

April 2023

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NEWSLETTER OF THE
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April Meeting

Tuesday, April 11,
2023

6:00pm

Tuolumne River
Lodge

2429 River Rd,
Modesto, CA

See map in newsletter.

President's Message

How about this weather? Spring showers bring flooding to the Central Valley! WOW! Hope Mom Nature gives us a break before we all float away! Looks like all the rivers will be blown out for a while. Hopefully, all this water will produce great fishing later in the year. Looking forward to some fall fishing!

First order of business, a shout out to our two new Board Members!!

John Driver-Outings

Paul Wallace-TBD

THANK YOU!!! Your participation is very much appreciated! Welcome aboard!

Thanks to everyone who came out for Brian Pultz/Delta Bass Bugs presentation. I certainly enjoyed it! I learned a few things and am going to try my hand at the furred leaders. Brian sure made it look easy!

Kistler date is set, Saturday May 6. Hope to see everyone out on the water! Cost will be \$35.00. We are using a site called Sign Up Genius, and I have sent out invites. If you did not receive an invite, please contact me and we can get that rectified.

April meeting will be John Driver talking about his trip to Patagonia and hooking up with some MONSTER fish!

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (April 11), because what do we need at the meetings? YOU! Yeah YOU, the person reading this! Plus, anyone you can bring. Your friends, your neighbor, your spouse, the kid from down the block. We need to have people at the meetings! We need new members, old members, prospective members, everybody we (Continued on next page)

Stanislaus Fly Fishers Membership Information

Currently, membership fees are \$45 per year.

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 (continued)

can get. How do we do that? We need participation by ALL members. Come to the meetings, invite your friends, participate in the 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

General Meeting
April 11, 2023 6:00 pm
Tuolumne River Lodge
2429 River Road, Modesto, CA

Program: "Fishing Patagonia"

Outings Director John Driver will be sharing photos, videos, and stories from his recent trip to Patagonia, Chile. This ought to be a great presentation! Chilean Patagonia is — without a doubt — a paradise for fishing enthusiasts. Be there or be square!



Pre-Meeting Casting

We'll be practice casting before the meeting starting at 5:00pm. Come early and join in. If you are new to fly fishing, we'll have club rods available and can provide basic instruction. If you're not new, it never hurts to get in a little practice!

Stanislaus Fly Fishers 2023 Board of Directors

President: Gus Link • Vice-President: Bob Bullock
Treasurer/Membership: Dennis Stambaugh • Secretary/Webmaster: Michael Hewitt
Outings: John Driver • At-Large: Paul Wallace • At-Large: Bud Heintz

Kistler Ranch Outing Saturday, May 6, 2023

Our Kistler Ranch Bass ponds outing is just around the corner. We have the ponds reserved for Saturday, May 6th. The gates open at 6:00am and we have the ponds until dark. The cost is \$35.00 per angler to cover the cost of the pond rental.



If you are new to the bass ponds, a 5wt or 6 wt rod will be just right. A floating line will cover most of your fishing, but bring a clear camo line or maybe a type 3 full sink if you have one for mid day fishing. Early morning or overcast skies should bring a top water bite so poppers are a must while blue skies during the day will probably make stripping streamers and Woolley Buggers productive.

Member or not come out, bring a friend, and join the fun. It's always a good time. See you there!

The Fly Box - "GB Chilean Rubber Bugger Streamer"

April's fly goes along with the scheduled presentation at our April general meeting featuring Outings Director John Driver. John says this was a popular streamer he used on his recent trip to Patagonia, Chile. Like many flies this basic pattern can be adapted both in size and colors and is lethal on trout in a variety of situations and should be included in any streamer box. Be sure to attend our April meeting and learn more about the effectiveness of this fly and the other go-to flies in John's Chilean arsenal.

Click [here](#) to go to a YouTube link for a basic approach to tying a rubber legs bugger.

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

HOOK: TFS 5263, size 4
THREAD: Tying Thread, black
UNDERBODY: Lead-Free Wire, 20 wraps of .025
TAIL: Marabou, black
LEGS: Round Rubber, white - large
BODY: Crystal Chenille, black
HACKLE: Grizzly Hen Saddle, webby
BEAD: Bead Head, gold - match to hook size



Upcoming Outings and Events

April 11, 2023- General Meeting: “Fishing Patagonia” w/John Driver

May 6, 2023 - Kistler Ranch Outing

May 9, 2023 - General Meeting: DF&W “Heritage Trout Program”

June 13, 2023 -General Meeting: “Family Dinner Night”

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 FFI members to be official SFF members. FFI General Memberships include you, your spouse or co-habiting partner, and children under 18.

