



September 1, 2023

Holy Moly! How did it get to be September already? And still the rivers are fast! Went out on the Kaweah river in Sequoia NP a couple of weeks ago, a river I fish a lot. Almost too high to fish. I did catch a fish on a calm edge, but all my favorite holes were too fast to fish. Oh well, I got out and fished! The rivers continue to slow down; fall fishing is going to fantastic!

Our outreach efforts continue to be effective! Our time at the Fish Expo, Modesto, Turlock and Newman Farmers' Markets have garnered new recruits! WOW! This is amazing! Thank You to all who have put in time to attend these events and get our name out there! Let's continue the trend! If any members would like to participate, please contact any Board member. And to all who have expressed an interest, Welcome!

For me, Camp Season has ended, and now Planning for Camp Season is here! Did the last week of Wente and brought home a bunch of equipment to repair and clean. Also, time to begin planning phase for 2024! That and a couple of work weekends at camp. My Wente schedule remains busy. If anyone would like more information, please contact me.

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, I will share my recommendations! I have not read a lot of John Gierach, not sure why. I always have enjoyed his writings in various publications over the years, but have not read any of his books. That is going to change! Just finished his latest, *All The Time In The World*. Highly recommended! His self-deprecating humor is spot on and really resonates with me. His down to earth description of the every day struggles of fly fishing are spot on and dryly hilarious!

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (September 12) 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!

And for the record, it is working! We are seeing new faces, getting interest at outreach events, BRAVO!!

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

Tight Lines!

~ Link



September General Meeting - Tuesday 9/12/23

Our featured speaker for the July meeting will be **Jim Correa, President of Central Sierra Trout Unlimited**. As for his program, he will present 'Searching for Pure Kern River Rainbows' - Subtitled "Sampling Rainbow populations in tributaries of the upper Kern River drainage and using genetic typing to determine their subspecies purity." He will also briefly talk about Trout Unlimited and our local TU chapter, Central Sierra, and the work they are doing with Yosemite National Park, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and NMFS (National Marine Fisheries Service) to improve and restore steelhead and salmon populations below and above the foothill dams on the Merced and Tuolumne Rivers.



Casting fun/practice begins at 5:00 pm with the formal meeting starting at 6:00.

Upcoming Events/Outings

- Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club Free Casting Lessons - September 9
- General Meeting - September 12
- McSwain Reservoir / Mill Pond? - Sept / Oct
- Fall River - September 22-23
- SFF Board Meeting - September 28 (members welcome)
- Heenan Lake - October 13-14
- Knight's Ferry Salmon Festival - November 11
- Salt Spring Reservoir? - Nov
- 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.](#)

Stay tuned for more information on these as it gets developed.

Club News

... Our outreach efforts continue as members Bob Bullock, Paul Wallace, Dennis Stambaugh, Roger Ringsted, and Michael Hewitt attended the Tuolumne Riverfest fundraiser at the Tuolumne River Lodge. Having a booth at these public events provides the club not only an opportunity to increase awareness of our club, but share our enthusiasm for the sport of fly fishing and its benefits.

... Community Director Paul Wallace has been actively developing communication with other fly fishing clubs in our greater area looking for ways to promote inter-club cooperation in providing speakers, instruction, outing opportunities, and support in general. He has recently made visits to both the Delta Fly Fishers and Tri-Valley Fly Fishers.

... Although still in the early stages of planning, Director Paul Wallace is heading up an effort to bring back the Fly Fishing Film Tour at the State Theater in the spring of 2024. Target date is April 6, 2024. Stay tuned for more details in the near future. Paul is also looking to put together a smaller, informal SFF / 2023 3FT film night in Manteca sometime this fall, possibly late October or early November. Watch for that as well!

Club News Continued ...

... Bob Fujimura, SFF and Delta FF member, is coordinating a fly tying night September 6th in Stockton to provide flies as auction items for Yuba Fest 2023. Club members known so far to be participating in providing flies include Bud Heintz, Pat Roe, Paul Wallace, Dennis Stambaugh, and Michael Hewitt. For more information on Yuba Fest and fly donations, see the articles in the newsletter below.

... Paul Wallace recently had a fly casting lesson with SFF past president Derald Lahti at a top secret location known only to a lucky few (I've been there!). It must have worked since Paul managed to land a couple these crappie. We're hoping to have Derald lead a casting class in the future. Fingers crossed ...

... Directors Bob Bullock and Michael Hewitt are planning a trip to the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club on Saturday, September 9th, for their monthly free casting workshop. More details can be found [here](#). If you are interested in attending and perhaps carpooling, contact Michael at webmaster@stanislausflyfishers.org.

