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Headwaters

NEWSLETTER OF THE
STANISLAUS FLY FISHERS

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Fly Fishers

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September Meeting

Tuesday,
September 13th
6:00 pm
Round Table Pizza
(Save Mart Center)
Pelandale Ave.
Modesto, CA

President's Message

Wow! What an extremely hot summer we are having. I'm lucky to be retired so I can get out early to do yard work and chores, and then hide out inside under the air conditioning during the heat of the day. I keep thinking about going fishing, but it's just too damned hot. Even the high sierra country is too hot to handle, not to mention our foothill impoundments or the delta. If you are brave enough and tough enough to get out, then you're my hero.

Vivian and I just returned from Florida. We went to visit my 94-year-old uncle primarily, but had to mix a little fishing into the trip. We fished with well-known guide Frank Catino in the Melbourne area. Frank has been guiding Florida salt for 47 years. He knows and has known everyone that's anyone in the world of Florida flyfishing. His stories were worth the day spent in his skiff. Of course, the three tarpon in the 100-pound range that I hooked under his guidance really made my day.

After fishing in central Florida, we traveled to Islamorada and fished two days there. We both caught tarpon there. Vivian caught two in the 50 to 60 pound range. She is definitely a tarpon fisher now. We are already talking about a return to the Keys next year to chase those fish again. If you ever get the chance to tarpon fish, jump on it.

We are traveling to the northeast in a couple of days to see the sights. We will fish for stripers while there, and I'll report on that next month.

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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President's Message (cont.)

We have announced that it's Rivers of Recovery auction time again. Mike will post the information to view auction items and the link for donating items and bid on items in this newsletter. This is such a worthy organization that really helps our veterans that I hope you all will look into donating to the auction, and during the auction, bidding on something that catches your eye. The funds that are raised allow RoR to take wounded veterans on a two-day guided fishing trip to help them deal with physical, psychological, and emotional wounds resulting from their service to our country. Look into it. You may see something you just have to have.

Finally, there will be a club meeting Tuesday, September 13th at the Round Table Pizza on Pelandale at 6:00 pm. It is time for our membership to step up if the club is going to continue. Due to regular members aging out and due to Covid, we are having very little interest in meetings and very, very low attendance. This needs to change if we are going to keep the club going. If you want Stanislaus Fly Fishers to continue, plan to attend meetings and offer ideas for what will keep you interested and coming back. It's also time for me to let you all know that after too many years as president, I'm stepping down from an officer's position. I can't speak for the remaining board members, but it is time for new leadership, at least at the President position. So this year is my last as President of the club. I hope some of you decide the club should continue and will step up and stand for an officer position. It's really not a big time investment, and if I can do it, anyone can. Give it some thought.

Well, that's it for now. Don't let his summer heat get to you and show up to the next meeting.

Tight Lines!

~ Jim

Stanislaus Fly Fishers 2022 Board of Directors

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At-Large - Pat Roe

Club News

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th, 6:00 pm
Round Table Pizza, Pelandale Ave., Modesto
(Save Mart Center)

Join us for Pizza & Beer!
(or your beverage of your choice)

*Carpe polus piscandi! And then come share your fish tails ... er ... tales with the gang. The only way we're going to be able to have larger-scale meetings with great presenters is if we can start getting more people to attend these smaller, informal meetings that demonstrate an interest. Speakers and facilities for hosting speakers cost money, but the cost is not worth it if we don't get reasonable attendance numbers. So let's start showing up! We do have some newer members attending, so you past members that haven't been coming, now's the chance to make a new fly fishing buddy!

*Seize the fishing pole

The Fly Box - "Fischer's Loco Ant"

I'm going to let the video speak for itself this month. Click on the image to the right and the YouTube video will load. Materials and techniques are simple. Should be a straight forward addition to your fly box to have as a variation of standard ant patterns.

Have a favorite fly pattern you'd like to share? Drop me a line [here](#).



Upcoming Outings and Events

Knights Ferry Salmon Festival - November 12th*

*USF&W are currently monitoring the Covid rate in Stanislaus County. The USACE has restrictions in place for limiting gatherings to 50 people while the Covid status is high, which it currently is. Cutoff date to decide on whether there will be a festival is September 30th. Stay tuned!

