all of them. (<https://microbiology.oregonstate.edu/content/disease-effects-wild-populations>)

The removal of the dams will allow better water quality and temperature, open 250+ miles of historic spawning habitat in headwater streams, and bring more



certainty to farmers on water once the ESA listed Coho salmon is removed from protections. For fly fishers this means one of America's great salmonid rivers can once again be an annual place to visit and fish. With patience & perseverance we can recover places we've mistakenly mismanaged. It's just not easy!

For further information: <https://www.klamathrenewal.org/the-project/>

FOER proclaims victory for Northern California summer steelhead

Friends of the Eel River - June 17, 2021 - Alicia Hamann & Scott Greacen

Northern California summer steelhead listed as Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act

On Wednesday, June 16, the California Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to list summer steelhead in four North Coast watersheds — the Eel, Mad, and Mattole Rivers, and Redwood Creek — as Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. The decision comes in response to Friends of the Eel River's 2018 petition. The Commission also listed Klamath spring Chinook salmon (as E?) under CESA in the same meeting, in response to a petition from the Salmon River Restoration Council and the Karuk tribe. [More ...](#)

Tips and Tricks

As I was going through old text messages, I ran across this tip that was forwarded to me by Jim Bowen. It's actually a tip from Kelly Galloup of the Slide Inn in Cameron, Montana. At one time or another we're all bound to face the problem of rod sections that get stuck together. More than once I solved the problem by placing the rod behind my knees with a hand outside each knee, and then by spreading my knees I got the extra leverage I needed to pull

them apart. Kelly's solution is a little different, and he explains it in this YouTube video. It involves using two pieces of sticky tape looped to form double-sided loops, and using them to provide a better grip on the rod sections. Give it watch. It may come in handy at some point! [Video link](#) in case the above doesn't survive transition to a pdf file.



More Club News - Raffle



9ft 9wt Powell Tiburon II/Tioga Teton

9ft 3wt Powell LGA/Tioga Trinity

Current raffle is two E.C. Powell rods w/Teton reels donated by Philip Hawkins, the Atwater school teacher whose students were doing a salmon release February of 2020 and our club members provided casting and fly tying instruction. The first is a Powell Tiburon 9ft 9wt with a Teton Tioga reel. The second is a Powell LGA 9ft 3wt with a Teton Trinity reel. Both include custom-sewn rod sacks and reel pouches from Gus Link. We are selling playing cards, one deck for each rod combo, for \$5.00 each. The raffle drawing will be held when either the decks have sold out or at our December 2021 meeting, whichever comes first. Proceeds will be used to help fund speakers for our general meetings. Thank you, Philip, for your donation to our club.

NCCFFI News

Northern Calif. Council, Fly Fishers International July 2021 Report

From NCCFFI President Mark Rockwell

Greetings to all and I'm glad to say that we are continuing to see COVID cases diminish in most of our region. I am hearing that many of our clubs are again holding fishing retreats and scheduling in-person club meetings. This is all good!

NCCFFI is working for the future of Fly Fishing

- **Developing a stronger connection with our clubs** to improve relationships, communication & better protect our watersheds through conservation.
- **Improving and re-modeling our website.** Our goal is to have a good looking & informative website that has club activity information, conservation actions, educational opportunities & more. We hope to have the site up by early July.
- **Strategy group working on goals & objectives for the next 3-5 years.** We will be working over the next several weeks to develop a vision and working set of actions to meet the needs of our clubs, members and our fly fishing community. We expect this to take a couple of months, but it will put us on the road to stability and being able to continue to build the fly fishing community we know is important to the future.
- **Things to look forward to:** Better club support for your projects; Enhanced support for fly fishing by the Council by our work at the ISE show & Fly Fishing Show; Continued Council-club communications; enhanced connection with FFI programs and events; Better learning opportunities for all through Council level education programs.

Fly Fishers International (FFI) - Working for our Sport & it's members

- **New Website** - The website is now easier to navigate, full of helpful and interesting information and much better looking. <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org>
- **New Learning Center Format:** Click on "LEARN" at the top of the homepage, or go to: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources#>. Spend some time going through this section so you can see how it is a great resource for you and your club.
- **New - Virtual Expo November 5-7, 2021** - enjoy all FFI has to offer from home on your computer! This appears to be a new & exciting way to enjoy your organization, yet learn and support your sport. <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo> This promises to be a great event that is full of information & opportunity.