... Member Barry Kutz shared some videos and pics in our Facebook group (maybe we can call it our Fishbook group?) of his recent foray to the Clark Fork. The water looks good in the videos, and when I called him, he reported that he did not see a lot of sign of human activity so possibly it's not been getting much pressure. He said he caught a half dozen decent fish (maybe holdovers?) as well as several smaller fish. His two flies that worked well were the Purple Haze and a Cutter's E/C Caddis. He also reported that the Middle Fork still looked to be running a bit high to fish comfortably.

... Long time member Mark Pieczarka shared a link to an article on Pyramid Lake by guide Rob Anderson. Rob has guided several trips for SFF groups and pretty much considers Pyramid like his home waters. He shares some interesting history of the lake, its trout and hatcheries, and its direction moving forward. Keep in mind he's a guide who wants to increase his business, but he offers some interesting ideas about trips in May, June, and October instead of March and April. Check it out for yourself and see what you think.

[*Pyramid Lake Forecast 2023 and the Future of the Lake*](#)



Paul Wallace



Purple Haze



Cutter's E/C Caddis



Special Fly Tying Session to Support Yuba Fest



DFF is hosting a special tying session to tie and donate flies for the silent auction at the 2023 Yuba Fest. Come to Oak Grove Nature Center in the Oak Grove Regional Park on Eight Mile Road, Stockton and tie with like-minded tyers on Wednesday evening September 6th starting at 6:00 pm. Tyers from our nearby fly clubs are encouraged to join this session. Just tell the entrance staff that you are participating in this Delta Fly Fishers event for free park admission. Bring your own equipment and materials. Host Bob Fujimura will be providing a light dinner, and attendees are asked to email Bob at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com to let him know you are coming or if you have any questions on this special event.

Cannot participate in this session? If you are a tyer who has flies to donate, contact Bob on how to donate your work to this cause. If you are not a tyer, boxed sets of commercially tied flies are also welcomed donations. The Yuba Fest organizers are also seeking donations of fly fishing items or services for its raffle, silent, and live auctions. Of course, the best way to support this cause is to attend this great event which will be held at the Sycamore Ranch County Park, Browns Valley on September 30th. Enjoy the clinics, presentations, and activities that will be provided to our fly fishing community. Watch for more event information in upcoming email announcements and in the September issue of the DFF newsletter.

Northern California Council Fly Fishers International September Report

Join Us for a Celebration of Fly Fishing and Protecting our Rivers with Great Food & Music - Yuba Fest 2023!

On Saturday, September 30th we will hold the fly fishing event of the year in Northern California! We're calling it the **Gathering of the Clan** - bringing like-minded people together for Yuba Fest. If you fly fish, love rivers, recreate on the water, or have an interest in conservation - **This event is for you!**



Saturday will offer a full day of fly fishing learning, casting with certified casters, fly tying with experts, and the opportunity to learn what is happening in Conservation from numerous organizations. Great food will be available for purchase during the day, along with drinks and you'll enjoy live music in the afternoon (details on the food & music below). In addition, there will be a raffle, silent auction for fly boxes and other great items & a live auction for selected high value items. Be sure to stick around for the Social Event from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

The food will be catered by the renowned Ryders Food Truck featuring delicious hand-crafted foods made from scratch.



- Breakfast will feature Mini Quiches, fresh baked goods (doughnuts, muffins, pastries), and Coffee or Tea for \$12.50
- Lunch will feature your choice of Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fried Chicken Sandwich (which includes produce & ranch dressing, garnishes, etc.), and choice of beverage for \$22.00
- Dinner will included BBQ Braised Brisket Sliders with Coleslaw, seasonal salad-crudite platter with dressing, and choice of beverage for \$25.00

You can order all meals in advance at the www.nccffi.org website when you click on the Yuba Fest online store!



For your listening enjoyment, the Harmony Groove Band will be playing throughout the afternoon. Harmony Groove is a professional band of multi-talented musicians from Grass Valley, CA who share a passion for singing harmony. Their “feel good” music covers an eclectic mix of nostalgic 60’s and 70’s classic hits and an expanding set of originals. Listeners will enjoy singing along & dancing to Crosby Stills & Nash, The Eagles, Byrds, Beatles, Beach Boys, Moody Blues and other favorites.

Details to follow soon on the Raffle & Auction, Fly Casting Skills Development and more!

Sign up at www.nccffi.org to attend Yuba Fest for \$20, plus order the meals you want and raffle tickets.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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](#)

