



President's Message

Fall has arrived! My tomatoes are done. I guess that is my official fall indicator. Sure will miss fresh tomatoes. Guess I need to go fishing to assuage my grief! I serviced my dual sport Husqvarna, and I am ready to hit the mountain streams! Will be nice to get some dry fly action in!!

It has been GREAT to see new faces at our meetings! Welcome! Starting to see some returning faces also, Thank You! A year ago, I was not too optimistic about the future of the Club, but I am happy to be proven wrong!

How was Yuba Fest? Hope a lot of folks attended, I unfortunately could not. I look forward to these kinds of events ... see people I have not seen in a while, meet new people, and get a chance to learn something. The older I get, the more I appreciate learning. I always thought that would be the opposite, but for me, however, learning is critical and keeps me engaged.

I am looking forward to the Heenan Lake outing. I get to get my 'toon out and maybe catch some big fish! Hope to see a lot of folks on this outing. It's a great opportunity to fish a lake that is not open long. I hope to attend the Mill Pond outing also, as I have never caught anything out there and would like to remedy that.

Book Report: Something I will start doing on an irregular basis! I have been reading / listening to a lot of fly-fishing related books lately, and I will share my recommendations! *The River Why* by David James Duncan. I am torn on this one. This is more a fly fishing adjacent novel. I kind of liked it and kind of did not. I actually think I want to listen to it again to form a more complete opinion. I will admit it is one of the few books that I have read that I am torn about. Usually I am a love or dislike reader. Love Tolkien, dislike Douglas Adams (yeah, I know, those are fightin' words! One of the few things my wife and I disagree on! That and a Confederacy of Dunces, ugh!) I will report back at a later date.

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (October 10) because what do we need at the meetings? YOU! Yeah YOU, the person reading this! We need participation by ALL members. Come to the meetings, invite your friends, participate in the Club! Grab some flyers to hand out (ask any Board member), be passionate about your sport!

Do you have any suggestions? Any thing that you would like to see happen at the meetings? Please, feel free to reach out to me, or any Board Member, and tell us. We welcome any and all questions, suggestions and feedback. After all, it is not my Club ... it is everyone's Club.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone not only at the meetings, but out on the water in 2023!

Tight Lines!

~ Link

Club News

... October General Meeting - Tuesday, October 10, 2023

This month's meeting will be a fly tyers night. Bring your tying gear and share your favorite pattern. We'll also feature Bud Heintz demonstrating a featured fly that you can learn to tie (if you haven't before), a Beadhead Bird's Nest in size 12. The Bird's Nest was designed by Cal Bird for catching Truckee River trout. It is a great nymph for all trout rivers and streams. Fish it dead drift in the film or along the bottom with a split shot to mimic a nymph. It can be fished on the swing to imitate an ascending caddis pupae or stripped along the edges of weed beds to simulate a swimming nymph or baitfish. Here's a general recipe from tightlinevideo:

Hook: Dai-Riki 285, size 16.
 Weight: .02 lead.
 Bead: Copper
 Thread: Danville 6/0, olive.
 Tail: Wood duck feather.
 Abdomen: Natural Australian possum.
 Rib: Copper colored UTC ultra wire, small.
 Legs: Wood duck feather.
 Collar: Natural Australian possum.



... Knight's Ferry Salmon Festival



The Knight's Ferry Salmon Festival put on by US Fish & Wildlife is returning this year, and once again the SFF will have our usual booth and casting area. The free event runs from 10 am - 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 11th. Last year was the festival's return after the Covid hiatus, and due to having to wait on a Covid status clearance, they got a late start on recruiting participants, including food vendors. This year should be back to normal with lots of activities for kids and some great food options. Of course, one of the highlights is standing on the bridge and checking out the salmon that are spawning. Kids or no kids, stop on by the booth. We'll likely put a rod in your hand and a kid by your side for a little one-on-one casting lesson (don't worry ... it's not much of a challenge). Donuts and coffee

provided while it lasts for those working the booth. If you think you can make it, please let me know. webmaster@stanislausflyfishers.org

... GGA&C Club Free Casting Clinic

Board members Bob Bullock, John Driver, and I attended the free Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club instructional day on Saturday, September 9th. We all felt it was an excellent experience and will return for more instruction. The free casting clinic is held the second Saturday of every month from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm at Golden Gate Park. October 14th conflicts with the Heenan Outing and November 11th conflicts with the Salmon Festival, but I will be organizing a carpool trip over for December 9th's session. See me if you think you are interested in joining in. The event is held rain or shine.



... The Fly Fishing Show



The club is going to have an information booth at the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton this year! We hope to use the opportunity to promote our club to any and all area attendees, as well as promote the Fly Fishing Film Tour which will be held this coming spring. There is an opportunity for members to work the booth and get a free pass to the event. This year's event runs February 23-25, 2024.

... Fly Fishing Film Tour Returns!

Speaking of the Fly Fishing Film Tour, the date has been set for April 6, 2024 @ The State Theater in Modesto from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. We'll present more details as they get solidified. In the meantime, please be thinking about how you can make this a fantastic fundraising event for Rivers of Recovery. For those that don't know, The SFF has been involved in promoting the F3T event at The State since its inception, which I



believe dates back to 2009. The local event was suspended due to the Covid lockdown in 2020, but it's time we brought it back bigger and stronger than ever. We not only will need member support in running things the day of the event, but also in arranging the donation of raffle prizes. There'll be more on that in the upcoming months.