Women Connect - Within NCCFFI & FFI

- **Link to Women Connect at FFI:** <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/FFI-Women-Connect>. This is an expanding part of fly fishing as women are the fastest growing group in our sport. This is the place to get connected and get involved.

- **NCCFFI & Women Connect:** We have a local group of Women Connect, and our Council is proud to say Anne Marie Bakker, ambconsulting@sbcglobal.net, is our Council connection. Contact her to find out more and join.

It's important to understand that both NCCFFI and FFI are working hard to help our sport on many fronts. FFI is the only organization we have that is only focused on fly fishing and All fish in all waters. Being a member means you support fly fishing and its future. Join today: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Join-Renew>

Opinions

Opinion: Water board choice is key to providing clean water for all

The Mercury News - June 10, 2021 - Belinda Faustinos & Barbara Barrigan-Parilla

California's drought highlights the importance of an appointment sitting on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk – filling the final seat on the State Water Resources Control Board. This is a critical agency appointment at a critical time.

The drought highlights many inequities in California water policy.

Disadvantaged communities in Stockton face the prospect of a drought summer plagued by harmful algae blooms in Delta rivers. Those algae outbreaks, which can harm children and kill pets, are caused by excessive nutrients and inadequate freshwater flow. Think what it means for a parent to be afraid for their child's health if they swim in a river on a hot summer day.

Central Valley communities that rely on groundwater for their drinking water face twin challenges. First, their groundwater has been contaminated by decades of fertilizer overapplication on neighboring farms. Second, during the drought, neighboring farmers with deeper wells may pump their town's wells dry.

In Southern California, people often look to Santa Monica Bay when thinking about water quality. But for many Angelinos, the Los Angeles River is the water body in their back yard. Many of the communities along the river are disadvantaged communities of color. Those communities see the restoration of the LA River as a key to their economic future and quality of life. But the river is severely polluted. Without Water Board efforts to clean up pollution, efforts to restore habitat and build parks and riverside trails will be hamstrung. Make no mistake, water pollution is holding these communities back.

The salmon fishing industry and Native American tribes face the prospect of another drought disaster if the Bureau of Reclamation drains too much cold water from Shasta Dam. That could mean lethal water temperatures for juvenile salmon this fall – and lost fishing jobs and tribal resources in following years.

The State Water Board is a key decisionmaker on these issues. That's why the appointment of the board's fifth member is so important.

Last year, the board launched a new racial equity initiative. The appointment of a person committed to equity and addressing imbalanced water policies could help move the board forward. The wrong appointment could lead to paralysis.

California’s water regulators face tough challenges, including inequitable water policies, lingering pollution – particularly in disadvantaged communities — and collapsing fish species, all of which are exacerbated by climate change. To give the board a fighting chance to successfully tackle them, the governor should appoint a new board member with demonstrated commitment to equity and deep experience working directly with disadvantaged communities, not a business-as-usual candidate who consults with polluters more than with California’s most vulnerable residents. This appointment will not end the drought, nor will it instantly clean up our rivers or resolve inequities. But the right appointment can help realize California’s goal of ensuring the human right to water.

The Legislature is aware of the challenges facing the board and the inequities in our current water policies. This is why Assemblymen Robert Rivas, D-Hollister, introduced AB 377, to give the Water Board new tools to deliver clean water to all Californians. But strong laws require strong appointments to deliver results.

Nationwide, the past year has seen a growing focus on equity. In a complex society, inequity takes many forms and appears in many areas. In California, where it is often said that water is life, water is one of those areas. All Californians deserve clean water. And by appointing a State Water Board member committed to reversing the inequities in our water policies, Gov. Newsom can help California take an important step toward ensuring clean water for all.

Belinda Faustinos is a strategic advisor with Los Angeles Waterkeeper. Barbara Barrigan-Parilla is the executive director of Restore the Delta.

