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Headwaters

NEWSLETTER OF THE
STANISLAUS FLY FISHERS

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Fly Fishers

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October Meeting

Tuesday,
November 8th
6:00 pm Round Table
Pizza
(Save Mart Center)
Pelandale Ave.
Modesto, CA

President's Message

Hey gang,

Looks like fall is here for real now. We even have a little rain to celebrate, with a forecast for more. Let's hope for a long overdue wet fall, winter and spring.

I haven't been out much. I fell victim to Covid and that had me out of action for two weeks. I thought it would never end. I'm sure glad I'm vaccinated and boosted!

Now I'm getting the boat ready and digging out the striper gear. I hear the males are in which means those big females aren't far behind. The water temps are right, and during this fall time of year they can be had on top water. It doesn't get any more exciting than that, so get gurglers, crease flies, and pole dancers out and ready.

There will be a general club meeting Tuesday the 8th at 6:00pm at the Round Table on Pelandale. Get out and vote, and then come by for some fishing gossip and storytelling.

Tight lines,
Jim

Guess who the
fisherman is!



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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We're on the Web!



Club Notes

General Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th, 6:00 pm
Round Table Pizza, Pelandale Ave., Modesto
(Save Mart Center)

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

Our November monthly meeting will be held at the same time and same place. The Rivers of Recovery auction is over and maybe we'll get an update on how well it went.

The Annual Knight's Ferry Salmon Festival is back! After a Covid hiatus, this US Fish & Wildlife event is having a welcome return. There will be many exhibitors on hand, including:

- Calfire
- CDFW
- Knights Ferry School
- NMFS
- River Partners
- Sierra Club - Yokuts
- Stanislaus County UCCE Master Gardeners Program
- Stanislaus Fly Fishers
- TID
- US Coast Guard Aux
- USBR - New Melones Lake
- USFWS

As usual, the SFF will be on hand to demonstrate and provide casting instruction to youth and adults. There are normally food vendors on available as well, but I have no

information on them at this point. However, both the 50s Roadhouse and The River's Edge are always a great option for a meal. *Come on out and be a part of introducing a new generation to fly fishing.* It's great fun interacting with the kids and showing them how to cast! If you think you'd like to participate, contact Michael Hewitt @ 209-606-0424 or webmaster@stanislausflyfishers.org.



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Club News

Previous Salmon Festival Photos



The Fly Box - “The Gurgler”

Since Jim Bowen brought it up, here’s the basics for tying a Gurgler.

Hook: Saltwater streamer 4x long
size 1 - 2/0

Thread: 3/0 Black

Flash: Black Krystal

Tail : Black Bucktail (sparse)

Body: Black Ice Chenille (large)

Foam: Black 1cm x 10cm

(3/8”-5/16” x
3”-4”)

Can also be tied in a white
variation.



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, 2022 - 10am-3pm

Based on the current Covid transmission status of Stanislaus County (Low), USF&W has decided that festival is on.

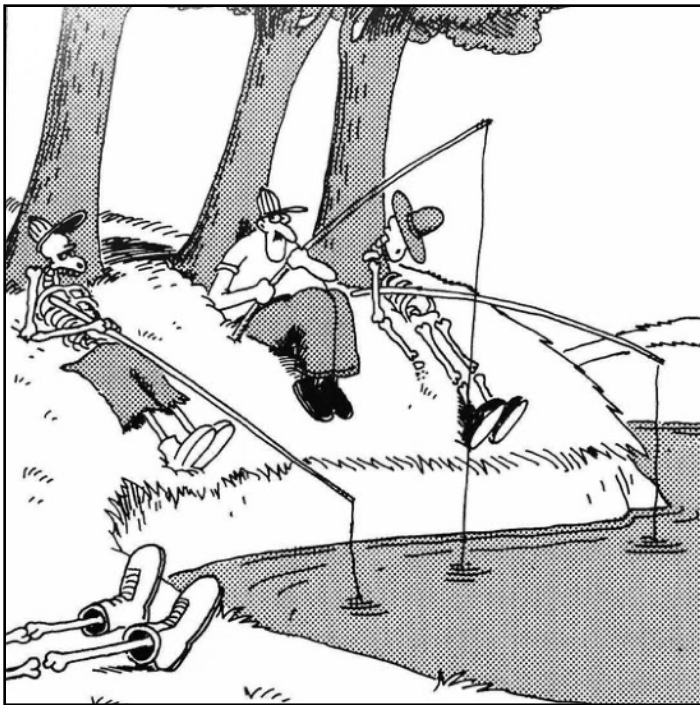
Membership Information

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.