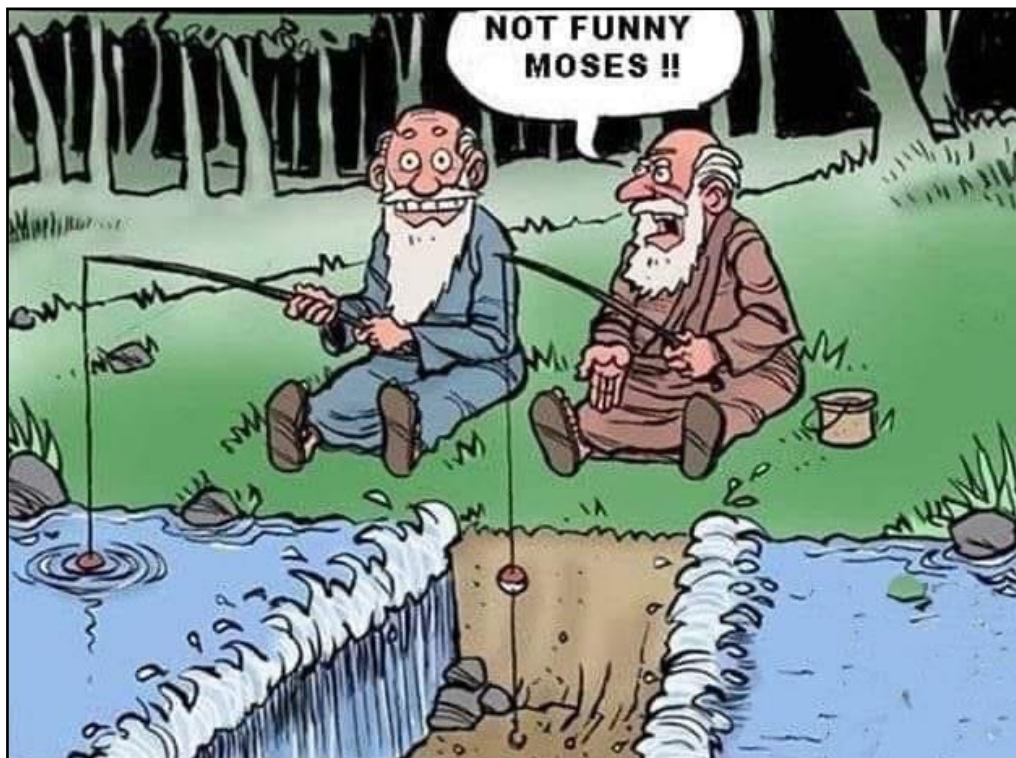
Reminder: Club dues DO NOT include FFI dues. FFI dues are paid directly to the FFI and must be maintained regularly since the SFF is an FFI Charter Club. If you are not an FFI Life Member, or do not pay for three years at a time, **you must renew your membership yearly!** *Remember to list the Stanislaus Fly Fishers as your Affiliated Club.* This is important due to our Charter Club status as that links you to us on their roster.. The online application for FFI membership is linked below.

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

[*SFF Membership Form*](#)

[*FFI Membership Link*](#)

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NCCFFI Report to Clubs - April 2023 By Mark Rockwell

Hi All: Just a short note to let you know what is happening this coming month within your Council of Fly Fishers. We are continuing our efforts to engage clubs to start teaching the Fly Casting Skills Development Program. We started this teaching program at the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton with several clubs attending our “Teach the Teachers” event on Saturday morning. 12 club casting teachers attended and learned how to set up the casting course, good teaching techniques, and the testing required for a caster to receive a passing grade for the three levels - Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Prior to this “on-the-ground” teaching session, we held a PowerPoint session with several club level teachers where Russ Carpenter & Sarah Trenchel, the program leaders, went over the content of the program, tasks required, lay-out of the course, and why club members love the program. Our next session of this program in the Sacramento Region is as follows:

PowerPoint Training Session: April 27th at 6 p.m. - Zoom meeting

Train the Trainers session in Sacramento Region: Saturday May 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Contact Person: Clay Hash, clayhash.fft@gmail.com, 530-913-1334

Those who are in the clubs close to Sacramento should take this opportunity to come and learn. We are sure your club members will enjoy this program. If interested please contact Clay at the above email or phone #. Space is limited, so registration is required!!

April 21st - 23rd is another great event - The 21st annual Jimmy Green World Championship of Spey Casting - what we also call the Spey-O-rama. It will be held at the world renowned fly casting ponds at the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco (on John F. Kennedy Drive, across from the buffalo paddock). In addition to showcasing product exhibits and casting demonstrations, the best Spey Casters from a variety of countries will be competing in this two-handed distance casting completion. This is the World’s best spey casting competition! Practice is on Friday, with competition on both Saturday & Sunday. Awards to follow the end of completion on Sunday.

This event is open to the public and free to attend!

If you want to compete there is a \$140.00 entrance fee, and you must register. Here’s the link to get more info and register: <https://www.ggacc.org/spey-o-rama>

NCCFFI will be there to talk with visitors and connect with those interested in fly fishing. We will be taking names & contact info from visitors interested in Fly Fishing, and we’ll pass that along to the clubs closest to their homes. We want to connect interested people to our clubs to help with membership and to get people started in our sport.

Premium fly fishing rod and reel manufacturers will be present so you can check them out and do some casting on the club’s ponds.