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/06/10/opinion-state-water-board-appointment-is-key-to-providing-clean-water-for-all/>

2-Minute Fishing Report (courtesy of Bob Ramos)

Nice week at Henry’s Lake, ID

9.5 and a 6 lbs, and around 45 or 50 smaller ones, mostly 2 to 4 pound Cutbows (hybrid), cutthroats, and a few Brookies.



SFF VP Gus Link sent a report on a recent trip to the South Fork of the Stanislaus. We won't exactly call it a fishing report.

Fishing Report 6/22/2021
South Fork of the Stanislaus
Above the PG&E Diversion Dam (Frasier Flat area)

By Link

This is not so much a fishing report, as it is a grim reality report.

This section of the S. Fork of the Stan is my Home Water. This is my go-to section. I have fished this section easily 50 times, possibly close to 100 times in the last 25 years. I have fished in high water, low water, and everything in between. I count on this section fishing well into at least late July/early August.

Not this year. Water level is about as low as I have seen it. Water temperature was 63-64 degrees. Water clarity was great, had a real clear view of the bumper crop of green algae. I fished from 3:30 until 6:30, caught a few fish, nothing like I have done in years past. The fish were sluggish, even at the good water temperatures. Even the sparse hatches seemed to be lackadaisical. I did not see any mayflies, mostly caddis and midges. There were a few stone husks, but not many that I could see.

I was focused on dries, fished a Para Adams and Elk Hair Caddis. Both had results, but usually at this time of year I should have had a 20+ fish day on dries. I thought about rigging up some nymphs but was in dry fly mode.

I do not see this section of the river fishing much longer. Maybe from Strawberry to the dam before the water has a chance to warm up, but certainly not lower in the river.

As some of you might know, for the past several years VP Gus Link has been a participant at the Wente Scout Camp held each summer. Each year he solicits volunteers to attend as fly fishing instructors for the fly fishing merit badge. One of his cohorts was kind enough to share his experience as an instructor. Pictures are from a past camp year.

BSA Wente - Fly-Fishing Merit Badge 2021

By Albert Iamele

I'm bragging about the fun I had volunteering for four days to teach the Fly-Fishing Merit Badge at the Wente Scout Reservation (WSR) in the mountains near Willits, CA. This program is time well spent. (I even had time to catch some lake fish.)

I stayed in a tent provided by the camp, with a kitchen, showers, and a washer/dryer nearby. This is in a separate camp area for staff, where some people brought their RV or personal tent. I came in on Sunday to check in with administration and to get set up for the classes.

The camp is well run. The managers, staff, volunteers, and scouts are the kind of friendly and helpful people that you want to know. A special thank you to Melissa Yarns and to Ranger Mike Hannah.



I ate my meals at their dining hall with the scouts and staff, but you are allowed to bring a stove. Please, no campfires are allowed due to the fire danger. Some restaurants are open in Willits; however, it is about 20 minutes away via unimproved road.

Each day starts with breakfast and a flag raising ceremony in front of the administration building. There is a bit of fun as the staff teaching the merit badges introduce themselves to the scouts and suggests the day's activities. And each evening there is a flag lowering ceremony.

For volunteers, there are fly-fishing classes open all summer for your choice of dates. Three or four instructors are needed to help the twelve scouts in each four-day, two-hour class. There are two classes each day, 9-11 am and 2-4 pm, which are well attended.

(Some parents and staff watch also.) All equipment is supplied, and the classes are next to the lake in a "fishy" spot. The WSR has 2100 acres, an 80-acre (bass and bluegill) lake, and programs with many possible Merit Badges to work for. (Along with the fun!)

I have to give credit to my co-instructors, Joe Hiney and Dave Fontaine. They have volunteered before and were enormous help to me and to the scouts. There is a BSA guidebook (online) and a 3-ring binder to help you present the Merit Badge topics.



(The following outline is subject to change, as needed.)

Day 1; About safety, practice casting, how to find fish in a lake, fishing from the shore.

Day 2; Learning about flies, practice fly tying two patterns.

Day 3; More fishing safety, parts of a rod and line, knot tying, fishing time.

Day 4; Fish eat bugs, Merit Badge summary, paperwork, more fishing time.