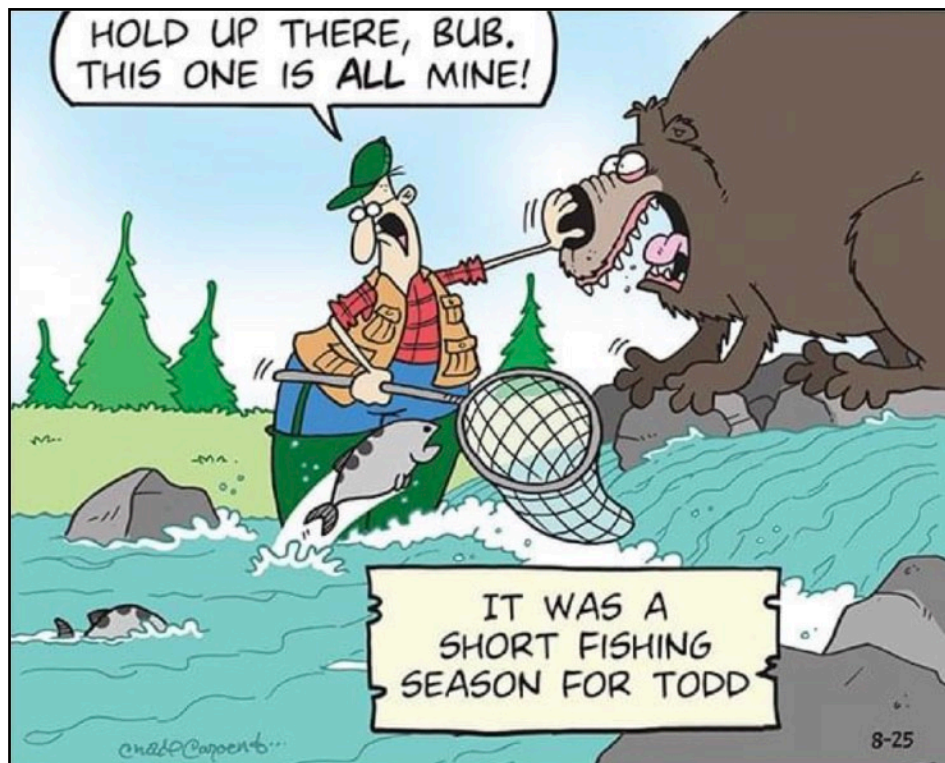
Membership Information

Membership Dues are suspended for the rest of 2022. 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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Rivers of Recovery Auction

As most of you already know, the Stanislaus Fly Fishers has been a supporter of Rivers of Recovery since 2008 when we first formed. Over the years we co-hosted an annual event at The State Theater in Modesto, The Fly Fishing Film Tour, which was our major fundraiser for RoR. Somewhere upwards of \$750,000 was raised over those years to send our combat disabled veterans on weekend-long fly fishing adventures as part of their outdoor recreational therapy.

Unfortunately, when Covid hit, our local fundraising event, along with everything else, came to a screeching halt. Since then we have shifted our efforts to supporting the annual RoR online auction, and it is that time again. To remind you what this effort is all about, here's a refresher on just what RoR offers and means to our veterans:

Rivers of Recovery provides wounded veterans a unique rehabilitative treatment utilizing techniques that are both enjoyable and effective for our participants.

Rivers of Recovery specializes in the rehabilitation of combat veterans suffering with Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI), stress, anxiety and depression.

Our program, which combines outdoor recreational activities with instruction on the self-treatment of symptoms of stress, depression and anxiety, empowers veterans to live a life that is no longer restricted by psychological or physical disabilities.

Rivers of Recovery is an enjoyable, cost-effective, medically proven and sustainable treatment, requiring a one-time cost of \$2,500 per veteran (provided free of charge to participants), as compared to two-year maintenance costs between \$5,904-\$32,759 as administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

400,000 to 600,000 Iraq & Afghanistan veterans are estimated to suffer from psychological injuries. Another 320,000 suffer from probable Traumatic Brain Injury.

Our treatment is scientifically-proven and focused on ensuring positive outcomes.

The auction runs from October 22-29, 2022. How can you participate? First, raffle prize donations are currently being accepted. The more raffle prizes that get donated, the more bids that will be made and the more money that will be raised. Info on donating raffle prizes is on the next page.

2022 Rivers of Recovery Online Auction is scheduled for October 22-29.

Here are some ways you can help ensure it's another success:

Gift Cards

Gift cards are an easy way to support our veterans because they are popular auction items that raise more than their face value. That means YOUR dollar stretches even further to help a veteran!

You can mail gift cards to Rivers of Recovery, PO Box 22326, Eagan, MN 55122 or email amy@riversofrecovery.org.

Do you own a business or know someone who can offer a service?

Some popular ideas: guided fishing trips, vacation homes/destinations, fishing/hunting gear, jewelry, spa packages, small items for a gift basket, flies to "match the hatch" in your area, golf and so much more!

Other donations can be mailed to Rivers of Recovery, PO Box 22326, Eagan, MN 55122.

