



## President's Message

Looks like the rainy season is upon us! I hope! Nice to hear rain upon waking up. This means fly tying season, and in our house, work on sewing machines season! Tune up the workhorses and pick a project machine to get up and running. Might build a fly rod also. I have a couple of blanks I need to get built. Who knows? It is also sit-in-the-comfy-chair-with-a-cat-on-your-lap season! That goes well with a glass of wine! (To be honest, most things go well with a glass of wine!)

I said this last month, and I will reiterate. 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. I am happy to be proven wrong!

A group of us survived Heenan Lake. I have decided that is not my preferred place to fish. Nice to get out with the 'toon, hang out, eat and drink with friends, but I do not think I will go back. John, Bob and I decided the next day to fish the North Fork of the Stan ... just a nice easy hike in. Turned into a 2-mile scramble down into the canyon! Loved it! Paid for it for the next week, but GREAT fishing!

I am looking forward to future outings! We want to do some camp outings, probably up 108 ... lots of great water up there! We are starting to plan for the year ahead. Please, if you have any input, let us know. Also, if you want to coordinate an outing, let us know! We would be happy to help!

No Book Report. I have been on a music kick lately, revisiting some 90's bands ... Pearl Jam, Audioslave, R.E.M., Police, with a dose of Post Rock and the eternal Prog Rock. I do have a couple of books in the queue, so maybe will get back to that seeing as it is comfy-chair-with-a-cat-on-your-lap season!!

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (November 14), 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), and be passionate about your sport!

Do you have any suggestions? Anything that you would like to see happen at the meetings? Or anything that you would like to see happen with the Club? 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. The more participation we get, the more successful the Club can be.

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

Tight Lines!

~ Link

## Club News

### ... November General Meeting - Tuesday, November 14, 2023

November's meeting will feature several members sharing their recent fishing outings to places like the Klamath, Lake Davis, the Fall River, Heenan, Lake, the Stanislaus River, and Beardsley Reservoir. If anyone has a recent outing they'd like to share, please do. Any photos you'd like to see added to the presentation, send them to me at [webmaster@stanislausflyfishers.org](mailto:webmaster@stanislausflyfishers.org) and I'll include them.

### ... 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 is back to normal with at least 40 vendors 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](mailto:webmaster@stanislausflyfishers.org)



### ... GGA&C Club Free Casting Clinic

Just a reminder that the free casting clinic is held the second Saturday of every month from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm at Golden Gate Park. Saturday, 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. On a side note, three of our board members, Bob Bullock, John Driver, and Paul Wallace earned their bronze level casting certificates at the Yuba Fest! Congratulations!

### ... 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

Own December 8th, the SFF will be hosting a smaller showing of the 2023 F3T film from this past year at the Prospect Theater Project located on 1214 K Street in Modesto . This will be an informal event with a \$12 ticket price to cover the event costs of film and facility rental. There will be a raffle that evening as well. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with the program starting at 6:30. The bar will be open for the sale of beer, wine, and cocktails! Tickets will be available soon on the [Prospect Theater website](#).

### ... **December Dinner Meeting**

December's general meeting will be a dinner meeting somewhat like the annual holiday meetings we used to hold. We'll have a taco bar with some beverages provided for \$25 per person. More details to come in next month's newsletter. Please join us for some fun, food, and festive camaraderie. This used to be a great annual event for members and their significant others and we'd truly love to see it return.

### ... **Outings and Activities in 2024**

As the club regains its health following the toll taken by the Covid shutdown, we've had a renewed focus on not only rebuilding membership, but establishing a regular pattern of group-based outings. Group outings are only successful to the degree they engage members to participate, and many factors weigh into the level of participation they receive, including but not limited to cost, distance, scheduling (weekday vs. weekend, time of year, outing length, etc.), type of fishing (stream, stillwater, personal float device, boat), and skill level required. Not every outing will appeal to or be available to every member for a number of reasons, but it's important that we provide a variety of activities and outings so that there is something for everyone at some point during the year.

To that end the outing director coordinates the effort to schedule these activities, but it is imperative that club members involve themselves by providing input to their development. We need recommendations for possible future outing locations, feedback on the outings we have scheduled in the past, and suggestions as to the types of outings that make the most sense for you as a member. It's important to remember that we are a club of volunteers connected by a shared interest in our sport and as such the club will only be successful if we pull together to make it work.

As with outings, non-fishing club activities are also important. Our information booths at community events like farmers' markets, craft fairs, festivals, and the upcoming Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton are important to raise awareness of and promote our club and the sport. Our annual fundraising effort for Rivers of Recovery is a way of not only generating club awareness, but more importantly giving back to and being involved with the community, specifically our disabled veterans. These things too need your active participation so please don't be shy. Step up and say, "How can I help?"



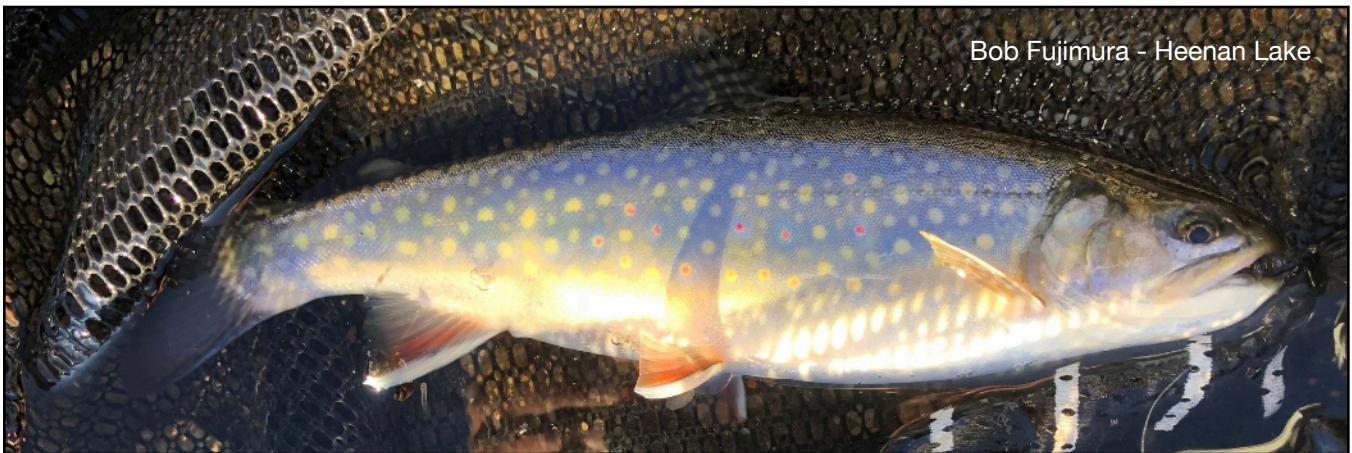
### ... Recent Catches



John Driver - Pit River



Pat Roe - Beardsley



Bob Fujimura - Heenan Lake

### Upcoming Outings & Events

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

- General Meeting - November 14, 2023
- Knight's Ferry Salmon Festival - November 11, 2023
- SFF Board Meeting - November 30 - Track 424 Brewery, 2150 Yosemite, Modesto
- Fly Fishing Film Tour 2023 @ Prospect Theater - December 8, 2023
- 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

Stay tuned for more information on these as it develops.



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## SFF 2023 Board of Directors

President: Gus Link • Vice-President: Bob Bullock

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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](#)