You owe it to yourself to come and watch and just have some fun. We’ll see you there!!

PRESS RELEASE **Klamath River Renewal Corporation**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 23, 2023

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WORLD'S LARGEST SALMON RESTORATION PROJECT UNDERWAY

Officials share strategy and timelines for Klamath dam removal, river restoration

Yreka, CA – Work has officially begun on removing the four dams that comprise the Lower Klamath Hydropower Project. “Crews are already in the field doing the preliminary work for dam removal,” explained Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) Chief Executive Officer Mark Bransom. “This work includes bridge upgrades, new road construction to access the dam sites more easily, worksite development, and more.”

The plan to remove the lower four Klamath River dams and restore the 38- mile river reach to a natural free flowing condition stems from an agreement between previous dam owner PacifiCorp, the states of California and Oregon, the Karuk Tribe, the Yurok Tribe, and a host of conservation and fishing organizations. The plan was formally approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission late last year.

“These dams provide no irrigation for agriculture, are not operated for flood control, and generate very little power,” explained KRRC Board president Brian Johnson. “But they do play a huge role in the decline of Pacific salmon. This project aims to fix that.”

The project is funded by \$200 million from PacifiCorp and \$250 million from a California Water Bond passed in 2014.

“We have several milestones associated with the project to highlight this year,” noted Bransom, “this includes the replacement of a drinking water line for the city of Yreka in May and the removal of Copco 2 Dam by September.”

The three larger dams are to be removed next year with removal of all four dams completed by the end of 2024; however, the restoration of the 38 mile reach of river impacted by the dams will take longer. That restoration process is already underway as well.

“We wanted to get a running start on this project,” explains Dave Coffman, the Northern California and Southern Oregon Director of Resource Environmental Solutions (RES). “Our crews spent several years collecting thousands of native seeds from plants around the reservoir sites that we propagated at commercial nurseries to become 17 billion seeds and thousands of saplings. As soon as the reservoirs are drawn down, we will immediately start the restoration process by seeding these areas.” This particular project is one of several highlighted in the film Restoring Balance.

RES will be reconnecting critical tributaries and ensuring fish can once again access over 400 miles of historical habitat upstream of the dams. Added Coffman, “we are excited to help bring this reach of the river back to life. RES will be here as long as it takes to make this project successful.”

Local tribes have led the effort to remove the dams for over 20 years and are particularly excited to see the project begin. “Dam removal is the first giant leap towards a restored Klamath River,” noted Wendy Ferris, KRRC Board member appointed by the Karuk Tribe. “We look forward to welcoming the salmon back home to areas they haven’t visited in more than a century.”

Similar sentiments were shared by Karuk Tribal Chairman Russell ‘Buster’ Attebery. “Many people told us this day would never come. Well, it’s here now and the salmon are coming home. I can tell you this is just the beginning - there’s a lot more restoration coming to the Klamath Basin.”

“We want to thank everyone who helped make this dream a reality,” noted Yurok Vice-Chairman Frankie Joe Myers. “It just goes to show what we can accomplish when the Tribes and our allies in the conservation movement join forces in common cause.”

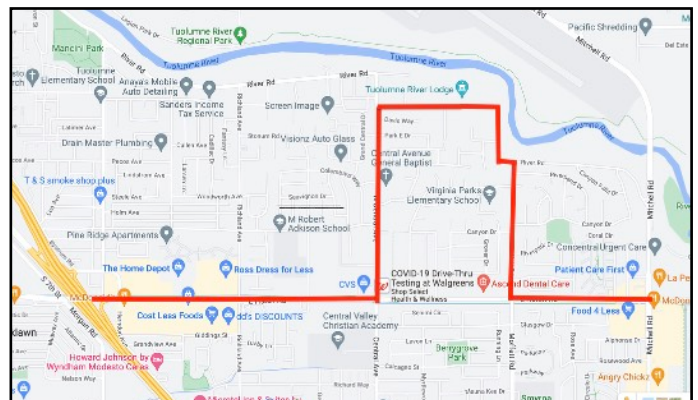
This and That ...

Directions to Tuolumne River Lodge

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.

Click on map for link to Google Map.



Volunteers needed! Teaching Fly Fishing for Scouts

Wente Scout Reservation invites you to volunteer to teach fly fishing for one week between June 18 thru August 3, 2023

The teaching sessions are at the Wente Scout Reservation. There are 7 weekly sessions 6-18 thru 8-3-23. Teaching days are Sunday thru Thursday of each session. Staff tent is provided as well as all your meals. Classes are two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon. Scouting is coed and at times space permitting adults take the instruction.



Wente Scout Reservation is located 140 miles north of Oakland and 6 miles east of Willets The lake is called Winawa and has a healthy population of largemouth bass and bluegill.

Fly Fishing Instructors have full access to the lake after classes and dinner. You can bring your own watercraft or use the rowboats or canoes made available to those who would like to use them.

If interested email Gus Link at flylink48@gmail.com and he can answer questions or send a link to the Sign Up Genius site.

