

July 2022

Headwaters

NEWSLETTER OF THE
STANISLAUS FLY FISHERS

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Fly Fishers

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President's Message

Hope you are all having a good summer and getting some fishing under your belt.

Vivian and I fished Fall River in June. Fishing was very slow, but we did go out for the Hex hatch one evening while there. Now that is some exciting fishing. The hatch brings some aggressive grabs and lots of them for a short window of opportunity. I'd definitely do that again!

We went camping last week in Kings Canyon National Park for a couple of days with the intent of fishing the Kings River in the park. However, once again Accuweather wasn't very accurate. Their forecast was for highs in the low 80's. Instead we had temps in the mid 90's. It was just too hot to fish or hike so we bailed out and came home early. I will go back at a cooler time of year to fish the river. It looks really good.

For the last several years July has been a hiatus month for club activities. No board meetings, no general club meetings and no activities. We will be back in August so stay tuned. Until then, enjoy summer!

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.




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Club News

No Meeting in July!

I apologize for the late newsletter this month. Too many things going on, procrastination fever, not having a round tuit (one of these days I'll get a round tuit), lack of motivation ... reasons and excuses are many. I should be fired! I know there are a lot of you out there just itching for a chance to replace me. <sound of crickets>  No? There's not? Then I guess you're stuck with me for now.

There won't be a lot to report this month, other than the NCCFFI newsletter. Maybe an article or two for your reading or birdcage enjoyment. If any of you manage to get some fishing in, PLEASE drop me a note and give us a fishing report. And pics. Pics are good.

Look for a meeting in August, likely on the second Tuesday (that would be the 12th for you calendar watchers). Also likely that it will be at 6:00 pm at the Round Table on Pelandale. Watch for August's newsletter for updated information. And I PROMISE that the newsletter will be out on time. Pinky swear!

Fishing Report

From Pat Roe (w/Gary Stephens) via our Facebook group ... "Wolf Creek did not disappoint. Indigenous Lahontan Cutthroat trout."



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At-Large - Pat Roe

Club News (cont.)



The Fly Box - FFI's Foam Fly Fun

I'm turning the Fly Box over to the Federation of Fly Fishers this month because ... I can.

"Tying Summer Flies With Foam"

Anyone who's ever had a good afternoon watching fish take top water flies knows how much fun it can be. Many of us first think of rising trout and the traditional dry flies of summer, but don't overlook terrestrials and you can have a great time catching fish in warm and cold water all summer long. Check out the videos ... for step-by-step instructions to tie large foam flies. Fish these larger flies under a tree overhang, along grass banks, or try one instead of a popper early and late in the day. You'll have a great time with bass, bluegill, and trout, too, all summer long.

Interested in more fly tying videos? Checkout our Fly Tying Group Video Library. Search by cold water, warm water, and saltwater patterns. You can also find videos on tying techniques to step up your game at the vise."

Link to videos [*here ...*](#)



Foam Dragon



Foam Damselfly



Foam Beetle

Upcoming Outings and Events

Knights Ferry Salmon Festival - November (TBD)

Membership Information

Membership Dues (\$40) for 2022 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.

Mail Membership Dues to:
Dennis Stambaugh
3833 Blue Bird Drive
Modesto, CA, 95356

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Suggested Reading

NO FISH DRY JULY

For the month of July, Keep Fish Wet and Ten And Two Co. challenge anglers to commit to not taking a single photo of a fish.

From Keep Fish Wet:

With many places across North America experiencing extreme drought and higher than average water temperatures, the way we handle fish during the hottest time of year is crucial to their well-being. As water temperatures rise, fish become physiologically stressed, increasing the time it takes for them to recover from capture and handling, and increasing the chance of mortality once released.

Instead, we encourage anglers to post other artful shots of their summer angling experience. This simple shift in the fishing community's catch-and-release behavior could do years of good for your fish's home water. After all, fishing is rarely just about catching fish.

[Follow along on social media as well as at \[keepfishwet.org\]\(http://keepfishwet.org\) to learn about how fish respond when the water gets warm, how you can tell if fish are stressed, and to see some beautiful fish-less photography.](#)

No Fish Dry July is an initiative to help anglers create better outcomes for each fish they release.

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Enter our giveaway to win an awesome prize package from our generous sponsors. To be eligible:

Visit and follow @keep.fish.wet on Instagram

Post a non-fish photo with #NoFishDryJuly on Instagram

Prize Package:

- WWL: Velocity 5 wt Rod & Guru S blaze reel
- Scientific Angler Amplitude smooth infinity 5wt line/leader/tippet
- Ten and Two Co. Custom apparel package
- Patagonia: Guidewater hip pack
- Fulling Mill: Barbless flies and fly box
- Bajio: sunglasses of your choice
- Fly Fishing Climate Alliance: Yeti Mug
- Keep Fish Wet: Hat and sticker pack
- Cheeky: 550 Pliers

*US residents only



Click [here](#) for entry instructions

NCCFFI Report to Clubs - July 2022

By Dr. Mark Rockwell, President & VP Conservation, Northern Calif. Council, FFI

Mark Your Calendars - YubaFest 2022 is coming October 15 & 16 at Sycamore Ranch County Park

Do you want to spend a day celebrating fly fishing, our great California rivers, and spend time with friends and fellow advocates for our fisheries? This will be what YubaFest is all about. The Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International and our partners are organizing fun days of family focused education, learning, good food and music, and bringing our fishing community together to enjoy this wonderful River.

The event is Dedicated to the late Jon Baiocchi, our friend, fishing guide, and Yuba River advocate. Please come to celebrate Jon's life and what he stood for. It will be a day of joy, music and fun.

The event will include:

Partner booths - NCCFFI, Cal Trout, TU, Gold Country Fly Fishers, and many other partners who advocate for fisheries & watersheds and enjoy fishing.

Learning opportunities -

- Fly Fishing 101 - how to fly fish
 - How to fly cast - presenting the fly to fish
 - Participate in the FFI fly casting challenge - a skills test - bronze, silver levels
 - Entomology - what fish eat
 - How to create flies that catch fish - fly tying starter
 - Women in fly fishing (Women Connect)
 - Fishing the Yuba - how to catch the wild rainbows of the Yuba
 - Restoration work on the Yuba - SYRCL program to restore this great river
 - Water safety - rivers are dangerous - how to stay safe
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- Food & drinks available throughout the day, including a BBQ dinner on Saturday
 - Music - Afternoon fun music, and Karrie O'Neill, singer/song writer for the evening
 - Story teller to bring the history & glory of the region to a personal level
 - Special women's programs for learning and taking fishing trips together
 - Sunday special on-the-water teaching and fishing opportunities with possible casting classes too
 - Raffle & auction of fly fishing "stuff" as well as other non-fishing items.

Times for the event are: Saturday 10 - 5:30 for learning and river activities, 6 - 9 for dinner, story telling, and music around the camp fire (if we can have it).

Location: Sycamore Ranch Park, 5390 State Hwy. 20, Browns Valley, CA. 95918, (530) 749-5435. Website: https://www.yuba.org/departments/community_development/parks_&_campground.php

Reservations for camping: <https://secure.itinio.com/yuba/>

Please join us to celebrate the Yuba, Fly Fishing & Jon Baiocchi!

Jon on the Yuba with a great fish: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CL2Ho8fh008/>