... 2023 F3T Film Showing

We are looking into hosting a smaller showing of the 2023 F3T film from this past year. This will be an informal event with a reasonable ticket price to cover the event costs of film and facility rental. Watch for details with a possible date and venue notice soon!

... Yuba Fest 2023

Board members Bob and Paul braved the elements and attended Yuba Fest on Saturday, Sept. 30th. on behalf of our club. I, on the other hand, opted to stay dry and chickened out when I saw the green mass hovering over the area on the weather map. Both of them went through the Bronze level casting exam while there and passed. Paul said other than a two-hour cloud burst it was a good event. I will look forward to next year, assuming there will be good weather. 😊



... Fall River Outing

Members Bob Bullock, John Driver, Pat Roe, Paul and Cathy Wallace, Paul Wiese, and myself fished the Fall River September 22-24. We stayed at the Circle 7 Ranch and the accommodations were outstanding. They have several houses along the river with boat ramps and boats available for rent. Wonderful food was prepared by John, Bob, Paul W., and Paul and Cathy during the trip and the whole process provided for some great camaraderie. The fishing was complicated by large rafts and drifts of water grass floating downstream after



being chopped loose upstream by boat motors. Most of the fish caught were pretty small, but a few healthier fish were caught as you will see in the accompanying photos. It looks like we are going to target a spring trip to the Fall River and fish it before the grass becomes an issue. Stay tuned for details!



Pat Roe



Paul Wallace



Paul Wiese



Paul Wallace



John Driver



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... Spey Camp Report

Vivian and I just returned from the Confluence Outfitters Spey Camp hosted by Western Rivers Conservancy. Western Rivers Conservancy is one of my favorite 501c organizations. Vivian and I donate monthly to help with the good works that they are involved in. If you love fishing on wild rivers, look them up and check out some or all of the great projects they have accomplished or are currently working on.



We signed up to attend spey camp, a four-day summer steelhead outing. While the trip was hosted by WRC, it is a Confluence Outfitters annual camp. The camps are operated on a four-day camp schedule for about six weeks a year during peak summer run steelhead season. These guys have this thing dialed in to the max. The camp is limited to six anglers per camp. There are two guides



and a chef on site. The guides will work with you if you are new to spey casting or if you feel you need a little tune up of your casting stroke. If you are confident in your abilities, then they will get you out fishing on arrival and put you on some amazing water. The chef will serve some amazing camp meals. You'll have to look around to remember you're eating in a camp setting.

The camp consist of outfitter style tents with two cots to a tent. There is a larger dining tent, a smaller tent where coffee and pastries are served in the morning, and appetizers are waiting when you came in from a long day on the water. Did I mention the chef is amazing?

There are generators so you can charge your phones and watches. Bring your own charger cables. There is also a shower and an "incinolet" toilet, and as one guide called the shovel, an analog method if you prefer.

We arrived at camp at about 1:00pm following about a ten-minute jet boat ride upriver to the camp. After orientation we were divided into the casting instruction group and the fishing group. We fished until time to come in for dinner. Did I mention the chef was amazing? On the next two mornings we headed out after breakfast for long days of fishing for and catching summer run fish. The camp is only about five miles up from from salt so the fish are red hot and eager to chase a swung fly. Vivian even caught a fresh bright coho of about eight pounds. The chef made sandwiches for us to take out and the guides provided chips, snacks, beer, sodas and waters. It just doesn't get any better.



On the last morning the chef (did I mention he was amazing?) had to head into town for supplies so breakfast was coffee and pastries followed by a morning of swinging for steelhead. Then it was time to pack up and boat back to the ramp at Klamath Glen.

This outing far exceeded our expectations. The camp is perfect. The scenery is breathtaking. The staff is awesome and the fishing is everything you'd hope for. If you've ever considered fishing for summer run steelhead, then this is the trip to take. We hope we can return to camp next season.

~ Jim and Vivian Bowen

Upcoming Outings & Events

- General Meeting - October 10
- McSwain Reservoir / Mill Pond Outing - October ???
- Heenan Lake Outing - October 13-14
- SFF Board Meeting - October 26 - 424 Brewery (members welcome)
- Knight's Ferry Salmon Festival - November 11
- Sacramento International Sportsman's Expo - January 18-21, 2024
- Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show 2024 - February 23-25, 2024
- Fly Fishing Film Tour 2024 @ The State Theater - April 6, 2024

[Click here for a link to our Google Calendar.](#)

SFF 2023 Board of Directors

President: Gus Link • Vice-President: Bob Bullock

Treasurer/Membership: Dennis Stambaugh • Secretary/Webmaster: Michael Hewitt

Outings: John Driver • Community: Paul Wallace • At-Large: Bud Heintz

SFF Membership Information

Membership fees for 2023, currently \$45, are now due. 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 Fly Fishers International 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 as that links you to us on their roster. The online application for FFI membership is linked below. Standard annual FFI dues range from \$20-\$35 based on status (general, senior, veteran, youth).

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

[SFF Membership Form](#)

[FFI Membership Link](#)

Directions to Tuolumne River Lodge Tuolumne River Lodge 2429 River Rd, Modesto, CA

From 99 take Hatch Rd east to Central.
Left on Central to River Rd. Right on River Rd.

From Mitchell Rd take Hatch Rd west
to Moffett Rd. Right on Moffett to River Rd.
Left on River Rd.

[Google Map](#)