THANK YOU in advance for your contribution. Watch for our official invite!

The second thing you can do is **BID!** Check out the selection of items on the auction site. There are some fantastic items already there and more to come! And while you're browsing the auction list, click that register button and get signed up. You'll want to be ready when the auction starts. Let's all do our part and remember what this is all for ... providing for our injured combat veterans.

Auction Link: <https://go.charityauctionstoday.com/bid/rorauction2022#>

For more detailed info on Rivers of Recovery, check out their website here:

<http://riversofrecovery.org>



NCCFFI Report to Clubs - September 2022

By Mark Rockwell, President & VP Conservation, NCCFFI

Yuba Fest 2022 - Fly Fishing, River Trips, Great Food, Music, Friendship - In Memory of Jon Baiocchi, Yuba Guide, Naturalist, & Good Friend

A Unique Weekend of Fun!

The NCCFFI has been busy this past month continuing to work on organizing Yuba Fest, our October 15 & 16 event & fundraiser. A lot has changed, as we now have more activities, more groups participating, and an on-the-river raft float with a Naturalist. Also, a full day of training on how to fly fish on Sunday. Here's a bit of a rundown on the two days:

Groups partnering for the event

- Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International
- South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL) - (<https://yubariver.org>),
- Fly Fishing Traditions - <https://www.flyfishingtraditions.com>
- Gold Country Fly Fishers - <https://gcff.clubexpress.com>

Saturday Activities - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Fly Fishing Education - Training the club trainers on how to teach fly fishing
- Casting - the essence, art, and importance of casting - Certified Casting pros
- Gathering of Club leaders - new learning programs & how to implement them
- Tying flies - demonstration tyers + individual teaching
- Fly Fishing club contacts - where to go to connect with a local club
- Entomology - the bugs of lakes & rivers - what they look like & how they act
- Women Connect - A group of women fly fishers and what they do
- Conservation - Partner groups will discuss what's happening in California
- Door prizes, raffle items of all kinds, silent auction
- Kids activities & games
- Live music will start at 4 or possibly earlier! Easy listening and fun

Saturday Evening - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Friendship & conversation starts at 5 with beverage of choice
- Storytelling session by local storyteller
- Dinner - 6 p.m. BBQ Tri-Tip & chicken, salad, dessert - bring your wine
- 6:30 - Karrie O'Neil, singer/songwriter to play guitar and sing
- 7ish - Recognition talk about Jon Baiocchi, Importance of Conservation
- 7:30 - Live Auction - a short list of cool stuff!

Sunday Activities - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (earlier if fishing)

- One day teaching - How to Fly Fish - Beginners - Clay Hash
- Guided fishing on the Yuba & other local waters
- Walk & Wade guided fishing on the Yuba - Orvis endorsed guide Mike Pease
- Yuba River Salmon Tours - raft trip to see salmon & visit restoration sites, SYRCL must reserve a space before this event. (https://yubariver.org/salmon_tours)
- Fly casting skills development & testing - FFI Certified Casters teaching

Sierra Gold Country activities - visit our website: www.nccffi.org (soon to be up)

Where is the event? Sycamore Ranch County Park on the Lower Yuba River - take a look: <https://www.facebook.com/sycamoreranch/>

Conservation

California is Not Prepared for Drought

CalTrout.org | August 23, 2022

California is Not Prepared to Protect the Environment from Drought during the Ongoing Climate Crisis

This past month was a major setback for California's diverse freshwater ecosystems. Drought preparedness bill AB 2451, representing real hope for water scarcity, likely failed, and Governor Newsom introduced a Water Supply Strategy that is an important step but inadequate for the protection of freshwater ecosystems – especially in the face of the ongoing climate crisis.

Here at CalTrout, we balance the needs of fish, water, and people. We recognize that the California we know and love is a functionally altered landscape. Our work and our vision support clean drinking water for all Californians, a thriving economy, while also allowing wild fish to thrive in our rivers, lakes, estuaries, and headwater habitats. However, this balance is not reflected in the Governor's or the State's drought preparedness, vision for the future, or policies.

AB 2451 and Governor Newsom's Water Supply Strategy

Assemblymember Jim Wood sought to address California's lack of drought preparedness in AB 2451. This bill would have created the State of California's only permanent office that prepares for a drier, more arid future. However, because of some short-sighted efforts hidden behind the veil of our legislative process, AB 2451 and California's chance to prepare for long-term drought and aridification have likely failed. While there is some hope that the legislature can support the funding of AB 2451 through a last-minute budget process, it appears more likely that the State Water Resources Control Board and the legislature have once again failed to meet the needs of Californians.

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