PS: All of the scouts did catch fish! (And Joe caught a monster bass!)

Our Diablo Valley Fly Fishing Club has been sending members to volunteer at the Summer Scout Camp in Willits for years. The camp itself started in 1959 as the Willits

Scout Reservation, and since 1978 it has been known as the Wente Scout Reservation and is run by the Golden Gate Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

And for the volunteers, there is a special “Thank you” Thursday dinner from the camp. You can teach Scouts to fly fish at their summer camp, which is beautiful. Volunteers cheerfully accepted! We learn a lot when we teach another.

Please contact Gus Link for further information. flylink@att.net

You will need to complete the Youth Protection Training on-line classes.

<http://my.scouting.org>. You will receive more information about the camp and the classes. Yes, you will have fun.

And I’ll add a note to recognize the Fly-Fishing Merit Badge Program founder, Daniel Kitts. Dan is also available to help with information. dckitts@aol.com



President’s Message (continued from page 1)

responsible to make that expenditure when it’s just the board of directors and one or two other members who attend the meeting.

As folks get more comfortable with in person meetings and attendance increases we will revisit monthly meetings. We will continue monthly board of directors meetings and you are all always welcome to attend these meetings. If you haven’t come to a board meeting you should give it a try. We meet at a local pizza parlor to discuss club business, but that seldom takes long and then it turns in to fishing stories and “how about them Giants!” conversations. Come by and check it out.

Our first quarterly meeting will be September 14th in Riverbank at the Scout Hut. Please plan to attend. More info will be coming in the newsletter in August and again in the September newsletter.

As we all know this past winter was extremely dry and spring and early summer has been windy and hot. I feel like it has been hotter than normal. This is of great concern to us as responsible fishers. With low warm water trout survival is questionable when fish are played for any length of time in water above 65 degrees. Several states are instituting hoot owl closures because of these reasons. A hoot owl closure causes fishing to be stopped from 2:00 pm to dawn to give trout a chance. California has not done this, but it could be coming on waters such as the Truckee River where these negative conditions exist. We have included a Cal Trout article in this newsletter that discusses this issue in depth. Please check it out. It provides guidance for protecting fish as well as suggesting safer ways to continue to fish.

Unfortunately I have sad news to report. Many of you know our friend Jon Baiocchi passed away just a couple of months back while guiding the Feather River near Graeagle. Now another friend, guide and giving fisherman has passed. Mike Folden, who worked at Fly Fishing Specialties and guided local waters and the Klamath River, left us much too soon. We have also lost a friend and club member just a week ago. The Club News includes a brief obituary for Jim Yongblom. RIP Jim.

Finally, enjoy this holiday, get out there and wet a line safely and responsibly and enjoy each day you have and celebrate your own life.
Tight lines, Jim

Field Report: Fishing in a Drought

CalTrout.com / June 30, 2021 / CalTrout Field Reporter, Mike Wier

Best Practices for Fishing in a Drought Year

As hard as it is to admit or accept, California is heading into another drought year. After having three good winters in 2016, '17, and '18, California broke out of the last dry cycle and was in relatively good shape. For a time, our fisheries were thriving again. In my experience, 2018 was one of the best trout fishing years of my entire life. The winter of 2018 was also one of the best snowboard seasons I can remember in many decades. The temperatures stayed cold for several months and much of our precipitation in the high country fell as snow as opposed to getting more rain at high elevations the previous year. I believe the fishing was so good in 2018 because there was a cohort of trout that had survived the drought years and when everything exploded with new life, they had a ton of food and less competition. The few that survived got very big. Then, 2019 seemed like an average winter, but 2020 numbers came in far below average. We got a bit of precipitation upfront in December, January, and February. Then it pretty much stopped. None of the usual big March, April, or May storms came through. Because of the timing of the precipitation, we hardly had a spring runoff in most of the Sierras.



Photo by Mike Wier

It's now creeping into early summer and many of our rivers around the state already look like Fall flows. Every reservoir you drive over is down significantly. Many of them never made it to the top this spring to begin with. A state of emergency has already been declared in the upper Klamath basin due to being critically dry. Other parts of California are bound to follow. [***More ...***](#)