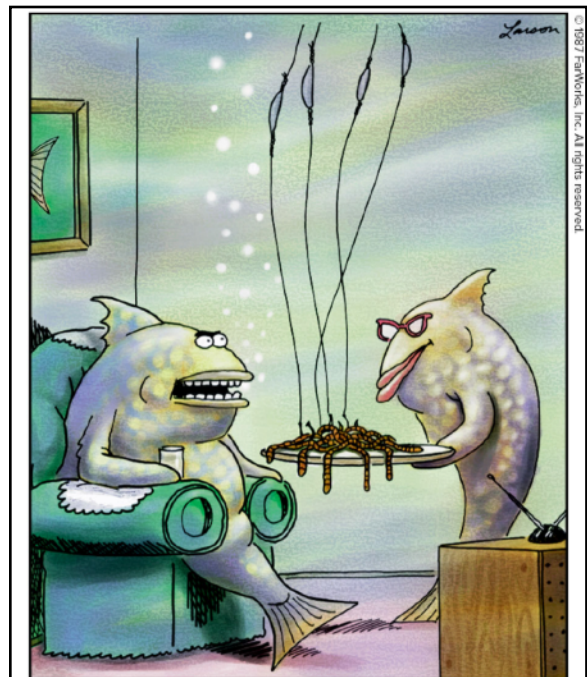
Reminder: Club dues DO NOT include FFI dues. FFI dues are paid directly to the FFI and must be maintained regularly since the SFF is an FFI Charter Club. If you are not an FFI Life Member, or do not pay for three years at a time, **you must renew your membership yearly! Remember to list the Stanislaus 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

Comics



Unlucky fishing holes



"More worms? ... Saaaaaaaay—why are you being so nice to me all of a sudden?"

NCCFFI Report to Clubs - November 2022

On October 15th & 16th we held the Yuba Fest 2022 Event at Sycamore Ranch Park. This “Gathering of the Fly Fishing Clan” was well attended by over 200 people. People really enjoyed getting together to discuss fly fishing, learning new ways to develop their casting skills, learning new flies to tie, and learning knots from Gray Bard. Clay Hash, Mike Pease, and Larry Strauss led great classes & workshops on Saturday (Fishing the Lower Yuba River and Introduction to Fly Fishing), plus the Fishing Technical Water session on Sunday.



In attendance were 10 conservation organizations showing telling what it takes to keep our watersheds and fisheries healthy:

- ◆ Trout Unlimited (TU)
- ◆ Cal Trout
- ◆ California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA)
- ◆ Golden State Salmon Association
- ◆ Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI)
- ◆ South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)
- ◆ Bear River Land Trust
- ◆ Sierra Nevada Alliance
- ◆ Wolf Creek Community Alliance
- ◆ 10.Sierra Streams Institute



Attendees enjoyed great food starting with the Taverrite's "Make it Italian" sausages for a real gourmet lunch, and a terrific dinner featuring BBQ Tri-Tip & Chicken, gourmet vegetarian lasagna, with Baked Beans, Pasta Salad and chocolate cake for dessert. During the course of the day, there was live music with the Harmony Groove Band in the afternoon and Karrie O'Neil in the evening.



Yuba Fest also featured fund-raising activities including:

- The Raffle that featured a Jon Baiocchi Fly Rod (won by Mike Wier), Wader Skins Leggings, a number of items from Orvis, Adamsbuilt, Fly Fishing Specialties & FFI, and Barry Glickman Framed Prints
- The Silent Auction with 16 Fly Boxes tied by expert fly tyers, many with flies focused on the Lower Yuba River.
- Seven Additional Silent Auction Items including Echo & Orvis Fly Rods, a carved chainsaw wooden mounted steelhead from Jess Alice, a Sonoma Wine Tour and a 3 Hour Casting Lesson from Clay Hash
- The Live Auction with nine items featured a number of purchased & donated fly rods (a Sage Fly Rod & Reel full set up, a Winston Super 10 Fly Rod, a Euro Rod & Reel from Clay Hash, a Sage Spey Rod donated by Mark Rockwell). In addition, a 3 Night San Francisco Apartment donated by Anne-Marie Bakker and three guide trips (Lance Gray Walk & Wade, Jon Hubbard of First Light Fly Fishing Float Trip, and a Clay Hash Yuba River Trip) were auctioned with many spirited bidders.



In addition, Tina Baiocchi Aranguren (Jon Baiocchi's sister) gave a wonderful remembrance of her brother & father Bob, who both fought hard for our fisheries & watersheds. She called on all of us to follow their lead and continue the fight! She also asked people consider contributing to their favorite conservation organization in Jon's name.



If you attended the event, you certainly enjoyed a wonderful get-together with many fellow fly fishers on a perfect fall sunny day, with great activities, food and music. We have received many positive notes from people that have attended and would really appreciate any feedback that you might have. Please address your comments (and any notes, pictures etc.) to Mark Rockwell (mrockwell1945@gmail.com). This was a labor of love by many to create a great event and many thanks go to all the volunteers from Gold Country Fly Fishers and our NCCFFI Board for all the work they put in. Hats off to all of you!



YUBA FEST 2022 was an event like no other! We expect another "Gathering of the Clan for 2023" so put it on your "To Do" list for 2023. We'll do our best to make it great! See you next year!